

# HBPA News

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## **HBPA'S President Debbie Peebles' Blog:**

A new group has been working the backstretch these past few days. The B.C. Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association says it has formed to speak for the owners and breeders with one voice. This is curious as there were already voices for the owners and trainers in place. Why was there no attempt to put the existing groups together is not clear, although the reason for not doing so will no doubt emerge over time. They say they want to unite the industry, yet their actions have the potential to divide us at a time when unity is critical.

To this point in time most of the information about the group has surfaced on Glen Todd's newsletter. We trust that most of the information is more accurate than Mr. Todd's assertion that the HBPA directors (and he did say it was plural) have signed on with the new group. The HBPA has canvassed its directors and can report that not one, let alone more than one director has indicated anything but solidarity with the HBPA and none of them have abandoned our Association and what it stands for. Despite the rumors to the contrary, the HBPA of BC is still working on behalf of its members and will continue to do so. For many decades the HBPA has provided programs to the well-being of its members on the backstretch, including a dental plan, a learning centre, scholarships for those seeking to improve their lives through higher education and the Winners Foundation for individuals seeking to deal with substance abuse problems. In times of hardship and bereavement we make benevolent monetary grants.

The HBPA has sponsored training programs for backstretch workers (a groom's school for example) and a foreign worker program to help cover labor shortages. We provide third-party liability coverage of up to \$1,000,000 at no extra cost to our members. We operate a feed store with delivery service and provide liberal credit to our members for their needs and purchases.

The HBPA of BC was a founding partner and joint creator of TBC Teletheatre BC. This business has grown steadily over the past 16 years, and our membership through the HBPA owns a 25% interest in TBC Teletheatre BC.

The HBPA has represented its members in negotiations with a number of different governments and track operations over these many years and is strengthened by its affiliation with other HBPA organizations all across North America. In any event, we are continuing to work on behalf of our members and will do so in the future.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**September 13<sup>th</sup>** at 2:00 pm Yearling Parade at Thunderbird Show Park

**September 14<sup>th</sup>** at 3:00 pm Annual Mixed Thoroughbred Sale at Thunderbird Show Park

**September 24<sup>th</sup>** at 11:30 am Retirement luncheon for Bryant McAfee and Marion Yip in the Horsemen's Grill

**September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>** Oaks and Derby Weekend

**September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>** Backstretch Art Show

**September 28<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm HBPA AGM in the George Royal Room

**Lucas Brake**, grandson of Reg and Marie Peat, is a future racetracker in training. Lucas loves driving his John Deere tractor and helping **Grandma Marie** clean the stalls.



## BACKSTRETCH HAPPENINGS

There have been some changes in our racing community. After over thirty-five years as the Secretary/Treasurer of the HBPA **Bryant McAfee** has retired but has not left the track. We will still see Bryant on the backstretch and front side watching his horses perform as well as his involvement with the Winners' Program. **Marion Yip** who has worked with Bryant for many years is also leaving her position; we wish her the best in all her future endeavours. There will be a retirement luncheon at the Horsemen's Grill on Friday September 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 everyone on the backstretch is invited.

On September 6<sup>th</sup> we had a chance to say goodbye to our 2008 B.C.Horse of the Year and 2008 B.C. Derby Winner, **Krazy Koffee**. He also won The Richmond Derby Trial, The

Chris Loseth Handicap, and The Stellars Jay Handicap. Owned and bred by **Butch Goertzen** and trained by **Cindy Krasner**, Krazy Koffee has been a fan favourite. He will start his new career in the show ring. We know that Butch and Cindy will always be there for Krazy Koffee and his stall will be waiting for him at the Goertzen farm when he is ready to retire.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

**Justin Jensen** and **Scott Williams**, both young men won their first race on a recognized track. **Justin** and **Scott's** families have been involved in the racing industry for many generations. Justin is the son of trainer **Jennifer (Hall) Johnson** and the grandson of **Bobbie and Annie Hall**; **Scott** is the son of former rider, **Danny Williams** and grandson of former rider, **Ronnie Williams** and **Barb Williams**. We wish Justin and Scott long and successful careers.

## WEDDING BELLS

Congratulations to **Shawn and Carolyne Buhr** on their recent marriage (Shawn is the grandson of **Kenny and Arlene Kyan**)

Also wedding wishes go to two other couples who will be married this month:

**Christine Loseth and Carl Amman**  
**Nicole Clark and Jason Collins**

We wish the couples health and happiness

## VETS LIST

We send all our best wishes to **Dave Dahl** and hopefully he will be home soon. **Dave** has had six operations since his traumatic accident. It was nice to see his filly, **Orchid's Storm** win on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Mark and Patti LeSage**; they were injured when their car was totaled by a negligent driver.

**Tracy McCarthy** hope you are off your crutches soon.



**Hastings Racecourse Paddock**

## **OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND THOUGHTS GO OUT TO:**

The **Cuthbertson** family on the loss of **Alan Shawn Lawson** on the loss of his father **Alex Bill McLaren** and family on the loss of **Charlene**

**Charlene, Alex, and Alan** were an integral part of our backstretch family and will be greatly missed

## **NEW STRIDE**

The New Stride Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation ([www.newstride.com](http://www.newstride.com)) is hosting a silent auction to raise funds.

### **About New Stride**

New Stride is a registered charity dedicated to finding suitable adoptive homes and alternative careers for Thoroughbred racehorses no longer able to compete.

To learn more please watch our segment on Tommy Wolski's Sport of Kings television show

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vSaPlxjsxEM>

### **Why we need help:**

New Stride has boarding facilities and acreage waiting to accept more horses. We also have a list of horses wanting to move into our facilities to receive our care but ironically, stalls and fields are empty while horses wait.

To move horses from the waiting list into our stables and onto our pastures, we must raise funds for their feeding and health care needs.

### **About the Auction:**

The auction will be held on September 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at the Thoroughbred Show Park in Langley. The event will be hosted during the Canadian Thoroughbred Horse Society Yearling & Mixed Sale. The event always draws a crowd, with attendees ranging from owners, breeders, trainers, casual observers, and both local and network media.

### **How you can help:**

We would be honored to have your support with the donation of an item for auction. Donated items do not have to be specific to horses; they can include gift certificates, merchandise, sporting and entertainment tickets, promotional items, trips, art work, educational services, etc. We'd be happy to arrange the pick up of your donation. Just let us know how we can help.

Donors will receive recognition on the bid sheet and display signage; appreciation on our website; exposure to the local racing community; a tax receipt; and of course the gratitude of the Thoroughbred racehorses that will benefit from your generosity.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me at [kinglis@newstride.com](mailto:kinglis@newstride.com).

## **STRANGE BUT TRUE**

What's in a name?

Two yearling fillies went through the 2000 CTHS Sale; their names were Foxy Belle and Sassy Linda. Foxy Belle won at 3 and earned \$13,582. She was sold and became a broodmare. Sassy Linda was a hard knocking filly who ran 55 times and earned \$75,865. Sassy Linda and Foxy Belle really had nothing in common besides being bred and raised by the same breeder.

The story would have ended there until Foxy Belle's yearling was entered in the 2005 Yearling Sale! The Jockey Club phoned to say that the DNA of Foxy Belle's colt, Lets Jet, did not match Foxy Belle.

After much consternation and panic; it was discovered that Foxy Belle was Sassy Linda and Sassy Linda was Foxy Belle. Sassy Linda #1 was still running so the form had to be changed to Foxy Belle, Foxy Bell #1 was not the dam of the colt, Lets Jet, so a new catalogue page had to be printed with the correct pedigree and much explanation to everyone involved in this mix-up. As you can imagine, there was a very embarrassed breeder who made an honest mistake on his two yearlings. Sassy Linda #1 who now was Foxy Belle didn't seem to like her changed name and really didn't perform under her new name, Foxy Belle and she was retired.

## **WHERE HAVE THEY GONE**

Nick Chabara is another HBPA Scholarship recipient who has deep roots in the racing world. Nick's Mom, Linda, and Dad, Mike, have been in the racing business for many years. Linda was a champion show horse rider when she met Mike. After a successful career as a jockey, Mike left the racing industry, for several years but now is back as a trainer. Linda has worked on the front side for many years.

Nick was always interested in sports and so it was no surprise what vocational path he would choose. He received a diploma in sports sciences at Douglas College, a degree in kinesiology at the University of the Fraser Valley, as well as a degree in education at Simon Fraser University.

Also at Simon Fraser University, Nick completed a post bachelor's degree in teaching English as a second language. Besides being employed by the Langley School District, Nick has a full schedule devoting his time to our youth. He is a coach/manager of both soccer and hockey teams, and 'in his spare time', Nick will be traveling to Cuba this month to visit schools and providing them with needed school supplies. When this young man returns he plans to buy a house in Surrey, close enough to his family so he can still enjoy his family and his Mom's cooking. The HBPA are proud to have helped Nick achieve some of his goals and we are sure we will hear more from this caring young man. By the way ladies, he is an eligible bachelor!



## **THE LEARNING CENTRE**

September means that our friend and tutor from Capilano University, John Brooks will be back, he has been helping framing the old pictures which are displayed in the Horsemen's Grill. It also will mean that Burgers and Beans will once again start up.

We have had many people enjoy the Learning Centre over the summer

## KIDZ KORNER



**Hannah**

**By Hannah Collinson**

**Age 10**

### **Robots**

Once upon a time there was a little boy, his name was Matt and he loved inventing Robots. Although there was a problem with his Robots, they tried to take over the world! What happened was that Matt's friend Joey came by and told the Robots to take over the whole world. Of course Joey thought that was a joke and he didn't know that the Robots would actually take over the world. So, that night when Matt was sent to bed he immediately sneaked downstairs to the garage to check out his Robots-but his Robots were nowhere to be found! The next day at school Matt asked Joey if he had done or said anything to the Robots. Joey just said "oh, I only said TAKE OVER THE WORLD!" "Oh no! The Robots do whatever you say!" exclaimed Matt. Matt went straight home and ordered his Robots to come straight home and fix all the damage they did and say "sorry" to everyone. They did and everyone was happy again.

