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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)

## HCBC Dressage Symposium a Hit!



Here is what some of the spectators had to say about the Symposium on February 1 & 2, 2014:

**Twitter @WeLoveHorsesCA** - "Thank you for organizing and hosting this great clinic with Ellen! It was a fantastic weekend! @HorseCouncilBC & @tbirdshowpark"

**Twitter @KellyJMacIntosh** - "TY @HorseCouncilBC @ThunderbirdSP for hosting the #dressage symposium. Wishing we had facilities like this in the OK!"

### US Resident, Gary Heideman on his 'Adventure to the HCBC Dressage Symposium'

- "In answer to the question "What will happen if you try to cross the border with an expired passport?" They will say "Hey, were you aware your passport is expired?" Hmmmm tricky question... yes.... is that the wrong answer.... pause.... how to respond.... "It is no problem just fix it before you fly." SUPER!

AND our border guard ended up being a dressage rider who rode in the Dressage symposium the day before! Such a small world. The HCBC Dressage symposium was super good. Very well organized and had some really great demo riders. The part that I thought was the very best was for two of the tests they had Lorraine judging out loud through the test, while Ellen gave little coaching tips throughout. That was super cool to hear "this is going wrong, this is what I want you to do to fix it" So glad I went. I just love the BC dressage group. Everyone is so nice! Plus so

Please watch the website for the agenda in the weeks to come



## Zone AGM Notices

### Zone 1 Kootenays

#### **PLEASE NOTE CHANGES FOR ZONE**

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*Date: Sunday, February 9th, 2014*

*Location: Via Conference Call:*

*Toll Free: 1-888-882-9090*

*Participant Code: 9347388*

*Time: 10 AM Pacific Time / 11 AM*

*Mountain Time*

### Zone 2 Thompson Okanagan

*Date: Sunday, February 02, 2014*

*Location: Kelowna Riding Club - Get a Map/Address!*

*Time: 1:00 pm*

### Zone 3 Fraser Valley

*Date: Sunday, February 16, 2014*

*Location: Thunderbird Show Park - Indoor Arena - Get a Map/Address!*

*Time: 4:00 PM*

### Zone 4 Fraser River - Delta

*Date: Monday, February 24, 2014*

*Location: Crescent Stables - 6670 64th Street in the office - Get a Map/Address!*

*Time: 7:00 pm*

### Zone 5 Vancouver - Squamish

*Date: Wednesday, February 19, 2014*

*Location: Southlands Riding Club - Get a Map/Address!*

*Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm*

### Zone 6 Vancouver Island - Central Coast

*Date: Sunday, February 23, 2014*

*Location: The Clubhouse, Beban Park, Nanaimo, BC - Get a Map/Address!*

*Time: 1:00 pm*

### Zone 7 North West - TONIGHT!

*Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2014*

*Location: Hudson Bay Lodge, Smithers, BC - Get a Map/Address!*

*Time: 7:00pm - Held in conjunction with the Northern Saddle Club AGM and general meeting.*

### Zone 8 Cariboo - North East

*Date: Sunday, February 16, 2014*

*Location: Sandman Inn Quesnel - Get a Map/Address!*

many super riders. Really glad I went!"

### Quotes from the Clinicians and HCBC Competitions Manager:

**Lorraine MacDonald** - "Had a super time-always good riding and wonderful horses in BC."

**Ellen Bontje** - "We had some really "Top Quality" horses and riders in the symposium this weekend. I always enjoy coming to Vancouver to train horses and riders."

**Ali Buchanan** - "Thanks goes to Horse Council BC and Thunderbird Show Park for sponsoring this 3rd Annual Dressage Symposium."

### Save the date for next year Jan 31 & Feb 1, 2015

Day 1 of HCBC symposium at Thunderbird Show Park was warm & cozy with good turnout and dressage training for all attending. Ellen Bontje and Lorraine MacDonald, super combination Coach & Judge!

Day 2 -Sunday starts 9 am straight through with FEI divisions finishing at 3pm...just in time for the Super Bowl Game ! FEI Dressage and Football all in one day! Go Seahawks!"





**YOU ARE INVITED**  
to  
**HORSE COUNCIL BC'S**

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**2014 AWARDS GALA**  
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Celebrating BC's Best in Equine Achievement

**7 PM TO 9 PM**

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Hilton Vancouver Airport | Richmond, BC

**TICKETS ARE \$30  
PLUS TAX**

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Champagne Reception & Appetizers Served



**SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2014**



BC Equine Education Summit a Month  
Away! Buy Your Tickets Now!

Time: 1:00 pm



**CHECK OUT OUR  
ONLINE EVENTS  
CALENDAR!**

Upcoming Events in February:

Equine First Aid  
[Trainingwww.equinefirstaid.ca](http://www.equinefirstaid.ca)

[Horse Trials BC Winter Education  
Weekend](#)



### Looking for Competitions?

[Check them out here!](#)

### Equine Canada AGM

Please be advised the Annual General Meeting of the Equine Canada Membership will be held Friday, February 7, 2014, at the Radisson Hotel Winnipeg, Winnipeg, MB.

This meeting will begin at 8:30 am CST. Attendance at this meeting is open to all members in good standing with Equine Canada.

For additional details on the meeting and eligibility to vote, please visit <http://bit.ly/1cyXHtQ>.

Congratulations to  
Thunderbird Show Park!



**March 7 [Professionals Day]**  
**March 8 [Summit Day 1 & Awards Gala]**  
**March 9 [Summit Day 2]**

Hilton Vancouver Airport  
Richmond, BC

[Buy Your Tickets Now!](#)

### 2014 Speakers

- Dr. Gerd Heuschmann, DVM
- Dr. Robert Bowker, DVM PhD
- 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!](#)



Western Dressage is Here!



The North American Riders Group announced yesterday evening their top 25 horse shows throughout North America and place Thunderbird 2nd overall.

Thunderbird Show Park is ranked #2 in North America behind the iconic Spruce Meadows.



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Exciting new addition to the HCBC General Performance program for 2014. Western Dressage is an emerging discipline suitable for any type or breed of horse and for riders with skills from beginner to advanced levels. HCBC is proud to have Western Dressage tests from Training through to First Level and competition rules available for the 2014 show season. Look for open Western Dressage classes at our BC Heritage Finals. These tests were developed by certified Equine Canada coaches and officials whose knowledge and expertise were invaluable in helping HCBC set up a program to be proud of.

**Want to know more? Join us March 7 at the Hilton Vancouver Airport Hotel for a Western Dressage Judges seminar.** You do not have to be an official -just interested in learning more about this fun style of riding. Email [competition@hcbc.ca](mailto:competition@hcbc.ca) to find out more and register for the seminar. This one day clinic is part of a jam packed weekend of sharing and growing our understanding of horses at the BC Equine Education Summit!

*Western Dressage encourages development for horse and rider using classic dressage principles and the Dressage Pyramid of Training while incorporating a western style of riding and way of going for the horse. Test booklets available FREE on request or come in our office to pick one up. They will also be available for [download here](#) after February 5, 2014.*




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

#### WHO CAN APPLY?

Club and Affiliate HCBC members in good standing whose members are also HCBC members.

#### WHEN TO APPLY?

Applications will be accepted until April 15, 2014 for events taking place before December 31 of the current year.

[Get More Information about Core Funding](#)

[Download the Application Form](#)



## Participation Event Grants 2014

This program was created in 2012 to encourage clubs to hold events that attract new participants to horses, clubs, riding and Equestrian Sport. Successful 2014 applications will be from HCBC Member Clubs holding events aimed at increasing participation and new membership for their club. HCBC will administer grants until the funding is exhausted for 2014

#### WHO CAN APPLY?

Grants are available to any current HCBC member club that is organizing and running the event. Clinics organized by individual HCBC members or business members do not qualify.

#### WHEN TO APPLY?

Applications from HCBC members clubs will be accepted throughout the year. Once approved HCBC will notify the club contact of the amount of the grant to be given.



[Get More Information About Participation Event Grants](#)  
[Download the Application Form](#)



## BC Equestrian Trail Funding 2014

Now is the time for your HCBC member club to make plans for a project to help build, repair or improve a trail, or to create or improve a horse camping site. You'll need to have your plans and permissions in place, including the expected budget for your project.

### WHO CAN APPLY?

Horse Council BC member clubs or affiliates that have been members in good standing of Horse Council BC for a minimum of 12 months and whose members are Horse Council BC members. Committees of Horse Council BC whose projects meet the required criteria.

### WHEN TO APPLY?

Applications will be accepted until April 15, 2014.

[Get More Information About BC Equestrian Trails Funding](#)  
[Download the Application Form](#)



## A Different Way to Manage Manure



Managing manure in a responsible way can be a challenge for some horse farm owners. Rising costs of storing and hauling manure away add to the overall daily upkeep. The high density and mixed farming of the Fraser Valley has its own set of unique challenges. Some acreages just don't have the capacity for proper composting or manure storage. But there could be an affordable sensible solution for the overburdened horse owner trying to deal with the manure mountains. So what other options are there? Working together, horse farms in the Fraser Valley have an opportunity to remove and recycle their horse manure.

**Manure Used Bedding Recycling Co-op MUB** is an affordable, responsible solution that offers mass composting through group participation without tipping fees or bin rental costs. When used properly, manure is a valuable nutrient resource that can be recycled or used in the production of pasture management or other crops. A co-operative model is a great way to increase value and productivity for the horse industry and offer affordable alternatives of manure management. Interested in learning more?

Visit the Co-op's website <http://www.mubrecycling.ca> to find out more. Sign-up NOW for a site visit/assessment and become a member. Current areas served include Langley, Abbotsford, Chilliwack and surrounding areas.

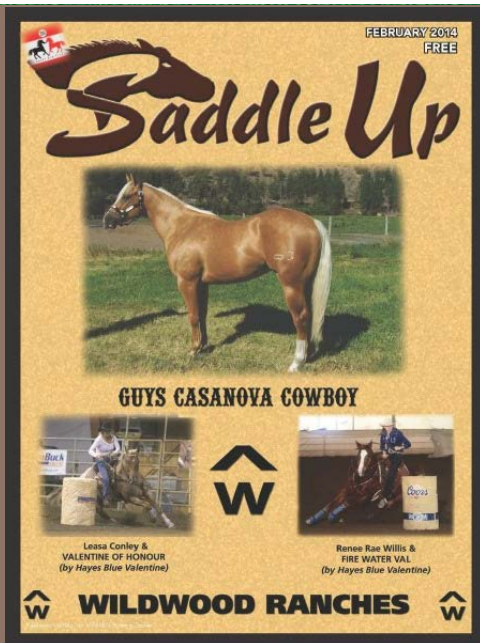
Members of horse associations that are members of HCBC can earn an incentive payment for their association when they join the Co-op. The Co-op gratefully acknowledges the support of Vancity Credit Union.



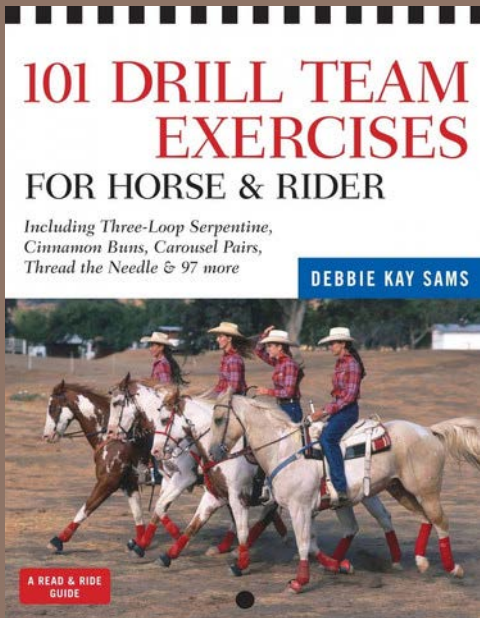
## March 7 - Professional Development Day

Friday March 7th, 2014 | Hilton Vancouver Airport





Featured Book of the Month



**101 Drill Team Exercises for Horse & Rider**  
By: Debbie Kay Sams

Riders of every skill level and horses of every breed will enjoy practicing drill team patterns. You can put the exercises together to form complete drills with which your team can use as a performance. These patterns work for Western Drill teams, Dressage Quadrilles or any one who wants to have fun with a group.

We are pleased to offer three different workshops for equine professionals to attend as part of the BC Equine Education Summit's Professional Development Day.

**Coaching - Clean Sport with Yves Rossier, DVM DACIVM**  
For registration and more information contact: [coaching@hcbc.ca](mailto:coaching@hcbc.ca)

**Competition - Officials Development - General Performance - Western Dressage/English Hack Judging and Scoring**  
For registration and more information contact: [competition@hcbc.ca](mailto:competition@hcbc.ca)

**Recreation - Share the Trails Workshop**  
For registration and more information contact: [recreation@hcbc.ca](mailto:recreation@hcbc.ca)

For detailed information about all the courses available on Friday, March 7th - [please visit our Professional Development Day page.](#)



**BCSPCA 'Know the Code' Presentation in Victoria!**

Available through the HCBC Bookstore  
for \$39.95

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visit the [HCBC Bookstore](#)



## Do you know the Code?

Learn about Canada's new Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Equines with Dr. Bettina Bobsien, DVM

Join the BC SPCA's Dr. Bettina Bobsien, equine veterinary specialist and member of the Equine Code Development Committee, for an informative talk about new requirements for horse care in Canada.

Topics include:

- The industry-supported process behind the Equine Code
- Nutrition, health management, breeding, housing, humane training and other requirements and recommendations included in the new Equine Code of Practice.
- The BC SPCA's approach to preventing and addressing horse abuse and neglect.



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## Join us!

**Victoria**  
February 24, 2014  
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
Saanich Fairground  
(Poplar Room)  
1528 Stellys Cross Road  
Saanichton, B.C.

For more information  
and to register, email  
[info@spca.bc.ca](mailto:info@spca.bc.ca)  
or call toll-free:  
1-800-665-1868.

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Educational materials  
including videos and  
fact sheets are  
available at:

[spca.bc.ca/equine](http://spca.bc.ca/equine)

## Did you know?

For most horses, a body condition score of 4 to 6 (out of 9) is recommended. The new Code establishes a common understanding of when to take corrective action for horses who are too thin or too fat.

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