

# Hastings News

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## **HBPA NEWS** by Jeannie Spence

The wind and the cool rain remind us that our 2009 season is winding down. This will be the last Newsletter until the spring but we will have postings put up on the website and on the CTHSBC website informing you of any new events and also more of what to expect during the Olympics. The following notice has been posted at various places on the backstretch:

### **ATTENTION HORSEMEN**

Hastings Entertainment Inc. (HEI) with the cooperation of the HBPA of BC, has decided to cancel the last scheduled day of racing (November 8, 2009) so that the 2009 race meeting will now conclude on Saturday, November 7 with as many races (up to 9) that can be comfortably fit into that day's Breeders Cup schedule.

HEI will be asking the horsemen to vacate the barn area and be off the grounds by November 13, 2009.

For 2010 and 2011 HEI is expected to propose the following:

- a) 71 days of racing each year, and,
- b) a reduction of 12 % in purses through 2011.

At this stage HEI has not given us firm dates as to:

- a) when the 2010 training regimen will commence (uncertainties involving the Olympics venue at the Pacific Coliseum still have to be sorted out), and,
- b) the opening and closing of the 2010 racing season.

Most of the above has been occasioned by the financial dilemma which the local racing scene is facing at the present time. Both HEI and the HBPA of BC expect that by exercising the necessary fiscal restraints as noted we will be able to work our way out of the dilemma by the end of the 2011 racing season.

We had some great races and thank you to all our members of the HBPA for supporting us. It will be a difficult time for our President Debbie Peebles, Vice-Presidents Harold Barroby and Noel Roddick and directors, but we are willing to do our utmost to work for the betterment of racing. Thanks to all the buyers at the annual CTHS sale, and to the management and directors of the CTHS.

Our sale did not slide as most of the other sales.

The government is looking into another way of helping all the tracks and breeders groups; the HBPA, CTHS, BCSA and BCSBS. Mr. Chris Curtis and Mr. Derek Sturko have been spending many hours with all the groups and we should have more information early in 2010.

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Dec. 4th - HBPA of Canada Convention, Tucson, Arizona.

Dec. 6th - Children's Christmas Party which will be held on the frontside. For information, please phone - Linda (604-318-7949), Eleanor (604-534-2879), or Anna (604-936-4166). The party begins at 1:00 pm.

Dec. 12th - The Annual Awards Reception and Christmas Social. This will be held at THE DERBY BAR AND GRILL, #115-17637 1st Ave., Surrey, B.C. Tickets are available by calling Debbie Peebles at (604) 726-4431 or Cristan Gossen at (604) 641-8140. The cost of the tickets is \$20.00 each.

### **OOPS!**

The other day when Dennis Terry Jr. was walking down the shed row, he bent over to pat the black cat. Much to his shock he realized it was a skunk sauntering along. As Dennis said, he didn't need any coffee to wake him up!

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Natalie Boyd (Lori Lisogar's granddaughter) she is a mid fielder with the Woman's Whitecap Team; they won a gold medal at the Canada Games this summer. She also plays on the Trinity Western University Varsity Team.

Helen Lacoursiere with her lucky win at the Slots.

Erica Partington, she won 2 gold medals in form and bo staff and a silver in sparring.

To all the recipients who received scholarships from the TLC and HBPA.

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Aurora Stables with their old campaigner, Trick of the North who was the Giant Killer in the Premier's.



Trick of the North and Mark LeSage (proud partner)

## VET'S LIST

It's good to see Pedro Alvarado and Dave Wilson at the track, it will be nice to have them back riding in 2010.

Even though he has a cast on his leg, Jesse Rawson is still at work everyday.

## OUR SYMPATHIES GO OUT TO:

The Franz family on the passing of Susan.  
The Gaucher family on the passing of Bob.  
The Leveque family on the passing of Art.  
The McLachlan family on the passing of Alex, the good filly "Princess Alex" was named after him.

The McPherson family on the passing of Bob.

## NEW FOALS

Congratulations to Erick Gutierrez and Nayeli Orozco on the birth of their daughter, Yethali.

## NEW STRIDE



Hard workers for New Stride, Marion, Catherine, and Meril.

We had a successful 50/50 and the winner was Grant Wilson, congratulations.



Grant kindly donated \$100 back to New Stride.

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Thank you to all the people who bought tickets and a special thank you to the jockeys at Hastings who always support us.

This month there were lots of chances to eat! Troy Taylor hosted a Derby Breakfast, the HBPA held our Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon, and the Learning Centre held a FIESTA!



Much fun and food at the FIESTA!

**THE ART CIRCLE** held their art show and sale during the Oaks and Derby Weekend. There are so many talented people on the backstretch and thank you to all who participated.

## KIDZ KORNER

It is always a pleasure talking to Dakota, daughter of John and Tammy Snow. She just had her 8th birthday and she is a bright delightful young lady. Dakota loves writing stories and drawing pictures as well as reading.

The following story is one she just completed as I visited her in the tack room.



## Dakota Snow

Fedlia

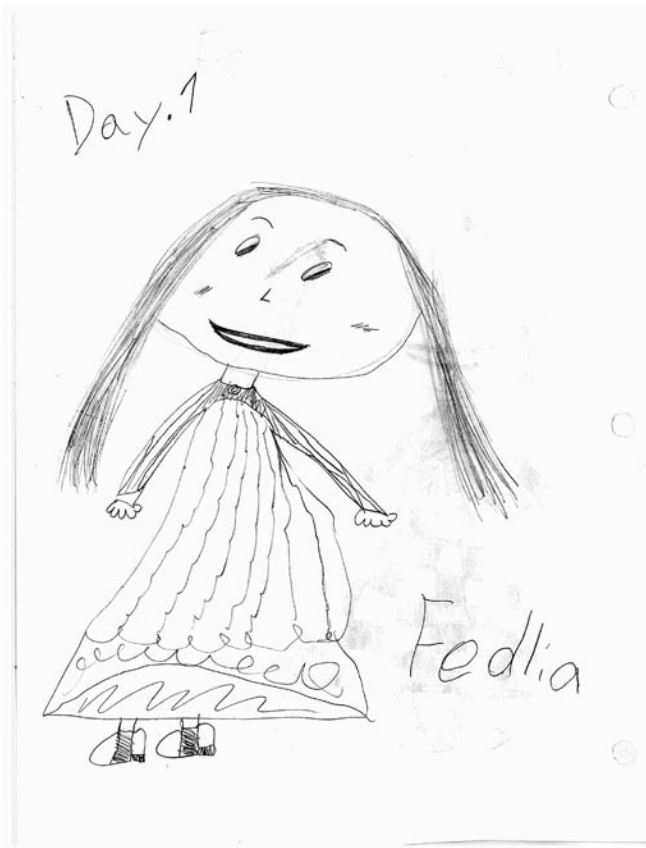
Once upon a time there was a lonely girl. Her name was Fedlia. Fedlia was so lonely she was afraid to talk. She had no friends and everyday she stared outside all day looking for a friend to play with. But even though she didn't know it was her fault that she didn't have any friends. She always knew what to do in a problem so she had an imaginary friend. She once went to the movies and her Mom told her to invite a friend but all she did was say, "I always have a friend" and her Mom said "Who is it?" She said "Ashley." Her Mom said, "But where is she?" Fedlia said "Right here!" "Oh-h-h, now I get it," said her Mom, "Hi Ashley" and Ashley said "Hi". Mom said "Well then what is her favorite colour?" Fedlia said that to her imaginary friend, so then she told her Mother

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"it's brown". Then they went to the movies, the next day she met a friend and they played and played. Then they became best friends. Ever since Fedlia never became lonely again.

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