



Delta Riding Club

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11.10.09 Sill time to get banquet tickets

Use your "DRC bucks" to get your banquet tickets!

There is still time to pick up banquet tickets for this Saturday's soirée at the Tsawwassen Golf & Country Club, and if you were one of the lucky ones at the Summer Show to win DRC bucks, you can use those to pay for your tickets! (Cool, eh?)

We've already got about 50 tickets spoken for – but Sheila was HOPING we'd have 100 guests help us celebrate another terrific year at DRC! Happy hour, dinner, slide show, awards and LINE DANCING – can you imagine a better way to spend a Saturday evening!?? Polish up your cowboy boots and throw some bling around your waist – it's time to party!

Tickets are available at the Dog & Pony and Roddicks (both stores are closed tomorrow for Remembrance Day, by the way) -- \$25 for adults and just \$15 each for kids 13 & under. Happy hour begins at 6. The golf club is at 1595 – 52nd Street (on the south side of Hwy 17 at 52nd on the way to the ferry – kitty corner more or less to Warlands!).

Special delivery

If you or your barn is preparing a basket for our silent auction, you can reach Sheila at sheila.forsyth@hotmail.com or me (cathyglover@telus.net) to arrange for pick up, bring them to Tsawwassen Golf & Country Club, after 12 on Saturday where we will be setting up for our little shin-dig! I've got a STUNNING basket sitting here in front of me, courtesy of Pacific Passage! Remember, the sponsor of the basket getting the highest bid on Saturday night will automatically become DRC's first 2010 sponsor! (PS: You can use your DRC Bucks at the Silent Auction, too!)

Annual meeting tomorrow

And don't forget to come to our AGM tomorrow night at the clubhouse, starting at 7 pm!! Your opinions matter!

11.5.09 Annual banquet is coming up on November 14

Shine up your buckle & boots ...

We're going to have a PARTY! Check out the Poster!

The Delta Riding Club's annual year end banquet is coming up in just a little over a week – Saturday, November 14 to be precise – and we want you there!

Sheila and Francie has been busy preparing to make this year's banquet something EVERYone will enjoy! In addition to presenting awards to our top exhibitors for 2009, we're making arrangements to get EVERYONE on the dance floor with some line dancing! (Instruction included!) And ... if you've been at our shows this year, and have seen some of the photos on our website, you won't want to miss a slide show that our official show photographer, Troy Nagle, is preparing, and ... for something REALLY different – we've challenged local barns to find their creative side and donate a silent auction basket for party guests to bid on during the evening!

All of this gets underway at the Tsawwassen Golf & Country Club. Doors open at 6 pm, dinner at 7, with awards, slide show and line dancing to follow. Tickets for the banquet are available at the Dog & Pony and at Roddicks Feed & Farm Supply and are just \$25 for adults (\$15 for 13 & under). The golf club is anxious to get a head count as soon as possible, so if you haven't already done so, please purchase your tickets before the end of THIS Saturday (November 7)!

Is your barn on board?

Check it out!

Our final fundraiser of the year is always our Silent Auction at the banquet, and this year is no exception! This year, we're asking local boarding stables to put together a basket of goodies that will tempt even the most conservative of bidders. It's a win/win situation – not only will the barns and their boarders show their support for our local riding club, but ... they will be getting some rather unusual (but awesome!) publicity for their efforts! We're

encouraging barns to pick a theme for their basket, then make it a team effort to "fill 'er up!"

The barn that contributes the basket earning the highest bid on November 14 will automatically become our FIRST 2010 DRC sponsor! So – if your barn hasn't signed up already, pitter patter, let's get at 'er!

(Call or email Sheila at 604.940.9698 or Sheila.forsyth@hotmail.com to register your basket!)

Are you a winner?

The 2009 show season at Delta Riding Club was – in a word – OUT-STANDING! The shows were well attended, the classes were big and the wins were all the sweeter for our members who had some very strong competition from "outside" horses! We'll be awarding class winners and overall perpetuals to our members on the 14th, and additionally, we will be announcing the winners of our five "Member's Choice" awards (voted on at the October meeting) and the Horse on Course Horsemanship award. Come on out and help us celebrate their successes! Not up for an award this year? Well, we'll have door prizes, too! And we couldn't do it ...

Without the support of our sponsors! As 2009 comes to an end, we want to take this opportunity to once again let our sponsors know how much we appreciate their support!

PLATINUM
Delta Agricultural Society
Greenhawk Vancouver
G & H Horse Hauling
Roddick Feed & Farm Supply

GOLD
Mane Threadz Show Wear
Elves Embroidery
DivineEye Photography

SILVER
Hylee Training
Country Life in BC
BC Heavy Horse Association
Sequest Stables
Bates Tack Shop
The Dog & Pony Shop
Adiva Murphy Natural Horsemanship
Blue Meadow Farm
Kim Rose

AGM on Remembrance Day

Don't forget (ahem – pun unintentional!) that our annual general meeting is coming up next week, as well. It's on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 at 7 pm at the Clubhouse. Everyone is invited to attend!

The AGM gives us an opportunity to reflect on the club's activities over the past year and make some recommendations for the new year. As members are already aware, the board is recommending some changes to our Bylaws regarding our directors and the terms of office. These are – more or less -- "housekeeping" changes that aren't precipitated by anything other than an interest in making the club more efficient. If the membership approves, these changes will not take effect until they are registered in Victoria.

But on that note, the AGM is also where we nominate and elect our executive and board of directors for the coming year. Bring a plate of nibbles (cuz we think better on full tummies!) and let your new board know what you would like to see the club accomplish in 2010!

Hackers be gone!

As many of you are aware, our website was hacked into earlier this fall, and as a result, we've been keeping a pretty low profile. Hopefully, our "friend"



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has moved on to more lucrative sites and we will be once again be updating regularly.

That said, we will continue to post your classified ads and the contact information for local coaches and barns to our Directory at no charge. Please contact Devon at devonsmith@telus.net to update or add your listing to www.deltaridingclub.com.

Woo hoo!

And on that note, we'd like to congratulate DRC director ALICIA HARPER who is now certified as an EC Instructor (English Coach Level One) and has taken a new position teaching the beginner and intermediate riders at Crescent Stables. Alicia continues to teach out of her Richmond location as well. You can reach her at alicia@hyleetraining.com or visit her website: www.hyleetraining.com. Alicia, by the way, is just completing her first year as a DRC director and I know she is letting her name stand for the new year. She's made quite an impression on the little-club-that-could this year, single-handedly managing memberships and retooling our sponsorship program with lots of success!

Stocking stuffers anyone?

If you've kept forgetting to order show pictures from Troy this past season, you might want to get on it for Christmas gift-giving. You'll be able to catch up to Troy at the banquet or you can email or call him at tasn@shaw.ca or 604.596.9161. He's taken some absolutely STUNNING pictures this year – some quite of the ordinary – so touch base with him to see if you (or someone you know) has been in his "radar" this year! We'll try to get a few more on the site over the next little while, too!

Summer show sizzled!

Well, on some levels it seems like the Summer Show was light years ago, and on others, it seems like yesterday! (I'm STILL exhausted!) It was – inarguably – our most successful show of the season and quite probably the decade! Thank goodness for pre-entries, otherwise I'm not sure the entry office would have been able to cope with the number of exhibitors from near and far that we hosted! (Did I say "far"? Try Germany, China and South Carolina! We SHOULD have dubbed it the DRC INTERNATIONAL! Uh-huh!)

Wendy Christoff and her quadrille team had a large and captive audience at half-time during the Hunter/Jumper program (no doubt a result of some pre-show publicity in the local paper) and provided a simply awesome Dressage demonstration! From my vantage point in the clubhouse, it was simply amazing to see the audience flanked from one end of the dressage ring to the other to watch these talented riders and their horses!

The parking lot was CRAZY and although it created some headaches for show staff, I think I can speak for the board and the show committee and say there was a huge degree of satisfaction in knowing DRC was the place to be last August 8/9! As to be expected, there were some glitches and we'll be making every effort to make sure everyone has a clearer understanding of the RULES as we head into 2010's show season. (What we really need is more HELP – and that doesn't mean you have to sign your life way or even your whole weekend (as some of us do). A few hours on show day would be great!)

Thanks to our aforementioned 2010 Delta Riding Club sponsors, we were able to award high points to the following exhibitors:

High Point English. (#21) SW Roxy Barlink & Devon Smith
Reserve High Point English. (#246) Truly Smashing & Anne Marie Wass

High Point Western. (#52) Sweetdreams with Zip & Cathy Glover
Reserve High Point Western. (#21) SW Roxy Barlink & Devon Smith

High Point Pony. (#147) Leonardo & Alyson McDonald
Reserve High Point Pony. (#132) Mr. Beau Jangles & Miranda Russell

High Point Walk-Trot. (#152) Suzy & Pica-choo
Reserve High Point Walk-Trot. (#148) Maybe Ima Fox & Lauren Proudlove

High Point Junior Rider. (#60) Ingrid Libera & Shiny & Zipped
Reserve High Point Junior Rider. (#62) Giorgina Libera & Brooks N Diamonds

High Point Intermediate Rider. (#21) SW Roxy Barlink & Devon Smith
Reserve High Point Intermediate Rider. (#29) Vanessa Melney & Pacific MacKenzie

High Point Senior Rider. (#246) Anne Marie Wass & Truly Smashing
Reserve High Point Senior Rider. (#260) Keya Milaire & Kahlua Cream

High Point Cross Rail: River & Billy McLaughlin
Reserve: Catlina & Katie Andrews

High Point 2": Gracie & Kate Landels
Reserve: Pacific MacKenzie & Vanessa Melney

High Point 2'3": Northern Essence & Beth Clifford
Reserve: Contessa & Kenya Greenburg

High Point 2'6": Peaches & Jenny Heinz
Reserve: Alado Z & Cydney Rasmussen

High Point 2'9": She's Amusing & Diane Prosser
Reserve: Rhumba & Katie Andrews

Jumper: Dinero & Kara Lingham
Reserve: Viento & Ashley Lindsay

Volunteer Draws. Linda Rainbow & Marg Brodie

Congratulations to them all!

Roddicks fun-draiser!

It would be remiss not to mention how in-debt we are to the Mintzler/Miller family for almost single-handedly representing DRC at Roddicks Feed & Farm Supply's "Oktoberfest" early last month! We were invited to set up a booth, and make sure store patrons didn't go away hungry and for the efforts of Julie, Cassidy and McKenna, along with Cindy McKay's daughter, Courtney Kind, the club received about \$180 in donations! Many thanks to Kelly and the gang at Roddicks for giving us this opportunity and to the Roddicks' customers for showing their support for DRC!

Learning curve

And finally, we want to note that the Adiva Murphy clinics that Francie organized last month at the club were also a success – they were half day, relatively inexpensive, small groups and that got me to thinking that we really should make an effort in the new year to do more of the same with a variety of coaches and disciplines. I have a plan – now, just need to find the time to execute it and before THAT can happen ...

One last plug to party!

Please help us celebrate the end of another terrific year at DRC by attending the annual meeting on Wednesday and the banquet on Saturday, November 14. (That's NEXT Saturday!)

We really need and appreciate the support of all our members. We know that not everyone has the time or inclination to volunteer or come to meetings – the reasons for membership are as varied as each horse in the barn – but we do appreciate everyone's participation at our events. The banquet committee is working hard to make sure everyone will have a great evening out, so please pick up your tickets this weekend!

And do come to our AGM! We have a great group of hard-core volunteers but it's not an exclusive group! We welcome new volunteers who have even a little time to contribute, and we really value everyone's suggestions on how we can do better to serve our membership and horse owners in our community. This is the time to let us know how we're doing, so we can ALL get on with planning for the New Year! So we'll see you next week, right?