

NOTRA NEWS

SUMMER / FALL 2010



INTRODUCING THE NEW

NOTRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Many of you were at the Extraordinary General Meeting on July 15th that was requisitioned by representatives of the NOTRA Membership. For those of you who were not, let me introduce to you the new Board of Directors.

INTERIM NOTRA PRESIDENT - LOUISE GORDON

INTERIM VICE-PRESIDENT - BETSY PUFF

INTERIM SECRETARY - CAROL DECOL

INTERIM TREASURER - NICOLE KUEMMERLE

INTERIM DIRECTOR AT LARGE - DON PEGG

DIRECTOR AT LARGE - SUSAN CASE *the only remained member of the old board that did not resign. *Director at Large Bob Ayers stepped down recently due to health reasons.*

NEW POSITIONS created by the New Board:

*PARENT / RIDER LIASON - MICHELLE SEGERT

* VOLUNTEER LIASON - BELINDA STEWART

**These new positions were created in an attempt to keep the general membership from feeling disconnected from what is going on at the board level & to give them a voice.*

Everyone involved with NOTRA is extremely grateful to these selfless people who stepped it to help NOTRA & keep the program running without interruption!

These however are INTERIM positions. We will be looking to elect a Board of Directors at the Annual General Meeting in February 2011. Please consider if you might be able to contribute to the NOTRA program in this way.

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FALL SESSION 2010

SEPT. 13th - OCT. 28th, 2010

I hope everyone has had a fabulous summer! It's so hard to believe we are fast approaching "Back-To-School" & the Fall Session!

The new schedule that we introduced for our Spring 2010 Session worked so well that we are sticking with it!

The weekly schedule is as follows:

Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs
9-10:15		9-10:15	
10:30-11:15		10:30-11:15	
Break		Break	11:00 private lesson
12-12:45	12-12:45	12-12:45	12-12:45
1-1:45	1-1:45	1-1:45	1:00 private lesson
Break	Break	Break	Break
3:30-4:15	3:30-4:15	3:30-4:15	3:30-4:15
4:30-5:15	4:30-5:15	4:30-5:15	4:30-5:15

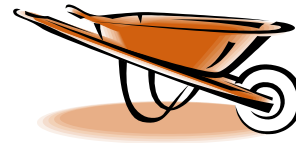
For those of you who enrolled through the schools - we have kept the schedule and class times for you exactly the same as in the spring so that we could go ahead with the scheduling of the busses, etc. Please help the teachers out & bring in your completed registration forms & fees during the first week of school.



PRE-SESSION WORK PARTIES

We have quite a few projects to get done before the start of fall session! In addition to our usual pre-session preparation & cleaning of the NOTRA facility - we will be working on the construction of the Rider / Volunteer lounge, insulating Dani's office & putting up shelving for storage in the old skid shed. Please watch for upcoming e-mails with dates and times and if you (or someone you know) is handy with a hammer, please consider donating a few hours or more of your time!

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!



VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION & TRAINING

The volunteer orientation this session will be at **2:00pm on Saturday, Sept. 11th**

*NOTRA Volunteers are required to attend one orientation & training session per year as a refresher.

*Additional training sessions will be offered on a weekly basis throughout the session as necessity dictates.

NEWS TIDBITS ...

2010 RIDE-A-THON WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

We held our 19th Annual NOTRA Ride-A-Thon on Sunday, June 27th at Coldstream Ranch. 95 local equestrians turned out to support the ride & the pledges they raised combined with sponsor donations, proceeds from the Chinese Auction & lunch donations totalled a whopping \$15,385.00!

Thank you to all of you who volunteered & helped make this Ride-A-Thon our best yet!

IPE PARADE

This year's theme is "BEEF IT UP!" Our faithful float planner Carolyn Terpstra is hard at work planning the decorations for the float and we'll be looking for NOTRA Riders, Volunteers, friends and family to ride the float! Feel free to dress as beef cattle or cowboys!

The parade is Saturday, September 4th. Parade participants meet at the marshalling area at 3155 Pleasant Valley Road between 9:00 and 9:30am - the parade starts precisely at 10am. Please let Dani know if you will be willing to join us. 250-549-0105 or notra@telus.net

INTERIOR PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION & STAMPEDE

NOTRA will again have a promotional booth during the 5 days of the IPE.

We are going to need people to help out with 4-hour shifts in the booth ... passes into the IPE will be provided. Watch for upcoming e-mails to sign up.



BUS MONITORS & DRIVERS FOR THE VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENT PICK UPS

Since Spring Session 2009, NOTRA has been providing transportation to the ranch and back for some of the students from local Vernon schools.

To continue this program we need volunteer drivers as well as volunteer bus monitors. Please contact Dani (250-549-0105) for more information on days and the time commitment