

HCBC E-NEWSLETTER

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Submitted by Wendy Sewell, Coaching and Education Manager

This year BC faced events that could have been devastating for horse owners. Fires, floods, West Nile, Strangles and more have made their mark.

There are 21,000 HCBC members with a common interest, horses. There have been times this year that would have members shaking with anger over starved and abused horses. The fires in the Interior and other areas of BC had residents working hard to save their horses. No one can forget the starving abandoned horses in McBride that were saved through the efforts of local horse people who cared. The important factor here is that our members care. Volunteers in BC cared enough to foster starving and abused horses, they donated hay and equipment to the SPCA and others that needed help. BC members have donated time and money to assist those who suffered traumatic injuries and those who had vet bills they could not pay. HCBC has a database of names of members who will house and transport horses in times of disaster. Caring and helping is not discipline specific nor is it breed or geographical.

At HCBC we often say that our strength is in our membership numbers, but that is not really an accurate statement. Our real strength is in our members.

HCBC and the BC SPCA

The HCBC is proudly supporting and promoting the work of the BC SPCA, who is reliant on the support of animal-lovers like our members. HCBC members are encouraged to volunteer, donate, foster rescued horses and report allegations of abuse and/or neglect.

Currently the BC SPCA provides the following services/support:

- Rescues horses who are abandoned, abused or neglected
- Provides emergency and non-emergency medical attention
- Provides boarding, feed, essential grooming and farrier care
- Coordinates volunteers, staff and specialists to care for the horses
- Finds permanent adoptive families

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- October 23-25
The Mane Event
Heritage Park, Chilliwack
- November 21
29th Annual Horse Council BC Awards Banquet
Hazelmere Country Club
For tickets call
1-800-345-8055
- BC Heritage Circuit
2010 Log Book prices:
\$10.50 or 2 for \$15.75

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- Finds foster homes
- Fundraises in the community
- Investigates allegations of cruelty or neglect and prepares cases for Crown Counsel

In addition to the above, the BC SPCA also leads on a number of education and advocacy initiatives that indirectly benefit our equine friends.

Our Horses Our Industry!

Horse Council BC in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture is embarking on a province wide Horse Industry Study. The purpose of this study is to determine the current status of the Horse Industry and estimate its economic benefits and values to BC's economy. This study will focus on a broad scope of businesses and services in BC directly and indirectly related to the Horse Industry. The changing perspective of agriculture and livestock among the general public has a direct impact on issues such as environmental stability and animal welfare. These issues are important to all horse people and must be addressed through valid and acceptable strategies by the Equine Industry stakeholders.

In 1998, the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands along with Horse Council BC did a detailed survey to estimate the size of the horse industry and its economic contribution to the British Columbia economy. Results from this 1998 survey indicated land use exceeded 245,000 acres and an annual economic impact of 771 million dollars.

The past eleven years have seen significant population growth, economic challenges and a changing perspective of agriculture and livestock among the general public. These issues along with economic changes in BC necessitate an in depth review of the horse industry in its current state. Your input is extremely valuable and this is your opportunity to have a say in the direction you want to see your industry grow. Please take a few minutes and complete the Equine Industry survey. You can access the survey at www.hcbc.ca or if you would like a copy of the survey mailed to you contact Kelly Coughlin at 604-856-4304 or by email industry@hcbc.ca.

Time for a Trail Ride!

Blazing a trail? Trail markers are once again available to clubs who maintain trails in their area. To order email recreation@hcbc.ca. To view a sample [click here](#).

The HCBC trails database is now up and running and we encourage members to check it out online at www.hcbc.ca/recreation/trails. The database consists of maps and directions to almost 125 equestrian trails and parks throughout BC. Feel free to post trail information, start a discussion, ask questions or seek ride companions online at the "Trails Forum". Your feedback is appreciated and necessary in order to maintain the database as a meaningful and accurate resource for recreational riders. Please email your comments to recreation@hcbc.ca.

The new edition of the "Road Safety Handbook" is available online at www.hcbc.ca or to order a hard copy email recreation@hcbc.ca or call 1-800-345-8055.

Note to all riders using Campbell Valley Park please be sure to use only the designated trails for horses. The GVRD has noted that many of the hiking trails are being used by horseback riders. Be careful to use this park as it was intended or we all risk losing the trails.

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West Nile Alert

There have been three confirmed cases of West Nile Virus in British Columbia, Two cases in the interior and one in south Aldergrove. All three cases were in previously unvaccinated horses. Horse owners are reminded this is a serious viral disease which can cause a variety of clinical signs most significantly neurological symptoms. Once symptoms are noticed it is too late for the vaccine to be effective and there is no specific treatment available to kill the virus in the brain, only supportive treatment to reduce the fever and keep the horse alive. Unfortunately any neurological damage may leave the horse with an unsteady gait making it unsafe to ride. If the horse goes down it may never get back on to its feet and have to be euthanized. Vaccination is the only way to protect your horse against this potentially deadly disease.

The available vaccines are safe and effective. The new Prevenile vaccine can be given to previously unvaccinated horses as a single dose without a booster. It is recommended that unvaccinated horses be immediately vaccinated and those horses not vaccinated within the last twelve months receive a booster.

For more information please contact your veterinarian. Readers should note that West Nile is not transmissible from horse to human or vice versa. Mosquito's are the common source of the spread of infection. In order to lesson the chance of West Nile stable managers should be sure to minimize the habitats for mosquitoes. HCBC has a brochure you can download from our website with more information on how to minimize mosquitoes at your barn.

Out and About with Horse Council BC

Our next venue for the HCBC booth will be the Mane Event in Chilliwack, October 23 to 25th. Please drop by as we always enjoy talking with our membership. If you are an EC Certified Coach or Instructor, definitely come by and introduce yourself, there are still a few Coaches mugs available!

Celebrating BC's Best

This year HCBC has received a large number of deserving nominations for our annual awards making the job of the Awards Committee a tough one!

Members mark your calendars!! November 21st is the 29th Annual Horse Council Awards Banquet at Hazelmere Country Club. This year's banquet will be well worth attending!

HCBC is now accepting items for the silent auction, so if you would like to donate please email reception@hcbc.ca or call the office directly.

Tickets for this event can be purchased before November 18th by contacting the office at 604-856-4304 or toll free 1-800-345-8055.

General Performance Judges Clinic

*Facilitated By
Patti Carter*

Patti has been successfully training, coaching, competing and judging for over 22 years. She holds judges certification with APHA, APHC, AQHA, NCRHA, NRHA, NSBA and PHBA. She has judged the Gold Coast Circuit, AQHA World Championship, the AQHYA Youth World Championship, and numerous others in Canada and Europe. Patti coached Team Canada at the 2000 and 2002 Youth World Cup events in Italy and Texas.

Patti will discuss topics related to General Performance competitions including various disciplines and breeds.

This clinic is opening to everyone interested in General Performance.

Date: November 28-29th, 2009

Time: 9-5pm

Location: Aldergrove Best Western

Best Western is offering discounted accommodations rates to HCBC participants. Call 604-856-9880 to inquire.

Register Now!

GRANT FUNDING FOR THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTRES

Equine Canada, in partnership with Sport Canada, is pleased to announce that two series of grants will be available to Therapeutic Riding Centres in Canada, totaling \$5,000.

Five grants of up to \$500 will be awarded in each series to Therapeutic Riding Centres that offer new competitive opportunities, or enhance their current competitive program for riders with a disability. The objective of the program is to provide a link between therapeutic riding programs and competitive sport.

Application deadline is November 1, 2009 for the first series and March 15, 2010 for the second. To be eligible for a grant, therapeutic riding centers must employ or contract a current NCCP Equine Canada Coach to assist in the delivery of sport programs.

Grant Applications

For more information, please contact Para-Equestrian Canada by e-mail at para-equestrian@equinecanada.ca, or at 1-866-282-8395 ext. 143.

CANADIAN EVENTING HALL OF FAME

The Canadian Eventing Committee has announce the 2009 inductees into the Canadian Eventing Hall of Fame.

Amongst the recipients were Jean and George Simpson and Pam Arthur of BC, selected from over fifty nominations. Recipients are chosen in recognition of their contributions to the development of the sport of Eventing in Canada.

Jean and George Simpson — Jean and George Simpson have been supporters of the sport for over 50 years, promoting Young Riders development and contributing to the growth of the sport in British Columbia. Their BC Supporters Club designed to promote eventing was unique and legendary. They were also owners for some of the country's most successful riders whose horses have achieved some of our greatest successes.

Pam Arthur – Pam has been involved in every aspect of development of the sport in British Columbia and Western Canada. She's been a competitor, organizer, coach, course designer, judge and steward for both the Eventing and Show Jumping disciplines.

The inductees will be honored at the Canadian Eventing Hall of Fame Gala Dinner which will be held November 7, 2009, at the Metropolitan Hotel in Toronto, ON.

BC RIDER QUALIFIES FOR MACLAY FINALS IN NEW YORK CITY

Cassandra Kahle and her 10-year-old Hanoverian gelding, Batik, will be heading off to the Maclay Finals at the 126th National Horse Show in New York City from October 28th to November 1.

Two weeks ago, she won at the West Coast Regional Finals in Monroe, Washington, which qualified Kahle to compete at the National Horse Show.

Kahle and her mount have been sponsored by Terry and Alycia Hayes. She is just one of only two Canadian riders that qualified to attend this event.

The success feels great, especially considering the two set backs she encountered in 2008, one being a concussion and the other a broken ankle that caused her to miss half the season.

Dedication, especially at such a young age, is key to success in the equestrian sport. Kahle rides about eight to 10 hours a day seven days a week.

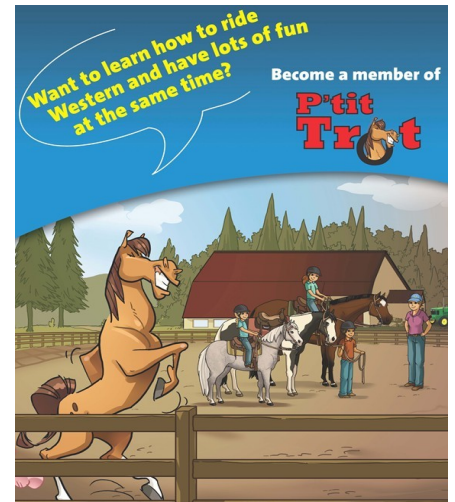
"I ride 10 to 15 horses a day and I just love working with them," she said.

Kahle's plans for the future include jumping into the Grand Prix ring and continuing her equestrian career over into Europe for a couple of years.

All of this hard work is aimed at achieving her ultimate goal which is to represent Canada at either the 2016 or 2020 Olympic Games.



Cassandra Kahle and Batik



P'tit Trot is a new and exciting program designed for children who have a love for horses and want to learn more about them.

Included in the program is a colorfully illustrated four chapter handbook introducing children 5 and over to the basics of Western riding and horse care.

Coaches are invited to use this entertaining and educational handbook to prepare and support activities offered at riding camps and as preparation to begin the Western Learn to Ride levels.

The complete program is available from online at www.hcbc.ca at the HCBC bookstore for \$39.95 plus postage and GST.

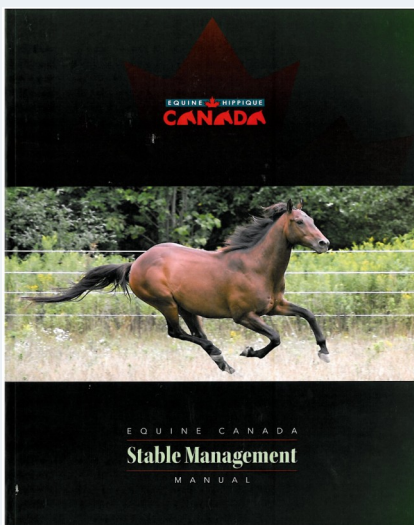
For more information on this program check out www.ptittrot.ca.

Horse Council BC would like to thank the Quebec Equestrian Federation for allowing HCBC to use this program.

STABLE MANAGEMENT IN CANADA REVISED COPY AVAILABLE NOW!

The newly revised Stable Management in Canada is now available from the HCBC bookstore. This book covers the material to reflect horse care and management across Canada. The manual is uniquely written by experts from all disciplines with a Canadian understanding and context. Stable Management in Canada is a resource for any horse owner or enthusiast along with Coach and Instructor Candidates. The exams for EC Coaching are based on the material in this manual.

Stable Management in Canada can be purchased from the HCBC online bookstore for \$35.00 plus postage and GST.



PARA-EQUESTRIAN CANADA COACHING CLINIC IN CHILLIWACK

Para-Equestrian Canada (PEC) is pleased to announce that a coaching clinic will be offered on October 23, 2009, at the Best Western Rainbow County Inn in conjunction with the 'Mane Event' in Chilliwack, BC.

This clinic is a great opportunity for coaches who regularly work with able-bodied riders to learn about methods to instruct para-riders in the most effective manner possible. Clinic attendees will acquire further knowledge on specific para-related issues such as the adaptive tack, and the classification system that is used in dressage and driving. The clinic will also cover the medical and liability questions involved in coaching para-equestrian riders. Attendance at the clinic will qualify for six updating hours for Equine Canada certified coaches.

Jane James has been appointed as the clinician for this one-day clinic. James has an extensive background within the Para-Equestrian community, including certification as an Equine Canada Coach and a CanTRA Coach/Examiner. In addition to her current roles on the Canadian Para-Equestrian Committee and the PEC Coaching Committee, James was also a member of the stewarding team at the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games, has acted as Chef d'équipe for the Canadian Para-Equestrian Team, and was the inaugural chair of Equine Canada's first Para-Equestrian committee.

Clinic size is limited, so interested coaches are encouraged to register at their earliest convenience through Irena Seifert, Para-Equestrian Program Coordinator by e-mail at: iseifert@equinecanada.ca or telephone at: 1-866-282-8395 ext. 143. The clinic cost is \$50.00 per participant.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS—2010 EQUINE CANADA DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE ELECTION

Each year the Equine Canada Nominations Committee has the responsibility of presenting a slate of candidates to the membership for the election of a Director-at-Large. The 13-member Equine Canada Board of Directors consists of three Director-at-Large positions, which are elected by the membership. One Director-at-Large position is elected each year and serves a three-year term. The other positions on the Board are elected through each of the four councils (Breeds and Industry, Provincial, Recreation and Sport).

Nomination forms for the 2010 Director-at-Large can be found on the [Equine Canada website](#) or by phoning 613-248-3433 ext. 130. Completed forms must be received in the national office, along with the nominee's biographical information and picture, by November 27, 2009, no later than 4:00 p.m. EST in order to be eligible for consideration.

Please forward submissions to Sonia Blanchard by mail at Equine Canada 2685 Queensview Dr., Suite 100, Ottawa, ON, K2B 8K2; sblanchard@equinecanada.ca; or fax: (613) 248-3484.

Updated 2009 Canadian National Eventing Team Announced

Canadian Eventing Committee is please to announce the updated 2009 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 to June 30, 2009.

BC Riders

SHORT LIST

Rider	Horse	Hometown
Hawley Bennett	Gin & Juice	Langley, BC
Chelan Kozak	Tasman Sea	Abbotsford, BC

LONG LIST

Hawley Bennett	Splendorofthesun Livingstone	Langley, BC
Kerry Johnston	Warrick	Summerland, BC
Sabrina Levere	Hypona Nicodemus	Burnaby, BC
Julia Norman	Sauvignon	Kelowna, BC
Ali Holmes-Smith	Paddington	Chase, BC
Maya Studenmund	Business Class	Vancouver, BC
Marissa Wolfe	The Maestro	Pitt Meadows, BC



Hawley Bennett & Gin & Juice



Chelan Kozak & Tasman Sea

VALUE PLUS WORKSHOP

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*Discover a new crop of
opportunities for your farm.*

Attention all rural based entrepreneurs looking to learn how to tap into opportunities from concept to market.

The Canadian Farm Business Management Council, in partnership with the B.C. Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Business Development Program and the Small Scale Food Processor Association, is hosting a two day workshop that is ideally suited to anyone wanting to start a new farm related enterprise or to diversify an existing operation.

Workshop Dates

October 30 & December 7

Time

9am - 4pm

Location

Abbotsford Agriculture Centre

Only \$85.00 for 2 Days

REGISTER TODAY!



THE MANE EVENT

The Mane Event, Equine Education & Trade Fair is coming this month to Heritage Park in Chilliwack, October 23 - 25, 2009. This expo offers something for everyone - clinicians this year include: Debbie McDonald - Dressage; Frankie Chesler-Ortiz - Jumping; Blaine Nicholls - Competitive Trail Class; Brian Isbell - HUS, Hunt Seat Equitation and Horsemanship Class; Jonathan Field - Horsemanship; Dale Myler - Bits & Biting; Ruben Villasenor - Horsemanship & Using a Bosal and more. The Trainers Challenge will feature Josh Lyons, Martin Black and Bruce Logan, who is replacing Jon Ensign who has been seriously injured and will hopefully be able to participate next year. The Equine Experience this year will feature Drill Teams, Breed Demos and Freestyle demos by Jonathan Field and Ruben Villasenor.

All events take place indoors and a pass for all three days is \$35.00 for adults or \$20.00 for youth 7-12 years old, or a single day pass is \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for youths 7 - 12 years old. This gives you admission to all events, demos and clinics. Camping is available on-site please call or email to book and a listing of hotels is on website.

Expo Hours:

Friday, October 23/09 11:00 am - 9:00 pm

Saturday October 24/09 9:00 am - 9:00 pm (*Note: Equine Experience to follow*)

Sunday, October 25/09 9:00 am - 6:00 pm (*Note: Cowboy Church is from 9:15 am - 9:45 am*)

Visit us online for a complete schedule of events at <http://www.maneeventexpo.com>

Featured Business Member

Heritage Equine Products is a new retailer of saddlery and fine tack. Operating a showroom in the equestrian village of Southlands, Heritage Equine stocks the finest saddles and accessories from Luc Childeric, Maurel, Antares, Frank Baines, Ridgemount, Forestier, Prestige Italy, Dyon bridles, Tredstep Ireland, C.M. Hadfields, CHRIST, BR, and Horseware Ireland. On staff is a Qualified Saddle Fitter trained through the Society of Master Saddlers in the U.K. Make an appointment to come view our collection: info@heritageequine.com or call Lisa at (604) 818-4200. Our mobile saddle fitter would be more than happy to come to your barn and fit your horse with a variety of saddles. See our options online at www.heritageequine.com



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OCTOBER EVENTS CALENDAR

Jonathan Field Horsemanship Clinic

October 10–12, 2009

Abbotsford, BC

Contact: Carol Amero at 604-534-1342 or Carol@Jonathanfield.net

Come in to enter our draw for a FREE RIDER POSITION in any 2010 Field Horsemanship Clinic.

Western Canadian Farrier's Association

2009 Fall Conference and Competition

October 16-18, 2009

Chilliwack Heritage Park

Contact: Rick Higginson 604-858-6715 rickhigginson@uniserve.com

Includes WCFA AGM, Speakers and Demonstrations, Banquet and Farrier Competition.

Open to the public, participant registration required.

TREC Training Day Competition

October 17th, 2009

Skimikin Campground, 1660 Skimikin Road, Tappen, BC

Enter by October 12th, forms and more info at www.trecbc.ca or contact Karen at 250-675-3705 or skskgar@telus.net.

Note: Entry fees will be returned if event is cancelled due to fire.

2009 National Dressage Symposium with Ellen Bontje and Christoph Hess

October 22-24, 2009

Cloverdale Agriplex

Ellen will ride, coach, train and lecture over the 3 day span, while Mr. Hess will focus on the riders and the philosophy and psychology of training horses with the goal of producing upper level dressage horses.

For [more information](#) contact [Equine Canada](#) or [register today](#).

The Mane Event

October 23-25, 2009

Heritage Park, Chilliwack, BC

www.maneeventexpo.com

Jonathan Field Demonstrations

October 23 - 25, 2009

The Mane Event at Chilliwack Heritage Park

For more information go to www.maneeventexpo.com

Jonathan Field Horsemanship Clinic

October 29 - 31, 2009

Abbotsford, BC

Contact: Carol Amero (604) 534-1342 or by email carol@jonathanfield.net

Come in to enter our draw for a FREE RIDER POSITION in any 2010 Field Horsemanship Clinic.

Value Plus - A Quest For New Farm Value Workshop

October 30, 2009 & December 7, 2009

Abbotsford Agriculture Centre

A two day workshop facilitated by Gary Morton, co-author of "*Building Added Value Through Farm Diversification*"

To register email Jennifer.Curtis@gov.bc.ca or call 604-556-3057 or [click here](#)

FOR MORE LISTINGS VISIT OUR [EVENTS CALENDAR](#)

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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HORSE COUNCIL
BRITISH COLUMBIA

Horse Council BC,
President and Members of the Board
would like to invite you to the

29th Annual Awards Banquet



Saturday November 21st, 2009
Hazelmere Country Club
18150 8th Ave Surrey

Special Guests:
CMT Recording Artist Karen Lee Batten
On-Air Personality Byron James from JRFM

Cocktail Hour @ 6:00 pm
Fireside Buffet Dinner @ 7:00 pm
Door Prizes, Silent Auction and Entertainment

Tickets \$60 each
or table of 8 for \$430 10 for \$540

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Celebrating Equine Achievements*

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