



## FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



### Events in February

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Looking for local competitions in your area? [Check out our online listing here!](#)

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### WEBSITE REMINDER

The HCBC Membership System does not allow Windows XP users to connect and renew online. We have done this is because Windows XP is no longer supported by Microsoft and there is

### HCBC News

## 2015 HCBC Award Recipients



Congratulations to the worthy recipients of the Horse Council BC's 2015 Awards! Each award winner will receive their award at an event of their own choosing throughout 2016.

2015 Lifetime Achievement Award  
**Borge Olsen**

2015 Coach of the Year  
**Jessie Blackmon**

2015 Horse Industry Professional of the Year  
**Noel Asmar of Asmar Equestrian**

2015 Junior Athlete of the Year  
**Natalie Alves**

2015 Horse of the Year - Competitive  
**Wallabee owned by Jolene Benham**

2015 Horse of the Year - Non-Competitive  
**Norseman owned by Esmee Ingham**

Thank you also to all the nominators for letting us know about the amazing people in our horse industry!

[Read all about the 2015 recipients!](#)

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no longer a current firewall that supports the XP users and their security that we can use on our membership system.

If you are a Windows XP user and need to renew your membership, please call us directly toll free at 1-800-345-8055 and we would be happy to renew over the phone!

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### Zone AGMs

#### ZONE 1 KOOTENAYS

**Time:** 10:00 Pacific Time/11:00 Mountain Time

**Date:** Sunday, February 7, 2016

**Location:**  
Teleconference

[Get The Full Details](#)

#### ZONE 2 THOMPSON OKANAGAN

**Time:** 1:00 PM

**Date:** Sunday, February 21, 2016

**Location:** Kelowna Riding Club

[Get The Full Details](#)

#### ZONE 3 - FRASER VALLEY

[Meeting Minutes](#)

#### ZONE 6 VANCOUVER ISLAND - CENTRAL COAST

**Time:** 1:00 PM

**Date:** Sunday February 28, 2016

**Location:** Cowichan Exhibition Park

**Contact:** Susan Harrison 250 701-1350  
toddsusan@shaw.ca



**HORSE COUNCIL BRITISH COLUMBIA**

**2016 HORSE SPORT SYMPOSIUM**

Classical Training Exercises for the Competition Sport Horse in All Disciplines with Jec Aristotle Ballou

Equine Canada Coaches will receive PD points for attending this symposium!

Jec Aristotle Ballou - Author of 101 Dressage Exercises for Horse & Rider, Equine Fitness, and 101 Western Dressage Exercises for Horse & Rider

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>**

- Conditioning Through Downtime: Calisthenics
- Exercises to Create Adjustability
- Exercises to Create Looseness
- Strengthening Exercises
- Rider Refinement Exercises

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>**

- Introduction to Western Dressage
- Developing Contact & 'Feel'
- Exercises for Symmetry & Straightness
- Exercises to Create Maneuverability
- Improving the Lope
- Intro to Collection

**REGISTRATION AT THE DOOR ○ OPENS 8AM DAILY ○ \$55 PER DAY (INCLUDES GST)**

Symposium Location: Thunderbird Show Park - Langley, BC  
For more info visit [www.hcbc.ca](http://www.hcbc.ca) or contact [competition@hcbc.ca](mailto:competition@hcbc.ca)

[Get all the details up close on the website.](#)

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## BC Societies Act Workshop

### New BC Societies Act Workshop with Martha Rans, Non-Profit and Charity Lawyer

Concerned about the changes to the Society Act? Wondering how to make sure you're in compliance with all of the new regulations. Find out what you need to know to transition your organization. This interactive workshop will familiarize non-profit and volunteer driven organizations with and review of, the new Societies Act. Martha will cover major changes, their impact and how to prepare. ([Find Out More](#))

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## A Letter from the BC Summer Games

**To: Horse Council BC athletes, families, coaches, member clubs, and discipline organizations,**



I would like to wish you all the best for 2016 as you roll out your yearly training and competition season. Youth Athletes competing in 1.10m Jumpers, Dressage

[Get The Full Details](#)

## ZONE 7 NORTH WEST

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Date:** Wednesday,  
February 3, 2016

**Location:** Alpenhorn  
Bistro

[Get The Full Details](#)

## ZONE 8 - CARI BOO - NORTH EAST

[Meeting Minutes](#)

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### Equine Canada News

Get all your EC  
updates and athlete  
news [here!](#)

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**Champion  
Horse  
Blankets**



"Champion blankets  
are the best blankets  
that I have used."  
— LESLIE REID  
Canadian Olympian,  
Pan American Games team  
& individual gold medalist



**"EVERY DAY"  
FACTORY DIRECT  
PRICING**

**Save up to  
60%**

First Level, Vaulting Division D Canter or Para Equestrian Dressage who are between the ages of 11 and 18, (13-30 for Para) are eligible to represent their Zones in Equestrian Sport at the BC Summer Games Abbotsford 2016 from July 21 - 24, 2016. Athlete Declarations are coming in from all over BC. The qualifying period started April 1st, 2015, and ends on June 1st, 2016. ([read more](#))

### Funding

## BC Equestrian Trails Fund



### Calling all clubs!

Applications are now being accepted for HCBC's 2016 BC Equestrian Trails Fund. If you're looking to improve a trail or add some awesome amenities, [visit our website to see if your ideas meet the criteria.](#)

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## Core Grants Open!

Applications are now being accepted for HCBC's 2016 Core Grants. If you're looking to improve a public facility, add new equipment or some awesome amenities, [visit our website to see if your ideas meet the criteria.](#)

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## Zone Funding

Zone funding is dependent on zone requirements and funding reserves. \$1.00 from each Horse Council BC (HCBC) membership is given back to the zone from which it came. Traditionally approval is given for small amounts which benefit HCBC members in the zone.



[Get the criteria for each zone.](#)

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## ViaSport Funding



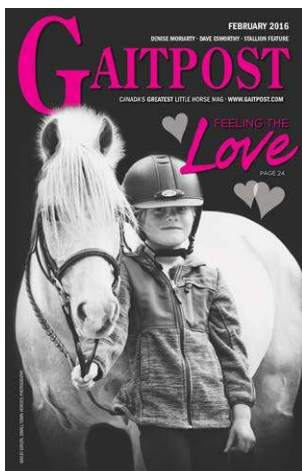
The Local Sport Program Development (LSPD) Fund makes community sport more accessible to people of all abilities. LSPD funding is awarded to sport programs delivered by non-profit organizations which include local sport organizations, municipalities, and Aboriginal communities.

Eligible applicants are invited to apply for funding of up to \$2,000 for new and expanded programs that directly support new sport participation opportunities in their communities. [Check it out here!](#)





## 2016 Media Partners



## Industry & Agriculture

### From the Veterinary Officer for the Province of BC



If you are a veterinarian in BC, you are required, under legislation, to report disease. BC's recently passed Animal Health Act requires veterinarians, and anyone responsible for an animal, to notify the Office of the Chief Veterinarian for BC of any disease on the list of notifiable and reportable diseases. Many of diseases on this list duplicate the CFIA list of diseases. The benefits of the modern legislation are clear. It is important for the Province to be aware of these things because we are in touch with multiple veterinarians in multiple regions of the province and can increase awareness of these diseases, and any needed response or surveillance measures. The BC Government can also...([read more](#))

### Fire Safety & Disaster Planning For Your Barn

#### ARE YOU PREPARED ?

Your horses are your responsibility. In BC there is no designated government or disaster agency responsible for the evacuation, transportation and temporary stabling of horses during large scale incidents.



HCBC has the following information free for download to help horse owners prepare for natural disasters, fire safety and prevention.

- [Disaster Preparedness Guidelines](#)
- [Barn Safety Checklist](#)
- [What Do I Do With My Horse In Fire, Flood, and/or Earthquake?](#)
- [Fire Safety For Your Barn Brochure](#)

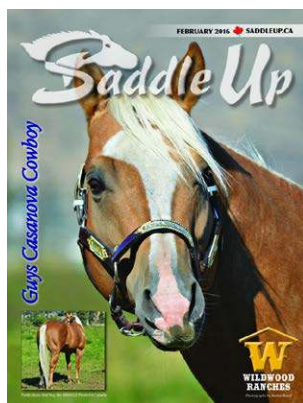
This information is available for free in larger scale quantities through the [HCBC office](#).

[Check out the online database.](#)

## Recreation & Trails

### Protect Trail Access

With winter on its way out, you may be starting to plan your days out on the trail. What a privilege



it is to be able to enjoy both your equine companion and your beautiful community or back country at the same time! But what if that community has plans to stop you from taking your horse out on the trail?



Quite often, for seemingly unknown reasons, governments will decide to deny access to horses on trails where horses used to be allowed. Their reasons are varied and often made using information and input from only a few groups, leaving them with less than all the information needed to make an unbiased decision.

How can we as equestrians make sure horses are considered in future plans? It all comes down to building respect and relationships. When the Land Managers sit down to draft their new Management Plan, horses should be at the front of their mind in the most positive light. ([read more](#))

## Coaching & Education

### HCBC Forums

Check out some of the top posts and latest posted articles in the HCBC Forums!



- [Feeding a New Horse](#)
- [Horse Side Vet Guide App](#)
- [Equine Infectious Anemia Update for BC](#)
- [Have You Seen A Porcupine in the Last 10 Years?](#)
- [Manure Spreading Update](#)

## Competition

### Deadline to Declare for the BC Summer Games Draws Closer



**Athlete Declaration Deadline: June 1, 2016**

Get all the information about how to participate in the

BC Summer Games in Abbotsford [here!](#)

**The BC Summer Games is going to be broadcast on BC Games TV!**

Produced by viaSport Media, BC Games TV will air a daily three-minute video each evening of the Abbotsford 2016 BC Summer Games. The highlight clip will share stories captured that day on Games' athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, fans, and the host community.

Tune in to BC Games TV starting February 25 at: [viasport.ca/bcgamestv](http://viasport.ca/bcgamestv)

Use hashtag #BCGamesTV on Twitter, Facebook, or Instagram or follow @viaSportBC or @BCGames1 leading up to the Games for more updates.

## BC Heritage Circuit & Championship



HORSE COUNCIL  
BRITISH COLUMBIA

# BC HERITAGE CIRCUIT CHAMPIONSHIPS

**JULY 8 - 10, 2016**

Maple Ridge Equi-Sports Centre  
Maple Ridge, BC

**\$10,000 IN CASH & PRIZES**

FIND OUT MORE ONLINE AT [WWW.HCBC.CA](http://WWW.HCBC.CA)

The poster features a collage of six photographs showing various equestrian activities: a rider on a white horse, a rider on a dark horse, a horse's head in profile, a rider on a white horse, a rider on a dark horse, and a horse-drawn carriage. The background is a gradient of yellow and orange.



[Get All The Details!](#)

[Find Qualifier Shows](#)

## Monthly Features

### Trail of the Month

February's Trail of the



## Month is the Babine Mountains Provincial Park in the North West BC region.

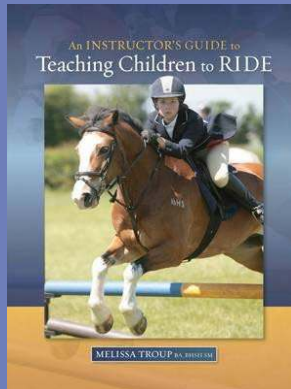


This area within the Skeena Mountains ecozone offers some of the finest hiking opportunities in west central British Columbia. Glacier fed lakes, rugged peaks and extensive sub alpine meadows provide day and overnight hiking opportunities. Area habitat supports healthy populations of mountain goat, moose, marmot and many species of birds. Horses are permitted on Harvey Mountain Trail, Silver King Basin Trail, Onion Mountain Road and Trail, Cronin Creek Road and Trail and Higgins Creek Trail. Horseback riders must have a written letter of permission before heading out on the Lyon Creek Trail. This can be obtained from BC Parks in Smithers.

### [Additional information](#)

Do you have pictures you'd like to include on the listing, or updated information about this area? If so, please email [recreation@hcbc.ca](mailto:recreation@hcbc.ca).

## Book of the Month



### **An Instructor's Guide to Teaching Children to Ride** *Author: Melissa Troup*

The aim of this book is to provide new and trainee instructors with inspiration and advice on teaching children to ride, from the very first lesson. Experienced author and instructor, Melissa Troup, discusses all the basics - introducing the pony, mounting, how to sit in the saddle, holding the reins, stopping, starting and steering, and how to teach rising and sitting trot and canter - and moves on to develop young riders' interest through dressage, jumping, cross-country and competitions. Throughout, the emphasis is on safety - and making the lessons fun. In addition to basic teaching techniques, the book looks at how to plan group and private lessons, coaching techniques for different learning styles, safety and risk assessment, child protection issues, and on-the-job problem solving. The book includes numerous example lesson plans, and there are even reproducible handouts on stable management, with illustrations and quiz-style questions, specially designed for wet-weather days and off-horse learning.

[Order Your Copy Now!](#)

Check out the [HCBC Bookstore](#) for more books, dvds, and merchandise.

#### 2016 Horse Council BC Partners



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