



DRYHEAD RANCH NEWSLETTER 2003/11

The 2003 season for the Dryhead Ranch has come to a close. There is snow on the ground, and those of you that were with us this year realize what I say when I mention **MOISTURE**. We just didn't have any. Thanks goodness there was spring moisture enough to bring the grass and give it enough boost to last the season. Finally, there is about a foot up on Little Mountain and about 5 or 6 inches at the ranch, but each day it does melt a little. It is slowly going into the ground where it is needed.

We have all adjusted somewhat to the devastating lose of Jeremy, our friend, our grandson, our son, and our cowboy all wrapped up into one great package. His grave is up on the rims above the round corral, which we felt was a fitting resting place for him. The outpouring of cards, food, flowers and phone calls from guests, near and far was amazing and comforting to say the least. It was unreal how far the word traveled and to what extent it was received. No amount of words can tell all of you how much it was appreciated and how comforting it was to receive.

We want all of you to know we probably didn't do as well as we would have liked through all this, but some special friends and relatives assisted us and it was much appreciated. Most of you will remember Jack Blankenship; he came and helped during the remainder of the season. Steve Ceroni gave a lot of his time away from his business to keep us going. Steve also put together an outstanding horsemanship clinic with Billie and Deb Greenough and the new summer cattle drives in the Big Horn Mountains. Brad & Mary Beth Cockran, Donna and Josh Bassett, Doug and Penny Young all came to help. Matt, Jay, and Will came when they could. I hesitate to mention names, because I will miss so many that shouldn't be missed. P.J. came in the middle of all that to be our cook and help in caring for our guests. We struggled forward and made it happen, and we sincerely thank you for your patience and concern. Thanks for putting up with us, and especially **THANKS** for being our guests. We have some great plans for next year. Our web pages have been revised, our advertising has been updated and renewed, and for those new prospective guests that request new information we have a CD-Rom which we feel does justice to the uniqueness of our ranch. We feel we have just a little part of a fast disappearing way of life. So much of agriculture has left the hands of agricultural people and is now in the hands of investment groups only there for the return on their dollar. We sincerely hope we offer a chance to see and experience a fast vanishing part of history.

We are extending to all of our past Schively/Dryhead guests a special for the year 2004. We are forced to make some changes, but to our past guests we would like you to have the privilege of returning again at the former 2003 prices as we adjust and make our changes. We need to have these accepting reservations, including the required deposit, received at our office before the first of the new year 2004. Each of our newsletters will be sent to the email addresses, which you gave us at the time you were here. The current date sheet and Application for Reservation for 2004 can be found included in our web site. We are really looking forward to this being the year of the return. There are so many of you we have not heard from recently and you have been thought about and missed.

From the Dryhead Gang @ The Dryhead Ranch (Nov. 2003)

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