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Horse Council BC AGM

Date: Saturday, March 29, 2014

Time: 4:00 pm

Location:

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites
8750 - 204 Street,
Langley, BC V1M 2Y5
(Just off HWY#1 at 200 Street exit)

[Please watch the website for the agenda in the weeks to come](#)

Horse Council BC Needs Your Feedback!



We are renewing our Strategic Plan this year and need your input! We are always striving to deliver what our membership wants and needs and here is the chance to tell us!

Tell us what you think we are great at, what you think we aren't, and what you would like to see more or less of! The survey in the link provided is short and should not take more than 10 minutes to complete (depending on how detailed you want to get). **Please help us in developing the future of Horse Council!**

[Take the Survey Now!](#)

Survey will be open until
Wednesday, March 19th, 2014





CHECK OUT OUR ONLINE EVENTS CALENDAR!

Upcoming Events in March:

[2014 BC Equine Education Summit](#)

[HCBC Awards Gala](#)

[LMQHA Horseman's Bazaar & Country Fair](#)



Looking for Competitions?

[Check them out here!](#)

Speaker Change for the Sunday Summit Line-up

Due to an unforeseen circumstance, we regret that Dr. Bowker will not be able to attend this year. However, he assured us he would be happy to present for 2015. We wish him all the best and hope to see him in 2015!

Thanks to the WCVM we are fortunate enough to have an alternate. **Dr. Steve Manning** will be taking Dr. Bowker's time slot on Sunday afternoon and will be speaking about Acupuncture for the Horse: An Evidence-Based Approach.



Dr. Steve Manning is a board-certified theriogenologist who is certified in veterinary acupuncture and is active in the teaching, research and clinical practice of acupuncture at the WCVM. Dr. Manning will discuss the history and theory of acupuncture as well as its clinical applications in the horse. His talk will also emphasize the concept of evidence-based medicine and will examine the scientific evidence regarding the effectiveness of equine acupuncture. [Read More](#)

Coming To The Summit?

Don't forget to Check-In when you arrive! We will have a check in desk set up outside the ballrooms on the main floor. If you are attending any of the Pro-D Day Workshops, please check in at your designated rooms.

Friday - Check In - 4:00pm - 9:00pm

Saturday - Check In - 7:00am onwards

Sunday - Check In - 7:00am onwards

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March 7 [Professionals Day] - SOLD OUT!
March 8 [Summit Day 1] - Limited Seats Left
March 8 [HCBC Awards Gala] - SOLD OUT!
March 9 [Summit Day 2] - Limited Seats Left


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2014 Speakers

- Dr. Gerd Heuschmann, DVM
- Dr. Steve Manning, DVM
- Dr. Claire Thunes, Phd MS Animal Science BSc Hons.
- Dr. Tawni Silver, BSA DVM MSc DACVR
- Dr. Yves Rossier, DVM DACIVM
- Jennifer Woods, MSc
- Debra Garside

[Get the details and topics of each speaker here!](#)
[See the Weekend Schedule!](#)



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You Spoke and We Listened!

The HCBC forums are being renovated in order to add the features that our membership has asked for.

This is what has been changed in Phase 1 of the operation:

- Users can upload Profile pictures that will show up on their postings
- New postings are clearly labled "new" and updated each time a user logs in
- Postings you have already read will have their heading greyed out for easy recognition
- Replies are separated with lines and alternating colors making it easier to read and follow replies and conversations
- Users can now see how many people have clicked on a post and how many replies they have
- Social Media has been integrated and with one click you can





upload to FB, Twitter, Pinterest and more

- For photos (which were added March 2) are automatically resized to fit in the forum but when clicked on they open to the original image size.

There is more to follow in Phase 2 and 3. All changes are based on feedback from HCBC members plus some extra ideas from the Administrators.

Have a look, we hope you will like what you see. [See the Forums!](#)



HCBC Open House

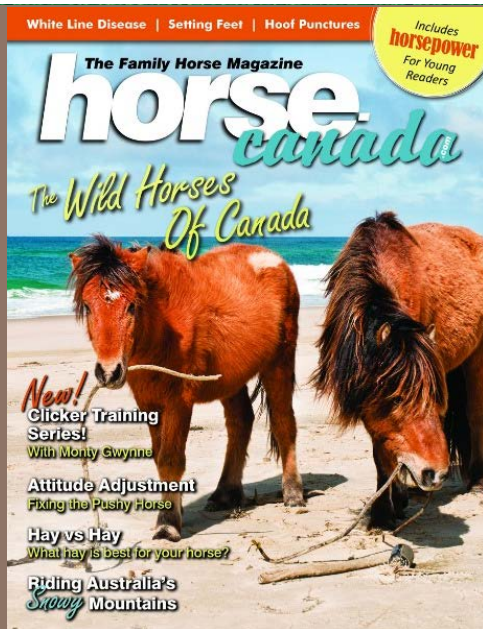


When: Friday, March 28, 2014
Time: 1:00pm to 4:00pm
Where: HCBC Offices
27336 Fraser Hwy, Aldergrove, BC

Come take a tour of our freshly renovated and decorated offices in Aldergrove and enjoy some cake!



Reminder! Deadline For These Funding Programs is April 15th!



Core Funding:

Core funds are provincial funds targeted for events or projects that support sport growth and development. An approved event or project will be open to all qualified participants in your area, not just your club members. The event or project must support the goals of HCBC for developing sport within the province. [Find Out More!](#)

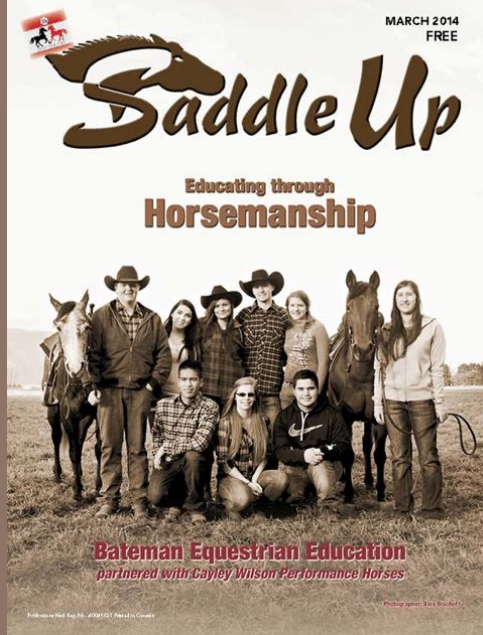
BC Equestrian Trails Fund:

The BC Equestrian Trails Fund was established to provide support for HCBC member clubs and affiliates who have researched and planned a specific project related to the construction and/or maintenance of an equestrian trail, trailhead or horse camping site in British Columbia for public use. The fund for 2014 will total more than \$25,000, allocated by the Horse Council BC board of directors, and increased annually by individual and corporate contributions. [Find Out More!](#)

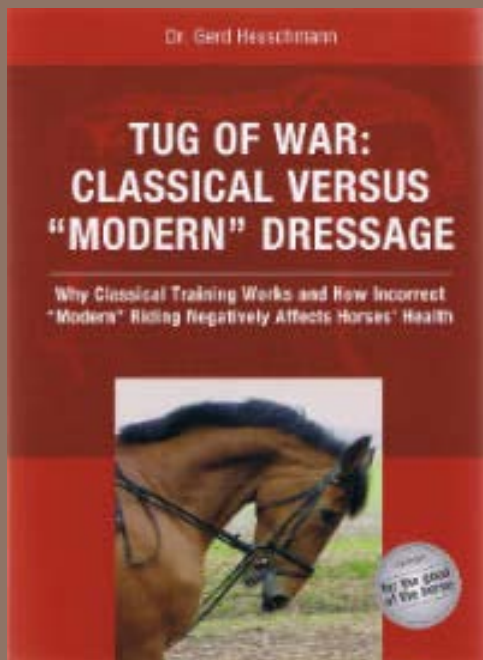


BC Summer Games





Featured Book of the Month



Tug Of War: Classical Versus "Modern" Dressage
By: Dr. Gerd Heuschmann

Describing the basic anatomy and physiology of the horse, this book by an experienced veterinarian identifies widely-used incorrect training methods- especially in dressage- that can undermine a horse's health and well-being. Starting with the question Who is responsible for this? the book looks at

Want to be part of the Equestrian Team for the BC Summer Games in Nanaimo this July?

[Get All the Information Here!](#)

Last Year for the Referral Program

2014 will be the last year of the referral program for HCBC Members. This program was initially off to a great start, but over the years became difficult to maintain and never reached the popularity we were hoping for it. **As of August 31, 2014 members will no longer be able to earn credits for referring people to buy Horse Council BC Memberships.** Any credits earned in 2014 will be used on 2015 memberships or they will be deleted.

Equine Canada Sport License Holders

This is just a friendly reminder that license renewals are due by March 31, 2014 at 11:59 pm EST.

Renewals received after that date will be charged a \$20.00 late fee. You can avoid that fee by renewing online today!

To renew your 2014 Sport/Horse License, log-in to: <https://licence.equinecanada.ca/renew/login.aspx>

Please note that you will need your 2014 HCBC Membership number to complete your renewal. [Renew Your HCBC Membership Here!](#)

breeders, breed associations, instructors, judges, riders, spectators, and the governing bodies of horse sports. The hyperflexion issue, the discussion shows, is that training affects horses both for good and for ill, and riders should reject any methods that cause pain or fail to respect the mental habits and physiological needs of their animals.

Available through the HCBC Bookstore for \$27.95

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

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