



HCBC E-NEWSLETTER

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

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With the arrival of spring, the foals begin to romp in the fields with their mothers and it is a happy site to behold. Horse owners are welcoming the new additions with anticipation of having bred a great horse or pony. At the same time new lives are introduced to us, there are many horses facing the end of their time here on earth. There are two aspects of our ownership of horses that we have reasonable control and responsibility over, one being the breeding new equine lives and the second being the end of our horse's lives. Emergencies notwithstanding, it is the responsibility of each and every horse owner no matter where they live, how many horses they own or where and how they house them to provide a humane end to their life.

Euthanasia is not a easy topic to discuss. The name in itself is derived from the Latin words "eu" meaning "good" and "thanatos" meaning death. However difficult it is to contemplate putting a horse down may be, this is a subject best planned for and discussed with family, vets and barn managers before the decision is made or must be made in an emergency. Take the time to decide what method of euthanasia you would prefer for your horse, how you will dispose of the carcass, and who will make the decision if you are unable to do so. Make sure that you and your vet have relationship that allows you to trust his/her opinion and have the horse put down when there is no other viable option.

Euthanasia options vary and not everyone agrees with the "best" way to euthanize a horse. The usual options available are:

Lethal Injection from a Veterinarian: Where the Veterinarian injects the heavily sedated horse with a overdose of a barbiturate anesthetic. The horse loses consciousness, goes to the ground and stops breathing. This can be done at the horse's home with no transport required.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Reminder to all HCBC members that late fees do not apply to new Equine Canada Sport licenses.
- Horse Week is May 30th— June 7th
- Renew your HCBC Membership online at www.hcbc.ca

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Gunshot; A quick and painless method of euthanasia, but must be done by someone who very sure of this method to ensure it is done humanely and safely.

Captive Bolt; The captive bolt pistol discharges a blank rifle cartridge (no bullet) which drives the pistol like bolt forward. When placed on the skull of a horse, the bolt is projected forward and delivers a lethal blow to the brain. This method should only be used by an experience operator.

Transportation to an Abattoir; Owners can transport their own horse to an abattoir or have them shipped. The captive bolt method is used. Horses that cannot rise or stand unassisted not be loaded, transported or unloaded at an abattoir.

The options each may have valid reasons and definitely some options are unacceptable for some owners. In the end, it is the owner who must weigh the options and choose what is right for them, and humane for their horse. It is not illegal to put your horse down yourself using a safe, humane and painless method, however, this is not a viable method for the average horse owner. Additionally the discharge of firearms laws may vary throughout the province. *Please note, HCBC does not recommend one method over another. It is our mandate to educate our membership about Euthanasia.*

Disposal of the Carcass is a dilemma faced upon the death of the horse. After a humane death the disposal of a beloved horse's body can be a very difficult decision at best. Even though logically we know that the horse is gone, seeing the body taken away is distressing. Often your vet will be able to help arrange the collection of the carcass by a stock farm hauler, but be sure to find out before the horse is put down.

There are several options available for disposal, some can be quite expensive, some are not viable or available in all areas of BC.

Burial; Where municipal zoning allows, owners with the sufficient amount of property and equipment can bury their horse. Care must be taken to bury the carcass deep enough not to attract scavenging animals, and avoid areas where it may affect the groundwater.

Composting; On farm composting is an option and must done be in accordance with bylaws for the area lived in.

Incineration/Cremation; This option is available in some areas but can be very costly. The cremation facility must meet standards that prove that they are using a high enough temperature to decrease emissions. Larger animals will likely have to be partially processed before using this option, due to their size.

Collection by a stock farm operator for rendering; The carcass is collected and taken to a facility where it is rendered for pet food or other uses. This is a very common method used in more populated areas of BC. Where the owner transports their own dead stock the carcass must not be viewable by the public and care taken to avoid any spillage of bodily fluids. The vehicle used should be disinfected afterwards.

Giving the carcass to a zoo or animal farm to use as feed:*(this is only viable when the horse has not been euthanized by lethal injection)* can be a option in some areas. You will need to contact the facility prior to trying to use this method of disposal. Not all zoo's at all times are will to take the carcass's.

While the costs of carcass removal can be cost prohibitive, dumping of the carcass in a field, woods or garbage dump is normally against municipal bylaws, can possibly spread disease, attract wild animals and result in heavy fines.

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Guilt and grief are very common emotions upon the death of a beloved horse. These feelings are normal and natural. The grieving process includes the realization of the reality of your loss, accepting the loss and adjusting. Knowing that you have made an informed humane decision can help as well as knowing that you did the right thing for your horse.

BC residents may be facing an uncertain future with the downfall of the economy. It has become a harsh reality that many people can no longer afford to keep their horses. This does not make them bad owners. No one ever started out to own horses knowing how their finances will be in the future or anticipated the loss of income. When all options of sale, lease, retirement homes and giving the horse away fail, what now? A responsible owner must make the decision to do what is humane for the horse and the lifetime he has left.

For more information about Health and Welfare, burial and other related topics please go to the HCBC website <http://www.hcbc.ca/agind/health> or follow the links from the Agriculture and Industry section on the home page.

Advanced Notification Regarding Anabolic Steroids and Fluphenazine

The Equine Canada Equine Medication Control Committee (EMCC) is announcing the following medication control information.

Anabolic Steroids

As of June 1, 2009, drug testing of horses competing in Equine Canada sanctioned competitions will include testing for anabolic steroids. A positive test for veterinary approved and non-veterinary approved steroids will be sanctioned as per the Equine Canada penalty tables and drug classification system as a Class III offence.

Information about the EMCC medication rules <http://www.equinecanada.ca/index.php?option=com_content&task=section&id=40&Itemid=281&lang=en-GB>

Fluphenazine Guideline and Warning

As of **June 1, 2009**, the drug testing method for horses competing in Equine Canada sanctioned competitions will allow for the detection of fluphenazine for at least 45 days from the date the drug is administered. It is the sole responsibility of the person responsible for the horse to ensure no fluphenazine is present and detected in the horse at Equine Canada sanctioned competitions.

Equine Canada members are responsible for keeping up to date on this information.

Attention Recreational Riders!

How can we make HCBC a more valuable resource for you, the recreational rider? Please contact our new **Recreation Coordinator, Ruth Donald**, at recreation@HCBC.ca or call at 604-856-4304 with your comments and suggestions.

We are very excited to introduce a new trails information section on the HCBC website at www.hcbc.ca/recreation/trails as a resource for recreational riders. Our goal is to identify and describe as many recreational equestrian trails in British Columbia as possible. The section is still under construction, but when it is completed, each trail will be described and pinpointed by GPS coordinates and a Google Earth marker, and include driving directions as well as a printable trail map. We will depend on you, the HCBC members and recreational riders, to help us keep the information up to date and accurate, so there is a form for you to send us comments about your own experiences on the trails. Photos will be welcome! Many thanks to retiring Recreation Coordinator Kym Slater, the Back Country Horsemen of B.C., and especially to Jack Breaks of the BCHBC Happy Trails (Aldergrove) chapter, for being instrumental in getting the trails database started.

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Looking for a riding partner in your neighborhood? Question about a trail you're thinking of trying out? Got a space in your trailer for a day ride and looking for someone to help pay gas? Try posting a request on the Recreation Forum. It's there to help you to connect with other recreational riders.

Riding is its own reward, but if you'd like a little extra incentive to spend hours in the saddle, don't forget the HCBC Ride & Drive Rewards Program! Challenge yourself, or challenge a friend! Check out the Ride & Drive section on our website.

Welcome **Kim Robertson** to HCBC. Kim has taken over the **Marketing and Communications** portfolio at the HCBC office. She is an EC Certified Coach and brings a fresh outlook and great experience to the team.

Coaching Dates: The Summer/Fall English Coaching and Instructor dates are set:

- Instructor of Beginner's English: August 12, Langley
- English Coach 1 Evaluation: September 23-24, Langley
- English Coach 1 Exam: October 28-29, Langley
- Western Coach 2 Final Assessment: July (date to be announced) Penticton

For information or application forms, please contact coaching@hcbc.ca

Coach candidates: please be sure to have your complete application into the HCBC office a minimum of 30 days prior to the evaluation date. Instructor Candidates: please be sure to have your applications into the HCBC office a minimum of 30 days prior to the exam date, which includes your 2 Lesson plans and your Emergency Action Plan.

2010 Summer Games Announcement!

We are very pleased to announce that the disciplines of **Vaulting and Para Dressage** will be added to the 2010 Summer Games. The Summer Games will be held in Langley, July 22-25, 2010. The addition of Vaulting and Para Dressage to the already accepted Jumper, Reining and Dressage will make the Games an even more exciting event. For more information on qualifying and competing at the Summer Games, contact competition@hcbc.ca or the HCBC website.

Announcing Horse Council BC's 1st Annual Industry Conference

An exceptional opportunity for learning! Mark your calendars as this Industry Conference will be well worth attending.

January 21st – 23rd, 2011

Delta Grand Okanagan Resort and Conference Centre, Kelowna, BC

Troubles with the HCBC forums?

If you have registered and still cannot access our forums, most likely your registration was incorrect. Please be sure to use your first and last name as your user screen name. This is the number one reason why potential users have trouble with the HCBC forums. Incorrect registrations are deleted from the system. Business users may use their business names. Email any problems to forums@hcbc.ca

Don't forget to renew your membership

If you have not done so already, be sure to renew your HCBC membership today. You can call the office 1-800-345-8055, fax a registration form to 604-856-4302, mail a registration form to our office, renew online at www.hcbc.ca, or drop by the office during the week from 8:30 to 4:30. If you have membership questions, please contact membership@hcbc.ca or call the office and ask for Susan.

ANDREA TAYLOR CONTINUES AS NATIONAL TEAM COACH FOR PARA-EQUESTRIAN CANADA

Para– Equestrian Canada is pleased to announce that Andrea Taylor, from Langley, BC, has extended her commitment as the national team coach for Para-Equestrian Canada until the 2010 World Equestrian Games.

Andrea, a certified Level 3 Dressage coach, has been the national coach for the Canadian Para-Equestrian Team since 2007.

She has guided the team to results at the 2007 World Championships as well as the 2008 Paralympic Games . In recognition for her coaching achievements at the 2008 Paralympic Games Andrea was awarded the Petro Canada Coaching Excellence Award.

In addition to her extensive coaching background, Andrea is also a high performance athlete and has previously been designated as a short and long-listed rider with Dressage Canada.

Congratulations Andrea!

WIN YOUR WAY TO THE WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES WITH EQUINE CANADA

Equine Canada and contest sponsors, Members First, John Deere, Softstall and Greenhawk Harness and Supplies are pleased to announce “Win Your Way to WEG”. A dynamic contest that will award one lucky winner a trip for two at the 2010 World Equestrian Games in Lexington, Kentucky.

The contest kicks off June 1st and runs through to April 30th, 2010. Everyone who enters will have the opportunity to submit a creative video that shows why they have what it takes to be a Canadian ambassador to WEG. All videos will be vetted for content and only videos approved will make it onto the Equine Canada website.

Then the entrants hit the streets encouraging all their friends, family, barn-mates, schools friends and communities to cast a vote for the their. The more votes the more chances to win!

Beginning May 1st, 2010 twenty-five of the most popular posted video submissions will be chosen and the vote count re-set to zero. Those 25 champion videos will then compete for votes.

The video that receives the highest number of votes by May 31st, 2010 will be declared the winner and receive a trip for two which includes their choice of tickets to one of the following discipline series: Eventing, Show Jumping or Reining as well as round trip airfare, accommodations and spending money.

Horse Council BC would like to thank all their Affinity Members for their continued support.

For more information on HCBC member discounts visit [HCBC's Affinity Members](#)



P'TIT TROT PROGRAM

Horse Council BC is excited to announce the arrival of the P-tit Trot program. This program is designed for EC Certified Western coaches to use with riders 5 and up who may be too young to start the Learn to Ride Programs.

The program, developed by the Quebec Equestrian Federation, was created to both introduce children 5 and over to the basics of Western Riding as well as encouraging them to become comfortable in this environment.

This program fits perfectly into the Long Term Equestrian Development model in the FUNdamental and towards the Learning to Ride stage.

The colorfully illustrated manual was created to teach the ABC's of Western riding and to introduce how to care for a horse or pony.

Built into the program are quizzes at the end of each chapter. As each chapter is completed young riders are given a sticker to put on their certificate.

This program is available at a cost of \$39.95 per package.

The package includes a full color manual, user guide for the coach, pattern pad, certificate, horse shoe shaped stickers, posters and buttons.

To take part in this program please contact a Equine Canada Certified Coach listed on the HCBC website.

DRESSAGE CANADA LEVY PROGRAM DISTRIBUTES FUNDS TO ATHLETES

Dressage Canada and the Domestic Development Committee are pleased to announce that the Dressage Canada Levy Program, which began in 2008, has distributed the first funds through the Dressage Canada Bursary and the Domestic Program Support programs.

The Dressage Canada Levy Program requires all Equine Canada– sanctioned Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum Dressage competitions to collect and remit \$7.00 per horse entered in their competition to Dressage Canada. This revenue is then to be used to support several domestic, provincial and national programs designed to foster the development of Dressage riders, coaches, officials, owners, and the industry at large.

The Dressage Canada Bursary was created in recognition of the difficulty riders face as they strive to continue their dressage education while competing at high levels of equestrian sport. Dressage Canada has developed the Bursary program for competitors in the Federation Equestrian International (FEI) dressage divisions—Children, pony, Junior, Young Rider, Advanced, and Grand Prix.

The 2009 Dressage Canada Bursary recipients are:

- Robin-Lynn Byrne Brent of Metcalfe, ON (Prix St. Georges, Intermediarie I)
- Whitney Harris of Burlington, ON (Prix St. Georges, Intermediaire I)
- Jessica York of Delta, BC (Young Rider)

Under the Domestic Program Support portion of the Levy Program, a domestic program is defined as an event or function that is designed to develop and educate the Dressage community in Canada. The programs provide the opportunity for personal improvement for community members.

BC recipients of the first disbursement were as follows:

- Southlands Riding Club—Clinic with International Rider Betsy Steiner (\$1421)
- Victoria-Saanich Area CADORA— Clinic with International Freestyle Designer Karen Robinson (\$800)



BC HERITAGE CIRCUIT

BC HERITAGE FINALS

JULY 11-12, 2009

CHILLIWACK HERITAGE PARK

BC'S PREMIERE GENERAL PERFORMANCE COMPETITION

The BC Heritage Circuit (formally Western Heritage) is a provincial program designed to preserve the versatility of General Performance disciplines across British Columbia by supporting community horse clubs, generating interest in Western riding and English flat classes and encouraging riders, coaches and breeders to achieve success at competitions at a grassroots level.

Fun for everyone, free admission, Saturday evening BBQ (tickets available through HCBC) and demonstrations including: Reining by Carla Webb, Barrel Racing by Natalie Giordano, vaulting by Cheam Vaulters and drill team performance by West Coast Thunder.... we hope to see you there!

We encourage participants to join a team in the **Battle of the Breeds Competition**, you can qualify in both the Championship and Open classes, and all you need is a team of 3 registered horses/ponies and declare your classes ahead of time. The winning team will be presented with team vests sponsored by LN Group. The following classes qualify in the Battle of the Breeds competition: Showmanship, Western Pleasure, English Pleasure, Trail or Handy Horse, Gymkhana or Driving.

In addition to our Championship classes we are welcoming riders in **Open classes**. The following will be offered: Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Trail, Driving, Reining, Pole Bending, Keyhole Race, Flag Race, Barrel Race, Hun Seat Equitation, Hunter Under Saddle, English Pleasure, Show Hack and Handy Horse.

We are also introducing a **55+** class in both Western and English, classes will include: Western Pleasure, Stock Seat Equitation, Trail, Driving, Pole Bending, Keyhole Race, Hunter under Saddle, English Pleasure and Show Hack.

The event will be a fun, relaxed weekend to gather participants of all ages from around the province, to showcase a variety of breeds.

Volunteers are ALWAYS welcome, contact the office to sign up!

More information go to [BC Heritage Circuit](#) or contact Kelly MacIntosh at kellymacintosh@hcbc.ca

Current HCBC Business Members are welcome to attend this years BC Heritage Finals as a trade exhibitor for **FREE!**
Please register in advance by email to: communication@hcbc.ca
to reserve your space.

Thank-you to our generous sponsors for supporting the 2009 BC HERITAGE FINALS

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**SOUTH INTERIOR RECREATIONAL
EQUINE CENTRE LTD.**

Desert Park in Osoyoos B.C. is now reopened as a horse training and boarding facility under the new management of the Southern Interior Recreational Equestrian Centre (SIREC). Formerly a B Circuit race track, the facility had fallen into disuse since the late 1990's with the discontinuation of horse racing in the region. A local group of citizens has formed SIREC, a management company designed to re-establish Desert Park as a multi-use equestrian centre open to the public. The formation of SIREC is the result of over 5 years of lobbying, persistence and hard work by dedicated volunteers through the volunteer society, The Friends of Desert Park.

Desert Park has many equestrian facilities including a 5/8 of a mile race track, outdoor arena, extensive trails on 13 acres of conservations lands with cross country jumps, barrel racing area, round pens, turnout areas and a barn capacity for 200 horses. The facility is available for professional and amateur training and recreational riding 7 days a week. Training and boarding facilities are available on a short or long term basis from daily to monthly.

Desert Park is located on the west bench of Osoyoos, surrounded by scenic orchards and vineyards to the east and open crown grassland with limitless riding possibilities to the west. Beautiful panoramic views of the Okanagan Valley can be enjoyed as you ride and train your horse at Desert Park. Osoyoos Lake, with beautiful beaches and the warmest water in Canada, is a few minutes drive down the hill. Wineries, fruit stands, restaurants, hotels and shops are all close at hand and a 36 hole golf course is only a few minutes walk away. Desert Park is only minutes away from the Osoyoos border crossing for those traveling to or from the USA.

For more information contact Allan Carswell at 250-495-5112 or acarswell@sirec.ca
You can also visit the South Interior Recreational Equine Centre website at www.sirec.ca

JUNE EVENTS CALENDAR

HCBC Functional Conformation Clinic with Judy Wardrope

Best Western, Aldergrove

June 4, 2009 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Judy Wardrop Clinic

Northern Saddle Club, Smithers, BC

June 6 & 7, 2009

Contact: Leah Sheffield 250-846-9416 or Chris Hassell 250-846-5332

HCBC Functional Conformation Clinic with Judy Wardrope

Harmony Farms, Surrey

June 9, 2009 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Western Pleasure, Horsemanship, & Trail clinic with Becky Martens

100 Mile and District Outriders, 100 Mile House, BC

June 11-13, 2009

Contact: Mike Kidston 250-791-5247

A Horse of Course- An Equine Event

Pass Creek Regional Exhibition Grounds, Castlegar, BC

June 12-13, 2009

Contact: Liz Saunders at 250-359-7293

Claudia Cojocar Clinic

Lindgren Riding Academy, 3750 Casorso Rd., Kelowna, BC

June 13 - 14, 2009

Contact: Bill at 250-448-8332

Hoof Care and Shoeing Demo with Adam Degenstein, CJF

Mission Horse Club

June 18, 2009 6:30-8:30

For more information contact Tara 604-462-7136 tara_mountainhorse@yahoo.ca

Hunter/Jumper/XC Clinic with Sarah Bradley

100 Mile and District Outriders, 100 Mile House, BC

June 19-21, 2009

Contact: Mike Kidston 250-791-5247

Dressage Clinic and Percentage Days with Gennie Vlchek

Alex Fraser Park, Quesnel

June 20 - 21, 2009

Contact: Moira at 250-991-0557or moira@goldcity.net

The "World Famous" Lipizzaner Stallions

Abbotsford Entertainment Centre & Sports Centre

June 26th @ 7:30pm

Contact: Kelly Grant at 604-743-5030 or kgrant@abbotsfordcentre.ca

Step Outside the Arena! Dance Fusion Workshop

Location: 29592 Galahad Crescent, Abbotsford, BC

June 26th & 27th

For more information call Carla at 604-809-3494 or Sharolyn at 604-623-4888

For more events please visit [HCBC's Events Page](#)

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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WHAT DOES HCBC DO FOR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS?

HCBC provides equestrians with the insurance that gives them the peace of mind that comes from the knowledge that if an accident should happen, you are covered.

Here are the details:

- \$5,000,000 Third Party Liability Insurance useable worldwide
- \$30,000 Accidental Death or Dismemberment Insurance
- Transportation Insurance for Non-Owned Horses
- HCBC's E-Newsletter
- Participate in the Group Benefits Program through Ascension Benefits
- Member discounts through the HCBC Affinity Program
- Access to HCBC online forums and Horse Industry Guide
- Member discounts on HCBC online courses, books and DVD's
- HCBC offers Rider, Instructor and Coaching certification programs
- Officials Development—education for both provincial and national officials

WHAT DOES HCBC DO FOR BUSINESS MEMBERS?

- Inclusion in the Horse Industry Guide
- Inclusion in HCBC's online directory
- Advertise your product or service for "Free" on HCBC Forums
- Free submissions on HCBC's Events Calendar
- Sponsorship and Advertising opportunities
- Participate in the Group Benefits Program through Ascension Benefits
- Participate in the Group Commercial Insurance Program through Capri Insurance

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