

Notes from the Office

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The big event of February was the Equine Canada National Convention which was held in Ottawa at the beginning of the month. In the months to follow many changes will be made to the EC Coaching programs and these changes will be implemented as of January 1, 2010. Keep an eye on the website and Notes from the Office for details.

While in Ottawa, we attended the Welcome Ceremony for the delegates and were treated to a wonderful power point presentation on the 2008 Olympics. However, the reception was the only “non working” meeting we attended. If you have ever wondered what goes on the EC Convention, here is a taste of the meeting schedule. Delegates attended English, Western and Saddleseat meetings and National Coaching meetings. There are meetings for the Executive Directors, Sport Council, ID Traceability, Breeds and Industry, Medication Control, Dressage Canada, Event Canada, Provinces Council, and the EC Annual General Meeting. Added to the mix are clinics for Stewards and Judges, and Course Designers. Additionally for all members to attend there were several really great seminars held on the last day of Convention.

In short the Convention keeps everyone busy!

Competition notes for 2009.

The USDF will be changing their Dressage tests in 2011, so competitors should keep this in mind.

Be sure to purchase your EC membership before April 2009, so you will not be subject to late fees. EC has a great online renewal system that is fast and easy to follow. You should have received a email with your membership number and password with your renewal notice.

For 2009 all EC members must purchase a Provincial Sport office membership in order to have the accepted insurance in place for competitions. The PSO for BC is Horse Council.

2009 National Dressage Symposium—Fantastic Educational Opportunity with Ellen Bontje and Christoph Hess

The Dressage Canada Coaching Committee is pleased to offer the Canadian dressage community two fantastic educational opportunities with international clinicians Ellen Bontje and Christopher Hess.

The Symposium will be held at the Agriplex, Cloverdale, BC, October 22–24, 2009

The Dressage Canada Coaching Committee reserves the right to review and evaluate all applications received for lessons. Not all applicants will be approved, as space is limited. The symposiums will count towards updating hours for Equine Canada certified coaches.

Additional information and registration forms will be posted online at the Dressage Canada section of the Equine Canada website www.equinecanada.ca as soon as they become available.

Resource Library

While you are at our office, please be sure to spend time in the HCBC resource library. We offer a computer with internet access, CDs, DVDs, videos and a large selection of reference books of interest to horse owners, students, coaches, officials and equestrian business owners. The resource library is open to HCBC members Monday to Friday 9:00 to 4:00.

Mark Your Calendars for Horse Week 2009

The eighth annual Equine Canada Horse Week is May 30–June 7, After the great success of Horse Week last year, Horse Council BC would like to encourage everyone to participate in this important national event.

Held annually to promote and celebrate Canada's thriving horse industry, Horse Week appeals to both horse enthusiasts and the public alike. Featuring a wide range of activities held across the country, including trail rides, equine showcases, charity events and competitions of all kinds, Horse Week has been growing steadily since its inception in 2002.

Horse lovers of all kinds, from competitors and recreational riders to teachers and breeders, are invited to participate in Horse Week 2009 by creating, organizing and registering their own Horse Week event.

The Horse Week Committee encourages horse lovers 17 years of age and under to enter the Horse Week 2009 Kids Contest for the chance to win great prizes. With three different age groups, and four different categories to choose from, participants are encouraged to get together and let their creative sides shine! Featuring the categories of Poems, Essays, Artwork and Miscellaneous (which can include anything from illustrated stories to sculptures), this is the chance to create something special about horses.

For more information or to register your event contact Susan Hilton at the HCBC office or email membership@hcbc.ca

Navigating the Horse Council BC Online Membership System:

If you don't find the answer here, please call the office for assistance.

Don't use the **browser bar arrows** for moving from page to page – use the **menu items** that appear on the left hand side of the page under your name. That way the link stays intact and you are less likely to accidentally create extra memberships etc.

(Mouse cursor changes to a hand over the menu items you can use to update your membership).

Login - All members:

The first time you try to access this system, you will need a password. If you haven't received an email with a link to the system, you will need to:

go to **www.hcbc.ca**

click on "**purchase/renew online**"

you should now be on the **LOGIN** page.

Choose either "**I'm a new HCBC Member**" or "**I'm not new to HCBC, I need to create or reset my login**"

***Note: If you have held Horse Council BC membership in the last 5 years, you will still have a number on our data base. If you aren't sure if you are still a member, please contact the office so duplicate memberships aren't created.**

New members:

Select the type of membership you are purchasing: Person, Affiliate, Business or Club

Complete the **New HCBC Person** form and click on **Create**

***Note: Create a "Handle" (user ID) if you have trouble remembering numbers so you can access your member profile without using your membership number.**

You will now be asked to click on **My HCBC** to Login

Here you can enter your new membership number, handle or email address and your password to gain access to your **Member Profile**.

Returning members:

On the **Login** page, choose “**I’m not new to HCBC, I need to create or reset my login**”

Select the type of membership, then enter your membership number or email address. If your current email address is the same as the one on the HCBC database, a reset link will be sent to you via email. Click on the link to return to the **Login** page, where you can now complete the membership renewal.

If you don’t have email or it has changed since last year, the email reset will not work. Please call the office for help.

Once you have gained access, you should see **Member Profile** with a list of menu items below your name.

Household & Contact – check the information on this page for accuracy – the way your name and address are entered are the way they will appear on any mail we send to you.

Memberships – you will see previous memberships displayed on this screen – click on **Create 2009 Membership** then select the type of membership from the drop down menu and click **Create**.

Add-Ons –this screen will allow you to add additional **Insurance, Publications & Programs**

Survey: Please complete the survey – this is important for our funding partners.

Account: Make payment here. If the amount is incorrect or there are multiple memberships created, please call the office for assistance.

Print Cards: Once payment is made, printing card feature is operational. Select print option from File tab on browser bar

Group Benefits Program for Horse Council BC - Business Members

As a valued **Business member** of Horse Council British Columbia (HCBC), you are now entitled to exclusive benefits at large group rates. Benefit plan premiums for employers with 1 to 20 employees are often difficult to keep at affordable levels. HCBC has teamed with **Ascension Benefits Inc.** to provide a group benefits solution that allows employers to be a part of a much larger, less volatile group. This means more predictable premiums year after year without compromising the level of benefits offered.

For a free quote call Ascension Benefits at 604-530-4511 or 1-877-777-5552.

Simply choose the benefits you would like from the options below and provide basic **company** information. Ascension Benefits Inc. can usually have a plan in place within a week. Ascension Benefits Inc. is also able to compare to an existing plan with often significant savings. Health care benefits start at \$43 for single coverage and \$120 for family coverage.

How to register for the HCBC website forums

We have been finding that most new users are having issues with understanding the registration process to use the forums. Here is a simplified version of how to register:

Choose User ID - this must be your **first and last name** with no spaces in between

Choose Display name - This must also be your first and last name, with a space between your **first name and your last name**

You will receive an email to verify that it is you that are registering

Verification code - type in the letters or numbers that you see in the box

Your password should be of your choosing, but please write it in a safe place so you don't forget it

If you use a nick name or anything other than your first and last name for your display name you will be deleted.

If you have problems please email forums@hcbc.ca

Special note to all users: **Banner signatures are no longer allowed on the forums.** This rule has been made to speed up the loading time for users.

BC Heritage Finals, July 11-12 2009, Chilliwack Heritage Park

We are looking forward to an exciting year! New classes have been added in an Open division, over 55 age division, Battle of the Breeds and Driving. We are welcoming Jodie Moore as the Trail and Handy Horse judge to assist Ellen Smailes. Demos will include reining, vaulting and driving. We have also expanded the gymkhana classes to include keyhole and flag race and open pole bending and barrels. In addition to an exciting line up of classes, we will also be offering a BBQ on Saturday evening with drinks and entertainment as well as a drill team performance. HCBC is thankful to our 2009 sponsors for their generous support including our *title sponsor* **Science Pure**. For anyone interested in sponsoring the BC Heritage Finals or for any information about the program please contact HCBC today!

The **2nd Annual Northern Coaching Conference** is being held on **May 23 & 24, 2009** in Prince George. The weekend event will be facilitated by Kelowna-based Sport Performance Consultant, Dr. Merry Miller at the University of Northern British Columbia.

Workshop descriptions and a tentative schedule are attached. The focus of the practical workshops will be on **Team-building & Debriefing** for individual and team sports.

REGISTER TODAY ~ Early bird fee is \$60.00 Early bird online registration is available at <http://www.pacificsport.com/Content/Main/NorthernBC/NorthernBCEvents.asp>. View the 2nd Annual Northern Coaching Conference event link to register.

BC Senior Games

Richmond is proud to have been selected to host the 2009 BC Seniors Games to be held September 16-19, 2009.