

NEWSLETTER

SPRING IS COMING

ARE YOU READY?



Even though Mother Nature is still sending us snow, soon spring will be here, and riding season in full swing once again. We would like to give you the friendly reminder to check your tack thoroughly for wear and tears to ensure your safety when riding.

Also remember if hauling your horse(s), check the floor boards, etc. on your trailer to ensure it is safe for travel. Don't forget your "pre-flight" tests by checking your horses out on the ground first before going for that first ride. SAFETY, SAFETY, SAFETY!

FAQ'S

Many horses have had most of the winter off. For the "new" or apprehensive horse handler to begin riding in the spring can be a nervous time. Set yourself up for success by first checking out your horse with ground work. Don't even worry about riding that first day or several days. If your horse does not respect you on the ground, chances are they won't when you get on them. Take your time. Ensure you and your horse have an understanding of respect and a willing attitude before mounting. Remember to check out all sensitizing and desensitizing exercises and lateral flexion (the emergency rein position) on the ground first. If your horse is not moving respectfully on the ground do not ride till you have re-established this understanding of respect. Remember the ground work you have learned!

BIG NEWS!!!

*For those of you who are obtaining certification in our levels, you will now be eligible for discounted rates through Capri Insurance. Capri will recognize your certification from our program along with an N.C.C.P. (National Coaching Certificate) and a current First Aid Certificate. You will however, only qualify for coverage up to the level of certification you have obtained. So.....if you have obtained your certification in Round Penning and On Line Ground Work, this is what you will only be covered for. You **must** obtain higher levels of certification if you wish to be covered for that level of training. We have been listening to you and your requests, and thanks to Capri, this is now an option for you. This option is only available through Capri Insurance. Visit our links page (www.canadiannaturalhorsemanship.com), to visit their website.*

OUR TEAM!

Throughout the next series of newsletters we will be introducing to you the different people on “Our Team” that makes what I do possible. Without them, I would not be where I am today. It seemed only fitting that the first person I introduce to you is my partner and husband, Greg. Greg is the “pillar” who generally stays at home to look after the herd, and keeps the home front running smoothly. He does all of the imprinting of the newborn foals and might I add does a great job! Besides all of this, he takes care of all the repairs, keeps me safely on the road and travels with me when his schedule allows, and is a great inspiration to me. It is Greg’s belief in myself and our program that has kept me inspired to reach out to all of you.



CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate the Friesen family who are now the proud new owners in purchasing one of our horses. We thank them for their business and wish them many years of happy trails with the new addition to their farm!

VESTS

Until now, we have only carried hoodies and hats for purchase with our logo. Many of you have been patient in your requests for vests. We are now happy to inform you that an assortment of colours with our logo on both the front and back, beginning March 15th will now be available for purchase. Thank you for your patience with us and your support in wearing our logo.

A.E.F. CONFERENCE

The A.E.F. (Alberta Equestrian Federation) Conference will be held March 20th at the Red Deer Lodge, Red Deer, Alberta. The conference features speakers for all disciplines of horsemanship. For more information to register visit www.albertaequestrian.com or call 1-877-463-6233. This year’s speakers will be Dave Elliot - “The Anatomy of Biting”, Dr. Larry Frischke - “Review of Parasite Control”, and Joel Wilkinson - “Managing Fear”. This is a not to miss event. For only \$30.00 you obtain a deeper knowledge of the horse and have the privilege of meeting other horse enthusiasts throughout the province. Also Canadian Natural Horsemanship Inc. is donating 1 clinic spot for the Silent Auction, and I have the privilege to once again be emcee for this event!

FYI: Along with the clinic March 14th - 17th at the Turn Around Ranch in Rocky Mountain House, I will be doing a presentation, Wednesday, March 17th - 7:00 p.m. for the Rocky Mountain House Pony Club. All are welcome to attend N/C. Contact Wendy Tredger - e-mail: wtredger@hotmail.com Phone: 403-845-6993 cell: 403-895-6995. Safe and happy rides to all!