

Your April HCBC Newsletter is here!

HORSE COUNCIL BRITISH COLUMBIA



HERE WE COME PRINCE GEORGE!

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

The Community Talks Travelling Road Show will be rolling into Prince George May 6th. Pre-register to be entered to win a one night stay at the Ramada Plaza Prince George!

Location: Ramada Plaza Prince George
444 George Street
Prince George, BC
Time 10:am - 5:00pm
Lunch provided

We will be bringing you four highly qualified speakers to speak on a wide range of topics:

- **Ken Wilkinson** on Equine Nutrition
- **Dr. Melanie Wowk** on Equine Parasite Management and Vaccination Overview
- **Wendy Bennett** on helping BC farm employers and workers keep their workplaces healthy and safe
- **Dr. Stephen (Steve) Manning** on Breeding & Foaling

[Click here to read their bios!](#)

Admission by donation to: Prince George
Therapeutic Riding Association

See you in Prince George!

Pre Register!

EQUESTRIAN CANADA PRESIDENT ATTENDS HCBC BOARD MEETING & AGM

Horse Council BC was proud to have Equestrian Canada President Meg Krueger out in BC to attend our Board Meeting and AGM March 23rd-25th. Meg updated the Board of Directors on what EC is currently working toward, and envisions for the organization's future, and in turn Meg was able to see what we do at HCBC, as well as what many of our Affiliate Organizations are doing for their sport in our province. We look forward to building this partnership between EC and the provinces.



Ramada Plaza Prince George

Proud supporter of the Community
Talks Travelling Road Show

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CAROL MCDONALD PRESENTED 24TH ANNUAL PRESIDENTS AWARD FROM SPORT BC

The Presidents' Awards are presented annually to volunteers from Sport BC member organizations who represent the spirit of volunteerism, and whose dedication, energy, and commitment contribute to development of their sport or organization. Sport BC member organizations are eligible to recognize one volunteer per year.

Carol has been a tireless volunteer in the Equestrian Community for many years. She will never say no,



she does anything required willingly and competently. She has been involved with Canadian Pony Club for many years, as well as serving as President of Campbell Valley Equestrian Society. Carol puts in countless volunteer hours to help wherever she can and is a very deserving recipient of this award.

Carol was presented the award by HCBC VP Marketing Tracey Carver and Lisa Beare, Minister of Tourism, Arts & Culture at the Sport BC Athlete of the Year Awards on March 28th.



SAVE THE DATE

FACILITY AND EVENT OPERATORS BIOSECURITY WEBINAR

April 15, 2018
12:00 pm - 1:30 PM EST
Dr. Ashley Whitehead

 EQUESTRIAN CANADA
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FREE BIOSECURITY WEBINARS FOR HORSE OWNERS, FACILITY OWNERS, & EVENT OPERATORS

April 15th: 12-1:30pm EST Building a biosecurity plan for your farm or event (for horse owners, facility owners, and event operators). Dr. Ashley Whitehead (BSc, DVM, DVSc, DACVIM.) will be presenting a comprehensive 1.5 hour webinar where participants will come away with a plan for their farm.

[More Info](#)



BC COACH PRESENTED EQUESTRIAN CANADA'S COMPETITIVE COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD

Maeve Drew of Duncan, BC was presented with the Equestrian Canada Competitive Coach of the Year Award at a dinner following Horse Council BC's Annual General Meeting on March 24th. Equestrian Canada's President Meg Krueger was in attendance to present the award to Maeve.

[Read More About It!](#)

ADULTS & KIDS! SIGN UP FOR A SHORT COURSE! Essential online course for all horse caregivers

Understand horse behaviour and learn smart, practical on-farm management practices to keep you and your horse safe. This course is essential for both youth and adults who are handling and caring for horses; equally informative to new horse people and seasoned veterans. Enjoy the online atmosphere and opportunity to chat with horse

Learn to Speak Horse!



HORSE BEHAVIOUR & SAFETY
Short Online Courses - Adult and Youth
March 26th - April 11th, 2018
TheHorsePortal.ca/HCBC

enthusiasts from around the world.

Never taken an online course before? No worries! This course takes a common sense, practical and flexible approach to training – no prior online learning experience required. About 5-10 hrs./wk. of time is suggested.

Youth (ages 14-17) & Adult Offerings: March 26 – April 11

SPECIAL 10% DISCOUNT FOR HCBC MEMBERS

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



BC SUMMER GAMES COMING TO COWICHAN JULY 19-22

Are you an equestrian athlete between the ages of 11 & 18? Want to learn more about qualifying for the BC Summer Games? 2018 BC Summer Games Technical Packages are now available online and can be found on the BC Summer Games page of the HCBC website.

[More Info](#)

PARTICIPATE IN THE 55+ BC GAMES – Kimberley/Cranbrook 2018

Tuesday, September 11th to Saturday, September 15th at RDEK Wycliffe Exhibition Grounds,
Kimberley/Cranbrook, B.C. (5325 Staples Road, Wycliffe, BC V1C 7C3)

Equestrian Events:

Dressage – Training Level, First Level, Second Level

Western Dressage – Walk/ Jog level, Training Level, First Level

Mountain Trail Horse – Novice / Open

Western Performance – Ranch Riding Horse / Ranch Trail Horse

REGISTRATION DEADLINE JUNE 15, 2018

More Info



ELENA DIMITROFF TALKS ABOUT DRESSAGE RIDING IN THE BC 55+ NEWS

Elena Dimitroff Talks about Dressage and her journey to the BC 55+ Games and the fun she has had participating. You can read more about it by [clicking here!](#)



EQUESTRIAN CANADA IS HIRING MEDICATION CONTROL TECHNICIANS

Medication Control Technicians work on-site at Equestrian Canada competitions to sample equines selected for medication compliance testing.

Technicians are supplied with an official uniform, all materials and paperwork required, and compensated for time and travel. This exciting work can take place at a variety of rural and urban venues, mainly on weekends.

If you are interested in this unique opportunity, and have extensive experience around horses, please submit your contact information, cover letter and resume to equinemeds@equestrian.ca



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS

Open to all livestock and rural land owners including fruit, grape and grain growers

BC Cattlemen's Association in cooperation with Horse Council BC and Ag Safe present this interactive and informative workshop that will teach you how to prepare your property and connect with your community in the event of an emergency, including fires and floods.

This course will cover:

- ☐ Risk Assessment
- ☐ Safeguarding your property against fire
- ☐ Community Planning
- ☐ And much more...

Complimentary Coffee and lunch/dinner. Click the Register Here Button for Dates, Locations and More Information

[Register Here](#)



TWICE AS MANY OWLS DYING FROM RAT POISON

The number of owls dying of poisoning in B.C. more than doubled over a six-month period, according to the agriculture ministry. Five of the owls that were necropsied from October to January had likely fatal traces of rat poison, the province told Black Press Media, compared to just two between June 2016 and July 2017. Two owls died of poisoning in North Vancouver, while one was in Stanley Park and two were in Greater Victoria.

Caitlin Folvik, a raptor care assistant at Delta's Orphaned Wildlife Rehabilitation Society, said the facility has seen a spike in non-fatal poisonings too. **Poisoned owls can often be saved, Folvik said. If you see one acting strangely, call the society's 24/7 raptor rescue line at 604-946-3171.**

[More Information](#)



AGRICULTURAL LAND REVIEW SURVEY

Have your say! Equine industry input is needed to protect and improve the ability to keep and raise horses in your neighborhood! B.C.'s Minister of Agriculture, Lana Popham, announced the formation of an independent committee to lead a public engagement process and provide recommendations to the provincial government around this important topic. The Advisory Committee will consider best approaches to revitalizing the ALR and the ALC. You are encouraged to complete AGRI's online survey. Survey ends April 30 2018

[Click Here to Take the survey!](#)

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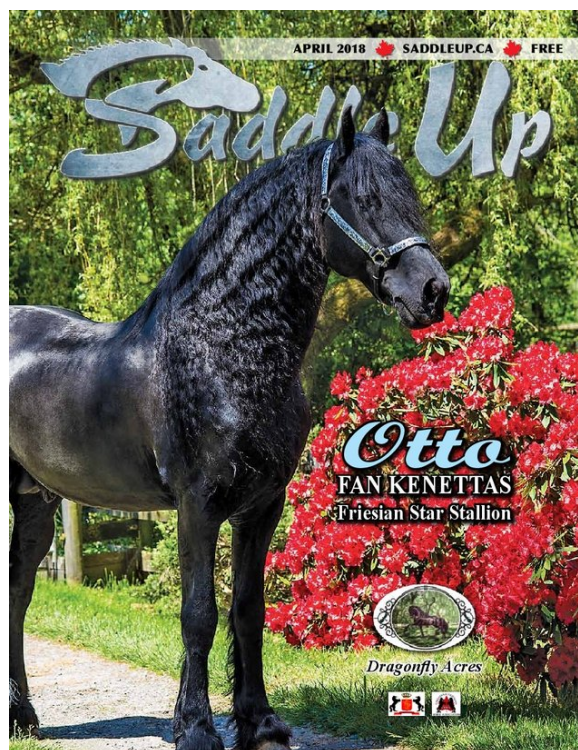
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from
Canadian Horse Journal

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

Baby's Breath (*Gypsophila paniculata*)

Common Baby's Breath is native to Eastern Europe and Western Asia and was most likely introduced to North America as an ornamental in the 1800s.

Baby's breath is an herbaceous perennial plant that invades grazing land and out-competes native and introduced perennial grasses. Plants flourish in the well-drained sandy or gravelly soils of vacant lots and along fencelines, establishing unsightly infestations.

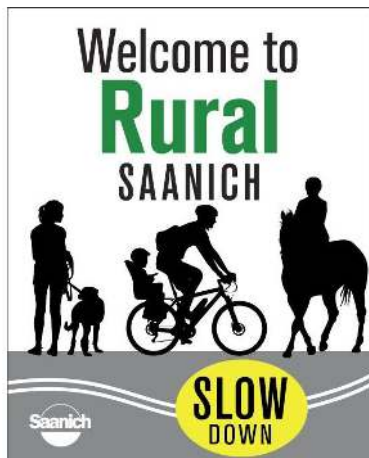
Baby's breath that mixes with hay reduces the protein value of the crop, making it less valuable for livestock and wildlife forage.

Though considered unsightly as an escaped ornamental, the delicate white or pink blooms and bushy stalks of baby's breath are used extensively in the floral industry for dried and fresh flower arrangements. Seeds often continue to develop in floral arrangements, allowing easy spread. A single plant can produce more than 10,000 seeds that can travel long distances when a complete stalk rolls freely like a tumbleweed.

A few native and ornamental alternatives to plant instead of baby's breath

include: Pearly Everlasting; Filigran Russian Sage; Hewitt's Double Meadow Rue; Sea Lavender; and White Flax.

Did You Know? The Invasive Species Council of BC has an identification app! Find out more at: www.beplantwise.ca



ROAD SAFETY FOR EQUESTRIANS

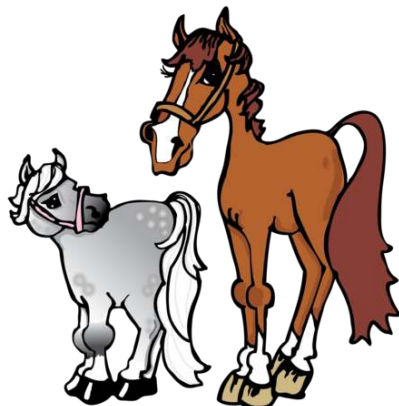
Road safety for riders remains a growing concern in our communities, as the urban increasingly intersects with the rural. When you've road-proofed your horse, stocked up on high visibility gear for both of you, and made sure of your rights and responsibilities on the road, what else can you do to promote safety?

One way to do that is to work with your community planners and managers to improve awareness and signage. Recently, the advocacy group Liveable Roads for Rural Saanich (LRRS) and the District of Saanich took steps to manage speed on their roads by collaborating to design signage that signals, in the words of LRRS:

"These roads are different, they are rural and require you to slow down, and expect vulnerable users."

Municipalities have processes and systems they adhere to strictly to get things done, so a good starting point is to call your local municipal offices and ask to speak to someone about how to work with them on issues like speed and signage. By offering to be a partner, you're setting up a good relationship and that's likely to pay off for riders and municipal managers. You're also keeping equestrians on municipal radar in a positive way, which can generate its own results.

For more information on community advocacy for equestrians, email recreation@hcbc.ca



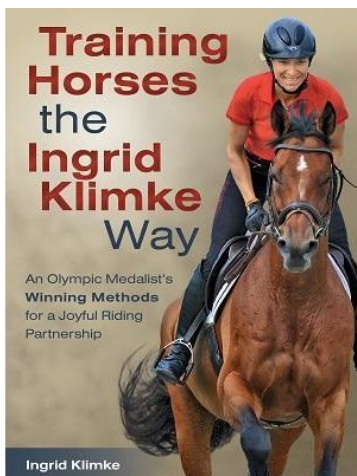
PONY TAILS KIDS CLUB

Hi! It's me Alice the Pony,

I love to get pictures and letters from my Pony Tails kids! Email me at ponytails.alice@hcbc.ca

Do you know a horse crazy kid ?

Join Alice the Pony's FREE Pony Tails Kids Club today!

[Join Now](#)

BOOK OF THE MONTH

Training Horses the Ingrid Klimke Way

By Ingrid Klimke

Olympic gold-medal-winner Ingrid Klimke was born under a bright star when it came to fulfilling dreams of equestrian greatness. Her father, Reiner Klimke, was an Olympic rider himself, and he instilled his principles of training and riding with the good of the horse in mind in his daughter at a young age.

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