

President: Leah H.
Vice President: Codie O.
Secretary: Takara C.
Treasurer: Dezeray W.
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Leaders: **A)** Sheri W., **B)** Lorie O., **C)** Devona H., **Y)** Linda O., **Z)** Suzann H



This month has been a quiet month for our club as everyone returns to their regular routines after the Christmas Holidays. Although, it has been quiet, now is the time to begin planning the topics for your club's Communications Program. The 4-H Communications Program aims at developing the whole person. Part of this development involves how to communicate effectively using different methods of presentation. The 4-H program includes four separate activities:

Club Speech: Junior 3 - 5 minutes (The topic can be on anything. Eg. Baking cookies, How to Feed your Dog.)
 Senior 5 - 7 minutes (The topic can be on anything. Eg. Baking cookies, How to Feed your Dog.)
 1 - 2 minute Impromptu (The topic is given to you by the judges)

Club Demo: Junior 8-10 minutes (The topic can be on anything. Eg. Baking cookies, How to Feed your Dog.)
 Senior 8-10 minutes (The topic can be on anything. Eg. Baking cookies, How to Feed your Dog.)

Club Speak and Show: Junior 5-10 minutes (The topic must be agricultural based).
 Senior 10-20 minutes (The topic must be agricultural based).

Education Display: Junior or Senior. This is an Agricultural fact based display on any given topic and should be neat and readable and easy to follow. This displays will be presented to the club as well as shown at any fairs Behind the Bit 4 – H participates in. These displays are often judged during the fair and sometimes \$\$PRIZE Money\$\$ is awarded.

For those of you who have not been in 4-H before you will need to complete two of the above activities to qualify for Year End Club Awards and four to qualify for the Year End District Awards.

Some common terms you begin to hear and see through the 4-H Club Life are:

Junior: a 4-H member ages 9-12 years old (as of Dec.31 previous year)

Senior: a 4-H member ages 13-19 years old (as of Dec.31 previous year)

In January we had two club activities and one fundraiser:

1). Our regular meeting at Work SafeT Solutions on January 14th. The minutes for this meeting are available by request from Takara through our *Behind the Bit 4-H* Facebook Page.

2). Riding Lessons with Unit Placements at Ron P's on January 28, 2016. This was a great lesson as there were so many club members there it was nice to see all the new faces. Who would have thought in our first year we would have so many members. There was some great riding and FOOD! Thank you to all of the parents who kept us energized throughout the evening.

If you were unable to attend and still need to complete your Unit Placement Ride please contact Sheri at behindthebit4hclub@gmail.com

3). Neufeld Farms Fundraiser. Our order deadline is Thursday February 25, 2016 with pick up on Thursday, March 10th at 6:30pm at #1 – 8155 Aitken Road.

If you do not have Facebook you may not be aware that we have our very own email address: behindthebit4hclub@gmail.com. If you have any questions for Sheri or Linda you can reach them at this email addresses.

Also if you would like to have a copy of the meeting minutes forwarded to you by email you can contact Takara C. at takarac@yahoo.ca.

CLUB SHOW: With our very first club show happening on February 20, 2016 (See back Page for more info). I thought it would be great to offer some pointers from our Senior Members and Parents.

TIPS FROM MEMBERS:

- Wash your horse the night before.
- Clip your horse the night before.
- Check and Clean your tack.
- Get your hay bag ready the night before.
- Get your number and clothes together the night before.
- Make sure you have the right hoof polish. Black for dark feet and Clear for White hooves.

TIPS FROM PARENTS:

- Get ready the day before. – Put everything in the horse trailer.
- Use a plastic bag to protect your show clothes.
- Make a checklist: Tack, Clothes, Boots, Helmet, Bobbi Pins, Snacks, Safety Pins, Damp Cloth.
- Don't wash your hair. Dirty hair is easier to pin up and stay in place.
- Arrive an hour before the show. – This will allow you to walk your horse quietly around the arena.
- The kids are going to get tired FAST. Set small goals for each show do not focus on the big picture. – BREAK IT DOWN!!!



SHOW SAFETY:

- Always ensure your horse is tied with a short lead. Longer is not better!
- Do not leave halters on the ground or hanging low enough a horse can get tangled in it.
- RED ribbons on a horse means it Bites or Kicks – Stay Clear!!!
- GREEN ribbons on a horse means it is Green Broke and may be unpredictable.
- Do not share water pails. Bring your own.

MESSAGE FROM OUR VICE PRESIDENT:

Hi, I'm Codie and I'm your Vice President for this year! This is my 8th year in 4H so if you have any questions feel free to ask me. I haven't been Vice President for long but my job is to help our president, Leah, and fill in for her when she can't make it to events or meetings.

MESSAGE FROM LEADER B:

Hi. I'm Lorie and I am one of your leaders. I have a horse as well and I love to go trail riding and packing especially in the mountains. I am interested in getting involved in mountain trail this year. I'm looking forward to a very fun and exciting 4H year with all of you! We have a great bunch of leaders, kids and parents!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 8, 2016		Family Day
February 11, 2016	7pm	Club Meeting & Husbandry Lessons at Work SafeT
February 14, 2016		Valentine's Day
February 20, 2016	9am	Club Show at BlackStocks Arena
February 25, 2016	5pm	Riding Lesson with Tom B. at Ron P.s in Yarrow
		Neufeld Farms Order Forms are due. Please visit our Facebook Page or contact Glenda to get your order form.
February 27, 2016	3pm	Club Speeches at Work SafeT Sholutions

Happy
Valentine's
Day



Behind the Bit 4H Horse Club

Come support your new local 4h club at
our:

Open Schooling Show &
Mountain Trail Course



WHERE: Blackstocks Arena 43067 S. Sumas Rd

WHEN: Saturday February 20th, 2016

START: 9:00 am

COST: \$40/Full Day **OR** \$25/Half Day

Must have Horse Council BC to Participate.

Everyone of all ages welcome

You *don't* need to be a 4H member!

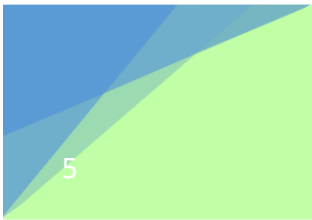


MORNING: Showmanship, English Equitation & Western
Pleasure

AFTERNOON: Mountain Trail With Debbie Hughes

Concession Available All Day!!!

For Further Information Please Call:
604-356-7156 or 604-316-9667



Behind the Bit 4-H

February 2016 NEWSLETTER

Horse Colors

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 PAINT