

# HORSE COUNCIL BRITISH COLUMBIA



## NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



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## HCBC News

### To Our Valued HCBC Clubs

You may or may not have received information pertaining to the new Societies Act that was passed in the spring of 2015. This act will be effective on November 28, 2016. Until the new Act comes into effect, please continue to use the same corporate procedures and filings, and ensure your Society's office address and annual report filings are up to date.

To prepare your society for the transition to the new Act, Registries has developed a transition guide. This guide sets out basic information about the transition process and other matters your society may wish to consider over the coming months.

To review the transition guide, [please download here!](#)

We hope everyone had a great 2016 and is looking forward to a successful 2017!

## 2016 HCBC Awards - Nominations Open!

**Do you know a BC Equestrian who deserves special recognition?**

We are looking for nominations in the following categories for 2016 awards:

- Senior Athlete of the Year (18 & over)
- Junior Athlete of the Year (17 & under)

## [Southlands](#)

### [Standardbred Yearling & Mixed Sale](#)

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

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### Save the Date!

Join Equestrian Canada, partnered with Horse Council BC, in beautiful downtown Vancouver, BC for the **2017 EC Convention**. You can expect four days of exceptional educational and equine information sessions by world-class speakers, demo riders, hands-on coaching and officials' workshops.

**When:** April 6 - 9, 2017

**Where:** Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre

[Learn More!](#)

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### Equestrian Canada News

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

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**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Subscription  
SALE**  
**EXTENDED TO  
NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>**  
**Last Chance to Save!**  
**Get 2 Years  
for just \$25**

- Horse Industry Professional of the Year
- Coach of the Year
- Bob James Volunteer of the Year
- Horse of the Year - Competitive
- Horse of the Year - Non-Competitive
- Sherman Olson Lifetime Achievement Award

For more details, to see past winners and download nomination forms check out our [Awards Page!](#)

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## BC's Equine Lifestyle Magazine!

Our Fall/Winter edition of BC's Equine Lifestyle Member Magazine is out now!

If you are a current HCBC member or have already purchased your 2017 HCBC Membership, then expect to see it in your mailbox soon!



[You can also read it online here!](#)

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## HCBC Membership Renewals 2017!



**Did you know you can renew for your 2017 HCBC Membership today?** Why wait, when you can renew your 2017 membership now and give yourself less to worry about later.

Renew [online](#) or [print your form](#) from the website and mail it in. You can also call the office at 1-800-345-8055 Monday-Friday 8:30-4:30 and we will gladly assist you.

**New to HCBC?** Purchase your joint [2016/2017 extended membership here!](#)

### Coaching & Education

#### HCBC Forums

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

- [FrontCounter BC has advised the Outdoor Recreation Council of a Crown Land Tenure application for heli-hiking and jet boat tours in the Smithers area](#)





## 2016/ 2017 Media Partners



- [Outdoor Recreation Council of BC - Job Opportunity](#)
- [Abbotsford is developing an economic development strategy and wants input](#)

## Equestrian Canada Coaches & Instructors

### For all Coaches and Instructors!

The re-branded English, Western and Drive Rider/Driver tests are now available. Included for all disciplines are Rider Rubrics that will be very helpful when preparing students. Coaches and Instructors who are trained to deliver the tests can contact Wendy at [coaching@hcbc.ca](mailto:coaching@hcbc.ca) to request copies.

## Online Coach Listings

**Equestrian Canada Coaches and Instructors, did you know you can enhance your listing on the HCBC "Find a Coach" site?**

This allows potential clients to learn more about you. Log into the HCBC website and update your profile with your website, biography and a picture. When members click on your name they can find out more about you and your coaching business.

[Access your profile by logging in here!](#)

## Competition & Sport

### FEI World Vaulting Championships

The Canadian Vaulting Team athletes competed at the FEI World Vaulting Championships from Aug. 18-21 in Le Mans, FRA. The team was led by Chef d'Équipe Debbie Bentzen, from Parksville, BC, and consisted of:



Athlete	Hometown
Danielle Adams	Parksville, BC
Charlotte Axani	Calgary, AB
Alexandra Ballance	Qualicum Beach, BC
Jessica Bentzen	Parksville, BC
Ariadne Greekas	Qualicum Beach, BC
Averill Saunders	Sundre, AB
Jeanine van der Sluijs Olds	AB



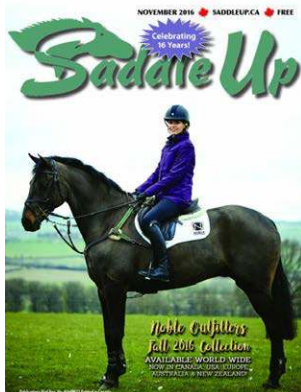


Bentzen and the team provided an inside look into what it takes to make it to the World Championships, and what the experience was like. ( [read more](#))

## Funding & Grants

### Participation Grants

**There are limited funds still available for 2016 Participation Grants.** If your club is having a winter workshop or event that qualifies please be sure to [apply for a grant](#). If your club was approved for a grant in 2016 your club must submit a report form before year end (December 31) or the funds cannot not be issued to your club.



## Recreation & Trails

### Vancouver Island Victory - Capitol Region Equestrians Triumph on Lochside Trail

The Capitol Region Equestrians (CRE), a group formed to advocate for continued equestrian use of the rural sections of the Lochside Trail in the Hunt and Blenkinsop Valleys, have quietly scored a significant victory for all trail riders in the Victoria area.

The Capitol Regional District was considering paving the popular 29 kilometre, former railway corridor.

#### Getting It Right the First Time

The first step in advocacy is commitment to the cause, the second is organization. A little history, from the CRE Facebook page...( [read more](#))

## Monthly Features

### Trail of the Month

This month we feature the **Lochside Regional Trail**, in celebration and acknowledgement of the great advocacy work recently done by the group *Capitol Region Equestrians*,

who have successfully petitioned to keep the rural sections of this lovely trail through diverse terrain accessible to trail riders. In the revised regional plan there should be provision for continued equestrian presence on the two rural sections of the Lochside Trail in Hunt and Blenkinsop valleys.



The Lochside Regional Trail is both a popular commuting route and the perfect way to enjoy a lazy Sunday ride through the farmlands of the Saanich Peninsula. Stop at one of the nearby sandy beaches on the way, and enjoy ocean views from the trail itself as you approach Sidney. This picturesque multi use trail, formerly a railway line, stretches from Swartz Bay to Victoria, past beaches, farmland, and wetlands, down country lanes and beside suburban backyards. The trail has a more civilized personality than its more rural connecting cousin, the Galloping Goose Regional Trail. While some parts of the Lochside Trail are off-road and others downright pastoral, in some places trail visitors must share paved or gravel public roads with motor vehicles and farm vehicles, and equestrians may expect to see bicycles, strollers and walkers with dogs.

For more information on this trail, directions and a map [click here](#).

## Invasive Species of the Month

We have featured **Hoary Alyssum** (*bertaroa incana*) as an invasive species



once this year, but it bears another look due to its toxicity to horses. Ingestion can be very harmful and possibly fatal to horses causing laminitis, limb edema, diarrhea, intravascular haemolysis (anemia), and hypovolemic shock (massive fluid loss).

This month we focus on prevention of further spread. Currently, Hoary Alyssum is found in south-central and southeastern BC including the Okanagan, Cariboo, Boundary, Thompson and Kootenay areas. (It is also present in the American states that border our

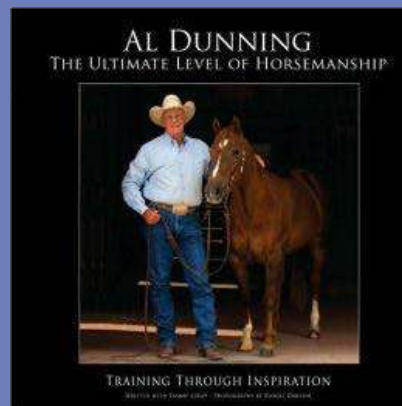
province; see [this story](#) on the loss of a mare after ingesting Hoary Alyssum in Washington state.)

To do your part to prevent infestation:

- Check hay or straw bales for potential contamination and monitor for hoary alyssum on both disturbed and undisturbed sites.
- Look for seed mixtures that indicate where the seed material was collected, request only non-invasive species, and know the level of 'contamination' from your seed supplier.
- Ensure soil, gravel, and other fill material are not contaminated.
- Avoid unloading, parking, or storing equipment and vehicles in infested areas.
- Minimize soil disturbance during activities and re-vegetate exposed soil as soon as possible.
- Remove plants, plant parts, and seeds from personal gear, clothing, pets, vehicles, and equipment. Wash vehicles, including tires and undercarriage, and equipment at designated cleaning sites before leaving infested areas.
- Bag or tarp plants, plant parts, and seeds before transporting to a designated disposal site (e.g. landfill).
- Maintain or establish healthy plant communities that are resistant to invasion by invasive plants.

For more information and tips on eradication, please visit [www.bcinvasives.ca](http://www.bcinvasives.ca)

## Book of the Month



### **The Ultimate Level of Horsemanship: Training Through Inspiration**

*Author: Al Dunning, Tammy LeRoy and Robert Dawson*

Al Dunning is a thirty-year legend in Western riding competitions, and this, his first training

book, is an invaluable guide for riders of all levels.

In *The Ultimate Level of Horsemanship*, Dunning shares his winning insights on handling and training a horse, including body language, voice commands, feeding, equipment, and competition. Dunning has helped educate trainers across the nation, and his unique ideas have never before been collected in book form.

With full-color photographs by noted Western photographer Robert Dawson demonstrating Al Dunning's insights about natural horsemanship, *The*

Ultimate Level of Horsemanship is a must-have for horse lovers everywhere.

***Limited Quantity Remaining!***

[Order Your Copy Now!](#)

Visit the [HCBC Bookstore!](#)

#### 2016 Horse Council BC Partners



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