

RANCH AT A GLANCE

January 2022



**Would like to add some stories from the
snowmobile folks. Please email
nancyandrossbarrett@gmail.com**

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Your newsletter team wishes you Happy New Year!

Essential Information

OPERATIONS - Grant Kelba

Well, where do we start.....

December 1 saw an unprecedented windstorm blow through the ranch that caused significant damage to the common area buildings and our forests.

We are so fortunate that no one was hurt as trees and debris were cast about like twigs in a chinook. The result is that the saloon was significantly damaged as the North wall separated from the rest of the building, and the roof from the recycling building completely blew off. There are many trees of significant size that were also blown down that Clay and Doug have cleaned up to make all the roads passable. The clean up continues and the repairs to the buildings are also coming along.

There is no timeline on when the saloon and recycling shed will be completely repaired. With all this damage to these two buildings and trees, the horse shelters that are not attached to the ground were left untouched. Very strange, indeed.

You will notice many contractors on sight including insurance adjusters and appraisers. **BE SURE YOU CHECK YOUR OWN RESIDENCE FOR ANY DAMAGE** and contact your insurance company to have this dealt with asap as the winter will not be kind to compromised buildings. Your property may also have trees that might need to be dealt with as they could be held up by other trees that could come down over the winter.

To compound this event, our water well is not recovering as much as it should to keep up with our water usage at the Ranch. To mitigate our need to truck in water to supplement our own supply, we ask our residents to enact strict water conservation practices. We believe the well will self correct in the coming months, but for now please don't waste water and use only what you need. Your help and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Grant Kelba 403 681 7831

RANCH CLUB - Kym Penner

The Ranch Club would like to thank everyone for joining us for our Christmas Barn Party on December 10th and a big thank you goes out to Lori and Erin who did much of the “Heavy Lifting”. We had a great turnout and enjoyed Wagon Rides, food, drink, crafts for the kids and collected for the Food Bank. We look forward to making this an annual Community event.

With Winter now upon us we are turning our thoughts to Spring. We are looking forward to finalizing our Trail ride program that will allow small groups of owners to take a ride out with staff on some select horses to experience Square Butte on horseback. Winter provides the perfect time for us to rest, reflect, and plan for a great summer season!

We will end this message with some pictures that were taken and used for stickers for the kids who attended the Barn party, we are sure they will bring a smile to your face. Next Ranch Club meeting, Friday January 7th, 2022

Happy New Year from all of us!!

Maureen Heffring, Louis Delesalle, Hazel Sangster and Kym Penner





SOCIAL COMMITTEE - Patricia Kelcher

TBA in next newsletter

Thanks to Gary for submitting:

Frozen is great for Disney movies, not so great for the pipes in your home. As winter settles in Alberta, the risk of freezing pipes increases.

What makes frozen pipes dangerous? Think back to elementary school science class. When the temperature approaches zero, water freezes. And just before water freezes, it expands, putting pressure on a pipe and bursting it.

That could mean injury, property damage, and – if it's not addressed quickly – black mold.

Remember to drain any outdoor faucets by:

- Turning off the valve to outdoor water faucets
- Disconnecting and draining your hoses
- Draining the outdoor faucet so there's no water left in the pipe

If you're planning a getaway for more than four consecutive days during the regular heating season (months your furnace is on), keep these tips in mind:

- Turn off your home's main water valve and drain your pipes. Keep
- your thermostat set at 15 C or higher. This helps uninsulated pipes in an uninsulated space stay above freezing during a cold snap.
- If you can't drain your pipes, have a trusted friend or neighbour check your home every day and run water through the taps. If you don't and damage happens from frozen plumbing, your insurance may not cover it

CHUCK ALMBERG

MR. SQUARE BUTTE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Stats: 12 year old. 16HH Bay Gelding, 1450lbs.

Previous Career:

Feedlot Pen Checker and all around Ranch Horse. More Whoa than Go but will go anywhere for his special person. Chuck has a quirky personality and is extremely fussy about the human company he keeps. He is not an “in your pocket” type of horse as he is reserved and puts on a tough front with adults. He however, is a gentle giant with the softest heart towards small people. Chuck is Sandy Almberg’s #1 Main Man and Heart Horse.

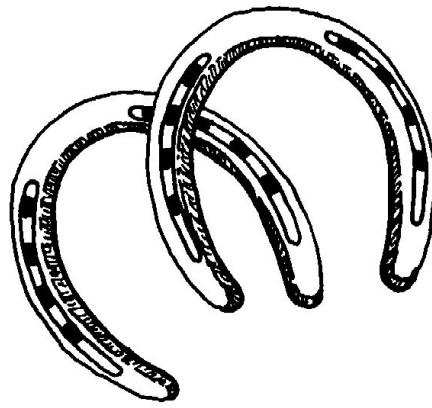


Chuck has been a much loved member of my family for several years now.

Originally my son bought him with the intent of riding with his wife, however he quickly realized that horses were never his thing, so Chuck peacefully stood and ate grass for several years. His fate changed however when my daughter and her family moved into the country and her keen eye spotted a diamond in the rough. Chuck was quickly recruited back into action, however some underlying medical issues with Chuck made him an unpredictable ride, so mum was called into action and Chuck arrived at Square Butte Ranch. Chuck took up residence behind the barn for a spell while he was treated for stomach ulcers. As his health improved, Chuck bloomed into the steady reliable horse he is today.

Chuck is now living the dream in the gelding herd and can often be seen under saddle heading out towards the west pasture on a new adventure.

"There's something about the outside of a horse that is good for the inside of a man." - Winston Churchill



BARN PARTY PHOTOS

Thanks to 2 anonymous sponsors for a great party.

The barn is the new saloon for social events and meetings. Coffee on, tables and chairs...book in with Lori in case it's a farrier day.







MOTHER NATURE and the power of neighbours helping each other

Patricia and Steve lost some shingles. Otherwise they had many trees fall in their forest and two just missed their vehicles.

Sandy and Keith's hot tub cover was over in the grass in front of the saloon.

Nancy has 3 unclaimed downspout extensions in her garage.

When the roof was ripped off the recycling shed one flying board speared Sharon and Wayne's horse trailer.

One window was ripped off the Mullen's townhouse.

Hazel had trees on her roof.

Doris and Jim had shingles damaged by the top part of their chimney that came off.



And so on.....

THEN ALONG CAME THE HELPERS

Nancy received a phone call in Calgary from super neighbours Lori Young and Louis Delesalle to say they had checked her townhome. BBQ broken and a write off. Stand up heater twisted. All else looked fine and they put some things back in place on her deck.



Louis and Rob

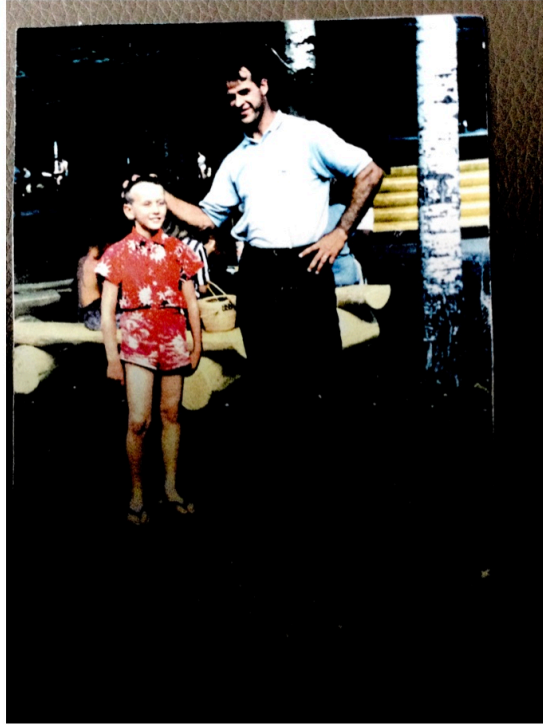
Clay





GUESS WHO?

No one guessed this. None other than our own Jim Setters, who grew up to enjoy a career in hockey, with Mr. Hockey Gordie Howe!



BEST GUESS?





DID YOU KNOW?

FROM COMMUNITY BOOK “OUR FOOTHILLS” 1880s - 1940s

The Hamlet of **Millarville** got its name from one of the early settlers in this place, Malcolm Tanner Millar. He came to this area with another early settler, Joseph Fisher, about 1885 and opened a trading post and store along with a post office.

The First Nations People known as the Stoneys (Nakota) travelled through this area on foot and horse, on the way from their winter homes out in the Morley area (west of Calgary) to their summer hunting area west of Longview, to what is now the Eden Valley Reserve.

“Sports relating to horsemanship had a particular popularity. Racing and polo flourished especially in Millarville but everywhere the horse, whether ridden or driven, made it possible to overcome the considerable distances of the region where homes were farther apart and more widely scattered than in the grain-growing areas of the prairie west before 1914.”

“Polo and racing, hunting, fishing, shooting, lawn tennis, hockey and curling, cricket and football (soccer) were not only to play a conspicuous part in the creation of the sporting tradition of the foothills communities but were also an integral part of the lively social life that the earliest arrivals initiated...”

After the war, Millarville became a stronghold of horsemanship with competitions between communities in the area such as Kew and Priddis. Rivalries became more competitive and the Millarville Races sprang out of the need to show whose horse and blood stock was superior.

A common interest in horses was a major factor in maintaining the close association with Calgary that had existed from the beginning of settlement and for many families participation and attendance at the spring and summer shows was something of a ritual.

Miraculously, Millarville managed to produce a polo team even during the Depression years. This sport is carried on today with the Calgary Polo Club by Strathcona Tweedsmuir School and Black Diamond Land and Cattle Company across from the Millarville Race Track.

TO BE CONTINUED....

DORIS and JIM aka the Setters are headed back to Germany for 6 months. They do a lot for our community and we will miss them. Safe travels and please keep us up to date on your adventures. We all look forward to your return.



Thirty of these birds were recently spotted a few miles from the ranch.

They will probably arrive here before long.

Can you identify them?

Answer:
WILD TURKEYS

Has anyone seen them?



2 cougars at the boneyard

HAPPY NEW YEAR from your wacky newsletter
team!

Missing: Lori Cloakey-Collins 🥺



Grant
Kym, Patricia, Sandy, Nancy

Information for new residents and all of us!



Nestled in the wild foothills of the Canadian Rockies our ranch is home to a broad contingent of wildlife including; bear, wolves, elk, moose, fox, coyote, deer, grouse, hawks and more. Joining generations of ranching families in the area, Square Butte is located in the municipality of Foothills County, formally MD of Foothills #31 and on the Treaty 7 Lands of the Blackfoot Confederacy and the Metis Nation, Region 3. The ranch butts up against K-country, an area that encompasses 1600 square miles of dedicated wilderness.

The purpose of this document is to share important information that you will need in order to access information about the Square Butte Ranch Community.

Legal Land Description: NE 17-2-4-W5
Emergency Land Description: 290005 352 St. W

Primary Ranch Contact: Jackie at Renaissance Management. Please make sure that she has your email address. Her contact info is: (403) 239-6390 reception@renaissancemanagement.ca. All inquires or concerns - outside of the horses should be fielded through Jackie.

Primary Horse Contact: Lori Collins: Barn Manager sbranchhand@gmail.com

Ranch Office - upstairs in barn: office@squarebutteranches.com (403) 931-2577

Wifi password: There is no cell service on the Ranch but there is WiFi service in the Saloon. Wifi password: LoneRanger.

Gate Code: Contact Square Butte Ranch Office for your gate code. These will be given for your personal use. This code will also be the one used for any vendors that you will have come to the Ranch. These codes are specific to your unit.

Note: we are changing the gate codes out in the near future.

Ranch Website: The website Square Butte Ranches Ltd. | is both public and private. To access for Members Only pages you must send an email to the Administrator (?) who will issue your login and password. There is a document titled "Square Butte Ranch Residents Welcome". This contains a Table of Contents with pertinent as well as interesting information about Square Butte Ranch and Area. The board minutes will also be found on the website.

Square Butte Ranches - Home | Facebook will give you information on some of the history, activities and photos that are part of the community. There is a Square Butte Ranch Residents Facebook page for Residents only. If you ask to "Join" one of the Administrators will approve and grant access and you will receive a warm welcome.

RANCH CODE OF CONDUCT

- If a gate is closed - close it behind you
- Horses are only to be fed by owners or staff unless given permission (many are on restricted diets)
- Do not leave garbage outside of designated bins (it attracts wildlife)
- Take your bearspray when out and about enjoying the wilder parts of the ranch
- Keep dogs on leash while in common areas, do not let them roam unattended and please clean up after them
- Also clean up after yourself when using the gym, saloon, barn or any other shared facilities
- Be kind and respectful to each other
- Smile. You live in an amazing place with amazing neighbours!



