

DRYHEAD RANCH

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The only phrase that comes to mind as we start this newsletter is, "WISH YOU WERE HERE".

Working mainly at the Dryhead Ranch this year, there are a number of new things we are adding to our activities. For instance, we have several Horsemanship Clinics scheduled with 3- time World Champion Rodeo Cowboy, Deb Greenough. These 2-day clinics will cover all phases of horsemanship from starting colts, dealing with problem horses, finishing horses and all things in between. These clinics will be using our ranch raised colts and horses, some of which will be offered for sale at the end of the clinic. We will also have cutting demonstrations and will be giving some insight on how to rope, work cattle and do some team penning and sorting.

It surely has been a very different winter for us here at the ranch. We have taken care of the cows all this winter and we are nearly finished with another calving season. We also have cared for weanling colt here at the farm in Lovell. Each morning out the window we can watch about 40 of them buck and play in the corral as they get their grain and hay. The guest horses have spent the winter on the ranch in Montana. We have experienced more moisture than we have seen in several years and we are thankful for that.

Joe and several of his grandsons went over to the Dryhead a couple of weeks ago and gathered all of the guest horses and trailed them to where they could be loaded and brought out to the farm here in Lovell to be grained and shod to be ready for the first cattle drive on April 27th

This year we feel really lucky to be able to add two more cattle drives to our schedule. We will be trailing some cattle up into the Big Horn Mountains (elevation 12,000 feet) this summer. The drives were scheduled for July 6 - 12, and July 13 - 19, 2003. Finally, instead of just looking at the Big Horn Mountains, we will be riding up into them and have the opportunity to camp in some of the prettiest country in the U.S. The space will be limited and due to some long hard days in the saddle, there will be some age restrictions. These drives are filling fast and space is limited, so let us know. Schedule for 2004: July 04 - July 10 and July 11 - July 17.

Although Joe is busy with a growing herd of horses, he and Iris will be there to make sure we keep up the western traditions.

Steve Beagley has moved on to Utah and will not be back this year. Marie will be back doing our cooking and Mark will also be back to help in any way needed.

Steve Cerroni will be our cowboy this year and he and Jen will make sure your "cowboy experience" will be a memorable one.

Some of you have already booked back to visit us again this year. We are very grateful for that and will be most glad to see you and renew our friendships. Some of you out there we are hoping to hear from, we will surely miss you if we do not hear from you, so give us a thought or two and come see us again.

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