

# Notes FROM THE OFFICE



## 2008 Lifetime Achievement Awards Banquet

Be sure to attend the biggest event of the Year for the BC Horse Community! Saturday November 15th is the date of the Annual HCBC Lifetime Achievement Banquet and Awards presentations. It will be held at the Langley Banquet Center, 3227 264th Street, Aldergrove. Cocktails start at 6:00 pm, Dinner at 7:30 pm with the presentation of awards during dessert. The dinner menu is western food and a cash bar will be available. There will be a silent auction, where you can bid for really great items and work hard to outbid the others. Tickets are \$40.00 each, but absolutely no tickets will be available at the door. For more information call HCBC at 604-856-4304. The theme is "Olympic Celebration" and we have Elvis and Johnny Cash providing the entertainment.

## Lifetime Achievement and Year End Awards

The Lifetime Achievement Award is the premier award of Horse Council British Columbia (HCBC), given in recognition of exemplary contributions and dedicated service to the BC equestrian community. This honour reflects significant contributions to equestrian organization activities.

Recipients of this prestigious award are to be selected for outstanding leadership within their chosen activity, their commitment to voluntary organizations and their specific contribution to the equestrian community. These noteworthy horse people have achieved prominence due to the efforts they make on behalf of the equine industry.

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### Eligibility for Nomination

- Nominations are the responsibility of the board members, individual clubs, zones or affiliated groups that are members of HCBC and nominations may only be submitted by such organizations.
- Nominations must be endorsed by five supporters.
- Nominees must have been resident in BC for a minimum of one year.
- Nominees are not required to be riders, and they may be involved in any aspect of the horse industry.
- Nominations must be received at the HCBC office.
- Nominations received after the deadline will be considered for next year's award program.
- Self-nominations are ineligible

**Athlete of the Year** Based on equestrian achievements, citizenship and service to clubs and community. Can be competitive or non-competitive, senior or junior.

**Coach of the Year** A current EC certified coach who displays professionalism and is an outstanding coach in any discipline.

**Horse of the Year** Open to horses of any age, competitive or non-competitive who have been outstanding as competition, recreation, trail, breeding, or companion horses.

**Horse Business of the Year** Horse industry, business, store, or manufacturer that has been appreciated for outstanding service or sponsorship.

**Horse Industry Professional of the Year** Veterinarians, farriers, therapists, that have been appreciated for outstanding service and professionalism.

**Horse Person of the Year** Individual who has contributed positively to enhance areas in sport, education, recreation and health and welfare of the horse.

**Official of the Year** A steward, TD or official that has been helpful, gone over and above their duty and does an outstanding job.

**Volunteer of the Year** A volunteer and service award, no athletic achievement necessary. Can be a junior or a senior.

Nominators must be current HCBC members and may be clubs or individuals.

There must be two nominators for each nominee.

Nomination forms must be received at the HCBC office by October 15.

Winners will be presented with a Certificate of Recognition at the HCBC Banquet.

A person may be nominated in more than one category.

For a nomination forms, please call the office or download one from [www.hcbc.ca](http://www.hcbc.ca)

## Paralympic Gold!

By now, all the results of the Olympics and Paralympics have been published. In BC we are so proud to have been represented by an all BC Paralympic team in Beijing. It is important to note that these athletes show a determination and spirit that is very rare. Lauren Barwick's gold and silver medals were icing on the cake and a huge success for her.

Behind every Paralympic team is the support people who helped them on their journey. We would like to celebrate the team (Jennifer MacKenzie, Elenore Elstone, Lauren Barwick, Karen Brain and Ashley Gowanlock) and give special mention to those individuals that helped make everything possible. So we would like to recognize: Jane James, Andrea Taylor, Sandra Verda, Elizabeth Quigg Robinson, the grooms, the horse owners, the sponsors, and the many more people behind the scenes.

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## Shipping with drop down doors open - A Warning

Recently a member sent us a note about the perils of trailering horse with the drop down windows open, and we think this is important to pass along. (parts of the note are edited out for length, but the main message is here)

"I am writing this to please warn horse owner's about the dangers of letting their horses heads hang out of the drop down feed doors while traveling down the highways, roads etc. There's a reason why there are gates or screens over the windows! All it takes is a mirror from a big rig, an oversized load on a lowbed, a road sign and BAM..... It's ok when your stopped out of harms way to open the doors up and let them have a stretch, but make sure they are closed again."

Thank you to the member from bringing this to everyone's attention.

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## Visit our booth at the Mane Event

HCBC will have a booth at the Mane Event October 17-19 in Chilliwack. Be sure to come on by and say hello. We will have books and merchandise for sale as well as information about our various programs. Certified Coaches, drop by and say hello and we will give you a free Certified Coach mug as our gift to you.

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## A new Equine Surgical Facility in BC

Congratulations to Dr. Dave Paton on his new state of the art surgical facilities in Aldergrove. The new facility will provide horse owners with access to a multitude of cutting edge technologies and veterinary care that previously may have required travel outside of the Province. Dr. Paton has been practicing in the Fraser Valley for 30 years, and has constantly expanded his practice as the needs of the Fraser Valley horse owners grew. The newest staff member is Dr. Cruz who has been practicing in Canada for 17 years, he is fully qualified in equine surgery. Dr. Paton will be launching a new website soon that will provide articles and information to horse owners about a variety of subject. Watch the HCBC website for a link.

BC horse owners are lucky to have many highly qualified vets in the Province, and to have access to several operating and special procedures units run by BC Equine Vets.

## Lost and found animals

If you have lost a horse, dog or any companion animal, the HCBC forums provides a place for you to let the readership know you are looking and how they can help. This works the same for listing found animals. We do ask that members list animals that are actually lost or found, as postings for information on horses you used to own is understandable, it tends to clutter this section for people who are urgently looking for an animal. Remember, when registering for the forums you must use your first and last name.

One more interesting place to look for lost animals or post found ones is <http://www.bcvma.org/cfm/index.cfm?lt=901> This is the BC Veterinary Medical Association site. The have an online form to fill out and will post your lost or found animal for up to two months.

## Website tidbit

HCBC is constantly updating and upgrading our website. You can learn a lot about HCBC and what we do by spending some time surfing the site. If you look under "About Us" and select "Zones" you will see how BC is divided into 8 zones. There is also a map that you can click and enlarge to see what zone you live in. Each Zone has the opportunity to elect 2 HCBC members to represent the zone at the Board level. Each Zone has funding allotted to the Zone reps to distribute towards projects in their area. The zone reps in your area are listed on our site and any zone meetings will be announce there as well. Take the time to find out what zone you live in, who your reps are and when the next meeting will take place.

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## New online courses

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Recently several new online courses have been put up on the HCBC website. They are Fire Safety in the Barn, Pasture Management and Water Management.

Check out these great new courses which are free to take!

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## Not too early to think about 2010 Summer Games

The 2008 Summer Games were a success, however, it is not too early to start thinking about the 2010 Summer Games in Langley. The qualifiers are usually held in the Spring and Summer prior to the games, but anyone interested in attending the 2010 Summer Games should start thinking about training towards qualifying for this prestigious event now. Teams are limited and you must qualify for your spot on the team.

The 2008 Kelowna Summer Games were a lot of fun for the athletes and provided a chance to meet athletes from other disciplines and during the group events all athletes from all sports interacted and shared their experiences. Team spirit was evident in all the athletes, coaches and parents who attended.

For some of the athletes who attended it was a life time experience that they would never forget. Some athletes came home with medals but all who attended came home with an understanding and knowledge of setting goals and working to achieve them.

So if you have a desire to compete with the best in the province, attend at a multi-discipline games, experience what it might be like at a national or international games, or just have a 4 day experience that you will never forget, start thinking about 2010 now!

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## Boarding disputes

Occasionally a member will call the office with a problem with a boarder or with the barn management. The most important item between the barn management and the boarder is the boarding contract. Make sure you see the contract, sign and understand it before you move your horse in and Barn managers be sure it is signed and understood before you allow an owner to move their horse into the barn. Be sure to keep a copy for your records. Barn Managers should be sure that the contract is clear on responsibilities, board payment, services covered, actions for non-payment, and any other important details.

## 2008 North America Young Rider's Championships

The talented Riders representing BC and Canada in Dressage, Jumping and Eventing made us proud. As always the competition was outstanding and our Athletes were well placed in each competition. Congratulations to the young Athletes for representing BC with excellence.

Reiners, now is your chance to join in the North American Young Rider's Championships. 2008 was the first year Reining was included in the Championship. Competing at the NAYRC is a great goal to set and we would love to see BC Reiners taking part soon.

## **Bookstore new titles and online availability**

Whats new in the HCBC bookstore? We strive to carry the latest new books in the bookstore. Some new books from the past few months are:

Braiding Manes and Tales, by Charni Lewis, \$24.95

Fitness Evaluation of the Horse, by John Pierre Hourdebaight, \$43.99

Jump with Joy, by Sarah Blanchard, \$32.95

We carry approximately 600 titles for most Equestrian Interests. Check out the online bookstore at [www.hcbc.ca](http://www.hcbc.ca) this offers every title HCBC carries, plus you can shop any time you want. The server is secure and accepts Visa or Mastercard payment. We can also accept orders by email [bookstore@hcbc.ca](mailto:bookstore@hcbc.ca) or by phone to 1-800-345-8055

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## **Road Safety**

Horse Council is pleased to announce the upcoming release of the new online “free” course Road Safety – Education for Equestrians and Motorists. This course focuses on road safety; lending valuable information, useful tips and great pictures depicting safe road riding protocol.

As a means of reaching a vaster audience, we have developed the online course into a handy booklet which we hope to distribute where it will be the most effective.

Our goal is to provide awareness through education!

An announcement will be made on our website [www.hcbc.ca](http://www.hcbc.ca) when the course and booklets are available – Stay tuned!

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## **Western Heritage**

2009 will be a year to remember as the Western Heritage program will be renewed, refreshed and rejuvenated! Horse Council BC and our gracious volunteers will be promoting the program with exciting changes to the Championships; including new rules, a banquet, additional sponsorship, discipline demonstrations, and even a new name. Come by our booth at the Mane Event to see our new promotional material. Thank you to Ellen Smailes from Heffley Creek, who has enthusiastically agreed to judge our 2009 Championships in Chilliwack. We look forward to expanding the program, supporting our grass roots riders and growing General Performance disciplines across the province. Watch our website, forums, e-news and notes from the office for monthly updates. This is going to be an exciting year...

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