



Notes from the Office

May 2010

HCBC's New Website

Horse Council BC is pleased to launch our new website! The layout and graphics are exceptional and the “user friendliness” has been improved. We hope that this renovation allows users to navigate our site for information they need a little quicker and easier. As always, there are a few glitches and maybe a missing file or two, but we are diligently working on these as we find them.

One big difference is that the Competition Section has been renamed “Sport”. You will still find all the information you need within these pages.

We are always open to suggestions for our site, but we also would appreciate knowing if our members are happy with the new look and format. If you have not been to the HCBC site recently, please go to www.hcbc.ca and check out our new look.

2010 Western Coaching Update

The 2010 Western Update was held in 100 Mile House on April 3-4th. We had 14 enthusiastic coaches attend. I would like to pass along our thanks to the demonstration riders who volunteered their time to allow our Master Course Conductor Ruth Fowler, show the coaches the standards for Rider testing and Instructor. Thank you very much to Kelsey Hayes, Ron and Cici Szigety, Andrea Dobbs and Jen Felce. It was a cold day and they were cheerful and accommodating. It is never easy acting as a demonstration rider, so we truly thank them for their time. Thank you to Carolyn Dobbs for coordinating the update and to the Red Coach Inn for their part in hosting the update.

Horse Week 2010

Equine Canada is pleased to announce that Horse Week 2010 will begin Saturday May 29, 2010 and run until Sunday June 6, 2010.

Horse Week is held annually to promote and celebrate Canada's thriving horse industry. A wide range of activities are held across the country, including trail rides, horse shows, charity events and open house's to allow horse enthusiasts and the public alike to celebrate horses! Everyone is encouraged to participate.

All events, regardless of size, taking place between May 29 and June 6 can apply for Horse Week status and be promoted through the provinces and Equine Canada.

The 2010 Horse Week committee has lots in store for event organizers and participants this year. So, if you have a unique idea for creating an event, go for it!

Check the Horse Week section of www.equinecanada.ca, for details of how to register your event and to receive information and support in the lead up to Horse Week 2010.

Ride and Drive Program

Barb Smith of Coombs, BC has logged 2000 hours in the saddle since she joined HCBC's Ride & Drive Rewards Program in 2004! Barb will be presented with a \$50 Greenhawk Harness & Equestrian Supplies gift card sponsored by Glynnis Schultz owner of the Brentwood Bay Village location of on Vancouver Island. For more information on Horse Council BC's Ride & Drive Rewards program visit www.hcbc.ca under Recreation & Trails.

Horse Council BC Industry Guide

The Horse Council BC Industry Guide is a directory of Horse Council BC affiliates, clubs, and businesses, plus coaches and officials and is continually updated to provide the most current information. But did you know that you can access all of the guide's information on our website?

The Horse Council BC Industry Guide may be downloaded free of charge or purchased from Horse Council BC for \$5.30 including GST.

High School Credits

In BC, students can receive credits for High School for participating in and obtaining their English or Western Rider certificates. This is an excellent way for students to use their riding to help with graduation.

Check out our website for more information, email coaching@hcbc.ca, or ask an Equine Canada certified coach about the Learn to Ride Programs.

What Does That Acronym Mean?

Just exactly what do we mean when we say that the MCC wants all Comp coaches to obtain their MED and make sure to send in an EAP? Often members really have no idea what we are referring to! Here is a brief summary of some of the most common acronyms used at HCBC.

JTAC – Joint Trails Access Committee

TCT– Trans Canada Trails

Horse Council BC and our Affiliate member, Back Country Horsemen Society of BC, have formed the Joint Trails Access Committee (JTAC) to work for the recreational riders of BC by helping to protect the right to ride the many urban and back country trails. JTAC also includes representatives from the BC Competitive Trail Riders Association and the Endurance Riders Association of BC. From coast to coast the Trans Canada Trail is one of Canada's truly great endeavors. Experience Canada's legendary wilderness, explore provincial and territorial capitals, canoe the routes of early explorers, visit national and provincial parks, commute to and from work, cycle historic rail trails and picnic in urban parks. Our BC trail riders were instrumental in working to build the Trans Canada trail in BC, making it horse friendly.

BFAC– BC Farm Animal Care
HWAC – Horse Welfare Alliance of Canada
SPCA – Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
BCVMA – BC Veterinarian Medical Association
CFIA – Canadian Food Inspection Agency
PEP – Provincial Emergency Program

HCBC has involvement at many levels regarding Horse Welfare. We are also pro-active regarding disaster preparation for BC horse owners. We promote and education the important aspects of Bio-Security for horse owners and barn owners. We worked with the Provincial Emergency Program, amongst other agencies; in an effort to provide help and guidelines should an emergency situation arise. HCBC has developed a set of Disaster Preparedness Guidelines to help horse owners prepare for natural disasters. We have a database for transportation and temporary stabling of horses during large scale incidents. In forming partnerships, understanding and relationships with Horse Welfare agencies, HCBC can continue to work towards improving the welfare of horses in BC.

PSO– Provincial Sport Organization
NSO – National Sport Organization
EC – Equine Canada
TSO – Territorial Sport Organization

HCBC is the Provincial Sport Organization for Equestrian in BC. Equine Canada is the National Sport Organization for Equestrians in Canada. Recently the Yukon has moved forward to joining Equine Canada as a Territorial Sport Organization.

LTED– Long Tern Equestrian Development Model
CAC –Coaches Association of Canada
CABC– Coaches Association of BC
MED – Make Ethical Decisions Module
EAP– Emergency Action Plan
SPORTBC – Sport BC
CS4L– Canadian Sport for Life
NCCP – National Coaching Certification Program
PET – Performance Enhancement Team
AAP– Athletes Assistance Program
MCC – Master course conductor
PCC – Provincial Coaching Coordinator
LF – Learning Facilitator

This terminology relates to many aspects of coaching and instructing. All the Equine Canada Coaching programs that are administered by HCBC are compliant with the NCCP standards. These are accepted standards whose principals are followed by almost every sport organization in Canada with recognized coaching programs. If you are wondering why there have been so many changes in the EC Coaching and Instructor programs, it is because the NCCP has improved their programs and all sports need to follow this lead to stay recognized. The LTED is a program that lays out the optimum training and guidelines to achieve success for equestrians. The LTED address's the optimal age and training ratio for those riders

who wish to compete at an elite level, but within the LTED there is a pathway for those riders of all ages who ride for personal enjoyment. The LTED is a powerful tool for Coaches and Instructors, an excellent reference for parents and a clearly laid out pathway for athletes. The LTED is project spearheaded by Equine Canada on the request of Sport Canada. If you are a parent interested in obtaining a copy of the LTED, please call the office or drop by and we will provide you with one.

The MCC or master course conductor is the most senior and experience coach within their discipline in BC. They are tasked to coordinate the training of other evaluators, coordinating evaluations and setting up coaching and instructor evaluations in the province. The PCC does the administration of the different coaching programs and in BC this is done by the Coaching Manager.

SPORTCANADA– Sport Canada

OTP – Own the Podium

AWAD– Athletes with a Disability

GP – General Performance

SGQ– Summer Games Qualifier

FEI – Federation Equestre Internationale

These acronyms fall into the Sport category. The FEI is the governing body of worldwide Equestrian sport and sanctions competitions at a world level. “Own the Podium” is a key phrase used by the Olympic organizers wanted to put a name to the goal of our winter athletes winning more medals than any other country. Some funding money may filter down from the OTP to help support athlete development in all sports. We are proud of our General Performance rule book which was recently developed by HCBC to help smaller shows and venues put on provincially sanctioned competitions.

EFPP – Environmental Farm Plan

LEPS – Langley Environmental Partners

OII– Ownership Identity Inc.

BCAC– BC Agricultural Council

Horse Council BC works with several outside associations regarding environmental concerns. The Langley Environmental partner’s is not just relevant to the Langley area and have great information for all provincial members. We have two excellent courses that are based on LEPS materials, one is called Water Management and the other is Pasture Management. Both of these courses have information for all regions of BC and their specific conditions and needs. The OII is British Columbia's brand registration and inspection program, protects cattle, horse and bison owners against loss of animals by theft, straying or misappropriation. The program consists of the registration of livestock brands and the inspection of cattle and horses for lawful possession prior to transportation, sale or slaughter. The program is financed in its entirety through brand registration and inspection fees paid by the livestock producers. HCBC is one of the owners of this program.

Horse Council BC sends representatives to many meetings and committees and in doing this; we have a voice at the table that is indicative of the interests of BC Equestrians.

Horse Council BC Book Sale!

If you have a chance to visit the HCBC office, we have a number of equestrian titles on sale right now. Don't miss the chance to purchase your summer reading at a reduced price!