



Delta Riding Club

www.deltaridingclub.com

60 YEARS SINCE 1948



BULLETIN | SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2008

9.17 Dressage show this weekend

A very quick reminder that there is still time (but not much) to get your entries in to Sheila Forsyth for the Dressage Show at Delta Riding Club this Sunday, September 21. Kiersten Humphrey is judging, and the forecast is improving. (I checked the Weather Network this morning!)

Choose your tests, and phone Sheila at 604.940-9698 to schedule a time. This is a pre-entry show! Stalls available on site for \$10.

- Walk / Trot
- Training Levels Tests 1, 2, 3 and 4
- First Level Tests 1, 2, 3 and 4
- Second Level Tests 1, 2, 3 and 4
- Third Level Tests 1, 2, and 3
- Fourth Level Tests 1, 2, and 3
- FEI Test of Choice

9.17 Please pick up your unsold consignment items on Sunday!

For those folks that put items on consignment at the clubhouse this year, IT'S TIME TO PICK THEM UP! The clubhouse will be open, of course, on Sunday, September 21 for the DRESSAGE SHOW, so this is a perfect opportunity to pick up the items that haven't sold while taking in the show! We cannot store them over the winter (and I don't think you'd want us to)!

Unfortunately, the consignment corner wasn't as successful as we had hoped, and it likely won't be offered on an ongoing basis next year. (Maybe someone wants to organize a sale day in the spring just as the show season gets underway – a trunk sale like the ones hosted at Cammidge House in Tsawwassen would be fun, don't you think?)

I have a couple of cheques here for items that have sold, but otherwise EVERYTHING SHOULD BE PICKED UP THIS SUNDAY.

10.03 Games show scheduled for this Sunday

And even though the forecast isn't promising sunny skies (or even dry ones!), we are feeling a little desperate as we prepare for the final FINAL show of the season – we don't have a crew or anyone to manage it!

That said, we know there are riders who are looking forward to some Games Day fun, and so we would really appreciate knowing if YOU are able to lend a hand (weather permitting) to help.

We are looking for (at least):

A manager (to tell the crew & timers what to do)

Two timers

Two (at least) grounds crew (to set up barrels, poles, etc)

Gates people (one on each)

An announcer

Ribbons person

Entry office (computer skills an asset)

It's short notice, but Games Day has kinda snuck up on us – how can it be October already? – and we don't have a full crew available for Sunday among us!

Please call or email Cathy (604.328-3814) or Sheila (604.505.2325) as soon as possible if you can help! Weather permitting, we really want to provide a fun day for exhibitors.

Exhibitors, please check the website on Sunday morning (in case of cancellation due to weather or staff shortages!). www.deltaridingclub.com (We'll be making that call about 7:30 am.)

10.07 Monthly meeting re-scheduled for October 15

The Delta Riding Club's regular monthly meeting has been re-scheduled for WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15 (not this week, but next!). President Bruce Walker emailed to say that neither he or vice-prez Bruce Littler are available for this week. It will start promptly at 7 pm at the clubhouse – and I'm told there is now heat to keep us cozy and we're anticipating increased lighting, especially with the weeks' reprieve! (Now, if someone could just bring the coffee ...)

I'm reasonably certain that members will be asked to nominate and vote for the club's "voted-on" perpetuals at this meeting (Most Enthusiastic, Most Improved, Special Appreciation, the Wayne Schiewe Memorial and the "Horse on Course" Horsemanship) in advance of our year end awards banquet on November 15. You must be present at the meeting to nominate and vote and you'll likely only have this one opportunity to do so, so start thinking now about who YOU think is most deserving of some of the club's highest honours, and plan to attend the meeting on October 15th!

End-of-the-year bash

Some details are trickling in about the club's annual awards banquet, which has a new venue this year – the TOWN & COUNTRY. It's on Saturday, November 15th and organizer Lisa Hanney tells us the doors will open at 6:30, dinner at 7 and award presentations start at 8. We're expecting our famous silent auction, and door prizes. Tickets shud be available from Roddicks and the Dog & Pony. Don't quote me, but I believe tickets are \$35 each per adult, \$17 for youth. For more information, you can reach Lisa at gfarson@telus.net or 604.599.6961.

That's a wrap

As most of you know, Sunday marked the absolute end of the 2008 show season for Delta Riding Club members – and haven't we been blessed with the best weather this show season?!?!

We had a most excellent turn-out for our Games Day; while high winds and pelting rain on Saturday left many of us convinced we'd be postponing the show, we woke up to near-perfect riding weather – neither too hot or too cold, and without the wind that can sometimes make even the brightest day in Delta a "bad hair" day!

Congratulations to our high point winner Melissa Moreau, from Langley, on her most striking Palomino Pinto HS Texas Rancher, and to Megan Loiacono and Cute as a Button who showed us that you can't judge a successful game horse by his size! Megan and "Harley" (I don't even know if he's 12 hands!) were reserve high point! Many thanks to the Hanney Family for sponsoring our Games shows this year!

At the risk of forgetting someone, we also want to acknowledge everyone who stepped up to the plate on very short notice to help at the show: Alicia "trial-by-fire" Harper who almost single-handedly held down the entry office in the am; timers Sheila Forsyth, Jan Littler, Fiona Walker, Ward Mintzler; ring crew Bruce Littler and Lydia Mah (who obviously had more experience in Games than I did – and thank goodness for that!), Julie Miller who took over at the gate when no one else would and did her fair share of walking the ring as well, announcer-extraordinaire and Stick Pony & Costume Class judge Lisa Hanney and her trusty – and versatile -- sidekicks Lauren and Kim Proudlove who have been at just about every show – if not all – this year (ribbons, runner, concession, computer ...), Sandra and Emily Tentzerakis, and Cindy and Don Mackay who – when asked to jump, they said "How high" and got 'er done, and to "Auntie" Marg Brodie at the BBQ – if she wasn't such a darned good cook, would we have run out of propane?!? I doubts it ...

We've had a remarkable show season this year, and it would not have been possible without our core group of volunteers (you know who you are!). As Alicia said on Sunday, "I have a new appreciation for the people that work the entry office." Amen to that!



Delta Riding Club

www.deltaridingclub.com

60 YEARS SINCE 1948

2

BULLETINS | SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2008

Thank you to each and every one of you who contributed to our successful 2008 show season – volunteers and exhibitors alike! We couldn't have done it without you!

Please make an effort to come out to the October meeting and show your support for the Delta Riding Club as we look forward to celebrating the highlights of 2008 and start planning for 2009!

Coming up ...

Wednesday, October 15 Monthly meeting, 7 pm, at the clubhouse

October 17-19 The Mane Event, Heritage Park, Chilliwack
(www.maneeventexpo.com)

Wednesday, November 12 (tentative) Monthly (annual?) meeting

Saturday, November 15 Annual Awards Banquet

Oops! PS ...

Val Woida (Horse on Course) emailed me earlier this week about a Standardbred mare she has available for sale. Hannah is three, never been raced and is unbroken. According to Val, she has presence and needs to go to a home "that appreciates her." Beautiful gaits, good conformation, good mind. She's available for \$850 (the \$ goes to Greener Pastures) and she's currently at Val's farm in Falkland, if you know of anyone who is interested. You can reach Val at lwoida@telus.net.

Got stuff?

And with that said, we keep promising to send you info on how to advertise in our website "classifieds" (www.deltaridingclub.com). Here's the skinny (at least for now):

Members may advertise their horse/horse related "stuff" for sale (or wanted) for FREE. (That's a benefit of DRC membership!) Ads should be kept relatively brief, and are text only. (We'll consider photos but we're in the "text only" phase right now!)

Until the end of the year, coaches and stables serving Delta riders will ALSO be offered a brief text ad for FREE. (I'm thinking name, location, discipline, brief description of specialties/features, contact info ...) No logos at this time, but we hope to offer that service (for a small annual fee) by the beginning of the New Year.

And keeping in the spirit of "introductory" offers, non-members will also be able to advertise their items for sale for free, providing they're able to service our Delta riders. After the end of the year, non-members will be asked to pay a nominal fee for this service.

Please keep your listings short and to the point. (You can wax eloquent when a prospective buyer contacts you!)

Email your classifieds to devonsmith@telus.net and clearly identify which contact info (phone and/or email) you would like posted in your classified ad. And do let Devon know when your posted item sells so it can be removed from the website!

10.14 DRC meeting reminder

A quick reminder that the Delta Riding Club's monthly meeting is "tonight" – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15th – at the clubhouse, starting at 7 pm.

If you have new items to contribute to the SILENT AUCTION at the awards banquet, Saturday, November 15th, this would be an ideal time to turn them over to Jan Littler!

Looking forward to seeing you at the clubhouse!

10.23 Banquet tickets available now

There's just a little over a week left to get your tickets for the Delta Riding Club's annual awards banquet at the Town & Country on Saturday, November 15th.

Banquet co-ordinator Lisa Hanney told members attending our monthly meeting last week that tickets **MUST BE PURCHASED BY NOVEMBER 1st** (that's NEXT Friday); tickets will **NOT** be available at the door.

You can pick your tickets up at two of our favourite club sponsors: the Dog & Pony and Roddicks. They're \$35 each for adult; \$17 each for children 12 & under.

This year's banquet promises to be a night you won't want to miss. Music has been booked for after-dinner dancing, the T&C has a most-excellent reputation for good eats and ... there's a terrific cross-section of award winners who will be honoured this year in a slightly more-condensed presentation ceremony (cuz we KNOWS you like to dance!). There is a spectacular silent auction being arranged, including Kristin's now-famous baskets; if you have silent auction items you would like to contribute to this very important fundraiser for the club, please contact Jan Littler at 604.946-4192 or blittler@telus.net.

Even if you're not up for an award (or cheering for someone who is), come spend an evening with us and show your support for your community riding club! Ya!

AGM date announced

Mark WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 on your calendar and plan to attend the Delta Riding Club's annual general meeting! It will start promptly at 7 pm at the clubhouse and we really are looking forward to a good turnout! Aside from nominating and voting for your 2009 executive (president, vice, treasurer & secretary) and directors, the annual general meeting provides an opportunity for us to review the successes (and perhaps a few shortcomings) of the past year, and to start planning for 2009 and beyond. Your voice IS important. New members are welcome as are members interested in coming back into the fold. We've had a terrific show season and the directors are looking forward to your support to maintain at least that level of enthusiasm heading into the new year. November 12th – please come!

Mmmmmm ... cookies & pies

Nancy Anderson is co-ordinating another cookie and pie sale – JUST in time for the Christmas season! (There! I said it first – the "c" word!) This is one of the club's most popular fundraisers and Nancy has timed it just right. She will be accepting orders right up until the banquet (you can bring your order and cheque and see her there!), or you can drop it off at Roddicks or Dog & Pony OR mail it (PO Box 185, Station A, Delta V4M 3T3) at your convenience before NOVEMBER 15. Orders will be ready to be picked up on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29 at 11 am at the clubhouse. (How cool is that!?!?) You can reach Nancy at 604.946-5632 or nancya@dccnet.com and ... I have attached the order form in a PDF file to whet your appetite!

What you're missing

Well, if you were unable to attend last week's general meeting, you missed one of our best! 21 people in attendance! The lights worked and with that many in the clubhouse, who needed the heat on?!?! The building committee is setting their sights on repairing the south and east walls of the clubhouse, having all but completed the roof repairs. (No more buckets! Yay!) The dressage show was another success, as was the Games show, so making our annual "contribution" (loan payment) this month to the Delta Agricultural Society for the pleasure and privilege of having a home for our riding club is a done deal! Erik Anderson has done a tremendous amount of work (with Jane Spearing) to apply for additional government grants to continue to improve our site, but learned the most recent application was not approved. He's appealing that decision – and deserves a medal for his per-



Delta Riding Club

www.deltaridingclub.com

60 YEARS SINCE 1948

severance! We discussed, of course, the banquet and silent auction, and the awards, and then nominated and voted for the members most deserving of our Most Enthusiastic, Most Improved, Special Appreciation, Wayne Schiewe Memorial and the "Horse on Course" Horsemanship awards. Those results are in safe-keeping with our auditors (Lisa and Nancy) and you will just have to attend the banquet on November 15th to find out who topped the polling in 2008!

Horses for sale ...

Have you checked the Delta Riding Club website (www.deltaridingclub.com) of late? We do have some listings in the classifieds you need to see! Remember, at least until the end of the year, for sale, barn and coach/trainer listings are free. (See the website and look up our October 7 bulletin for details.) Devon is only too happy to update the website, so please email her at devonsmith@telus.net if you would like her to post your for sale/wanted or horse-related service!

Strings attached

That's it for me. I am going to be fairly relentless over the next week (in between press deadlines) to send you reminders about banquet tickets. (We'll be the little string around your finger, because we know you're busy but we KNOW you don't want to miss this great opportunity for a night out!) Remember, tickets MUST be purchased BY NOVEMBER 1st.)

Coming up

Friday, November 1 Deadline to purchase DRC Banquet tickets. Pick yours up at the Dog & Pony or Roddicks.

Wednesday, November 12 Delta Riding Club ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 7 pm, at the clubhouse

Saturday, November 15 Delta Riding Club AWARDS BANQUET, Town & Country

Saturday, November 15 Cookie orders due

Saturday, November 29 Cookie order pick up, at the clubhouse, 11 am

Cookie order form attached!

(Your support – however it comes – is greatly appreciated!)

10.28 Banquet tickets on sale ONLY until Saturday

You have ONLY until this Saturday, NOVEMBER 1 to purchase your tickets to the Delta Riding Club's annual awards banquet! This year's banquet – celebrating the club's 60th anniversary – promises to be one of the best we've had in years, promises organizer Lisa Hanney.

The banquet is SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15 at the Town & Country. Tickets are \$35 each for adult and \$17 each for children 12 & under. The T&C puts on a VERY nice spread, and there will be music and dancing after the awards presentation.

You don't want to miss this end-of-the-year celebration! Tickets are available from Roddicks and the Dog & Pony, but ONLY until this Saturday, November 1. (The hotel needs a head count and tickets will NOT be available at the door!) Pitter patter ...

PS: Don't forget to attend our annual general meeting at the clubhouse, Wednesday, November 12, 7 pm.