

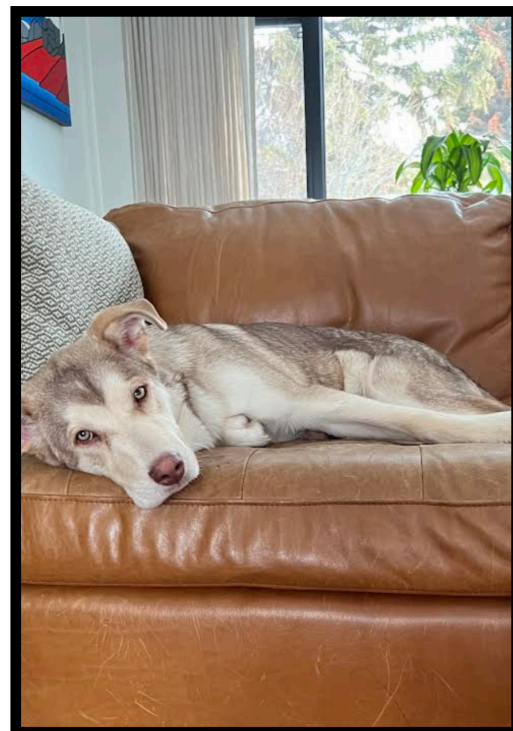


**April 2023**

**Operations - Jill & family - Ranch Club - Barn -  
Fur Friend - Elizabeth's Piper - Social**

## **OPERATIONS**

- Heavy accumulations of snowfall have increased attention to plowing and snow removal operations. Road gravelling work has also continued with the warming during the day and cooling at night.
- Water consumption at the Ranch remains higher than what the well is producing. The result is that from time to time water delivery is required. Clay is working closely with Foothills County staff to ensure we keep the plant operational.
- A new UV Lighting system has been approved & ordered to replace the old & obsolete system in the treatment plant.
- Aaron Drilling is scheduled to do a chemical treatment on our well. They will then pull the existing pump, treat with an acid wash & circulate for 24hrs. After the treatment, they will flush the well, reinstall the pump and then start up & test.
- New water meter installations are still ongoing and will be completed as a plumber is available. 30 have been installed at this time
- Burning in the West Pasture went according to schedule and the task is complete.
- Operations has initiated planning meetings to review and schedule work projects ahead.



**Hi there, my name is Jill Foreman, and I purchased #59 Cowboy Trail mid-October. I live in Calgary with my 3 kids, & we'll be enjoying this beautiful space part-time at the moment.**

Our family includes myself, my 3 children Sydney (14), Griffin (12) & Riley (10), 2 cats & 3 dogs. Rosie & Jules are 10 year old Lagottos, and Pooh-Beah is a 7 month old husky mix from the Cochrane Humane Society. Our cats remain city slickers at the moment (we may introduce them to our new digs if we come for longer stays in the summertime).

I enjoy a career as an occupational therapist, I have my own private clinic in Kensington, where I support children & their families. My kids are in grades 9, 7 & 5, and they enjoy a variety of activities including writing, music, drama, water polo, mountain biking, skipping, & cooking. Our shoulders seem to relax the minute we roll through the front ranch gates, and the quiet, mixed in with the critters, is absolute heaven. The neighbours that we've met so far have been very kind & welcoming & we look forward to meeting more folks soon.

Activities that we're hoping to enjoy are hiking with our dogs, mountain biking, cross-country skiing, and fishing. I'd also love to get some horse time in, but I'll need to brush the dust off of my boots! I grew up on a ranch north-east of Edmonton near Gibbons & Fort Saskatchewan. We raised quarter horses, Texas longhorn cattle, and had a menagerie of animals including llamas, peacocks, guinea pigs, rabbits, dogs & cats. So getting back to nature & critters has been a goal of mine for a long time.

The ranch offers a secure, and welcoming environment, to ensure my kids also learn to love & respect country life. Thanks to everyone who's helped to create this little piece of heaven. My family is really grateful to have the opportunity to share it with you.

### **RANCH CLUB - Kym, Maureen, Hazel, Louis**

Things are Heating up with the Ranch club now that Spring is in the air and we have started planning for a fantastic summer!

Firstly, on April 28<sup>th</sup> The Ranch Club would like to thank Maureen Heffring for arranging for her friend Maureen Enns to come to the Ranch and do a “Living with wildlife” talk in the Saloon. It should be a great presentation and there will be munchies provided and drinks for purchase on account. 7pm at the Saloon. Bio for Maureen below.



**Maureen Enns on her horse Chico**  
**Canadian Artist**  
**Resident of Alberta Canada**

Maureen Enns is an internationally celebrated investigative artist/photographer and co-author of the national best-selling books, *Grizzly Heart* and “*Grizzly Seasons*” and most recently *Wild Horses, Wild Wolves* at the foot of the Canadian Rockies. She is well known for her groundbreaking research with Charlie Russell concerning human co-existence with grizzly bears in Russia’s Far East. Her focus was on the emotions of bears and the body language bears use with each other to avoid conflict which can be copied by humans.

She has 2 post graduate degrees and 20 years of teaching experience at the Alberta College of Art & Design where she was a leader in innovative learning practices. Maureen has garnered numerous national and international awards in the visual arts and writing which include those from the Alberta Foundation for the Arts, Calgary Region Arts Foundation and the Canada Council. Through the Eyes of the Bear, a multimedia art exhibition opened the new Art Gallery of Calgary in 2000 and continued on Slovenia, Paris, France; and the Moscow Contemporary Art Centre, Russia (sponsored by the Canadian Embassy in Moscow).

*Monarchas Mariposas* was exhibited in Calgary at Masters Gallery in 2010 following a photographic expedition into the Sierra Madre of Mihoacan in Mexico. Her drawings brought attention to the slow decline of the Monarchs due to the spraying of pesticides throughout the USA on the milkweed.

She has been the subject of 2 CBC TV documentaries; *Games End*, 1990; *Grizzly Kingdom*, 1993. She and former research partner, Charlie Russell, were the subject of the documentary *Walking with Giants*; according to PBS, the most popular documentary produced on human/animal interaction. Pyramid Productions Inc., Calgary, produced a documentary based on Maureen's study and art about the wild horses of the Alberta Ghost Forest, titled, *Wild Horses of the Canadian Rockies*, released on Animal Planet in August 2008. Her understanding of the body language of bears to avoid conflict was pivotal in unraveling the relationship between a wild horse herd and a wolf pack. In 2018 she exhibited in Zipolite, Oaxaca, Mexico *A Naked Plastic Sea*, focusing on turtles and sea birds that become entangled in six-pack plastic rings floating in the sea.

“*Caballos*” was exhibited at her Ghost Ranch Studio September, 2022



The flyer also went out last month for our Summer Kids Camp and we already have some kids signed up! There are a couple of spots left so if you know a kid who would love to come please ensure they get signed up soon.

The Ranch Club along with Lori are actively looking to buy one or 2 horses for the Ranch. This will let us expand our Trail Riding program and even give the opportunity to community members to lease or part lease a horse.

To do this, we will be making our second Annual Kentucky Derby party on May 6th a fundraiser! Like last year the betting draw will go 50/50 to the winner and the Ranch Club. (Kym has promised there will be an “other horse” jar in case of last minute entries in the Derby... ;)) The Ranch Club is also currently seeking Silent Auction Donations from the Community, there are already some great things to bid on and we look forward to a fun and successful event! We invite you to invite your friends and family for a fun afternoon!



Lastly, The Ranch club would like to thank Clay, Doug, and Lori for clearing the Pond pasture this winter, we saw so many people out riding, walking, skiing and snowshoeing during our winter months. Another big thank you goes out to Darick Schmidt. Not only did the tracks on his quad make it possible for people to drive their quads and side by sides out the west pasture, his snowdog tracks made walking and snowshoeing down in Fisher Trails (Franks Trails) possible. So much of the Ranch was able to be enjoyed this winter!



**DARICK**

Have any questions for the Ranch Club please reach out to us at [squarebutteranchclub@gmail.com](mailto:squarebutteranchclub@gmail.com). Or stop any one of us on the road at any time!

Its April!! I have been dreaming of Spring since February 1<sup>st</sup>! I keep being reminded by The Ranch Club that it's the foothills and spring may not actually arrive until May... but I refuse to believe that sort of negativity. ;) In that spirit, please remember that there are places around the barn that can get extremely slippery during the Freeze and melt cycle that Spring always brings. The Guys are doing their best to stay on top of it but it's important to wear those cleats when you are out and about on the Ranch... or your picture may appear here next time ;)



I want to say a huge thank you to the Community for your generous donations for the Food Bank. I was able to drop off \$700.00 in Cash and 10 bags of groceries. I want to share the little thank you card we received, in it was a page of "Some of what our folks had to say in 2022" reading through it really brings home why the Oilfields foodbank is a cause so close to my heart -a simple way we can help our community.



#### SOME OF WHAT OUR FOLKS HAD TO SAY IN 2022

Yes, please, to the flour. That's amazing and will go a long way as I do bake as much as possible. With kind thanks.

We are really in need of anything/everything after the holiday season.

We have had to replace our hot water tank and our car battery, we got behind in utilities so trying to catch up, that's why we need some help. Thanking you in advance.

Thank you so much. A Turkey would be amazing! I appreciate your kindness.

I just wanted to say thank you so much, this has helped our family out a great deal. We are very grateful.

I am sorry I have dumped this on you I guess I am just very scared. Your help with food means so much to us. Thanking you from the bottom of our hearts!!

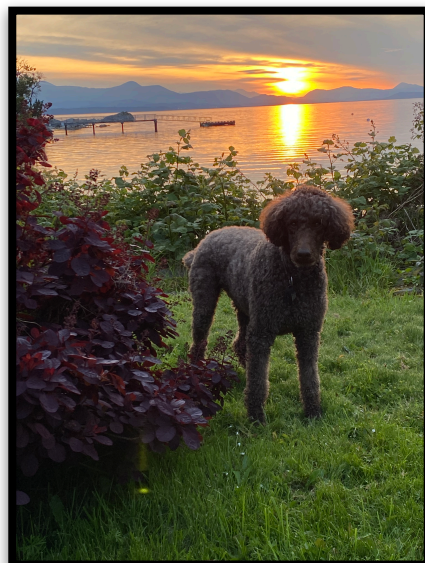
Currently short on everything dried good, produce, really, really in need of dog food.

I am thrilled to welcome Ms. Maggie the horse to the Ranch. Jessica and Sebastian have purchased their first horse and I am excited to help mentor them in this new adventure. She is the pretty Chestnut Mare that was seen in the Barn Paddock during March as she "served" her Quarantine.

I have so much I want to do this summer here at Square Butte. More Trail rides, an overnight trip to Mesa Equestrian, some off property rides to Sandy McNabb and some other great places. There will be many opportunities for those without horses to join me. My goal is to build on what we were able to do last year as far as getting more people out enjoying this land on Horseback. Some important things that happen in the Spring to watch out for as far as Barn Usage: Vet Day – TBD, and Horse Deworming. I will send out a note with exact dates so you can keep your pups safe! Happy April!!!



One of the challenges of keeping the newsletter interesting is asking residents to share! Fur Friends for instance! We have many sweet pooches with stories to tell. Please send them to me at [nancyandrossbarrett@gmail.com](mailto:nancyandrossbarrett@gmail.com). Here comes my favourite pup of the bunch!





Maddie has been chasing her orange ball at the ranch for 2 1/2 years. She just turned 10 which makes her the same age as Nancy! Her name is really Madison after Madison Mississippi where her "Dad" Ross worked. Our breeder accidentally sent us home with the wrong puppy. Now known as "Other Maddie" his real name was Duke! No wonder he kept trying to ride our legs! Maddie gave up agility and lure coursing to hang out at the ranch where she is a very happy pup!



## Introduction to Piper



I first met Piper back in 2016, when she arrived at my lesson barn. She came with her baby in tow. They'd been sold together by an old-order Mennonite farmer at an auction, but the woman who bought them was really only interested in the foal, so as soon as it was weaned, she put Piper up for sale.

She didn't know Piper's breed or age or even whether she'd ever been under saddle. She'd had a DNA test done, and it suggested that Piper was Trakehner and Appendix. Those tests aren't always entirely accurate, but based on Piper's 'thoroughbreddy' appearance, the results seemed about right. Piper had been sold as a 12-year old, but the vet said that based on her teeth, she was likely a couple of years older than that. And while Piper was okay with being ridden, she was certainly completely green.

I wasn't planning on getting a horse when I joined that lesson barn - just on getting back into riding in a casual way after more than 20 years out of the saddle. And I certainly wasn't planning on getting an untrained mystery mare from an auction. But I thought Piper was beautiful and very sweet, and on an impulse, I bought her.

My lesson barn was a dressage barn, so dressage is what we did, in a casual way. We never showed, but if we had done, it would have been at training level at best. Piper and I were both happy enough just hanging out and puttering around, and that's how we've spent our last six years together.

Piper's been here at Square Butte since early January. and she's slowly settling in. But there sure are a lot of changes for her to get used to! At her old barn, she was stalled overnight and turned out during daylight hours only. Here she's out 24/7. At her old barn, there was an indoor arena where we rode three or four times a week, year-round. Here, the lack of indoor facilities means Piper's been on an extended winter vacation. At her old barn, there were no moose, and those things are terrifying! But all in all, Piper's quite happy with her new feral lifestyle. Maybe a little too happy, in fact.

For now, Piper's in with the old-timers, but will be joining the mares once they go to their summer pasture. I do hope to introduce her to trail-riding this summer, but we'll be starting slowly. If you see us hand-walking around the ranch once the ice melts, give us a wave. But not a big one. Piper's a bit spooky still.

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

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Saturday, April 8** - Join us in the saloon for an Easter weekend coffee morning, with special Easter treats and surprises.

**Saturday, April 22** - East Coast Kitchen Party! Gather at 5:00 for a delicious dinner followed by the lively East Coast Celtic sounds of the band "Fraid Knot" at 7:00. Bring your friends and family, and kick up a ruckus with this high energy band (Fraidknot.ca). Cost is \$45. Book with the SB office. The cut-off date is April 12, and firm, so get your name in early to secure your spot. Volunteers welcome. Please contact Ada Morgan.

**Friday, April 28** - Bear Safety Presentation by Maureen Enns, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Check your recent email from SBR Community News for her extensive Bio. This is a not to be missed educational opportunity to learn about bear communication.

Coffee Mornings will continue every two or more weeks on a volunteer "host" rotation. The host just gets there early and starts the coffee. (Well, and maybe brings cream). But you get to chose what day and time! Just let Shannon know you want to do it and she will get the word out.

Men's nights continue every Monday. Ladies night is last Friday of month with the exception of April. Further details if we pick a different night.

**Saturday, June 17** - Scruffy Fish! We get spoiled with another band and this time followed by a facilitated drum circle! This will be a fabulous event, and hopefully mostly outside. Music will be followed by a barbecue. Bring your guests to our special ranch for an evening of fun and they can see it in the June light!

**Saturday, July 8** - Stampede Party. Details to follow.

Thank you to all those who filled out the survey so we have an idea of what events people wish to have. We look forwards to a spring and summer of large and small gatherings, planned and impromptu, and appreciate the energy and interest.



Coming JUNE 17 to *Square Butte Ranch*

# SAVE THE DATE

SCRUFFYFISH



Drum circle on the grass  
outside the saloon as the  
sun sets. Listen or join in!

"A genre-bending experience of sound"

**THE END**





































