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Race Day Cancellations

It is unfortunate to report that with an ongoing virus that is sweeping through the backstretch at Hastings that the Friday, July 26th and Saturday August 3rd race cards have been cancelled. The Hastings race office did a masterful job of getting three days of racing this weekend, but with six scratches already reported for tonight's card and it sounds like many more for Saturday and Sunday, it was decided by all racing groups that it would be nearly impossible to put together three cards for the next two weekends. To ensure strong cards for Saturday and Sunday next week as well as the Sunday and Monday BC Cup week, it was necessary to cancel these two race days.

Winners Circle Day at the Races

On the good news front, New Stride is proud to host the Winners Circle Day at the Races charity event at Hastings Racecourse, located in the Marquee Tent, (at the West end of the grandstand), this **Sunday, July 14 at 1:30 p.m.** The New Stride Thoroughbred Adoption Agency is responsible for re-training retired Hastings Thoroughbreds into Jumper, Pleasure and Event horses that are available for suitable adopters, giving them a second chance at a new career. The tickets are \$60 and are available on-line at Winners-circle.ca or at the door. Tickets include a canopy style buffet, a Hastings program, complimentary drink, live music, silent auction, prizes and much more. New Stride is delighted to have Edmonton Oiler hockey star **Ryan Nugent-Hopkins** showing support for this worthy cause. Ryan purchased his first horse at the CTHS sale last September and will be attending on Sunday. The Marquee tent is a great place to watch and wager on the horses and you do not want to miss the Weiner Dogs, who will be strutting their stuff in between races, it is going to be a great day for a great cause. Please try to attend and get in on a fun day at Hastings Racecourse!