



HCBC E-Newsletter

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THE NEW WWW.HCBC.CA?

Horse Council BC is excited to invite all of our valued Members to visit the new HCBC website. While the website still has the same address, www.hcbc.ca, it has a fantastic new look! With a new more user-friendly format and easy to follow linking, you can be sure to find all the information you are looking for quickly.

HCBC will be making constant improvements, so check back daily to participate in polls, receive member discounts on online courses and educational books and DVD's, and post on our popular forums with topics ranging from horses for sale to issues in health & welfare.

As always HCBC is here to serve you, the member, so if you have any questions or comments on the new site, we want to hear from you!

CLUBS AND BUSINESSES SUBMIT YOUR BIOS!

HCBC is always looking for new ways to increase the value for our business members. We would like to encourage our business members to submit a photo or logo and a write-up on your business. As well, HCBC would like to encourage our club members to submit a photo or logo and a write-up on your club. Your write-up could include recent news and a calendar of events with upcoming shows and/or clinics your club is hosting.

HCBC will randomly choose one club and one business submission each month to feature in the E-newsletter. Please submit a photo or logo at least 300 PPI in either JPEG or GIF format and a write-up on your business of no more than 300 words to communication@hcbc.ca.

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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.

LIFETIME HONOURARY MEMBERSHIPS AWARDED

HCBC has awarded each of the following individuals with a Lifetime Honorary Membership: Bill Archibald, Danny Bland, Alfred Fletcher, June LaLonde and Sherman Olson .

The honorary membership is in recognition of long term exceptional service to Horse Council of BC and the equine community.

The Lifetime Honorary Membership is a new award and

these recipients are the first to be honoured. Lifetime honorary members will be given a Horse Council BC individual membership each year including full rights and privileges.

The members, volunteers and staff of HCBC thank these individuals for their outstanding service to the council. The foresight, vision and dedication of the individuals who began the council are truly amazing.

ADVANCED NOTIFICATION REGARDING ANABOLIC STEROIDS AND FLUPHENAZINE

As of June 1, 2009, drug testing of horses competing in Equine Canada sanctioned competitions will include testing for anabolic steroids. Testing for veterinary and non-veterinary approved steroids will take place in accordance with the Canadian Pari-Mutual Agency (CPMA) guidelines. For more information related to withdrawal times please visit the Agriculture Canada website at http://www.agr.gc.ca/index_e.php.

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. For more information about the EMCC medication rules follow this link http://www.equinecanada.ca/index.php?option=com_content&task=section&id=40&Itemid=281&lang=en-GB.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Horse Council BC is looking for sponsors to support the 2009 BC Heritage Finals in Chilliwack, July 11-12th 2009.

If you are interested in promoting your business while encouraging the growth of General Performance in BC, email communication@hcbc.ca for more information.

CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

Western

Showmanship
Trail
Western Pleasure
Western Horsemanship
Command Class
Western Riding
Reining
Barrel Racing
Pole Bending

English

English Pleasure
Handy Horse
Hunter Under Saddle
Hunt Seat Equitation
Hunter Hack
Show Hack
Road Hack

BC HERITAGE FINALS FAST APPROACHING!

BC Heritage Finals, July 11-12, 2009, Chilliwack Heritage Park. All breed, all ages; BC's Premiere General Performance competition. Riders have until June 30th to qualify, purchase your log book now!

Visit the www.hcbc.ca for more information on how to participate, classes available and qualifying competitions. Prize list and entry form available soon.



Fun for the whole family, free admission, Saturday evening BBQ dinner, reining demo by Carla Webb, barrel racing demo by Natalie Giordano and West Coast Thunder drill team performance... we hope to see you there!

Thank you to our generous sponsors:

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Presenting Sponsors:



Class Sponsors:



Friend of the Circuit Sponsor:



CORE GRANT APPLICATIONS

Just to remind to our clubs and members that the May 15th deadline date is fast approaching for our Core Grant Applications. Only a few have been received so send in your application today!

SUPPORT THE SPORTS FUNDER LOTTERY!

Don't forget that Sports Funder Grants for youth travel assistance come from the sale of the Sports Funder lottery tickets so support your local athletes and buy your ticket today!

IMPROVING YOUR EYE FOR FUNCTIONAL CONFORMATION CLINIC - JUNE 4TH & 9TH

Judy Wardrope introduces participants to the concepts of conformation as it relates to the horse's ability to perform – in the show ring, on the racetrack, or on the trail.

People attending the presentation, no matter their level of experience, can expect to leave with an understanding of how skeletal conformation relates to success in the various disciplines. Attendees learn valuable information on how to select horses for training and breeding. Judy imparts valuable and transferable tools based on years of observation and study of thousands of successful competition horses.

Through the use of photographs of top horses, of actual skeletons and of failures, Judy illustrates the concepts for the audience in a logical progression and shows them in relationship to either common principles of physics, or human characteristics and their concurrent abilities.

In situations where it is possible to provide live horses for hands-on applications, clinic participants are shown how to identify and/or palpate the various skeletal points used in the verbal descriptions of conformational traits and how to analyze a variety of equines.

When questionnaires were distributed, not only were 100% of the attendees willing to attend another seminar, they said they would bring others. The most common responses mention “informative” and “entertaining” in their descriptions. Join HCBC in this informative and entertaining learning opportunity, open to everyone!

The clinic will be held on June 4th, which will be an evening session, and on June 9th, which will be a full day in Langley, BC (location tba).

Cost is \$125.00 for both sessions, or \$50.00 for the June 4th evening session. Taxes are not included.

COACHES sign up five students for full session and receive 50% off your registration fee. This offer is open to all Equine Canada Certified Coaches.

Please contact Kelly Coughlin, Manager Competition & Industry for more information at competition@hcbc.ca

COACHING DATES

August 12
Instructor of Beginners
Exam English, Lower
Mainland

September 23-24
English Coach
Evaluation, Lower
Mainland

October 28-29
English Coach Exam,
Lower Mainland

October (tba)
Western instructor Exam

October (tba)
Western 1 & 2 Exam

MAY EVENTS CALENDAR

For more information on the following events please visit the [Events page](#) on the HCBC website, www.hcbc.ca.

Tow Vehicle & Trailer Inspection
May 9 - Salmon Arm Fairgrounds

TREC Fun Day
May 9 - Salmon Arm Fairgrounds

Adiva Murphy's Introduction to Natural
Horsemanship Lessons
May 9 - Marode Stables

Manure: Friend not Foe
Workshop
May 9 - Coghlan Hall

Kyle King Clinic
May 9 & 10 -
Northlands Equestrian
Centre

Dale Irwin Clinic
May 15 - 17 - Pass Creek Exhibition
Grounds, Castlegar

Adiva Murphy's Introduction to Natural
Horsemanship Clinic
May 16 - 17 - Horse On Course Ranch,
Falkland

Hunter/Jumper/XC Clinic with Lynne
Larsen
May 22 - 24 - 100 Mile Outriders

Noah's Wish Disaster Response
Training
May 23 & 24 - Creston, BC

HCBC EC Hunter Jumper and
Equitation Course Design Clinic
with Peter Holmes
May 25 & 26 - Thunderbird Show
Park, Langley

Rendezvous 2009 - Back
Country Horsemen BC
May 28 - 30 - Rock Creek
Fairgrounds

Dressage Clinic with Mike
Schaffer
May 29 - 31 - Matway Farms,
Abbotsford

Horse Trials BC Intro to Eventing
Clinics
May 30 & 31 - Mary's Farm and
Sanctuary, Goldstream



COMPETITIONS DEPARTMENT NEWS & UPDATES

EC Rule Update for Horse Trials

New “Equine Canada Acknowledgement: Rules for Eventing –Article D302- waiver for competitors”. This notice goes out to all participants, parents and COACHES. As of 2009, this acknowledgement must be completed and signed by all competitors (and their coaches) who have been eliminated due to being unseated and wish to continue in the competition “hors concours”.

Equine Canada Hunter, Jumper and Equitation Course Design Clinic

May 25-26, 2009 Equine Canada Hunter, Jumper and Equitation Course Design Clinic with Peter Holmes, FEI “I” CD, at Thunderbird Show Park and Sandman Hotel in Langley BC. This clinic qualifies certification and upgrading for apprentice, recorded(r) and senior(S) Course Designers. The clinic is open to everyone and is available for coach update hours. Peter is also offering the opportunity to work with him during the BC Open at Thunderbird Show Park Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Great opportunity for riders, judges and coaches! See the HCBC Events Calendar for more information.

EC Apprentice Hunter, Jumper and Equitation Officials Status Application

EC Apprentice Hunter, Jumper and Equitation Officials Status (Pilot Project) Application form now available. Equine Canada is now offering a 2 year apprentice program for H/J judges and course designers for Bronze and non-sanctioned competitions. Applicants must be a Gold license holder in good standing and have attended (or plan to attend) a recognized clinic with a completed exam. For more information and application for judges and course designers follow this link http://www.equinecanada.ca/index.php?option=com_docman&task=cat_view&gid=185&Itemid=365

EC Pony Measurement Changes

EC Pony Measurement changes for 2009; include random measurements at EC competitions starting in 2009, a new 3 year permanent card for ponies over 6 years of age and mandatory entry at competitions for permanent measurements. Please refer to the EC Rulebook Publications Guide 2009 for more information at http://www.equinecanada.ca/index.php?option=com_content&task=category&id=579&Itemid=466

For competitions information email competition@hcbc.ca

FEATURED BUSINESS MEMBER - ACES HIGH STABLES

Aces High Stables, located East of Mission in Dewdney, is owned Sue Albrecht. Only an eight minute drive from the Mission-Abbotsford bridge, Aces High offers a full size sand dressage ring with a hog fuel track around it, a very large stadium ring and a cross-country course complete with water jump, banks, ditches, etc.

This small but efficient operation is located in a very picturesque, open setting with lots of sunshine. Although Aces High does not offer boarding, they do offer stalls and paddocks and complete feeding and care for short stays for individuals and their horses who come for training. Whether it be dressage or eventing, Sue, who is a Level 3 Event Coach, can assist riders with her expertise.

Also offered are once a month theory nights covering a variety of subjects from training to horse care for anybody wanting to expand their knowledge, a ladies night and a young riders night. For more information, contact Sue Albrecht by email at aces.high@shaw.ca or phone 604-820-7262.



Maverick Riding Club Members on a trial ride in the Steeples mountain range in September 2008.

FEATURED CLUB MEMBER - MAVERICK RIDING CLUB

The Maverick Riding Club is located in Cranbrook, BC and consists of adults and children who promote safe horseback riding experiences. They do that through education, training, riding games (gymkhanas) and trail rides. It is a great family oriented club that is affordable and fun for everyone involved.

Jacque Ferguson, a Maverick Riding Club member, has formed a women's drill team that is willing to travel to various functions. For more information call Jacque at 250-489-6127.

In 2008 the club spent a great deal of time updating the Idlewild Arena, which is an outdoor riding facility that is free for public use. There was a lot of time and energy involved by numerous volunteers. The club would like to thank everyone who volunteered, and the businesses and organizations (including Horse Council BC) who made donations so this could be possible. Rebuilding the arena was such a huge success that the club would now like to upgrade the footing to make it safer for participants and spectators, and install lighting and a grandstand.

At the end of each season the club has a year-end banquet where awards are given out for the best times and highest points to adults and children. Each club member under 18 years old is acknowledged for their effort.

For more information about the club or upcoming events please contact Kelly Cleland at clelandcrew@shaw.ca or 250-489-1686.



Notes From the Office - May 2009

Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport News

The Provincial government announced its budget and with that some funding cuts. The efforts of the BC Sport Alliance to align sport with healthy living under a new Ministry has tied our sector to an important government priority and buffered us from large-scale funding cuts. As of March 3, 2009 we know the overall funding envelope for Sport, Recreation and ActNow within the Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport has dropped by approximately five per cent from the previous year. To put this into context, funding for Tourism and the Arts has dropped by more than 30 per cent.

The Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport recently announced \$5 million in funding for the sector. HCBC would like to encourage its membership to send a brief thank you letter or email to the Ministry thanking them for the recent commitment of \$5 million to support amateur sport in the province.

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North American Junior Young Riders Championships (NAJYRC)

The 2009 NAJYRC will be held at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington Kentucky from July 22-26th. This competition is held annually under the rules of the Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI) the international governing body of Equestrian sport. The competition hosts the Olympic disciplines of Eventing, Dressage and Show Jumping and now is hosting the FEI sport of Reining. Many of the world's top riders, including many Olympic gold medalists, go their International start at NAJYRC.

The competition is open to riders aged 16 to 21.

LMQHA Horseman's Bazaar

HCBC attended the Quarter Horse Bazaar in Langley in March and we were happy to talk to our membership as well as selling some our books, merchandise and very stylish HCBC clothing. Our bookstore was also at the Pony Club Quiz in Langley. We have attended this event for many years and enjoy being there to provide educational material for Pony Clubbers and their parents.



Barn Security

In several communities in BC there have been a rash of barn thefts and break in's. Many barns have been targeted and hit more than once. In order to help curb the losses and hopefully stop the thieves, here are a few ideas to keep your barn, your clients and your vehicles safer from theft.

- Lock your cars, use your anti-theft devices. Do not leave your valuables in your car. This includes your remote control for your garage. Locking a purse or wallet in the trunk of your car will help, however not if your car is stolen.
- Lock your tack rooms and start a policy of having it locked at all times
- Consider padlocking saddles to the wall or rack
- Install gates at the end of your driveway or close to the barn, this will slow down anyone who is looking to enter your property
- Install a driveway alarm which goes off when someone enters the area
- Install an alarm on your tack room door, but also be sure that it will ring where people can hear it.
- Install motion detector security lights outside your barn and in the parking area
- When meeting new clients or visitors, do not allow two of them to split up and distract you. The second person will be the one stealing out of your tack room. They act like potential clients. This is also a technique to scope out your facility to see what they can take.
- It is your right to ask people why they have entered your property and who they are
- Clearly mark your tack with some sort of ID (not your SIN number of course!) and keep a pictorial record of what you have. It helps identify tack if recovered.
- Barking dogs are often a deterrent at night, but as many thefts occur during the day this may not be a viable solution. Geese make lots of noise when someone enters the property!
- Vary your routine, if you are targeted you will be watched. An unpredictable routine may deter thieves as they are not sure when you will be in the barn. Feed times are not conducive to time changes but other regular chores can be.

Your personal safety is of utmost importance. Do not confront an intruder, call 911!

Even the best protected barns are still targets, however, using some of the ideas presented here you may be able to minimize thefts or prevent them. Thieves generally look for easy targets, so try to make it difficult for them.



Horse Week 2009

Horse Week preparations are under way. This annual event will take place May 30th to June 7, 2009. To register your event or for more information please contact Susan at the HCBC office or email membership@hcbc.ca

Equine Canada's Recreation Division and the provincial equestrian federations are thrilled to announce that Paralympic Gold and Silver Medalist and BC resident, Lauren Barwick is the official the Spokesperson for Horse Week 2009.

"I have come to realize that the partnership between a human and horse is multifaceted. Whether from the saddle or by their side, these magnificent animals have given me more on an emotional, mental, and physical comfort in life than I ever thought imaginable or possible. I encourage people to take full advantage of horse week 2009, where they can embrace all that the equine has to offer."

Held annually to promote and celebrate Canada's thriving horse industry, Horse Week appeals to both horse enthusiasts and the public alike. Featuring a wide range of activities held across the country, including trail rides, equine showcases, charity events, RCMP musical rides and competitions of all kinds, Horse Week has been growing steadily since its inception in 2002.

P'tit Trot – A program for young Western Riders

Horse Council BC is excited to announce the arrival of the P'tit Trot program. This is a program 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 4 Chapter 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 for purchase at a cost of \$39.95 per package. The package includes a full color manual, user guide for the coach, Pattern pad, certificate, horseshoe shaped stickers, posters and buttons. Parents if you would like your child to take part in this program please contact a Equine Canada Certified Coach. These coaches are listed on the HCBC website.



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Parents and the Long Term Equestrian Development Model

Horse Council BC has copies of the Long Term Equestrian Development model which are given to parents at no charge from the HCBC office. If you cannot pick one up please call the office and one can be mailed to you at a charge of \$4.00 for postage.

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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.

Horse Council BC continues to grow each year with membership reaching over 21,000 in 2007. Horse Council BC actively represents the equine industry in agriculture, industry, sport, and recreation through education, grant funding, club support, government lobbying, liability insurance, and participant programs.



The Horse Council would like to acknowledge the assistance of the Province of British Columbia and the Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport.