

RANCH AT A GLANCE

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On Friday December 10th we would like to invite you down to the Barn for a little Christmas joy..

We will have hot chocolate, hot dogs and hamburgers. And hay rides from 2:00 - 4:00..And to stay toasty warm there will be a fire pit outside the barn, bring your marshmallows.

Cost will be \$10.00 per person plus the cost of a non- perishable food item for the food bank. Please RSVP to sbranchhand@gmail.com.

We will be following Covid Protocols.

We look forward to having you drop by for some Christmas cheer.

PS... There could be singing as well, please forgive me now..

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NEW CONDO BOARD

Square Butte Ranch community: please welcome newly elected Board members who volunteer their time on behalf of residents (alphabetical order)



STEVE BANSZKY

I am a professional engineer with an entrepreneurial background. Have had my own engineering companies and have been involved with Oil & Gas service ventures. Although I have been an engineer for most of my life, my first degree was in Genetics.

Patricia and I have been at the ranch since 2000 and coming on to 22 years. I was involved with the original transition Board and have served on the Board before. I have also served on other corporate and condominium Boards before.

Other than academic awards, I do hold a patent for a water treatment process.

I am a pilot and I love riding my motorcycles.

I decided to join the Board this time to actively contribute to the ranch by

- Looking at ways to increase the value of our individual and common properties
- Ensuring that we can adequately respond to emergency situations including medical, fire and owner safety
- Promoting social interaction between owners

NANCY BARRETT

I am a retired junior high school teacher. That job required patience and a sense of humour!

Served on the Panorama Mountain Resort Condo Board for 18 years and on the Canadian Federation of University Women-Calgary Executive for 10 years where I handled Membership, Program and Publicity at various times. Currently I am on the Membership Committee for the Calgary Association of Lifelong Learners.



It has been my pleasure to volunteer at Spruce Meadows for 14 years on the gate and in the judges' booth recording and timing. Spruce Meadows has honoured me with Volunteer of the Year and the Rolex Commitment to Excellence award.

I also work with the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation and 2 equine facilitated learning programs.

The ranch beckoned one year ago and I now spend half of my time here. I organize this monthly newsletter and have added rides with Erin and Jill to my arena riding in Calgary.

I hope to improve ranch communication by providing residents with monthly updates on Board minutes, operating budget and reserve funds.

GARY BENNETT

Professional career accomplishments include:
Gulf Canada Canadian Manager Development Program

Bank of Nova Scotia Natural Resources District Manager

Regional Manager Hydril Canadian - Canada and Alaska

Managing Director Hydril - Eastern Hemisphere
Regional Manager Hydril USA California New Mexico Oklahoma Kansas Louisiana Gulf of Mexico Texas and Special Projects. Advisor Mexico South America

Sperry-Sun Drilling Services Canadian Manager Security DBS Division

Sperry-Sun Drilling Services Directional Drilling Manager Operations, Sales and Marketing

ENSIGN Drilling Services Well Servicing Sales and Marketing.

Consultant to Departure Energy Services



YVONNE GAUDET

My partner Rob and I have lived at Square Butte Ranch for a year. We were attracted to this community for it's beauty, peaceful setting and the abundance of recreational opportunities outside our back door.



I have a 35 year professional career spanning senior leadership roles in the not for profit and public sectors. In the not for profit sector I worked in Director roles for the Canadian Red Cross and the Canadian Cancer Society for Alberta /NWT at the provincial and national levels. With the public sector highlighted roles were as follows- Senior Manager Strategic Development Calgary Region Community Board for Disability Services, Senior Manager Flood Recovery Task Force and, recently retired as the Assistant Public Trustee for the Public Trustee's Office.

Volunteerism has been a lifelong value and I have been on a variety of Boards over the years but also supported Board work as a staff person in some of my employment roles. It is my pleasure to serve our Square Butte community as I bring the following skill sets to the Square Butte Board - public policy, strategic development, community development, procurement and contracting, communications. Thank you.

MAX GIBB



Back in the day: Max (aka the sheriff) and boxing buddies promoting Square Butte Ranch and the North American Boxing Championships

The ranch is Max's dream along with 2 amazing businessmen who welcomed the concept and developed the property. Max is delighted that the dream has come true and is embraced by new residents.

Max initiated Maximum West and Country Club, a 5 star retreat, which is left when leaving the ranch and just down the road on the right. He owns Falcon Cliff farm, which is right when leaving the ranch and down the road on the left. There he raises 50 - 60 racehorses and each year welcomes a dozen foals.

As for horse racing, Max has owned and operated Rocky Mountain Turf Club and Casino in Lethbridge for 25 years. In Balzac, Max developed the property including shopping area associated with Century Downs Race Track and Casino. He now serves as Vice Chair of the facility. What's next, Max?!!

DENISE MCMULLEN

I was born and grew up in leafy Kerrisdale/Southlands in Vancouver. I took my undergrad at UBC and my law degree at Dalhousie. During law school some of my best friends were Albertans and those friends convinced me that Calgary was a much better place for a business tax lawyer -- and they were right. My entire career has essentially been in Calgary (I became a partner of Burnet, Duckworth & Palmer LLP in 1999) and although I enjoy going back to the Wet Coast, my life and immediate family are here.

I bought my house at SBR in late 2017. I loved the generous common area space and the wonderful way the acreages were laid out with



views of pastures and forests. I brought my two sweet old Warmbloods, Distinctive and Colorado (otherwise known as Stinky and Balloo) out to the ranch in the spring of 2018 so that they could live out their retirement as horses are meant to. I and my two Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, Georgiana and Robert, share my ranch house most weekends. Now that I have Starlink I hope to spend more time here.

I was asked to stand for the condo board for the 2019 year and have spent my time on the governance and finance committees. Over the years I have been on the boards of a number of private corporations, both for-profit and not-for-profit. I have to say that my position on this board is by far the most challenging and complex -- but also the most interesting.

TERRY ROYER

We have resided at Square Butte Ranch since 1998.

Terrance E (Terry) Royer BAsC, MBA, ICD.D, LLD



Royer is a founder and retired Executive Vice-Chairman of Royal Host REIT ([TSX RYL.UN](https://www.tsx.com/stock/RYL)), President and CEO of Royal Host Management Inc. and Royco Hotels and Resorts. Revenues exceeded \$350,000,000 annually.

Building their first hotel in 1974 Royer guided Royal Host REIT and Royco Hotels to a position as one of Canada's leading international hotel ownership, management, and franchising companies with over 160 properties and over 16,000 rooms in Canada, United States and Mexico.

During his tenure Royer has overseen businesses that have developed, operated, and managed properties ranging from budget to Five Star Resorts throughout North America Including the Banff Rocky Mountain Resort and the Grand Okanogan in

Kelowna British Columbia and located across Canada and in 30 US states.

Royco also operated third party contracts of 37 hotels in Washington, Oregon and Alaska 1996- 2006 owned by Peninsula Group. In 2004 Royco Inc. (a US based subsidiary of Royco) took on a third-party management of 110 properties in 27 US States (2004-2011) In 2011 the contracts were sold to three management companies. The properties were owned by Supertel REIT, a NASDAQ listed company. Royer was the CEO.

Royco Inc. was operated out of Norfolk Nebraska where Supertel was headquartered. Property revenues exceeded \$200,000,000 USD.

Royer was President and CEO of Travelodge Canada, a Franchise and service company (1992-2002 appointing a new President in 2002). Franchised 127 hotels across Canada.

Royer held the position of COO for Chartwell Leisure a NASDAQ located in New York. The 110 Chartwell properties were operated as an extension of Royco incorporating management staff in New York, San Diego, and Calgary.

For nineteen years he served as the Outside Lead Director, Chairman of the Human Resources / Compensation Committee, Chairman of the Audit Committee, and a member of the Executive Committee of Corus Entertainment (TSX CJR), retiring in 2019.

As Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Governors of the University of Lethbridge, (Chair from January 2001 until the end of 2006) he oversaw historic expansion, both in physical plant and student enrollment, of the University into one of the leading small universities in the Continent with over 8,000 enrolled.

Mr. Royer was Chairman of the Alberta Access to the Future Fund, a three-billion-dollar fund at full funding for advancement of access to Post Secondary education in the province of Alberta.

As Chairman of the Calgary Convention Authority Royer oversaw the development and opening of the \$80,000,000 TELUS Convention Centre

Royer has sat on various public, private and NFP Boards over the past 35 years.

His academic credentials include: a BASc in Economics from the University of Lethbridge and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the Ivey School of Business at the University of Western Ontario

Royer was awarded a Doctor of Laws (LLD) in 2007 by the University of Lethbridge.

Royer holds an ICD.D. from Institute of Corporate Directors through the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Business and is a member of the Institute of Corporate Directors. Royer was presented the Queen Elizabeth II Centennial Medal and the Alberta Jubilee Medal for Citizenship in 2005.

He was recognized as one of the Fifty Most Influential People in Alberta in 2001 by Venture Magazine.

OPERATIONS - Grant Kelba

Operations have been all about winter preparation.

Without the snow, we have devoted our time to securing the Ranch against the elements. The plumbing has been checked and repaired in the saloon and the barn doors have been secured against the wind blowing them open and letting the cold in. Further work is being researched to keep the heat in and the cold out. We are also inspecting the heaters in the barn as we remember having some difficulties with them last winter.

The annual septic system inspection and clean out has occurred without any red flags and the water plant is running smoothly.

The Ranch equipment such as the snow blower and Polaris utility vehicle has also been checked and repaired by our staff and when the job required more intervention, we had them shipped out and returned in a better working condition.

We have made a wish list of projects that the ranch could be undertaking so it looks and works better and will present these to the new BoD in the coming weeks.

Remember that our ranch staff are available after they complete their daily tasks to take on your personal projects at a rate of \$50/hour. Small jobs only as their time is limited.

And if you see something that should be attended to, then please reach out to Operations at grant@kelbacorp.com and we will respond within hours to discuss the issue.

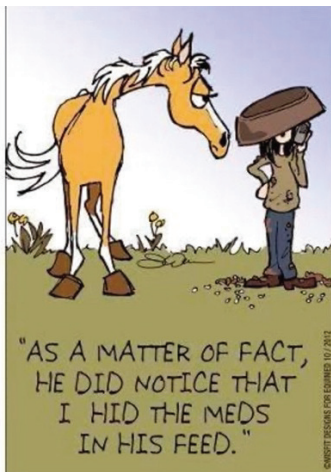
RANCH CLUB - Kym Penner

The Ranch Club had our monthly meeting on Friday November 5th. Topics included pasture configurations for the winter, current stock of popular winter supplements, and the departure of some horses for the winter months. Lori joined our meeting and expressed her desire to plan a Christmas at the Barn afternoon for all residents. More on that to come from Lori.

By the time this newsletter goes out we should have our winter herds together. Lori has made the decision that, for the beginning of the winter months, she would like the herds split by mare and gelding with the exception for the old timers herd in the Gate pasture where they will remain a mixed herd. It is her hope that this calms the herds a bit as some mares will cycle a little through the winter. We have a few geldings who LOVE

their mares and it can cause some issues in the field. We have talked about doing this in past years but the time seems right to make the move.

The Ranch Club has purchased a pallet of some popular winter supplement feed. We hope this will help owners so that they do not have to run out and purchase feed over the winter. We will be selling at the same price that you would find if you drove to Bar T 5. If you would like to purchase a bag, please contact Lori and she will provide you with a bag and record it for you to be billed at the end of each month.



Timothy/Alphalfa cubes - \$18.00 (no GST)
Step 6 – \$28.50
Step 8 – 27.95

You have probably noticed that there are a few more horses wearing blankets now with the cooler weather. Many cowboys would say that mostly it is to make the owners feel “warmer” ;) ... well this is true for many of our healthy young equine friends but there are a few situations when the blankets can/should be used.

Older horses who have a hard time maintaining their weight through the winter benefit from having a blanket as they do not burn as many calories trying to stay warm. Also, those horses who are still being used will

sometimes be put out after a ride with a blanket so they do not get cold after working up a sweat. There are some owners who like to blanket so their horse does not grow such a thick coat and this way they can be taken to an indoor arena and worked without becoming a hot sweaty mess. In general, the horses who look like fuzzy Teddy Bears this time of year will do just fine in our -30 weather with a little shelter and a good amount of hay, but others need a few more “creature” comforts.

Barn Notes: As the days get colder when you are in the barn sometimes you may want to turn the heat up. Please keep in mind that, although it is more comfortable for you in a warm barn, your horse does not need it warm. If you do turn up the heat slightly, please ensure you turn it back down when you are finished in the barn, as well as double check all the lights are off and doors closed as tight as they go. This helps us all by ensuring we are not wasting too much energy.



Kym, Hazel and Louis staining the new shelter

SOCIAL COMMITTEE - Patricia Kelcher

Full moon at the pond

17 Residents took part in our first full-moon get together. We had chilli, hotdogs, mulled wine, and hot chocolate. The sky cleared and we had a

great view of the moon. You probably heard us howling! We had a great fire going and lots of stories.



German Christmas Decorations
and Cookies Led by Doris



Halloween Walk

Ada, a witch, Doris and a poodle

Spooky Combination!



December 10 (Friday) - Games Night cancelled. Barn event 2:00 p.m.

December 11 (Saturday) - Christmas Cookie Exchange. Meet at the saloon at 2:00 p.m. Let us know if you want to participate in a cookie exchange by email to pkelcher52@gmail.com. Everyone makes their favourites at home and meet to exchange. We need to know who will participate to determine how many dozen we each make. Further info to follow.

December 18 (Saturday) Full Moon Night. Meet at the saloon at 7:00 pm. West pasture for a large bonfire to celebrate the winter solstice (a few days early).

Christmas week- TBA Caroling? Other ideas?

CPR course - If you are interested and we can get 10 people, we can bring an instructor to the ranch for approximately \$100 each.

Let's cook together. When we can gather, those interested in cooking a three course meal together, let us know (pkelcher52@gmail.com) and we can plan it together. If cooking is not your thing but eating is, you will need to earn it by shopping or being on set up or clean up detail.

Owner sharing series. Maybe you have a topic you enjoy speaking about, teaching or showing like travel, wildlife, a hobby etc.

It is with sad hearts that we have learned that Leandro will not be able to continue his take out service at the ranch. Many of the owners availed themselves of his services and enjoyed his warmth and friendship as well as his meals. He and his cooking provided a much needed lift during the long days of lock down. He will be missed. However, he is still available for private events and when restrictions lift he may make an appearance, cooking at one of our social events in the saloon. We wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

THE TALENT WITHIN OUR GATES (profile of Jan Elgar)

What is 'intuitive art' and what does it mean to paint/ create in that way? That is the essential thought behind my class. So many of us believe that we are not creative and can't therefore paint or draw and should steer away from anything in that realm. My experience as an international art teacher, meeting students, parents and their friends from many different nationalities, cultures and creeds, is that this is not a true statement. We all have a spark of creativity within us and one of the main blocks to understanding that is our judging and critical minds. When we approach it as a process and an unfolding with no attachment to a projected result, then there is a freedom to just enjoy and feel the delight of working with colour and form. It was a lot of fun last Sunday....

Jan Elgar:

I studied art at Brighton Art College and London University, eventually becoming a teacher until my family left the UK and came to Canada in 1989. After a few years we moved on and went to live in Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia where I taught at the International School of Kuala Lumpur. My



son and daughter were fortunate to have their entire education at that school through from kindergarten to grade 12. They then both moved back to Canada to study at UBC.

We bought a home on the ranch here in 2000 so that we would have a base in Canada and we all rode our horses and had many adventures. There were quite a few teens on the ranch at that time and there was a never ending rotation of sleepovers, bonfire picnics, kids riding camps and saloon bar evenings!

I now live here alone with my puppy Georgie and continue my love of painting enjoying the ever changing and beautiful landscape.

janfrancisartist.com

EQUINE RESIDENT - Sandy Almberg

Kudos to Sandy who offered to feature one of our equine friends every month. Each one will touch your heart. But first a little about Sandy and Keith....



My name is Sandy Almberg, and along with my husband Keith, and a fluctuating amount of Corgi dogs, live in Unit 59, on Main Street, Square Butte Ranch. I grew up on a farm west of Three Hills, which is located north of Calgary. From the time I uttered my first

words, I relentlessly badgered my non horse loving father into buying me a horse. My lifelong love of horses was sparked at the tender age of 5 with the arrival of the most miserable Shetland Pony he could find, in hopes a few rough rounds with that black and white beast would satisfy the request, and he could go back to grain farming in peace. Little did he know, one whiff of that delicious smell and the touch of that velvety fur beneath my fingers, would insight a passion still burning brightly today. Over the years I rode my way through auction market finds, from half broke to barely broke, Arabians through to Warmbloods with many a mishap in between. I have been bucked off, dumped, ran away with and found more creative ways to mount and dismount than was healthy, but through it all I persevered.

Initially when you first meet my now husband Keith you might think the dashing dude wearing shorts and cowboy boots, or better yet, pants tucked inside of his boots, is rather new to this lifestyle, however the saying "never judge a book by its cover" couldn't be closer to the truth. Keith called the countryside of Czar, AB home up until our move to Square Butte. Keith's family are one of the few original families to settle in the area and make ranching and raising cattle the family business. When Keith was growing up, horses were used on a daily basis to move herds of cattle with no time or desire for pleasure riding when the day was done. I knew our futures were headed in the same direction when I discovered he could catch and saddle a horse faster than anyone I knew. It was love!

Chuck is my main ride now that we are living at Square Butte and he is the feature horse for the January issue of the newsletter with Keith's mare Jewels making a debute later, when we work our way through the geldings and introduce the "Mares that Run the Ranch". Each month I hope to highlight a different 4-legged resident of the Square Butte Ranches pastures, as we embrace

what it is about living in this magical place that makes it so special.

AND NOW MEET WOLF

proudly cared for by Hazel Sangster

Mr. December Square Butte Ranches

“Wolf”



..... Wolf is either 26 or 27 and he has been here at the ranch since he was 7. I bought him from Jim Kelts, who lives near here and was the Rodeo Saddle bronc champion in the 70s. He had picked him up at an auction and didn't know too much about him (not papered). He is a quarter horse, probably with some heavy horse somewhere in his ancestry. I think he may have been used for bull dogging and was well trained but had learned not to trust. He was particularly sensitive if anyone raised a hand around his head or carried a stick.

He and I have had some amazing adventures over the years, back country camping, riding some gnarly trails around here and in the Rockies back country. He is always able to find his way back to the trailer and I learned to rely on that as my sense of direction is sketchy at best. Steady as a rock on the trails he has a few quirks. He has always been hard to catch, especially when the new grass comes in or a mare comes into heat. He's not fond of wasps and once took off with another horse after we tried to walk them around another ground wasp nest on a ride on our way back into Mesa. They were on their way back to Square Butte, having crossed the river and the road when they were found by two

Quirk Creek employees who tied them to some trees with binder twine.

One of his funnier traits is when he rolls. He rolls to one side, then sits up on his haunches and walks his front legs around to a different direction and then rolls on the same side again. When Lori Collins arrived here she called him John Wayne. When I asked why, she said it's because "he don't take S*** from no-one!"

Hazel

Sangster

DID YOU KNOW?



Square Butte and area are Treaty 7 Lands of the Blackfoot Confederacy (Siksika, Pikaniai, Kanai) as well as Stoney-Nakoda and Tsuut'ina (Sarcee) Nations. The treaty was signed at Blackfoot Crossing 1877 in region 3 Métis Nation of Alberta.

From community book “Our Foothills” 1880s to 1940s

Mrs. MacMillan provides a good description of trading in the early days. “The old Millarville Trading Post owned by my father, Malcolm Millar, was one of the stopping places for the Stoney of Morley on their way to the BarU and other ranches to fence for the summer. This, with hunting and trapping, was their livelihood.”

“Probably the first white man to explore the area was David Thompson in the 1800s. Working for the Hudson’s Bay Company Thompson wintered with the Piegan west of present-day Calgary in 1787 and later he returned to the Spitchie River (Highwood) in 1800.”

“Captain John Palliser was the next person to leave any written description of the Millarville-Priddis area.” The Palliser expedition occurred in 1858-59. “While mapping and exploring Western Canada two trips by different parties of the expedition traversed this section of the foothills. He described the country as a fertile belt, the land good and rolling and undulating in character with willow and poplar northern exposures and the valley of the Sheep River well wooded.”

The whisky trade flourished from 1869 until the North West Mounted Police arrived in 1875. NWMP posts were established at High River in 1887 and Millarville in 1888. After the arrival of the police large tracts of southern

Alberta land were opened up for ranching. TO BE CONTINUED...



The elves decorating the saloon!

