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Hastings Long Weekend

The 2013 thoroughbred season lost some momentum with the announcement of the cancellation of the Saturday, June 29th program at Hastings Racecourse. The bad news was delivered during entries late Wednesday morning, after only six of the 28 races offered for both Saturday and Sunday, had five or more horses entered in them. The poor weather and ever-changing track conditions are partially to blame, as well as the interior race card at Princeton, which did take 15-20 local horses away from the coast. It was also announced that the Friday, July 5th card has been cancelled. Hopefully, a couple of two-day weekends will help us bulk up the numbers in order to fill the balance of the meet and avoid any more cancellations. The good news for our sport is that the weatherman finally appears to be on our side, which is necessary for the welfare of the horses and also to get the betting public to the track as we are an outdoor sport that relies on good weather for maximum attendance.

Racing resumes this weekend on Sunday, with a nine-race card and then on Monday there will be four stakes races as part of a ten-race program on Canada Day, both days start at 1:50 p.m.

New Stride Winners Circle Fundraiser

The New Stride Thoroughbred Adoption Agency has scheduled their exciting "Winners Circle" fundraiser on Saturday, July 14th at Hastings Racecourse in the Marquee tent near the west end of the grandstand. There will special guest stars in attendance as well as an excellent silent auction, with numerous great packages to purchase. All proceeds from the fundraiser will go to New Stride, so make sure you mark July 14th on your calendar and come out to support the retired racehorses that are being re-trained for new careers. For all the details please click on the following link winners-circle.ca