

**Nelson and District Riding Club
March Newsletter**

GENERAL MEETING
7:00 pm Thursday, March 6th
Hume Hotel Emporium Room
Executive Meeting to Follow

EXECUTIVE FOR 2008

President – Liz Saunders

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President's Note

Hi everyone, well February is almost over, I wonder if March will come in like a lion or a lamb? The days are definitely longer and coats are starting to shed but there is still sooooo much snow.

Things are pretty quiet at the moment, so not much to report on.

The web site has been partially updated but we still need to finalize dates for clinics, lessons etc at the next meeting on March 6. Once this has been done the calendar will be updated and the various application forms will start going on the web site.

If you have any events that need to be presented for approval, please come to the March 6 meeting, 7:00pm at the Hume Hotel in Nelson.

The Club really needs to hold some fund raisers this year. Memberships do not even cover insurance expenses. Someone has suggested that we hold a giant yard sale in April or May, so now we are looking for an organizer. If you would like to help out with a yard sale or you have experience with them, please contact Liz at 359-7293.

If you have any other fund raising ideas we would love to hear about them.

If you are longing to do something horsey then don't forget the 3rd Annual Community Tack Sale, Pass Creek, Castlegar on Saturday April 12. For more info. contact Lynda Birch 250-365-4801. For folks new to the area, this is a very social affair. Most of us as are looking for an excuse to get away from the barn or house after a long winter. How better to welcome spring than visiting with like minded horse people.

Until next month, take care and happy grooming.

Liz

Meeting Dates for 2008! Mark your calendars!

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

March 6

April 3

May 1

Reminder Re: Lessons and Clinics

Just a reminder that all monies must be turned into 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)

Driving Bits and Buckles

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

Mid winter Challenge for Drivers: Got an old hula hoop lying around? Lay it on the ground, drive one wheel of your vehicle into it and do a 360 degree turn without leaving the hoop! Riders, try a turn on the forehand or haunches using the hoop! No Hoop? Just draw a circle on the ground!

Good Advice from the Carriage Driving List:

When looking for a first horse for a child, the combined age of the child and the horse should equal or exceed 20 years.

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: Western Saddle to fit small horse. 352-2427

Wanted: Pony saddle and tack. 352-2427

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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