

Hastings News

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HBPA NEWSLETTER by Jeannie Spence

"Horses leave hoof prints on your heart"

(anonymous)

Spring training is on schedule and everyone has hopes for a great racing season. There are changes on the backstretch, new faces mingle with the regulars. Lackey and Victoria Condilenios have taken over our kitchen, "Trackers". Besides having good food, it is so nice to see a new floor, freshly painted walls, and real cutlery and dishes!

Most of the owners and trainers know there have been cases of **STRANGLES** in the Fraser Valley. Hastings Racecourse will require proof of inoculation for **STRANGLES** in **ALL** two-year-old and three-year-old Thoroughbreds **PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL** on the grounds at Hastings Racecourse. There is a form which must be signed by your veterinarian. If you need this form, please phone the racing office (604-255-8823) or you can download it from the **CTHS B.C.** website (www.cthsbc.org).

In 2009, we will have 76 racing days which are 5 more days than 2008. Our season begins April 18th and ends on November 8th.

During the P.N.E. we will be racing on Wednesdays and Fridays instead of the weekends. We also will be racing on Monday, September 7th.

TRAINING HOURS

February 15 to February 28: 6:30 a.m. until 11 a.m.
Break 8:30-9:00.

March 1st: 6 a.m. until 11 a.m. Breaks: 7:30-8:00 and 9:30-10:00.

The Paddock opens for schooling on March 1st.

On March 11th the Starting Gate will be up from 7:00 to 9:30 on Thursday through Sunday.

DON'T FORGET EARLY NOMINATIONS FOR:

2011 Jack and Sadie Diamond Futurity, First Payment (foaled in Canada)
2009 Sadie Diamond Futurity
2009 Jack Diamond Futurity
2009 Debutante (Supplemental) B.C. Bred
2009 Nursery (Supplemental) B.C. Bred
2009 Fantasy (Supplemental)
2009 Ascot Graduation (Supplemental)

ALL PAYMENTS DUE MARCH 24TH

2009 LIVE INTERIOR RACE DATES

Sunflower Downs, Princeton June 26
Kin Park, Vernon July 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26
Sagebrush Downs, Kamloops May 9, 16, 23,
June 6, 20, August 1, 8, 15

CONGRATULATIONS

To Roy and Dixie Jacobson, they had a Granddaughter born on Roy's birthday!

VET'S LIST

It is nice to see Frank Boyas back training at the track. Hopefully Betty Bremner will be out of the hospital soon.
We want Elenore Van Den Born to be power walking soon.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF:

Clarence Belvoir
Ted Brunson
Thelma Dyson
Sue Fisher
Mary McDonald
Faustine Ternes

The HBPA Annual Winter Convention was held in Hollywood, Florida, January 28th until February 1st. As usual, the convention was very informative with many useful meetings especially on medication and the dirt tracks versus the synthetic tracks.

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GROOMS' SCHOOL

This year, our Grooms' School will be under the supervision of capable horsewoman, Alison Goulding. It will begin on March 4th until March 20th. If you know anyone is interested in the Grooms' School please check the Hastings Racecourse website (www.Hastingsracecourse.com) or phone the front desk (604-254-1631).

LEARNING CENTRE

Check for the opening hours. Watch for Yoga classes!

WINTER WORK

Besides painting houses, popular rider Frank Fuentes is a Great Babysitter.



"Uncle" Frank and Tyler Spence

Don't forget, any children who wish to write a story or poem for our newsletter, please email me at jspence@telus.net or give it to me at the track. We pay \$25 per story or poem.