

Notes from the Office

The **29th Annual HCBC Awards Banquet** (November 21, 2009) is approaching!

The 2009 Banquet will be a showcase for recognizing and rewarding "BC's Best" in several categories including Athlete of the Year, Horse of the Year, Volunteer of the Year (the Bob James Memorial Trophy), Coach of the Year, Industry Professional of the Year, Business of the Year, Official of the Year and Horse Person of the Year. All winners have been nominated by the BC community and decided upon by a committee of dedicated and outstanding equestrians.

2009's event is going to be exciting and totally revamped from previous years and will be held at the Hazelmere Golf and Country club. This venue will provide an atmosphere that is reflective of the importance of the awards and the commitment to excellence of the recipients. This will be a chance to dress up, enjoy an excellent meal and visit with friends other members as you celebrate BC's Best. It will be the event of the year for BC's finest equestrians and the equestrian community as a whole. To purchase your tickets contact Horse Council BC at 1-800-345-8055. Tickets are limited and selling quickly so don't wait too long!

Online courses

Check out the online courses available on our website! We are now able to offer our members a discounted course fee, and members only access to the free courses. The current courses we have online now are:

- Bits and Bitting
- Manure Management
- Pasture Management
- Water Management
- Road Safety
- Fire Safety
- Buying Your First Horse
- Parasite Control
- Vaccines
- Functional Conformation
- Core Strength Fitness for Riders
- Hoof Care

Sign into the HCBC membership system to see courses available.

All Equine Canada English Coaches and Instructors can use any of these courses for updating hours. As the year progresses we will continue to add new courses to the inventory.

P'tit Trot

This is a great new program developed by the Quebec Equestrian Federation and generously given to each Province to use. The P'tit Trot program consists of a 4 chapter handbook, certificates, badges and stickers which when used together allow children 5 year and up learn about horses and Western Riding in a fun and very visual way. Parents, Coaches or Riding Camp leaders can purchase the package and use the materials to teach with. Each chapter is a bit more challenging than the previous one, and even if your child does not have a horse to ride, there is plenty to learn and enjoy with P'tit Trot. Users will also appreciate the website www.ptittrot.ca (available in French or English) as there are added games, and activities for children available on the site.

The P'tit Trot program can be purchase from Horse Council BC for \$39.95 plus postage and GST either in person, by email or through our HCBC web based store.

New books from the HCBC bookstore:

101 Drill Team Exercises - Riders of every skill level and horses of every breed will enjoy practicing drill team patterns. You can put the exercises together to form complete drills with which your team can use as a performance. These patterns work for Western Drill teams, Dressage Quadrilles or anyone who wants to have fun with a group. **\$39.95 plus postage and GST**

Coaching Skills for Riding Teachers - The author explains how to develop your teaching technique to bring out the best in your pupils, be they elite competitors or recreational riders. Modern coaching techniques are discussed, and the book focuses on coaching skills more than how to teach specific skills. An excellent addition to a coach or coach candidate's reading list. **\$49.95 plus postage and GST**

The Equus Illustrated Handbook of Equine Anatomy – Book One and Book Two. These fully illustrated books are written for horse owners and will help the readers achieve a better understanding and appreciation of the Book one covers the Musculoskeletal System, Book Two covers the Internal Medicine systems, skin and eye anatomy. Written and Illustrated by the same authors that produced the very detailed and expensive Clinical Anatomy Guides, these are great books for a very good price. **\$24.95 plus postage and GST each.**

Orders can be placed online at www.hcbc.ca by email to bookstore@hcbc.ca by phone to 1-800-345-8055 or in person at the HCBC office during office hours.

Expired Medication

HCBC would like to remind members to check the expiration dates on any medication, wormer or supplements that you give your horses. Be sure that you do not administer any expired product to your horse as it may have lost its effectiveness or be harmful to your horse. Always check with your veterinarian regarding the correct usage of any medication before administering it. Expired medications should be disposed of in a safe and environmentally sound manner.

Celebrating a few recent BC Equestrian's International and National accomplishments

Horse Council BC would like to offer their congratulations to our **BC riders** who are representing our Province so well. These are just a few of the results from BC riders over the past few months.

Canadian Reining Team member, **Lisa Coulter of Princeton, BC**, finished in second place individually on July 23 at the 2009 Reining Kentucky Cup CRI 4* held at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY. As well as being a member of the Canadian Reining Team which finished in second place on July 21

At the Adequan FEI North American Junior/Young Riders' Championships (NAJYRC) **Joelle Froese of Abbotsford**, won the Individual Bronze Medal in Show Jumping on Sunday, July 26. Jump Canada has named Joelle Froese the CAVALOR 'Athlete of the Month' for July.

The British Columbia/Ontario Combined Junior One Star Championship Team won the silver medal. The team was comprised of **Bethany Healey of Winfield, BC**, Katelyn Lafranier of Whitby, ON, Madeline Morra of Oshawa, ON, and Rachel Vear of Markham, ON. The **Junior YR Dressage** Team Canada West made up of Ariana Chia of Winnipeg, MB, **Sylvie Fraser of Armstrong, BC**, **Monica Houweling of Delta, BC**, and **Devon Luca of Pitt Meadows, BC**, finished in fifth place overall. Devon Luca was named Dressage Canada Red Scarf Equestrian Athlete of the Month for June.

Competing at the Canadian high school rodeo finals in Williams Lake, **Sarah Wright** capped off an impressive season by placing third in pole bending, fifth in barrel racing and fifth in goat tying. The results helped the Langley competitor to finish the season third in the girls' all-around category.

Equestrian vaulters from BC made up most of the Canadian contingent to the Kentucky Horse Park during a series of test events for the 2010 World Equestrian Games. The vaulting test event was comprised of three separate competitions – the American National Vaulting Championships, the North American Young Riders Championship and the Kentucky Cup, an international competition offering qualifying points for next year's world games.

Eleven Canadian vaulters participated in one of more of these events, eight of them from BC. **Colin Schmidt** of the Cheam Vaulters, Chilliwack, competed in the American Nationals, where he placed second in the highest men's division (Gold medal level). This is the first time a Canadian has placed among the top three competitors at the American championship. **Danielle Kennedy** from Sky Vaulters, Surrey, gave an exemplary performance in the women's Bronze level competition. **Alisa Porter** from the Cheam Vaulters competed in the Kentucky Cup where she became one of two Canadian women to earn the necessary qualifying points to represent their country at the World Equestrian Games next summer. Alisa is now short listed for the Canadian team to WEG 2010.

BC vaulters **Chelsey Wierks (Cheam)**, **Tauren Deluca (Triple M, Langley)**, **Jessica Betzen (Mt. Arrowsmith, Vancouver Island)** and **Raven Schmidt (Cheam)** made their debut at the international level by competing in the preliminary class at the Kentucky Cup. Schmidt, Marland and Bentzen participated in the vaulting demonstration event at the Young Rider's Championship.

Canadian performances at the Hartpury Festival of Dressage July 15-19 showcased the talent and ambition of this country's elite **Para-Equestrian** riders.

The event, located near Gloucester, England, drew over 200 top Para-Dressage and Dressage riders from nine countries, including a pair of Canadian riders and a full support team. **Lauren Barwick**, Hong Kong Paralympic gold and silver medalist from Langley, BC, and **Phil Wright** of Salmon Arm, BC competed in the Para-Dressage Team, Individual, and Freestyle tests.

Barwick attained respectable results including two fourth-place finishes, and only rode the leased horses for six days prior to the competition. Wright was praised for his improvement upon past performances, and his results were highlighted with a 5th place finish in the Freestyle.

The **Wits End Horse Trials** saw Canadians competing in the CIC 3*W division. **Stephanie Rhodes-Bosch** of Summerland, BC, and Port Authority, her 11-year-old Selle Français gelding, who scored 78.2 for 12th

place. With a final score of 82.4 and 16th place was **Rebecca Howard** and Riddle Master, Caroline Bazley's eight-year-old Canadian Sport Horse gelding.

Wits End also hosted a CCI 1* division. **Leahona Rowland** of Kelowna, BC, was the overall winner aboard Lambrusco, her seven-year-old Oldenburg gelding.

Glynis Schultz of Brentwood Bay, BC, led the Canadians competing at the CCI Three Day Event at **Rebecca Farm**, held July 22-26 in Kalispell, MT, USA. Schultz took fourth place in the CCI 2* division aboard Irish. **Sara Sellmer** of Kamloops, BC, and her own Lancelot Z, finished in ninth place. In the CIC 3*-W HSBC FEI Eventing World Cup Qualifier division, **Chelan Kozak** of South Surrey, BC rode Tasman Sea to a 12th place finish. In the CIC 1* horse trials divisions, was **Merel Von Oeveren** of Salmon Arm, BC, and Master Plan who placed 11th.

Three Canadian young riders Lee Hutten, 17, **Kate Coady, of Penticton, 20, and Ariel Macleod of Montney, 15**, won the team silver medal at North American Young Riders Endurance Ride (NAYRER), held July 24, 2009, at the Clark State Forest in Henryville, Indiana. The competition was held in conjunction with the North American Junior and Young Riders Championships.

Equine Canada Coaching Certification

In 2010 the revised EC English and Western Coaching certification programs will be unveiled. As of January 1, 2010 the existing examination process for Coach 1, 2 and 3 programs will no longer be offered and the new NCCP approved system will be used. As we receive further and more complete information it will be posted on the HCBC website and in the Coach newsletter. The Instructor of Beginners English and Western will remain as they are today, having already undergone the required NCCP changes.

The newly revised **Stable Management in Canada Manual** is going to print August 28th and we hope to be able to have them in stock shortly after this date.

Olympic Spirit 2010 Legacies Now

Horse Council BC would like to express their gratitude to the 2010 Legacies Now and Sport BC for their support with the Provincial LTED Implementation Plan.