



**BC THOROUGHBRED OWNERS & BREEDERS ASSOCIATION**  
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We are less than a month away from the opening day of the 2012 thoroughbred racing season at Hastings Racecourse. The horse population continues to rise with just under 600 on the backstretch. The worktab has been impressive with a total 331 different horses working last week. Of that number, 155 have worked a half-mile or farther, which would enable those horses to be ready for the races on April 14th. An additional 153 have worked three-eighths this week and some of those could conceivably be ready for opening day as well. We also expect to see another 100 horses return from the U.S. that will be ready for the first condition book.

The condition book, available on the Hastings website at [www.hastingspark.com/racing/horsepeople/ownerinfo](http://www.hastingspark.com/racing/horsepeople/ownerinfo) is on the left side of the page, for a PDF version.

A quick reminder to all that the early nominations for 2012 stakes races are due this **SATURDAY, MARCH 24<sup>th</sup>**. Below is a list of the stakes races and the payments due:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Stakes Race</b>	<b>Payment Due</b>
2014	Jack and Sadie Diamond Futurities	\$50.00
2012	Jack Diamond Futurity	\$100.00
2012	Sadie Diamond Futurity	\$100.00
2012	B.C. Cup Debutante	\$100.00
2012	B.C. Cup Nursery	\$100.00
2012	Fantasy	\$100.00
2012	Ascot Graduation	\$100.00
2012	CTHS Sales Stakes (2 yr fillies) sustaining fee	\$200.00
2012	CTHS Sales Stakes (2 yr c&g) sustaining fee	\$200.00
2012	CTHS Sales Stakes (3 yr fillies) sustaining fee	\$200.00
2012	CTHS Sales Stakes (3 yr fillies) sustaining fee	\$200.00