



BC THOROUGHBRED OWNERS & BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

“One Voice for Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders in British Columbia”

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By Mike Heads

A reminder to all horsemen that the barn area at Hastings will be opening on Monday, January 30th, to bring horses in and start setting up their stalls. The track itself will be open for training two days later on Wednesday, February 1st. The training hours will be from 7 a.m. until 11 a.m. Tuesday through Sunday. The track will once again be closed on Mondays.

There have been just over 1,000 stall applications submitted to date. Please be sure to have your ‘flu and rhino’ vaccine forms available for each horse. A ‘strangles’ vaccine is mandatory for all 2 year olds and for any horse that hasn’t raced at Hastings in the last three years. Every trainer must also fill out and sign the ‘conservation form’ which is available in the racing office and on-line at the Hastings Racecourse website.

At a recent Financial Working Group meeting (a group that advises the Horse Racing Industry Management Committee meeting on all financial matters) it was announced that there was a surplus of \$140,000 at year’s end which will be distributed in accordance with the 2011 percentages.

There is great news coming from the New Stride Thoroughbred Adoption Society. Three more retired racehorses were recently passed for adoption and with this exciting news New Stride can move up three horses from the waiting list and put them into training to set them up to be potential adoptee candidates. It can sometimes be a long process to match potential new owners with the right type of horse for their individual riding ability and needs thus a thorough screening process is necessary to ensure a suitable match is made for each new prospective owner. For more information on New Stride go to their website at www.newstride.com.

Just around the corner are two important stallion auctions for prospective 2012 breeders. The Thoroughbred Ladies Club and the New Stride Thoroughbred Adoption Society are holding silent stallion auctions that are closing shortly.

The Thoroughbred Ladies Club auction closes on Tuesday, January 31st, 2012. The stallions available for auction are Alybro, Cause To Believe, Cheroot, Flammabull, Forest Grove, Rosberg, Sir Gallovic, Second In Command, Stephanotis, Storm Victory, Teide and Texas Wildcatter. Bids can be submitted to Barb Williams at 604-542-8951, (fax) 604-596-1347 and to Linda Sentes 604-318-7949 or by email to lmsentes@uniserve.com.

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The New Stride Thoroughbred Adoption Society silent stallion auction closes on Thursday, February 16th, 2012. All proceeds from the auction are spent directly on the aftercare and adoption programs for retired thoroughbred racehorses. The available stallions are Alybro, Bright Valour, Cause To Believe, Cheroot, Flammabull, Forest Grove, Rosberg, Second In Command, Sir Gallovic, Skimming, Stephanotis, Storm Victory, Teide and Texas Wildcatter. For mail-in bids send to New Stride Thoroughbred Adoption Society, c/o Linda Lytle, Secretary Treasurer, 104-1477 Fountain Way, Vancouver, B.C. V6H-3W9 or via email to llytle@newstride.com. The deadline for email bids is 5:00 pm February 16th, 2012. For more information on the stallion auction online go to www.newstride.com.

I've been informed that the 2012 stakes schedule for Hastings Racecourse will be unveiled shortly. I will send a news brief with the stakes schedule attached when it becomes available.