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5 Minute Video Project



Online learning via YouTube is extremely popular these days with tutorials on various topics that range from simple to overly complicated. Horse Council has jumped on the YouTube tutorial bandwagon with our new *5 Minute Video Project*. The purpose of the *5 Minute Video Project* is to make learning the basics about horses fun, entertaining, and easy! Videos will be added throughout the year until we eventually have a whole 5 Minute Video Library.

[See Our Current Selection of 5 Minute Videos!](#)



We Want to Help Fund Your Horse Projects & Events!

Zone funds are available to every HCBC Member, Club, and Affiliate in good standing. Each zone has slightly different funding criteria, but generally



Check It Out!

HCBC's Online Events Calendar

Events in May:

[Anky Van Grunsven Educational Clinic](#)

[Andrew McLean Lecture, Demonstrations & Lessons - Vancouver Island](#)

[Andrew McLean Lecture, Demonstrations & Lessons - Aldergrove](#)

[Andrew McLean Lecture, Demonstrations & Lessons - Salmon Arm & Kamloops](#)

[Equine Massage Therapy Course](#)

["No Mallet Method" Equine Adjustment Course](#)

[Make a Wish Trail Ride - Kamloops](#)

[Make A Wish Trail Ride - Silver Creek](#)

[Make A Wish Trail Ride - Williams Lake](#)

[Make A Wish Trail Ride - Clearwater](#)

[Back Country Horsemen of BC 2014 Rendezvous \(RV\) in Maple Ridge](#)



they give grants to clubs, organizations, and individuals that demonstrate that they give, or are planning to give, substantial benefit to Zone horse persons in the areas of education, participation, and skill development.

Get your event or project funded today!

[What Zone Am I In?](#)

Find Out More! [Apply for Zone Funding today!](#)



SURVEY REMINDER



On Friday, May 2nd a survey was sent out to Horse Council Members. If you haven't completed it yet, please do so now!

Horse Council British Columbia would like to invite our members to complete this 10 - 15 minute survey on the Agricultural Land Reserve.

Responses will help HCBC better understand our equine industry challenges and successes within the Agricultural Land Reserve. The feedback will enable us to better represent our members to the provincial government. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

Access the Survey Here!





Looking for Competitions?

[Check them out here!](#)



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HORSE DAY

August 20, 2014



We're going to the Fair!! HCBC Horse Day 2014 is going to be a one day event held at the Fair at the PNE. There are going to be lots of booths, interactive displays, horses and demos aimed at getting people interested in horses and horseback riding! Horse Day happens on August 20th, so save the date! For more information, [check out the Horse Day Page!](#)

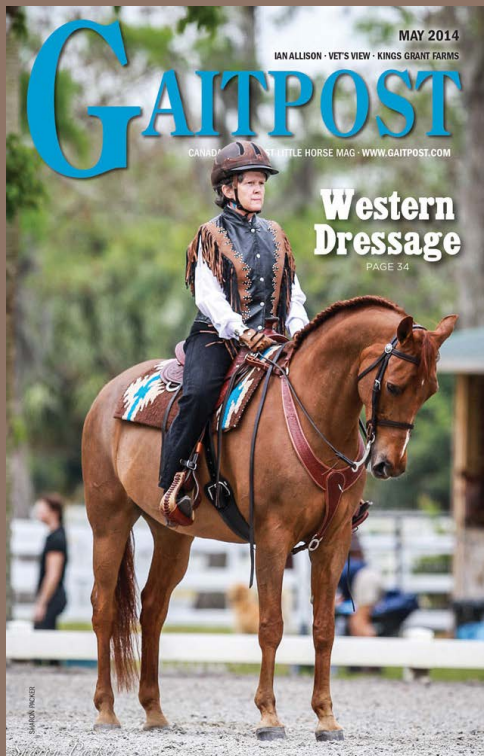


HCBC Wants YOU for the BC Summer Games!



The purpose of the Summer Games is to provide an opportunity for the development of athletes, coaches, and officials in preparation for higher levels of competition like the North American Junior and Young Rider Championships, Canadian Interprovincial Equestrian Championships, Pan-Am Games, and Olympic or Paralympic Games.

Horse Council BC is the Provincial Sport Organization in charge of Equestrian Sport for the BC Summer Games. Competitors are selected



from each zone around the province. Competitors must compete with the same horse they qualify on. Horse Council is looking for athletes between the ages of 11 - 17 as of January 1, 2014, who have met all the qualifying criteria in the disciplines of dressage, jumping, and vaulting. We are also looking for athletes between the ages of 13 - 30 as of January 1, 2014, who have met all the qualifying criteria in the discipline of para-dressage to be part of the equestrian team at the BC Summer Games. The games take place July 17 - 20, 2014 in Nanaimo, BC. [We want you to apply for the Equestrian Team today!](#)



2014 Scholarships



HCBC is giving out five \$1000.00 Scholarships to HCBC members graduating from High School in 2014 to use towards Post Secondary Education.

For more information contact coaching@hcbc.ca or go to our [Scholarship Page](#).

Don't forget to apply, the deadline is June 30th.



BC Equestrian Trails Fund 2014 Recipients

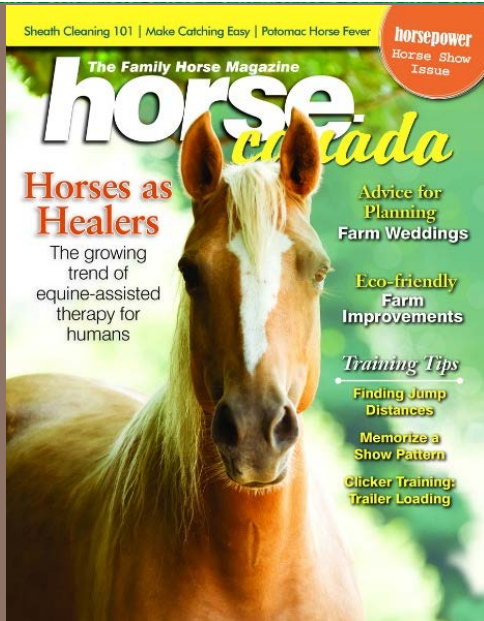


HCBC is proud to be able to award a total of **\$27,071.86** in grants to BC Equestrian Trails Fund applicants for 2014. A total of **9 projects** are taking place throughout the province to benefit recreational trail riders. For a list of projects receiving funding for 2014, [please visit our website](#).

Updated forms and criteria for the 2015 application year will be posted soon, so keep checking back. It's never too early to start planning your project!



BC Heritage Circuit Finals



JULY 4, 5, 6, 2014
 Maple Ridge Equi-Sports Centre
[Get More Information!](#)

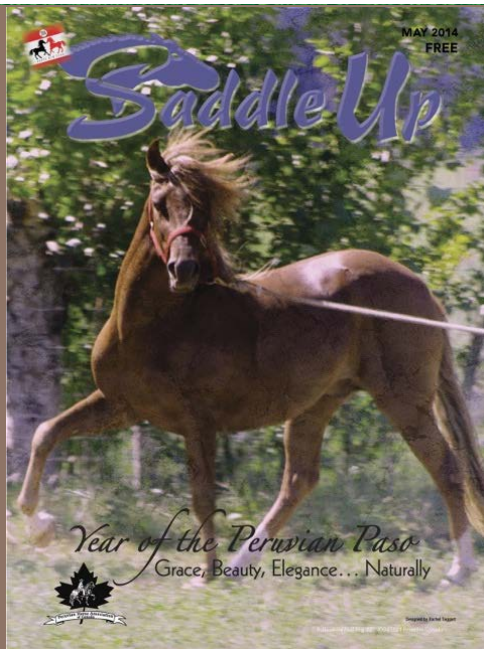


BCCTRA - Intro to Riding the Distance!

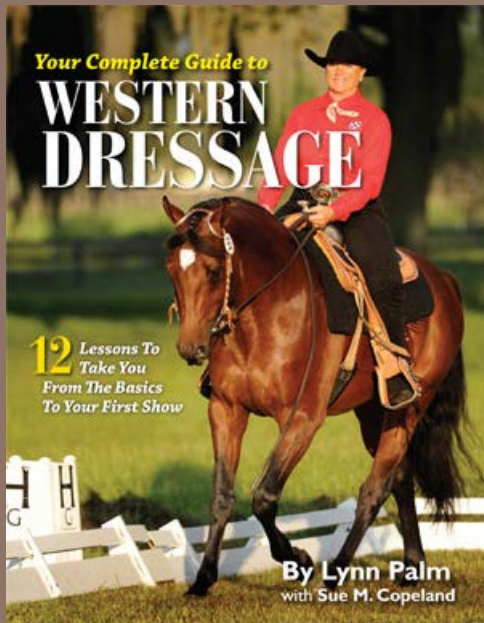


The BC Competitive Trail Riding Association recently hosted an *Intro to Riding the Distance* clinic with Karen Ellis (endurance and competitive trail rider) on Vancouver Island. The event featured a 2 hour educational presentation about introducing competitive trail riders to the world of endurance riding and a 2 hour "mock" ride, including a vet check.

This clinic helped to build confidence in riders new to distance competition and helped equip level



Featured Book of the Month



Your Complete Guide to Western Dressage
By Lynn Palm with Sue M. Copeland

Here's everything you need to know about the newest horse sport, Western dressage, a unique blend of classical dressage and the spirit of the Western Horse. Top horsewoman Lynn Palm, winner of 34 Reserve and World Championships, as well as "Superhorse" Championships, offers step-by-step exercises to take you through your first Western dressage test.

2 CTR riders with knowledge to safely attempt a 50-mile endurance ride. What a great crossover learning experience! **The BCCTRA applied for a participation grant through Horse Council BC to host their clinic.** [You can apply for a participation grant for your event too!](#)



Equine Canada Launches the Alltech World Equestrian Games Page



The Countdown Is On! Equine Canada is excited to launch our 2014 World Equestrian Games webpage built to provide competitors, affiliates, spectators and fans information they want and need to know about the Games.

- Fine-Tune Your Horse's Responsiveness (regardless of his event!)
- Improve Your Position and Balance
- Ramp Up Your Head-To-Tail Body Control
- Get Your Horse Straight, Forward, and Rhythmic
- Net You Seamless (and instant) Transitions

Available through the HCBC Bookstore for \$29.95

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For more books, DVDs, and equipment visit the [HCBC Bookstore](#)

The webpage is designed for quick and easy access to important information about the event and the hosting country, Normandy, France. Currently visitors to the page can find quick links that will take you directly to online ticket purchases, accommodation bookings, event schedules and maps to help you get around the Games and event venues.

[Want to know more about this story? Follow this link!](#)



PEF Funding Now Available

South Coast Region of BC Parks was fortunate to have been allocated \$20,000 for visitor service and recreation initiatives, and \$20,000 for conservation initiatives. Project priority will be given to initiatives that support community and volunteer projects. Additionally, there is \$40,000 available for projects that have a provincial scope or that take place across multiple regions. For more information and details on how to apply, [please click here.](#)



Social Media for Athletes



Whether you're a decorated Olympian/Paralympian or your career is just getting started, you can benefit from social media. Unfortunately, many athletes lack the time or knowledge to benefit from this new medium. There is now a guide specifically for athletes to help you

navigate social media easily and efficiently! [Learn More!](#)



Around the Province...



Sunny and her miniature horse, Quazar.

Sunny Balshaw, a 13 year old Vancouver resident, had an exceptional year in 2013! Sunny showed her three miniature horses in the AMHR circuit in her 8 - 12 age group and open classes. All three of her horses ended up winning National Championships and multiple Canadian Championship All Stars. **Congratulations Sunny!**

Have a great local horse story? Send it in to us at communication@hcbc.ca

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