

DEER SPRINGS RANCH NEWSLETTER 2004-2005

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE RANCH?

When was the last time you were in the mountains? At Deer Springs Ranch you can relax in the clean air with the breezes blowing through the trees and listen to the abundant, flowing water. The fish are jumping, the birds are singing, and the horses and cattle are off in the distance feeding; flowers grace the fields. Cabins are ready and waiting for your family with most all roads accessible. This is the perfect reason to get away from the ordinary day.

WELCOME THE NEW RANCH PERSONNEL

We are truly fortunate to have two new wonderful people at the ranch. Gladys and Kevin Northey have already found a special place in our hearts and the ranch. The Northeys have come to us from Ollalie Lake Resort in Oregon with enthusiasm and knowledge on how best to work the ranch and how best to treat all its members. Their experience comes from many areas of expertise. Please join us in welcoming these talented and caring people to our ranch. Stop by and talk to them; they are willing to help out with information and just be friendly. Just ask them what you can do for the ranch by helping out!

RESERVATIONS, CABINS, AND THE RANCH

A lot of work has gone into making the cabins ready for visitors from painting the exteriors and new roofs to new furniture and linens to bathrooms redone. Things are looking better. More improvements are in the plans from the Cabin Committee.

There is still time and availability to indulge in the mountain adventure at Deer Springs Ranch. Making reservations are as easy as contacting Barbara Button at www.deerspringsranch.org. From Friday check in between 4-9 PM until Friday checkout 10 AM, your family can enjoy the beautiful setting. Remember that a cleaned cabin makes it easier for all of us.

Now you can request dates and times for horse rides as you make your reservation as well as possibly planning projects for the family while you are at Deer Springs Ranch.

Just add this information to the comment section on the reservation form. The \$25.00 reservation fee can be paid immediately with a credit card and a confirmation letter will follow.

▶ You will now have computer access on Starband at the ranch house for \$5.00 for each 15 minutes so you could stay in touch with your necessary issues. Cellular services are also available at the ranch in the office space being created.

▶ The generator will be running at specific dates and times, as posted on the bulletin board, and can accommodate the lower cabins for usage.

▶ The Ranch now has a truck that is in working order. An ATV is being purchased for easier mobility around the ranch and to save on gas.

▶ The Ranch has a new Welcome Sign above the entrance. It should reflect at night so guests shouldn't get lost when they are looking for the ranch headquarters. A night-light and solar lights for the late night check in have also been installed.

▶ The general store is open just in case you forgot something or need items such as ice or a candy bar. It is now in the old Bunk House. Come in and see how great it looks!

▶ We are creating folders of information for things to do while at the ranch and places to see. If you have information to add, please share with us.

▶ Please pick up your new Lot # signs, install them and create a visible road map. We are still working to establish permanent names for the roads for easier travel around the ranch.

▶ There is a new well established so we are on track for good water. Soon a pump house will be built around it to protect it from the winter cold.

▶ Culverts have been added in many necessary areas that will allow for passage on many roads.

▶ The ponds are full and overflowing so that there are streams everywhere. The fields have long green grasses that add beauty and coolness to the areas. The wild turkeys can be seen with their broods walking across the roads. The elk numbers and deer are increasing with this past wet winter and spring.

Monday evenings will offer an original Dutch Oven Dinner including dessert and beverages. If you are interested, it is \$10.00 per person and can be added to the reservation comment area or sign up when you check in.

RESTORATION OF THE HISTORIC LANDMARK

It's in the works to restore the existing old barn at the Ranch House! Many of the members requested that this building be brought back to its original state (or best that it could be). During the last winds and harsh winter, it is listing to one side and makes some real unusual creaking sounds. This is an important project that will take time and money, but we have it started. In the meantime, for your safety, please do not wander into it or allow your children to play in it.

ANNUAL MEETING

We are planning an event for this annual meeting for the families as well as presenting the yearly board meeting. Hopefully, many of you will attend. We would love to see you here. The progress that has been made and will be made is exciting.

WHEN: September 17, 2005

WHERE: Deer Springs Ranch

TIME: Activities 10 AM -1PM
 Meeting 1 PM - 4 PM
 Dinner 5 PM - Until Dark (Activity)

Bring a Potluck side dish or dessert

NOMINATIONS for the three Board of Director positions will be due by August 1st to Barbara Button. If you have anyone interested in these nominations, please either e-mail them to Barbara@deerspringsranch.org or mail them to DSROA Box 254 Kanab, UT 84741. Any member nominated for the board must be a member of the association for one year and be in good standing as of Aug 1.

The official ballots will be mailed by August 17th, 2005 and elections held at the Annual Meeting.

Be involved in making Deer Springs Ranch the best it can be and be ready for the upcoming years.

AN AUCTION is being put together by Gladys Northey. What fun to bid on things like extra weeks at the cabin, free cabin cleaning, Kabota work, beef on the hoof, overnight horseback rides, dinners, log swing, and stained glass picture! Money made from the auction will go towards refurbishing the cabins.

Email Gladys at DSROA@starband.net for the complete list of items or call Gladys at 1-435-689-1498. The current bids will be posted in the General Store. You can also follow the bidding on the website www.deerspringsranch.org. It will be a silent auction that you can still bid on at the annual meeting. The results will be announced at the September 17th Annual Meeting.

CABIN RENTAL POOL

Reestablishing the cabin rental pool is being carefully considered at the present time to benefit the DSROA budget and ranch owners who do not intend to use their cabin time during a particular year. The proceeds from this effort could be split 50/50 between DSROA and the unit owner. This could be a win/win opportunity and allow many other families to enjoy the special experience vacationing at Deer Springs Ranch. Full details are being considered and will possibly be announced at the annual meeting. The Board of Directors would like to have your individual input on the possibility of this action.

FISHING TOURNAMENT

On Saturday, August 20th from 10:00AM until 1:00 PM come join us in fishing contest! Get your picture taken with the winning entry! The entry fee is \$10.00 and is expected to produce some winning contestants for the longest fish and for the tagged fish. (No bait fishing or barbed hooks are allowed.)

It's time to have fun for the old and for the young and everyone in between. Are you up for the challenge?

Contact Gladys or Kevin Northey at DSROA@starband.net if you are interested and for further details.

MOTORCYCLE RACE

Do you remember when..... there was a race at Deer Springs Ranch? Didn't you see the last one a couple of years ago? We are having another event on September 24, 2005 on the airport runway. It is sponsored by the Utah Desert Foxes Club and is expected to have a huge participation. Do you hear the roar of the engines and the dust flying?

You can watch it for the day with your camper or rent a cabin or be part of the action by racing in the event.

Contact Steve Rij at steve@bmproc.com or Dale White at 1-801-292-5823 for your entry information.

HORSEBACK RIDING

Horseback riders wanted. The thrill of being on a horse the way it was many, many years ago could bring back the kid in you or introduce your kids to another example of how special ranch life is. The horses are in fine shape and would love a good workout. Barbara Button is doing the wrangling and does take different trails around the ranch. Sign up when you make your cabin reservations or check with the ranch personnel during your stay. Time to saddle up is always on Utah time so take this under consideration when you show up!

MEMBERS AT DEER SPRINGS RANCH

We would like to welcome many newcomers to the Ranch this year; they come from all around the country. Happy trails to you and we all hope to meet you one day. Many are staying in the cabins and others are already set to build their cabins. These last years indicate that many members have started building on their land; there are many hours and labor put into these homes. Congratulations! A Note: Remember there must be building permits issued through Kane County to build.

MEMORIES

Our deepest sympathies go out to the family of Joy Jordan as she passed away last year. She was a long time ranch manager and good friend to all of us that knew her. Joy's special gift to make us feel welcome when we came to the ranch will be remembered by many for a very long time.

John Davis will also be missed as he passed away this July 2005. He was a year round resident at Deer Springs Ranch and a realtor for the ranch. John also had the gift of conversation and the smile to warm the room around you.

Best wishes to you all and may you enjoy the ranch this season.

Manager's Report By Barbara Button

Thus far this 2005 season, we have had many changes and accomplished much. Kevin and Gladys Northey were hired to replace the previous on-site managers. They both have many needed skills for the ranch. Kevin is an all-around handyman, good with animals, good with equipment, a great cook, and a very hard worker. Gladys is also hard working, organized, and great with social gatherings and fund raising ideas. She has previous store sales experience. They come to us from Oregon where they managed a similar remote resort on Ollalie Lake. Being in a remote area is the norm for them. I have enjoyed working with them this season.

Together with much volunteer help, we have accomplished several projects this year. All the lower cabins and out buildings have been repainted on the exterior. The store has been revamped and added inventory is now stocked including ice. Last year we were given 50 pieces of cement squash pipe culvert. All the useable pieces have now been installed in ranch roads resulting in 14 new culverts. Brent Fullmer, our Road Chairman, spearheaded this project. Over 500 pounds of fish were stocked in our trout ponds. The fishing has been very good as most of the fish stocked were at least 8 inches long. We have 10 new baby calves bringing our herd up to 22 head of

animals. We have two new faces at the ranch. Osama and Ben Llama, two llamas loaned to the ranch by Travis and Malinda Sanders. Among other new babies are rabbits, goats, and baby chicks. This year our horse string consists of twelve nice horses. The grass is up to the bellies of the horses and makes a beautiful picture. The Board purchased a GMC ¾ ton four-wheel drive truck from Dale Clarkson at a very reasonable price. It has been very good to have two vehicles. In years past, the on-site managers have had to use their own personal vehicle a lot to keep up with all the goings and comings at the ranch. Thanks to Dale for his generosity in selling the truck way below it's real value. Our web site has a new look, thanks to Malinda Sanders. She has spent many hours updating the site. We purchased 30 new bedspreads, dozens of towels, sheets, and mattress pads for the cabins.

Several projects are still waiting to be completed. Cabin 2 and 3 exteriors will be painted. Cabin 2 and 4 are being skirted with hardware cloth wire to prevent the rodents from getting up in the walls. The Garden Cabin is getting a new metal roof. The ranch house will get a new roof and siding this fall. We have been working on a better solar electric system for the ranch house and store. The laundry room is being enlarged and improved. Several new fences are being built. The new water system will be completed this season also. Our roads continue to be upgraded and improved.

I sincerely appreciate the many members that volunteer their time and means to help improve our ranch. The list is extensive and I fear I might miss someone if I try to list everyone. There is absolutely no way that we could accomplish all we do without the volunteer help of so many. Because of the hundreds of hours these members give, I am going to mention two members by name. Jerry Racine volunteers his cleaning help every week to help keep our cabins clean. Jerry has helped for several years now without compensation. Brent Fullmer gives many hours per week of his time helping with roads, driving to town for supplies, fixing items around the ranch, searching the internet for the best prices for needed items, and giving a strong back when more muscle is needed. Without these two members, our ranch would not be as good as it currently is. If you see them, tell them thanks.

If you have questions, comments, or suggestions, please call me at 435-644-3007 or email me at barbara@deerspringsranch.org. I value the many friendships I share with all of you.