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Capri Insurance
FAQ's

Q. I sometimes trailer horses for friends who sometimes reimburses me with cash for fuel expenses or buys me supper. How does the insurance respond to this aspect of trailering and taking compensation?

A.
There is no problem in the case described as this situation does not represent an activity for profit.
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EC Joint Steering
Committee Press
Release
2011

The Joint Steering Committee of Equine Canada announces a successful settlement has been reached between Equine Canada and its provincial



BC Heritage Circuit Finals

The BC Heritage Finals held at Thunderbird Show Park July 15 - 17, 2011, proved to be a resounding success with 76 competitors of all ages competing for the Top Awards and \$10,000.00 in Prize money divided between 100 Championship Classes of Dressage, Jumper, Western Performance, English Performance, Games Speed Events, and Driving.

Horse Council BC would like to thank our Sponsors, Prairie Coast Equipment, Capri Insurance, Bates Tack Shop, and Northridge Farm for their support, as well a big thanks to all the great Volunteers that helped to make the 2011 BC Heritage Circuit Finals a successful and fun competition for all who participated.

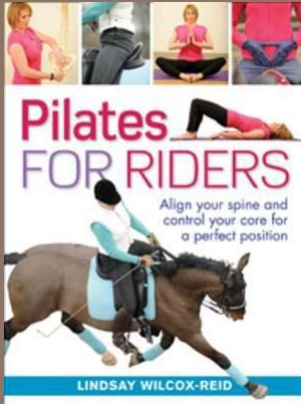
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Title: Pilates for the dressage rider - Book

This book introduces the rider to Pilates principles and understand and gain control over the engagement of their own spine then use this knowledge through the practice of pilates to improve their riding skills.

Author: Janice Dulak

Cost is \$31.95

[HCBC Bookstore](#)



Canadian Equestrian Championships 2011 - Bromont, Quebec

The inaugural Canadian Equestrian Championships will take place September 15-18th, 2011 at Bromont Olympic Equestrian Park in Bromont, Quebec. Horse Council BC will be sending a BC Equestrian Team selected based on the results of the annual Selection Trial at the BC Heritage Circuit Finals for the disciplines of Dressage, Show Jumping, and Reining.

The BC Equestrian Team will travel and compete together in Bromont on leased horses provided by the CEC Organizing Committee. A Level 2 Team Coach and Chef d'Equipe will accompany the Athletes to the Canadian Equestrian Championships as Officials responsible for team technical support.

[For details about BC's team ...](#)

Sport on the Move Youth Travel Assistance Program

Horse Council BC is pleased to offer, in conjunction with the Province of British Columbia, Sport B.C. a program for current junior Horse Council BC members, to assist young riders with travel costs.

To date we have given over \$3300.00 in assistance around the province. Grants will be available until September 30, 2011 or until grant funds have been exhausted. Completed application will be approved on a first received basis.

The program applies to any sanctioned and identified



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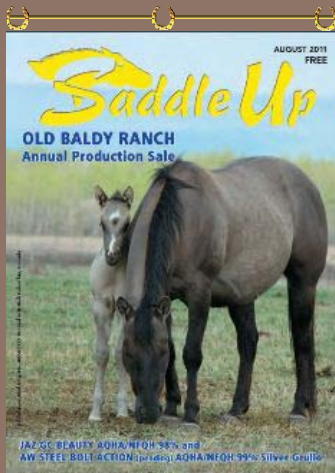
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competition within the Province of BC, i.e. any competition permitted and run under Equine Canada or Horse Council BC rules including but not limited to all BC Summer Games qualifiers and BC Heritage qualifying shows.

EXCEPTION-REINING: Reining competitors who meet the criteria are eligible for a Bursary equal to the amount indicated in the program.

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2011 BC Senior Games Reminder

Come out and join the FUN! **Support our senior equestrian athletes** who will be traveling across BC to compete. Admission to these events is FREE.

Events Schedule:

Wednesday, August 17th Reining
Location: Park Side Arena in Fruitvale, about a 30-40 minute drive from Castlegar.

All other equestrian events will be taking place at the Pass Creek Regional Exhibition Grounds in Robson, Castlegar.
[Map to the location is on the HCBC website.](#)

Wednesday, August 17th Hunter/Jumper
Thursday, August 18th Driving
Friday, August 19th Dressage

[More complete information is available on the HCBC website.](#)





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Call Out to HCBC Club Members!

HCBC is looking for stories and pictures to include in our e-Newsletter.

Please submit your stories by email to communication@hcbc.ca by the 15th every month.

Note: Please keep story submissions to 500 words and pictures need to be in JPEG format.



Need a vacation?

Take your horses camping!

Several new locations have been added to the Horse Camping Sites page of the Recreation & Trails section of the HCBC website. How about a few days riding the trails near Barkerville? Or close to Vernon, Whistler, Osoyoos, Barriere or Salmon Arm?

[Visit the Horse Camping Sites page.](#)

Not too fond of camping?

Visit our Trail Riding Destinations page for information on other vacation options for you and your horse. Stay in a cozy cabin, eat gourmet meals, and have your horse comfortably settled into a nearby corral. Vancouver Island, Okanagan, the Cariboo or near Merritt.

[Visit the Trail Riding Destinations page.](#)

Whistler Olympic Park Horse Trails

Ride the trails at Whistler Olympic Park! This is a great opportunity to establish a new trail riding destination within a couple of hours driving time from the Lower Mainland. If there's enough interest this year, trail access could be expanded in 2012 and there could be horse camping permitted adjacent to the Park.

[More info in the HCBC Trails database](#)

Manning Park Horse Camp Grand Opening

The Headwaters Corral Equestrian Campsite in EC Manning Park (behind Manning Park Resort on the road to Lightning Lake) had its official opening on Saturday, July 30th, in conjunction with a celebration of BC Parks 100th Anniversary and the Back Country Horsemen of BC's 20th Anniversary.



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2nd Annual Sports Day in Canada

September 17th, 2011

National Celebration of Sport, from Grassroots to High-Performance Levels.

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[More info on the HCBC website.](#)



Coaching News

Submitted by Wendy Sewell, Manager of Coaching & Education

Upcoming Important Dates

Equine Canada English Competition Coach and Instructor of Beginners Evaluation - Salt Spring Island

October 29 - 30 2011

All applications must be complete and at the HCBC office by **September 30, 2011**

Equine Canada English Competition Coach and Instructor of Beginners Evaluation - Abbotsford

November 5-6, 2011

All applications must be complete and at the HCBC office by **September 5, 2011**

Equine Canada Western Instructor Evaluation - tentative Penticton area

October 1-2, 2011

All applications must be complete and at the HCBC office by **September 1, 2011**

English Rider Preparation 1-8 Overview for EC Coaches and Instructors

Friday November 18, 2011 1:00 to 4:00 pm at Spencer Stables, Abbotsford.

\$25.00 plus HST, includes a CD with all of the exams and evaluator manual. This workshop will be held the day before the Jump Canada National Symposium, so that coaches can attend the two educational opportunities. The workshop will provide 4 updating hours for coaches. Equine Canada Policy states that all Coaches and Instructors attend a overview workshop for the English Rider Preparation tests prior to administering them to candidates. For more information



[HCBC's Online Events Calendar](#)



contact coaching@hcbc.ca or go to www.hcbc.ca coaching calendar.

Attention High School Students!

Do you want to be recognized for your Equestrian sport participation? Horse Council BC is pleased to promote our new HCBC High School Equestrian Awards Program. This program was developed to reward high school students who participate in Equestrian sports outside of school. This program promotes and rewards:

- Physical activity after school and in the summer
- Participation in competition outside of school programs
- Active volunteerism
- Academic excellence

Successful equestrians will be recognized awarded badges at the HCBC awards ceremony at the January 2012 Equine Education Conference.

For more information contact coaching@hcbc.ca



Horse Council BC is excited to introduce one of the speakers scheduled to be at the [2012 Equine Education Conference](#) in January of 2012 - watch for more information in the HCBC enews in the coming months!

HCBC'S 2012 EQUINE EDUCATION CONFERENCE

FEATURED SPEAKER



Andrew McLean, PhD (*Equine cognition and learning*), BSc (*Zoology*), Dip Ed

Andrew McLean developed and manages the Australian Equine Behaviour Centre, the most internationally recognised horse training and behaviour modification

centre in Australia.

Andrew McLean holds a PhD in equine cognition and learning, has been an accredited horse riding coach for over 25 years and has written top-selling books and numerous peer reviewed journal articles. A past winner of the Gawler CCI***, he has also represented Australia in Horse Trials, competed at state and national events in FEI level dressage and eventing and has also showjumped to Grand Prix level.

In great demand as a trainer, coach and speaker, Dr McLean currently conducts lecture demonstrations at universities and conferences around the world. He teaches throughout Australia, Europe, South Africa, USA, Canada and New Zealand. Andrew continues to coach riders and National Federations on the optimal use of learning theory for improved welfare of the trained horse as well as improved performance.

[Read more about Dr. McLean and find a link to the website of the Australian Equine Behavior Centre.](#)



Dr. Andrew McLean's article on the MENTALITY PRINCIPLE:

Appreciating the similarities and differences in mental ability between horses and humans is crucial to effective and humane training.

We humans are a collectively insecure lot. We are determined, it seems, to prove that we are not alone when it comes to being smart. We search for intelligence in outer space and here on earth we're desperate to show that many other animals, perhaps all, are just like us, but going about their lives a bit differently.

So important was the horse to Western civilisation in the last two millennia that all European cities are adorned with statues of the horse. The horse fought our wars, it toiled for us; it helped build much of the New World. Nowadays it fulfils our dreams, and still fires our imaginations and inspires wonder in those who occasionally pause to reflect.

The horse has always been a paradox. How could such a big, powerful beast be typically so gentle, so forgiving? Horses are not just pleasure vehicles - much is expected of them. A horse may be our best friend, our only friend, our child, our partner or other bizarre roles. So powerful is the horse in the human psyche that Carl Jung, the famous Swiss psychologist believed that the image of a horse evokes our deepest primal drives.



[Read more of Dr. Andrew McLean's article on the AEBC website.](#)



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