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Notes From The Office

Submitted By Wendy Sewell, Manager of Coaching

"Dear Members"

As these Notes are being written, the best of the world's winter athletes are competing at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics. The staff at HCBC was happy to be able to watch the torch relay as it passed by our Aldergrove office. It was hard not to get swept up in the excitement of the day and the Olympics in general. We have been hearing the Canadian Sport System's slogan "Own the Podium" for years as Canada worked to prepare for the best ever showing at the 2010 Winter Games and beyond. The slogan is intended to show Canada's goal to have their athletes producing consistent medal performances in International competition. While elite sport is exciting to watch, do you ever wonder what "Own the Podium" means to the recreational rider and to equestrians in all of our different pursuits? Being a good rider does not only mean clearing a Grand Prix course, it can mean being empathetic, educated and making sure that you are doing the best you can for your horse while in the saddle or the barn. Owning the Podium is about goal setting. What are your goals for the next month or the next year? As you strive to achieve your goals, be they getting the correct lead consistently, achieving a Rider level, riding a trail or a specific distance reward yourself by making each achievement your personal podium performance. You too, can "Own the Podium"!

If you are a junior equestrian and have podium dreams, try qualifying for the 2010 BC Summer Games in Langley, July 22 to 25. The core sports for equestrian are Reining, Jumping and Dressage and for 2010 we have Vaulting and Para Dressage as demonstration sports. Check out our website for more details. And yes, the medal winners are presented their awards on a podium, just like at the Olympics!

Equine Canada National Convention

Recently several staff members of Horse Council BC attended the Equine Canada National Convention in Montreal. Lisa Laycock, Executive Director attended the Provinces Council meetings, the AGM, as well as the Executive Directors meetings. Kelly Coughlin attended the Breeds and Industry meetings, the ID traceability meetings, and the AGM. Wendy Sewell attended the Western Coaching meetings, English Coaching meetings as well as the National Coaching committee meeting. Sarah Bradley, HCBC's President attended the Sport Council meetings,

Notice

Horse Council BC Annual General Meeting

Date: March 27, 2010
Time: 1:15pm

Location:
Best Western Country
Meadows
3070 - 264 Street
Aldergrove, BC
V4W 3E1

All Horse Council BC members are encouraged to attend the AGM. Please watch for the agenda in the weeks to come. If you have any questions please contact Lisa Laycock at 1-800-345-8055 or by email: administration@hcbc.ca.

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the Provinces council meetings as well as the AGM. Many of the committee's only meet once a year making the agenda's very long, and the days even longer. A lot of very worthwhile work is done and a lot of very important information returns to the province after the meetings.

Equine Canada's Coaching Programs have gone through revisions in order to have them comply with the NCCP standards which have also undergone revisions. As a result we now have very usable coaching programs that are truly competency based. Coach candidates will be evaluated on their ability to teach or coach at the final evaluation. The groups worked on the final details of the English and Western coach programs and they are now being sent to the Coaching Association of Canada for final context approval. We hope to have the final versions for the provincial implementation by late March. Driving Instructor has also been sent off for final approval and Saddleseat Instructor was accepted last year.

One of the major changes will be the designation names. Coaches certified in 2010 and beyond will be called Competition Coach (equitable to Coach 1) and Competition Coach Specialist (equitable to Coach 2). For more details, go to the coaching section of the HCBC website or email coaching@hcbc.ca.

Those attending the Livestock ID and Traceability meetings report that Livestock ID will be mandatory by 2012; this is a Federal Government initiative. Equine Canada has taken on the job of facilitating and delivery this program for Canada as Equines are included in the mandatory ID.

Canadian Food Inspection Rule Changes

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In order to help owners collect all of the necessary information, the CFIA is launching a new Equine Information Document (EID) that can be found in the Canadian Food Inspection Agency website www.inspection.gc.ca.

The EID is the first step in the development of a comprehensive food safety and traceability program for the Canadian equine industry - for both domestic and international markets. Anyone selling equine may have to provide an EID at ownership transfer. The document will require an owner-signed declaration to verify the accuracy of the information. There are a number of medications and substances that are prohibited

from being given (administered or fed) to equine intended to be slaughtered for human consumption. A list of these medications and substances can be found on the CFIA web site.

For the latest information about identifying and recording health information for your equine, please visit www.inspection.gc.ca or call 1-800-442-2342.

At the Provinces Council Meeting, which Lisa Laycock and Sarah Bradley attended, a decision was made for the provincial reps to meet monthly by conference call. During these monthly meetings one province will share a program that they are delivering with the group. From this the other provinces can learn and then use the information in their own province. Manitoba will be the first province to bring a program forward. This strategy will promote a cohesive multi provincial body as well as introduce ideas across Canada that will benefit all members.

Recreation

BC will be sending a representative to the Parks Canada and Trans Canada Trail meeting in Banff next month. At the meeting there will be a Trails strategy review and it is important to have BC's interests represented at this National level. We will report on the results soon.

HCBC & BC SPCA

Continuing with our working relationship with the BC SPCA Horse Council BC provided Horse related educational materials for use at a recent SPCA personnel training seminar. The BCSPCA is seriously working at educating their staff and inspectors regarding equine care and handling in order to help them should they have remove horses from neglectful, dangerous or emergency situations.

Western Coaching Update

The 2010 Western Coaches update will be held April 3-4 in 100 Mile House. Registration forms have been mailed to all Western Coaches and are also available on the Coaching Events Calendar on the HCBC website. The new EC Coaching Programs will be presented to the Western Coaches attending. For more information contact Wendy Sewell at coaching@hcbc.ca.

General Performance Program

The new rule book for General Performance is now available to download from the HCBC website. Look for the competition section and then Show Organizers. The BC Heritage Program will be using this rule book for the BC Heritage finals held July 17-18 at the IPE fairgrounds in Armstrong. Show organizers can apply for a HCBC permit to run a competition using the General Performance Rule book. For more information on the General Performance rule book and General Performance competitions, please contact Kelly at competition@hcbc.ca.

The University of the Fraser Valley (UFV) is introducing several new educational options focused on horse ownership. The first course offered is an introductory course aimed at parents who are contemplating or who have purchased a horse for their children. This course will cover the basics that parents need to know to make a knowledgeable purchase and understand what horse ownership entails. The second course offered covers more in-depth information on Horse Ownership including nutrition, foot care, grooming and more. These courses are taught at the Chilliwack Trades and Technology Center. To find out more about the Equine Studies at UFV call 1-888-504-7441 local 5471. As these programs become popular, the UFV will expand their equine studies programs.

More BC News from the Equine Canada Convention

Richard Smith of Abbotsford, BC, has been appointed as a FEI Stewards for Jumping, effective January 1, 2010. Richard attended the recent FEI Stewards clinic held at Spruce Meadows in Calgary, AB, as well as holding Senior Equine Canada stewards credentials and demonstrating extensive backgrounds in stewarding at Equine Canada and FEI sanctioned jumping competitions.

Alfred "Alf" Fletcher was named the recipient of Jump Canada's 'Official of the Year' Award for 2009 during the Equine Canada National Awards Banquet held February 6 in Montreal, QC.

In June of 2009, the Canadian equestrian community lost Fletcher at the age of 77. In addition to being past president, he was also a long-time Equine Canada official and volunteer. Fletcher was an Equine Canada (EC) Senior National and Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) steward. He was accredited as a FEI-X steward for the disciplines of Jumper and Dressage, and he was a Senior Steward for all Equine Canada disciplines.

"Alf was not only a great official for the hunter jumper world but he was one of the nicest people you would ever encounter at a horse show," said Jump Canada Chair John Taylor. "He gave so much of his time and knowledge. We miss him, but are pleased to honor his legacy as Jump Canada's Official of the Year."

"It means a lot to our family to receive this award," said Fletcher's son, Sean Fletcher. "The support we have received and the many different tributes to my father from the equestrian community mean so much to us." The 'Official of Year' Award was presented to Fletcher's wife, Heather, son, Sean, and daughter-in-law, Kelly, during the Equine Canada National Awards Banquet in Montreal.

Elizabeth Bordeaux of Surrey, BC, was honored with the Jump Canada 'Volunteer of the Year' Award for 2009 in recognition of her dedicated support of Canadian hunter and jumper sport at the Equine Canada National Awards Banquet held February 6 in Montreal, QC. Bordeaux was selected as the recipient of the prestigious award for her countless hours spent working with Jump Canada and Equine Canada.

Equine Canada has named **Lauren Barwick** of Aldergrove, BC, as the inaugural recipient of the Equine Canada President's award. As an individual gold and individual silver medalist at the 2008 Paralympic Games, Barwick is not only Canada's most successful para-equestrian athlete in history, but is also a powerful ambassador for equestrian sport.

Equine Canada has named **Conley Driediger**, 17, of Chilliwack, BC, the 2009 Junior Equestrian of the Year. The Gillian Wilson Award is given annually to the Junior Equestrian of the Year in recognition of a junior competitor who has made outstanding contributions to equestrian competition and who has exemplified exceptional talent, sportsmanship, and dedication to the sport. Driediger demonstrates excellent examples of each of these qualities.

Recreation News

Submitted By Ruth Donaldson, Recreation Coordinator

BC Equestrian Trails Group and BC Equestrian Trails Fund

There is a new communications tool for anyone in BC who is interested in equestrian trails. You can visit and join the group by going to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BCEquestrianTrails/>.

It is a discussion and networking group for horsemen and horsewomen and other stakeholders concerned with the establishment of new equestrian trails and horse camps and the protection of existing equestrian trails and horse camps in British Columbia, including those who use or wish to use such trails.

Resources in the Files, Links and Database sections of the site include links to other trails organizations in North America, as well as to sites with information on trails, trail building, files related to trail building, listing of trail building books available on free loan from the Horse Council Equestrian Trails library, a calendar of events related to trail riding and trail work, information provided by the Outdoor Recreation Council on land use applications, and eventually lists of potential volunteers for trail building work in different areas of B.C.

Information relating to the new BC Equestrian Trails Fund will also be available on this site. Donations received during 2010 will be made available for BC equestrian trails projects in 2011 - application information will be available by the end of 2010. Donations can be made via the HCBC membership page as an add-on to your membership. Donations of any amount are appreciated!

New Road Safety Bib!

A brightly colored, highly visible road safety bib is now available from Horse Council BC for only \$19.95. It comes in yellow, orange or pink, and reads "PASS SLOW AND WIDE PLEASE" on both the front and the back. Call the office at 1-800-345-8055 to order yours today!



2010 Horse Council BC Membership

Reminders to renew will be going out to any members who have not yet renewed for 2010. Anyone reading this notice will receive their reminder via email, so watch for it and renew to make sure you aren't left out of an activity because your membership isn't current!

The online payment system is available for renewal - there is a help sheet on our website under Membership if you need a bit of coaching. Get a discount for doing it yourself!

If you want to mail your payment, the Individual 2010 membership application form is available in a downloadable PDF on the Membership page of our website.

Any questions or concerns may be directed to:

Shawn Stephens, Membership Coordinator

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NewStride Looking For A Leg Up

Submitted by Keith McCalmont

BC based New Stride Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation has been forced into a crisis and needs help getting through it. The future of seven horses hangs in the balance.

"We had a generous benefactor who had agreed to foster eight New Stride horses but fell victim to the financial crisis and could no longer support them," explained New Stride's President Kim Inglis. "He had to return them to us, significantly straining our budget. Each horse costs about \$550/month (food, vet, farrier), so adding eight horses to our already full list doubled the number we can sustain."

Kim has herself adopted one of the eight, an ex-racehorse by the name of Yoodaman. "I found a diamond in the rough; a forever horse for me," said Inglis.

"When the horses arrived at our farm, I took one look at him and fell in love. He's an absolutely stunning big guy."

However, with seven additional horses in need of a home, New Stride directors are struggling to meet the burden and have reached a critical impasse.

"Although we've been doing a lot of fundraising and working on finding adoptive homes for these horses, it's been very difficult," stated Inglis.

"The horses that were returned to us have varying issues that make them more difficult to adopt out. They are all capable of being ridden, but mostly only for light riding."

At the heart of the returnees is a pair of ex-racehorses named Grateful and Shaker. These two lovebirds had been enjoying their golden years but now need a second honeymoon.

Grateful, a goofy gelding, and Shaker, a gentle gorgeous mare are a colorful couple each over twenty years old.

"Shaker has been baby-sitting a young thoroughbred in a field on the other side of the farm and when I reunited her with Grateful last Sunday they were very happy," said Inglis. "They are really good together."

In a past life, Shaker was a hard-knocking racehorse by the name of Stirred Not Shaken. In a racing career spanning from 1990-93, Stirred Not Shaken won six of her 38 starts earning a modest \$16,407.

"Many people on the track still remember Shaker because she had tons of speed," said Inglis. "She was from Three Martinis, a very popular sire a year ago."

While Shaker was accustomed to moving from barn to barn over the course of her racing career, Grateful was homeless when found by a New Stride board member.

"He had been abandoned and left to fend for himself," said Inglis. "Although he's got a tattoo, the last few numbers are faded, so we can't identify him with complete certainty. We named him Grateful because he seemed quite appreciative of our care and attention."

At first, the benefactor was willing to allow Grateful to live out the balance of his life at their farm but that retirement was not meant to be so Grateful and Shaker both need a new home.

The pair would make excellent companions for the field and New Stride directors desperately hope that a loving patron will find it in their heart to give the doting duo a home for Valentine's Day.

With funds draining daily, New Stride needs help. It's a seven-horse field and each of these horses deserves a loving home.

To inquire about adopting a horse, to make a donation, or to learn more about the New Stride Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation, please visit their website www.newstride.com.



B.C. Sport Horse - Sport Pony News

B.C. Sport Horse – Sport Pony Breeders Group held their 3rd Annual Year End Award presentation, January 31, 2010, at the Shannon Hall, in Cloverdale. A popular feature was the Silent Auction, with lots of close bidding by over 40 attendees.

Chairing the meeting was Shelley Fraser who welcomed old and new members. It was

Simone Stich - Special Award Recipient

the feeling of the Show Committee, Mary Kierans, Ulli Dargel and Shelley Fraser, that 2009 was a highly successful year. We would like to thank all our competitors and sponsors for their support.

A big thank you goes to Teresa Longworth who organized an even bigger and better Stallion Show Case than 2008 and Debbie Rogal who volunteered to run our refreshment party and jumped in as a relief whipper-in on short notice.

The year ended with a Social at the Fraser Downs Racetrack - various other events are planned for 2010.

Prior to awarding our Year End Awards (to qualify you had to be a member of the BC Sporthorse - Sportpony Breeders Group and had attended their two shows), we had the pleasure of presenting to Simone Stich, our Web Master and person extraordinaire, a beautiful quarter sheet, sponsored by Horse Council B.C., Zone 3; and to Janice Burns a lovely glass Pinto Cutting Board, for her support throughout the year.

Through the sponsorship of the BC Paint Horse Club and their PAC (Paint Alternative Competition) Qualifier Program, Jacqueline Thomas, with her registered APHA horse Jamacia Me Tuff, was the recipient of an embroidered tote bag.

The 2010 Show Season is ready to go full speed ahead. Our shows are Equine Canada Sanctioned Bronze Competitions. We continue to be BC Heritage Circuit and PAC (Paint Alternative Competition) Qualifiers. Judges are confirmed for our Summer Show June 19, 20, 2010 and our Fall Classic September 24, 25, 26, 2010 - held again at the Agriplex in Cloverdale, B.C.

Shelley Fraser thanked everyone for coming and presented John and Ulli Dargel with a gift basket for all their dedication and work throughout the year.

With the support of all our members we look forward to another exciting year.

Check our website www.bcsporthorses.com for photos and latest information.

2010 EC Bronze Competition Subsidy Program

Equine Canada Competitions and Officials Committee is rolling out an exciting new initiative that offers financial support to organizers of 2010 Equine Canada sanctioned Bronze Competitions. The EC Bronze Competition Subsidy Program has been developed to offer subsidies to organizers of 2010 Equine Canada Bronze competitions facing challenges locating EC licensed officials for their competitions, or requiring EC licensed officials that will incur expensive travel to officiate at the competition.

As a fixed level of funding has been allocated for this project, it is recommended that competition organizers submit their competition sanctioning information as soon as possible, and submit Subsidy Program requests as soon as venue and officials are confirmed. This subsidy program will operate as a Pilot Project in 2010. At the end of 2010, the EC Officials Committee will assess the impact of this project and determine its future application.

Due to the late start date for this program, the application deadline for the first quarterly review will be extended to March 15th, 2010, with applications reviewed by March 31st, 2010.

For more information on this program please contact the EC Competitions department at competitions@equinecanada.ca or 1-866-282-8395 Ext# 140.

BC Athletes Assistance Program

The BC Athletes Assistance Program (BC AAP) is funded by the Provincial Government and administered by the Sport and Recreation Branch of the Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts. The program seeks to recognize high performance athletes who are participating in programs offered through a provincial sport organization to relieve some of the pressures associated with training and competition needs.

BC AAP applications have been sent out to the FEI discipline contact for Eventing, Dressage, Jumping, Reining, Vaulting, Driving, Endurance and Para Dressage.

Applications close March 12, 2010 please contact your discipline group or go online at <http://www.hcbc.ca/about/funding/athletes>.

Important Changes For Equine Owners

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Equine Canada Announces Amateur Rule Change

Equine Canada has announced an amendment to Section G: Hunter, Jumper, Equitation and Hack rules, Article G108.2 Amateur Status, to include a pilot project where an Equine Canada amateur may hold an EC Instructor Beginner Certificate and teach within the context of the Instructor Beginner Certificate.

The Instructor of Beginner status applies to individuals 16-years-of-age or older who teach beginners at summer camps, trail riding, establishments, clubs, schools or assist at lesson stables. The Instructor of Beginners is capable of teaching at the beginner level, primarily on the flat and in the fundamentals of jumping, in a safe and constructive fashion. The Instruction of Beginner Program currently applies to the following disciplines:

- English
- Western
- SaddleSeat

The next level of certification is the Competition Coach. The Competition Coaches should be developing athletes for entry-level competitions (Bronze/Silver level).

"Jump Canada has been approached by many people from different parts of the country requesting that Equine Canada certified Instructors of Beginners be allowed to show as amateurs," said Pam Law, chair of the Jump Canada Rules Committee. "We thought we would try it as a pilot project and assess it after a year to see if it has been a success."

All seniors competing in amateur classes at EC-sanctioned competitions must possess a current EC amateur status, which is declared annually when purchasing an EC Sport License. For the complete definition of an amateur in Section G of the Equine Canada rules please visit the Equine Canada rules online for free at www.equinecanada.ca.

Equine Canada Announces New Measures For Clean Sport

The Equine Canada Medication Control Committee (EMCC) has announced new measures to deter abuse and overuse of drugs and medication in horses, to provide fairness to all participants, to protect the safety of competitors, to maintain the health and welfare of the horse and promote fair competitions.

The new standards issued the EMCC are the result of the analysis of several years of drug testing results in Canada. In keeping with its statement of principles, Equine Canada is broadening the scope of equine medication and anti-doping control to as many possible

equestrian events in Canada.

The new 2010 measures ensure that competitors can expect a standardized frequency and level of testing at all Equine Canada sanctioned competitions. The 2010 Equine medication control fees are \$3.50 per horse entered in Bronze competitions and \$7.00 for Silver and Gold competitions. Competitions will be randomly selected on annual basis to achieve the testing frequency targets.

Equine Canada encourages all equestrian sport in all disciplines to participate in anti-doping measures and fair medication control to safeguard the health and welfare of all horses.

"Welfare of the horse is always of paramount importance. We are proud there has not been a positive test in the past two years in EC sanctioned competitions, and we want to maintain the cleanest possible sport. These new standards are part of an accountable, transparent and forward thinking program," said EMCC committee chair, Dr. Yves Rossier.

Upcoming Events

Tax Planning Seminar

Date: Thursday, March 18, 2010

Time: 2:30 to 4:30pm

Location: Best Western Rainbow Country Inn
43971 Industrial Way
Chilliwack, BC

There is no cost to attend; refreshments will be provided.

To register for this event, please contact Candice Ashe at 604.701.3351 or Laurie Rempel at 604.793.4703 before Friday, March 12, 2010 as space is limited.

Visit Horse Council BC On-Location at the LMQHA Horseman's Bazaar & Country Fair

Date: March 21, 2010

Time: 9-5pm

Location: Thunderbird Show Park, Langley, BC

About Horse Council BC

Horse Council BC is a member service organization committed to working together on behalf of the equine interests of our members. Representing horse enthusiasts in BC, we collaborate with individuals, businesses, industry professionals, and government to strengthen communication, education, and safety. We strive to preserve and enhance equestrian use of public lands and to

promote and foster participation in all varieties of equine activity.

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