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HORSE COUNCIL BRITISH COLUMBIA



MARCH E-NEWS



CORE GRANT AND BC EQUESTRIAN TRAILS FUND DEADLINE APPROACHING

The application deadline for Core Grants and the BC Equestrian Trails Fund is April 1st 2019. So don't delay and get your applications in!

Planning a project or event for 2019? [Core Funding](#) and the [BC Equestrian Trails Fund](#) are open for application.

[Core funds](#) are provincial funds targeted for events or projects that support sport growth and development. An approved event or project will be open to all qualified participants in your area, not just your club members. The event or project must support the goals of HCBC for developing sport within the province. Clubs are expected to charge participants reasonable registration fees. Money will be released only after a financial report, receipts and an event summary are received by HCBC.

The BC Equestrian Trails Fund was established to provide support for HCBC member clubs and affiliates who have researched and planned a specific project related to the construction and/or maintenance of an equestrian trail, trailhead, or horse camping site in British Columbia for public use. The fund for 2018 totaled more than \$38,000, allocated by the Horse Council BC board of directors, and increased annually by individual and corporate contributions.

More information on Core Funds and Application Forms can be found by [clicking here](#).

More information and Application Forms for the BC Equestrian Trails Fund can be found by [clicking here](#).



IT'S TIME TO RENEW FOR 2019!

Your 2018 membership will have expired on December 31st, 2018

Renew today to keep your coverage: you can renew online [here](#), print the membership form [here](#), or give us a call at the office toll free at 1-800-345-8055.

Thank you to all our members for your continued support of HCBC.
Looking forward to what 2019 has in store!

Renew Online Now!



HCBC's ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please join us for HCBC's Annual General Meeting 2019!

March 30th at 4pm

Quality Hotel & Conference Centre Abbotsford

36035 N Parallel Rd, Abbotsford, BC V3G 2C6

<http://www.qualityhotelabbotsford.com/>

More Info

NELSON WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Hey Nelson, we will be making a stop on the Community Talks Travelling Road Show on May 5th, for a day of Equine Education! We have confirmed we will be bringing a leading expert on Equine Nutrition, but now we want to know what other topics you would like to hear about. Please email development@hcbc.ca to let us know!



COMMUNITY TALKS TRAVELLING ROAD SHOW LOCATIONS ANNOUNCED!

Horse Council BC will be visiting Nelson, Smithers and Quesnel in 2019, bringing with us expert industry speakers for a day of equine education!

Stay tuned, venue and date announcements coming soon!

Email development@hcbc.ca for more information or to learn more about the Community Talks Travelling Road Show [click here](#)



NOTES FROM CapriCMW

Employee vs Independent Contractor.

In our daily work with equine industry professional and facility operators, we are asked often about the extent of coverage provided to people who work on the farm.

That discussion almost always leads to the bigger question of "Employee vs. Contractor"

The answer is – coverage extension depends on the relationship that the operator/employer has with the individual.

Employees are automatically covered by a business liability policy issued in the name of the farm business.

Contractors are not.

The easiest way to understand the difference between the two was explained to me recently as follows: "A contractor runs their own business and provides their own tools to complete the task assigned to them. A contractor does not need specific instructions on the steps needed to complete the work. A contractor has more than one client / customer.

An employee relies on tools provided by their employer and follows the employers instructions for the completion of the tasks assigned. Typically, employees have one employer, have regular /predictable work hours and have an expectation of being covered and eligible for Employment Insurance, holiday pay and possibly health benefits etc. Employers pay employment tax. If a business reimburses its workers for expenses incurred on behalf of the business, the workers are more likely to be considered employees".

We encourage all equine facility operators / employers to review the Employment Act in their home Province to ensure that the relationship they have with workers is compliant. Pretending that the worker is a contractor when they are not, leaves both the worker and the employer unduly exposed and that is not good for any business.

As for the insurance question, if a facility is (legitimately) hiring contractors to complete work on the farm, the operator should be demanding that the contractor provide proof that they have liability insurance in their own name and a WCB certificate as applicable – before the work begins. This simple requirement helps to defer the risk associated with the undertaking at hand – a very smart risk management strategy.

FIRST ROUND OF ROOKIE RIDER TRAINING COMPLETE!

HCBC is pleased to recognize the following Coaches that completed the Rookie Rider Training in January. These coaches and instructors will be able to present and use this new National Program. For more information contact coaching@hcbc.ca

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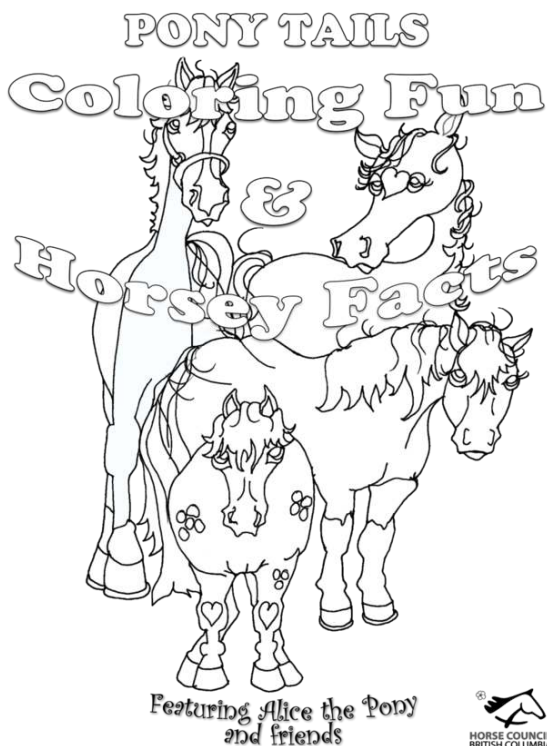
The Spring English Instructor and Competition Coach Evaluation will take place June 3 and/or 4th in Abbotsford. An Island date will be published soon. More dates will be published for English and Western dates as they are set. All English or Western Competition Coach candidates are welcome to submit video for their evaluations. Contact coaching@hcbc.ca for more information.



PONY TAILS KIDS CLUB

Hi Pony Tails friends,

Alice the Pony would like to announce that her friends at Thunderbird Show Park will be joining in



on the Pony Tails Kids Club fun again this year, helping to introduce horse lovers to the exciting world of horses and ponies! Tbird is located just hoof steps from Vancouver, and is one of North America's premier equestrian event facilities. Watch for the upcoming world class show jumping and other horse events that will be happening all summer. Check out their website at www.tbird.ca

Don't forget to reserve your copy of the Pony Tails Book of Coloring Fun and Horsey Facts, featuring Alice the Pony and her friends, Oliver, Panama and Howdy! For more info and to pre-order your copy, email: ponytails.alice@hcbc.ca.

Do you know a horse crazy kid? Join Horse Council BCs' free Pony Tails Kids Club. Follow the adventures of Alice and her friends and learn about horses and ponies!

Join Now!

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BE READY!
THEY'RE COUNTING ON YOU!



Fire & Emergency Preparedness
Short Online Course | April 8 - 15
TheHorsePortal.ca/HCBC

SIGN UP FOR NEW 'FIRE & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS' ONLINE SHORT COURSE

Learn the best practices to prevent fires in your barns/facilities and how to be prepared for emergency situations.

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.

Fire & Emergency Preparedness Online Short Course: April 8 - 15, 2019

SPECIAL 15% DISCOUNT FOR HCBC MEMBERS

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

The Horse Portal is an online training partnership between HCBC and Equine Guelph

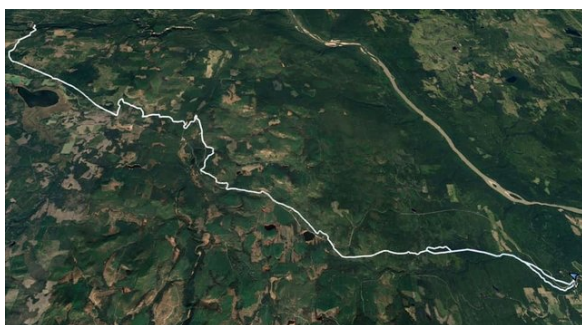
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COLLINS OVERLAND TRAIL - BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF BC NORTH CARIBOO CHAPTER

The North Cariboo chapter of Back Country Horsemen of BC has been working on restoration of a stretch of the historic Collins Overland Telegraph Trail for some years.

This trail, begun in 1865 with the goal of reaching Russia through what is now California, Oregon, Washington, BC, Yukon and Alaska, was proposed at the time as an alternative to lengthy deepwater cables in the Atlantic, but work was eventually abandoned in 1867. Although not a success as a communications model, the exploration and construction work brought a great many benefits to the territories the telegraph lines passed through.

Now the North Cariboo chapter has completed a map of the trail they've worked so hard on bringing back to life. Club member Rob LaFrance says, "It's been 5 years of collecting data... we finally compiled a complete map of the COTT from Rawlings Road to

Blackwater Crossing for a grand total of 57.7 km of trail for all to enjoy and explore."

For more information on the Collins Overland Telegraph Trail, see:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russian%E2%80%93American_Telegraph

To learn more about the Back Country Horsemen of BC, see: <http://bchorsemen.org/>



IMPORTANT NOTICE: BCETF GRANT DEADLINE CHANGE

Please note that Horse Council BC has harmonized its deadline dates for grants, and the new deadline for [BC Equestrian Trails Fund](#) applications, formerly April 15, will now be April 1.



HANEY HORSEMEN ASSOCIATION HONOURED WITH PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

The Maple Ridge Community Heritage Commission has chosen to honour George's Way Trails, Bear Ridge Trail and Tower Trail for the 2019 Heritage Awards. Haney Horsemen Association was delighted to be awarded the Heritage Landscape/Natural Heritage Resource certificate, an acknowledgement of the club's many years of commitment to trail planning, construction and maintenance.

The Maple Ridge Heritage Awards are selected annually for a range of heritage conservation efforts that include: heritage buildings; landscapes; history and heritage teaching; youth heritage projects; history and heritage research and publication; the preservation of historical documents, and other heritage achievements.

Pictured are members of the Haney Horsemen Association at the awards ceremony, with Mr Bill "Trail Boss" Archibald in the centre.



**Introducing the NEW Cavallo ELB 'BLING' Hoof Boots
AND the NEW Comfort Sleeve!**

For all of March, HCBC Members get a FREE pair of Comfort Sleeves with purchase of a pair of ELB BLING Hoof Boots!

REMEMBER, HCBC Members ALWAYS get 20% off Cavallo-branded products!

Phone-in orders only — please call Toll-Free: 1-877-818-0037 ~ FREE SHIPPING! ~ Offer expires Midnight, March 31



REGISTRATION FOR THE 2019 BC 55+ GAMES KELOWNA IS NOW OPEN!

Join Us at the 2019 55+ BC Games September 10 - 14, 2019 in Kelowna!

More information can be found here:

<https://www.55plusbcgames.org/kelowna2019/>

Registration information can be found here:

<https://www.55plusbcgames.org/registration/>

NEW REGULATION FOR AGRICULTURAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT WILL REPLACE THE AGRICULTURAL WASTE CONTROL REGULATION

Effective February 28 2019, a new regulation for [Agricultural Environmental Management](#) will replace the Agricultural Waste Control Regulation. The new regulations increase environmental protection measures, protecting BC's water and encourage best practice for all sizes of farms.

More Info



DEADLINE FOR WELL LICENSING EXTENDED TO MARCH 2020

All non-domestic groundwater users must apply for a water license. If you are using groundwater (from a well or dugout) for non-domestic uses you are legally required to submit a license application by March 1, 2022.

A water license is tied to your land and provides major benefits to your business including the protection of your water use from future developments. If your water use began on or before February 29, 2016 and you submit your application by the deadline (March 1, 2022), government will establish your "first-in-time, first-in-right" (FITFIR) priority. This gives your water use precedence over newer users during times of scarcity. This also means that applicants will continue to enjoy the following benefits:

- exemption from paying application fees,
- opportunity to receive a date of precedence on their water licence that reflects historic use (FITFIR), and
- ability to continue using water until a decision on the licence application is made.

Applicants are still required to pay usage fees from February 29, 2016. Please refer to the provincial government website for more information <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/water/water/water-licensing-rights>

Start your application online at: www.frontcounterbc.ca

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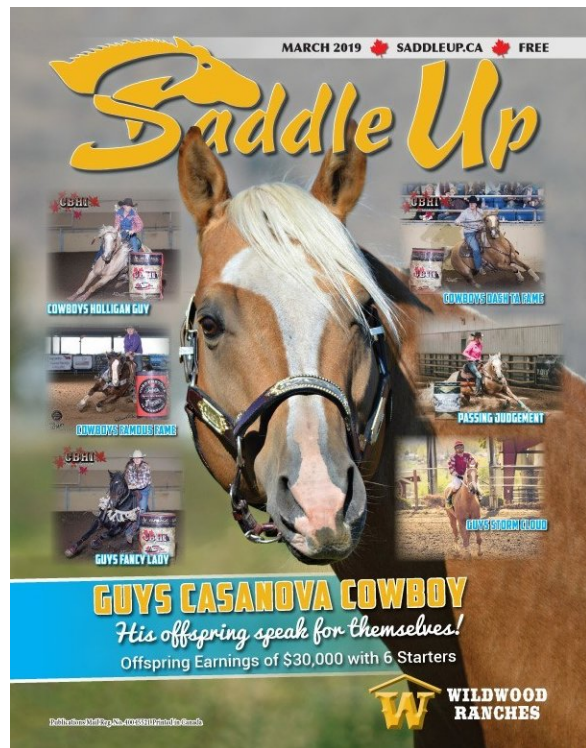
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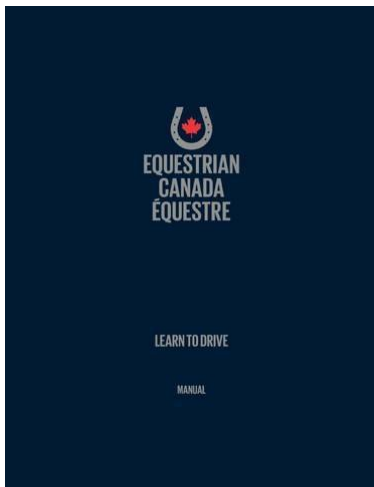


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Click on the monthly magazines right here in the e-news to go straight to these publication's websites and check out their great content each month!



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