

Your August HCBC Newsletter is here!

HORSE COUNCIL BRITISH COLUMBIA



SAVE THE DATE!

HCBC General Meeting
August 21st



HCBC GENERAL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, August 21, 2018

Time: 6:30 PM Registration

7:00 PM Meeting Begins

Location: Krause Berry Farms
6179 248th Street, Langley BC

[Click Here to View Agenda](#)

Over the past 9 months, Horse Council has performed an extensive review of our Constitution and By-laws. Changes to the Constitution and new Bylaws have been drafted for Member's approval in order for Horse Council to be compliant with the New BC Societies Act by the November 28th deadline. These changes will be presented to our Senior members for voting on at our General Meeting (GM), August 21, 2018. Notice of meeting is hereby given for the 2018 General Meeting, to repeal the Bylaws dated November 2006 and adopt the bylaws dated August 21, 2018.

If you cannot attend the meeting but are a senior member in good standing, you are able to cast your vote by mail. Mail-in ballot can be found [here](#).

Deadline for Mail-In Ballots is August 16th at 4pm.

More Information



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COMMUNITY TALKS TRAVELLING ROAD SHOW - FRASER VALLEY IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER

There are only a few seats left for this special evening with expert equine nutritionist Ken Wilkinson. Ken will be speaking on nutrition for metabolic and laminitic equines. For the second part of his presentation, Ken will be joined by Brad Hannah from Otter Coop and Lara Hirowatari from Fraser Analytical Services to discuss hay analysis, what to look for and why, the importance of knowing how to evaluate a hay analysis, and its significant role in balancing a ration.

Don't miss out on this wonderful educational evening and the opportunity to gather insight from three industry experts. There is also a chance you could win one of two grazing muzzles or a complimentary hay analysis from our generous sponsors, Comfort Muzzle and Fraser Analytical Services

Admission is open to everyone by donation to the HCBC Disaster Relief Fund

Click [here](#) to pre-register or contact development@hcbc.ca

Aug 14

Krause Berry Farms and Estate Winery

6179 248 St, Langley

7 pm to 9 pm

Next up!

Sept 8 - 108 Mile

[Click here for more info](#)

Sept 9 - Kelowna

[Click here for more info](#)



TWO EQUESTRIANS AMONG SIXTEEN BC SUMMER GAMES ATHLETES TO WIN COAST CAPITAL SAVINGS LEADERSHIP BURSARY!

Two Equestrians were among the sixteen BC Summer Games Athletes recognized for outstanding leadership with the Coast Capital Savings Leadership Bursary! Way to go Hailey Besse and Leslie Therriault!

[Read more here!](#)

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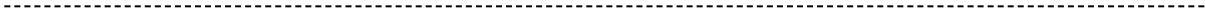
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FEEL GOOD STORY!

Ashley just celebrated her 4th Birthday and for the second year in a row Ashley has raised her birthday money for the HCBC Animal Disaster Relief Fund to help horses in need. Thank you Ashley!

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THANK YOU TO OUR 2018 BC SUMMER GAMES COACHES!

Huge thank you to all our BC Summer games coaches who made their way to Cowichan to support our Equestrian Athletes!

Photo: Eleanor Elstone and Silver Medalist Shannon Sutton



PONY TAILS KIDS CLUB



Hi everyone,

It's me, Alice the Pony!

I hope you're having a fun summer.

Stay cool and don't forget your sunscreen!

Want something fun to do this summer? Why not join my Free Pony Tails Kids Club and follow the adventures of ... Me, Alice and my friends Oliver, Panama and Howdy!

Do you know a kid that is crazy about horses and ponies?

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Horse Care & Welfare: September 17 - October 5, 2018

Sickness Prevention: October 15 - 26, 2018

Gut Health & Colic Prevention: November 12 - 30, 2018

Horse Behaviour & Safety: January 21 - February 8, 2019

Check out our Fall Courses!



TheHorsePortal.ca/HCBC

Equine First Aid: February 25 - March 3, 2019

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Register at: <https://thehorseportal.ca/partner/hcbc/>



Did You Know? Horse Council BC is Making Tracks!

HCBC is geo-referencing the trails in our database! We need your help. Using tracks recorded by trail riders, along with their comments on conditions, changes and attributes, we can provide information that riders can count on.

To make the maps, we need the tracks! We'll loan you a Garmin GPSMAP 64st to help us get the job done. The kit contains GPS receiver, rechargeable batteries with charger unit, and complete instructions for use.

Contact recreation@hcbc.ca for more information.



Help us make tracks and help keep the HCBC Trails Database up to date! For more information on this exciting project and contest visit: <https://www.hcbc.ca/index.php/2018/06/04/hcbc-geo-referencing-project-and-contest/>

Photo Credit: Lynn deVries (Submitted to the 2017 Focus on Trails Photo Contest)



BC SUMMER GAMES 2018 RESULTS!

38 Equestrian Athletes from all over the province took to Cowichan July 19th to 22nd for the 2018 BC Summer Games. It was a successful games with ten Vaulters, fifteen Dressage riders, eight Jumpers and five Para Dressage Athletes.

BC Summer Games Athletes for Equestrian are between the ages of 11 and 18. Athletes from eight zones throughout the province qualify to compete both individually and for overall team medals for their zone team. Thank you to all the coaches, officials, athletes, parents, grooms and volunteers for helping to make this wonderful weekend of sport happen. Also a huge thank you to Susan Harrison who acted as our Provincial Advisor and Todd Lefebure, Sport Chair, who not only anchored a team of excellent discipline chairs but worked tirelessly watering and harrowing the ring to ensure quality footing. And Makayla Mercer and Equine Emporium who donated a "games gift" for every horse in the competition!

Looking forward to 2020!

[View Results!](#)

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**WORKSAFE BC ANNOUNCES PRELIMINARY
PREMIUM RATES FOR 2019**

WorkSafeBC announced today that the preliminary average base rate for 2019 will remain unchanged, at 1.55 percent of employers' assessable payroll.

Annual base premium rates are driven by injury rates, return-to-work performance and the resulting cost of claims, as well as investment performance relative to required rates of return.

Each year, the costs in some rate groups go up, some go down and others stay the same. In 2019, 51 percent of employers in B.C. are projected to experience a decrease in their industry base rate, 47 percent will see their industry base rate increase and two percent will see no change.

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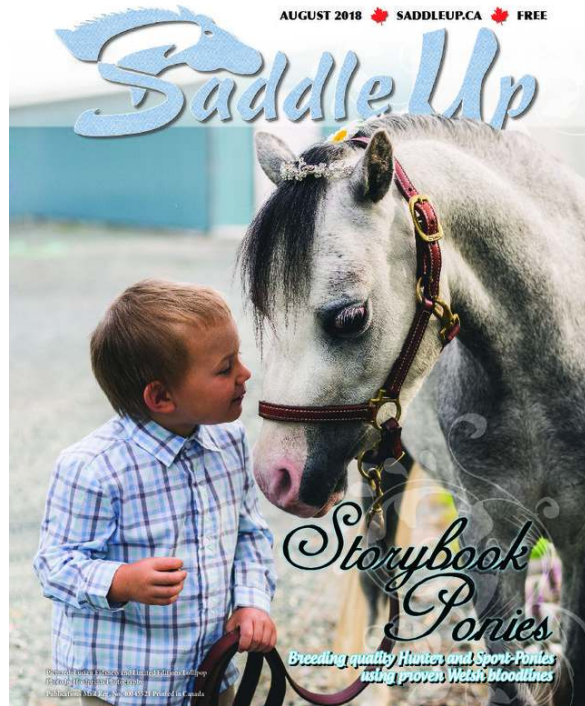
To Enter, Click Here to Sign Up for **THE Hoofbeat** from Canadian Horse
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MEDIA PARTNER MAGAZINES

Horse Council BC is partnered with 2 of Canada's top horse magazines for the 2018 season. This means that we are able to offer all HCBC Members a discount to annual subscriptions to each 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 right here in the e-news to go straight to these publication's websites and check out their great content each month!



INVASIVE SPECIES OF THE MONTH

The North American Opossum and Your Horse: What You Need to Know

North America's only marsupial mammal, the North American Opossum (*Didelphis virginiana*) is now an established presence in the wild animal cadre in BC's Lower Mainland. Relative newcomers to our province, they migrated northward into BC from Washington in 1946; the first sighting occurred in Cloverdale. Silver-grey in colour and about the size of a large cat, opossums have traits that separate them from other mammals – they have 50 teeth, and like kangaroos, their gestation period is very short – the babies are born in an undeveloped state and continue to mature in the mother's pouch. Opossums have an opposable 'thumb' on their hind feet, and a long, prehensile tail – they're equally at home on the ground and in the trees. Due to a low basal body temperature and a robust immune system, opossums rarely carry the rabies virus.

Non-aggressive and mainly nocturnal, they go quietly about cleaning up roadkill (and thereby often becoming roadkill themselves), also consuming small mammals, larvae, birds, and various forms of vegetation. They're voracious eaters of ticks, and it's estimated that one opossum can destroy up to 5,000 ticks in a season.

So why is this seemingly harmless, in fact beneficial, little animal of special interest to horsemen? Equine protozoal myeloencephalitis (EPM).

Opossums are the primary parasite hosts of Equine protozoal myeloencephalitis. A neurologic disease, EPM is caused by *Sarcocystis neurona*, a parasite that attacks the brain and spinal cord. It is a disease that, if not detected and treated, can seriously damage a horse's central nervous system and can even lead to death. This disease can be difficult to diagnose because its signs often mimic other health problems in the horse, and signs can range from mild to severe. Horses can become infected with EPM by coming into contact with opossum feces while grazing, or by ingesting feed contaminated by an opossum carrying *S. neurona*. (Horses cannot pass the disease to one another, and there's no need to isolate affected horses out of fear of spreading the disease.) Usually, when a horse ingests the parasite its immune system eliminates the threat and it does not become ill. In some cases, however, the organisms cross the blood-brain barrier and attack the central nervous system (the brain and spinal cord), causing a range of neurological problems including muscle weakness and incoordination.

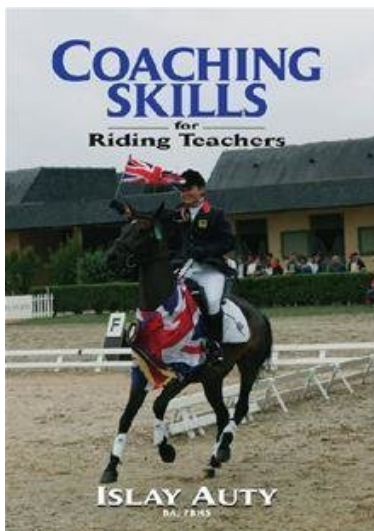
Symptoms can include:

- Ataxia (incoordination), spasticity (stiff, stilted movements), abnormal gait or lameness;
- Incoordination and weakness, which worsens when going up or down slopes or when head is elevated;
- Muscle atrophy, most noticeable along the topline or in the large muscles of the hindquarters, but can sometimes involve the muscles of the face or front limbs
- Paralysis of muscles of the eyes, face or mouth, evident by drooping eyes, ears or lips
- Difficulty swallowing
- Seizures or collapse (rarely)
- Abnormal sweating
- Loss of sensation along the face, neck or body
- Head tilt with poor balance; horse may assume a splay-footed stance or lean against stall walls for support.

There are no EPM vaccines currently available, but owners can take steps to keep their horses disease-free. The best method is to keep opossums and other unwanted animals away from horses and feed by reducing attractants: Tightly cover grain containers, empty garbage cans, rid properties of animal carcasses, and keep water tanks clean. Debris under bird feeders is attractive to opossums, as is fallen fruit.

For more information on EPM, visit here:

<https://aaep.org/horsehealth/epm-understanding-debilitating-disease-and-here>: <https://equusmagazine.com/diseases/the-continuing-threat-of-epm>



BOOK OF THE MONTH

Coaching Skills for Riding Teachers

by Islay Auty

The book is written in an interactive style with thought provoking questions embedded into each chapter, such as When you ask a question, do you listen to the answer? At the end of each chapter is a useful summary and top tips.

[Purchase Book](#)

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