

FRIENDS OF THE BAR U RANCH

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Opening day at the Bar U Ranch is Sunday, May 20, 2012. Everyone is welcome to come join us for the start of the 2012 season. Hours are from 9am-5pm, 7 days a week until mid September.

We have included the **Special Events** brochure for you to check out when your favorite summer events are being held. See you there.

And, below is a winterscape photo of the Bar U, taken in January but it will look totally different by the end of May!



2012 Stockmen's Dinner

Our annual dinner was well attended this past January with the Honored Pioneer Families coming out in force and bringing their excellent presentations with them. Helen Cyr spoke for the J.C. Herriman family (41 members came), Patrick Davis for the W.R. Davis family, and John Burns for Senator Patrick Burns. We also had a short presentation from Parks Canada this year and a presentation from the Calgary Stampede 100th Anniversary Committee along with birthday cake served up by that same group. Our silent auction brought in a record amount this year and we sincerely thank all the donors and the bidders! A huge thank you to all the volunteers who contribute their time and effort to our annual fundraiser.

Our **AGM** was held on Sunday, March 4 at the Visitor Center at the Bar U with a very good turn out. We had two board members retire this year; one being our past Chair, Bob Arnold and the other one, Byron Palmer. Sorry to see both of them leave us. But there are always changes and this change has brought us two new members; Bruce McNeil of Priddis and Tony Webster of Nanton. We welcome both Bruce and Tony to the board.

2012 Board: Chair: Avril Chattaway,
1stVice: Renie Blades, 2ndVice: Roger McDonald,
Sec: Rose Dayment, Treas: Doug Longson,
Members: Rosemary Brocklebank, Roy McLean,
Rick Smith, Lory Moore, Brian Garstin, Tony Webster, Bruce McNeil, Bette Muren.

Check out the website too: www.friendsofthebaru.ca