

Your December HCBC Newsletter is here!

HORSE COUNCIL BRITISH COLUMBIA



DECEMBER E-NEWS



HCBC LAUNCHES NEW MEMBERSHIP SYSTEM!

As you might have seen, we have launched a new membership system! To access your new account, follow this link: <https://horsereg.com/#!/login> and click reset password. Please do not make a new account. If you have any issues, please email membership@hcbc.ca or call the office at 1-800-345-8055

2019 memberships are also expiring soon so don't forget to renew to ensure continuous coverage! [Click here](#) for more information. **HCBC also now offers the option to set your membership to auto renew!** *This is not available for Family Memberships, 3rd Party Memberships or Additional Insurances

Renew Now

NOTICE OF HCBC OFFICE CLOSURE

The HCBC offices will be closed from December 21st and will be re-opening on January 2nd. We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season and we can't wait to see you in 2020!



HCBC ANNUAL AWARDS

Nominations are now open for the 2019 HCBC Awards! Make sure you get your nominations in by December 30th and help us recognize those doing great things in the BC equestrian community!

Awards categories include:

- Coach of the Year
- Bob James Volunteer of the Year
- Sherman Olson Lifetime Achievement Award

Deadline is December 30, 2019

More information and nomination forms can be found here:

<https://www.hcbc.ca/index.php/about/hcbc-awards/>



RESULTS OF FRASER VALLEY EAST REGIONAL DIRECTOR ELECTION

Fraser Valley East – two nominations received and was determined by an election by the members of the Fraser Valley East Region

October 31, 2019 Voting opened using the electronic voting system, November 28, 2019 voting closed at midnight. **Elaine Bessuille** received the majority of the votes and has been elected Fraser Valley East Regional Director for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2020.

Regional Directors for a two-year term (2020):

East Kootenays – Arlene Ridge, re-elected by acclamation

Thompson Shuswap – Carolyn Farris, re-elected by acclamation

Peace River – Jennifer Petley, elected by acclamation

Vancouver Island North – no nominations received

Vancouver Sunshine Coast – Egil Hansen, re-elected by acclamation

To view the full list of regional directors, [click here](#)



BC EQUINE EDUCATION SUMMIT RETURNS IN 2020

It's back! BC's premiere Equine Education Conference will once again be bringing you top internationally recognized professionals presenting the latest findings in equine health, welfare and training.

APRIL 24-26, 2020

Where: Quality Inn and Conference Centre
36035 N Parallel Rd, Abbotsford, BC V3G 2C6

Tickets: \$200+GST Full Weekend Pass (Saturday & Sunday)
\$125+GST Single Day Saturday Pass
\$125+GST Single Day Sunday Pass

[Click here](#) to purchase tickets.

The list of speakers and topics can be found by [clicking here](#).

More Info

HCBC HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

Looking to get a head start on your holiday shopping? Check out the HCBC Holiday Gift Guide for some inspiration!


[View the Guide](#)


A NOTE FROM CAPRICMW:

With 2020 just around the corner, this is a good time to remind the members of HCBC about the important partnership HCBC has with CapriCMW. The relationship goes back a long way and over time; the insurance program associated with membership has evolved as the needs of members changed. Today, we offer a variety of risk management services and insurance products that are all designed around a lifestyle where horses are present.

A quick refresher:

Insurance that is included in the fees paid for membership in HCBC:

- a) \$5,000,000 Personal Liability insurance that covers the member for any number of owned, borrowed, leased horses used for personal purposes. The coverage is worldwide.
- b) \$30,000 Accident Death and Dismemberment (AD&D) that covers the member for serious injury (or death) arising from an interaction with horses. No coverage for fracture injuries. The coverage is worldwide.

As a member of HCBC, you also have access to some terrific optional insurance products:

- a) \$50,000 Optional Accident Death and Dismemberment (AD&D) that many members take to enhance the AD&D policy they get automatically with membership (and this policy contains a benefit for fracture and dental)
- b) \$10,000 Members Named Perils Insurance. Covers the death of an owned horse arising from fire, lightning, collision/overturn of a conveyance in which a horse was being transported and more. Not available to US Residents.
- c) \$10,000 Members Tack insurance. Covers tack and equipment from loss or damage anywhere in North America. Does not cover clothing or protective equipment worn by riders, wear& tear/abuse, mysterious

disappearance or horse drawn vehicles. Not available to US Residents.
 d) Weekly Accident Indemnity Insurance Member Only. This exclusive insurance policy provides income replacement in the event you are unable to work due to an accident. Coverage is in force 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week and includes (but is not limited to), injuries arising from an equine related incident. The policy will provide up to \$500.00 / week in income replacement for up to 26 weeks. (Some restrictions apply)

There are more details on the website of HCBC and you are encouraged to take full advantage of these and all benefits of membership. Like you and your horse, the partnership we have with the equine community in BC is very special. Give us a call with any questions at all...we will be happy to help!

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THAT'S A WRAP ON THE 2019 COMMUNITY TALKS TRAVELLING ROAD SHOW!

2019 saw The Community Talks Travelling Road Show visit Nelson, Smithers and Quesnel. We would like to thank these communities for their fantastic hospitality and for the amazing turnout at each location. We hope you all enjoyed the day of equine education as much as we enjoyed bringing the program to you, and of course meeting all of you! We would like to take this time to extend our utmost gratitude to our wonderful sponsors, Otter Co Op, Science Pure Nutraceuticals, Zoetis Inc., Western College of Veterinary Medicine, AgSafe and Canadian Horse Journals.

The Community Talks Traveling Road Show will be on hiatus for next year, so we can focus on hosting the [BC Equine Education Summit](#). The BC Equine Education Summit will be held April 24 to 26 in Abbotsford.

The Community Talks Traveling Road Show will be back on the road in 2021, so watch for updates on how your community can have us come visit!



THREE ONLINE COURSES ON OFFER TO HCBC MEMBERS!

This winter is the perfect time to give your horse the best treat ever! Try out an online short course and learn the latest info on horse care and well-being.

Fire & Emergency Preparedness: Jan 20 - 27

Equine First Aid: Feb 10 - 17

Horse Behaviour & Safety, Adult & Youth offerings:
Apr 6 - 17

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FEATURED EC LEARN TO RIDE COACH OF THE MONTH: Mona Beckmann

My name is Mona Beckmann. My journey with horses began when I joined Mission Hills Pony Club in the fall of 2004 as a 7 year-old. It was clear to me right from the beginning that my goal was to make it all the way to the top of the program. After ten years of hard work and extreme dedication, I obtained my A level and became an Equestrian Canada Certified Competition coach. I had my fair share of ups and downs in this sport, but what kept me grounded and striving toward my goal was my parents' constant encouragement. Also, a few very loyal coaches and mentors worked with me throughout the years. I am one of the lucky few people who can say that their first riding teachers are the same ones who got me through my A.

Being an Equestrian Canada Coach has been a great experience. It is something I am very proud of, and there is a level of respect that comes with it. The Equestrian Canada website for coaches in the area has been instrumental in connecting me with clients. It has also encouraged me to pursue further professional development, which is a benefit to myself and my students. Furthermore, I have had to maintain my First Aid certificate, which is not only very useful in this sport, but also helpful in my job as a hotel manager.

Pony Club is a program of excellence because it builds a really solid foundation in riding as well as considerable knowledge about the horse, buildings, tack, trailers, first aid, feeding etc. It produces well- rounded, educated horse people who are able to take on new challenges and continue progressing in any chosen discipline or career.

[Learn more about the EC Learn to Ride Program](#)



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PONY TAILS KIDS CLUB

Hey Pony Tails Friends, it's me Alice!

The first order of Alice the Pony's, Pony Tails Book of Colouring Fun and Horsey Facts sold out in the



first week, but don't worry the second shipment has arrived to the HCBC office and just in time for Christmas gift giving!!

Do you have a horse crazy kid on your Christmas gift list? Purchase Alice's new book here: <https://horse-council-bc-store.myshopify.com/collections/books/products/the-pony-tails-book-of-colouring-fun>



Even though horses are well adapted to withstand cold temperatures many people blanket their horses in winter. Have you ever wondered what horses think about wearing a blanket?

Researchers developed a method where horses use symbols to communicate their preferences. By touching a symbol with their nose, horses told their handler if they wanted to be blanketed or not. The aim of the study was to gain information about horses own preferences for wearing or not wearing a blanket under different weather conditions throughout the year. Twenty-three trained horses were used in this study. If, when and what kind of blanket the horses wore depended on their owner's routine. On a test day a horse was led to a test area, where it could choose from two symbols: no change, or a blanket off/ blanket on symbol depending on if the horse was blanketed. After choosing the horse was moved to its paddock and not allowed to be handled for the next hour.

The results show that most horses preferred to be blanketed at temperatures below -10°C, not considering other weather factors. With increasing temperature, the preference for keeping a blanket on decreased and above 10°C most horses and above 20°C all horses preferred to remove the blanket in all tests. Furthermore, sunshine decreased the probability for wanting to wear a blanket and more rain or wind increased the

TIP
Note that fleece and felt don't fray (that's, they don't unravel at the edges).
Fray check is available at craft supply stores. It is a liquid that comes in an all plastic squeeze bottle. It prevents fraying and ribbon from fraying.

Make Blankets for Your Horse Models

You will need:

- fleece, felt, or other fabric
- fabric scissors
- fabric pins
- paper, ruler and pencil and/or marker to create your pattern
- fabric glue, a hot glue gun, or a needle and thread
- ribbon to use as edging and straps (about 1.5 m)
- Velcro or a hook and eye for the chest closure
- snaps for the surcingle
- fray check (optional)

And of course, a horse model!




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Image courtesy of Alice and Be

probability for wanting to wear a blanket.

Imagine you're an equine scientist: If you could research horses' preferences, what questions would you ask? Send your questions to Alice at ponytails.alice@hcbc.ca. We'll share them in the next newsletter!

Blankets for Your Horse Models

One of the activities in the Horse Lover's Math's Level 1 workbook shows kids how to make blankets for their horse models!

The HLM's Level 1 workbook is available from the Horse Council BC Bookstore at <https://store.hcbc.ca>, and from the Horse Lover's Math store at <https://www.horseloversmath.com/math-resources-for-horse-lovers-store> where you will also find a pdf download option for the book.



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DID YOU KNOW? EARLY DETECTION IS CRITICAL TO STOPPING THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE PLANT & ANIMAL SPECIES

British Columbia covers 944,735 square kilometres, impossible for any one agency or Ministry to cover. That's where you come in, good citizen! Walking, riding or cycling our many forests and trails, you can help the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, and the Invasive Species Council of BC, with their important work, managing and eradicating the invasive plant species that cost us million of dollars yearly in crop loss, terrain damage, diversity loss and more.



The Report-A-Weed and Report Invasives apps are available for download on Google Play and in the App Store. Using these tools you can easily report the species you see. You can also report using: Phone 1-888-933-3722, or complete ISCBC's online form.

For more information on reporting and the app, please visit the BC Government website at:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/plants-animals-ecosystems/invasive-species/reporting-invasive-species>

Or the Invasive Species Council of BC website at:

<https://bcinvasives.ca/report>



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LAND MANAGEMENT GUIDE UPDATE

Langley Environmental Partners Society, in partnership with the Horse Council of BC, are working to revise the Land Management Guide for Horse Owners and Small Lot Farmers, originally printed in 2007, to reflect the new Agricultural Code of Practice Regulations. If you have a copy of this guide and have any suggestions on ways it could be improved, please contact LEPS Agriculture Programs Coordinator at agriculture@leps.bc.ca. This useful, informative resource will be reprinted in early 2020, and a free event will be held in the Langley area to launch the guide. Stay tuned!

HCBC ATTENDS AGDAYS IN VICTORIA



Ag Day in Victoria took place October 28-29. The event brought over 80 B.C. farmers and ranchers together with cabinet ministers, MLAs and key government staff for a day filled with close to 40 meetings. An evening networking reception took place prior to the day of meetings where more than 200 industry and government representatives attended.

Together with Attorney General, Minister David Eby and Solicitor General, Minister Mike Farnworth, Minister Lana Popham made a statement on animal care and the government's plans to strengthen trespass laws in B.C. This took place along with a "B.C. Agriculture Day" proclamation at the evening reception.

Pictured here: Minister Popham and to her left Lynda Atkinson who serves as HCBC's Vice President of Industry on our Board of Directors

ARDCORP BENEFICIAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FUNDING

The Beneficial Management Practices (BMP) funding window re-opened as of December 5, 2019.

Applications will be accepted until this small amount of funding has been exhausted.

Due to re-opening of the window occurring later than expected, all projects must be completed no later than March 1st, 2020. Priority will be given to projects with quick completion times such as management/engineering plans and short term equipment purchases.

Program applications and funding list can be found at www.bcefp.ca.

PARTICIPATE IN CLEANBC'S ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

The Government's [CleanBC](#) plan puts the province on the path to a cleaner, better future – reducing climate emissions and transforming where we live and work, how we get around, and how we power our industry. This is only part of addressing the climate change challenge. We need to also take steps to prepare and respond to the impacts of climate change that are already underway.

Across B.C. we've seen record wildfires, extreme weather, increased drought and more frequent flooding. As residents, businesses, Indigenous peoples and all levels of government, we need to work together to better understand what's at risk and what we can do to be prepared.

That's why the Province of British Columbia is developing a climate preparedness and adaptation strategy to help ensure that communities across B.C. can prepare for a changing climate.

We want to hear from you. We want to know how B.C.'s changing climate is affecting you and what you think needs to be done to prepare for climate change in your community and across the province.

Share your thoughts and solutions by filling out [the questionnaire](#) and joining the [online discussion](#). New questions will be posted every couple of weeks so check back regularly or subscribe for updates. This phase of engagement will close January 10, 2020 (4pm).

You can also learn more about how climate change will affect B.C. and what is already being done to address the problem using the tabs at the top of the page.

More Info



MEDIA PARTNER MAGAZINES

Horse Council BC is partnered with 2 of Canada's top horse magazines for the 2019 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!



BOOK OF THE MONTH

Did you know the HCBC Bookstore has a clearance section? Get your hands on a great deal on some good reads before they are gone!

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