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### **Notes From The Office**

*By Wendy Sewell, Manager of Coaching*

#### **Travels on the Internet!**

It has come to our attention that the internet is not going away, and is growing in usage every day. What makes going online so useful is the amount of information we can gather sitting in front of our computers. What makes going online so scary is also the amount of information we can gather sitting in front of our computers! As winter sets in we may find ourselves cruising the information superhighway more often, checking out sites of interest. The internet is a truly a wonderful tool that has increased our ability to reach others, learn and process information and waste a lot of time while still looking like we are working. The HCBC site is available for our members and users to access breaking news and information that has been checked for accuracy. Use the information wisely and be safe out there!

#### **Christmas Suggestions**

Christmas is coming! If you are looking for gifts for Horse enthusiasts on your list, take a look at the HCBC bookstore. We carry a large selection of books for all interests and disciplines. Our stock changes as new books are added to the store. If you can't choose a specific book, email [bookstore@hcbc.ca](mailto:bookstore@hcbc.ca) and ask for a HCBC Bookstore Gift Certificate.

HCBC has many Equine Business members who we would encourage you to visit and support. Have a look at our online Industry Guide, (<http://www.hcbc.ca/directory/business>) and you will find access to over 250 businesses that support HCBC through their membership. These businesses offer anything from Equine Products, tack stores, carriage rides, stall and stable supplies, artwork, health care, legal services, hauling, bed and bales, retreats and of course tack stores.

#### **New Format E-Newsletter**

HCBC members may have noticed the new and improved format of our E-Bulletins and E-Newsletter. This service has undergone visual renovation and we hope that you enjoy receiving them. If you or your club would like to submit some content or news, please contact Kim at [communications@hcbc.ca](mailto:communications@hcbc.ca)

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Awards Banquet**

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### **It's time to cover your manure pile!**

HCBC would like to remind members that it is time to cover your manure piles! Manure piles should be covered from October to April to help prevent run off and leaching into water sources. For more information go to <http://www.hcbc.ca/agind/farming/manure>

### **Athlete Assistance Funding**

Along with many other funding and grant opportunities, the AAP funding will not be available for distribution this year. Sport and Athlete funding is facing cuts from the provincial budgets that provide the money to groups such as HCBC to distribute to elite athletes to further their training and quest for podium finishes.

### **Education is the Key....**

Hopefully we are entering a winter without starving horses. As much as we all wish this to be true, most likely it will not be. One of the keys to ending this is education and passing this education on to others.

Horse owners do not want judgmental education, but that which is based on being a good example and a willingness to share how things could be done better. Also, we all must recognize that different communities and people do things, well, differently. A wimpy west coast pony princess is not being treated any better necessarily than a fat happy horse in the North eating round bales and staying out all winter. While some horses are happily being ridden outside in the cold and rain, some horses would stage a mutiny in the barn should they be asked to walk from the grooming stall to the indoor arena without a warm quarter sheet on!

The bottom line is all horses have basic requirements to thrive. Water, adequate quality feed and forage and shelter along with preventive and active veterinary care are requirements for all horses everywhere.

Everyone can take the initiative to help others learn how to best provide these requirements given the geographical, community, economic or cultural situation that is their current reality. At times that help is through donations of feed or hay, other times with discussion and examples. When we sit around the room or computers discussing the problem of starving or mistreated horses, keep in mind that unless a positive action comes forward from this conversation, it is just a conversation.

Horse Council BC is committed to our mandate to provide education to BC horse owners and enthusiasts. Our website has brochures and information that can be downloaded and shared. We facilitate learning opportunities through our online education. Our future plans include even more basic horse care clinics and courses for our membership. Our member clubs put on great clinics throughout the province. We work with the SPCA and Provincial Emergency groups that help horses and members in times of crisis. We sit on committees and work with agencies such as The BC Farm and Animal Care Council, BC Veterinary Medicine Association, the Horse Welfare Alliance of Canada and work with the Ministry of Agriculture.

## Care of the Elderly

There is a slogan that is used in the UK, "A dog is for Life, not for Christmas". This same ideal can apply to horse ownership. When our equine companions reach an age where they should be retiring in a green pasture, with food, water, care and shelter, our commitments to their welfare actually becomes greater. After all the horse has provided for us in their younger years, should we then shuffle them out of our lives and our paychecks once they become of less use and more expense? Giving an elderly horse away to someone because they are costing you money may not be the best way to honor your horse. What it does is shift the responsibility and expense on to someone else who is caring enough to take on what is essentially the owner's responsibility. There are always circumstances that make giving the elderly horse away the only option, still it is one that needs to be considered carefully. There are some excellent retirement homes available in BC, please take the time to check this option out.

## Membership Renewals for 2010

Renewal reminders will be coming soon - look for them at the beginning of November. You will notice a few changes:

- A new optional insurance policy to cover members' tack
- A small rate increase to augment reduced funding
- A new Equine Canada membership
- Rider and horse ID tags containing contact information in case of emergency.

This will be the first full renewal season with our new data base software, which has been successfully used by many of our members. It has certainly streamlined the process and we continue to make improvements to make it even more user-friendly. Thank you to all the members who bravely went where no member had been before! Better help screens and more informative text are just a few of the improvements in the works.

Any questions, issues or suggestions regarding Membership should be directed to the Membership Coordinator, Susan Hilton. Email [membership@hcbc.ca](mailto:membership@hcbc.ca)

## Industry Survey

Please take the time to do the electronic survey on our website. If members prefer, a copy can be faxed or mailed to you to fill out and return by fax or mail. Your input is important, so please take this opportunity to be heard.

## "BC's Best"... Celebrating Equine Achievements

The 29th Annual Horse Council BC Awards Banquet takes place on Saturday, November 21, 2009 at Hazelmere Country Club. Watch for next month's Notes from the Office for a full write up on this glamorous and exciting event. Visit our website at [www.hcbc.ca](http://www.hcbc.ca) for pictures of all the winners as they walk the red carpet!



## Recreation News

By Ruth Donald, Recreation Coordinator

### **NEW & Exclusive to HCBC!!**

#### ***Emergency ID for Horse & Rider***

The Rider ID is a comfortable and adjustable wristband that contains a small custom ID card. It's reflective and 100% waterproof, and comes with an extra waterproof ID card. Your wrist is the first place a paramedic will look for medic alert information.

The Horse ID is also reflective and waterproof. It can be threaded onto a bridle or halter, or clipped to the saddle with a carabiner clip (also included). For more information or to order call the Horse Council office at 604-856-4304 (or 1-800-345-8055) or e-mail [recreation@hcbc.ca](mailto:recreation@hcbc.ca).

#### ***Road Safety Rack Card*** for motorists is NOW available!

An informative card for non-equestrians on how to react when encountering horses on the road or trail. Horse Council members and clubs are eligible to receive FREE copies to distribute within their communities by emailing [recreation@hcbc.ca](mailto:recreation@hcbc.ca).

#### ***Ride & Drive Rewards Program***

Have you reached your next reward level? Be sure to submit your log sheets and affidavit. Do it early in November before the Christmas mail rush!

Happy Trails!

## **Outbreak of Equine Piroplasmiasis in Texas**

An outbreak of equine piroplasmiasis in Texas has the Canadian Food Inspection Agency ordering more certifications and paperwork on horses entering Canada from the U.S.

CFIA said in a notice Friday that it has asked the U.S. Department of Agriculture to suspend any endorsements or issuance of export certificates for horses originating from Texas.

USDA has also been asked to provide copies of health certificates for horses and other equines from Texas issued for Canada during the 30 days before the outbreak.

Horses and other equines such as mules, donkeys and zebras coming to Canada from other states will also now need "supplementary" USDA certification. That will include a declaration that the animals being shipped haven't been in Texas anytime in the previous 21 days.

Canada Border Services Agency officials at ports of entry to Canada will now also ask all importers of equines whether the equines are coming from Texas, or have been there in the past 21 days, or have "transited" Texas on their way to Canada.

"If the answer to either question is yes, the animals will be referred to the CFIA for inspection," CFIA said Friday.

### **Risk Through Trading**

Horses and other equines referred to CFIA by border staff will go to a CFIA veterinary inspector for a "detailed" health inspection. "The inspector should refuse entry if he/she suspects that the animal has equine piroplasmiasis," CFIA said.

Piroplasmiasis, commonly spread between horses by way of ticks or contaminated needles can cause fever, anemia, jaundiced mucous membranes, swollen abdomens and labored breathing in the disease's acute form, according to USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

Piroplasmiasis can also cause equines to have roughened hair coats, constipation and colic, APHIS said. In its milder form, piroplasmiasis causes equines to appear weak and show lack of appetite.

"The greatest risk for introduction of this disease is through trading of animals or international equestrian sports, where infected and non-infected animals are in contact," APHIS said. "Many disease-free countries have the climate suitable for a foreign tick vector, or have ticks which could act as vectors."

Piroplasmiasis is present in South and Central America, the Caribbean, Africa, the Middle East, and Eastern and Southern Europe, APHIS said. Canada, Australia, Japan, England and Ireland are not considered to be endemic areas for the disease; nor is the U.S., APHIS said.

## **Winter is Around the Corner... Is Your Barn & Horse Ready?**

*Originally Published in the Horse Industry Association of Alberta*

With many parts of the province facing winter sooner rather than later this year, it's time to consider whether your herd, or horse, is ready for the cold

weather and snow to come. As winter approaches, there are a few things that horse owners need to consider if they want their horses to travel through winter healthy and happy.

**Adjust Feeding Programs:** Before all else, make sure you have enough nutritious food available to last far into the spring of 2010. As pasture quality or accessibility declines, consider increasing forage and/or adding concentrates. If you feed hay with a low nutrient value you will need to supplement the nutrients by way of concentrates. Adding concentrates is something that needs to be done gradually as a rapid change to a horse's diet can have negative health consequences. Have a plan for your feeding program, when it will change, how much will be slowly introduced, how long you plan to work with this feed program and what it will cost. If your feeding program does not include a mineral supplement, add one, as it will help your horse absorb nutrients and is relatively inexpensive.

**Have Teeth Checked:** Having the best food available is only useful if your horse has good teeth to eat it with. Make sure your horse's teeth are regularly checked by a veterinarian or an accredited equine dentist. The inability to grind food properly will prevent a horse from getting all of the nutrients and energy from its food. The fall months are a perfect time to have your horse's teeth floated since the weather is warmer and optimum weight can still be achieved. Waiting to have it done in the winter months could become a situation of too little too late if the horse is malnourished. Horses' teeth wear down over time so senior horses may require a source of feed other than hay, one easy for them to chew and digest.

**Deworm:** Having an effective deworming program in place is essential to wintering successfully. Deworming will ensure that your horse does not have to compete with some pesky parasite for its nutrients. Plan to deworm after the first heavy frost and use a dewormer that includes a drug to remove tape worms. Praziquantel is the most effective drug for tapeworms and is available in combination with ivermectin or moxidectin. Ask your veterinarian what is right for your horse or herd.

**Provide Shelter:** All horses must be provided with access to a windbreak or shelter as wet and windy weather robs them of warmth. A thick stand of trees may suit the purpose or, for those in more open country, a three-sided, run-in shelter. Blanketing is not necessary for most horses but for those who are clipped, have difficulty keeping weight on or come from a warmer climate and does not have a heavy winter coat, it is recommended. Keep in mind that putting a blanket on top of a winter coat takes the loft from the hair, removing its insulating ability. If you blanket, you must use a blanket with more insulation than what you've removed by flattening the coat. If you ride, drying a horse out after a workout is critical. Clipping will help but, without the natural insulation of a winter coat, your horse will then require stabling and blanketing to keep warm.

**Check Fencing & Water Sources:** Ensure automatic waterers are in proper working order and well insulated before the ground freezes which saves on time, money and frozen fingers. Dehydration in winter can

happen in a matter of days and, if not detected early, can have very serious consequences. Remember that plastic water troughs need different heaters than metal troughs. Now is the time to buy what's appropriate for your set up and have it in good working order -- before the water freezes. With fencing, ensure they are all visible, strong and, if electric, working properly. Gates that are difficult to open or close now will be worse after a foot of snow.

**Maintain Hooves:** Although horses' hooves tend to grow more slowly in the winter months, they cannot be ignored. Don't let hooves get overgrown; keep them trimmed and healthy. Trimmed hooves will chip less, hold less snow, and provide a bit more grip on slippery ground. If snow packs into your horse's hooves you can try smearing the bottom with petroleum jelly, or have your farrier put snow pads on if you plan to keep shoes on through the winter. Keep in mind that shoes without pads will increase the balling of snow and ice in your horse's feet. Work with your farrier to come up with a winter program that matches the needs of you and your horse.

**Prepare the Stable:** If you plan to stable your horses at all through the winter make sure you have ordered your bedding in advance or made appropriate arrangements. Some delivery companies may have limited access to their stock or to you once the snow is on the ground. Close off any drafty spots in your barn, fix broken windows, patch any holes in stalls, be sure barn and stall doors are fully operational and have snow shovels and salt on hand. If using heaters, be sure they work efficiently and are up to safety standards.

**Have a Plan:** As we head into winter it is important to have a plan. If the weather makes roads impassable, are you prepared in the event of a human or horse emergency? If you are injured or must leave for a family emergency, is there someone available to help you with winter feeding? Are there blankets, clean water buckets and bedding available in the event you have to bring a sick or injured horse indoors? Will you be able to provide water in the event of a power outage? Are your truck & trailer winterized?

The winter months are nothing to be afraid of and, in fact, can be quite enjoyable if you are prepared!



## **Manure Link Program**

*By Langley Environmental*

*Partners Society*

The "Manure Link" program was designed to benefit both local gardeners and local farmers. The program connects gardeners with a free source of organic fertilizer and provides local farmers with an outlet for their excess composted manure.

## **Benefits of Composted Manure**

Composted manure is an excellent natural, organic soil enhancer. Composted manure not only provides your plants and grass with a natural source of nitrogen but also provides it in a way that makes it more available to the plants. Nitrogen is stored in the soil and is available to the plants on an on-demand basis.

Other benefits of using composted manure as a soil amendment include:

- Improved soil structure
- Improved drainage
- Improved soil moisture retention during hot, dry months
- Increased earth worm populations
- Increased soil aeration
- Reduced soil compaction
- Increased available macro & micronutrients

## **How the Program Works**

### **Gardeners**

How the program works for you:

- 1) Determine your needs; Consider what kind of compost you want and how much you need.
- 2) Pick a source; Consult the manure link list and choose a location close to you that meets your needs.
- 3) Schedule pick-up; Call the farm to arrange a time
- 4) Use your compost; Add the best soil enhancer there is to your garden and watch your garden grow.

### **Farmers**

How the program works for you:

- 1) Produce composted manure; No problem there! Composted manure will be in high demand. Consult the Compost Management Guide on the Manure Maiden website [www.manuremaden.com](http://www.manuremaden.com) for instructions.

- 2) Add your farm to the list; Add your farm to the manure link list and provide information on your compost such as age, type, and amount.
- 3) Schedule pick-up; Arrange for gardeners to pick up at a time that suits you.

For further information on how we can assist you, please contact LEPS today!

Langley Environmental Partners Society

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[www.leps.bc.ca](http://www.leps.bc.ca)

## **Canadian Eventing Committee Announces Integrated National Membership For 2010**

Effective January 1st the 2010 Canadian Eventing (CE) National Membership will be integrated with the Equine Canada Individual Sport Licence. An individual who purchases the 2010 Canadian Eventing national membership will receive one card containing both their Equine Canada Sport Licence number plus the word EVENTING.

The goal of the new process is to simplify the administrative process for both CE members and Provincial Horse Trials Association Membership secretaries and treasurers.

The benefits of the new system will include:

- Simpler sport licence and membership process for competitors
- Simpler administrative process for competition organizers
- Current directory of CE members that is automatically maintained in the Equine Canada database - allowing for improved communication to CE members.
- Provide each competitor with a 2010 Canadian Eventing Omnibus which will be mailed directly by the EC national office upon sign-up

**Note:** The 2010 Omnibus is scheduled to be available mid-February 2010.

The 2010 CE national membership fee will be \$20 for Senior competitors and \$18 for Junior competitors. This price includes the 2010 Omnibus and represents no increase in fees.

In 2010 Canadian Eventing will also offer a Supporter membership for \$15. This membership category is non-competitive and does not include an Omnibus.

There are four methods to become a Canadian Eventing National Member in 2010.

1. Submit your Equine Canada Sport Licence by mail or by fax.
2. Online Equine Canada Sport Licence - at Step# 10 select CE membership.
3. Directly to Canadian Eventing by completing and returning the 2010 Canadian Eventing Membership Application form with payment to Equine Canada. **Note: CE Supporter members must use this method to join or re-new.**
4. Canadian Eventing national membership may also be purchased at an Equine Canada sanctioned eventing competition provided the competition organizer is willing to collect and forward the application and fees to Equine Canada on behalf of Canadian Eventing.

The new system does not in any way change the Provincial Horse Trial Association (PHTA) membership requirements for competing in Equine Canada sanctioned eventing competitions. A competitor will need to produce his/her EC Sport licence which includes the words EVENTING, or alternatively purchase a Temporary EC Sport Licence and CE national membership at the competition in addition to their PHTA membership card in order to compete.

The 2010 Canadian Eventing Membership form is available on the Canadian Eventing section of the Equine Canada website at [www.equinecanada.ca](http://www.equinecanada.ca) under Disciplines then select Eventing.

## Rebecca Howard Top Canadian at Fair Hill

Rebecca Howard of Salmon Arm, BC, was the top foreign rider in both the CCI 3\* and the CCI 2\* divisions at the rain soaked Dansko Fair Hill International Three Day Event held October 15-18, 2009, in Elkton, MD, USA. Throughout the competition, competitors braved cold temperatures, heavy rain and high winds. Despite the organizer's extensive efforts, many competitors chose not to run on cross country day and withdrew from the competition.



Howard finished in ninth place in the CCI 3\* division with Riddle Master, the eight-year-old Canadian Sport Horse gelding, owned by Caroline Bazley. After dressage, Howard was tied for 33rd place in the large field of 66 starters, on a score of 56.4. The pair added just 11.2 time penalties over the rain soaked, shortened cross country course which saw only the division winner make the time and then jumped a fault free show jumping round to achieve a final score of 67.6 penalty points.

Stephanie Rhodes-Bosch of Summerland, BC, rode her 11-year-old Selle Français gelding, Port Authority to 12th place. Sitting tied 27th place following dressage, on a score 54.2, the pair rode a clear cross country round with only 10 time faults move up into eighth position. One rail in the show jumping round had them finish on a final score of 68.2 penalties.

Howard was also the top Canadian rider in the CCI 2\* competition. Riding Roquefort, an 11-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding owned by Howard and Mrs. Mary Clague, Howard was in first place following dressage with a score of 42.2. With 11.6 cross country time penalties and two rails in show jumping, the pair finished in third place overall, out of 73 starters, with 61.8 penalties.

In addition to winning trophies for the best foreign rider in both divisions, Howard and Roquefort were recognized for the achieving the best dressage score in the CCI 2\* division.



## Transport Precautions Reduce Risks to Traveling Horses

By Christa Lesté-Lasserre

Horses being transported have specific needs and appear to be at increased risk of disease, injury, distress, and poor performance when these needs are not met, said an equine welfare study group in the United Kingdom.

Focusing primarily on horses transported within Europe for slaughter, World Horse Welfare (WHW) conducted veterinary observations of more than 1,500 horses in Romania prior to transport and nearly 1,300 horses in Italy after arrival. They found that one in seven horses were considered unfit for travel prior to departure, but upon arrival, this proportion increased to one in three. The statistics were the same for shipments that were compliant with European Union (EU) shipping regulations and those that were not.

All horses, regardless of the reason for transport, are going to feel the effects of travel, and what we have to do as handlers is ensure that they manage the journey in the best possible conditions," said David Marlin, PhD, associate dean for research at Hartpury College in Gloucester and independent scientific consultant for the WHW. "They're likely to be stressed from separation, and they usually take in less water and feed. Combined with sweat and respiratory water loss, this can lead to dehydration and intestinal upset which can lead to colic.

Keeping their heads elevated can also increase their risk for 'shipping fever' (pneumonia) because they can't clear secretions from the lungs as well as when their heads are down," added Marlin, who has also worked with the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) and Olympic committees on travel guidelines. "And horses traveling perpendicular to the road are in the worst position and thus more likely to injure themselves."

Handlers should monitor their horses' temperature before and after travel and should not transport horses that show any signs of being ill, as the immune system weakens during transport, he said. But many horses will not show signs of respiratory illness, so a thorough veterinary examination is called for prior to any trips of twelve hours or more.

## **Dressage Canada Announces the Dressage Canada Hall of Fame**

Dressage Canada is pleased to announce the establishment of the Dressage Canada Hall of Fame. Through the Hall of Fame, Dressage Canada will share, celebrate and appreciate the all significant Canadian contributors to the sport of dressage.

With plans in place to hold the first Hall of Fall gala ceremony in spring 2010, Dressage Canada will honor the achievements of the people and horses that have made outstanding contributions to the growth and development of dressage in Canada.

The following categories have been established for the Dressage Canada Hall of Fame. More categories may be added in the future. In any year, there will not necessarily be an induction in any or all categories.

- Builder – Individual
- Builder – Organization
- Horse or pony
- Rider
- Sponsor
- Media
- Official
- Trainer/Coach
- Team/Event
- Lifetime Achievement Award

"It is our hope that future inductees into the Hall of Fame will inspire our dressage community, particularly our youth, to further and greater individual and team accomplishments," said Dressage Canada chair, Sue Rothgeb.

Nominations for candidates to be considered for acceptance into the Hall of Fame are welcomed and encouraged. For additional information on the Dressage Canada Hall of Fame and nomination forms, please visit the Dressage Canada section of the Equine Canada website at [www.equinecanada/dressage](http://www.equinecanada/dressage).

## **Equine Canada is Now Accepting Nominations for 2010 Annual Awards**

Equine Canada is excited to once again present our Annual Awards Gala. Featured as part of the Equine Canada Annual Convention, this prestigious event will be held Saturday, February 7, 2010 at the Le Centre Sheraton Montreal Hotel. Guests will enjoy a full plated meal during the awards presentation followed by an evening of dancing as part of this

fantastic evening that acknowledges the Canadian equestrian accomplishments of 2009.

As our competition season begins to draw to a close, we would like to remind everyone of the criteria of our prestigious Equine Canada awards and the importance of nominating those you feel are worthy of such recognition.

Official award criteria and nomination forms can be found on Equine Canada's website [www.equinecanada.ca](http://www.equinecanada.ca).

The deadline for all nominations will be 4:00 p.m. EST, Friday November 27, 2009.

### **THE DOCTOR GEORGE JACOBSEN TROPHY - Equine Canada Equestrian of the Year**

In 1995 Equine Canada announced the creation of this trophy in honor of Doctor George Jacobsen, D.Sc., O.C., F.A.I.N.A., P. Eng. The Equine Canada Equestrian of the Year Award is given annually to the equestrian who has demonstrated superior sportsmanship, dedication and the pursuit of excellence in equestrian competition for the current year. Each winner holds the trophy for one year and receives a plaque.

To be nominated, the candidate must hold a valid EC competitive license. Some proof of Canadian Citizenship or Landed Immigrant status may be requested.

2008 Recipient: Eric Lamaze

### **THE GILLIAN WILSON TROPHY - Equine Canada Junior Equestrian of the Year**

This trophy was created in 1993, in honor of Gillian Wilson who was the Technical Director of Canadian Equestrian Federation (now Equine Canada) from 1977 until her retirement on December 31, 1992. The Equine Canada Junior Equestrian of the Year Award is given annually to the junior competitor who has made outstanding contributions to equestrian competition and who has exemplified exceptional talent, sportsmanship and dedication to the sport. Each winner holds the trophy for one year retains a plaque and receives \$1,000.

To win the Gillian Wilson Trophy, the candidate must:

- hold a valid Equine Canada Sport licence with Canadian Citizenship or Landed Immigrant Status
- have paid their Equine Canada competitive license fees at the start of the year before their first competition to be eligible

- willingly abide by Equine Canada rules
- be polite to all officials,
- show talent as a rider or driver
- have shown successfully, not necessarily winning, but demonstrating improvement throughout the year
- accept winning and losing gracefully
- show concern for and kindness to their horse or pony at all times

**2008 Recipient: David Arcand**

### **EC VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The Volunteer of the Year Award recognizes annually an outstanding volunteer who has contributed to equestrian sport and Equine Canada. Volunteer services may include years of participation, administration, contribution, innovation or the advancement through media coverage. This award is presented to an individual who has dedicated themselves to the ideals of Equine Canada, who has worked tirelessly for the improvement of the organization and who has had a notable impact on the sport.

All nominations will be considered under the following criteria.

The nominee must

- be active in the current year
- be an equestrian volunteer, in any capacity, at the national level
- hold a valid Equine Canada membership, either through a provincial federation or Equine Canada recognized member association, and have, through their volunteer activities, made a special and significant contribution to equestrian sport.

**2008 Recipient: Michael Gallagher**

### **SUSAN JANE ANSTEY MEDIA AWARD**

Susan Jane Anstey was a valiant champion of Canada's development in international equestrian sport. As a long-time supporter of the Canadian Equestrian Team, Anstey recognized that the ride to the podium for Canadian competitors begins in the barns and paddocks at home. Amongst her many volunteer and industry sponsorship contributions, she chaired the task force that resulted in the creation of Jump Canada, and established the Horse Sport Young Riders Scholarship Fund in 1998 to recognize the top Canadian performers at the annual North American Young Riders Championship in the three Olympic disciplines. As that rare combination of publisher and working journalist, Anstey provided a dedicated Canadian journalistic presence at World Equestrian Games and Olympic Competitions from 1984 through to Greece in 2004. Through her work with the FEI Media Advisory Committee and her leadership of the

International Alliance of Equine Journalists, Anstey built a bridge that linked Canadian horse sport to the rest of the world. Through publications such as Horse Sport, Horse-Canada and Canadian Thoroughbred, Susan Jane provided a national voice for the Canadian equestrian community, and a forum for a national dialogue on the issues that have affected and defined our sport. In memory of Anstey, and in recognition of her invaluable contributions to Canadian equine interests, Equine Canada will present the Susan Jane Anstey Media Award to an exceptional individual who has delivered outstanding media coverage that served to enhance the image of Canadian equine interests to the Canadian public. This award promises to become one of Equine Canada's most prestigious awards and will mirror the same class and dignity that Anstey brought to the equine industry and those she knew and loved.

Nominations for this prestigious award will be considered under the following criteria:

- entries are open to works in all areas of equestrian interests
- consideration will be granted to individuals only
- types of media under consideration include individual work or contributions to print media publications, to Internet, to television broadcast and to photography.
- Recognized submissions can be one specific story or event, an on-going story or event and overall outstanding effort for the year.
- entries must clearly demonstrate a clear focus of enhancing the image of equestrian interests to the Canadian public
- all submissions must have been published or aired for the first time between December 1, 2007, and October 31, 2008;
- print and photography submissions must have been published in a viable publication, paid-circulation, member-based, non-profit, or similar, or on the Internet at a site that is a same-name affiliate of a print or broadcast news organization
- television entries must have aired in at least one broadcast in Canada, or otherwise have been made available to Canadian households through public television, satellite or cable.

All entries must be submitted with an Official Nomination Form for the 2008 Susan Jane Anstey Media Award. Entries must originate with the author (article), editor (publication of the year, website), producer or reporter (broadcast submissions), or photographer. All entries must include a brief cover letter, signed by the author (or other, as outlined above) stating his/her desire to enter his/her materials, with accompanying contact information. In cases where two or more people are submitting their work jointly, all parties submitting must sign the cover letter. Editors or managers may submit print materials on behalf of authors, provided such submissions include the cover letter described above, signed by the actual author. All other third-party submissions will be rejected.

The Equine Canada Awards Committee reserves the right to determine the eligibility of all entries, and to disqualify entries if necessary. The Equine Canada Awards Committee also reserves the right not to bestow the award based on the quantity or the quality of submissions.

**2008 Recipient: Kim Logue (Hoofbeats Radio)**

### **EQUINE CANADA LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Equine Canada is proud to open for nominations the Equine Canada Lifetime Achievement Award. This award recognizes an individual whose contributions to the Canadian equestrian (equine) community are considered exceptional by their peers and whose long-term service and dedication have contributed directly to the ongoing growth and development of Canadian equine sport and industry. Please note that the Equine Canada Lifetime Achievement Award will not be awarded posthumously.

This prestigious award will be reserved for individuals of the highest exception and therefore will be awarded when warranted and not necessarily awarded on an annual basis.

**2008 Recipient: not awarded**

### **Equine Canada & Just Add Horses Environment Award**

Equine Canada and Alex Milne and Associates have partnered to offer this award to recognize a member of Equine Canada who practices and promotes outstanding and environmentally-friendly stewardship practices at their equine facility.

Areas of environmental awareness and conservationism can include, but aren't limited to

- water (quality and quantity),
- manure and pasture management,
- energy efficiency,
- dust and odor management, and
- biodiversity and beneficial management practices.

The "Just Add Horses" line of products was created by Alex Milne and Associates and was developed specifically by equine professionals and enthusiasts to improve the Health and Environment of horses, riders, trainers and staff.

The winner of this award will receive a plaque and be commemorated on the Equine Canada / Just Add Horses Environment Award.

**2008 Recipient: Pam Ashton**

## Nominations for Canadian Para- Equestrian Committee are Underway

Canadian Para-Equestrian Committee (CPEC) is now accepting nominations for committee candidates to fill three vacant positions on the Committee.

The positions on the committee are not specific in task, and each position is for a two-year term beginning in February 2010.

Nomination forms are available on the Para-Equestrian Canada website at [www.equinecanada.ca/para-equestrian](http://www.equinecanada.ca/para-equestrian).

The deadline to submit nominations is November 30, 2009.

To be eligible to nominate or vote for a CPEC candidate, individuals must be Para-Equestrian Canada members as of November 2, 2009, and over the age of 18 years old.

Please send nomination forms to the attention of Irena Seifert at [iseifert@equinecanada.ca](mailto:iseifert@equinecanada.ca) (This email address is being protected from spam bots, you need Javascript enabled to view) or fax them to 613-248-3484. Forms may also be mailed to Equine Canada, 2685 Queensview Drive, Suite 100, Ottawa, ON, K2B 8K2

## Updated 2009 Canadian National Eventing Team

Canadian Eventing Committee is pleased 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 included in this list are:

### SHORT LIST

|                        |                |                |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Hawley Bennett         | Gin & Juice    | Langley, BC    |
| Chelan Kozak           | Tasman Sea     | Abbotsford, BC |
| Stephanie Rhodes-Bosch | Port Authority | Summerland, BC |

### LONG LIST

|                |                                 |                |
|----------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Hawley Bennett | Splendorofthesun<br>Livingstone | Langley, BC    |
| Rebecca Howard | Riddle Master                   | Salmon Arm, 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 |

## **BC First Nations Storybook**

The First Nations Health Council are creating a book to tell the stories of BC First Nations peoples who have triumphed, mentored, or lead in traditional and non-traditional sports, recreation, fitness, dance or any other type of physical activity in BC.

We would like to invite BC First Nations people of all ages to submit pictures and stories that involve physically activity. Including community quotes within the book. We would also appreciate, with your consent, any photos old or new illustrating people being active traditionally or non-traditionally. The book will be designed to be inspirational and community focused to promote health and well-being.

Please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Rosalin Hanna for any more information. All photo submissions will be required to complete a consent and release form, and for stories a copyright license rights form. I have attached a story template that could be used as a guide.

**Stories, quotes and photos are due by January 15, 2009.**

All submissions can be can be mailed to:

Dr. Rosalin Hanna  
Physical Activity Specialist  
First Nations Health Council  
1205 -100 Park Royal South  
West Vancouver, BC V7T 1A2

To contact directly call 604-537-7777



### **Business Member Profile**

#### ***Venkat Saddlery***

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The showroom carries the largest selection of both English & Western

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Venkat Saddlery doesn't disappoint when it comes to exceptional customer service and we also offer a price match guarantee. With new products being added every week it is definitely the place to shop!

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## Upcoming Events

### **Jonathan Field Horsemanship Clinic**

November 5 - 7, 2009

Abbotsford, BC

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

Enter our draw for a FREE RIDER POSITION in any 2010 Field Horsemanship Clinic.

### **BHA Annual Poker Ride**

November 7, 2009

Location & time TBA

Contact: [bhanews@hotmail.com](mailto:bhanews@hotmail.com) or [www.boundaryhorse.ca](http://www.boundaryhorse.ca)

### ***BC's Best... Celebrating Equine Achievements (SOLD OUT!)***

29th Annual Horse Council BC Awards Banquet

**Date:** November 21, 2009

**Location:** Hazelmere Country Club

Cocktail Hour @ 6pm & F

ireside Buffet Dinner @ 7pm

### **HCBC General Performance Judges Clinic**

November 28-29, 2009

With Patti Carter, certified AQHA, FEI, PHBA, NRHA, APHA, NSBA, NRCHA

Aldergrove Best Western, 9:00-5:00, Sat/Sun Registration Form

Contact: HCBC 1(800)345-8055 604-856-4304 [competition@hcbc.ca](mailto:competition@hcbc.ca)

## About 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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