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Dear Members"

Onwards and upwards for 2010! At HCBC our plans are continue to offer the best benefits and service to our members as we possibly can. The main focus in the beginning of the year for HCBC is receiving and processing memberships. Our online system is working well and our phones are ringing. Please be patient when you call, as we often have all our lines busy and cannot get to each call as soon as we would like. Our voicemail system is up and running, if you are calling for a specific staff member the locals are as follows:

- 101- Lynda Eckstein, reception and memberships, general inquiries
- 102- Shawn Stephens, reception and memberships, general inquiries
- 103- Susan Hilton, membership services
- 104-Wendy Sewell, manager Coaching and Education
- 105-Kelly Coughlin, manager Competition, Agriculture and Industry
- 107-Debbie Thompson, bookkeeper
- 108- Lisa Laycock, Executive Director
- 109-Ruth Donald, Recreation
- 112-Kim Robertson, Marketing and Promotions

When accessing our voicemail, pressing 0 will take you to the receptionist during office hours.

The 2010 Olympics are the biggest focus in BC right now, but at HCBC we are looking towards the **2010 BC Summer Games** in Langley. After the 2008 games in Kelowna, equestrian sports are now considered a "core" summer sport, and BC is the only Province to have equestrian sports accepted into the Provincial Summer Games.

In the last Notes from the Office we asked readers to pass along their environmentally friendly, green or cost saving tips so that we could compile them and post a list of suggestions on our website. We have received some great ideas but would love to hear more from our membership. If you have any ideas to share, please email them to coaching@hcbc.ca.

The annual **Equine Canada Convention** will be in Montreal January 31- February 7. During the convention the new 2010 EC Coaching program information will be distributed and finalized. The complete information and details will be posted on our website shortly after the convention. The changes promise to be very positive and forward thinking and we are very much looking forward to implementing them in BC. Western Coaches and riders will be happy to note that the final touches on the revised

Wendy Price
&
Jeanette Lauritzen

for achieving their
Certified Equine Canada
Western Coach 2
General Performance

Reminder!

The application deadline
for
Core Grants is
May 15th, 2010

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Learn to Ride Western 1-4 manual will be done at the convention and be available in print soon after.

Due to the February release of the **NEW! English and Western Coaching Programs**, all exams for these two disciplines have not been set for 2010 yet. Once we have the information required we will be able to set dates for exams in BC. Equine NCCP course dates will also be posted on the website as soon as they are set.

What Has HCBC Done Lately?

Here are a few examples of the work HCBC, staff, and Board members have done in the past few months:

The Lower Fraser Valley now has access to the "**Anderson Sling**" which will allow local vets, the SPCA and the Fire/Rescue departments to perform the work they do in a safer manner. The sling will be used when required for large animal rescue, by vets who are treating a horse in their clinic that requires help to stand and by the SPCA to help emaciated horses in their care. The idea of purchasing this sling was brought forward to HCBC, the Township of Langley Fire Department and the SPCA by local Vet Dr. David Paton. Funding for this sling was made available by Zones 3 and 4.

Our VP Industry, Gord McKenzie, along with HCBC Manager of Industry and Agriculture, Kelly Coughlin, are working on the **2009/2010 Equine Industry Survey**. This is a cooperative project with Horse Council BC and the BC Ministry Of Agriculture. Input from BC horse owners, business', breeders, competitors and recreational riders is needed to determine the size and the impact of the horse industry in BC. This participation is important to evaluate the current state of the industry. The information developed from the survey will help strengthen and grow programs and initiatives for all horse people. You can access the survey on our website, or call the office and one can be mailed to you.

HCBC Provincial Rule Book is ready to go and up on the web site, along with the required permit and reporting applications. This will cover BC Heritage, fairs and GP shows. The rule book can be accessed and downloaded from the Competition section of the HCBC website.

The **Trails Database** is up and running with the Google Earth location markers showing up on the map on the main page. There is a new page in the Recreation section of the HCBC website for "Trail Ride Destinations", which will provide listings of Bed & Bale establishments, Horse Motels, or private horse camping facilities. New trail markers are now available to member clubs. Updates from the Outdoor Recreation Council (ORC) are being posted as announcements in the new Trails forum to keep HCBC members apprised of potential trails issues in their areas.

The Road Safety Handbook for Equestrians was revised and 2000 copies were printed for distribution and are also available on-line. A series of articles based on the information in the Handbook is being published in Saddle Up magazine. The Road Safety Handbooks are available for Horse Council members, as well as Road Safety rack cards which can be distributed in your community to help educate motorists, cyclists and pedestrians on how to behave when they encounter horses on the road or trail, as well as a press release you can customize for your local news media. Contact recreation@hcbc.ca to order.

The **Joint Trails Access Committee (JTAC)**, consisting of HCBC staff as well as representatives from Back Country Horsemen, Endurance Riders Association of BC, and BC Competitive Trail Riders Association, is working for trails advocacy at both provincial and local levels, and to locate sources of funding for developing and maintaining equestrian trails.

Horse Council BC is excited to announce the establishment of a new **BC Equestrian Trails Fund** to help raise and distribute funds to member clubs for the construction and maintenance of equestrian trails and horse camps in British Columbia. Details on the fund will be available shortly. We have also created a new Yahoo Group called BC Equestrian Trails which will assemble resources for trail builders and users, as well as serve as a means of communicating with all stakeholders on issues surrounding BC's equestrian trails. The BC Equestrian Trails group site is brand new and still under construction, but feel free to visit the site and join the group by going to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BCEquineTrails/> if you are involved in trail issues or concerned with trail use and preservation in your area. Remember that there's a comprehensive Trail Database accessible from the Recreation section of our website, and we're always looking for input from trail users for additions or corrections to the list.

One of our member clubs, the Aldergrove Happy Trails chapter of Back Country Horsemen is offering a series of Sunday sessions this winter on the basics of trail riding and horse packing called The Winter Warmer Event. For more information, view the Back Country Horsemen page in the Recreation section of our website at www.hcbc.ca.

HCBC has introduced a new safety product for trail riders: **Emergency ID** for both horse and rider, just in case rider and horse part company on a ride. The Rider ID is a comfortable and adjustable wristband that contains a small custom ID card. The wrist is the first place a paramedic will look for medic alert information. The wristband is reflective and 100% waterproof, and comes with an extra ID card. The Horse ID is also reflective and waterproof. It can be threaded onto a bridle or halter, or clipped to the saddle with a carabineer clip. Horse and Rider ID badges can now be purchased from the HCBC office and online store, the wrist band retails for \$16.95, the horse ID is \$15.95 or they can be purchased together for \$29.95

Just a reminder to clubs and Affiliated of funding opportunities: Go to our website www.hcbc.ca to download applications.

Core Funding

Core funds are provincial funds targeted for events or projects that support sport growth and development. An approved event or project will be open to all qualified participants in your area, not just your club members. The event or project must support the goals of HCBC for developing sport within the province. Clubs are expected to charge participants reasonable registration fees. Money will be released only after HCBC receives a financial report, receipts and event summary.

Who Can Apply?

HCBC Club and Affiliate members in good standing whose members are also HCBC members.

When to Apply?

Applications will be accepted between January 1 and May 15, for events taking place before December 31 of the current year.

Send the financial report, receipts and an event summary for release of funds to HCBC no later than December 1. This will be considered null and void if received after the deadline. Permission to file late for events taking place in December, may be obtained by contacting HCBC Finance Dept. office@hcbc.ca

Where to Apply?

Send the completed application form to:

Horse Council BC
Finance Dept.
27336 Fraser Hwy
Aldergrove, BC V4W 3N5

A long time HCBC member and Centered Riding enthusiast Dawn Ruthven sent us this information which will be of interest to any Centered Riding enthusiast. Sally Swift, who passed away last year, she is the developer of the Centered Riding and the author of 2 books on the subject. The first book "Centered Riding" which is published in 15 languages and is the most copied equestrian book of all time. Sally has been inducted into the USDF Hall of fame, won the Pfizer Price for Equine Industry Vision and received the USEF Pegasus Award for outstanding contributions to Equestrian Sport.

The **2009 HCBC Annual Awards Banquet** was completely sold out! For those who missed the awards we have an overview of the winners along with some great "paparazzi" photographs of our guests on the HCBC home page.

HCBC Membership Referral Program

Refer a first-time member to Horse Council BC and **SAVE!** If an existing HCBC member refers a "First-time Member" to HCBC he/she will receive a \$5 credit towards their 2011 HCBC membership.

The "First-Time Member" MUST enter the first and last name plus the HCBC membership number of the HCBC member who referred them at the time of joining for the member to receive credit.

Note: Referral credits have no cash value and are limited to the equivalent value of a 2011 individual or family membership.

For more information about this program and the benefits of becoming a Horse Council BC member please email membership@hcbc.ca or contact the office directly at (604) 856-4304.

Canadian Government Invests in the Future of BC's Horse Industry

The Government of Canada is investing up to \$40,000 in the Horse Council BC to help identify common priorities, outline a road map forward and develop a strategic plan to achieve future growth and new market opportunities for the equine industry.

"Our Government understands the importance of keeping on the cutting edge in order to succeed," said Member of Parliament Mark Warawa (Langley), on behalf of Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz. "This information will help horse owners, enthusiasts, breeders and others in the equine industry to be better equipped to make business decisions and to grow the industry as a whole."

"This funding will allow us to accurately assess the value of activities across all equine sectors," said Lisa Laycock, Executive Director of Horse Council BC. "This information will help us develop programs that contribute to the health and welfare of BC horses and the people that work with them. All areas of interest should benefit from the results of the survey from breeders to recreational riders. We are grateful to Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and the Investment Agriculture Foundation (IAF) for this opportunity."

Horse Council BC is a membership-driven not-for-profit association representing the equine industry throughout British Columbia. It was established in 1980 to provide a coordinating body to serve all equestrian and equine interests except pari-mutuel racing. The Council serves over 21,000 members involved in all aspects of the horse industry through its ongoing commitments to communication, education and the well-being of horses.

"One of IAF's top priorities is helping industry to advance strategically," says Stuart Wilson, IAF chair. "This study will enable the BC equine industry to identify its priorities and shape its future strategic direction."

Funding for this project was provided by the Canadian Agricultural Adaptation Program (CAAP). CAAP is a five-year (2009-2014), \$163 million federal initiative that aims to help the agricultural sector adapt and remain competitive. Eligible CAAP projects could be in the areas of traceability, environment, climate change, capacity development, pests and diseases, and more.

For more information on CAAP, please visit www.agr.gc.ca/caap. In British Columbia, CAAP is delivered by the IAF. To learn more about the IAF, please visit www.iafbc.com.

Strangles

(Written By D.J.D. Twidale)

Strangles is an acute respiratory infection caused by Streptococcus Equi bacteria, affecting mainly young horses under five years who have had no previous exposure to the infection. Older horses may also be affected, but usually to a less severe degree.

First signs of infection are:

- 1) Loss of appetite
- 2) Mild fever to 102 degrees Fahrenheit (39 degrees Celsius)
- 3) Runny nose, clear to cloudy to yellow discharge
- 4) Swelling of glands under jaw, or behind the jaw or under the ear

The glands may swell and burst open as abscesses. They may need hot compresses with a warm wet towel tucked inside the halter to mature, and then lanced to drain. The horse is most infectious at this stage of abscess drainage.

Strangles is only spread by CONTACT:

- Horse to horse - direct contact
- horse to handler to horse
- horse to tack, feed water buckets, brushes etc- indirect contact

The bacteria do not spread through the air like virus infections (i.e. winter coughs, flu, and rhino virus)

SO AVOID CONTACT WITH INFECTED HORSES!

This means not visiting infected premises, not taking in horses to your barn which may have come from or been in contact with infected premises, not borrowing tack from friends, and not putting your horses in a potentially infected trailer, stall or barn.

Fortunately this is not a busy time of year for horse shows and horse travel, so it should be possible to keep your horses and barn safe. If you do take in new boarding horses, try to physically isolate them for two weeks, even if it means leaving them outside the barn, to be sure that they are not incubating the disease. Incubation is between three to seven days, but some older horses may carry the infection in the nose with no outward symptoms and may be chronic carriers.

If you are unfortunate enough to get a case of Strangles in your barn, the best thing to do is to impose a self-quarantine, inform your neighbors of the situation, shut down all traffic in or out of your barn, and get treatment for affected horses. One horse leaving your barn in an owner's panic move can spread the disease to another barn - NOT recommended!

Vaccination against Strangles is possible, but not without risk of side effects. The intra-nasal vaccine (Pinnacle) is a live vaccine containing modified live Strep Equi Bacteria, and may cause a nasal discharge and cough after inoculation. It can also cause infection to the eyes and nose to the owner and veterinarian if the horse coughs it back in your face while giving it up the horse's nostril.

I do not recommend routine vaccination of all horses against Strangles, but may decide to vaccinate a stable if there is known exposure or close contact i.e. infected horses on next door property.

The best prevention of Strangle is:

- Avoid contact with infected horses
- Isolate new arrivals in your barn
- Isolate and get veterinary attention to any suspicious symptoms

When and if to treat Strangle with Penicillin is a decision best left to the veterinarian. Giving penicillin early in the disease may simply delay the inevitable symptoms and encourage the development of "Bastard Strangles" or the carrier state, while giving Penicillin after the abscess bursts and drains will speed the recovery process, but isolation is still the key to preventing new cases.

The best advice is to **STAY AWAY FROM STRANGLES!**

Dressage Canada Announces 2010 Short List

Dressage Canada's Senior High Performance Committee is pleased to announce the 2010 Dressage Short List. The horse/rider combinations were selected based on criteria that considered 2009 competition results.

The following horse/rider combinations have been identified as official members of the 2010 Dressage Canada Short List A:

Ashley Holzer, Pop Art
Jacqueline Brooks, Gran Gesto
Leslie Reid, Orion
Diane Creech, Devon
Cheryl Meisner, Paganini
Belinda Trussell, Anton

The following rider/horse combinations have been named to the Dressage Canada Short List B:

Tina Irwin, Amicelli
Wendy Christoff, Pfalstaff
Jacqueline Brooks, Balmoral
Diane Creech, Wiona
Simone Williams, Wunder Ein
Evi Strasser, Quantum Tyme
Denielle Gallagher-Legriffon, Gallaway's Abrikos
Lorraine Chappell, Carpatino
Lee Tubman, De La Rosa
Cheryl Meisner, Lucky Strike

Jump Canada Announces 2010 Short List

The Jump Canada High Performance Committee is pleased to announce the 2010 Canadian Show Jumping Team Short List.

Based on the 2010 Short List Criteria, the first four athletes named to the Canadian Show Jumping Team represented Canada as members of the 2009 Spruce Meadows "Masters" Nations' Cup Team. The fifth athlete won the 2009 Canadian Show Jumping Championship. The remaining 15 athletes were named to the 2010 Short List based on their standings in the FEI Rolex Jumping Riders' World Rankings as of December 1, 2009.

The following athletes have been identified as official members of the national show jumping team, which falls under the umbrella of the Canadian Equestrian Team (CET).

1. Eric Lamaze / Schomberg, ON
2. Ian Millar / Perth, ON
3. Beth Underhill / Schomberg, ON
4. John Anderson / Calgary, AB
5. Mac Cone / King City, ON
6. Yann Candele / Caledon, ON
7. Jill Henselwood / Oxford Mills, ON
8. Kean White / Rockwood, ON
9. John Pearce / Stouffville, ON
10. Jonathon Millar / Perth, ON
11. Erynn Ballard / Hillsburgh, ON
12. Amy Millar / Perth, ON
13. Karen Cudmore / Omaha, NE
14. Jenna Thompson / Calgary, AB
15. Jonathan Asselin / Calgary, AB
16. Courtney Vince / Milton, ON
17. Ainsley Vince / Milton, ON
18. Lauren Hunkin / Caledon, ON
19. Hugh Graham / Schomberg, ON
20. Emily George / Calgary, AB

2010 Canadian National Eventing Team Announced Short List

Canadian Eventing Committee is pleased to announce the 2010 Canadian National Eventing Team. The Canadian Eventing High Performance Committee approved the list which recognizes performance results achieved at 2, 3 and 4 star CCI competitions and CIC 3 star competitions to November 16, 2009. Riders are listed in alphabetical order:

Hawley Bennett	Gin N Juice	Langley, BC
Diana Burnett	Manny	Blackstock, ON
Kyle Carter	Madison Park	Calgary, AB/ Sparr, FL
Jessica Hampf	High Society III	London, ON/ Auburn, AB
Rebecca Howard	Riddle Master	Salmon Arm, BC/ Norwood, NC
Chelan Kozak	Tasman Sea	Abbotsford, BC
Kelly List	Minstral	Bracebridge, ON
Selena O'Hanlon	Colombo	Elgin, ON
Jessica Phoenix	Exploring	Cannington, ON
	Exponential	
Stephanie Rhodes-Bosch	Port Authority	Summerland, BC
Ian Roberts	Napalm	Port Perry, ON
Waylon Roberts	Myrddin's Sebastian	Port Perry, ON
Karl Slezak	Kachemak Bay	Tottenham, ON
	Charley Farley	

Canadian Para-Equestrian Team Back From Down under

Para Dressage riders Eleonore Elstone, Ashley Gowanlock, Jennifer McKenzie and Tara Kowalski took home second place in the team competition at the Para Equestrian Nationals held this year in Australia.

Jennifer was also successful winning the individual Grade II Championship on a horse secured through the help of former Canadian Para coach Mary Longden and Aussie coach Julia Battams.

Proposed Regulations for Horses Going Into the Food Chain

(Les Burwash, Alberta Agriculture Reprinted with Permission from Alberta Horse Industry Association)

Based on audits by the European Union Food and Veterinary Office in 2007, new restrictions on horses able to enter the food chain are being phased in over the next three years. As of July 31, 2010, all horses presented to a processing plant must be accompanied by an equine information document dating back 180 days. This document must list all medicinal treatments administered to the horse during this time and must be signed by the owner or previous owners if the horse has been owned less than 180 days.

In 2007, the Food and Veterinary Office of the European Union conducted two audits in Canada pertaining to horse meat. They also conducted audits in other third countries involved in horse meat exports to the EU.

In the majority of third countries, veterinary medical treatment records for horses are not kept, and no systems are in place for segregating equines intended for food production from other equines.

Certain third countries authorize or tolerate the administration of substances which are either expressly prohibited, or not authorized for use in equines intended for food production in the EU.

The EU has developed a set of three-year transitional period requirements. Effective July 31, 2010, horses presented to a processing plant must be accompanied by an equine information document. This document identifies the horse, lists all medicinal treatment for 180 days, identifies the horse's use and identifies the location where the horse was maintained. The owner must sign this document.

What does this mean?

1. The horse owner must keep track of all treatments starting January 31, 2010.
2. A horse cannot be presented for processing that has received anabolic steroids or "Bute" during this period.
3. The owners must sign and declare the information as true.
4. Horses not owned for 180 days require a signed document from the previous owner(s).

After the three-year transitional period, all equines entering the food chain must have electronic identification and be part of a traceability system. Horses who have been given anabolic steroids and/or Bute will be excluded from the food chain and it will be required that medicinal product treatment records are linked to identification for horses going to processing plants.

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