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"Dear Members"

It's Membership Renewal Time!

HCBC membership renewals have been mailed out October 15th to all our 2010 members. We now have an improved online system in place to allow new and renewing members to join quickly and easily. We can also complete your membership by phone during office hours 8:30 to 4:30 Monday thru Friday or you can request or download a membership renewal form and send it into the office. For membership questions contact membership@hcbc.ca or call 1-800-345-8055 toll free or local 604-856-4304.

HCBC Christmas Marketplace

This year we are offering a "Christmas Marketplace" on the free HCBC forums. This section will run from October to the end of December and give HCBC members a place to sell and showcase their Christmas Equine related crafts for sale. This is a great opportunity to check out unique equestrian themed gifts and crafts you can buy in time for Christmas. This section can be viewed by all users but is only 2010 or 2010/2011 HCBC members may post their craft items for sale in this section. The HCBC forums can be accessed from our homepage www.hcbc.ca and click on the link to "forums".

Shop at the HCBC Bookstore "Riders Reads"

Looking for a perfect gift for a horse enthusiast? Don't forget the "Riders Reads" the HCBC bookstore. We carry hundreds of books for all equine interests and disciplines. If you don't know what book to buy, ask for a gift certificate to the bookstore, we can do any dollar amount you require. You can access the online store on our website homepage, or call to request a

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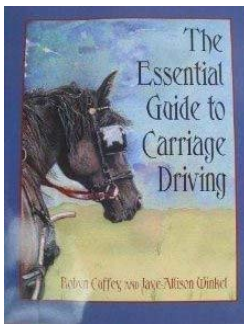
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catalogue. Email bookstore@hcbc.ca with any questions or requests you have.

New in the Riders Read's bookstore:

Vital Statistics - A Guide to Conformation. The Pony Club Stablemates book 1 - 27.95 plus tax

This book will help the reader learn how to look at the whole picture, identify the differences between breeds and types of horses and look at details. With this information the reader can know how to choose the right horse for the job. This a great book for Pony Clubs, new and not so new horse owners as well as coaching candidates.

Body Basics - A Guide to the Anatomy of the Horse. The Pony Club Stablemates book 2 - 27.95 plus tax.

With its clear easy to follow text, supported by superb colour illustrations, this book provides a comprehensive guide to the anatomy of the horse. This a great book for Pony Clubs, new and not so new horse owners as well as coaching candidates.

Kottas on Dressage - 39.95 plus tax

This book is a distillation of the practice and philosophy of one of the most highly regarded international trainers of the current era. Correct riding is stressed with detailed text, notes and pictures.

Rookie Reiner - 30.95 plus tax

Rookie Reiner is your one-stop shop for everything the beginning reining competitor needs to know-whether "green as grass" or several years in. You'll get the lowdown on how the sport of reining is organized, how shows are run, and how you fit into the mix. Find the right trainer for your budget; determine whether your current horse has the attitude and ability to make it in the show pen; and ensure your tack and equipment is legal, safe, and appropriate for the sport. Get to know the required maneuvers-what they demand of your horse, and of you-and how they play out in the 11 official National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) patterns.

We have great stocking stuffers as well:

Horse Id tags - 15.95 plus HST

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HCBC T-shirts and long sleeve shirts - starting at \$15.00 plus GST

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Equine Education Conference

You are invited to the first ever Horse Council BC Equine Education Conference! Join us January 22 -23, 2011, at The Delta Grand Okanagan Resort & Conference Centre in Kelowna. The conference will bring together diverse members of BC's equine community for an exciting weekend of learning and networking.

Speakers confirmed are Hilary Clayton, World renowned expert and author on Equine Biomechanics. JW Equine expert and author on Conformation, along with speakers covering topics on Insurance and Liability, Equine Legal Issues, Equine Business Development, Horse Camping, Safe Hauling, Rider Fitness, Veterinary topics and more. Equine Canada English coaches will receive Professional Updating hours for attendance at the seminars. Conference passes are available for \$134.40, to register go online to

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Don't want to drive? Take our exclusive private HCBC Conference busses for a round trip to Kelowna. Pick ups in the following areas; Vancouver Island, Fraser Valley, Kootenays, Thompson-Okanagan, Cariboo, North West. Pick up locations subject to change and will be confirmed closer to conference date. Bus ticket round trip \$100.00 plus HST to book a seat see registration form.

Western Coaching Update January 2011

The 2011 Western Coaches Update will be held Friday, January the 21st in conjunction with the Equine Education Conference. All Western Coaches who attend the update and purchase a conference pass will be able to take advantage of a reduced update registration fee of \$25.00. Coaches who attend the update only, pay \$75.00 registration fee for the update alone.

BC's Best... Celebrating Equine Achievements

Have you gotten your tickets for the HCBC Awards Banquet November 30th, 2010 at the Ramada Plaza and Conference center in Abbotsford, BC? Don't miss out the opportunity to celebrate BC's Best as well as a wonderful dinner, entertainment and fun. Not to be missed is the red carpet paparazzi! Mark your calendars and be sure to attend BC's premier Equestrian Celebration banquet.

High School Athlete Recognition Awards

HCBC is pleased to announce a new program for High School students. Called the High School Equestrian Recognition Program, this program will reward students who participate in Equestrian sports outside of school . The recognition given is similar to that which is given to athletes on interscholastic teams in the form of "letters" or "blocks". The program as developed promotes and rewards physical activity after school and in the summer and rewards active volunteerism in the hopes of nurturing a new generation of volunteers. Academic excellence is also rewarded.

Students qualify for awards in several categories. The main reward category is the Riding Recognition badge where the student is required to complete 20 hours of being coached by a EC Certified Coach, and compete at 4 competitions sanctioned by their governing body. Participation and not results are the basis of this award.

Students who achieve the Riding Recognition reward can also be awarded recognition for Volunteer Achievement by giving a minimum of 10 hours at a club event or competition. Students may also receive an Academic achievement badge if they achieve the Riding Recognition badge and a minimum of 2 "A"'s on their transcript for the school year.

For more information or to register for this program contact coaching@hcbc.ca. The fee per school year is \$20.00 per student.

High School Credits and the Para Athlete

HCBC has begun a Pilot program to allow riders with a disability to obtain High School Credits. The Equine Canada Rider exams will be used as

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templates. Once successfully established this program will be accepted by the Ministry of Education in the same manner that the able bodied riders receive credit for Rider exams. The Pilot program allows EC Certified Coaches who are also CANTRA certified to use adaptations to enable a rider to successfully complete a rider exam. Exams done with adaptations or those that have had changes made to accommodate a riders disability are not accepted by Equine Canada and cannot be used as Coach or Instructor certification preparation. These exams will only be recognized in BC for High School credits.

Riders can receive 2 grade 10 credits for English Rider 2, 4 Grade 11 Credits for English Rider 6 and 4 Grade 12 Credits for English Rider 8. Western Riders can receive 2 credits for Rider 1, 2 credits for completing Rider 2, 4 credits for completing Rider 3 with an additional 4 credits for completing Rider 4.

For more information please contact coaching@hcbc.ca


BC Heritage Championships 2011

The BC Heritage Championship committee has created new divisions for the competition. Dressage riders and Hunter/Jumpers can now qualify and participate in the championships. Championship classes are:


Western: Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Western Equitation, Command Class, Western Horsemanship, Reining, Trail, Pole Bending, Barrel Racing, Stake Race and Keyhole Race.

English: English Showmanship, English Pleasure, Hunt Seat Equitation, Hunter Under Saddle, Hunter Hack, Road Hack, Show Hack, Handy Horse, Hunter Over Fences 2'-3' / 3' - 3'6"
Jumper 2'-3' / 3'-3'6", Dressage : Training / First Levels
Driving; Reinsmanship, Pleasure, Command, Games-Barrels, Poles

To get your log book contact Ali at the HCBC office or competitions@hcbc.ca.



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2011 Judges Clinics

Submitted By Ali Buchanan, Manager of Competition

The following two Judges Clinics are being offered alongside the Equine Education Conference on Friday, January 21, 2011 at the Delta Grand Okanagan Resort & Conference Centre in Kelowna, BC :

EC / HCBC Jumper Officials Clinic

Clinician: David Esworthy, EC Senior Judge. Retired FEI Judge
Mandatory Requirement for Updating and Upgrading Officials.
Auditors are Welcome.

EC / HCBC General Performance Officials Clinic

Clinician: Scott Neuman, USEF/ AQHA 4* Judge
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 Auditors are Welcome.

For registration forms email Ali Buchanan, Manager of Competition, at competition@hcbc.ca or go online to [www.hcbc.ca/Competitions/Clinics & Seminars](http://www.hcbc.ca/Competitions/Clinics%20&%20Seminars).

**Are You Starting to Christmas Shop?**

Submitted By Wendy Sewell, Manager of Coaching

If you are looking for a unique equestrian type gift be sure to visit the HCBC Forums

"*Christmas Marketplace*" to check out all the great craft items for sale.

If you are interested in selling your crafts online during the Christmas season and are an HCBC member, sign up on the HCBC Forums using your first and last name as your "username".

The "*Christmas Marketplace*" will be open as a free service to HCBC members from October 1st to December 31st. Anyone can view the Marketplace but only HCBC members can post their crafts for sale.



Erika Urff

2010 Young Rider Bursary Winner

Horse Council BC and Champion Horse Blankets are pleased to announce that Erika Urff is our winner for the "*2010 Young Rider Bursary*".

Champion Horse Blankets is also offering a \$500.00 "*North America Photo Contest*" until February 28, 2011.

For more details go online to www.ChampionHorseBlankets.com

Hay Quality & Selection

Originally Published By Horse Industry of Alberta

Even though most of our horses will eat whatever we put in front of them, all hay is not created equal and there are a number of things to consider when selecting it. Following are some general considerations for selecting hay.

All hay should be free of dust and mold. Horses can develop permanent lung damage after consuming moldy or dusty hay. This chronic condition, commonly referred to as heaves, affects the horse's ability to breathe normally during exercise and, in severe cases, at rest. In addition, once a horse has been sensitized, it may react to clean feed and will require its hay

to be soaked, or substituted with another type of forage. In some cases, mold can also cause digestive upset.

Mold can be present from baling hay that was too moist or it can result from outside moisture getting into the bales after baling. The mold that develops in hay that has too high a moisture level can be more difficult to see but is just as dangerous to the horse, even more so due to its tiny particles which are easily airborne and inhaled. This type of mold will often appear as just a white-ish dust that will come from the hay when dropped or shaken.



What to look for - Hay that doesn't appear dusty when it is pulled from the bale and shaken.

Mold that develops from external moisture will sometimes be visible on the outside of the bale. Hay that is stored uncovered or is covered by tarps with holes or tears will often exhibit some of this type of mold. Don't buy this hay. If you sustain moisture damage to hay you have already purchased, it may be possible to salvage the portion of the bale that was not water-damaged but the rest should not be fed to horses. This type of mold is normally easy to see and will smell musty.



External mold on bale stored on the ground

What to look for - Hay that has been stored under cover and doesn't have white moldy areas on the top, bottom or sides, or dark streaking indicating potential internal water damage.

There are some weeds that are quite palatable to the horse and completely safe, but there are other common weeds that are unpleasant for the horse to find in his feed, such as thistles, or potentially toxic, like alsike clover. Foxtail is another weed that can cause issues for horses, creating abscesses in their mouths and throats. As a general rule, don't purchase hay with weeds or other unidentifiable plants.

What to look for - Hay that is free of all weeds and foreign materials.

If you are reading the "hay for sale" ads, it is common to see the term "no rain". This tends to be a strong selling point for horse owners because of the potential nutrient loss caused by rain. Hay that has been rained on during the drying process will lose its bright green colour and turn more beige or brown, depending on the amount of rain. Although a lot of rain on hay can damage it, for those mature "pasture potatoes" in your field, hay with a little rain can have a lower carbohydrate content and actually be a better feed choice.

What to look for - Hay with a green colour and a fresh smell.

Hay with a higher amount of leaves will have more nutrition than a hay with mostly stems, and is more palatable to the horse.

What to look for - Hay that contains a high percentage of leaf with stems that are not thick and coarse.



Dark streaking from water running off tarp

On top of these general considerations for all horses we need to ask

ourselves the question, "Who am I feeding and what are the nutritional requirements of this horse?" Generally speaking, all horses can be fed a good quality hay as outlined above, but some hays are better for some horses.

Although many horse owners prefer a nice leafy, green, grass/legume mix hay cut just at or before maturity, this hay may be more than what your horse needs. Mature horses that are idle or only lightly working and keep weight on easily, may be better off with a hay that is strictly grass, was baled at a greater maturity and maybe even had a little rain. And, if you can find out when the hay was cut, hay cut early in the morning is also preferable, as the grass has a lower sugar content before photosynthesis occurs during the day. Although a younger, leafier hay is more nutritious and palatable for the horse, a stalkier, more mature hay will still meet many horses' nutritional requirements and provide them with a little more chewing time. They can eat more of this less nutrient-rich hay without getting fat.

When shopping for hay, the type of hay, how it's stored and when it was baled can be determined over the phone. The quality of the hay should be inspected on site by cutting open a couple of bales and having a look inside. If you are purchasing round bales, reach as far into a few bales as you can and pull some hay from inside. Check for mold, moisture, dust, insects, colour, weeds and leaf/stem ratio. If you don't like what you find, and the farmer doesn't have anything different to show you, walk away and keep shopping. The health of your horses depends on you finding a good quality forage to get them through the coming winter.



Dear Friends,

I hope this note finds you well. I am writing to you at the mid-point of the 2010 World Equestrian Games (WEG) to give you an update on the progress of the Canadian Equestrian Team, as well as links to online resources to follow and support our team in the Games' home stretch.

Thus far, our Endurance riders have had their best WEG results since the founding Games. Our Reiners have won an individual Bronze, maintaining their tradition of medalling at every WEG. Our Dressage riders have had their best WEG team and freestyle results of all time. Our Eventers have brought back a team Silver, our first medal in the discipline in thirty-two years, on the strength of what was arguably the finest cross-country run in history.

Over the coming week, our Para-Equestrian, Jumping, Vaulting, and Driving athletes will take to the field, and despite the pathological modesty of Canadians, we remain steadfast in our determination to continue wrecking merciless defeat upon all other nations (but in a polite way).

The success of our athletes on the international stage is a success for all of us, and a testimony to how much more Canadian equestrians can achieve together - across disciplines, geography, and interests - than we ever could apart.

I hope you will join us in celebrating the Canadian Equestrian Team's victories, and in being part of still greater victories to come.

With best wishes,

Akaash Maharaj
CEO, Equine Canada

Daily Digests of our Team's Performance <http://bit.ly/8Y29Sr>

Our summaries of our team's performance include interviews with our athletes, photos, and analyses of the results.

Live Online Coverage of the Games <http://bit.ly/bDd991>

Our arrangement with the FEI enables Canadians to subscribe to live online video coverage of the Games, without any regional blackouts.

Social Media <http://bit.ly/aEFwxx>

Supporters can now see WEG through the eyes of some of our athletes, officials, and team leaders, who are using social media to provide a moment-by-moment account of the Games.

Competition Schedule <http://bit.ly/czVIAu>



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 Robin Gollehon <i>Western Pleasure & Horsemanship</i>	 Marion Weisskopf <i>Horsemanship</i>	 Richard Crossley <i>Driving</i>	

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Horse Campground Project in E.C. Manning Park Needs Your Vote!

The Back Country Horsemen Society of British Columbia (BCHBC), Yarrow Chapter, needs your help to realize their dream of a horse camping area for equestrians, in E.C. Manning

Park in southwestern British Columbia.

BCHBC took the initiative to come up with and submit this idea to the Pepsi Refresh Project. The idea got accepted as one of 253 ideas from across Canada that aim to move the world forward in a positive way. Now that the idea has been approved it's up to the people of Canada to vote for the ideas they like the best. BCHBC is appealing to all communities to vote for the Manning Park Horse Camp idea and become one of the top 4 in their Health

Category to receive \$5000.00 of funding. This will help to bring the Manning Park Horse Camping Site to reality for 2011!

We were really excited when our idea got accepted. Our partners: BC Parks, Equine Canada, Horse Council BC and Manning Park Resort were also thrilled. Together, we are striving to develop a safe and secure overnight camping area for horseback riders which can be used as a staging area for cross country skiing and snowshoeing in the winter. The funds will provide for a perimeter fence, ranch gate, graveled drive, signage, back in sites and highlining areas for the horses.

You can help BCHBC bring this project to life by going to www.refresheverything.ca, click on the red "Health" button and vote for the "Refreshing adventure: Manning Park traditional Horse Campground". Tell everyone you know to vote and help promote our beautiful BC Parks, encourage a healthy form of exercise by providing an overnight horse camping area that connects to many miles of multiuser trails. This project also includes plans to work in partnership with BC Parks to maintain the fabulous trails included.

For more information about the Back Country Horsemen Society of BC and our idea for a Horse Camping Site within E.C. Manning Park you can go to www.bchorsemen.org or call Rose Schroeder 604-854-1245 or email milkmaid@shaw.ca.



Englishman River
Photo Courtesy of Barb Smith

Vancouver Island Memorial Trail Ride Raises Over \$20,000 for Cancer

Submitted by Barb Smith, Silver Riding Club

The Vancouver Island Memorial Trail Ride against Cancer, hosted by the Silver Spur Riding Club, was held on the August 21st weekend at Craig Creek Ranch in Nanoose. Eighty riders helped

raise over \$20,000 for "Cancer Research for the Cure".

The event started on Friday night with a BBQ attended by 160 people who enjoyed a feast of smoked locally grown chicken, roast beef and fresh corn. After dinner, the crowd enjoyed a dressage performance by Nano and her 22 yr old horse, Viscount. as well as the Coombs Country 4h Horse Club Musical Drill Team .

On Saturday riders left in escorted groups of 10 or so on various routes, from a very long 24 miles to a short one hour ride. Most riders crossed Englishman River and traveled the paths in Englishman River Park. Others went in the opposite direction and chose the scenic vistas of the Ridge trail and Chuck's Hill, and some did both!

The ride was then concluded with a BBQ. The top prize, a saddle donated by Buckerfield's, was won by Jim Crawford an 83 year old rider. Jim then generously donated the saddle back to the cause in hopes of raising more money so the saddle is being shipped to another pledge ride in Manitoba as a prize.



Call for Nominations 2011
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 2011 Director-at-Large can be found on the Equine Canada website (www.equinecanada.ca) 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, no later than 4pm EST on November 26, 2010, by email, mail, or fax in order to be eligible for consideration by the Nominations Committee and to meet publication deadlines to the Equine Canada membership.

The Nominations Committee is composed of a Chair who is appointed by the Board of Directors, and one member from each of the four Equine Canada division councils - Sport, Provincial, Breeds & Industry and Recreation.

Once the Nomination Committee has selected the approved candidates, the eligible Equine Canada members will begin the voting process. Members of Equine Canada who are in good standing are eligible to vote for the Director-at-Large position, provided that the individual is 18 years of age or older in the year of election. Registration forms and voters package will be made available electronically and by mail by Friday December 10, 2010. If you wish to vote for the 2011 Director-at-Large, please visit the Equine Canada website and complete and submit the online Registration to Vote Form before the January 7, 2011 deadline, voting to close January 13, 2011. If you do not have access to the internet, interested voters may contact Sonia Blanchard at 613-248-3433 ext. 130 to receive a Registration to Vote for Director-at-Large Form by fax or by mail. The completed form can be mailed or faxed. Once registered, you will receive your election package and election ballot either by mail, fax, or e-mail as per your request on your registration. This is your opportunity to be heard, exercise your right to vote! Forms and information regarding this election can be found on the website in both official languages.

The successful candidate will be announced to the membership at the Equine Canada Annual General Meeting, February 7, 2011, as part of the 2011 Convention to be held at the Lord Elgin Hotel, Ottawa, Ontario.

Equine Canada Director-at-Large Election Nomination Form 2011
http://www.equinecanada.ca/index.php?option=com_docman&task=cat_view&gid=438&Itemid=365&lang=en-GB

Please forward submissions to: Sonia Blanchard, Equine Canada 2685 Queensview Dr. Suite 100 Ottawa, ON K2B 8K2 Tel: (613) 248-3433 ext. 130 Fax: (613) 248-3484 Email: sblanchard@equinecanada.ca.

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**BC Rider Makes Nations'
Cup Show Jumping Team**

Samantha Buirs, 23, of Langley, BC will join Lisa Carlsen, Angela Covert-Lawrence and Lauren Hunkin to form the Canadian Show Jumping Team for the Nations' Cup competing on Friday, November 12, 2010, at CSIO4*-W in Buenos Aires, Argentina.



Samantha Buirs & Total Touch
Picture Courtesy of The Province

Samantha will ride Total Touch, her 10-year-old Dutch Warmblood mare. The pair won the \$50,000 Thunderbird Legacy Grand Prix at Thunderbird Show Park back on August 23rd.

Mark Laskin of Langley, BC, who will act as the Canadian Show Jumping Team chef d'équipe in Buenos Aires says, *"When we asked for expressions of interest for this trip, we received a tremendous response with 15 riders submitting their names for consideration,"*

Laskin also said that cutting the list down to four riders was a difficult task as they have all had very successful seasons so far this year. Mark added, *"This competition is a qualifier for the promotional league final next year, so it is an important event for us. I expect that the group we have chosen will be successful in the Nations' Cup in Buenos Aires and represent Canada admirably in Argentina."*

A Nations' Cup is the only competition in show jumping where riders, in teams of four, compete as a country. The top three scores from each team are counted towards the final result of the two-round competition.

There are only two Nations' Cup events held annually in North America - the \$75,000 FEI Nations' Cup at the Winter Equestrian Festival in Wellington, FL, and the \$350,000 BMO Nations' Cup at the Spruce Meadows 'Masters' Tournament in September.

Complete details about the competition may be found at www.haraselcapricho.com.



L-R: Kyle Carter, Selena O'Hanlon, Stephanie Rhodes-Bosch, Hawley Bennett-Awad

Canada's Eventing Team Wins Silver at WEG

The Canadian Eventing Team won the team silver medal on October 3, 2010, at the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games (WEG)-Eventing Championships, held in Lexington, KY.

The team, comprised of Hawley Bennett-Awad, Kyle Carter, Selena O'Hanlon and Stephanie Rhodes-Bosch, entered the show jumping phase in third place on a combined score of 147.50. With

the best three of the four scores to count, they added only one rail, for four faults, to a final total of 151.50 finishing 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.

"This team was full of poise and grace all the way through this competition," said International Technical Advisor, David O'Connor. "They have been real grown up, and I thought they were class yesterday and class today with only one rail down. It is a really exciting time for all of us-the program, the riders and for where we go in the future."

Great Britain won the team gold medal with a team total of 151.50, and New Zealand was less than one rail behind Canada with 154.80 for bronze.

"We are thrilled and it was a great team effort. We finished four points off

our dressage score, so it does not get any better than that," said Graeme Thom, chef d'équipe of the Canadian Eventing Team. "David O'Conner did a fantastic job and everyone on the team was wonderful."

Rhodes-Bosch, 22, of Summerland, BC and Port Authority, a 12-year-old Canadian-bred Selle Français/Thoroughbred gelding that she co-owns with her mother, Patricia Bosch, was the top Canadian adding one rail at fence 11, the Liverpool, to finish with a three-day total of 48.20 for ninth place overall.

"I, for my own individual result, would have loved to be clear, but with only one rail, I was able to contribute to a really great team result," said Rhodes-Bosch. "I am super excited. This is a really great day for Canada."

With a clean show jumping round, O'Hanlon of Elgin, ON moved up six placings to finish 12th overall on her dressage score of 50.8 riding Elaine and Michael Davies' 16-year-old Swedish Warmblood gelding, Colombo.

"I did not want to let anyone down today. It is a lot more pressure when it is your teammates that are counting on you for a medal," said O'Hanlon who also rode Colombo at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. "Colombo is a fantastic horse. He always goes as well as I can ride him."

Also clear in show jumping was Bennett-Awad of Langley, BC riding Gin & Juice, the 10-year-old bay American Thoroughbred mare owned by Bennett-Awad and Linda Paine, who finished in 17th place on their dressage score of 52.50.

"It was a great feeling knowing how fit my horse was today," said Bennett-Awad. "She is a young horse, so the more miles she gets the better she is going to be. Gin & Juice is just amazing"

Riding Caroline Bazley's Canadian-bred nine-year-old Canadian Sport Horse gelding, Riddle Master, Howard of Salmon Arm, BC, added one rail to her score to finish with 61.20, which was good for 23rd place individually.

"He really came here and went to work this week," said Howard of her young horse. "I noticed that he was a bit spookier in the ring today, but he was a really good boy."

Carter of Calgary, AB rounded out the Canadian team with two rails riding Madison Park, a 12-year-old Thoroughbred gelding owned by Carter and Jennifer Carter. The pair finished in 35th with a score of 76.90.

"The mistake that happened was mine. With Madison Park, you only have one option, and that is to ride him like he will never knock a fence down," said Carter. "He jumps well, but I tried to protect him too much. I am thrilled with him."

Jessica Phoenix and Exponential, who were competing individually, withdrew before show jumping due to a minor injury incurred on Saturday.

At the end of the competition Bennett-Awad added on a final thought from the Canadian Eventing Team. "In the next few years we are going to continue to develop and continue to be a team to look out for-just a heads-up."

Eventing is comprised of three phases of competition held consecutively - dressage, cross country and show jumping. At the 2010 World Equestrian Games, 80 horses representing 18 nations competed in the eventing competition.

For more information, including complete results, please visit www.alltechfeigames.com.

The Canadian Reining Team Finishes 5th at WEG

The Canadian Reining Team, comprised of Duane Latimer, Shawna Sapergia and Vernon Sapergia, finished in fifth place at the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games (WEG) being held in Lexington, KY September 25-October 10, 2010.



Duane Latimer & Dun Playin Tag

Latimer of Bienfait, SK, rode Dun Playin Tag, Lance Griffin's Canadian-bred six-year-old Quarter Horse gelding, to a sixth place score of 223.00.

"We had a little tough luck when we lost one of our riders right off the bat in the jog, and that is hard to recover from," said Latimer. "My horse went really well today. There are a few little improvements we can make, but I achieved my main goal, which was to make it to the individual final."



Shawna Sapergia & This Chics On Top

Shawna Sapergia of Cochrane, AB, and This Chics On Top, a seven-year-old bay Quarter Horse mare owned by Outrider Ranch Ltd, received a score of 218.00 to finish in 14th.

"My warm-up was excellent, and I was really happy with how my run went in the ring," Sapergia. "I was hoping for a little higher score, but I guess that is how it goes."

Vernon Sapergia of Cochrane, AB, and Its Wimpys Turn, a six-year-old palomino Quarter Horse mare also owned by Outrider Ranch Ltd, scored 211.50 for their run.

With no drop score, Canada had a team total of 652.50. Team gold went to the United States with 674.50. Belgium won silver with 659.00, and Italy was bronze with 655.50.

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Team Canada For Endurance Finishes 7th at WEG

The Canadian Endurance Team comprised of Elroy Karius of Kelowna, BC; Gail Jewell of Kelowna, BC; Robert Gielen of Norton, NB; and Ruth Sturley of Owen Sound, ON finished in seventh place out of 21 starting teams on September 26, 2010, at the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games (WEG) held in Lexington, KY September.

Under ideal weather conditions for both horses and riders, 108 riders took part in the 100-mile competition, which saw only 55 individuals finish.



Only eight nations finished three riders, and first place went to United Arab Emirates in a combined time of 23 hours, 53 minutes and 36 seconds. France finished in second with a total time of 24:49:46, and third place was awarded to Germany with 25:34:16. Canada finished in 33:05:34 for seventh place overall.

"It was a wonderful team effort. Robert Gielen, Gail Jewell and Ruth Sturley rode smart and rode safe to bring their horses through in great shape, making all of us very proud to be a part of the WEG 2010 experience," remarked chef d'équipe Kay Melvin.

Individually, Gielen was the top placed Canadian rider, with a time of 10 hours, 13 minutes and 55 seconds for 37th place, with his horse FC Galaxy, a 13-year-old bay Arabian gelding.

"It is always nice to finish with a nice sound horse. There is a little room for improvement, but that makes two world championships, 2010 WEG and the 2008 World Endurance Championships, and one North American Championship that FC Galaxy was the top Canadian horse," remarked Gielen.

In 52th spot, in a time of 11 hours, 21 minutes and 23 seconds, was Jewell and NL Temptation a 12-year-old Arabian mare. Close behind were Sturley and her long time partner RBF Super Sport, a 17-year-old Arabian gelding, in 54th place..

"The thing that made the day was all the riders and crew stayed focused on our goal of not getting caught up in any races, but really riding each stride on the trail. We did it and we completed a team," said Jewell.

"It just feels so great. I can't believe that I just completed my third World Equestrian Games with my 17-year-old boy. My crew was so awesome and they helped me get through it," added Sturley.



Eric Lamaze & Hickstead

Canadian Show Jumping Team Finishes 5th at WEG

The Canadian Show Jumping Team comprised of Yann Candele of Caledon, ON, Eric Lamaze of Schomberg, ON, Jonathon Millar of Perth, ON, and John Pearce of Stouffville, ON, finished fifth at the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games in Lexington, KY. Individually, Lamaze currently lies fourth while Pearce is in fifth.

In a nail biting conclusion to the team competition, Germany won the gold medal with a final score of 17.80 while France earned the silver with 24.32. Belgium took the bronze medal with 24.70. Brazil finished fourth with 26.49 while Canada's final score was 27.93. With a fifth place finish, Canada earned its qualification for the 2012 Olympic

Games in London. A total of 27 teams contested the World Championship title.

"We are thrilled with our performance and exceeded our expectations coming into this event," said Canadian Show Jumping Team chef d'equipe Terrance Millar

On Wednesday night, both Lamaze, who is competing with a broken bone in his left foot, and Pearce delivered clear rounds for the Canadian Team and cemented their individual positions in the top five. With individual medals still to be decided, Olympic Champion Lamaze is in fourth position with 3.39 while Pearce is in fifth with 3.70.

The top 30 individually ranked competitors will compete on Friday at 5:30 p.m. in the hopes of being among the 'Final Four' that contest the World Championship title on Saturday night, October 9, at 8 p.m. In the ultimate test of horsemanship, the final four competitors will ride each of the four horses over the course to decide the individual medals, and the coveted title of World Champion.

Ashley Holzer Places 8th at 2010 World Equestrian Games

Ashley Holzer of Toronto, ON, finished in eighth place individually in the Freestyle competition 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games (WEG) held in Lexington, KY.



Holzer was one of 15 athletes from the original starting field of 66 to qualify for the Friday night competition at the Main Stadium. Her freestyle was designed by fellow Canadian Karen Robinson of Applause Dressage, and included music from the Disney Epcot Center Fireworks display and from the motion picture "National Treasure."

The panel of five international judges rewarded Holzer's performance with a score of 76.550%.

"I am thrilled. It was a huge crowd and I don't think we have ever performed in front of a crowd that large," said Holzer, who won a Team Bronze Medal at the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

"It is so great that it comes together a time like this - in front of my friends, family and supporters, many of whom have come all the way from Canada and New York to support me," added Holzer. "I have a really great horse."

Canadian Vaulters Finish Individual Compulsory Test at WEG

Canadian vaulters, Colin Schmidt of Chilliwack, BC, Jeanine van der Sluijs of Olds, AB, Hannah Marland of Rocky Mountain House, AB and Alisa Schmidt of Chilliwack, BC all completed their Individual Compulsory Test to start the Vaulting



Colin Schmidt & Smokin Joe

competition at 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games (WEG) held in Lexington, KY, taking place October 6-10, 2010.

The Individual Compulsory Test consisted of seven required elements-the mount, basic seat, flag, mill, scissors, stand and the full flank-performed in sequence at the canter.

Canada's veteran vaulter, Colin Schmidt with Smokin Joe, an eight-year-old Belgian draft gelding owned by Noel Martonovich, currently sits in 20th place.

"Although I am happy with my program today, it is just going to get better from here," said Colin Schmidt.

Alisa Schmidt rounded out the Canadian vaulters in 28th place with a score of 6.389 with Badge, Josef Martonovich's 11-year-old Belgian draft gelding.

"I was very happy with my routine and my horse went well. There is very positive energy in the arena, so it was very fun. I could not have done anything different, and I did the best that I could. I was striving to get a score over 6, and I am very content to get a 6.389," said Alisa Schmidt.



Alisa Schmidt & Badge



Eleonore Elstone & Why Not G

Canada's Para-Dressage Riders Complete the Individual Test at WEG

Canadian Grade 4 Para-Dressage riders competed in the Individual Championship test on October 6 at the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games (WEG) held in Lexington, KY, taking place October 5-9, 2010.

Eleonore Elstone of Langley, BC, was the first in for Canada riding Why Not G, a seven-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding owned by Elstone and Kelleigh Kulscar. The pair performed a very impressive test highlighted by excellent lateral work at the trot and canter. Elstone and Why Not G scored 64.903% for eighth place in the Grade 4 Individual Championship test.

"I really liked today's ride," said Elstone. "Why Not G really wanted to be in the ring with me today and be my partner. It was really wonderful to ride him. In preparation of Sunday's Freestyle, I am going to school exactly as I did today."

Competing as an Individual for Canada, Madison Lawson of Bonfield, ON made her debut at the World Championship level of competition with her

horse McGuire, a 13-year-old Canadian Sport Horse gelding. They earned a score of 61.419% for 15th place.

The Para-Dressage Team competition continues today when Lauren Barwick of Aldergrove, BC and her horse Maile and Jennifer McKenzie of Maple Ridge, BC, and Sunbury Lodge Voodoo will ride their Individual Championship Test. The combined scores from the Team Test and the Individual Championship Test will determine the Team medals.

Amongst the Canadian riders competing as individuals is Tara Kowalski of Chilliwack, BC.

Canadian Para-Dressage Team Competes in Team Test at the 2010 World Equestrian Games

The Canadian Para-Dressage Team competed in the first round of the Team competition, the Team test, at the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games (WEG) held in Lexington, KY October 5-9, 2010.

Riding Maile, her 16-year-old Dutch Warmblood mare, Lauren Barwick scored 69.143%, which was good for fourth place, in the Grade 2 Team test.

"My mare has had a difficult five weeks and has only been back under saddle for the past week and a half since she injured herself, so I decided to go for a solid but conservative test," said Barwick, who won an individual gold and silver medal in Para-Dressage at 2008 Paralympic Games in Hong Kong.



Lauren Barwick & Maile

Also competing in the Grade II Team test today was Jennifer McKenzie. A resident of Maple Ridge, BC, McKenzie and Sunbury Lodge Voodoo, Violet McKenzie's 15-year-old Warmblood gelding, finished in 11th place with 63.714%.



Ashley Gowanlock & Donnymaskell

"My horse was really great today. He is a new a new horse for me, and I have only had him a short while, but he did really well," said McKenzie.

In the Grade 1B Team Test, Ashley Gowanlock of Vancouver, BC, and Alexander (Sandy) Mitchell's Donnymaskell, an 11-year-old Hanoverian gelding, received a score of 66.182% for seventh place.

"My horse was amazing for the first ride. That was the best first test we have ever had. I have a great team behind me, and it is definitely a team effort," said Gowanlock.

Eleonore Elstone of Langley, BC, rode Why Not G, a seven-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding owned by Elstone and Kelleigh Kulscar, to a ninth place finish with a score of 63.750% in the Grade 4 Team Test.

"We are very happy with the scores of all four team members today, which

gives us a strong position to finish well," said Elizabeth Quigg-Robinson, chef d'equipe of the Canadian Para-Dressage Team.

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October 16, 2010

Location: BHA Riding Club Grounds

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For more information call (250) 578-7518

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October 31 - November 2, 2010

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