

**January 2007 News**  
**2007 – RODEO GROUNDS DEVELOPMENT**

2007 has arrived and we have many plans for the Summerland Rodeo Grounds for this and the following year. We have established a small committee of very interested people who are very excited and eager to work towards improvements at the Rodeo Grounds to create more activity as well as continued planning for a covered arena, stabling, camping and possibly other interests that arise.

In order to start making these things happen, we require volunteers. We will need many volunteers. The small group of people presently involved in the beginning stages would never be able to see this plan comes to fruition, so we sincerely need many hands. This project is to include all equestrian groups and anyone else who is interested in this project.

I will begin to outline a few areas that we will need volunteers for. I will mention the topics and will emphasize that they are “ideas/suggestions” at this point and we need people to come forward and speak up if something appeals to them.

Some topics are:

- Footing of Rodeo Grounds – Denise Dorrell presently researching this subject. We will meet with her soon and start a plan.
- Dancing Stallions –Spoke with Susana and she is eager to do 2-3 shows. Said they have to be at her place, due to sound she needs. Doesn't think Rodeo grounds would have good enough sound system. If we do hold it at her place, then we need to find bleachers.
- Water pressure – e-mailed Dale MacDonald. He forwarded a message to George Downton. We will have to wait and see what requirements are determined to improve water flow.
- Volunteer Coordinator – need some help to coordinate volunteers
- Therapeutic Riding – Alex MacRae, Barb Tkach, Bronwyn Booth
- Raffles / 50-50 tickets – Need someone to coordinate this.
- Clinics
- Painting coordinator – need someone to coordinate
- Fundraising Coordinator - If you have any ideas, please contact Gwen Shaw 494-8198.
- Stable research (renting / buying portable stabling, building stabling) Gwen researching. Any input appreciated.
- Media Coordinator (someone to keep the media apprised of the progress)

Letters of Support - I would also encourage “anyone” who supports this endeavour to write a letter of support to The Corporation of Summerland” and cc SOHA.

Plans for a Feasibility Study have been put in the 2007 Budget of the Corporation of Summerland. Therefore, the more support the community has behind this project, the better the chance of moving forward.

Thank you all for your support and please come out and make this a reality.

Gwen Shaw

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