



## **BC THOROUGHBRED OWNERS & BREEDERS ASSOCIATION**

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### **Hastings Horse Population**

With a little more than five weeks until the April 25th opening day at Hastings Racecourse, the horse population on the grounds is doing very well with just under 500 horses currently residing on the backstretch. The morning work tab has been solid with 192 horses working last week, which is up approximately 10% from the corresponding week last spring. The track will be open for training every day until the meet starts, giving horses and trainers an excellent opportunity to be ready for opening day.

### **Locally Owned Horses Returning**

The locally owned and winter campaigned California horses are just now migrating back to Vancouver as will the Phoenix runners now that the 21 day VSV quarantine ban has been lifted. This will enhance the local horse population and reportedly, another 100 horses are still in training at training centers in Washington and in the Fraser valley, so the numbers look excellent heading into the upcoming thoroughbred season.

### **Early Nominations Deadline**

Another reminder to everyone that the early nominations for Futurities, BC Cup, Sales Stakes, Fantasy, Ascot Graduation, Mares in Foal etc. close next **Tuesday, March 24th**.