

# Hastings News

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When looking at the weather and the calendar, it is hard to believe that it is June and we are nearing the longest day, then the days get shorter. I am sure we are going to have a beautiful summer, but the rainy Fridays have not helped our handle. Hopefully things will IMPROVE.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

June 12th	Racing at Sagebrush Downs in Kamloops
June 19th	April Friesen's Benefit at the track
June 20th	Racing begins at 10 A.M.
July 2nd	No racing –this day will be used in Sept.
July 3rd	Princeton Racing Days
July 6th	Racetrack Picnic at Confederation Park

## BACKSTRETCH HAPPENINGS

We need everyone to support the fundraiser for **April Friesen** on June 19th, bring silent auction donations to the main desk on the frontside where they will be catalogued. There will be many ways that everyone can help. Check with **Gord Rumble**.

The Horse Owners Cocktail Reception, June 4th on the frontside was a success and a great idea, hopefully they will have another one and more people will be contacted.

Thanks to **Bob Rohman** and **Harold Barroby** for the clean-up job they did at the East Gate. This is the first view of our backstretch for owners and backstretch workers; needless to say it has not been a welcoming experience. It takes all of us just to pick up our own garbage. There are gloves and bags at the East Gate, just ask the security guard.

Check out the Interior Horse Racing website at [www.bcihra.ca](http://www.bcihra.ca), it is an interesting one.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

**Frank Barroby** for his well deserved induction into the Canadian Horseracing Hall of Fame.

**Kathy Bremner** for winning the Mysteries and Margaritas story contest.

**Tribal Teen** for breaking the track record (about 3 ½ furlongs 40.38)

**Dino Condilenios** and **Christine Loseth** for their super job on **Burj Dubai!** (Even though this fellow was a million dollar yearling purchase, he had many issues. It looks as if he is on the right track, thanks to all the patient care.) Also a special thanks

to **Swift Thoroughbreds** who take the chances with these fine animals and allow them to race at our track!

**Spaghetti Mouse**, B.C. Bred's top money earner (now 8 years old and has only raced at Hastings Racecourse) on his latest win, he has always been a Hastings favorite and CONGRATULATIONS to owners, **Nick and Pauline Felicella** who are such strong supporters of the B.C. Bred horses, trainer **Lenore Du-bois** and crew.

**Greg MacDonald** and **Cristan Gossen** for all their fund raising for Cancer. Greg is once again biking to Seattle in the 2010 Ride to Conquer Cancer and Cristan who ran in the Relay for Life. We are so proud of you both!

## NEW FOALS



"What a cutie!"

Best wishes to Kristie Henson and James Popov on the birth of their son, Carson Stephen Henson-Popov. Proud first time grandparents are Steve and Lori Henson!

## OUR THOUGHTS AND WISHES GO TO:

The **Fodor Family** on the loss of **Claire**

The **Massey Family** on the loss of **Louise**

The **Stanton Family** on the loss of **Mary**

These three ladies were such an important part of the Thoroughbred Ladies Club and the backstretch community. Louise and Mary were also partners in the Golden Girls Stable, it is a big loss. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the families.

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## IT WAS SO GOOD TO SEE:

**Bev Miles**, she looks great!

**Dr. Don Olson**, what a pleasure to see Don!

## NEW STRIDE

The Buffet in the Marquee Tent was a success, thanks to all who attended. We have 2 more 50/50 draws, one Friday June 11th and the other will be June 20th. Thank you to all our sponsors.

### Sponsor a New Stride horse:

How Bout Jose

Looking for the perfect gift? Are you a horse lover without the space, time, or means to care for a horse?

For as little as \$10 a month, you can sponsor How Bout Jose and help give him the loving care he deserves in his well-earned retirement.

**How Bout Jose** is by Drumalis out of Pranke's Price by Pranke. He was foaled in 1997 and ran until he was 10 years old. He was quite a remarkable racehorse; winning 12 of his 33 starts with \$235,652 in earnings. He was in-the-money an astounding 76% of the time!

Visit [www.newstride.com](http://www.newstride.com) to arrange your tax deductible sponsorship.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

by Anne MacLennan

The following story is true, but the names have been changed.

It was springtime in the Agrodome and final preparations for the start of the Hastings Park racing season were underway. With three weeks left until Opening Day, the horses were getting sharp and the hazards of everyday existence were multiplying fast. A horse cast or jumping around on the concrete could start a chain reaction that threatened everyone's dreams of racing success. The ensuing chaos could last for minutes – shoes would be spread, grooms' toes crushed, cheekbones bruised. Although the tension was palpable, the Dome Dwellers were getting along quite well, with a few exceptions.

Along the wash rack wall, Lindsay was sleepwalking through her pre-training stall cleaning routine when something unusual

caught her eye. She'd been grumbling about her neighbour Rick and his father Ray as she stabbed at the straw bedding, wondering how she could have thought they were all right. The old man, a self-proclaimed "trainer and raconteur" according to his business card, had seemed very entertaining with his funny stories and devilish wit. The son had a dry sense of humour too, and they had all shared lots of laughs throughout spring training. Now Rick and Ray had shipped a 2 year old into the stall next to her best filly, and for the past week, it was coughing. "Bad enough we have to live in an incubator", she thought out loud, referring to the warm, moist atmosphere of the Agrodome, which she imagined to be a virus particle's definition of Heaven. "What's the chance my horses won't all be coughing by Opening Day?" She had let her neighbours know how she felt about their carelessness in a heated exchange the day before which was further aggravated by her frustration in knowing the damage was done. So much for peaceful co-existence. Her thoughts returned to the strange object nestled in a fresh pile of manure at the back of the stall.

At first glance, it looked like a parasite of some kind, but much larger than anything of that sort she'd ever seen, either live or in a reference book. She dabbed at it with a pitchfork, separating it from the manure, and recoiled from its slimy, translucent skin. It was the size of an ostrich egg, she noted, but slightly rounder in shape, and somewhat squishy when prodded. She might have seen it move away from the fork, and decided to consult other trainers.

A crowd gathered gradually as word of the finding spread through the Agrodome. Everyone had a theory - some thought it was a colony of worms, a giant bot, a polyp, a section of intestine. One trainer was far more certain than the others. "It's a foal egg," he reported sagely, "I've seen one before." He described a mummified ovum of some sort, a non-viable aberration of nature and nothing to be particularly concerned about. Lindsay was unconvinced, thinking to herself that he'd be more concerned if his filly had passed something like this. Her vet, Dr. Grinder interrupted her thoughts. "Heard you've got something interesting going on." "Yes I do. Take a look at this." She led him into the stall. "No way!" he exclaimed, "That looks like an enterolith!" He explained as he prodded at the mass that an enterolith is a mineral concretion or calculus that may form spontaneously in the intestine or as a gradual buildup of minerals around a foreign body, such as twine. He carefully removed the glistening sphere from the stall and set it on a sterile drape for closer examination. "We'll take some cross sections of it and send it to the lab for analysis. This is cool – I've heard of them before, but I've never seen one."

He put on fresh surgical gloves and unpeeled the wrapper from

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a scalpel. Lindsay half expected to hear a muffled scream as the first cut was made, and leaned away from the tailgate operation. The scalpel was inserted carefully. The spectators held their collective breath, and then noticed a strange aroma emanating from the incision. It smelled almost spicy, actually meaty and spicy. Dr. Grinder straightened up and delivered the diagnosis. "This is a haggis! Oh man, it's April fool's day! Good ONE!!"

The crowd retreated quickly to get back to their chores. Some found the prank more ingenious than others, but no one claimed responsibility on that day or in the weeks that followed. Opening Day came and went as usual as did the virus, just as both had done in previous years. As for the stork who delivered the "foal egg", I know who you are, and you deserve credit for the best practical joke ever. Good ONE.

## THE LEARNING CENTRE

We are all on the edge of our seats because it is time to apply for the government grant; hopefully we will receive it again. We are busy every day and have several more people working on their GED. We welcome anyone with a license to come and meet with us. Don't forget to sign up for the first aid course coming soon.

The second room will probably be very busy with people watching the world soccer matches; you are welcome to join the fun.

We want to help clean around the East Gate and want all the backstretch to help us. There are garbage bags, gloves and a broom in the security office. We will be washing and painting the bench as well. This is our place and we are PROUD of it. PLEASE HELP.

**DON'T FORGET TO COMPLETE YOUR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**, if you need help, see us at the Learning Centre. You can pick up the application forms at Harold Barroby's barn or at the Learning Centre.

## WHERE HAVE THEY GONE?

In the May issue, I did an article on Linda Sams, I wanted to include the following excerpt which was in the Tanzanian paper.

Is there such a thing as an Island culture? Tassal's new Chief Sustainability Officer, Linda Sams, certainly believes so.  
Canadian Flavour at Tassal Profile: Linda Sams

Only resident in Tasmania for the past few months, she already feels totally at home here. Linda, a biologist with more than 20

years experience in the salmon farming industry, is immensely impressed by Tasmania's beauty and feels privileged to be undertaking her role. She has found everyone here incredibly welcoming and friendly-just like her previous home at Campbell River in British Columbia.



Linda Sams

Her position was created by Tassal to support the continued commitment on growing its aquaculture company in an environmentally responsible, sustainable manner. Creation of this position reflects a growing international trend to minimize the environmental footprint of business. Tassal Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, Mark Ryan, says: "This is in response to the needs of our customers, investors and stakeholders."

Tassal is Australia's largest aquaculture company, marketing 70% of the Tasmanian salmon industry's production in a vertically integrated business, from financial involvement in hatchery operations to farming, processing, value-adding, distribution, sales and marketing.

Linda is excited about the new possibilities that her Tasmanian role opens up, not just to Tassal but also for the whole state. She sees her task, to implement and sustainability as a huge responsibility but is enthusiastic about the challenges it will bring. Linda sees that the position will provide a visibility and transparency of that vision, within and outside Tassal, for the greater good of the whole community. Her expectation is that she can combine business growth and increased profitability with corporate, social, and environmental responsibility.

In her previous roles, Linda has focused primarily on the areas of environmental management, research and stakeholder consultation. She was the CEO of the Centre for Aquatic Health Sciences in British Columbia, equipping her in a perfect match for the Tassal position. The centre's mission is to advance an

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understanding of British Columbia's aquatic resources by addressing issues of aquatic animal health and welfare production and aquatic food safety. It facilitates the economic, social, and environmental sustainability of British Columbia's aquatic-based resource industries and increases research and service capacity in rural and coastal communities.

From 1998 to 2006, Linda was Technical Manager, then Senior Biologist/Environment and Community Relations Manager (Corporate Communications Officer) with Marine Harvest Canada Inc. Her responsibilities included corporate and local communications and public-government relations and one of her achievements was the development of ground-breaking First Nations protocol agreements. Another accomplishment she is proud of was the implementation of the first ISO-14001 certification for salmon farming in the Americas.

From 1990-1998, Linda was a Technical Advisor with Moore Clark Canada Inc., designing and implementing fresh water feed research and nutritional support. Prior to that she was Fish Health Manager from 1987-1990 at Royal Pacific Sea-farms Ltd. As a member of the production team, she did involved field work combined with data compilation and analysis of broodstock selection as well as environmental and hatchery management.

FOOTNOTE; When talking to Linda's brother Ned, it was interesting to hear that when Linda and family went over to Tasmania, one of her son's friends from Campbell River lived in Tasmania, it just shows what a small world it is!

## KIDZ KORNER



The following comments speak for themselves, congratulations Lauren, we are so proud of you!

You may have seen **Lauren Prail** with her Nana, **Darlene Smith**, in their box at Hastings reading anything she can get her hands on... programs, form charts, comics, novels... you name it!

With all that reading and her natural love for words, it's no surprise that over the winter Lauren competed in three spelling bees and two public speaking contests! Lauren is the Miller Park Elementary School Spelling Bee champion and public speaking contest winner. She went on to compete in the district finals for public speaking and won... Lauren also went on to the district finals in spelling and is a silver medalist in the Tri-Cities Libraries Spelling Bee, earning her a chance to compete in the regional Canwest Canspell National Spelling Bee competition at UBC.

With all of these accomplishments at the ripe old age of 10, the future looks bright. Keep up the great work, Lauren!!



Lauren and proud Nana Darlene Smith.