

Notes FROM THE OFFICE



Keeping in touch

Summer has been very busy at Horse Council BC with Summer Games, Western Heritage, Senior Games and all of the regular office events, it seems there is always something big going on somewhere in BC. Keeping communication open and members informed of events is a challenge. In an effort to meet this challenge, the HCBC website continues to evolve as we make efforts to post events and news on the site. The weekly e-bulletin is sent out to all members who we have emails for in an effort to quickly inform the membership of breaking news. As HCBC staff members have complete access to our site, we can update, make additions quickly to keep our site fresh and updated. If you need something and cannot find it on the site, just give the office a call!

Summer Games

The Summer Games were held at the Kelowna Riding Club and were a great success. Thank you to Lynda Ramsay who was the Sport Chair and put in countless hours of work before, during and after the games. Carolyn Tipler, Fran McAvity and Sharon Hall were the Discipline Chairs who made sure that everything was ready for their events. Thank you to Meghan Rawlins, course designer and Jan Blackhall, jump judge for their work (and great humour!) with the jumping division. Jacqui Oldham was the Dressage Judge and did an excellent job as well as making all of the Dressage competitors feel welcome. Gregg Lauder was the Reining judge, and also agreed to put on several competitor and coaches clinics during the games. Alf Fletcher was the Jumper Ring Steward, and did a great job as always. Sarah Bradley acted as Provincial Advisor along with Kelly Coughlin as her assistant. Joni Lynn Peters gave her time to help as the demonstrator for the "Jog" clinic. We also need to show our appreciation to the many volunteers who helped over the 4 days, they are vital.

We were lucky to have had a Head Coach for each zone, who were kind enough to agree to volunteer their time to the Games. Not only were they active with coaching the teams, they were also chaperoning, attending events and much more. It was great to see coaches with their zone athletes in their Zone colored T shirts watching the show or working together in preparation for competition.

We cannot thank these coaches enough, as well as their assistant coaches. So again we would like to thank: Fionna Christensen, Karen Worthington, Jeanine Ellingham, Alison Bain, Jacky Cooper, Deb Fox, Christine Hassell and Georgeann Gregory. There were many personal coaches at the Games who helped out whenever needed.

Thank you should also go to the parents who came out to show their support. The athletes could not have done it without you. The last Thank you should go to the athletes who worked hard to qualify, some driving very long distances to attend the games. It was a lot of fun to see how each athlete "adjusted" their t shirt so that it fit and decorated their stall area with pride. With out their enthusiasm and spirit, there would be no games.

Team Spirit was evident as riders cheered every rider on, regardless of the zone they were competing on or what discipline. In the end, the journey to qualify, the process of competing and the sportsmanship shown became the focus of the games. The medals won were well deserved and what a thrill it must have been to stand on the podium in front of their peers and fellow competitors. Everyone left the games experience a winner.

For results go to: www.bcgames.org. Candid pictures will be on the HCBC website soon.

Senior Games

While the junior athletes enjoy the Summer Games, a new experience is about to start for the "mature" athletes. 2008 will be the first time Equestrian events are included in the Senior Games. Held this year in Prince George as a demonstration sport, it is hoped that it will draw many of the over 55 riders who are actively competing, or would like to take part in a Games experience. The Senior games are held every year around the province and HCBC hopes that Equestrian will continue to be included in the years to come.

Lorraine Chapell

Lorraine Chappell is an Aldergrove resident and HCBC member, who has successfully earned two top three Grand Prix Dressage placings at the Pebble Beach CDI, July 3-6 in California.

While Lorraine and her equine partner Carpatino, an 11 year old Holsteiner gelding will not be on the Beijing Olympics team for 2008, they have their eyes set on London in 2012. Congratulations and best of luck to Lorraine.

Vegas World Cup 2009

Las Vegas is again the venue for the World Cup Dressage and Show Jumping. This event is not to be missed, it has all the excitement of Vegas, a huge trade show, amazing horses and riders, and of course, all the attractions of Las Vegas.

Tickets and hotel rooms sell out far in advance, so if you are interested make sure you act fast!

Young Riders Championships

The North American Junior and Young Riders Championships are set for July 29th to August 3, 2008 in Parker, Colorado.

BC is pleased to have a number of riders qualified to compete at this prestigious Championship.

Eventing:

Julia Norman, Kelowna
Marissa Wolfe, Pitt Meadows
Stephanie Rhodes-Bosch, Summerland

Jumpers:

Sydney Chapman, Duncan
Jean-Nicholas Goyette, Fort Langley
Braden James, Kamloops

Dressage:

Devon Luca, Pitt Meadows
Sarah Regehr, Vernon
Erin Gibson, Errington

An important note is that Reining is now included in the NA-JYRC. While no riders from BC are competing this year, we hope to see some in the years to come.

All horses in the Championship are required to do the "jog" for soundness prior to competing. At the BC Summer Games in Kelowna this year a clinic was held for the riders and coaches on how to do this important requirement correctly. As the Summer Games riders progress on to a Young Riders level (in all disciplines) this skill which they learned will help them immensely.

Website – Business members

Have you checked out the HCBC Business members listed on our site? Go to www.hcbc.ca and click on the Directory tab on the left hand side of the home page. Here you will see our Business members offering services from Accommodations to Web-page development.

BC 150 Ride

The Backcountry Horsemen of B.C. Aldergrove and Yarrow chapters rode nine days and 180 kilometres (20 to 30 km/day) starting from the Fort Langley National Historic Site, where Sir James Douglas pronounced B.C. a Crown Colony on Nov. 18, 1858.

The long ride took place July 18 to 26, with the horsemen and horsewomen starting at Fort Langley and ending in Manning Park where the well-traveled group will celebrate B.C.'s 150th birthday at a celebration at Jacobson Lake.

The ride will pass through some of the old Gold Rush trails and track some of the hard terrain the Wild West is famous for. "The Backcountry Horsemen will actually be following the old brigade trail the Hudson's Bay Company men traveled in the 1850s.

Road riding was accompanied by a support truck and horse trailer to warn drivers about the group passing through. To find out more about the ride and the group go to www.aldergrovebchorsemen.org.

November AGM and Banquet

The Horse Council BC annual Awards Banquet will be held November 15th in Aldergrove. Mark you calendars and practice your dancing, rumor has it that Elvis is coming to sing for us.....

We are looking for Nominations for the Horse Person of the Year, Lifetime Achievement Award, Coach of the Year, Athlete of the Year, Horse of the Year, Horse Business of the Year, Equine Professional of the Year and Volunteer of the Year. Don't miss your chance to see a deserving person recognized by Horse Council BC. All nomination forms are available on the website or contact the HCBC office and we can fax one to you.

Western Heritage Championships

Horse Council BC and coordinators Kay and Mike Evans along with Kelowna Riding Club hosted the 2008 Western Heritage and General Performance Provincial Championships July 12th and 13th. Competitors from all over the province joined to showcase the versatility of all breeds and disciplines in both Western and English classes. Join us again next year at Heritage Park in Chilliwack July 11th and 12th 2009. For more information about the Western Heritage program refer to our website under competitions on how to apply, qualify and participate in a variety of shows from around BC. Congratulations to all participants for a successful weekend! New for 2009 qualifying shows- Command Class.

Horse Council BC Youth Sportsmanship Awards:

Tristianna Allwood
Cassandra Hiltz
Jory Pollard

Full results will be posted on the HCBC website.

Horse Week Kids' Contest – Winners List

Painting & Drawing

Melissa Marshall (15)	1st	13 – 17
Aila Evans (6)	1st	8 & under
Vanessa Caverly (6)	2nd	8 & under

Sculpture

Carissa Greenlees (16)	1st	13 – 17
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Photos

Savannah Meredith (14)	1st	13 – 17
Amanda Langset (9)	1st	9 - 12
Beth Ralston (8)	1st	8 & under (candid)
Danika Caverly (8)		1st
8 & under (artistic)		

Stories

Brianna Statham (9)	1st	9 -12
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Poetry

Kyara Hunter (12)	1st	9 - 12
Brittany Eckstein (14)	2nd	9 - 12

Congratulations to all the winners and special thanks to everyone who entered – you made this the best Horse Week ever! Watch your mailboxes for your prizes and stay tuned for a new page on our website just for kids! If you have ideas about what you would like to see on your page, please email them to membership@hcbc.ca – I want to hear from you...Susan Hilton,