

Hastings News

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**The countdown is on for Hastings
Opening Day.
We wish everyone the best year
ever!**

IMPORTANT DATES:

April 18 - Hastings Open House from 9:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. on the Hastings Patio
April 20 - HBPA Spring Informational Meeting at 7 P.M. in the George Royal Room
April 24 - Early Closing Nominations Deadline and Hastings Racecourse opens

BACKSTRETCH HAPPENINGS

This year's B.C. Cup (B.C. Day August 2) will once again be only for B.C. Breds. A good decision!

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Glen Todd and Patrick Kinsella, winning the Oaks in Portland, with the good filly, **Caged Mistress**.

Monica Pinette on her latest award at the National Aboriginal Achievement Awards in Regina. She was among 14 prestigious winners. Monica was recognized in the Sports Category. Not only was she the only Aboriginal in two Olympic summer games but Monica also earned the highest ranked Canadian Female Olympic result for Ladies' Modern Pentathlon in Athens. She also competed in the Olympics in Beijing. Besides being an athlete of distinguished excellence, Monica attained a B.A. in English from the University of Victoria and a diploma in professional photojournalism. In Monica's "spare time" she also mentors young women in Modern Pentathlon, and she helped coach the Canadian juniors to the World Championship in Taiwan. The only drawback is she cannot groom any more due to all her commitments, but maybe in the future, we will see her become a trainer in Europe! We wish you all the best Monica! Monica wishes to thank Great Canadian Casino and the HBPA for all their generous support.



Monica and Family



Monica's father Roger with popular songwriter and singer Buffy Sainte-Marie.

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OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND THOUGHTS GO OUT TO:

The Jerry Dzikowicz Family and Friends (he was the Waving Guy on Hastings and Cassiar)

The Gilker Family on the loss of **Walter**

The Holejsovsky Family on the loss of **Louie (Gum Boot Louie)**

The McNamee Family on the loss of **John (Bert)**

We lost two good horses:

High on Believen, who was the dam of the good filly, Dancing Allstar. Dancing Allstar showed her speed at Hastings and at Woodbine. She was the Champion 2-year-old filly in Canada, and Horse of the Year in B.C. (a winner of over \$500,000). Dancing Allstar also won the Sadie Diamond Futurity, the Fantasy, the Whimsical, My Dear Stakes as well as others. She set a new track record at Woodbine running 5 furlongs in 57 2/5 seconds. At the CTHS Sale in 2009, High On Believen had the sales topper with the chestnut filly by Regal Intention.

And...

Haveigotadealforu, a crowd favorite and winner of the Ascot Graduation, the Canadian Derby, the Klondike Stakes, the Lieutenant Governors' Handicap, the Premier's Championship, as well as many other stakes.

The quotation of R.B. Cunningham-Graham is timeless "God forbid that I should go to any heaven where there are no horses". Horses have made such a difference in many people's lives; the following are just two examples of how two special Thoroughbreds did just that.

THE LITTLE HORSE THAT COULD

Sharon and Dennis Terry were in partnership with their good friend, Dr. Bob Jack, with the broodmare, Salty Susie. In 1986 the Terrys and Bob Jack had agreed to dissolve their partnership, so Dennis and Sharon decided to buy the colt when he was weaned. This dark brown colt was a little character, so he was given the barn name, Pepper. Pepper, whose registered name was Haveigotadealforu was small in stature but he was all courage and stamina. Pepper really led a double life, first he

was a top stakes horse and second he had the ability to change people's lives. When Dennis and Sharon took Pepper to Edmonton for the Canadian Derby, little did the Terrys know how Pepper would change the lives of another couple, Bill and Roslyn Ernst. The Ernsts lived in a town in Nova Scotia with their three-year old son, Linden. Linden was in hospital diagnosed with leukemia and was not responding very well. In order to pass some of the time at the hospital, the family watched TV, and as fate would have it, Bill and Roslyn watched the Canadian Derby. Somehow Roslyn zeroed in on the little horse that trailed for the majority of the race, and then she watched him circle the field to win. At that moment she knew the little horse would be their inspiration for Linden. She wrote the Terrys and explained about their sick little boy and how they wanted to keep in touch with "the little horse that could" and they wanted Pepper to be their mascot in Linden's fight for his health. After many obstacles and with the help of Jack Diamond, the whole family came to watch Pepper run in Vancouver. Linden fell in love with the little horse who tried so hard. Needless to say, the Terry and Ernst families bonded. Years have passed and Linden is a healthy young man, but with the death of Pepper the two families were brought together to celebrate Pepper's life and both families recalled how the little horse had helped them in different ways.

JACK AND ZENYATTA

When thinking of the undefeated mare Zenyatta, many words come to mind such as power, spirit, athletic abilities, but those are not the thoughts of a youngster named Jack. There was a touching story in the Blood Horse about 2 six-year-olds, Jack and Zenyatta. Jack has the neurological brain disorder, autism. In Jack's case, he has difficulties with speaking and using appropriate social skills. Jack was introduced to Zenyatta by radio broadcaster and Daily Racing Form correspondent Jay Priviman. Zenyatta's trainer, John Shirreffs, welcomed Jack and his father to meet the supermare. When Jack started poking her with his fingers and screaming loudly, Jack's father was concerned as he didn't want to upset Zenyatta. Shirreffs knew Jack was communicating in his own way to show how happy and excited he was! After the visit, Jack would beam whenever Zenyatta's name was mentioned. Both parents have noticed that Jack has become more focused. Zenyatta proved that she has more patience and understanding than many humans-especially to a little boy named Jack.

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THE THOROUGHBRED LADIES CLUB

The Ladies will be having their annual "Breakfast on Us" for the grooms and hotwalkers on Saturday April 17th. These tickets will be good for a breakfast in the Kitchen for either April 17th or 18th.

Their next meeting will be at Andreas at the Airport in Langley on May 4th at 7:00 P.M. Visitors are always welcome.

GROOMS' SCHOOL

Alison Goulding is doing a fantastic job with the grooms. I watched them as they brought up the horses to the paddock for the grooms' first time, and they were all showing patience and professionalism even when one of the horses was acting up.

NEW STRIDE THOROUGHBRED RETIREMENT FOUNDATION



President Kim Inglis and Director Marcy Emery at the Open House

Many people attended the New Stride Open House at the Allbury Farm, and thanks to the people who donated to the Foundation. They even had a horse adopted that day! Please look on their website, www.newstride.com, and if you can help in any way, you will find it very gratifying.



Director Catherine Sheppard and friend.

THE LEARNING CENTRE

It is a buzz of activity with many people enjoying the use of the computers. John Brooks from Capilano University is busy helping people with their tax returns. We are open everyday; check the schedule on the door.



Grooms enjoying the Learning Centre.

WHERE HAVE THEY GONE?

Over the years, many HBPA scholarships have been given out to family members on the backstretch. We would like to see what has happened to these past recipients. Harold Barroby shared an interesting letter written by Tim Croisdale who now lives in California.

The entire letter will be in the Learning Centre but these are a few excerpts from it:

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"Harold, I am writing this letter to thank the HBPA for providing me with scholarship funds in my early academic pursuits. I also thank you for personally supporting my application and helping the HBPA ultimately to provide me with funds. As you review this letter I am sure you will conclude that those were funds well spent....In 1998, I began a Master of Science degree in criminal justice at California State University, Sacramento. Three semesters later, I graduated having completed the Master degree faster than anyone in the history of the university.... Upon completion of my Master degree, I began working for the State of California in which would become a nine year journey....By comparison, it takes most people 20 to 25 years to reach the second level research manager positions....In 2004, I was appointed as a member of the Public Safety Team on Governor Schwarzenegger's California Performance Review (CPR). As a result of my work as a member of the CPR, I received commendations and awards from Governor Schwarzenegger, the Executive Board of the CPR, and the Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol. In 2003, while working full time as a state employee, I began my doctorate at Si-

mon Fraser University. During the first year, I commuted between Sacramento and Vancouver weekly to attend classes and teach a third year course in Correctional Administration. I completed my PH.D. in Criminology in exactly three years which is faster than anyone had ever completed that degree and I received the highest grade point average in the history of the School. While studying at SFU, I began conducting research as a part of the RCMP. I enjoyed the research so much I continue to fly back to Vancouver regularly to conduct research as a Post Doctoral Fellow in Computational Criminology.

I am now a professor in the Division of Criminal Justice of California State University....I regularly and often reflect on my experience at Exhibition Park (Hastings) and I truly appreciate the financial assistance that the HBPA was able to provide to me as a member of the B.C. racing community. I hope that the HBPA is able to help fulfill the dreams of other students for years to come."
(Tim's Curriculum Vitae for Awards and Recognition is 5 pages long!)



'06 Oaks Winner Real Candy and Malibu Moon filly in Kentucky.

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