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# HORSE COUNCIL BRITISH COLUMBIA

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### Notes From The Office

*Submitted By Wendy Sewell, Manager of Coaching*

#### "Dear Members"

As this edition of HCBC's Notes from the Office was being created, we heard the sad news of the passing of Mary Swanson, steward, organizer, volunteer, horsewoman and an all around great person. We have lost a vital member of the horse community and with her leaves her incredible knowledge of rules and procedure. She will be missed by many, many BC member: who have learned valuable lessons from Mary at horse shows, events or through the Pony Club. Mary was a tough enforcer of the rules and she had a heart of gold.

#### Volunteers - The Next Generation

It is a commonly acknowledged fact that without volunteers our clubs and competitions would not exist. It is also a commonly acknowledged fact that a lot of volunteers are getting old, tired, overused, burnt out and in some cases taken for granted. What is the answer? The collective group of Equestrian enthusiasts needs to recruit, mentor and train a new generation of volunteers. Sounds simple enough but it gets harder and harder as we live busy lives and work more hours. Our horses are our distraction, our hobby, our business or our recreational pursuit. It is nice to pay your membership fee or entry fees, turn up at competition and let others run it. Thank goodness a group of volunteers worked to clear and maintain that trail for you. There is a price for such a nice system and it is not paid in your entry fees, the price is someone else's time.

The Equestrian community needs you. You are the solution (if you are not already volunteering). Take a chance and give up some of your time for a club. It is amazing how many friends you could make, how satisfying it is to help make something happen. For the younger generation, volunteering looks great on a resume and will also help you at school when you want to apply for scholarships. Spend a few hours between classes whipping in; take the time to help your local club fundraise.

Looking to a future without volunteer's competitions will cost more money to enter. Trails will fall into disrepair and breeders will not have a place to showcase their horses. The effects would be felt throughout BC in many ways. So think about stepping up and volunteer your time and talents. The rewards are more than immediate; you will help maintain Equestrian Sport and Industry in BC. That is a goal we all need to work towards.

#### Volunteers - Care and Feeding

## Farewell to Industry Icon

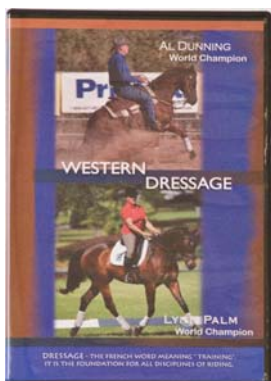
### Mary Swanson



A "Celebration of Life" will be held at Maple Ridge Equi-Sport Centre on Sunday, November 14th from 1 - 4pm

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to the charity of your choice

Horse Council BC would like to extend condolences to Mary's family, she will be greatly missed.



Champion trainers Al Dunning and Lynn Palm have collaborated to bring you this concise DVD about how dressage training lends itself to

How many times have you witnessed a volunteer face the wrath of an angry competitor? It happens and it happens a lot. Have you ever seen some poor soul sitting for hours frantically inputting scores? Did you ever think to bring them a cup of coffee? When a volunteer agrees to work at painting fences with their club, has anyone who benefits from this effort say "thanks"? Pretty often, volunteers are seen as faceless, nameless people in the background. In order to keep this volunteer there are a few things that can be easily done by club members and competitors.

Say "thank you" and mean it. It is amazing how this small acknowledgement from a competitor or club makes all the difference. You could nominate this volunteer for the HCBC Volunteer Award.

Please don't blame the volunteer if you are having a bad day. Maybe the volunteer is having a bad day too. Also remember that the volunteer did not personally create the footing in the warm up ring, and complaining to them will not magically change it. If you don't like the footing, let the show management know, but don't berate the ring clerk or the entry secretary.

A cup of coffee, a smile and some conversation go a long way; try offering this to the volunteer cleanup crew at the next trail or club work bee. Feed the volunteers! Give them hot drinks when it is cold and cold drinks when it is hot.

Clubs do not speak negatively about your volunteers to anyone, ever. Competitions, recognize that your volunteers are just that and don't treat them like second class employees. Cherish, covet, and coddle, your volunteers. On the flip side of the coin, volunteers please don't let people down. If you are unable to do the job you have volunteered for, let an organizer know in advance if possible.

Finally the secret to the care, feeding and keeping volunteers is simple. Say these magic words: **"Thank you, I appreciate what you are doing. Can you show me how this job is done so that could be of help next time?"**

#### **Correction: Karan Walker, EC Western Instructor**

Congratulations are to be given to Karan Walker who has successfully completed her Western Instructor certification at a recent evaluation in Grand Forks. It was erroneously reported that it was Karen Moore, who is also a Western Instructor.

#### **The Equine Education Conference - January 21-23, 2011**

Horse Council BC is excited at how the conference is attracting interest from the horse owners in BC. We are also thrilled to say that many excellent speakers are now asking to take part in this event either this year in 2011.

If you are an EC coach and need to obtain updating hours or a Western Update, then you can do it all at the Conference. All speakers are approved for updating, the Western Update is being held on the Friday evening before the conference. The General Performance Judges and a Jump judge clinic will qualify as Professional Development for both coaches and judges. What a great way to start 2011 and get a head start on the required updating.

This conference has speakers of interest to many different equestrian sectors. The trail rider will enjoy the workshop on Camping with your Horse and the Trail project planning session. Every equine professional will benefit from hearing Mike King speak about insurance, Shelly Henshaw speaking about Equine Legal issues and Jaden Langford speaking about websites and business development. For all equestrians the information that Dr. Hilary Clayton presents on the biomechanics of the horse will be invaluable. Combine this with the Conformation expertise from JW Equine and participants will leave Kelowna with solid information to use with their horses, those they plan on purchasing or those that they plan on breeding. To continue the

training of the western horse. Al and Lynn discuss the many similarities of training horses for various events using dressage methods.

Price: \$44.95

[HCBC Online Bookstore](#)

## Equestrians Raise Your Voices!

Metro Vancouver and Fraser Valley Regional District Parks are conducting a recreation Survey as part of their future planning process. Let them know that equestrians are looking for recreation facilities in the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley. This survey is taking place for just a short time, so please complete a survey as soon as possible.

Visit the [FVRD website](#) to complete a survey

## [Join HCBC Online](#)

conventions goal of topics for everyone, Paton and Martin Veterinary Services will present "What your Vet wants you to know", and Isabelle Aube will speak about athletic conditioning and rehab for riders. Rounding up our excellent slate of speakers is Jennifer Wood who will deliver a Horse Hauling course with information that anyone who trailers a horse needs to know.

Do not miss this Equine Education Conference. To register go to [www.hcbc.ca](http://www.hcbc.ca). Online registrations are available there but you can also download a form and mail it to us. The early bird deadline to save on registration is December 1<sup>st</sup>.

### New CFIA Fines

The Government of Canada is cracking down on those who mistreat and improperly transport livestock by more than doubling current fines - the first increase in over 10 years. Effective immediately, administrative monetary penalties (AMPs) of up to \$10,000 can be imposed, more than doubling the previous maximum penalty of \$4,000, on those who violate the Health of Animals Act.

"The agriculture industry knows that a healthy farm and processing business begins with healthy animals and while the majority handles and transports animals safely, a few need to do better," said Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz. "Our Government is providing the Canadian Food Inspection Agency with the tools it needs to impose tougher fines and improve animal welfare."

The CFIA will now be able to impose fines up to a maximum of \$10,000 instead of \$4,000. The CFIA will retain the ability to increase fines by up to 50% of the maximum fine for repeat offenders. The CFIA will now also have the ability to look back into the past five years, instead of three years, of the offender's history. For example, if an offender commits his second very serious violation within five years, the CFIA will now have the ability to impose a fine of up to \$15,000, instead of the previous maximum of \$6,000.

The AMPs system was developed as an efficient, effective enforcement tool. AMPs may be issued for violations of the Health of Animals Act, which includes requirements for animal welfare during transport. These increases will also be applied to the Plant Protection Act to deal with violations such as the importation of prohibited plants.

In addition to these improved AMPs, the CFIA continues to work with animal welfare experts and industry leaders to update the Health of Animals Regulations governing livestock transportation to reflect the latest science and industry practices.

### 2011 Membership Renewals.

By now, members should have received their renewals for 2011. If you have not, please call the office or email [membership@hcbc.ca](mailto:membership@hcbc.ca) and let us know. We have a great online renewal system that is quick and fairly easy to use, so we encourage members to renew or join for the first time online. If you don't want to renew online, you can mail your renewal in with a cheque or credit card number. We also offer the old fashioned system where you can call us at 604-856-4304 or 1-800-345-8055 and you can renew your membership over the phone, with a credit card and speak to a live staff member!

### Final Note

Horse Council BC would like to take the time to publically thank our membership for the support and guidance you have given us in 2010. Your opinions have always mattered to the Board and staff of HCBC and many programs are created or adjusted due to the information we have received from the membership. HCBC is a member driven not-for-profit organization that has been built on tradition and with the heritage of the BC Equestrian. This organization was started years ago from the vision of key volunteers. Even as we have experienced

tremendous growth in membership since our inception, our vision remains the same as it did when HCBC was created.

Horse Council BC was established in 1980 to provide a coordinating body to serve all equestrian and equine interests except pari-mutuel racing. Guided by the objectives of our constitution with representation on the Board of Directors from across the province and all F Sport disciplines, Horse Council BC serves members involved in all aspects of the horse industry. Our ongoing commitments to communication, education and the well-being of horses are reflected in the quality programs we offer.

Horse Council BC continues to grow each year with membership reaching over 21,000 in 200 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.

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

HCBC 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.

**Thank you, HCBC members, we appreciate you.**

*BC's Best...*

## *Celebrating Equine Achievements*

30th Annual  
Horse Council BC Awards Banquet

*Nominees are....*

### *Lifetime Achievement*

Jane James  
Dorothy Kirby  
Borge J. Olsen  
Norma Smith



### *Athlete of the Year*

Gail Jewel  
Elroy Karius  
Dominique Shone



### *Business of the Year*

Bates Tack Shop  
Horse Community Journals  
Saddle Up Magazine



### *Bob James Award*

Elaine Bessuille  
Charlotte Kurta  
Debbie Miyashita  
Sharon Pickthorne  
Shannon Wit



### *Coach of the Year*

Lynne Adam  
Shaun Dunham  
Deborah Fox  
Lynne Larsen  
Kathy Lifton  
Selena Pellizzari



### *Horse Person of the Year*

Judy Carter  
Jonathan Field  
Adiva Murphy  
Terre O'Brennan



### *Horse of the Year*

Apache Eclipse  
NL Temptation  
Norseman  
Oreo

Purchase [tickets online](#) before November 16th or contact the HCB office at 1-800-345-8055.



## Recreation News

*Submitted by Ruth Donald, Recreation Coordinator*

### Funds for a new horse camp!

Please keep voting at [www.refresheverything.ca](http://www.refresheverything.ca) to help win \$5000 from Pepsi towards building the Manning Park Horse camp, a project being undertaken by the Yarrow chapter of Back Country Horsemen with the support of BC Parks, Manning Park Resort, Equine Canada and Horse Council BC. Thanks to your votes, the application scored high enough to be carried over for the next voting period ending Dec. 31st. If you haven't voted yet, visit [www.refresheverything.ca](http://www.refresheverything.ca) and register, then SIGN IN BEFORE you click the Manning Park project button under the Health category to vote.

### Support HCBC member clubs with trails and campsite projects!

Please make a contribution to the BC Equestrian Trails Fund to support HCBC member clubs in improving trails, trailheads and horse camping facilities in BC. Every dollar helps! Round up your Senior membership with a \$4 donation on-line, or donate \$25 to receive a Leave No Trace reminder tag, or \$50 to receive a 32 page Leave No Trace Horse Use booklet. Donations of \$25 or more will be acknowledged on the HCBC website, if desired. More info on the [contribution form](#). Business members - [take advantage of the promotional opportunities](#) and get a sign on the [Thank You Trail!](#)

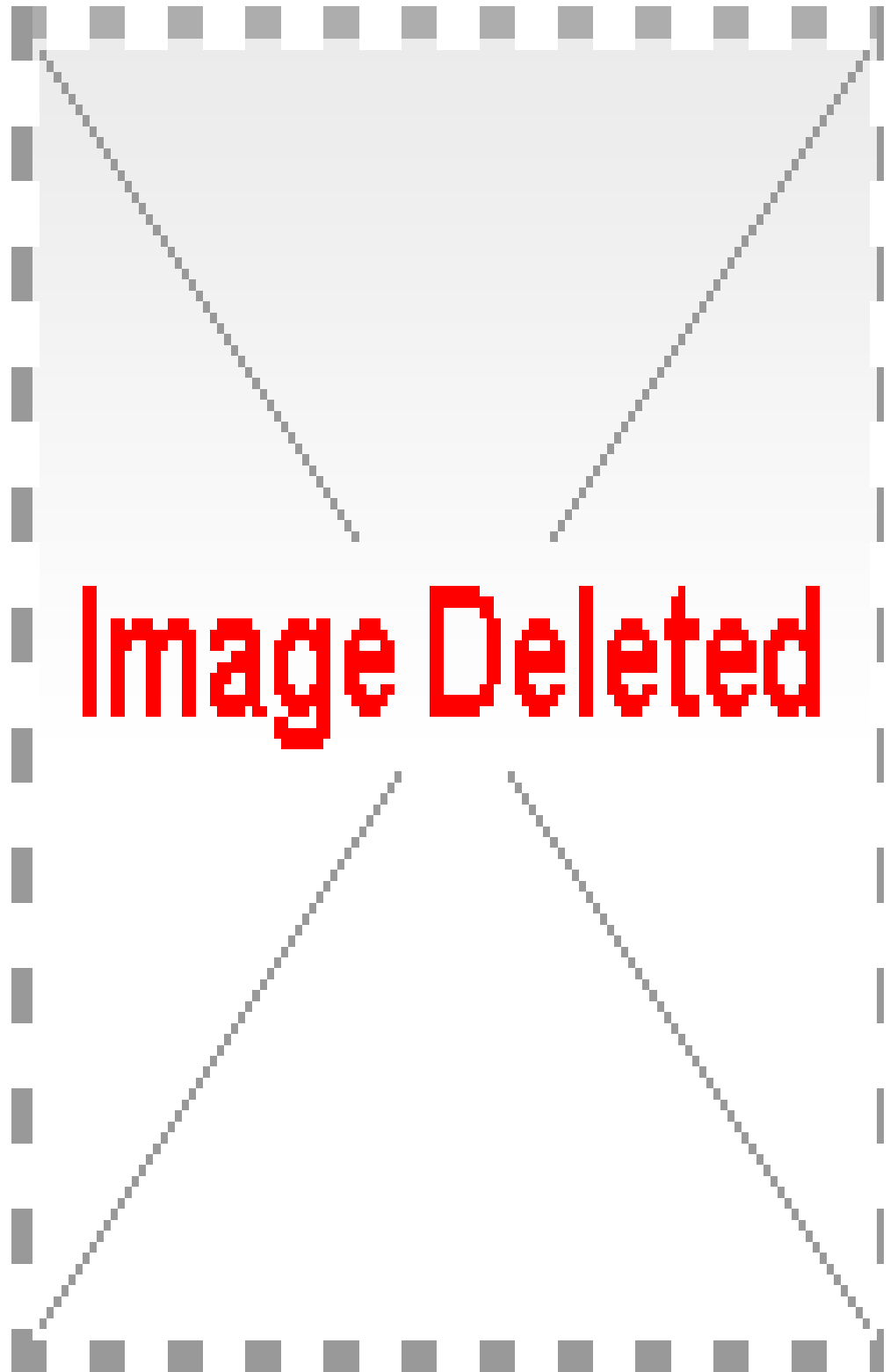
### Trail users working together

Joint Trails & Access Committee (JTAC) members Ruth Donald & Rose Schroeder attended a workshop titled "Working Together: Finding Solutions to Regional & Community Trail Issues" on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> in Burnaby. Representatives from diverse user groups including hikers, mountain bikers, dirt bikers, 4x4 off roaders, ATV riders and equestrians attended. An afternoon panel and breakout sessions discussed current problems on the Chilliwack River Valley section of the [Trans Canada Trail](#), a designated non-motorized trail which has been almost destroyed by ATV use. At the workshop, Mike Peters, the Regional Officer of Recreation Sites & Trails BC volunteered to help bring local users together in a Chilliwack River Valley trail group to help solve the problems. More information will be available on the [Recreation News page](#) of the HCBC website in the near future.

### Attention Ride & Drive Rewards Program participants!

Have you reached your next reward level but not yet submitted your log sheets & affidavit? Do it early in November before the Christmas mail rush! Remember that registration must be renewed every year, so if you didn't renew in 2010, you'll have to do it before Dec 31<sup>st</sup> to be able to carry your hours over for 2011. **Not registered?** Check out the rewards, including Greenhawk gift cards, on the [Ride & Drive Rewards page](#) of the website.

Happy Trails!



**HCBC Members Lend Helping Hand to Bella Coola Horse Owners**  
*Submitted by Kelly Coughlin, Manager of Industry*

One month after a massive flood destroyed farms, fencing, livestock and wiped out 270 ton of hay - three-quarters of the winter feed. Whatever dry hay that could be salvaged has been redistributed, but the farm animals are in imminent danger of going hungry. Ministry of Agriculture and Lands has little in terms of emergency relief for farm animals beyond helping with evacuations and disposing of carcasses.

*"People are resilient here and they're finding ways to help their neighbours and finding ways rebuild," said Dayna Chapman of the Bella Coola Valley Sustainable Agricultural Society. "Realistically, this is beyond what our community can cope with alone."*

Dayna contacted Horse Council BC with a simple question... "Can you help?" Through the Disaster Relief program funds are available for these types of emergency situations , \$5,000 worth of emergency relief hay was sent to Bella Coola. This will give time for these horse owners to recover their winter feed supply.

For every HCBC membership one dollar is set aside for Disaster Response. A donation account for farm relief has been set up at the local credit union. Cheques can be mailed to Williams Lake and District Credit Union, Box 214, Bella Coola V0T 1C0. Tax receipts can be issued if donors include their name and mailing address.

To read the full story go to <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/british-columbia/flood-damage-brings-bella-coola-farmers-tough-choices/article1783443/>

## **Clinics Offered for Jumper & General Performance Judges**

*Submitted by Ali Buchanan, Manager of Competitions*

You're invited to attend the upcoming Jumper Judges and General Performance Judges Clinics scheduled for January 21, 2011 at the Delta Grand Okanagan Resort & Conference Centre in Kelowna, BC.

Reduced rates will apply if you are attending the clinics and the Equine Education Conference on January 22 & 23, 2011 at the Delta Grand Okanagan Resort & Conference Centre. For more information on the Equine Education Conference [click here](#).

Judges, Coaches and Auditors are welcome to register and attend the Judges clinics and seminars. Officials updating credits will apply for attendance.

Note: Officials must attend an updating clinic every 3 years to remain active in their respective disciplines with Horse Council BC and Equine Canada.

[Jumper Judges Clinic Registration Form](#)

[General Performance Clinic Registration Form](#)

Please feel free to contact Ali Buchanan at 1-800-345-8055 ext#105 or email [competition@hcbc.ca](mailto:competition@hcbc.ca) for more information on these clinics.

## Dressage Canada Red Scarf Equestrian Athlete for September is Esmee Ingham

Esmee Ingham of West Vancouver, BC, has been named the Dressage Canada Red Scarf Equestrian Athlete of the Month for September.

At the 2010 North American Junior and Young Rider Championships, held at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY July 28 - August 1, Ingham and Norseman, a 14-year-old Swedish Warmblood gelding, won a bronze medal in the Junior Rider Freestyle class with a personal best score of 70.900%. They were also members of British Columbia Junior Riders Dressage Team that won the Team gold medal, scoring 69.027%.



*"The Championships were the most intense and rewarding rides of my life, definitely an experience I will never forget," said Ingham.*

*"I must give many thanks to my coach, Wendy Christoff, my parents for their continued support and to my fellow team mates for making the Championships so memorable. A thank you must also go to Red Scarf Equestrian for the generous sponsorship of Athlete of the Month. It is truly an honour to receive this award," she added.*

Dressage Canada Red Scarf Equestrian Athlete of the Month is a recognition program that celebrates the achievements of Canadian dressage riders who represent Canada in national and international competition at the FEI Pony, Children, Junior, Young Rider, Advanced, Grand Prix and Young Horses classes.

## National Para-Equestrian Athlete Classification Program Now Administered by Equine Canada

Para-Equestrian Canada is pleased to announce that the national Para-Equestrian athlete classification program will now be serviced through the Equine Canada office. The program, which was formerly administrated by the Canadian Therapeutic Riding Association (CanTRA) in Guelph, ON, provides a mechanism to assign riders to a "Grade" based on their functional abilities so they may compete against other athletes with a similar level of impairment.

There are five grades of competitions in Para-Equestrian sport, with Grade 1A representing the more impaired riders, and Grade 4 representing the least impaired riders. Many Para-Equestrian athletes also compete alongside able-bodied competitors in Equine Canada competitions.

The classification system that was used by CanTRA was developed by Dr. Christine Meaden of the United Kingdom, and is used worldwide for classifying riders in the Para system. The Canadian classifiers, who are doctors and physiotherapists, will move to work with Para-Equestrian Canada thus maintaining the recognised International Classification System with Canada.

## Canadian WEG Eventing Team Named Omega Alpha Pharmaceuticals Horses of the Month for September

The Canadian Eventing Committee has named all six Canadian horses that competed at the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games in Lexington, Kentucky, USA, September 30-October 3, 2010, as the Omega Alpha Pharmaceuticals Inc. Canadian Event Horses of the Month for September.

Omega Alpha Pharmaceuticals Inc. Canadian Event Horses of the Month for September are Port Authority, a 12-year-old Canadian-bred Selle Français/Thoroughbred gelding co-owned by rider Stephanie Rhodes-Bosch and her mother, Patricia Bosch; Colombo, Elaine and Michael Davies 15-year-old Swedish Warmblood gelding, ridden by Selena O'Hanlon; Exponential, a 12-year-old bay Canadian Thoroughbred gelding, owned and ridden by Jessica Phoenix; Gin & Juice, a 10-year-old bay American Thoroughbred mare owned by her rider Hawley Bennett-Awad and Linda Paine; Riddle Master, Caroline Bazley's Canadian-bred nine year-old Canadian Sport Horse gelding, ridden by Rebecca Howard; and Madison Park, a 12-year-old Thoroughbred gelding owned by his rider Kyle Carter and Jennifer Carter.



The Canadian Team, also sponsored by Omega Alpha Pharmaceuticals Inc., finished the Games in the silver medal position. This result was not only Canada's first eventing team medal at a World Championships in 32 years, but also qualified the Canadian Eventing Team for the 2012 London Olympics.

The six Canadians produced a record-breaking cross country performance by all completing the Mike Etherington-Smith's designed course without any jumping penalties. Three of the Canadian horses also finished within the tight time allowed to finish fault free, while the other three added minimal time penalties.



*"Now that the WEG experience is over we are all enjoying looking back at such a fantastic experience. So many names and faces made up our Canadian squad and we are fortunate to have a fantastic group of owners whose enthusiasm and support contributed greatly in motivating our riders and support team. Our owners' love of their horses and their commitment to competitive success is what helped us reach the podium. We cannot thank them enough,"* said the Canadian Eventing Team Chef d'équipe, Graeme Thom.

Canadian Eventing created the horse recognition program to celebrate the achievements of Canadian owned horses that represent Canada in North American competition. Canadian Eventing is also very pleased to have Omega Alpha Pharmaceuticals Inc.'s generous support of this horse recognition program. Omega Alpha Pharmaceuticals Inc. will be providing each owner of the Horse of the Month with a generous gift certificate of \$200 credit towards the purchase of Omega Alpha products of their choice.

## Upcoming Events

### **VTEA Fundraiser Evening (Valley Therapeutic Equestrian Association)**

Friday November 12, 2010

Location: Fraser Downs Racetrack & Casino

Time: 7:00 pm

Cost: \$25 per person

Contact: [vteatimes@gmail.com](mailto:vteatimes@gmail.com)

Website: <http://www.vteatimes.ca>

### **Jonathan Field Horsemanship - Course 2 Clinic**

November 12 - 14, 2010

Location: Field Horsemanship Centre, Abbotsford, BC

For more information contact Andrea at [info@jonathanfield.net](mailto:info@jonathanfield.net) or call 1-888-533-4353

### **30th Annual Horse Council BC Awards Banquet**

November 20, 2010

Location: Ramada Plaza & Conference Centre, Abbotsford, BC

Cocktail Hour @ 6pm

Harvest Buffet Dinner @ 7pm

Ticket deadline is Tuesday, November 16th, 2010

For more information contact Kim Robertson, Marketing & Communications Coordinator, by emailing [communication@hcbc.ca](mailto:communication@hcbc.ca)

## 2010 Official Partners of Horse Council BC



## About Horse Council BC

Horse Council BC is a non-profit organization, governed by an independent Board of Directors, committed representing the interests of our members and the equine industry. As one of the most successful multi-breed multi-discipline equine organizations in Canada we represent the equine community in BC, by collaborating with individuals, businesses and industry professionals to strengthen communication, education, and safety.

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