



The Ram and Ewe

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A Farm Romance

Farm Romances ...(Life in the Hay)

This is usually a very private matter, and discussing it with the public is like sharing private and intimate moments. However, there comes a time when certain romances have to be given their place in print.

A few years ago we had a flock of ducks. They were simply common white farm ducks. During one of our long cold winters the local fox and coyote population took an uncommon interest in the art of dining on duck meat. We managed to save two, who, in their traumatized state, welcomed the confined quarters allotted to them in the barn. They cheerfully mingled with the ewes and their new born lambs, quacking away and offering solicitous advice to ewes grunting in their final throes of lambing.

Now, during the Spring, we introduced a flock of geese to the farm. In no time these creatures had taken over the ministry of self-importance previously held by a belligerent Holstein cow aptly named Bossie. They did this with a lot of noise, posturing and threatening hisses. Spring became Summer. The geese had goslings. The ducks did not despite their frantic attempts at trying to mate. Since both of them were playing the daddy's role we presumed they were of similar gender. Furthermore no one was building a nest, just all this goofing around.

The self important geese were not too friendly to the ducks. They could share the pond as long as they kept a respectable distance. The relationship intensified between the ducks. After all they only had each other until disaster struck in the late months of Summer. One of the ducks must have become over confident and wandered out one night to the utter joy of a passing predator looking for an easy meal.

The loneliness and devastation of the last duck was poignantly felt by every one on the farm. It used to do a two step shuffle wherever it went. Sort of backwards, forwards and two to the left or right. You did not have to be a psychologist to see

that it was lonely, afraid and suffering from an identity crisis. Very few creatures on this planet enjoy isolation, especially those who live in groups of two or more. This duck was no exception.

After having lost its mate, the duck had taken to swimming closer and closer to the geese. The geese displayed open hostility and insisted that the duck keep its respectful distance and not encroach on their group. To do so was to elicit a charge from the gander who would grab the duck by its neck and give it several whacks from its wings. The gander did just enough posturing and wing beating to keep the duck out of the goose flock and did not do any bodily harm as long as it kept a respectful distance.

When the geese left the pond and sauntered around the farm in their self important rolling gait, the poor duck would follow in its funny little shuffle, always at the correct and permissible distance.

As Christmas approached the duck, probably due to bad dreams of foxes, shortened the distance between the last goose and himself. Strangely enough the gander tolerated this as long as he kept one duck's distance between himself and the last goose in the cue. I am sure that this was not entirely motivated by generous feelings on the part of the geese, but rather as a gesture of self-preservation. Geese also feature high on the dietary menu of coyotes and foxes. They must have reasoned that if a sneak attack was to be made from the rear, the slow duck would cop it giving the geese a chance to get away.

Well, Winter progressed and the duck was accepted as rear guard and at the bottom of the pecking order. I am sure that this compromise was agreeable to the flock as it gave some relief to the goose who had previously held the position as being last on the pecking order.

At last Spring returned and all the geese paired off with their mates. However, there was one little

goose, (I suspect she was the one at the end of the cue) who did not have a gander. While the rest of the flock were making whoopee, building nests and doing the maternal and paternal thing, the duck and goose wondered around in a sort of bewildered platonic relationship.

Now a strange thing happened to the little duck. Instead of doing his funny hang dog shuffle, he started to walk on his toes and stretched his neck out. He was definitely role playing the goose. He hissed, (not too convincingly) and started casting amorous glances at the goose. She began to respond to his advances and selected a nesting site. Talk about a moral boost! The duck nearly doubled in size. When any of the other ganders came near the nest he would start to do the two step shuffle and you could see the indecision as he remembered his status in the flock. However, the now proudly sitting little goose would slowly rise from her nest, sidle up to her duck, and show him how to hiss, flap and defend their nest.

Amazingly he metamorphosed into a DOOSE. He even sat on the nest when the little goose had to take a bathroom or lunch break. He roll-played so well that he became very convincing as a gander/drake.

About three weeks later we were all surprised to see that some serious activity was taking place at their nest. It took the shape of bright yellow little balls of fluff. Certainly not some wonderful cross-breed. The boss gander must have had his way with the little goose some time before the duck had learned to defend his rights. However, our Pa was not the least bit aware that they were not his. Life on the farm went on. The duck took his position at the back of the goose train-but not quite. Behind him were four goslings followed by the little goose. And you know, that duck always walked funny. Not quite like a duck or a goose, but sort of tippy toes.

This is a true story and I bet The National Inquirer would love to get their hands on it and deliver the sordid details of an uncommon relationship. So we felt it would be only fair if we copy righted this little narrative to Pasu Farm to protect the rights of this quaint and loving, if not slightly uncommon, little family drama.

Geese are can be intimidating and are well known to be excellent guard creatures and also outstanding companions.

VALENTINES EROTIC GOURMET EVENING

(ADULTS ONLY)

Once again by popular request we are having our special Valentine's Dinner menu where the food is brazenly arranged and selected for it's aphrodisiacal properties. If you are sensitive to amorous issues this is not for you.

Reservations absolutely essential and this is a non-refundable ticketed evening.

Warm Intimate Atmosphere

8 Gourmet Courses

Flowers on the Tables

Lamb or Beef as Entrée

Selection must be made at least two days prior to event

Plate Service

Soft Sexy Music

And a Night to Remember

Arrive between 6pm and 6.30pm

Dinner starts at 7pm prompt

Sat. 9th & Sat. 16th February

Price \$180 per couple

\$100 per single person

(Service include)

Because of the complexity of the meal we cannot substitute dishes. Beverages are extra.

CELTIC NIGHT

Sat. 16th March 6pm to 10pm

Help us celebrate the end of winter the Celtic way with feasting, dance and music. A smorgasbord feast of Celtic delights plus entertainment and maybe a bonfire and small firework display.



\$45 per person, Service and GST not included.

BOUTIQUE NEWS

By Genevieve

The price of health is immeasurable. If you have it, it can make you feel like a million bucks; and if you don't, it is debilitating. So if your resolve is to get outside, smell the fresh air and get a dose of vitamin D while getting daily exercise, we might have just the answer for you.

New Year Resolutions require discipline, motivation and courage to be effective. Old Man Winter can be discouraging with his cold fangs sinking into your bones and dissolving your resolution. We have a few tools to make it bearable and even enjoyable by keep warm without overheating and perspiring.

Here is your check list available now and soon to be on sale at PaSu.

WOOL UNDERWEAR– Long Johns and thermal under shirt made from unbleached super soft MERINO WOOL. It breathes and wicks the moisture away from your body so that you always feel warm and dry whilst being soft against your skin .

The added bonus is that wool is antimicrobial which effectively means that it acts as a sort of deodorant.

HEAD GEAR– A SHEEPSKIN HAT for severe windy weather, or a soft lined WOOL TOQUE to protect your head (especially your ears) from cold winter winds and blustery Chinooks.

HAND GEAR– SHEEPSKIN MITTS or GLOVES to protect hands.

FOOT GEAR– For very cold feet a wool lined MUKLUK with THERMAL MOHAIR SOCKS are the very best.

EXPOSED SKIN– The cold can be cruel to exposed skin, especially your lips. PaSu LIP BALM and SKINCREAM with LANOLIN is probably the best protection available.

FASHION STATEMENT– bring it all together with a dashing SCARF that makes you look and feel good as well as protecting you if it really starts to blow.

DONT LET WINTER WIN!

**STRIDE THROUGH THE SEASON
WARM, DRY AND COMFORTABLE.**

PaSu can Help!

Restaurant News

PaSu Buffet

WHERE FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEET
FOR A SCRUMPTIOUS FEAST

Roast lamb, Beef and Chicken served
with hot vegetables and truffle gravy
4 fresh salads

Soup and our own Artisan Bread
Assorted pickles and Cheeses

Gourmet Pate

Four original homemade Desserts

Price \$29.50 per person

Children under 10 half-price. Two and
under free

Sunday seating from 12 to 1pm

Reservations needed

Or

Afternoon Tea starting at 2.30

Try PaSu Scones with Devon Cream a
bowl of fresh cut fruit and world class
loose leaf teas. Scones are baked to
order.

Seafood Evening

Sat. 20th April



A gourmet 7 course meal including fresh
Oysters, Lobsters, Prawns and other succulent
sea-food delights. Our Seafood is
flown in fresh from Granville Island,
therefore this will be a ticketed event.

RESERVATIONS ESSENTIAL

\$85 per head

Includes service on
the meal.

Tickets non-
refundable



SWEETHEART



SALE



With the exception of consignment merchandise or items marked on sale

BUY ONE

and get the second
of equal or lesser value at

HALF PRICE

Applies to all merchandise
without a sale price on it.

20th Jan to 28th Feb.

Christmas Ornaments 60%OFF

Men's Leather and Wool Coats 50%OFF

Ladies Wool Epsilon Coats 50% OFF

NEW AND EXCITING

We now have a brand new display freezer loaded with delicious and nutritional foods ready to heat and eat. We cook responsibly and check for additives, preservatives and GMO foods. Our meals are packed in single or double portions and geared towards elderly couples, single people who neglect to cook wholesome meals and for those who have a busy lifestyle.

LOVING FOOD TO GO

SHEEP MANURE

Dress your Spring garden with Sheep Manure ready for the spring and have a few bags in the potting shed for a great mix with potting soil. Phone first to make sure that bags are available or that there is a tractor operator if you are buying by the truck load.

Price is \$5 per bag or 6 bags for \$25.

Please phone ahead to make sure that we have it ready bagged.

Restaurant News

During the week

We are open Tuesdays to Saturdays for lunch and afternoon tea. The grill is on from 12 to 2. From 2 to 3 we serve light lunches and afternoon tea. Reservations recommended.

On Sunday

We will serve our Carvery Buffet or Plate Service if there are more than 15 reservations. Seating from 12 to 1. Sunday afternoon from 2.30 to 3.45 we serve tea, coffee, alcoholic libations and dessert.

PLEASE REMEMBER

That we book up very quickly for

Easter

March 31st Price \$32.00

Mothers Day & Fathers Day

Also \$32.00

Reservations are essential for the Restaurant on Sundays and for special events and recommended during the week.

Remember to reserve ahead

South African Barbeques

Our South African Barbeques have become very popular and some Saturdays have already been booked for private functions. Reservations are essential. Arrive at 6pm, enjoy our appetizers and a refreshing drink on the patio whilst enjoying a spectacular view of the Rocky Mountains. The fare consists of Sirloin steak, lamb ribs, Tandoori chicken and Boerewors (a special S. African sausage), sometimes a shell fish or seafood dish and accompanied by salads, various hot dishes, freshly baked corn bread and traditional S. African desserts. Menu subject to change

This is a wonderful way of entertaining guests especially those from out of province.

\$45 per person.

Does not include service or GST.

Starts May 18th

Let us do your
PRIVATE FUNCTION
OR
WEDDING