

Hastings News

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Over 300 people involved in the horse industry attended the open forum put on by the Horse Racing Committee. President **Debbie Peebles** puts forth the HBPA's views in her 'President's Blog' on our HBPA's home page at www.hbpabc.ca.

It was an exciting **B.C. Cup Day** with a large crowd and great races for our B.C. Breds, we owe the HEI a vote of thanks for returning this day to B.C. Breds only. The Classic was one of the most exciting races as Spaghetti Mouse and Krazy Koffee set a sizzling pace for the majority of the race while the old timer Trick of the North took advantage of the pace and ran Spaghetti Mouse down in the stretch. Both Trick of the North, age 9, and Spaghetti Mouse, age 8, were purchased at the CTHS Sale. You couldn't get better advertising than that for B.C. Breds.



DATES TO REMEMBER

August 14th New Stride AGM at noon in the TV room above the kitchen.

August 19th PNE opens take note of the changes of the race dates and times

NO WEEKEND RACING DURING THE PNE

August 24th, 25th, and 26th Post Parade 6:40 pm (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday)

September 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Post Parade 6:40 pm (Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday)

September 2nd at 7:00 pm Session 1 at The Derby re: CTHS sales catalogue

September 9th at 7:00 pm Session 2 at The Derby re: CTHS sales catalogue

September 13th at 3:00 pm Yearling Parade at Thunderbird Show Park

September 14th at 2:00 pm Annual Mixed Thoroughbred Sale at Thunderbird Show Park

The following letter was sent out to the horsemen from **Raj Mutti, General Manager**

Date: August 1, 2010

Re: July 31st On-track Incident in the 6th race

"I want to take this opportunity to express my thoughts on yesterday's on-track incident in the 6th race. In my experience of being in the racing industry, and in my time here at Hastings, I can say that yesterday was an extremely rare and tragic accident.

I would like to give thanks to all who reacted to the incident and rallied their efforts in getting the incident under control. The quick reaction and response to aid this accident was nothing short of outstanding. It was just another example of how everyone here at Hastings can pull together in times of need and all work together as a team. The horsemen, on all levels, remained calm and professional throughout the entire incident.

It is difficult to experience any kind of occurrence such as yesterday, and not easy to see what can sometimes happen to horses on-track at Hastings and through the industry as a whole. Please know during this time it is normal not to feel normal and have some hard feelings. With time, this will heal, and know you are not alone in going through this. I ask that you allow for patience, support, and understanding with each other in the coming days.

Dave Dahl did receive moderate injury as a result of being part of yesterday's racing accident. He was transported to hospital and went under several assessments and is expected to make a full recovery. I look forward to see him back at Hastings very soon.

There is a 'Get Well Soon' card that I strongly encourage all Horsemen to sign for him. It is located in the racing Office. Please extend your condolences to Dave while he is on the road to recovery.

For further assistance please seek the guidance and advice of PPC Canada at the confidential, 24/7 toll-free phone line, 1-800-663-9099, with access to all of the same services. The new web address for PPC Canada is www.ca.ppcworldwide.com. All of the active links including e-counseling will still be available as before on the website. The new access codes are: username "healthy"; password "living"

The key code for e-counseling has changed to: "healthyliving". PPC Canada is committed to providing the best possible employee assistance services to you and your family members. If

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you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact PPC Canada at 1-800-663-9099.

On a final note, thank you again for your hard work and dedication to Hastings Racecourse. Let's move forward and continue to take care of each other. Hastings is one of the best places in the world, and we are proving that to everyone everyday.

Thank You."



Alan Cuthbertson and Tommy Wolski enjoying BC Cup Day.



Buddies Delbert Rycroft and Ted Hurt enjoying the races.



Sid Martin and Fred Brandt trading stories.

BACKSTRETCH HAPPENINGS

We were sorry to see long-time groom, **Betty Melanson** leave and return to her family home in Nova Scotia. We wish her well and special thanks to **Earl Blaine** for helping Betty in her big move.

Thank you to the person who returned my keys, it certainly was a pleasant surprise to find them waiting for me at the East Gate.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Popular couple, **Joanne Todd** and **Brian O'Connell** on their recent marriage.

VET'S LIST

Dave Dahl, hope to see you back at the track soon.

Rylin Samson strange horse accidents just don't happen at the racetrack, you have a very pretty cast on your hand.

Elise Tournigy-Barroby hope you are feeling better, breaking your collarbone is not a nice way to begin your summer holiday.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND THOUGHTS GO OUT TO:

The **Glaspie Family** and all members of **Fairmede Farm** on the loss of **Mike**.

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August 14th will be a fun day at the races, besides the thoroughbreds there will be many mascots mingling with the crowd before they exercise their running ability.



Mascot from Churchill Downs having fun at the Kentucky Derby

NEW STRIDE by Kim Inglis

The new Stride Thoroughbred Foundation (www.newstride.com) is looking for energetic individuals to join their Board of Directors and Member Committees. New Stride would like to build a diversified base of talented and skilled people from the racing community. The Board meets monthly to discuss planning and initiatives designed to support the racing industry and act as a resource for Thoroughbred owners. Elections will be held at the upcoming Annual General Meeting scheduled for Saturday, August 14th at 12pm at Hastings Racecourse. To get involved, please contact **Kim Inglis** at kinglis@newstride.com.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Often many people involved in sports or gambling are very superstitious, they must follow the same routine, wear the same clothes, play the same numbers, follow the same routines, and the list goes on forever. Many of us at the track are the same way. I must admit I am superstitious especially when I was go-

ing over my win pictures I saw a pattern. The pattern evolved around the date, September 21st. My first win at the coast was with a filly named Jeanneliz and it was September 21st. After that, every time I ran a horse on September 21st, no matter what the odds were, it would win. My first child was born on September 21st. Now I wish that every September 21st would always fall on a race day and I would have a horse running—can you blame me?



The Hawaiian Horse

THE LEARNING CENTRE

The burgers and beans have been cancelled until Wednesday September 8th, **John Brooks** will be back to help **Joe Gray** and **Alvina Helfenstein** organize the meals. We have several people working on their GED and many people taking advantage of the internet.

Catherine is in charge of a September Mexican Fiesta, which is always great time with good food and merriment. If you wish to help, please contact Catherine in the Learning Centre.

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KIDZ KORNER



Maya.

By Maya Collinson age 8

SCRUFFY THE DOG GETS LOST

One day Scruffy and his friends went out to play. They played hide and seek. One of Scruffy's friends named Sammy was 'it'. Then Sammy counted to ten and then he went to find all his friends. He found all his friends except for Scruffy, it was getting late but his friends kept looking. Then they all fell asleep—all except Sammy. He kept looking when everyone else was sleeping. Then Sammy heard something in the trees, so he climbed up the trees and he found his best friend. Sammy said, "Come with me Scruffy and we will wake up the others and go home." "Good idea, lets go" said Scruffy. They woke everybody up and when they got home all the friends went to bed.



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