

**Nelson and District Riding Club  
Happy New Year!  
January 2008**



**Notice of  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
7:30 pm Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>  
Hume Hotel Emporium Room**

President's Note

**Seasons greetings to one and all**, this of course includes your equine partners.

Thanks everyone for your support at "The Very Horsey Xmas Celebration" held on Nov 30 at the Hume Hotel. It was such a great success. Thanks to everyone who came and joined in the spirit of the evening...fun and relaxation. The meal was fabulous, especially those desserts, thanks to the Hume Hotel and its staff; thanks to all the people who donated to the Silent Auction; thanks to Gordon for the music and to the members of the Executive who helped throughout the evening and especially to Gabi for all her organization.

The winner of the free membership for 2008 was Sharyn Nixon. Congratulations Sharyn.

Now down to business...the election of officers for the Nelson & District Riding Club for 2008 will take place at the **Annual General Meeting to be held at 7:30pm, January 10 in the Emporium Room of the Hume Hotel**. The support of members at this meeting would be gratefully appreciated. In order to vote at this meeting, you must be a 2008 member. You will be given the opportunity to join at the start of the meeting.

Changes to Meeting formats.

We have decided to return to monthly *General Meetings* in an attempt to keep members more involved. Meetings will still be held the first Thursday of each month (as is current policy). A *General Meeting* will occupy the first hour and will be followed by an *Executive Meeting*. A list of the dates for 2008 meetings can be found in this newsletter. We need to know where members would prefer to meet during the winter months...in Nelson or at the Blewett Firehall. We will be voting on this at the January AGM. Hopefully we can hold summer meetings at the Grounds.

### **What's going on in 2008?**

Well there is already quite a list of provincial type events for 2008.

BC Seniors Games for the first time, equestrian disciplines will be included in the BC Seniors Games to be held in Prince George, September 10 - 13, 2008. If you are 55 & over you have the chance to compete in reining, dressage, hunter/jumper or driving. I assume there will be more info. forthcoming in the new year, as I believe you have to qualify to represent your Zone.

The BC Summer Games will be held in Kelowna, July 24 - 27. Equestrian categories include reining, jumper and dressage. You must be between the ages of 13 and 18 in order to qualify and represent your Zone. We are in Zone 1. A jumper and dressage qualifier was held in conjunction with the Pass Creek Fall Fair in 2007. Heather Kennedy has suggested that we hold another qualifier at the Club in the spring. So Heather and I are working on making this happen. As usual it is the expense of the judge that makes this difficult.

### Western Heritage Performance Championships (English/Western) Kelowna, July 11/12 2008.

This program is designed to promote and encourage participation in western riding and english flat events. (8 Western classes & 7 English flat classes). Competitors of all ages and skill levels can qualify throughout the province for the Championships held each July. Great prizes and awards are offered for all levels at the Championships. Check out HCBC web site for more information on classes, point system, log books etc.

Local events..... I have attached the first run of a calendar of West Kootenay Horse Events for 2008. **What would you like to see happen in 2008? Remember you can make it happen.**

Here's wishing everyone great horsey activities in 2008 and hopefully something horsey under the tree.

**Keep warm.**

**Liz**

### Nominations for Elections 2008

**Please Note: Nominations are still open. Further Nominations will be taken at the AGM.**

**President** – Liz Saunders

**Vice President** – Heather Kennedy

**Treasurer**- Lindsey Horst

**Secretary** -

**Directors** – Gabi Mayrhofer, Connie Marrello, Chelsea Sanders, Sheila Sanders, Deb Miller, Joe Troyan

**Junior Directors** -

## **Policy Changes**

Proposed Policy Changes (attached) will be voted on at the AGM.

## **Bored over the winter? Winter Youth Program**

CRS Performance Horses is now offering a winter horse program for children 6 to 16 years old. All levels of experience welcome, no horse required. Learn everything from basic colours and breeds to vaccinating, nutrition, training and health care. Guest Speakers, movie nights, horse crafts and much more. \$15 per session (2 hour session), weekly sessions available. Contact Chelsea at 250-399-4887

## **Committee Report Deadline**

Please note that the chairperson of each committee is required to present a written year end report. Events and dates for 2008 will not be booked until a 2007 report is received.

## **Driving Bits and Buckles**

Drivers! What do you want to see happening in 2008??? Contact Betsy 352-2427

## **Meeting Dates for 2008! Mark your calendars!**

January 10	May 1	September 4
February 7	June 5	October 2
March 6	July 3	November 6
April 3	August 7	December 4

## **Classifieds:**

**Newsletter Deadline is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month! Please send dates, reports, classifieds to Betsy at [mnasmyth@shaw.ca](mailto:mnasmyth@shaw.ca) or call 352-2427. Classifieds up to 15 words are free for members. Please keep your ads brief.**

**Wanted:** large well broke driving pony. Must be 10 to 15 years old, 13.3 - 14.2hh. Contact Lorraine Mullin [lcnullin@telus.net](mailto:lcnullin@telus.net)

**For Sale:** Registered Poodle Puppies ready to go! 352-2427 [partipoodles@shaw.ca](mailto:partipoodles@shaw.ca)

**For Sale:** Nice Western Saddles. All 25" Circle Y Trail \$575, New Circle Y Equitation \$950, Tex Tan \$600, Big Horn synthetic \$300 359-6675

## **West Kootenay Calendar 2008**

Jan 11/12/13 Jane Stone Clinic, EC Level 3 Eventing Coach at Ja-Anna Farm, Krestova. Contact Deb Creaser 399-4735

April 12 Community Tack & Horse Sale/Stallion demo. at Pass Creek Regional Exhibition Grounds, Castlegar - contact Lynda Burch 250-365-4801

May 2/3/4 Winstar Horse Camp with Brandy Saunders EC Level 1 Coach 365-6866

May 16/17/18 Dale Irwin Clinic, EC Level 3 Coach at Pass Creek - contact Donna Smith 365-7273

June 6/7/8 Winstar Horse Camp with Brandy Saunders EC Level 1 Coach 365-6866

June 13/14/15 Dale Irwin Clinic, EC Level 3 Coach: location tba  
July 4/5/6 Winstar Horse Camp with Brandy Saunders EC Level 1 Coach  
365-6866  
July 6 Sunshine Bay Fun Show  
July 11/12 Western Heritage Performance Classic (English & Western),  
Kelowna Riding Club  
July 18/19/20 Dale Irwin Clinic, EC Level 3 Coach: location tba  
July 24/25/26/27 BC Summer Games, Kelowna  
July 30/31/Aug 1/2/3 Winstar Horse Trails Camp with Brandy Saunders EC Level 1  
Coach 365-6866  
Aug 15/16/17 Dale Irwin Clinic, EC Level 3 Coach at Winstar Equestrian  
Centre - contact Tracy at 359-7293  
Sept 10/11/12/13 BC Seniors Games, (55+) Prince George (reining,  
hunter/jumper, dressage, driving)

Potential dates for NDRC Fun Days May 10/11 or June 28/29  
Wish Ride ?  
SGQ June 12 or 13