

Kelowna Riding Club E-Newsletter - April 2021



Love Like No Other!

President's Message

Happy Spring KRC Members,

As many of you may already know, sadly the Kelowna Spring Classis H/J Show has been cancelled due to COVID restrictions. I would like to thank Danica Sandercock for the endless hours she put in first planning and organizing the event, and then into the wee last days collaborating with TB and Southlands while meeting with HCBC.

This will not be the end to events at the club this year, we will just need to think one step ahead of this virus and get creative and host some schooling shows and other fun events. This can and will be done, we just need to be very organized and run things on a tight schedule so that we are always staying within the allowable number of people on the property.

While this is frustrating for all of us, the silver lining is that this time will allow us to continue with the dramatically needed revitalization of the club grounds. We have had structural and electrical engineers out to look at the Hunter barn, and both have agreed this barn needs to come down. The electrical is not up to code and the structure itself would be incredibly costly to bring up to a level that we feel would be safe to use for our horses. Concerns regarding the condition of the barn have long needed to be addressed, and with the quiet of COVID, we will take advantage of this time. This means we will be starting demolition on the Hunter barn effective, Monday, April 19th. The urgency behind this demolition is that we have a time-sensitive donation of soil that we will require to ensure that the end of the club grounds are raised so no new barn will ever be sitting in water. This in-kind donation is in the neighborhood of approximately \$100,000k. The value of this donation also assists us with matching funds we can use in our application for a very large grant that would allow us to rebuild barns to replace this deteriorating current structure. Once the fill is in place, if needed for the short term we will set up the

portable stalls we have.

In addition, we will also be seeking large corporate and private sponsors to assist with the funding of the new barns, much as we have seen our neighbors to the North do, with Harry's Place at the Vernon Riding Club. This level of sponsorship is looking to support progressive and all-encompassing clubs.

We will soon have a model that we will be presenting to KRC Members as to how we see the new layout. Ultimately the initial plan means more stalls and areas for multiple wash racks. We are excited about the opportunities we see the facility growing into over the coming years. Additional plans would include more cross-country jumps and an extreme trail course.

Amy Catton, President

April has been busy for the Kelowna Riding Club!

A great group of worker bees has been busy; the brush has been removed from around the Hunter ring, waterlines repaired, and fences painted. Thank you to this great group of enthusiastic volunteers!

Our Facebook page has been actively keeping us informed on the daily activities on the KRC ground thanks to Robin.

A re-launch of the KRC website was done on Friday, April 16th. The new site has been well received and will be constantly updated. It has been designed to be a resource for club members and the equestrian community, with plenty of opportunity for advertising sponsors.

Photo Fun

Built into the site under the Members Only portal is an opportunity for you to submit photos of you, your horse or horse activities. Each month we will update the headliner photo to represent all riding club disciplines and populate the pages with photos or videos of our members and all they doing.

We look forward to seeing your best shot!

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