

Hastings News

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Summer is here and we have passed the half-way mark of our 2010 Racing Season. Hopefully the beautiful weather will continue. Many changes are happening. Our new website is still being updated and hopefully it will be more user friendly. Please go to our homepage and click on Contact at the top of the page and fill in your current address and email so we can interact with you personally.

Bryant McAfee, our secretary/treasurer for many years and his long-time assistant, **Marion Yip**, will be retiring at the end of August. We are grateful for the many years of dedicated service they have given to the Association and to the horsepeople it serves and represents. We are pleased to announce that **Richard Yates** has been retained as Executive Director and **Cristan Gossen** has accepted the position as Executive Assistant for the HBPA. They are both keenly aware of the shoes they must fill, but are looking forward to the challenge.



Our young racing fans

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 25th...Clocker's Corner, enjoy a free breakfast and watch the training some of the main contenders for BC Cup Day

July 25th...Interior Racing at Kin Park, Vernon

July 27th...Open Forum by the Horse Racing Committee, Red Robinson Theatre please RSVP to Eugene.Johnson@gov.bc.ca

July 30th...No Friday Racing at Hastings

August 2nd...BC Cup Day

Sept. 13th...Yearling Parade Thunderbird Show Park

Sept. 14th...Annual Mixed Thoroughbred Sale Thunderbird Show Park

BACKSTRETCH HAPPENINGS

The fundraiser for **April Friesen** was a huge success; we wish April a speedy and complete recovery.

It is nice to see that many owners and trainers have spruced up their barn area with beautiful flowers.



Don Morison's barn



Don accepting the Barn of the Week award from Nina Condilenios with his favourite girls Lauren and Heather.

A special thanks to all the people who are helping to keep the East Gate area clean. Remember there are gloves and garbage bags at the East Gate, just ask the security guard. Thanks to the fellows in the works yard who are such a support to all of us.

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WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Sarah and Kevin Brake
Helen and Ian Jewell



Sarah and proud father Reg Peat



Mr. and Mrs. Ian Jewell and daughter Amanda

NEW FOALS

A son, **Connor**, to **Shelby** and **Scott Nielsen**. Proud first time Grandparents are **Lynn** and **Ole Nielsen!** Connor has already visited the track.

A daughter, **Claire**, to our Track Veterinarian **Dr. Jo Weetman**, and her husband. **Jonathan McWhir**. A sister for big brother **Nathan**.



Nathan welcomes his little sister Claire

VET'S LIST

We all wish **Alan Cuthbertson** good thoughts with his health; he is now out of the hospital and living close to the track where he will receive more personal care. He calls it his "waterside abode". He is hoping to visit the backstretch and the races soon.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND THOUGHTS GO OUT TO:

Nick and Nina Condilenios and family on the loss of Nick's brother, **Vlasios**.

Dave and Sylvea Gregory and family on the loss of Sylvea's Mother, **Shirley**.

Wayne Neilson and family on the loss of Wayne's Mother, **Tilly Martha Snow** and family on the loss of her husband, **Bill**. Bill was the brother of the late **Betty Snow** and the cousin of **Mel, Wayne, and Daryl Snow**.

To the Backstretch and the friends of a true racetracker, **Johnny Lawrence**.

To support Johnny's wishes, there will be no Memorial, just lots of memories.

INTERIOR RACING

Lots of fun and sun at Sunflower Downs in Princeton, the 39th

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running of **Similkameen Cup** was won by **Bad Sneakers**.

Racing has started at the **Kin Track in Vernon**; this is the oldest active racetrack in Canada!

Sagebrush Downs in Kamloops has completed its 2010 race days.

THE THOROUGHBRED LADIES' CLUB



Terry Smith enjoying the picnic with his daughter and grandchildren

As usual, the picnic was an overwhelming success; good food, great company, fun races and of course the train ride which was enjoyed by all! Thank you so much Ladies!



Lunch Time



Fun On The Train

The **DEADLINE** for Scholarship applications is July 31st. **DON'T FORGET!**

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Nicole Clark

Gabriel and Glen Clark's daughter, **Nicole**, certainly has a Hastings Racecourse background. Both grandparents were involved at the track. Her late grandfather, trainer **Hughie Byrne**, with Nicole's grandmother, **Anna**, ran and bred many good horses. Her paternal grandparents, **Ron and Dorothy Clark** also ran and bred horses. Both Nicole's grandmothers have been hard working ladies of the Thoroughbred Ladies Club. Nicole's aunt **Helen Jewell** and uncle **Patrick Byrne** are still working at the track.

With the generous financial assistance of the Thoroughbred Ladies Club, **Nicole Clark** graduated with distinction from the University of Victoria in 2001 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She obtained her Bachelor of Laws degree from Dalhousie University in 2006, and was called to the British Columbia Bar in 2007. Nicole is a lawyer with Henderson Livingstone Stewart LLP in Steveston, BC. She has appeared in both the Provincial and Supreme Courts of British Columbia. Her practice area includes corporate and commercial law, wills and estate planning and estates. Nicole can be reached by telephone at 604-241-2855 or by email at ncc@hislawyers.com.

Nicole wishes to pass along her gratitude to all of the members of the Thoroughbred Ladies Club for their financial support over the years. "It is very much appreciated and has contributed to my present success." The HBPA members are extremely proud of Nicole's achievements. This is a big year for Nicole as she will be getting married in September.

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NEW STRIDE

Hastings graciously awarded New Stride two 50/50 days this month which were July 17 and 18. Thank you for all who helped.

We've set our annual general meeting for August 14th at 12 noon. It will be at Hastings but the specific location is yet to be determined. Anyone wishing to get involved with the organization should contact **Kim Inglis** at kinglis@newstride.com or 778-866-9527.

STRANGE BUT TRUE!



Several years ago, last year's B.C. Racing Hall of Fame recipient as well as this year's inductee into the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame, Frank Barroby, took several horses to race at Sunflower Downs in Princeton. One of the horses, a Captain Collins gelding named John Gray, had some talent and Frank thought he would run a good race especially since he had April Friesen in the irons. John Gray had lugged out in his race at Hastings when he was hit left-handed, April was aware of this and had a snug hold. She would not be hitting him left-handed. John Gray and April were in a good position to win the race when a rider on their inside was using the whip. John Gray took exception to this; dropped April, jumped the outside fence, and headed for the hills. Frank ran to check on April, and finding out that she was only bruised he announced, "that potlicker, (Frank's favorite expression), John Gray can keep going, I'm not chasing him." April exclaimed, "But, Frank, IT IS MY TACK!" A couple of hours later, a cowboy from one of the ranches rode to Sunflower Downs with John Gray and tack in tow. As Frank's brother, Harold commented, "John Gray is a folk hero in Princeton". John Gray is now a show jumper since he displayed his true talent at Sunflower Downs, much to the chagrin of Frank and April!

THE LEARNING CENTRE

We had good news! The Learning Centre qualified for a government grant; this will be the third time that we have received the grant!

We are enjoying the air conditioner on these hot days, so if anyone wants to join us in a cool atmosphere, come on up!

We had Pizza Night which was a huge success and it was not surprising that the food disappeared quickly.

Eleven people successfully completed the First Aid Emergency Course, it was very informative and the Learning Centre hopes to arrange another First Aid Course next year. We had some of the gate crew, outriders, valets, and grooms taking the course. This course is beneficial for helping our track continue to be a safe environment. Besides learning and working hard at the course, it was a fun time as we were entertained by **Joe, Joel** and our instructor **Bev!** A special thank you to our First Aid Attendants, **Kin and Tony** for their extra help and to **Dr. Jo Weetman** for the yummy snacks.



Working on Jonathan McWhir.

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Catherine, Connie, Claire, and Joe watching over their patients

ME AND MY HORSE MOON

Hi my name is Sally and I have a horse named Moon. She lives in a barn at my house. She is 2 years old. I am going to show you how to ride. I like to catch cattle it is fun and good training. Any way you have to be really good to catch cattle. I caught one. It is a boy. It is in a stall to calm down. I am going to bed now. When I woke up I saw a horse walking. It was lonely so I took it in my barn. I named him Josh. This is my world. Bye.



KIDZ KORNER

Young **Jaymie Pearman**, daughter of **Patty Leaney** and **Steve Pearman** has been visiting the track with her sisters all her life. I was sorry that I couldn't reproduce all her beautiful pictures with her story.

