

**Nelson and District Riding Club
April Newsletter**

GENERAL MEETING
7:00 - 8:00 pm Thursday, April 3
Hume Hotel Emporium Room
Executive Meeting to Follow

EXECUTIVE FOR 2008

President – Liz Saunders

Vice President – Heather Kennedy

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Directors – Janet Bogaard, Gabi Mayrhofer, Connie Marrello, Chelsea Sanders, Sheila Sanders, Joe Troyan

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President's Note

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Amazing, March is almost over....how did that happen?

Unfortunately, there is still snow around and winter doesn't seem to want to let go but planning for riding season goes on despite the weather.

Even after the snow has gone, please refrain from using the arenas until they have dried out. It is probable that the jump arena will be open first.

Meanwhile, the Club has finalized lesson and clinic days and dates and I have included the calendar showing all the events scheduled for the NDRC grounds with this message.

Following is a quick reference for lessons:

- Tuesday lessons with Brandy contact her directly at 365-6866;
- Wednesday lessons with Chelsea call her at 399-4887;
- more info on Vaulting call Naomi at 352-3735;

For clinics:

- Heather Farrell can help with info on Fawn's clinics at 505-5270.
- Application forms for all clinics will be on the web site soon or you can contact the name and number on the calendar.

I have also attached a copy of the full West Kootenay Calendar of Horse Related Events, so you can see what is happening in the **West Kootenay area**..shows, tack sales, clinics, etc.

Don't forget..... the Community Tack Sale at Pass Creek on Saturday April 12 from 10am to 2pm and the Tack Sale and Gymkhana in Nakusp on Saturday April 5 (contact info for both in the calendar).

Columbia Vet Services will be in the area April 4/5....contact Morgan Gladdish if you are in the Blewett/Nelson area and want an appointment or Liz for the Crescent Valley area.

There will be a Spring Cleaning day at the NDRC grounds on April 27 at 10am. Please bring your rakes and shovels. Hours put in, go towards your volunteer hours. Chelsea has also organized a group of kids to do tack cleaning on that day.

Then there is the annual Childrens' Wish Ride. Rose Anderson is organizing this event. The ride will be on the old rail trail from Ymir to Salmo. I am told it is rocky in places, so shoes or boots on horses are recommended. There are also 2 bridges to cross. The full ride will be approx 3 hours, ending at Rose's place for a bar-b-q and a taxi ride back to the trailers. Alternately, you could ride half way and then turn back and complete your ride and still trailer to the bar-b-q. Start collecting pledges soon, this is for a great cause. The Wish Ride web site can be found at www.provincialwishtrailrides.com

In last month's newsletter I asked members if anyone was willing to organize a Giant Yard Sale, as a club fund raiser. I'm afraid no one has come forward to volunteer their expertise or time, so I think it is very unlikely that this will take place. However, the final decision will be made at the next meeting on April 3, so you have until then to volunteer.

Until next month, take care and keep on grooming (the hair is never ending).
Liz

NDRC Calendar of Horse Related Events 2008

Lesson days

Brandy Saunders (EC Level 1 Coach) - Tuesday afternoons & evenings May to September. 365-6866

Chelsea Sanders - Western riding and gymkhana - Wednesday afternoons & evenings. 399-4887

Naomi Weber - Equine Vaulting practice every Wednesday in the dressage arena. 352-3735

April 27	Spring Work Party 10am at NDRC grounds. (Tack cleaning available)
May 11	Natural Horsemanship Clinic with Tracey McCleave - contact Betsy 352-2427
May 17	Free Gymkhana Clinic with Chelsea Sanders - contact Chelsea 399-4887
May 18	Fun Gymkhana - contact Chelsea 399-4887
May 25	NDRC Childrens' Wish Ride - contact Rose
June 8	Natural Horsemanship Clinic with certified instr. Tracey McCleave - contact Betsy 352-2427
June 13/14/15	Clinic with Dale Irwin Clinic EC Level 3 Coach: NDRC grounds -contact Heather Kennedy at 354-1077
June 15	Fun Gymkhana - contact Chelsea 399-4887

- July 3 Parelli Natural Horsemanship Evening Series with Licensed Instructor Fawn Anderson- contact Heather Farrell 505-5270
- July 10 Parelli Natural Horsemanship Evening Series with Licensed Instructor Fawn Anderson- contact Heather Farrell 505-5270
- July 12/13 NDRC Summer Fun Days - contact Liz 359-7293
- July 18/19/20 NDRC Driving Clinic and Fun Day with Ken Huber - contact Betsy 352-2427
- July 24 Parelli Natural Horsemanship Evening Series with Licensed Instructor Fawn Anderson- contact Heather Farrell 505-5270
- July 28/29/30 Yvonne LaBounty Clinic contact Jackie Pollard at 229-5241
- July 28 Parelli Natural Horsemanship Morning Series with Licensed Instructor Fawn Anderson- contact Heather Farrell 505-5270
- July 31 Parelli Natural Horsemanship Evening Series with Licensed Instructor Fawn Anderson- contact Heather Farrell 505-5270
- Aug 3 Natural Horsemanship Clinic with certified instr. Tracey McCleave - contact Betsy 352-2427
- Aug 4 Show Jumping Clinic with Tracey McCleave - contact Betsy 352-2427
- Aug 18 Parelli Natural Horsemanship Morning Series with Licensed Instructor Fawn Anderson- contact Heather Farrell 505-5270
- Aug 24 Fun Gymkhana - contact Chelsea Sanders 399-4887
- Aug 25 Parelli Natural Horsemanship Morning Series with Licensed Instructor Fawn Anderson- contact Heather Farrell 505-5270
- Sept 1 Parelli Natural Horsemanship Morning Series with Licensed Instructor Fawn Anderson- contact Heather Farrell 505-5270
- Sept 7 Natural Horsemanship Clinic with certified instr. Tracey McCleave - contact Betsy 352-2427
- Sept 12/13/14 Kootenay Driving Getaway - contact Betsy Nasmyth 352-2427
- Sept 28 Fun Gymkhana - contact Chelsea 399-4887

Attached to this newsletter are Clinic Forms for:

Tracey McCleave Natural Horsemanship
Tracey McCleave Jumper Clinic
Ken Huber Driving Clinic

Children's Wish Ride

www.provincialwishtrailride.com Don't forget the Nelson ride will be on Sunday May 25. This year we will be riding the old rail trail near Salmo...I know it has a name, perhaps some one can let me know what it is? Location for unloading, times etc to be announced later.

Meeting Dates for 2008! Mark your calendars!

Winter Meetings to be held at the Hume, Emporium Room.

April 3

May 1

Reminder Re: Lessons and Clinics

Just a reminder that all monies must be turned in to the treasurer within two weeks following the activity or event. Anyone giving Weekly lessons must submit a report two days before the monthly meeting (email is ok) Organizer's packages are available at mnasmyth@shaw.ca

Driving Bits and Buckles

All levels of drivers are welcome at our clinics. You will find our local drivers are more than happy to help you to borrow equipment or give you some hands on experience with an already trained horse. Ground driving provides a good foundation of groundwork for a future riding horse as well. Come on out and join us!

Two day clinic and Horse and Buggy Fun Day July 18, 19, 20 with Ken Huber.

A two day clinic and The Kootenay Getaway has been confirmed for September 12, 13, 14 with Ken Huber.

Interested in learning to drive your horse or pony? Contact Betsy 352-2427 or Sharyn 226-7686

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.

Wanted: Hay Needed By the bale or by the ton Call 551-0302

For Sale: Nice Western Saddles. All 15" Circle Y Trail \$575, New Circle Y Equitation \$950, Tex Tan \$600, Big Horn synthetic \$300 359-6675

Wanted: Kimberwick bit with low port, Western Saddle to fit small horse. 352-2427

Wanted: Pony saddle and tack, blankets etc. 352-2427

CRS PERFORMANCE HORSES

Western Lessons and Training.

Round Pen, Colt Start, Basic Western Lessons, Kid's Club

Contact Chelsea Sanders 250-399 4887

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

Tracey MacCleave accredited Canadian Equine Natural Horsemanship Trainer/Instructor

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