

# RANCH AT A GLANCE



**January 2023**

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**NEW RESIDENTS: We need your help!**

Tiny jobs, medium jobs, giant jobs. Volunteers make our ranch "hum". Plus I guarantee you will feel more part of the ranch community if you lend a hand. The newsletter includes all the names of committee/team members plus shout outs to long-time volunteers. Many of them have jobs, are here part time and travel. All have busy lives. Just like you!

Why not start by emailing me and I will happily point you in the right direction so you can pitch in!

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Now my shout out to the stupendous! newsletter team who always comes through.

Lori C, Kym, Patricia, Grant (now Gary, Clay, Doug), Me!

Plus occasional submissions from too many folks to mention who continue to support this effort. Gratitude to all.

## **OPERATIONS**

Gary, Clay, Doug

Things have been steady for operations at the Ranch as, with winter and snows, snow removal has been priority one.

We are also diving into the replacement of the current water meters in common property buildings (such as the water treatment plant), townhomes and acreage homes. Ten new installations and modifications of residential meters have been completed thus far, and as more replacement meters are provided to us by Foothills MD and as our plumber is available, additional meters will be changed out. We have been asked to concentrate on replacing non-functioning meters first, followed by meters that appear to be giving unreliable readings.

Operations has been working with the board in regard to our ranch equipment, including needed improvements to existing equipment and replacements of some older equipment. Initial quotes have been obtained and presented for review on the value of our existing equipment the cost of new equipment for possible replacement.

## **BARN Lori**

“Welcome  
January, The new  
year stands before  
us, like a chapter  
in a book, waiting  
to be written”.  
Melody Beattie



It really is crazy to think that I am writing a blurb for January already. This month we will be welcoming a new horse to our mare herd all the way from Ontario. We are told that she is much more of an arena horse than a trail horse but I am sure our mares here can help show her the ropes and protect her from the big bad moose ;) It will also be nice to see new owners Peter and Elizabeth around the ranch much more now that they have moved and will be renting on the Ranch.

You may have noticed a few of us going on short rides in December. There are a few owner horses with front shoes so taking a little ride when the sun is shining and it's above -8 is a great way to spend a couple hours on a winter afternoon. The time is much more limited than in the summer, however if you would like to arrange a ride reach out to me and we can see what we can do. A little snow and cold does not bother me - Just call me Elsa ;)

Last year the Barn collected food for the food bank in December. When I went and dropped it off they told me that January is actually the month that they are in the most need of donations, so I will be setting up a box down in the barn and would invite you to drop off items for the food bank that I will deliver the 2nd or 3rd week of January.

Happy New Year!!



## RANCH CLUB    Kym, Maureen, Hazel, Louis

This year seems to have FLOWN by and it is hard to believe it is nearing January 1st, 2023. The wintertime is a time for the Ranch Club to regroup, evaluate the summer activities and start planning for the next summer. On November 5, 2022, the Ranch Club held a Special meeting to deal with our very outdated Articles of Association. This has been in the works since before covid and although our Attorney could not make it out to the Ranch as we had a major snowstorm, we did have a Quorum and so were able to get the ball rolling. In May of 2020 it was circulated that the Ranch Club Articles of Association were outdated and cumbersome and did not reflect the current operations of the Ranch Club. Some of the items being addressed with the new Articles are:

- *The classes of membership are simplified*
- *The process of approving members is brought up to date*
- *Membership fees are eliminated*
- *The election of directors, their numbers and qualifications are changed to reflect current reality*
- *The memorandum is corrected to show the Members as the sole voters/controllers of the Club*
- *The Notice provisions are modernized*
- *The other provisions are simplified and adapted to fit the Club as it now operates*

The cost to the Ranch Club to make these changes will be minimal as our legal council has committed to just charging us the provincial filing fees.

The Ranch Club will be maintaining the fees at the current rate for Boarding for the 2023 operating year. We will likely be making changes to our fees for Riding with Staff, Lessons etc for the summer. We will update those fees as soon as they are set.



Some of you may have noticed that the Pond has been cleared off. A big Thank You to Louis Delesalle and Jared Penner who have marked where the aerator makes the ice thinner and prepared the rest of the pond for skating and even ice fishing! Thank you Gentlemen!!

We wish to thank everyone for a great 2022 and look forward to more fun in 2023!

### **Open House at the Setters**

**Big thanks to Doris and Jim who have returned to their home in Germany until August. We will miss these good folks who always support our ranch community. They have promised to keep us updated via the newsletter.**



## **SOCIAL - Patricia, Ada, Angelina, Doris, Shannon**

Since some generous volunteers helped us decorate the saloon in late November, it has been wonderful to see people enjoying it. Not like last year where it had to be packed away as soon as it was decorated due to the storm!

As you know from your notices there have been men's nights, coffee mornings, a baking session, and Christmas parties, both initiated by the Ranch Club as well as private parties and casual gatherings. Perhaps I can take this moment to thank **Shannon Gibbons** for the inviting notices to these events, and sending helpful reminders.

Into January we will be having a take down party of all the decorations and invite you to attend. Further information will be forthcoming about the details. We really need more helpers for some of these initiatives that benefit the whole ranch.

It is so nice to see the saloon beautified for the Christmas season, and it is wonderful to have parties and interesting new ideas. However, there are a very, very small handful of volunteers that have continued to do this for over 10 years. I would like to acknowledge **Angelina Wong** and **Ada Morgan** who have been at this longer than I have. This means cleaning and organizing your saloon, doing inventory, making sure there are supplies, planning and executing parties, decorating and undecorating, and participating. They are the people who remember details about past events, how we did things, where things are, etc. I am so grateful for their participation and knowledge. We also had the pleasure of having **Doris and Jim Setters** at the ranch for an extended time this year and last. I wish to thank them as well for the burst of energy and help they provided.

Please consider offering some assistance when you are able. We are so happy that some other residents have initiated the Christmas party and the coffee mornings, and the men's nights, despite their commitments on the various boards and committees. I cannot express how appreciative I am, I have to say. The fresh energy is refreshing. Let's continue to lend them a hand.

On this note, please let us know what you want in the winter months. There are fewer of us at the ranch so gatherings may be smaller but important for our community health. We are planning some small gatherings to share our interests and knowledge. We have some awesome crafters who may be encouraged to teach us some of their skills. We may start movie nights again. Let us know what you would like to learn or talk about or a skill you have and we will help facilitate this.

By the time you read this in the newsletter, it will be the new year. We hope you all had a Merry Christmas and that this fresh year treats you well.







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## **Use of Website for Ranch Communications**

### **SBR Community Event Functions**

The Website Team has the following to share since last month's update:

- A communication protocol has been developed to support SBR Community Event Functions. Typically these would be events, gatherings, meetings or workshops that are being provided in our community for all residents. This is how the Website Administrator can support these functions and what information is needed:

1. Provide the Website Administrator with the Community Event Information (**Date, Start Time, Location, Cost** (if applicable), **Deadline for RSVP** (if applicable)).
2. The Community Event Notice (**first notice**) is distributed by the Website Administrator
3. The Community Event Notice (**1 reminder notice if needed**) is distributed by the Website Administrator.
4. The Website Administrator will share with the event organizer the RSVP responses after the RSVP deadline is closed.
5. Graphic assistance by the Website Administrator may be available *time permitting*.

*\*Please note that as this is a volunteer community run website the capacity doesn't exist to support personal communication announcements or, owner private event functions. Thank you for your understanding.*

### **Condominium Corp Board Minutes**

Starting in the New Year, Condo Corp Board meeting minutes will be posted to the website once they are approved. Owners will no longer receive the minutes directly from Renaissance.

The board meeting minutes have been posted on the website each month for some time now and we hope this is serving your information needs to have them housed there and easily accessible for you to read.



**FREE to a good home!**

Brand new ink cartridges for a HP Printer. [r.pearce@shaw.ca](mailto:r.pearce@shaw.ca)



Speaking of SELL now that we received all that NEW stuff for Christmas why don't we sell the OLD stuff in the newsletter? Just sayin'.....

**Timeless tradition on 762 heading south to 549**



## **REMINDER GARBAGE AND RECYCLING - for all that Christmas packaging!!!!**

We have two large bins for disposing of garbage and cardboard in the exterior enclosure, next to the recycling building.

To ensure we efficiently use these bins please heed the following instructions.

### **Cardboard Boxes**

The container with the horizontal slot is to be used for disposal of cardboard. You must “deconstruct” the boxes.

-tear apart/cut-up/rip-up-in pieces that will fit through the slot.

**All boxes must be handled in this manner to reduce cubage and reduce our disposal costs.**

### **Garbage**

The larger steel container in the outside enclosure is to be used for **Plastic bagged garbage secured by a twist tie or knot.**

No cardboard boxes, empty or full of garbage are to go in this container.

**Again, this will reduce curbage costs for everyone. Please ensure all garbage is contained and the lid is closed to prevent animals from getting into garbage.**

### **Recyclables**

Plastic (flattened if possible), flattened tin cans, paper/magazine/flyers and non-cardboard containers are to go into the **black plastic** containers in the “**garbage building**”.

Making these items as small as possible will reduce curbage costs.

### **Bottle Depot Recycling for Refund \$\$**

Finally, **the large plastic barrel** just inside the door to your left in the “**garbage building**” is the place to deposit your refundable containers. Preference is for just containers in the plastic barrel, so please try to avoid putting refundables in boxes or plastic bags.

Please do not put other recyclable material in this container as they should go in the **black plastic bins.**

The proceeds from the “refundables” goes to the Square Butte Ranch Events Committee.

Thank you for helping to prepare and dispose of your refuse in the proper receptacles. This will reduce costs for this service.

### **Foothills Landfill and Recycling Centre for Large items:**

Foothills County has a large land fill and recycling centre. They take Furniture, Paint, Lumber/Wood, Bar-B-Ques etc.

**You will need to declare your address as Millarville in order to use the land fill. There is a fee.**

**Foothills County website:** [MD Foothills](http://MD.Foothills)



