



Nelson and District Riding Club May 2009



GENERAL MEETING 7:00 - 8:00 pm Thursday, May 7 ***Blewett Fire Hall***

EXECUTIVE FOR 2009

President – Paul Rasmussen

Vice President – Morgan Gladdish

Treasurer - Tara Robertson

Secretary – Toni Mason

Directors – Heather Farrell, Connie Marrello, Betsy Nasmyth, Joe Troyan, Naomi Weber, Daiva Villa

Junior Directors – n/a

President's Note

Hi everyone.

Yay! The snow is finally gone! It seemed like a late spring, but it's coming on fast now. Thank goodness!

Has everyone had a chance to get out for a ride this spring? Our horses sure are spunky!

We had a great time out at the Fort Shepard Poker ride last weekend, put on by the Back Country Horsemen and Trail 4H club. It was a ton of fun and a great turnout! Just one of many good events for the season.

Last meeting, Harry Quesnel (a Soils Scientist) came out to present some info on composting horse manure. It was very interesting. His number is 825 - 4204.

At our May meeting, Betsy has agreed to give us a 10 - 15 minute presentation on an issue that has been coming up with Drive Canada / Equine Canada / Horse Council BC. I'd like to have some discussion, as a club, about this. From there, we can decide if NDRC will send correspondence to these groups, just to let them know where the Club is coming from.

We've been talking about grant applications at the last couple of meetings. There is an opportunity to apply for a gaming grant (from the BC Lottery Corporation). Ideas have come out of the Club's Executive that would improve and change the grounds. It'd be great for folks to turn out to the meeting, so we can get a feel for what people really want to see happen with their grounds.

Other things on the near horizon:

- 1) Cattle should be arriving at the grounds soon for the Cattle Club.
- 2) Tentative date for a work party at the grounds - set for May 9 - weather dependent. There will be a list of work for those who can't make it that day, so don't worry!
- 3) Combined Wish ride with the Sunshine Bay Club - need to start getting pledges together if you're going!

4) Fund raiser / membership drive. Pending at the mall.

Anyway, lots going on. You may get a call from me, or an email in the near future about various NDRC stuff. Feel free to call or email us, too.

Next General Meeting is May 7, 7:00 pm at the Blewett Fire Hall.

See you there.

Paul M Rasmussen
President, NDRC

PS

Another "true" story from Paul ;)

Two fine men, Tommy and Paul shared a ranch with lots of heifers. One day, they decide to pool their money to buy a bull to breed the cows. Being retired, Tommy went down to Texas with their life savings of \$200 to buy a bull for their ranch. He searched up and down and all around and finally found a man that would sell him a real nice bull for \$199. Very excited, he bought the bull right away. Tommy then went to the telegraph office to send Paul a telegram to tell him to bring the trailer so they could take the bull back home. Tommy said, politely "Sir, I need a telegram". "What will it say?"

"I found a nice bull Paul. Bring the trailer."

"Ok Sir, that will be \$9. One dollar per word".

Tommy only had one dollar left so he said "Oh, sorry. I need to change the telegram."

"Ok, what does it need to say?"

"Comfortable."

"Umm Sir, it's none of my business but I don't think your partner will understand that. You know that, right?"

"Well, you see, my friend Paul is a blonde and he reads REALLY slow. When he gets the telegram, he will read it like this: COM-FOR-DA-BULL!"

NDRC Calendar of Events (attached)

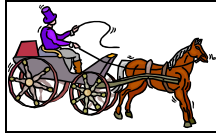
Just a reminder that you must submit proposals of clinics, lessons or events in writing to the executive for approval. Our aim is to have a balanced use of our facilities for all disciplines. Forms are available for this purpose



Gymkhana

This year Rob Wright and family and Tara Robertson will be heading up the Gymkhana committee. The committee will be holding 3 Gymkhana's this year. We are hoping to have one per month for June, July and September. If you are interested in helping out or want more information please give one of us a call - Tara Robertson - 250-359-5987 or Rob Wright - 250-352-5590.

Driving Bits and Buckles



Our drivers are gearing up for the trek to 70 Mile House for the Huber's BS and Drive Spring Weekend, May 16, 17, 18. The weekend includes lessons and pleasure drives or rides on the beautiful Carbioo Trail as well as just BS ing with other drivers from throughout BC. Our group convoys up and camps in the field. If anyone would like to join us just let us know!

Entries for the Horse and Buggy Weekend are attached to this newsletter. Space is limited and fees must be received in order to hold a spot.

Reminder that if you are interested in driving your horse or pony just **contact Betsy 352-2427 or Sharyn 226-7686** for help getting started! We can help you with the groundwork and provide the extra hands for that first hitch! mnasmth@shaw.ca

Drivers are planning to use the NDRC arena on Wednesday mornings, let us know if you would like to come and play or watch!

Natural Horsemanship Report



Hi everyone! The clinic paperwork for Fawn Anderson's 2009 clinics and workshops at NDRC is now available on Fawn's website at www.fawnanderson.com. They are also included with the newsletter email this month. If you'd like hard-copies mailed to you, please give me a call at 250-505-5270 or email me with your address and I will mail them out to you along with a free Parelli's Secret DVD!

The clinic and workshop dates are as follows:

June 25-26 Advanced Level 1, 9am -4:30pm

June 29-30 Advanced Level 2, 9am – 4:30pm

July 30th and August 6th Level 1/ 2 and 2/3 workshops, 9am-12pm and 1:30pm-4:30pm.

Now if you are new to either Level and are interested in attending a clinic, I will be playing at the grounds a few days/evenings a week starting sometime after the Cleanup Work Party on May 9th and would love to have others join me. We can help each other troubleshoot the various games and even play with some of the patterns. I also have quite a few Parelli DVDs and it would be no problem to organize a video night for those who are interested.

On a slightly different note, Buck Brannaman will be holding some clinics in Washington this summer and I plan to attend at least one as a spectator – if anyone else has interest in Buck Brannaman and his methods, perhaps we could plan a carpool and roadtrip. I have a few of Buck's DVDs which could be a great video night, too. For info on Buck's clinic dates see www.brannaman.com .

For some interesting information about herd dynamics and how they apply to horse-human relationships – read Fawn's newsletters starting with April, 2008:

http://www.naturalhorse-man-ship.com/newsletter_files/April08.pdf

If you have any questions about what Natural Horsemanship is about, the clinics or play days at the grounds – please contact me!

Thanks!

//Heather Farrell
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Cattle Committee Report



Up date from the Cattle Club

If anyone is interested in joining the Cattle Club group, please contact Morgan or Tommy. Meeting Minutes also available.

CC Work party scheduled for April 22nd, 5:00pm at the NDRC. Bring a hammer, shovel and gloves.

New members welcome!

Phone Morgan for more info: 250.352.2602

TREC – a fun and informal trail riding or driving competition

The winter intro sessions at Jocelyn’s house have proved very popular with participants fired up with enthusiasm for this new equine sport. It has been interesting to see the reaction of people who have essentially known nothing about TREC. Without exception they have felt that TREC is something that anyone with an interest in horses can be involved with, whether as a rider or as an official or helper. TREC is a very “encouraging” sport. It is very difficult to get eliminated completely, and so there is a possibility for even the most nervous or lacking in confidence rider to simply have a go.

The two upcoming clinics at the riding club grounds will give those people who have already taken part in the winter sessions a refresher on map reading and the basics of TREC, or an introduction to those who didn’t make it to one of the winter sessions, and also an opportunity to try out the 3 phases of the competition. These sessions will also be suitable for those wishing to help out in a non-riding capacity – check point judges, obstacle judges etc.

Each date is stand-alone, you don’t need to attend both. There will be a limit to the number of riders who can participate, but all non-riders will be more than welcome. If you want to bring your horse to have a go at these sessions please get your names to me good and early, because if the winter sessions are anything to go by these spring sessions will fill up fast! Days will run from 10am to approximately 4pm, and the cost will be \$20 for NDRC members and \$30 for non-members. Priority will be given to members.

Jocelyn Templeman
250-304-2247
jocelyn.templeman@hotmail.com

Vaulting – Koot-Neigh Vaulters

Koot-Neigh Vaulters went on a training weekend to Spokane/Colville/ Kettle Falls in preparation for an upcoming competition in Elba WA We practiced on our sister Club's horses, the ones we'll be taking to the competition, which was a new experience for 4 of our vaulters who have never vaulted on a horse other than our own 5 vaulters and 3 parents will be traveling to Elba, camping out, competing, and helping to run the competition.

Some of the team will be attending a clinic this month with Nancy Stevens-Brown in Kettle Falls WA at Dreamswept Farms Nancy, a US coach and currently the American Vaulting Association president, has amazing talents in working with all ability levels to bring out the best in their performances We had a lot of fun at this clinic last year and hope to again.

Our first Demo of the season is at the Kaslo May Days Celebration on May 16th, at 1pm and again after 2:30 sometime. We look forward to performing and sharing our sport.

We are moving our practices to the Riding Club dressage arena starting in May on Mondays 7 Wednesdays Please feel free to stop by & visit!

Naomi 250-352-3735

Kootenay Eventers



Lessons with Brandy will start at the NDRC grounds on Tuesday May 19. To book a lesson time call Brandy at 250-365-6866 or 250-359-7293.

Classifieds:

Newsletter Deadline is the 20th of each month! Please send dates, reports, classifieds to Betsy at mnasmyth@shaw.ca or call 352-2427. Classifieds up to 15 words are free for members. Please keep your ads brief.

Registered Canadian Sport Horse For Sale

10 year old, 15.2 Hand, Chestnut Mare

Flashy mover with lots of potential. Goes english and western. Great on trails. Solid feet and good teeth, up to date on vaccines, worming, and farrier appointments. Really good ground manners- baths, trailers etc.

Shown locally in hunter/jumper. Trained in basic dressage.

Selling as I am moving to Vancouver. \$3500 or OBO. Tack available if needed.

Call Deb: 250-509-1171 or email: debsdwyer@hotmail.com

Certified EC Level 1 English Coach. Crescent Valley Stables, Krestova. All ages and stages, the EC English Rider Levels Program, Summer Camps and horse training. Contact Brandy Saunders at 365-6866 rideon-enterprise@hotmail.com

For Sale: Collection of EQUUS magazines 1977 to 1988. \$100 obo. Betsy 352-2427

Wanted: Horse that drives like a ferrari, looks like a chevy, attitude of a ford, and priced like a kia all buffed up.... :o)

For Sale: Wintec Wide A/P. Four gullets, stirrups & girth. \$600 obo.

Heather 250-505-5270 hfarrell@shaw.ca

For Sale: 20 yr old Mor/TB mare. 15.2hh. Experienced rider. \$1500 includes hay.

825-4693 c_marie_bell@hotmail.com

Wanted: I would like to find a field for a couple of months close to nelson where I can board my 2 horses say july and august. a grassy field so mine will grow and to phone me at 250-352-7385 and ask for lori

To Give Away: 1 black, tall "Dafna" girls size 3 (34) riding boots (brand new)

1 black "TuffRider" -Ride and Go - girls size 12 Riding Jacket

1 Tan "On Course" girls size 16 riding breeches. Please call Stefany 250.505.5184

Horse Boarding at the Running M in Blewett. Contact Morgan 352-2602

Wanted: large pony with trail and ring experience for a small child. Please contact Kathleen at 250-352-9693"

"Wanted: Complete single horse harness. Please contact Kathleen at 250-352-9693

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