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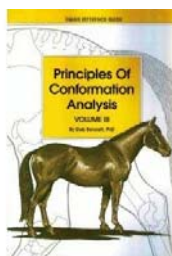
## e-Newsletter

Issue 17

September 2010

### Feature Book **Notes From The Office**

*Submitted By Wendy Sewell, Manager of Coaching*



#### Principles of Conformation Analysis 3

Dr. Deb Bennett  
discusses the horse  
at both ends -  
hindquarter to head.

Price: \$15.95

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**Join HCBC  
Today!**

HCBC  
Director

"Dear Members"

### **BC EQUESTRIAN TRAILS FUND - Be a BC Equestrian Trails builder!**

We've seen from the 2010 Equine Canada/HCBC Recreation & Industry Grant how just a few dollars from each Horse Council BC member each year can make a huge difference in building and improving BC's equestrian trails and horse camping sites. If you like to explore new trails, or plan to in the future, help make BC the best place on earth to ride by making a donation to the BC Equestrian Trails Fund. Grants will be made available to HCBC member clubs to assist them in building and improving trails and horse-camping sites. For a generous individual donation of \$25 or more, you will receive a Leave No Trace Canada handy reference card, and for \$50 or more you will receive a 32 page Leave No Trace Horse Use Skills & Ethics booklet. Download a [BC Equestrian Trails donation form](#) from the Trails section of the HCBC website, or log on to make a donation on-line as an add-on from your "MY HCBC" page.

### **Doing business with BC's trail riders?**

Make a contribution to the BC Equestrian Trails Fund and your promotional dollars will directly benefit members of your target market while earning their patronage and good will. Receive increasing promotional benefits relative to the amount of your contribution, from a sign on the virtual "**Thank You Trail**" to acknowledgement on permanent trail signage and media releases. Download a BC Equestrian Trails Fund Business contribution form from the Trails section of the HCBC website or contact Ruth at [recreation@hcbc.ca](mailto:recreation@hcbc.ca) for additional information.

### **Take your horses camping!**

If you like to trail ride, and you like to camp, why not do both at the same time? There is a new Horse Camping Sites page in the Trails section of the HCBC website. All of the sites listed have horse corrals for overnight stays, and some also have high lines and hitching posts for either camping or day rides. Check out the stories and photos on Fish Trap Creek Horse Camp near Barriere, the Churn Creek Protected Area near

At Large  
Nominations  
Now Being  
Accepted

Nomination  
Form

Guidelines for  
Food &  
Beverages at BC  
Sporting Events



Clinton, and the Whitworth Horse Camp in Skagit Valley Park just two hours from the Lower Mainland ... and there are more. If you know of any sites that aren't listed yet, let us know.

### **BC stands for Building Champions - The Beginning**

This summer we have witnessed British Columbian equestrian athletes achieve amazing results in Provincial, National and International competition. By fall we hope to have seen more spectacular results from BC athletes at the World Equestrian Games. While these equestrians may ride in different disciplines and different styles they all have one thing in common....at one point in time every rider had their very first ride on a horse or pony. Each rider/athlete started out knowing absolutely nothing.

Everyone has to learn how to ride before they can shine in the competition arena or enjoy a recreational outing. Another commonality would be that someone taught them how to ride. It is this person that holds great importance for every rider, whether they compete internationally or enjoy recreational riding. There is a saying that the shortcuts taken at the beginning will come back to haunt you later and this applies to training horses or learning to ride. The Instructor who teaches a beginner how to ride is the base of the pyramid, this Instructor or Coach sets the foundation that the rider builds on as they progress. As with home construction, a poor foundation can lead to some unwelcome complications later on. Riding is not different. Coaches and Instructors who are teaching beginners hold an important responsibility to teach the basic skills to the rider correctly or the rider may face difficulties as they continue on riding at higher skill levels. It takes a lot of specialized knowledge and technique to teach and produce a novice rider that has good basic skills.

As athletes progress towards podium performances they need to work with coaches who are top notch High Performance specialists. This is a natural progression. When you watch our equestrian champions compete, keep in mind the Instructor who taught them how to ride and celebrate those professionals who started these riders on their pathway to the podium.

[www.hcbc.ca](http://www.hcbc.ca). To find an Equine Canada certified, active Coach or Instructor go to the coaching section of [www.hcbc.ca](http://www.hcbc.ca).

### **BC Summer Games a great success!**

2010 saw another successful BC Summer Games. Held at Thunderbird Show Park in Langley, the teams were able to compete at a world class facility, giving the games even more prestige. For some participants it was their first time riding at Thunderbird, others were quite familiar with the facility. All riders were able to enjoy a whirl wind 4 days of competition, fun and for most, not nearly enough sleep. The Head Coaches, the assistant coaches and the support teams made the event possible. Without the 8 Head Coaches as well as the assistants and supporters who volunteered to take on coaching and chaperoning a zone team, we would not have been able to participate in the Summer Games as a sport.

The summer games are more than just another "show". They leave lasting memories, friendships, learning opportunities. Three members of the 2010 gold medal winning North American Junior Young Riders Dressage Team started their journey to the Championships after competing in previous BC Summer Games as did other BC riders at these championships. This is the importance of the Games: they can be a pathway to an even bigger podium, or be a long treasured experience by a different participant. Either way, it is the coaches, volunteers, organizers and supporters that make a huge difference in how the athletes experience the games and where they take that experience.

Deb Fox - Head Coach Zone 5  
Alison Bain - Head Coach Zone 3  
Georgeann Gregory - Head Coach Zone 5

Jeannine Ellingham - Head Coach Zone 2  
Chris Hassell - Head Coach Zone 1  
Kiersten Humphries - Head Coach Zone 8  
Yolanda Blommers - Head Coach Zone 4  
Margaret Rigby - Head Coach Zone 7  
Katie Andrews  
Leora Burtch  
Adrienne Sanderson  
Kathryn Southam  
Lynda Smith  
Michelle Meacher  
Sandra Verda  
Dr. Susan Thompson - who presented an excellent clinic on Sport Psychology and was there to help where needed.

The games were also a success due to the hard work put in by the volunteers who acted at discipline chairs and held major roles.

Debbie Rogal  
Fran McAvity  
Sarah Bradley  
Sharon Hall  
Jane James  
Barb Schmidt  
Dave Esworthy  
And many more!

We also want to congratulate and thank the athletes that took part on their Zone Teams.

**Congratulations to the medal winners:**

**Combined Zone Aggregates :**

Gold - Fraser Valley Zone 3  
Silver - Vancouver Island Zone 6  
Bronze - Caribou North East Zone 8

**Dressage First Level test 3**

Gold - Ashley Mytting  
Silver - Elizabeth Fraser  
Bronze - Rebecca Bonnell

**Dressage First Level test 4**

Gold - Ashley Mytting  
Silver - Rebecca Bonnell  
Bronze - Amy Wellburn

**Dressage First Level Freestyle**

Gold - Amy Wellburn  
Silver - Lindsay Stuart  
Bronze - Rebecca Bonnell

**Vaulting Event 1**

Gold - Korynn Weber  
Silver - Dana Nielson

**Vaulting Event 2**

Gold - Korynn Weber  
Silver - Dana Nielson

**Vaulting Event 3**

Gold - Cassie Sponchia  
Silver - Korynn Weber

**Welcome Jumper 1.10 M**

Gold - Kaylie Martinoff  
Silver - Ailsa Antilla  
Bronze - Natasha Sukorokoff

**Jumpers Mini Prix 1.10 M**

Gold - Ailsa Antilla  
Silver - Jessica Lovig  
Bronze - Olivia Carr

**Jumpers Speed Derby**

Gold - Kaylie Martinoff  
Silver - Allison Lagan  
Bronze - Alexis Vlassopoulos

**Reining Pattern 1**

Gold - Veronica Blattler  
Silver - Jessica Marak

**Reining Pattern 2**

Gold - Veronica Blattler  
Silver - Jessica Marak

**Para Equestrian Dressage FEI Grade III Novice**

Gold - Stephanie Ross  
Silver - Emily Browne  
Bronze - Krystal Schrauwen

**Para Equestrian Dressage FEI Grade III Team**

Gold - Emily Browne  
Silver - Stephanie Ross  
Bronze - Krystal Schrauwen

**Para Equestrian Dressage FEI Grad III Freestyle**

Gold - Stephanie Ross  
Silver - Rachel Whitmore  
Bronze - Danielle Benoit

**BC Heritage Finals 2010**

The Finals were held in Armstrong July 17 to 18. Carolyn Ferris and her amazing volunteers made this competition a success. This competition was held on a very hot weekend, and the volunteers running this show worked hard so that the competitors could participate in the finals.

Ellen Smailes from Heffley Creek BC judged the Finals and true to form her expertise and good nature was evident throughout the weekend, thank you Ellen!

HCBC would like to thank the following partners, whose generosity helped make this event a winner; **Elite Focus Event Photography, Capri Insurance, Venkat Saddlery, H4 Services and Prairie Coast Equipment.**

**Congratulation to the overall Division Champions!**

**Western Division Champions**

13 and Under - Zaria Hayes - LT Defining Moment  
14-18 - Monika Schroeder - Hot Cubed Sugar  
Senior- Kelsey Hayes RHL Zans Leo Otoe

**English Division Champions**

13 and Under - Victoria Fryer - Black Rambo Shadow  
 14-18 Monika Schroeder - Hot Cubed Sugar  
 Senior Wendy Price - Ima Painted Skeeter

**Versatility Championship** was won by Stephanie Daoust riding RDR Face of An Angel. This award recognizes the horse and rider combination that successfully competes in both English and Western classes at the Finals.

**Battle of the Breeds Winning Team**

Team Quarter Horse  
 Kelsey Hayes  
 Dawnna Monks  
 Veronica Blattler

**Exciting new classes offered in the BC Heritage Program for 2010/2011!!!**

Hunter Over Fences 2'-3' / 3'-3'6"  
 Jumper 2'-3' / 3'-3'6",  
 Dressage Training/First Level  
 Driving; Reinsmanship, Pleasure, Command, Games-Barrels, Poles

**BC Riders named for World Equestrian Games Teams!**

2010 FEI World Equestrian Games (WEG) to be held in Lexington, KY September 25-October 10, 2010.

Congratulations to **Wendy Christoff** and Pfalstaff of Delta who have been named reserve combinations for the 2010 World Equestrian Games Dressage Team.

The Equine Canada Canadian Reining Committee (CRC) has announced the Canadian Reining Team. HCBC is pleased to congratulate **Lisa Coulter** of Kelowna, BC and her horse Pilot Point, TX for being named to the team.

The Endurance Canada International Committee is pleased to announce the squad and alternates who will represent Canada at the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games. HCBC is proud to congratulate **Elroy Karius** on Apache Eclipse and **Gail Jewell** on NL Temptation for being name to the team. **Terre O'Brennen** of Delta BC has been named as an alternate and **Gail Jewell** was named as Alternate on two other horses.

The BC riders named to the Eventing team are Langley's **Hawley Bennett-Awad** on Gin & Juice, Summerland rider **Rebecca Howard** on Riddle Master and Summerland rider **Stephanie Rhodes Bosch** aboard Port Authority.

Named to the Vaulting team are **Colin Schmidt** and **Alyssa Porter**, both from Chilliwack.

At press time the Para Dressage has not been announced however, BC has an excellent representation of riders who stand a very good chance of making these teams.

**BC Riders shine at 2010 North American Junior and Young Rider Championships**

The Championships were held July 28-August 1 at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY, the site of the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games.

The NAJYRC gives up and coming riders the opportunity to represent their area, province or country as a team, and prepares them for future international competition. The 2010 edition featured the disciplines of dressage, eventing, jumping and reining.

The Junior Championship division is open to riders fourteen to eighteen years of age while the Young Riders Championship division is open to riders sixteen to twenty-one years old. Many of the world's top competitors, including many Olympic medalists, began their careers at the NAJYRC.

The British Columbia / Quebec Combined Eventing Team won the bronze medal in the Junior Championship division. Congratulations to **Nayla Charbonneau** of Surrey, BC, who was a member of the Bronze medal winning team.

The British Columbia Junior Dressage Team won the gold medal in the FEI Junior Team Competition.

The Gold Medal Team, comprised of **Esmee Ingham** of West Vancouver, BC, **Sylvie Fraser** of Armstrong, BC, and **Monica Houweling** of Delta, BC, scored a decisive win with a Team total score of 201.297, 3.5 points ahead of the silver medal team.

In the Junior Freestyle, **Esmee Ingham** of West Vancouver, BC, riding Norseman, a 14-year-old Swedish Warmblood gelding won the bronze medal with a score of 70.900%.

Taking the bronze medal in the individual Reining final was **Vanessa Strotmann** of Salmon Arm, BC riding her seven year old Quarter Horse gelding, Listos May Day Hobby to a score of 212.

"Rooster Kicker went really well. It was a running pattern, and we both thrive on that type of pattern," said Pratch. "He is a solid stopper and there were four stops which also helped us. I plan on staying in the reining pen and working in some of the other western performance sports as well."

### Youth Olympic Games 2010

**Dominique Shone**, 17, of Langley, will represent Canada at the inaugural Youth Olympic Games in Singapore from August 14-26, 2010.

The Youth Olympic Games will see 3,000 athletes representing 205 nations competing in 26 sports. The show jumping events, the only equestrian discipline included, will take place at the Singapore Turf Club Riding Centre. The organizing committee will supply horses capable of jumping courses of up to 1.20m for the 30 international competitors. The athletes will draw for the horse that they will ride for the duration of the team and individual competitions.

### 2010 Young Riders Bursary

Champion Horse Blankets is offering a "2010 Young Riders Bursary" in the amount of \$500 to HCBC members between the ages of 12 -25 in good standing.

Visit Champion Horse Blankets online at [www.championhorseblanket.com](http://www.championhorseblanket.com).

Bursary Criteria:

- Must be a HCBC member in good standing
- Applicants have to be between 12 -25 years of age
- Applicants must participate in at least two HCBC sanctioned horse shows between July 1, 2009 to August 30, 2010
- Applicants must complete a minimum of 20 hours of volunteer work between July 1, 2009 to August 30, 2010
- Applicants must submit a 500 word essay on, "Why I love the Equine Sport"
- Submission deadline is September 30, 2010
- Email applications and essays to [info@championhorseblankets.com](mailto:info@championhorseblankets.com)


- Bursarys can ONLY be used for equine related activities (i.e. clinics, competitions,etc)

[Bursary Application](#)



**Calling for Award Nominations**  
*BC's Best... Celebrating Equine Achievements*

**Do you know someone that deserves to walk the red carpet?**



Nominations are now being accepted for Horse Council BC annual awards honoring outstanding achievement within BC's equine community. Award recipients will be recognized during the 30th Annual Horse Council BC Awards Banquet November 20, 2010 at the Ramada Plaza & Conference Centre located in Abbotsford, BC.

Nominations are being accepted now through to September 15th, 2010.

To nominate go online to <http://www.hcbc.ca/HCBC-Awards.html?>

For more information call 1-800-345-8055

Lifetime Achievement

**BC Summer Games Travel Assistance**

Thank-you Horse Council BC for the travel assistance money given to our daughter who qualified for the BC Summer Games. As you can imagine, transporting a horse from Vancouver Island to Langley and back again is very, very expensive. The travel assistance funding we received helped make this journey possible and our family is very grateful!

Kind Regards,

Bob & Karen Roberts  
Vancouver Island, BC



**Melanie Roberts**

Thank you Horse Council BC for the Travel Assistance! The funding for athletes is so important, especially for the "Islanders"! Any competition is so important to have the goals in focus, but with ferry costs and hotels, etc. quite often these goals aren't attainable, except with help such as you offer. The BC Summer Games is a huge achievement and thank you once again for the help!

I hope that everyone is as grateful as we are - long may it continue!

Kind Regards,

Virginia Browne  
Vancouver Island, BC



**Emily Browne**



**Larch Hills Corrals**

### **Congratulations! Successful Applicants of the 2010 Equine Canada/HCBC Recreation & Industry Grant**

*Submitted By Ruth Donald, Recreation Coordinator*

The Equine Canada/HCBC Recreation and Industry Grants have now been awarded. HCBC member clubs applied for over \$100,000 in funding to finance a number of very worthwhile projects for recreational riders, although there was only \$26,000 to go around. The RIG Fund selection committee had some difficult decisions to make to

narrow down the choices, and to do so used a ranking system that scored each project on 11 different criteria so the decisions could be made as objectively as possible.

We're excited to announce that the following projects will be partially financed by grants from the Equine Canada/HCBC Recreation & Industry fund:

With volunteer labor and additional financing from the Sooke Saddle Club, there will be a "Trail Riders' Rest Area" created in William Simmons Memorial Park, which forms the hub of a proposed network of multi-use trails for the Otter Point area of southern Vancouver Island. The rest area will feature a hitching rail, a mounting block, a

manure bin, picnic table, and signs to allow safe crossing of Otter Point Road. [More details in the announcement from the Sooke Saddle Club.](#)

The Yarrow Chapter of Back Country Horsemen of BC has undertaken the creation of a horse camp adjacent to the Manning Park Resort. The EC/HCBC grant will allow them to prepare the location for 5 horse camp sites in a fenced enclosure with access to the popular recreational trails in Manning Park. This is a major project that will take several years to complete fully, but the ultimate goal is to have hitching rails, picnic tables, fire pits and corrals at the site.

The Larch Hills Nordic Ski trails, situated in the Shuswap area not far from Salmon Arm and Sicamous, are an ideal place for riding in the off-season. The Okanagan Chapter of Back Country Horsemen of BC has been given a grant to partially fund the purchase of corral panels that will triple the capacity for overnight camping at the site. More information on the Larch Hills trails can be found on the [HCBC Trails Database](#).

The Bouchie Lake Gymkhana Club has a busy equestrian facility used by the Quesnel & District Riding Club, the Quesnel Pony Club, the Quadrille, the Jolly Jumpers, and the Gymkhana Club members for multiple equestrian disciplines. Due to the heavy use and for safety's sake, they need a second arena to serve as a warm up ring and for the use of drop in riders from the community when the main arena is in use. The EC/HCBC RIG fund will supply a portion of the funds required to create a new warm up and dressage arena for the facility.

Since 1989, the Endurance Riders Association of BC has been using and maintaining a ride camp on the Coutlee Plateau near Merritt with help from the Nicola Valley ATV club and the Back Country Horsemen. Due to its central location, the site is well-used by trail riders from both the Okanagan and Lower Mainland. The camp and the trails are in need of restoration (largely due to pine beetle damage) and improvement, and ERABC would like to bring a much-needed water line into the camp. The EC/HCBC RIG grant will help to finance these improvements.

The Powell River Trail Riders Club built the community riding arena in the 1960's and has continued to look after it. The arena is heavily used by all equestrian disciplines and groups, including therapeutic riding. One third of the arena is unusable almost all summer due to wet and slippery conditions, so the club applied for partial funding towards improving the arena footing, and were one of the successful applicants.

North Vancouver Island Horse Association received a small grant to help fund the installation of cattle pens at the Comox Valley Fairgrounds. The arena is used by English, Western and games riders as well as the cow horse sport riders. The pens will be keep the cattle used for penning and sorting safe and secure.

The HCBC Industry Committee applied for funding to host a Jennifer Woods Horse Hauling course at the 2011 Equine Industry Conference in Kelowna and received part of the funds to cover the cost. Jennifer's course will include animal behavior and handling, handler safety and biosecurity and will be of benefit to all recreational and performance horse owners.

Slocan Valley Outriders Association applied for funding to replace old deteriorated wooden stalls at their facility with metal panel stalls to house horses safely during equestrian events. The facility is also used as temporary stabling for riders using the nearby Slocan Valley Rail Trail, a 50 km. non-motorized trail, part of the Spirit of 2010 Trail Network developed by Tourism BC. The EC/HCBC Recreation and Industry grant will allow the stall renovation project to begin.

The EC/HCBC Recreation & Industry grant is also making it possible for the Sointula Riding Club to purchase round pen panels and erect bleachers for their riding arena, the only community riding ring in the area. They currently have no safe holding area for horses, and when not being used inside the arena as a round pen, the portable round pen panels can also serve as temporary holding pens when required.

The selection committee regrets not being able to fulfill all of the grant requests. To those applicants who were unsuccessful, best of luck with your projects and we hope to have funds available again next year, so please be prepared to re-apply.

# YOU Can Direct The Future Of Langley's Horse Industry & Infrastructure!!



The Langley Horse Federation in co-operation with the Township of Langley,  
are hosting a **FREE** workshop to gather input from all aspects of the horse industry in Langley.

## ***"Team Up For Success"***

<p><b>Saturday, September 18, 2010</b></p> <p>Langley Events Centre</p> <p>9:00 am to 5:00 pm</p> <p>FREE Admission</p> <p>Complimentary Light Lunch</p> <p>Facilitator: Wayne Penney</p>	<p><b>Discussions Will Include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our status as "the Horse Capital of BC"</li> <li>• Rising Costs &amp; Complications</li> <li>• Water &amp; Manure Issues</li> <li>• Bringing New People To Horses</li> <li>• The Need For New Equestrian Infrastructure</li> </ul>
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## ***"Enhancing Our Agricultural Heritage"***

Registration will be at the door but we request your RSVP to Dave Esworthy, LHF Chair, by emailing [esworthy@telus.net](mailto:esworthy@telus.net)  
or Carla Robin, LHF Vice-Chair, at [c.robin@telus.net](mailto:c.robin@telus.net).

**For More Information Visit [www.langleyhorsefederation.ca](http://www.langleyhorsefederation.ca)**

## Labour Market Research on Small BC Farms

**Do you operate a small-scale farm? Have your say!**

The Canadian Agricultural Human Resource Council is researching the labour needs

on farms with less than \$100,000 in gross receipts. Your responses will be used to better understand employment needs of smaller farms and will ensure that operations from BC are represented in the research.

Go to [www.cahrc-ccrha.ca](http://www.cahrc-ccrha.ca)

Or call CAHRC at 1-866-430-7457 ext. 228 to complete the survey by phone.  
All respondents can enter for a chance to win \$100



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PROMOTION PLUS  
GIRLS AND WOMEN IN  
SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

### Call for Applications for the 2010/11 Girls Only Incentive Program

The Girls Only Incentive Program is a partnership between ProMOTION Plus and the BC Recreation and Parks Association and is supported by 2010 Legacies Now and the Federal Government. The Girls Only Incentive Program grant was developed to provide opportunities to participate in sport for non-active girls and women of all ages in all regions of BC.

- Eligible programs can be focussed n a single sport or designed to provide exposure to a multi-sport experience for girls and/or women
- Funding is available for new programs and enhancements for existing programs
- Funding is available to a maximum of \$2,500 for one program
- An organization may apply for Girls Only Incentive Program Grants for more than one program

Eligible Applicants:

- Municipal recreation departments in British Columbia
- Community associations which provide sport and/or recreation programs
- Not for profit societies and organizations which provide sport and/or recreation programs

The deadline is 5pm on Tuesday, September 28th, 2010

Information guide and applications available on our website:

<http://www.promotionplus.org/Content/Programs%20and%20Services/Education/Girls%20Only%20Project%20NEW.asp>

## **Streamflow & Drought Conditions in Northern BC**

Due to dry weather in the month of July river levels are at record-lows in the northern half of BC. Environment Minister Barry Penner announced effective Friday, August 20, 2010 that the Peace region has been reclassified to Drought Level 4 (extremely dry conditions).

Given the continuation of dry conditions and record-low river levels in the North, Penner is asking British Columbians to conserve water to protect water sources and help manage water demands.

[Information Bulletin: Streamflow & Drought Conditions in BC](#)

## **Water Conservation Urged in Southern Interior**

Concerns about fish populations and water supplies has prompted a request for proactive water conservation in the Southern Interior. A high-pressure ridge over the province brought dry, above-average temperatures to the Southern Interior in mid-August. Some rainfall since then has helped stabilize flows in some streams, but stream and aquifer levels are starting to fall in a number of areas.

Low stream levels can translate to shortages of water for drinking, irrigation and aquatic life. Low water levels can strand fish and create migration barriers.

[Information Bulletin: Water Conservation Urged in Southern Interior](#)

## **True Sport Community Give-Back Challenge**

Unleash the power of True Sport in your community and you could earn an award of \$5,000 or \$10,000 to help your group or sport organization continue to live the True Sport Principles.

September 18, 2010 will mark the first Sports Day in Canada celebrating sport from the grassroots to high performance in communities across the country. Sports Day in Canada is an opportunity for all Canadians to celebrate the power of sport to build communities!

The True Sport Community Give-Back Challenge provides an opportunity for people to give back to their communities by volunteering their time or hosting an event and donating the proceeds to a local charity or cause.

[Register to Participate!](#)

## **"We Have Lost A Legend"**

*Submitted By Isabel Healy-Morrow*



The Okanagan equestrian community turned out in full force to honor long-time horseman and BC Horse Council Lifetime Achievement Award recipient Jay LaLonde at his funeral service held on Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, in Vernon, BC.

Jay was born in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 1926, the son of Frank and Helena LaLonde. He moved to Vernon at age 16 and finished school while working on a dairy farm in Okanagan Landing, before joining the Canadian Army at 18 years of age. He married June (nee Madden) on June 29<sup>th</sup>, 1948. They took up residence in various towns in B.C., including Jaffray, Quesnel, Williams Lake, back to Vernon, Kelowna, Running Horse Ranch in Kamloops, and Savona, before finally moving back to Vernon in 1958 to purchase the family farm.

Jay worked in the lumber industry, as a cowboy, a carpenter, and then became a well-known construction superintendent for Smith Brothers and Wilson, building banks, hospitals, bridges, shopping malls and other well known structures in the Okanagan.

Jay was well known throughout Western Canada as a master horseman - rider, trainer, coach, judge, and steward and teacher of fine leatherwork. In his younger years, Jay and his mare Valley Belle won show jumping classes up and down the valley. Jay was a mentor to so many young riders who owe him a huge debt of gratitude, which was expressed very eloquently at his service.

Jay was seven years manager and twice President of the Interior Provincial Exhibition and director of the Pacific National Exhibition. Jay was awarded a Life Membership in the Vernon District Riding club and the Interior Provincial Exhibition.

In his later years, Jay continued his passion of working with his horses, but took up leatherwork, braiding, and saddle-making. His saddles and leatherwork are beautifully crafted and awe-inspiring.

Jay is survived by his wife of 62 years June; sons Larry (Joanne) and Terry, daughters Sharon (Wayne) and Cindy (Wayne), grandchildren and great-grandchildren, plus numerous nieces and nephews.

At his service, one eulogist remarked: "We have lost a legend" and everyone present agreed. One of his favorite sayings that he shared with his students was: "Ride to win! Nobody wants to be second place!" May we all remember Jay LaLonde and all the qualities that he exemplified - his work ethic, passion for horses and equestrian sports, mentoring of students, and love of family and friends, and carry his winning spirit forever in our hearts.

### **BC/Quebec Combined Team Win Bronze at the 2010 NAJYRC**

The BC and Quebec Combined Team took home the bronze medal in the Junior One Star Championship division at the 2010 Adequan FEI North American Junior Young Riders Championships (NAJYC), July 28-August 1 at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY.



The team was comprised of Nayla Charbonneau of Surrey, BC, Sophie Laframboise of Westmount, QC, and Katherine Martineau of Brossard, QC. Coached by Lorraine Laframboise, chef d'équipe was Olympian Ian Roberts, all three team members completed the competition on a final score of 199.3, which featured no drop score.

Charbonneau of BC and her own Princeton Pride finished on a score of 83.2 putting them in 22nd place overall.

In the Two Star Young Riders Championship division, Team Canada comprised of Julia Norman of Kelowna, BC, Samantha Elsenaar of Brooklin, ON, Emily Daigneault of Gatineau, QC, and Joelle Baskerville of Calgary, AB, finished in fifth place.

For more information and complete results, please visit [www.youngriders.org](http://www.youngriders.org).

### Canadian Reining Committee Announces WEG Team

The Equine Canada Canadian Reining Committee (CRC) is pleased to announce the Canadian Reining Team for the 2010 FEI World Equestrian Games (WEG) to be held in Lexington, KY September 25-October 10, 2010.

The following riders were chosen after the head-to-head selection trial held at the West Coast Classic CRI 1\* in Chilliwack, BC:

Rider	Home Town
Lisa Coulter	Kelowna, BC / Pilot Point, TX
Duane Latimer	Bienfait, SK / Ardmore, OK
Shawna Sapergia	Cochrane, AB
Vernon Sapergia	Cochrane, AB

Coulter will be riding Western Whiz, a seven-year-old Quarter Horse gelding owned by Robert Thompson. Coulter represented Canada at the 2009 Reining Kentucky Cup CRI 4\* held at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY, where she won individual and team silver.

### Canadian Dressage Team Names for WEG

Dressage Canada is pleased to announce Ashley Holzer, Belinda Trussell, Bonny Bonnelo and Victoria Winter as the riders who will be representing Canada at the

2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games (WEG) to be held in Lexington, KY September 25-October 10, 2010.

The two reserve combinations for the Team will be Wendy Christoff of Delta, BC, riding Pfalstaff, her 16-year-old Hanoverian gelding sired by Paladium, and Evi Strasser of Sainte Adele, QC, and Quantum Tyme, her 15-year-old Oldenburg gelding sired by Quattro. Christoff and Pfalstaff had an average qualifying score of 66.329%, and Strasser and Quantum Tyme had a four score average of 66.213%.



**Stephanie Rhodes-Bosch & Port Authority**

### Stephanie Rhodes-Bosch Clenches Victory at Richland Park Horse Trials

Canadian Eventing WEG Squad member Stephanie Rhodes-Bosch of Summerland, BC rode to victory at the 2010 edition of the Richland Park Horse Trials, held August 26-29, in Richland, MI.

In the *Advanced Division B* Rhodes-Bosch aboard Port Authority, a Canadian-bred 12-year-old Selle Français/Thoroughbred gelding, posted another double clear cross country and in show jumping to finish on their dressage score of 31.70.

In the 3-star division Danica Moore of Salmon Arm, BC, riding Dunlavins Token, her own 10-year-old Argentinean Warmblood gelding, finished in 18th place with a final score of 72.20.

Canadian WEG Squad members will now head to their last preparatory competition at the American Eventing Championships held at Chattahoochee Hills Farm in Fairburn Georgia, September 9-13, 2010.

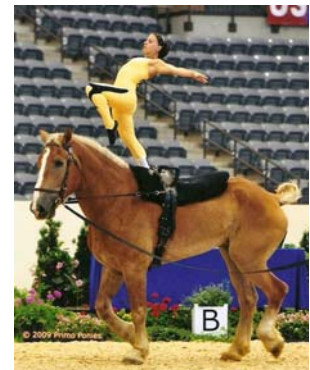
For complete results please visit [www.richlandpark.com](http://www.richlandpark.com).

### Two BC Vaulters Named to WEG Team

*Submitted by Barb Schmidt, Director of EVA BC*

A sister and brother from Chilliwack, BC will be among the four individual vaulters representing Canada at the 2010 World Equestrian Games in Kentucky. Alisa and Colin Schmidt will be joined by two Alberta vaulters, Jeanine Vandersluijs and Hannah Marland.

Alisa, age 24, began vaulting at just four years of age and has been both the Junior and Senior Women's Provincial Champion for BC. Her first FEI competition was CVI Saratoga, California in 2000 at the age of 14. At CVI Saratoga in 2004 she became the first Canadian female vaulter to ever win gold at an FEI event. She has since represented Canada at several FEI competitions and championships including CVI Sydney, Australia in 2008 where she had the top score by a foreign vaulter. In 2008 she became Canada's first Division AA National Women's Champion. Alisa trains with and coaches the Cheam



Vaulters in Chilliwack, BC. Alisa is thrilled about having the opportunity to represent her country at the first WEG on North American soil.

Alisa Schmidt



Colin Schmidt

Colin, age 31, began vaulting at the age of 11 with the Cheam Vaulters in Chilliwack, BC. He was the men's provincial champion in BC for many years and in 2008 became Canada's first Division AA National Men's Champion. His international career began with CVI Saumur in 1994. He has since represented Canada at many CVI's, world championships and the past four WEG events. In 2006 he won bronze at CVI Sao Paulo, Brazil and in 2008 he competed at CVI Sydney and became the first Canadian male vaulter to ever win gold at an FEI event. In June 2010 he won the silver medal for Canada, the host country at CVI Chilliwack, BC. Colin is also the head coach of the Cheam Vaulters. In 2005 his contribution to coaching was recognized by Horse Council BC as he was named the Coach of the Year.

Reflecting on the opportunity to compete in Kentucky, Colin says *"WEG this year is going to be the first time that North Americans can compete at a World Championship on their own horses, or on horses that they have had a long term relationship with. This home turf advantage has always been the privilege of the European countries in the past and it is a great feeling knowing that it's our turn this time!"*

## Upcoming Events

### Jonathan Field Horsemanship - Intro Course 4 Camp

September 8-12, 2010

Location: James Creek Ranch, Merritt, BC

[info@jonathanfield.net](mailto:info@jonathanfield.net)

### Kettle River Trails Association 2nd Annual Charity Poker Ride-A-Thon

September 25, 2010

Location: Rock Creek Fair Grounds

Registration at the ride between 9am - 10:30 am; ride starts at 11:00am; Awards at 3:00pm

For more information or to register contact Louise at 250-807-2787 or email [kettlerivertrails@gmail.com](mailto:kettlerivertrails@gmail.com)

### TREC Discovery Level Competition

September 25, 2010

Location: Peachland Riding Club

For more information contact [christa@t2rc.ca](mailto:christa@t2rc.ca)

### Jonathan Field Horsemanship - Course 2 Clinic

September 25-27, 2010

Location: Nanoose Bay, BC

For more information email [roma@jonathanfield.net](mailto:roma@jonathanfield.net)

### Barbie Whitworth Hunter/Jumper Clinic

September 27 - 28, 2010

For more information email [mielliem@telus.net](mailto:mielliem@telus.net) or call 604-796-9211

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