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Horse Council BC is saddened to announce the loss of our dear friend, Alf Fletcher, 77, of Westbank, BC. Alf was many things to many people, having been a judge, HCBC VP Competitions, President of Equine Canada, Board Member, Steward, Award Recipient, Mentor and Friend.

Alf was an Equine Canada Senior National and FEI steward and former President of Equine Canada from 1997 to 2000. Alf also dedicated himself to the successful restructuring of Equine Canada. He possessed a commitment and vision for a strong and viable equestrian industry in Canada when he assisted in the revamping of the national federation. In 2001, Alf was named as Equine Canada's Volunteer of the Year. This was just one of the many awards Alf received.

For those of us at HCBC he was "our Alf". Full of humor, knowledge and insight, he never failed to provide an answer or at the very least a joke that would dispel any tension in the room. Alf was a person you could always count on in any situation. As a regular fixture stewarding at venues such as Thunderbird Show Park and Spruce Meadows, Alf was there to make sure the rules were followed at all times, but even then he was there to help anyone who needed it. Alf would often be seen on a golf cart while stewarding at Thunderbird with his "son" Danny Bland, going from ring to ring to keep an eye on things.

Alf has left us with a legacy of commitment, knowledge, and a passion for all things equestrian. Those who knew him were richer for the experience; those who were mentored by him have learned from the best, those who were close to him are truly blessed for having had him as part of their lives.

At his family's request, memorial donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. A memorial service will be held for Alf on Wednesday July 8, 2009, at 2 p.m. at 433 Curlew Drive, Kelowna, BC. Alf is survived by his wife, Heather, and their two sons.

Alf will be missed.



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