

# NEWSLETTER



## **HORSE COUNCIL BC 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REMI NDER**

All Horse Council BC Members are encouraged to attend the HCBC Annual General Meeting (AGM). The AGMs provide members with the opportunity to learn about the progress made by the HCBC staff and board members over the year, the plans for the following year and the opportunity for members to express concerns and/or ask questions of their provincial council.

### 2017 HCBC Annual General Meeting:

We are excited to host the Horse Council BC AGM at the same facility as the 2017 Equestrian Canada (EC) Convention, taking place April 6-9, 2017. Please join us for refreshments and the HCBC members' meeting.

### Horse Council Annual General Meeting

**Date:** April 7, 2017

**Time:** 5:00 PM

**Room:** Pavillion Ballroom AB

**Location:** Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre – 1088 Burrard St., Vancouver, BC, V6Z 2R9

[Download the Agenda](#)

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& AWARDS**  
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- Live demo with award-winning researcher & coach, **Dr. Andrew McLean, PhD**
- Competition Coach Workshop with **Wendy Johnston, EC/NCCP Certified Coach**
- Hunter Judge Clinic with **Julle Winkel, USEF 'R' Hunter Judge**
- Exciting social & networking events, including EC National Awards celebration
- Sport Panels with elite speakers including Canadian Olympian **Tiffany Foster**

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### CONGRATULATIONS TO ORVILLE SMITH, SPORT BC PRESIDENT'S AWARD RECIPIENT

Congratulations to Orville Smith - Horse Council BC's Sport BC Presidents' Award Winner! He received the award from HCBC VP Recreation Terre O'Brennan and Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, Peter Fassbender.

The Presidents' Awards presented by Sports with Balls, are presented annually to volunteers from Sport BC member organizations who represent the spirit of volunteerism, and whose dedication, energy, and commitment contribute to development of their

## ATTN: CLUBS

### **CRITICAL INGREDIENTS FOR BOARD EFFECTIVENESS: A DISCUSSION WITH CARI DIN AND CAROLYN TRONO**

Good governance is essential to advancing the mission and vision of every organization. However, governance is often cited as an issue within many sport organizations and is viewed as a very complex and sometimes challenging topic. Within the following discussion, Carolyn Trono and Cari Din share their insights based upon critical gaps that they see in their professional and volunteer work within the world of governance. For additional background information on governance and Boards, Carolyn and Cari recommend the Partners in Policy website.

[More Info](#)

## COACHING & EDUCATION

### *2017 Coaching Dates*

APRIL 7 & 9 - NCCP COMPETITION COACH WORKSHOP - VANCOUVER  
(GO TO [WWW.EQUESTRIAN.CA](http://WWW.EQUESTRIAN.CA) TO REGISTER)

APRIL 22 - LUNGE CLINIC - ABBOTSFORD, BC

APRIL 25-26 - ENGLISH EVALUATION - ABBOTSFORD, BC

MAY 14 - LUNGE CLINIC - NANAIMO, BC

MAY 6-7 - WESTERN RIDER EVALUATOR TRAINING AND WESTERN  
BASIC TRAINING WORKSHOP AND UPDATE - SUMMERLAND, BC

JUNE 6-7 - ENGLISH EVALUATION - NANAIMO, BC

OCTOBER 17-18 - ENGLISH EVALUATION - ISLAND TBA

OCTOBER 24-25 - ENGLISH EVALUATION - ABBOTSFORD, BC

SEPTEMBER 15-16 - WESTERN EVALUATION - LOCATION TBA

PLEASE CONTACT [COACHING@HCBC.CA](mailto:COACHING@HCBC.CA) FOR MORE INFORMATION

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN - 2017 AEF ANNUAL PROVINCIAL  
INSTRUCTOR/ COACH/ TRAINER PROFESSIONAL UPDATE -**

**MAY 13/ 14, 2017**

Join AEF for the 2017 AEF Annual Provincial Instructor/Coach/Trainer Professional Update. This weekend will be filled with one of a kind professional development geared towards instructors/coaches/trainers. **Whether you are certified or not, we want to welcome you to join us for this educational weekend aimed at providing relevant industry information specially designed in a format that instructors/coaches/trainers can relate too.** AEF's fantastic industry presenters are excited at the opportunity to help educate the key stakeholders. The Saturday will focus on "the horse" with speakers Tina Watkins talking about the body, and Amanda Kroeker talking about nutrition. The Sunday will focus on "the rider" with April Clay speaking about sports psychology, and Carmen Hon educating about concussions and new injury protocol.

**Video conferencing will be available for those whom are unable to join us in person and wish to participate abroad, and catering will be provided to those who will be joining us in person.**

Note: This event is only open to instructors/coaches/trainers – certified or not. If no certification is held, proof of competency will be required due to the caliber of this event. If you are self-coached we would welcome you to join in with us as well!

[More Info](#)



## **HCBC's COMMUNITY TALKS TRAVELLING ROAD SHOW!**

**\*\*Coaches get your PD points at these events!\*\***

We're hitting the road in 2017 and coming to a community near you! We are bringing a one day educational mini-summit to communities around the province.

**First stop is Kamloops - May 7, 2017**

**Second stop is Creston - June 4, 2017**

**Third stop is Courtenay - September 2017**

**Kamloops Info &  
Pre-registration**

[KAMLOOPS](#)

**Creston Info &  
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**Courtenay Info  
Coming Soon!**



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*...an Educational Night with our veterinarians*

with **FREE ADMISSION**



Please join Drs. Lauren MacLeod and Steve Chiasson for an interactive evening of information and discussion. Topics to include **on-farm gastroscopy for ulcers, acupuncture for pleasure and sport-horses**, and more.

Date: **April 12<sup>th</sup> 2017**

Time: **6:30 pm ~ 7:30 pm**

Location: **Thunderbird Show Park Timberframe Bldg.  
best entrance and parking from 248th St.  
Thunderbird Show Park  
24550 72nd Ave, Langley BC**

*complimentary appys and beverages*

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## JOIN AGWEST VETERINARY GROUP LTD. FOR A FREE EDUCATIONAL NIGHT

Please join Drs. Lauren MacLeod and Steven Chiasson for an interactive evening of information and discussion. Topics to include on-farm gastroscopy for ulcers, acupuncture for pleasure and sport-horses, and more!

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# COMPETITION & SPORT

THE 55+ BC GAMES IS COMING TO



## VERNON!

**Equestrian Competition:** Wednesday, September 13th, 2017 -  
Saturday, September 16, 2017.

**Venue:** Armstrong Fairgrounds, 3371 Pleasant Valley Rd, Armstrong

**55+ BC Games 2017 Vernon & Area Website:**

<http://www.55plusgames.ca/>

Competitors do not need to qualify to enter the 55+ BC Games.

**Dressage:** First Level and Second Level – EC Tests 2 & 3

**Western Dressage:** Training Level and First Level – HCBC Tests 2 & 3

**Mountain Trail Horse:** Open

**Western Performance:** Ranch Riding Horse & Ranch Trail Horse

**Driving:** Pleasure Driving & Arena Driving Derby

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## BC SUMMER GAMES FUTURE HOST CITIES ANNOUNCED!

2018: Cowichan, BC

2020: Maple Ridge, BC

2022: Prince George, BC

## FUNDING & GRANTS

### TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR CORE GRANT & BC EQUESTRIAN TRAIL FUND APPLICATIONS!

**Core Grant and BC Equestrian Trail Fund applications are due at the Horse Council office by April 15, 2017. Click on the buttons below to get more information about how to apply for a grant for your project.**



[Trail Fund Info](#)



[Core Grant Info](#)

## INDUSTRY & AGRICULTURE

### **ENVIRONMENTAL FARM PLAN - SEEKING INPUT FROM MEMBERS ON BENEFICIAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES**

Seeking ranchers/farmers for a survey on the Environmental Farm Plan program and beneficial management practices. Information collected through this survey will assist the BC Ministry of Agriculture, in cooperation with the University of British Columbia (UBC), in conducting a needs assessment of beneficial management practices (BMPs) that are suitable for BC agriculture. The BC Agricultural Research & Development Corporation and the Environmental Farm Plan/Beneficial Management Practices Programs are also cooperating on this project.

Your feedback will assist the BC Ministry of Agriculture in deciding which beneficial management practices (BMPs) to fund in upcoming years. All information that could identify an individual participant's responses will remain strictly confidential. The survey will take approximately 20-30 minutes. Responses received by April 30th will be accepted and entered into a draw for four \$100 prizes. Below is a link to the survey:

<https://survey.ubc.ca/surveys/alsem/producer-v5-bcac/?collector=192682>

Questions or concerns can be directed to Adrian Semmelink ([adrian.semmelink@ires.ubc.ca](mailto:adrian.semmelink@ires.ubc.ca))

### **SURVEY OF AWARENESS, IMPLEMENTATION AND COMPLIANCE TO THE CODE OF PRACTICE IN THE CANADIAN EQUINE INDUSTRY**

**If you own horses and/or are responsible for the care of horses please take five minutes to complete an important survey respecting the Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Equines (the Code).**

This industry-developed survey is to gauge awareness, adoption and use of the Code. Follow this link [www.surveymonkey.com/r/equinecodesurvey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/equinecodesurvey) to the survey.

"Health and welfare of the animals in our care is the cornerstone of our equine industry," said Bill desBarres, horse owner and Chair of the Horse Welfare Alliance of Canada (HWAC). "The future of Canada's equine industry is dependent on establishing and maintaining the confidence of horse people and the general public."

This survey is for all those involved in the care of equine in Canada including but not limited to riders, owners, custodians, equine businesses owners, operators and staff including boarding/guest ranch/riding/training

facilities, feedlots, racetracks, rodeo contractors, auction markets, and PMU operations.

Survey results will identify areas pertaining to the welfare of horses including deviations from the Code. The results will form the foundation to determine the need for educational programming, resources and animal care assessment tools.

The survey is brief and to the point and will relate to the participant's level of involvement in the equine industry and awareness of the Code.

[More Info](#)



## PROTECT YOUR HORSE FROM GETTING SICK

Sign up for April's online biosecurity short course.

Reduce the odds of sickness in your horses! Join our online community to learn Canada's new Equine Biosecurity standard together. Gain practical knowledge on ways to keep your horses healthy and protected from getting sick.

**'Equine Biosecurity—Canada's standard' online course: April 10-28**

**SPECIAL 10% DISCOUNT FOR HORSE COUNCIL BC MEMBERS**

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Join the herd and register at: <https://thehorseportal.ca/partner/hcbc/>

The Horse Portal is an online training partnership between Horse Council BC and Equine Guelph.

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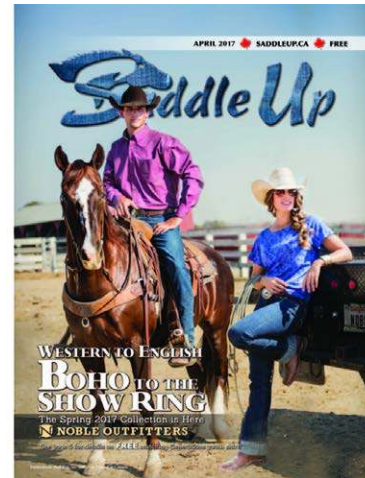




Horse Council BC is partnered with 4 of Canada's top horse magazines for the 2016/2017 season. This means that we are able to offer all HCBC Members a discount to annual subscriptions from every one of these great publications.

To purchase a discounted subscription, please log in to our online membership portal and click "Add Magazine Subscriptions to Existing Horse Council BC Membership".

Click on the monthly magazines to go straight to these publication's websites and check out their great content each month!



# MONTHLY COLUMNS



## HCBC BUSINESS MEMBER OF THE MONTH

### Kamloops Large Animal Veterinary Clinic

Kamloops Large Animal Veterinary Clinic is a well established veterinary hospital that provides in clinic and ambulatory medical care to a wide range of livestock and their owners. Once located on the out skirts of Kamloops the clinic is now encompassed by a good portion of the city. The clinic has 5 veterinarians on staff:

- Dr. Jennifer Jackson, Partner, WCVN Grad 1994
- Dr. Jason McGillivray, Partner, WCVN Grad 1994
- Dr. Colin Mikkelsen, Partner, WCVN Grad 2000
- Dr. Robert Mulligan, Associate, WCVN Grad 2006
- Dr. Heather Pedersen, Associate, Massey University, NZ Grad 2012

This talented group of professionals offers a wide range of services for bovines, equines and small ruminants. Services provided include general, surgical and on call emergency services for the greater Kamloops and surrounding area.

[More Info](#)



## INVASIVE SPECIES OF THE MONTH

### Yellow Flag Iris (*iris pseudacorus*)

Our invasive plant for April is Yellow Flag Iris, also known as Water Flag, an eye-catching perennial that creates dense stands in wet areas, excluding native wetland species and threatening plant and animal diversity. Yellow Flag Iris invades ditches, irrigation canals, marshes, stream and lake shorelines, and shallow ponds.

Yellow Flag Iris is particularly bad for cattails, sedges and rushes that are used by many birds for nesting. Established infestations can reduce the carrying capacity of water storage in temperate wetlands, and can also block irrigation canals and flood control ditches—both of which are important for agriculture areas.

Currently distributed in BC's southern interior, Yellow Flag Iris has quickly spread throughout the Okanagan valley, lower Similkameen Valley, Christina Lake and other isolated sites in the West Kootenays.

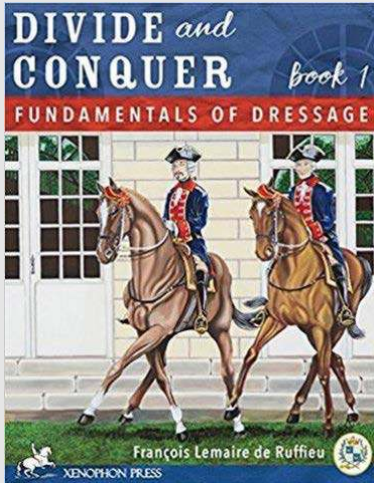
Toxicity: It is largely believed that most livestock will avoid this plant. It should be understood that in situations where livestock are underfed, they may partake of any poisonous plant to some degree. In certain situations, it was observed that foliage was eaten down to the rhizomes by domestic cattle in autumn when other vegetation was unavailable.

For more information on invasive plants in BC, see:

<http://bcinvasives.ca/invasive-species>

## TRAIL OF THE MONTH

On Hiatus for April



## BOOK OF THE MONTH

Divide and Conquer - Fundamentals of Dressage Book 1

Author: Francois Lemaire de Ruffieu

Calm, Forward and Straight must always serve as a guideline during the training and the order should not be interchanged. On this subject, all Riding Schools in the world agree. These schools only diverge in their style due to the culture of their own country.

In these volumes, the author captures and explains the foundations provided by the great masters. There are appropriate exercises to recreate, develop and enhance the horses natural gaits that should be the common denominator for all riding styles. .

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