



**GREAT NEWS** for our *Senior Equestrian Riders!* Equestrian has been accepted as one of the 4 new demonstration sports for the BC Seniors Games. The Games will be held in **Prince George Sept 10-13, 2008.** We are hoping to have competitors from *REINING, DRESSAGE, HUNTER/JUMPER AND DRIVING.* We are so very excited to be able to have something for our senior equestrian competitors to work towards, and from what I have heard the Seniors Games are a real fun time and a great experience for everyone who attends.

The deadline for entries will be **July 15th, 2008** and we are just in the process of setting the discipline levels and categories we will be offering. The Seniors Games website is also being updated daily and the new information for the Prince George Games should be up and available by the end of January 2008.

For more information check out our website for a direct link to the BC Seniors Games site. The only real criteria and qualifier is that the athletes be 55 years of age or older.

If you have any specific questions, please send them to [administration@hcbc.ca](mailto:administration@hcbc.ca).

**The BC Athletes Assistance Program (BC AAP)** is funded by the Provincial Government and administered by the Sport and Recreation Branch of the Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts. The program seeks to recognize high performance athletes who are participating in programs offered through a provincial sport organization to relieve some of the pressures associated with training and competition needs.

*Congratulations to the following recipients for 2008!*

Samantha Aird	hunter/jumper
Lauren Barwick	para-equestrian
Karen Brain	para-equestrian
Dominique Culham	dressage
Alexandra Duncan	dressage
Eleonore Elstone	para-equestrian
Chelan Kozak	3 day eventing
Karen Pavicic	dressage
Alisa Porter	equestrian vaulting
Jennifer McKenzie	para-equestrian
Colin Schmidt	equestrian vaulting

## MEMBERSHIP

**REFER** a **NEW** member to Horse Council and receive a discount on your next year's membership. We have some great new programs available for the 2008 season so please check out our website for all the information [www.hcbc.ca](http://www.hcbc.ca)



### Membership Renewals

Just a friendly reminder to please fill out your **birth date** and the **survey** questions at the back of the renewal form. This is very important for HCBC to fulfill our requirements for continued funding from Sport BC.

**ALSO**, please do not send envelopes with only cheques included in them. Even a plain sheet of paper with your name, address, phone number and date of birth along with the cheque would be most helpful.

### Horse Council Business Members

Previously our business membership ran for a calendar year regardless of the purchase date; we are pleased to announce that we were able to change our system so that our business membership effective date will now run for one full year from the date of purchase.

*HCBC - working towards better service for our business members!*

### Membership Fee Structure For 2008

Horse Council BC Membership fees are as follows:

<b>Senior:</b> \$40.00	<b>Junior:</b> \$32.00	<b>Family:</b> \$99.00
<b>Business:</b> \$65.00	<b>Affiliate:</b> \$160.00	<b>Club:</b> \$60.00

A subscription to **PACIFIC AND PRAIRIE HORSE JOURNAL (PPHJ)** is also offered at a **discounted rate for HCBC members**, and can be paid for with your membership. The reduced one-year rate is \$12.00 (\$12.72 incl GST); the two-year reduced rate is \$24.00 (\$25.44 incl GST). **(See page 10 for more information on PPHJ's half-price subscriptions for HCBC members.)** PPHJ is the official publication of HCBC, and carries this membership newsletter in each monthly issue.

## FUNDING



Horse Council may have **GRANT FUNDING** available for you or your club.

Visit our website at [www.hcbc.ca](http://www.hcbc.ca) – **ABOUT / Finance and Funding** for details on:

- ZONE FUNDING
- CORE FUNDING
- ATHLETES ASSISTANCE

**SEE THE NEW BREEDER SECTION** added to Horse Council's website - Check it out!

## COMPETITION

### What EC Sport License Do You Buy?



#### To Compete at a:

- BRONZE level competition you must have a BRONZE Sport License \$20 - no passport required
- SILVER level competition you must have a SILVER Sport License \$60 - passport required (new passport \$78.25, update passport \$10)
- GOLD level competition you must have GOLD Sport License \$100 - passport required

**HCBC membership is still mandatory for all levels of competition.**

## FAQS

### I have a Bronze License but want to compete at a Silver or Gold Show.

You have two options:

1. Before the show you may purchase an upgrade through HCBC or EC for the difference in Sport Licensing fees. i.e. to upgrade from BRONZE to GOLD you pay \$80 or from SILVER to GOLD you pay \$40. Your SILVER or GOLD Sport License allows you to compete at that level and below at any recognized competition for the calendar year.
2. At the show you may purchase a \$15 *Temporary Upgrade* and a \$25 *Temporary Horse Registration* if passports are required. This is valid only for that show.

### I am at the show and have no Sport License!

You may purchase a *Temporary EC Sport License* for \$30 this will allow you to compete at that show only. You may also need to purchase a \$25 *Temporary Horse Registration* if that show requires passports.

### I only show Breed, do I need a passport now?

No. Breed has not changed you do not need a passport. Depending on the level of show you are entering you may need a BRONZE or SILVER License. Breed shows do not run at the GOLD level. Check the shows prize list for information on level of sanctioning.

### How do I get a passport?

Passports are available through Equine Canada or HCBC. Owners of Canadian-born horses and horses imported at the age of five or under can purchase the passport through HCBC. All others must go through EC. The passport is good for the life of the horse. Your horses show records and vet records are recorded in the passport. A yearly license fee of \$10 will keep your passport valid for each competition year. To learn more about passports see our website or go to [www.equinecanada.ca](http://www.equinecanada.ca)

More questions? Contact Kelly at the HCBC office 604-856-4304 or 1-800-345-8055 or [competition@hcbc.ca](mailto:competition@hcbc.ca)

*Good Luck to everyone this competition year!*

## **Western Heritage Performance Classic**

Western Heritage Provincial Championship date correction July 12 and 13, 2008

## **BC Summer Games 2008**

Equestrian has once again been included in the 2008 BC Summer Games to be held in Kelowna on July 24 -27, 2008. The disciplines will be Reining, Dressage and Jumpers. Competitors must be between 13 and 18 years of age as of January 1, 2008. Check the web site [www.hcbc.ca](http://www.hcbc.ca) for details.

The BC Summer Games is an exciting opportunity for exhibitors wanting to experience multi-sport competition. Our inclusion is significant in the fact that the Equestrian discipline is not represented at any other provincial games or at the Canada Games. The BC Summer Games brings a shared common goal within the zones and their respective members. All young riders are encouraged to vie for spots on their zone teams at designated qualifiers. Check our website under competition/sport section for the growing list of qualifiers. While at the BC Summer Games, athletes will work with level 2 coaches. Level 1 coaches will augment this by offering one on one support. This is an exciting and unique opportunity for our equestrian athletes.

## **BC Summer Games Qualifying Competitions - *Attention Show Organizers***

Qualifiers have started and will run until June 16, 2008. We need your competition! If you would like your show to be a qualifier, contact Kelly at the HCBC office for information. We need many more qualifiers throughout the province. There are no extra fees and just a little extra paperwork!

## **COACHING**

The dates for the 2008 coaching evaluations and examinations are being set and will be posted on the coaching section of our website as soon as they are available.

A proposed date of September 27 and 28<sup>th</sup> has been set for a Western Coach 1 Assessment, location TBA

The first Equine Specific NCCP course of 2008 will be held in Williams Lake on March 7-9<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms are posted on the coaches section of [www.hcbc.ca](http://www.hcbc.ca) or available from Wendy at the HCBC office or [coaching@hcbc.ca](mailto:coaching@hcbc.ca)

More courses will be held throughout BC, please watch our website for the 2008 dates as they are set.

English Mentor training will be held April 6<sup>th</sup> in Vernon. Details TBA, please contact Wendy at [coaching@hcbc.ca](mailto:coaching@hcbc.ca)

The Western Coaching update is scheduled for April 5-6 in Vernon. Please mark your calendars and watch for your registration package to arrive soon.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL FARM PLAN (EFP)**

Check out our website, call or email for more information on this great program! Don't let your manure storage and removal become a problem again this year. Call the office or direct inquiries to our Planning Advisors. They are available to assist and offer guidance and support.

Here is a list of our Planning Advisors:

Sean Suggitt – Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley	<a href="mailto:ssuggitt@telus.net">ssuggitt@telus.net</a>	604-299-0390
Lee Hardy – Vancouver Island & Gulf Islands	<a href="mailto:poplarlanefarm@shaw.ca">poplarlanefarm@shaw.ca</a>	250-652-1618
Ken Huber – Cariboo & Okanagan	<a href="mailto:huberx3@telus.net">huberx3@telus.net</a>	250-456-6050

They can help answer any questions you might have about your farm and any environmental issues that are happening.

## How to Reach Us

The HCBC office hours are Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you need an HCBC service and just can't get to the office during regular hours, please call us and we will make every effort to accommodate you.

The address is 27336 Fraser Highway, Aldergrove, BC, V4W 3N5.

Phone: 604-856-4304 or 1-800-345-8055. Fax: 604-856-4302.

Website: [www.hcbc.ca](http://www.hcbc.ca).

## Emails for all staff:

General inquiries: [reception@hcbc.ca](mailto:reception@hcbc.ca)

For administrative/industry/policy (Executive Director, Mona Desy): [administration@hcbc.ca](mailto:administration@hcbc.ca)

For new and renewing memberships: [support@hcbc.ca](mailto:support@hcbc.ca)

For business members, database, website, clubs and affiliates: [membership@hcbc.ca](mailto:membership@hcbc.ca)

All education & coaching questions: [coaching@hcbc.ca](mailto:coaching@hcbc.ca)

Competitions, officials, clinics, and western heritage programs: [competition@hcbc.ca](mailto:competition@hcbc.ca)

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