

Hastings News

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HBPA NEWS

By Jeannie Spence

Our Friday afternoon racing started very well, the weather was perfect and the patrons enjoyed the races and sunshine. With the majority of the outside work completed, our training hours have changed back to the track opening at 6 A.M. on the week days and 5:30 on the weekends. The breaks are: 7:30 and 9:30 week days, and 7:30 on the weekends or holidays.

The HBPA directors voted unanimously to have our three stewards deciding on the outcomes of every race as stated in the B.C. Rules of Thoroughbred and Standardbred Horse Racing. In the Common Rules under Responsibilities of Stewards/Judges (section 18. 1), it states: Three Stewards/Judges shall be present in the Stewards'/Judges' stand during the running of each race.

PRINCETON FUN

It seems as if almost ½ of the racing fans from Vancouver made their annual trek over the mountain to Princeton.



Lauren Prail with her favourite jockey **Frank Fuentes**. Frank was not riding, just enjoying a day at the races.



Daily Racing Form writer and handicapper doing his other favourite job; playing in his band. Enjoying the music is **Bill Smith** and granddaughter **Lauren Prail**.

CONGRATULATIONS TO :

Charles Fipke on winning the Queen's Plate with his colt, Not Bourbon.

Natasha Sihota our latest apprentice jockey for her excellent showing on her first weekend of racing! Natasha had 2 wins, a second, and a third. Natasha has worked hard at galloping and working horses, when she wasn't going to university. We wish her good luck!

Dr. Shannon Wiebe and **Dr. Gaby Mikael** on their recent marriage. What a beautiful wedding! (Shannon is the daughter of **Dr. Ed and Glenda Wiebe**)

TALENTED PEOPLE

It always amazes outsiders what a talented group of people we have on the backstretch. Often times we just take the various talents for granted, I don't know of any other small community who has such a varied group of cultures, interests, and talents. Two of our talented people are **Anne MacLennan** and **Bob (Aceson) Roberts**. Anne had the honour of making the saddle cloths for the Queens Plate and Bob made whips for the British Pentathlon Team for the Olympics. The British team loved Monica's whip (which Bob also made) and asked Monica if Bob could make their whips as well. The whips

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have the national flag on the top. Congratulations Bob and Anne! (Below)



OLYMPIC UPDATE

Monica had a rushed trip home to Langley, B.C. for June, although she was still training and even went on a fencing tournament, Monica still took time to visit old friends on the backstretch and at the races. Monica was introduced at the opening of the Aboriginal Hall of Fame at B.C. Place.



Now it's back to intensive work at Davos and she has been joined by the German team for altitude training and at the beginning of August, the Canadian team, the French, the Germans and the Hungarians will meet in South Korea to train and finalize their preparation. They will be able to train in the same time zone as Beijing without the humidity and pollution. The Women's Modern Pentathlon will be run on August 22nd; it is run over the course of 10 hours as each venue is at a different location.



Joanne MacDonald (above) Jeannie Spence and Monica at Hastings Racecourse.

VET'S LIST

Vicky Gilker, hope you will be back galloping soon.

Gerry Olguin broke his heel at Woodbine, it has been a tough injury season for Gerry, he was first injured when his good friend and fellow jockey accidentally hit him with his car (Yes they are still friends) and now this injury. Don't be surprised to see him out at Hastings. He and son Kai are hoping to take a break from Toronto; they will be staying with good friends and Kai's Godfather, Frank and Tammy Fuentes. Gerry's wife Robin, will have to stay at Woodbine and run the business; "The Jock's Room".

Al McLean has been under the weather for a while. Even when he had retired from racing, Al would be at the races cheering for his family's horses. Just last year Al bought a new stallion, bringing back old memories of his famous stud Dark Hawk.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

The Bob Hall Family, Bob will be greatly missed as a long time breeder and owner. There was a wonderful celebration of life at his Juniper Creek ranch in Barnhartvale.

The Raymond Bremner Family, Ray had been a long time owner with his daughter Kathy. He and his family

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loved coming to the races and watch Kathy's horses run. Ray's pockets would be full of treats for the horses.

Edna Ross and Pam Price on the loss of their mother. Edna and Pam help with the archives at the CTHS and are members of the Thoroughbred Ladies Club.

GROOMS SCHOOL

A special thanks to **Alison Goulding** and **Georgann Gregory** for their work with the Groom's School. Congratulations to **Krista Nickason** on completing the course. She is enjoying her work with the horses AND Krista's daughter **Sequoia**, is at the day care. Hopefully we can get more applicants completing the course next year.

DAY CARE

There are still openings for the summer session, you can contact **Ana at Kiwassa** (604-254-0406 extension 230) ask for Ana or phone **Cristen** at the main office at Hastings Racecourse, (604-251-0406)

LADIES CLUB

As usual, the Annual Picnic held at Confederation Park was a success and the weather was perfect! The HBPA and the Back Stretch wish to thank the Ladies for all their support over the years.

The Ladies Club Scholarship applications are at the Racing Office and at the Learning Centre. The applications must be sent by the end of the July.

NEW STRIDE FOUNDATION

By **Meril Agrey**

Over the past two months, New Stride TRF has found good homes for ex-racehorses. They are **Ranglen Jack** and **Sterling Legacy** who have moved to the Sunshine Coast to live with a mother and her daughter who intend to do a lot of pleasure riding with them.

Sir Luther has been adopted by a family in Victoria and will have a new career as a trail/pleasure horse.

The other horse adopted out is one that was rescued from a field when the owner no longer wanted him and was going to shoot him. We don't know his registered name as his tattoo isn't clear enough to trace. But he

is a sound and lovely horse who will become a show horse.

While we aren't able to take every horse offered to us, please give us a call before you send any of your ex-racers to the auction. The majority of TB's that go through with an injury are bought by the meat man and sent for slaughter. This is not the future that these horses should have if it can be avoided.

We will be having a Silent Auction in August, we need donations.

WINNERS FOUNDATION

By **Joe Gray**

The Burger and Beans Night are continuing throughout July. Anyone interested in attending the AA meetings please come up to the TV room above Trackers at 11A.M. every Sunday. Don't forget to purchase the meal tickets they are a good deal. You can buy them from **Joey Gray, Cindy Krasner, Debbie Peebles or Jeannie Spence.**

THE LEARNING CENTRE

We are always sad to see **John Brooks** from Cap College leave for the summer, he is a big part of the Learning Centre and he is always such a great help at the Burger and Beans Night.

We had 2 workshops in June; John Brooks did a digital camera workshop and **Juanita Sahl** did a 3 part mono chromatic art workshop, you will be able to see some of the completed mono chromatic art at the ART SHOW on Friday July 25th.

In July the biggest event will be the Art Show and also Jeannie Spence will be taking interested people to The **Bill Reid Foundation** on Monday July 21. If you are interested please sign up. There is a sign up sheet in the Learning Centre and also with **Jo Leather.**

THE ART CIRCLE

By **Juanita Sahl**

A reminder to all participants: Please bring your artworks up to the Learning Centre between 9 and 12 on Friday, July 25, so that they can be set up for the show, which is happening between one o'clock and six p.m. in front of the grandstand slots area. Tables and chairs will be available there for you to present your work but if you

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wish to sell the artworks, you must be in attendance or must find someone to cover for you.

If you have any questions, please see Alvina or Juanita in the Learning Centre.

KIDZ KORNER

Rubie's Mom and Dad both worked in the backstretch for many years, **Tracie Stewart** was an exercise rider and **Claus Schuster** was a groom. They still are interested in horses and follow the races. They passed their love of horse on to their daughter Rubie. She loves horses and is taking riding lessons.

SHOOTING STAR

By **Rubie Schuster**

One clear starry night, a shooting star crossed the sky. A little baby horse was born and all was dark and quiet. A girl Carla named the horse Shooting Star. In an instant, she called her friend Emily who loved horses. Emily couldn't wait to go to Star Fall Ranch and see Shooting Star.

When Emily got to the ranch she said, "I love the color of Shooting Star's coat, it is chestnut and black. Emily and Carla spent many years on the ranch training Shooting Star. Shooting Star grew up to be one of the best racing horses in the world.

One night Emily was riding Shooting Star on a trail in the woods near the barn and all of a sudden, Shooting Star stopped. Emily heard something in the bushes. Shoot-

ing Star ran farther away from the barn. It started to rain and Shooting Star finally stopped running. Emily told Shooting Star not to worry but Shooting Star wouldn't listen. A little mouse came out of the bushes and ran across the trail. Shooting Star started to run away. She ran and ran so fast that Emily couldn't stay on her back. Emily fell off and shooting Star kept on running. Emily lost sight of Shooting Star. Emily's arm hurt and she couldn't move it. Emily got out her cell phone and called her friend Carla and told her what happened. Carla comes to where Emily is hurt and picks her up in her quad. They drive around looking for Shooting Star for many hours. Just as it is beginning to get dark, they find Shooting Star in the river drinking water. Carla helps Emily with her broken arm by putting it in a sling. Carla then puts Emily on Shooting Stars back so she will get over her fear of falling off her back. Carla then ties a rope to Shooting Star's halter and the other end to the quad. They slowly drive back to the barn.

At the barn, they put Shooting Star back into her stall and Carla phones the doctor to come and look at Emily's arm. After the doctor looks at Emily's arm, he tells her that it is broken in two places on her elbow and forearm. He told her she would have the cast on for 8 months. Emily is sad because she will not be able to ride Shooting Star until her cast comes off.

Carla finds some medical equipment that can heal your arm in six weeks. She tells Emily to try it. It works and Emily rides Shooting Star again sooner than she thought. After Emily's first ride back on Shooting Star, Carla decided to give Emily Shooting Star to own and Emily was so happy she cried tears of joy.

THE END

"Daffynition-Adult-a person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle."