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BACKSTRETCH OPENS TOMORROW

The Hastings Racecourse backstretch is open to horsemen to set up stalls and get ready for the April 17th opening day. The horses can enter the grounds on Monday, February 1st.

A reminder to everyone that every horse requires a current Coggins to enter the backstretch, along with flu-rhino vaccinations and proof of the strangles vaccination in the last three years. All vaccinations must be signed off by a licensed veterinarian.

HASTINGS HORSE SALE

The upcoming March 26th Horses of Racing Age and Two Year Olds in Training Paddock Sale is currently made up of horses that were bought by the HBPA and BCTOBA last fall. This was done in an effort to keep as many horses in British Columbia as all would have been sold to other jurisdictions and then for resale to race at Hastings in 2016. This sale also gives B.C. breeders a second chance to sell horses that were scratched or didn't sell at the 2015 CTHS Yearling sale last September. The two year olds that will be in the sale will have some training into them while three year olds and upward will be as race-ready as possible.

All horsemen are invited to enter a horse into the sale. The applications close March 1st. All of the information regarding the sale is available on our new *hastingshorsesale.com* website. The paperwork is complete on 11 horses that have been entered in the sale and their pedigrees and past performances for ones that have started are also available on the site. The information on each horse can be found by clicking on the name of the horse.

The sales manager Mike Heads will be happy to answer all questions pertaining to the sale either by e-mail *mike@bctoba.com* or by phone (604)-309-6509.