



BC Paint Horse Club

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We're having a Country Round-Up and y'all are invited!

The BC Paint Horse Club directors would like to invite y'all to a good, old fashioned-styled "country round-up" to help us celebrate the 2012 show season – and the members that made it so very memorable!

Join us Saturday, February 2 at our favourite stompin' grounds – the beautiful High Point Equestrian Centre in Langley! We'll be honouring the winners of our 2012 year end awards in both APHA and all breed competition in good, old country style, chowing down on a feast fit for kings (and countrymen), and raising a little bit of loot with our FAMOUS "Balloon STOMP" and silent – yee haw – auction! Dress? Country casual, of course!

All kidding aside, tickets are by reservation (email Colleen Schellenberg) and are \$30 for adults; \$15 for kids 12 and under. We'd like a head count by January 27, so be sure to get in touch with Colleen asap! Happy hour gets underway at 6 pm, dinner at 7 and the presentation of our jaw-dropping, mouth-watering awards (guaranteed to whet your appetite for the coming show season) starts around 8.

Your board of directors have a really terrific evening of food and fun planned, so get out your country best and join us, won'cha?

Drum roll please- Paint Your Ride BC is officially launched

Are you a recreational rider? Do you prefer the solace of the trails and the camaraderie of friends to the pressure (and judgments) of the show ring? And don't you think it would be great if you could get some recognition for the way you choose to enjoy your Paint Horse? We do, too!

The BC Paint Horse Club is very very pleased to announce "Paint Your Ride BC." Using APHA's "Ride America" program as a model, we have created a new "rider-friendly" program to our repertoire that every member of BC Paint will be eligible for!

For just the cost of your BCPHC membership, you can start logging the hours you spend in the saddle on your registered Paint Horse (on paper or even on an a smart phone app-- yup! there's an app for that!) and-- when the time comes-- send a copy of your log to us! When you reach your first 50 hours, we'll send you a certificate acknowledging your milestone ... all the way to 1000 hours or more!

The inaugural year of Paint Your Ride BC starts NOW and ends November 30, 2013. Then, we'll determine who logged the

most hours riding their APHA registered horse this year based on submitted logs and there will be not only recognition but bonafide awards for those of you who logged the most hours! How cool is that?

It's pretty darn cool, according to Kelly Allen, who will be Paint Your Ride BC's point of contact this year! Kelly and her husband, Ron Stolp, logged over 1000 hours in the saddle in 2012-- milestones that have been recognized by APHA because Kelly and Ron are registered in Ride America.

"I keep log forms everywhere (if you're not registered for Ride America, you'll be able to download our Paint Your Ride BC log sheet from our website)," Kelly told directors at our January meeting. "And, honestly, I only send in the log once a year." That's why, until she got her calculator out early in December, she thought-- at best-- they only had 500-700 hours each. But those hours on horseback add up! And, because they are members of Ride America, those hours will become part of their horses' permanent record. Just like APHA points and PAC credits!

For (lots) more information, go to our new Paint Your Ride BC page on the website or email Kelly. We encourage all our members to register for Ride America as well (there's a \$25 fee for the APHA program, although participation in BC's version of the program is included in your BCPHC membership.)

Let's get 2013 off to a great start-- go for a ride!

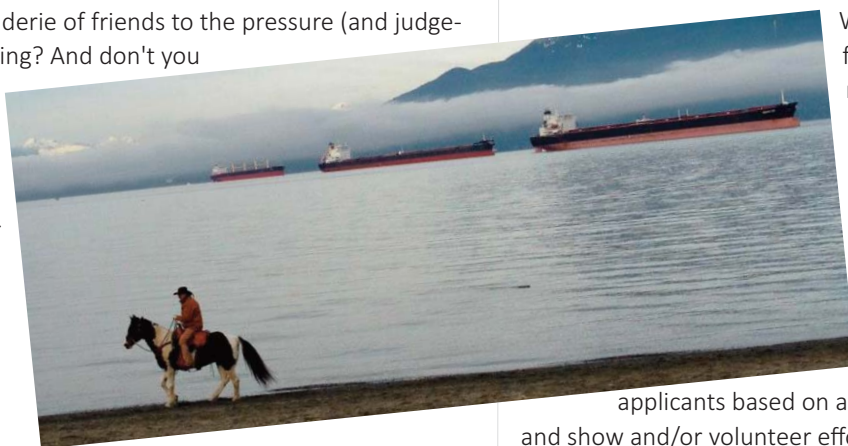
Youth scholarship in the works

We're not quite sure how we'll pay for it, but your BCPHC board of directors have been scheming and we're pretty confident we'll soon be able to announce the creation of an annual youth scholarship for BCPHC youth members heading into post-secondary education. We aw our first draft of the application requirements at our January meeting that will assess

applicants based on a written essay, high school marks and show and/or volunteer efforts. We're gunning for \$500, which will be awarded for the first time at our 2014 year end awards banquet. If you are (or have) a high school student who rides, shows or cares for a Paint Horse, we would encourage you (or them) to join BCPHC this year-- we're so much more than just shows! (Wink, nudge!)

All kinds of reasons to be a BCPHC member

If you haven't already, it's time to get out the cheque book and send in your 2013 BC Paint dues! This year, more than ever before, we are providing all Paint Horse owners with all kinds of incentives to be a part of our great group of Paint Horse people-- and our dues are the same as last year!





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Paint Your Ride BC and scholarship opportunities are just two of several programs you can be a part of as a BCPHC members. Our cornerstone, like all breed clubs, has been recognition for your success in the Paint Horse show ring, but we go the extra mile and offer awards to those of us who compete in all breed competitions (Open Show & Competition Program)-- and we're hopeful we will have lots of opportunities in many areas of the province for you to compete for recognition with your Paint Horse. A membership application is available from the website-- and don't forget to include a donation to the Children's Wish Foundation (if you can)!

How's your APHA membership?

APHA also has a big membership drive on right now to encourage new and renewal memberships before February 28. In celebration of their golden anniversary in 2013, they are offering some very awesome incentives for all levels of membership starting with one year. (And I'm pretty sure you're eligible even if your membership doesn't come up for renewal until after February 28.) _

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Paint Connections- the 2013 version

Back by popular demand! It's time to update your ad (or book a new one) in Paint Connections 2013!

Do you stand a stallion? Have a training facility? Perhaps you're a riding coach looking to increase your business? Or you have a boarding facility? Or maybe you just want to celebrate the success of your clients (or yourself)? Paint Connections is an advertising opportunity exclusive to BC Paint members and sponsors and comes out just in time for distribution at the Lower Mainland Quarter Horse Association's annual Horsemen's Bazaar, March 17.

Book your ad space now-- the deadline for ads will sneak up fast: it's Wednesday, February 20. The online version of Paint Connections 2013 will be on the home page of our website throughout the year-- and this year, will undergo a growth spurt! We're going to a full (8.5x11) page format! (The print version will be identical to last year.) Half page ads are \$25; full pages are \$40 (covers are a bit more). For more information, go here. And remember-- it's a fundraiser for BCPHC, so don't be shy! All proceeds go directly to the club.

Feature breed

The American Paint Horse will be the feature breed in an upcoming edition of Canadian Horse Journal. The magazine, which boasts a circulation of 88,000 nation-wide, will be waxing eloquent about our breed of choice in their March edition and is offering advertising and editorial opportunities to Paint Horse owners in BC. Their sales rep, Sherri Hewko, is a Paint Horse owner from Vancouver Island, it turns out, and is very excited to be working on this promotional feature. Deadlines for both advertising and editorial are coming up fast so get in touch with

Sherri Hewko asap for more information.

NWCC winners announced

There's a handful or so BC Paint members heading to Hood River, OR next weekend (January 18/19) to the Northwest Coordinating Committee's (NWCC) year end awards banquet. NWCC is made up of APHA horse clubs from throughout the Pacific Northwest (including BC) and our members have competed at NWCC-approved shows here in Langley (both LMQ'S Spring and Evergreen circuits were NWCC approved, as was Back-to-Basics) and across the line.

Congratulations to Emma Schellenberg who rode All Reddy Smoke N (Cotton) to many, many top five class awards and was named Reserve High Point Youth and Reserve Novice Youth overall. They won class awards in Novice Youth Trail, Hunt Seat Equitation and Hunter Hack to name but a few, were second in many others (Youth Trail, Novice Youth Horsemanship, Youth Western Riding), and then were missed out on qualifying in several gymkhana classes by a single point! (It would be hard pressed to find a more versatile youth exhibitor at this level of competition this year!) Emma, of course, is the 16 year old daughter of BC Paint past president Colleen Schellenberg. Congratulations!

With limited showing, 2012 World Champions Dianne Rouse and Ima Special Delivery coveted enough points to be named the Reserve High Point Amateur Masters. Dianne and Issac won the trail and were third overall in Masters Amateur Western Pleasure. (Masters separates the youthful Amateurs from the old toots – those over 45! Sigh ...)

Kirsten Chamberland also had many top three class awards riding two horses: One Cool Promise and A Sexy Sensation. She placed third and fourth in Youth Trail 14-18 with each horse, respectively, behind Emma's second place finish, and was second in Hunt Seat Equitation 14-18 with One Cool Promise.

Chrissie Penaloza's Dirty McLeaguer was third overall in Youth Halter Mares. They also held their own in the Youth 13 & under classes placing third in Youth Hunter under Saddle and Showmanship and second in Trail. Sister Daniella tied for reserve in Novice Youth Showmanship also showing Dirty McLeaguer. Daniella, Chrissie, Kirsten and Emma all ride with Chris and Jodie Moore of Moore Performance Horses.

Christina Frost is from Washington but is a BC Paint member and she is another one who oozes versatility. She rode RJ Stylin in Red to be named the High Point Amateur Classic overall, with lots of top three class finishes, including first in Horsemanship, Hunt Seat Eq and Showmanship. They also do Pleasure Driving and Reining! (Who says the all around horse is gone with the dinosaurs, anyways?)

For all the award winners and NWCC placings, go to NWCC's website.

Speaking of which

On behalf of BC Paint, I spend a weekend in early December in Hood River attending marathon meetings of NWCC and Zone One (show). It sounds like the big six judge "Zone Show" (in Cen-



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tral Point, OR, August 15-18) is considering a pretty all-inclusive flat circuit fee (thanks to me and my big mouth!) in an effort to turnaround a decline in entries over the past few years. That's excellent news for exhibitors because this show, with its \$90,000 (90 thousand dollar!) budget has outstanding prizes and the potential for big points and lots of recognition. They're also shortening to a four day format (from five), recognizing that time away from home, farm and business costs money, too. NWCC is taking a good look at their futurities (also suffering from low entries), too, and the directors came up with some good ideas and incentives to turn those around. They're held at the Zone One show.

BCPHC members should keep an eye on their mailboxes in February and look for the arrival of the 2013 NWCC Directory-- another benefit of your BCPHC membership! (Be sure to look for our ad!)

A list of APHA circuits in Zone One (BC, Washington, Oregon, and Idaho) are on the website and updated frequently.

Let us count the APHA shows in BC this year

It looks as if there will be just as many APHA judges in BC in 2013 as there were last year-- plus two! LMQ's Spring and Evergreen circuits will be BCPHC (and NWCC) approved and it is all but confirmed will be offering a circuit fee that includes your stall at Thunderbird and all the classes you can muster! (We're very excited.)

Kari Scott's Windhorse Farm is the first official (paid) sponsor of the "Back-to-Basics" Okanagan Show at MacKenzie Meadows in Pritchard, June 8. (Thanks, Kari!) Thea MacKenzie has asked if we could add a Barrels class to the lineup-- and we're considering it. What do you think?

We're waiting to hear if the shows in BC's central interior (the Three-in-One in Burns Lake, July 12-14, the Three Breed Classic in Terrace and the Bulkley Valley Fair, also in Smithers) will be BCPHC-approved-- but we're crossing our fingers and hoping for the best. Both the Three-in-One and Three Breed Classic have announced their APHA judges (two each), which means they are one step ahead of me and Back-to-Basics Coast. Teresa Sullivan has definitely been signed on, but I'm struggling trying to secure a second judge. (It just means I have to try harder!)

And finally, we're waiting to see if LMQ's Evergreen circuit, August 30-September 1, will be a two or three judge show for Paints. We're hopeful they'll agree to an APHA special event for Friday's competition. A special event allows them to host a limited number of APHA-approved classes (the usual rail classes like Hunter under Saddle, Western Pleasure and Trail) without having to have the full slate of halter classes. It will be NWCC approved, as well. The show bills for the LMQ shows will be ready in time for the bazaar.

So, all things going well, that should be 16 APHA judges in BC this year! That would be VERY exciting indeed!

Not an APHA exhibitor?

That's why BC Paint also offers (and are equally excited about) our Open Show and Competition Program, where you can compete for BCPHC year end awards by attending all breed and discipline specific events in your area. We're very pleased that new board members Margo Murray and Colleen Ebner will be overseeing the program this year. You'll note there's a new address to mail your results to on the 2013 form, now available to download from the OSCP page on the website.

We've made only one slight change to the rules for 2013. After a lot of deliberation, we've moved Western Riding from the "Performance" category to "Western." As one director pointed out, most of the eligible performance classes are discipline specific-- you go to a Reining, or a dressage competition or a gymkhana (for games). Western Riding, on the other hand, is one class (of many) at a general performance show. We had 26 members register for OSCP in 2012-- a record, we think! And better than 25 percent of our membership. The awards Dianne has chosen for the program are amazing-- if you didn't sign up for OSCP last year (and you compete), don't miss out this year! Wait til you see what the winners got!

Do you have connections?

I have a feeling 2013 marks the 15th year of BC Paint's "Free Trophy Program (FTP)"-- which isn't about trophies at all! But, with the generous and continuous support of our friends at Otter Co-op, we've been able to provide awards (really nice awards) to community clubs across BC so they can recognize their Paint Horse exhibitors-- at our expense!

Devon Smith is co-ordinating the program for BC Paint this year and she's looking to establish some new "relationships" for FTP. If your local club is likely to see competition between at least a few APHA-registered horses in 2013, you should encourage them to get in touch with Devon and apply for one of our awards. They are limited in supply-- and it's first come/first served.

Congratulations to our newest recipient of an Otter Co-op/BC Paint award. It goes to BC Competitive Trail Riders Association member Rhonda Hittinger and her Paint mare Gaybars Major Twister. And I'm going to find out more about her and BCCTRA for next time- because I think they might have some members who will be verrrrry interested in our Paint Your Ride BC program, don't you?

Don't forget to have your club get their competitions PAC-approved by APHA! It's free-- and the application form is available on our website (as well as APHA's). I bet we had more PAC approved events here in BC last year than any other province (and most states). (We rock!)

The last word(s)

We have a general membership meeting coming up in Langley, March 20. Remember to send in your membership and don't forget to email Colleen to reserve your tickets for the Year End Round Up, February 2! See you there. Whew.



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BC Paint recognizes the crème de la crème

It was an evening of celebration for the record books! Nearly 40 BC Paint Horse Club members and their family and friends came to High Point Equestrian Centre in Langley, February 2, to help us honour our top exhibitors from 2012 and to join us in a feast that won't soon be forgotten!

Vice president Natalie Hall showed masterful leadership as she planned, delegated and delivered a sumptuous banquet of barbecued chicken, Kerry Sawyer's famous pulled pork, campfire beans, baked potatoes and all the fixin's – along with an awesome selection of homemade pies (with ice cream!). Nothing was left to chance as she and director-cum-bar-maid Blodwyn Bristow welcomed guests from as far away as Powell River and Kamloops as they shimmied up to High Point's granite-topped counter for some liquid refreshment to get the evening off to a friendly start! These ladies of the board sure know how to warm up a room – and the food and hospitality were well worth the price of admission – and then some! The food (and the hospitality) was AMAZING!

As the awards presentations got underway, it was evident that months of careful planning by Dianne Rouse was no less of a crowd pleaser! Dianne has a discerning eye and is a savvy shopper and our 2012 year end award winners were not disappointed!

Many of our winners chalked up multiple awards and Dianne was able to work with them to combine their prizes into one or two really meaningful presentations. The results were jaw-dropping!

Novice Youth and Youth Champion Emma Schellenberg opted to combine her successes into a stunning pair of personalized silver-on-black spurs that will no doubt will remain a treasured keepsake for a long, long time to come! Dianne ordered an equally stunning pair of all-silver spurs for herself – she rode her World Champion gelding Ima Special Delivery to impressive wins topping the leader board as BCPHC's 2012 Senior Horse, Masters Amateur and BC Bred.

Youth 13 and under champion Chrissie Penalosa (Dirty McLeaguer), Novice Amateur Champion Kerry Sawyer (riding Justa EZ Rider) and Michelle Hincliff, who rode Amaretto Waltz to the Amateur Walk Trot championship and led her yearling Miss Rippling Flame to the Open Yearling award, chose spectacular silver stirrups as did northern BCPHC member Geri Brown, whose gelding, R Bandits Success, was our APHA Solid Bred Paint champion.

Washington-based Christina Frost rode Classic Amateur champion RJ Stylin in Red and chose silver-adorned spur straps from Kathy's Show Equipment as did Bibs Dallaire. She led Gold Bar Tristan to his second consecutive win as BCPHC Champion Stallion and was reserve champion Masters Amateur. Bibs hails all the way from Houston in BC's north central interior. Kari Scott of Windhorse Farms in Coldstream is thrilled with her jacket with the BCPHC logo stitched boldly across the back for Sirtainly an Angel, 2012 champion mare.

It was awesome to see Rosalea Pagani and her mom, Noelle, at the banquet. They came from Powell River to accept an award for Rosalea's champion gelding, JWR The Last Juan. In terms of miles, however, reserve champion Amateur Walk Trot Rhonda Kopp probably had them beat – she and her husband, Kevin, were down from Kamloops to spend a wonderful Saturday evening in the company of Paint friends!

Thanks to some terrific member support of the Open Show & Competition Program (OSCP) last season, there were some equally impressive gifts handed out to exhibitors who compete at all breed shows throughout the province. Tamara Jameson rode Super Miss Lucy to win the OSCP Western and Amateur championships and has yet another jacket to add to her growing collection. Lucy was the 1998 BCPHC high point mare – a testament to the tenacity of our chosen breed!

Barnmate Devon Smith and SW Roxy Barlink were OSCP's Aggregate champion in addition to wins in the In Hand and Youth divisions and opted to combine all their awards in a single stunning Kathy's silver show halter. This was Devon's fifth (and final) OSCP youth championship. She'll be a novice amateur in 2013.

Mackenzie Faye rode Dandy Lad to an OSCP English championship and was reserve in Youth and took home a first class leather halter with a signature name plate. It is great to see how many BC Paint members are embracing the OSCP program – we've listed them to fifth place on our "Award Winners" page of this website, where you'll find all the placings for our APHA and OSCP programs.

All in all, it was a spectacular evening and as much as it was to celebrate the top performances from last season, it was an awesome (and inspirational) way to start the new year. Many, many thanks to everyone who came to the banquet and to our balloon sponsors who assured just about everyone went home with something: Milner Feed & Pet Supply, Peterbilt, JB Drywalling & Décor, Stolp Saddlery, Country Feeds, CM Glass and Moore Performance Horses. And finally, congratulations to everyone who showed their Paint Horses in BC last year! We are proud of you all!

Tick tock! Deadline approaching to book ad space in Paint Connections 2013

The deadline to book your ad in Paint Connections 2013 is Wednesday, February 20. Paint Connections is an advertising directory exclusive to BC Paint members and sponsors and is an awesome opportunity to show your support for BCPHC. Do you have a stallion you're standing to Paint mares, operate a training or coaching facility or just want to support your club with an ad celebrating your horses and your successes. This is a fundraiser for the club (all proceeds go to directly into our coffers!).

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glover@telus.net. And remember-- it's a fundraiser for BCPHC, so don't be shy!

No time like the present

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Be sure to send in your BC Bred and NWCC declaration forms if you plan to show at APHA-approved shows in BC this year. (We have eight or nine NWCC approved judges on the calendar so far -- and that could swing the awards_ in your favour if you show at all three circuits!) We've added those declaration forms to our "Memberships" page so you can find them more readily. That's where you'll find our 2013 membership application, too-- and don't forget to include a donation to the Children's Wish Foundation (if you can)!

APHA membership drive ends February 28

APHA also has a big membership drive on right now to encourage new and renewal memberships before February 28. In celebration of their golden anniversary in 2013, they are offering some very awesome incentives for all levels of membership starting with one year.

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Show news

We've heard from Barb Bowerbank (Three-in-One, Smithers) and Geri Brown (Bulkley Valley Fair, Burns Lake) that their shows will be seeking BCPHC approval this year! That's great news for our northern members -- and an incentive to Paint Horse owners in BC's central interior to join BC Paint and reap some of the benefits! We were genuinely thrilled to see so many of our year ends go "beyond Hope" in 2012! Congratulations!

Welcome back

We're very pleased to announce that Johnston Meier Insurance Agencies has agreed to be our presenting sponsor for the "Back-to-Basics" (on the Coast) show again this year! Johnston Meier's support last year made a significant difference to our financial success last year and we are so pleased they are back -- and we have another opportunity to acknowledge their services! Thank you!

Stop by and say "hi"

If you're coming to the Lower Mainland Quarter Horse Association's annual Horsemen's Bazaar, March 17 at Thunderbird, be sure to stop by our booth. We'll have lots of promotional material from APHA on hand and plenty of friendly advice about how to be a part of our club and on how to get the most enjoyment out

of your Paint Horses. (Volunteers wanted -- let us know if you can help!)

General membership meeting

Please join us in Langley, March 20, for a general membership meeting. (We're not quite sure where yet -- but reserve the date and we'll keep you posted!). If you haven't already joined our Facebook group, search BC Paint Horse Club and sign up!

Check the archives

If you're new to our website (and even if you're not) be sure to check our news archives by clicking on the horse icons below. There is lots (and lots) of club news there -- our January newsletter, for instance, oozed with information you probably would like to know.



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Back-to-Basics OK Saturday, June 8 Mackenzie Meadows, Pritchard

Entries are coming in almost daily now that the “Back-to-Basics” Okanagan Show is just a few weeks away. Pre-entry deadline (to save \$25) is May 31.

This all-APHA, exhibitor-friendly show concept was so successful on the coast last year, we’re bringing it to BC’s interior – where long-time Paint supporters, Al, Thea and Lyla Mackenzie, will open up their stunning indoor at Mackenzie Meadows in Pritchard, just minutes off the Trans Canada Hwy east of Kamloops, to host Paint exhibitors from around the province.

Alberta-based judges Lyle Jackson and Andrea Gutmann will officiate at this one day/double judged all APHA show that features halter, hunter under saddle, western, trail, western riding and even barrel classes – for regular and solid bred registry Paints.

“Back-to-Basics” also features an all-inclusive, inexpensive day rate to encourage new (and seasoned) exhibitors to spend the day showing their horses to APHA-approved judges. We’re still re-building our exhibitor base here in BC, so we’ve kept our expenses to a minimum, ordering judges (relatively) close to home and keeping it to a single day – all in a concerted effort to reduce our expenses and pass those savings on to you – our exhibitors. Stabling is additional – but stalls are pre-bedded and will be cleaned after you leave! How cool is that?!

We’ve also had amazing support from our sponsors including presenting sponsor Johnston Meier Insurance Agencies, Traveland RV Supercentre (Langley), Stampede Tack, a generous contribution from the Harvest Classic Show and from Okanagan members Paul Sullivan, Windhorse Farm (Kari Scott), Platinum Performance Horses and High Arrow (Lynne Parker) and from Double Delichte Stables, who is sponsoring a sportsmanship award at both B2B shows in 2013. We can keep your entry fees low and offer high point and reserve high point awards in 10 divisions because of their support and we are very grateful!

If you’re new to APHA showing, or haven’t been in the ring for a while, you must be APHA members in order to show. Memberships (with a late fee from APHA) are available from the entry office if you didn’t take advantage of APHA’s special membership drive earlier this year.

Novice Youth and all Amateur exhibitors must also have their APHA cards denoting their status, and those cards are also available at the office, with a rush fee.

“Back-to-Basics” also features some great classes for new exhibitors: an APHA green horse division for horses with less than 10 points in any given class and Amateur Walk/Trot classes. We think these classes are ideally suited for many of our BC Paint Horse owners who may be new to APHA competition.

Be sure to add a little something for the Children’s Wish Foundation to your entries! For every \$10 contributed, your name will be entered in a draw to win something fabulous! (Last year, we gave away a stunning 50th anniversary APHA silver buckle!)

This year’s B2B Stampede Super Horse competition will have some added excitement as the buckle will be awarded to the horse earning the most points at both B2B shows – the one in Pritchard on June 8 and the other at “Back-to-Basics” Coast, in Delta on July 28. We want to encourage Paint Horse owners to participate in as many APHA show opportunities as possible!

O’iThis year, there is lots of stabling available at both shows, so load up the trailer and come to “Back-to-Basics” for a fun, inexpensive breed show experience that could very well be the highlight of your show season!

If you can’t make the pre-entry deadline, it’s okay: we’ll be set up in the office on Friday, June 7 by 1 pm to take your entries. Call or email if you have questions or need more information! We’re really looking forward to seeing you there!

Spring circuit highlights

It was a small but fun Paint show blessed with incredible weather during the Lower Mainland Quarter Horse Association’s Spring Circuit, May 2-5, at Thunderbird in Langley. We counted only about 15 Paints which made points a little hard to come by – APHA’s new half point rule was another well-timed blessing for this circuit – but we think everyone was very pleased with their high point awards.

High point amateur went to Washington-based BC Paint member Christina Frost with RJ Stylin in Red. Reserve went to club treasurer Dianne Rouse and Ima Special Delivery. Devon Smith rode her new horse, Ima Sierra Surprise, purchased earlier this year from Val Dyck in Armstrong, to win the high point novice award, narrowly winning over Julie Jensen and JD Warbucks, who was reserve.

Alex Barber rode Sonnys Gone Zippin to win the youth all ages high point over Emma Schellenberg and All Reddy Smoke N, and in novice youth, Victoria McGowan rode Ritzy Business to squeak out her sister, Alexa, who rode Leos Cajun Indio to win the reserve high point in that division. The McGowan sisters are joining BC Paint this year and we hope to see them at the “Back-to-Basics” show in Delta, July 28.

Lynda Watkins was the lone Amateur Walk Trot and rode Rusty White diamond to win the high point for that division. There were no qualifiers for either the senior or junior horse divisions, but it was certainly nice to see a bunch of different exhibitors winning awards.
South of the border

Several BC Paint members have been cruising south of the



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border to APHA shows in Washington and Oregon this spring and are coming home with reports of big classes and lots of competition. Little Avery Caron, who trains with Moore Performance Horses out of Langley, rode Kirsten Chamberland's Desis on the Street to win the youth walk-trot high point at a big show in Spanaway in late April, and we have some awesome pictures of her riding Amaretto Waltz in all breed walk trot at LMQ's Spring Circuit.

Daniella Penalosa and Dirty McLeaguer have been consistently topping the novice youth division at the circuits down south. She was high point novice youth at the first show down in Albany, Oregon in March and was novice youth and reserve youth 14-18 at the second show there. At Spanaway, she was reserve high point for novice and youth 14-18.

The Penalosas, along with the Chamberland's, are headed to the Pinto World Championship Show, June 10-22 in Tulsa, Oklahoma and then on to the Paint Youth World Show, June 29-July 6 in Fort Worth, Texas with trainer Jodie Moore. Kirsten Chamberland is riding two horses: Surenuf Sensational will tackle the hunter classes while A Sexy Sensation will do a little bit of everything from showmanship to western horsemanship and even some jumping. You can watch the AjPHA World Show online as it happens. Go to [www.apha.com] and follow the links once the show gets underway at the end of the month.

No rest ...

It's going to be a busy two months for our APHA director, Jodie Moore. She and I are headed to the APHA Workshop, May 30-June 1, in Fort Worth, where we'll be lobbying for support for a rule change recommendation that would allow novice amateur and amateur walk trot exhibitors to ride horses they don't own. Jodie sits on APHA's youth committee and I was named to the regional club committee after the convention last fall.

Jodie will be heading to Fort Worth from the Zone 2 show in Utah. Dianne and Calli Rouse are also Utah-bound with their World Champion mare, Chansation. Dianne has been riding Chani at the circuits this spring and had some stellar performances in Hunter under Saddle at the Spanaway show. Calli will be making her amateur debut on Chani in Utah.

On the home front

Entries have been coming in daily now for our "Back-to-Basics" Okanagan show in Pritchard, June 8. Lyle Jackson and Andrea Gutman from Alberta are judging and we are looking forward to a good turnout of Paint exhibitors from around the province.

We're very impressed with the support so far for our Children's Wish Foundation fund-raiser. For every \$10 you contribute to CWF, either with your BC Paint membership or either B2B show entry or independently of both, your name will be entered in a draw to win one of two awesome prizes – one awarded at each B2B show. Last year, we gave away a spectacular 50th anniversary silver buckle from APHA – and we're working hard to come up with something equally amazing for this year's draws. If you'd like to enter but won't be at either show, email me and we'll make it happen!

Be sure to take pictures and let us know if you're participating at a Provincial Wish trail ride on your Paint, too. Some rides have already taken place but CWF's new fundraising co-ordinator Kristina Murray

tells me there are rides scheduled for June 1 in Merritt, June 15 in Revelstoke and July 7 in Kelowna.

The entry deadline for the Three-in-One show in Smithers, July 12-14, is July 3. You'll be able to access the class lists and entry forms from our website [www.bcphc.com]. Barb Bowerbank tells us that the all breed classes at this circuit are all APHA PAC-approved and BC Paint will be sponsoring an award for the high point Paint in the all breed division. We're looking forward to meeting many of you at the shows, starting with B2B on July 8. Stay in touch with us on Facebook and do check the website for updates!

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Saddle up

Are you clocking enough time in the saddle this season? Is it ever enough? For me, it always seems to be a case of too many chores and too much paperwork to log the hours I would like to spend riding, but I am managing some.

Earlier this year, the BC Paint Horse Club launched its "Paint Your Ride BC" program for members whose priorities include time astride their Paint Horse. Fashioned after the American Paint Horse Association's "Ride America" program, BC Paint will be acknowledging (and rewarding!) members who track the number of hours they spend in the saddle with certificates of achievement for each milestone (starting at 50 hours) and year end awards for over-achievers!

All you need to do is keep a log of your ride times, then send a copy of that log to Kelly Allen, who is co-ordinating the program for us. Her contact information is available from our website [www.bcphc.com]. Kelly and her husband, Ron Stolp, are adventuresome trail riders (they've spent the last couple of months riding in the Arizona desert) and regularly update their "friends" on Facebook about their experiences. Kelly also administers a group page called "Camping with Horses" – a great resource for riders of all breeds! You should check it out.

Sharing our goodness

It's my guess that BC Paint's "Free Trophy Program" is celebrating a milestone this year. It could be our 15th anniversary of providing awards (not necessarily trophies) to community and discipline-specific riding clubs around the province to present to the top-performing Paint Horses at their events. We've done this every year since the program's inception with the generous support of Otter Co-op, and this year we're very pleased to announce that Otter has upped the ante, which allows us to provide more clubs with even bigger awards.

So far, FTP co-ordinator Devon Smith has granted awards to the Interior Provincial Exhibition (IPE) for their huge open horse show, August 28 through September 1 in Armstrong, to the Peace Country Horse and Rider Association for their big "Wild and Lawless" show June 28 through July 1 in Dawson Creek, the Bulkley Valley Exhibition Light Horse



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Show in Smithers, August 22-25, the BC Competitive Trail Riding Association based out of Ladysmith on Vancouver Island for a year end award, and to the Three-in-One All Breed Horse Show in Smithers, July 12-14.

Devon has created an application form for clubs to apply for a BC Paint/Otter Co-op award and you can download that from our "Free Trophy Program" page on the website. There is still an opportunity to sign up for 2013 if your club plans to host at least a few Paints at their competitions, but you better hurry. Supply is limited!

Another APHA show approved

We have just received word that the Three Breed Classic Horse Show in Terrace will be BC Paint-approved for year end awards again this year! This show takes place on August 10 and 11 and in addition to all-breed classes, is APHA, AQHA and ApHCC approved. You know, that's quite a feat for such a remote community – the cost of getting approved judges to Terrace (or Smithers or Pritchard or – let's face it – any place north of the border) is a major investment and we applaud the show committees that are doing a tremendous job at fundraising so we can enjoy the privilege of showing to accredited judges and competing for APHA points!

Altogether, there are 16 APHA-approved judges coming to BC this year: four at the Lower Mainland Quarter Horse Association's Spring Circuit, May 2-5, in Langley, two at our "Back-to-Basics" Okanagan show in Pritchard, June 8, another two at the Three-in-One in Smithers, July 12-14, two more at "Back-to-Basics Coast", July 28 in Delta, two in Terrace, one at the Bulkley Valley Fair in Smithers, August 22-25 and three at LMQ's Evergreen Circuit in Langley, August 30-September 1. If you own a Paint, we urge you to support these shows. Even if you are not competing, why not contact the show organizers and offer to lend a hand. These shows are all largely volunteer-run and your support is appreciated!

APHA announces incentive program for older horse registrations

Do you have a Paint that slipped under the radar and didn't get registered before the registration fees became too expensive. For a limited time, APHA is allowing members to register their older horses for a much-reduced fee. Horses eligible for Regular Registry ages two and older may be registered for just \$100, while horses ages three and older who are eligible for Solid Paint-Bred registration may be registered for \$50. Registration applications and more details can be downloaded at apha.com.

Friendly reminders

Don't forget to order your Amateur, Youth and Novice cards from APHA before the 2013 show season gets underway! (I had to pay \$25 extra for my novice am card last year!) Exhibitors in APHA's PAC program must also be APHA members this year and if you have already joined BC Paint this year but forgot to sign up for our Open Show and Competition Program, it's not too late – just download the membership application and use that to submit your OSCP fee. Most importantly, don't forget the early bird deadline for the "Back-to-Basics" Okanagan Show is at the end of month (May 31).



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Countdown to B2B Coast

Here we go again! BACK-TO-BASICS COAST is just a little over three weeks away and pre-entry deadline to avoid the late fee is Friday, July 19th.

This one day/two judge APHA show is easy on the pocket book-- the day rate is an almost-all-inclusive \$199 per horse, any rider, or \$30 per stall! (You just need to ante up for your stall.)

We're at Greystone Stables in Delta, just a stone's throw away from an excellent hotel (Delta Town & Country) and several good (mmm ... excellent) restaurants and a wonderful refreshing sea breeze! There are lots of permanent (not portable) stalls and in the "Back-to-Basics" tradition, they will be pre-bedded, then cleaned out after you leave! (We're a full-service, exhibitor-friendly show!) There are no hook-ups to make sure you have juice in the battery and the water tank is full – that's why overnights stay for free!

If you're new to the breed show experience, "Back-to-Basics" is an excellent place to start. We're friendly, helpful and uncomplicated!

If you were at the B2B Okanagan show, you'll be competing for the silver Stampede Super Horse Silver Buckle, awarded to the horse that has accumulated the most points by showing at both B2B shows this year! We are very honoured to have Stampede Tack and Western Wear in Cloverdale sponsor this award for the second year in a row. We also are grateful for our presenting sponsor, Johnston Meier Insurance Agencies Group, and to PrairieCoast Equipment, Lazy 3 Ranch Horse & Cattle Company and Traveland RV SuperCentre. Without their generous support, we wouldn't be able to offer our Paint exhibitors this breed show experience!

Got a Paint that jumps? We have added a "Preliminary Hunter Over Fences" class for you!

Need pics? Marion Cox (www.divineequine.ca) will be on site-- she's the photographer from last year's BC Heritage Finals where Paints made all her pics more special!

Remember, you need your APHA membership to show and if you're showing youth, amateur and novice classes, you must have your APHA cards for those, too. If you haven't ordered your cards yet, you can purchase temporary cards in the entry office. (APHA charges a rush fee, however.)

This show is BC Paint Horse approved for year end awards and is NWCC approved as well! We had an awesome turnout in Pritchard last month and we are expecting a number of interior folks to come down to the show here on the Coast, including our new whipper in, Joan! Glenn Massey is announcing (thank goodness!) and we'll be looking for a few more volunteers in key positions-- because that's how we keep our entry fees so low! Let me know if you would like to help out!

Don't forget to add a little something for the Children's Wish Foundation on your entry. For every \$10 donated, you'll get a

ticket for our draw for a custom-ordered 50th anniversary APHA jacket!

We've got a great day planned! And a 9 am start! (How refreshing is that for a breed show, huh?) Find the show program on our website. For more information, email cathyglover@telus.net or call 604.328.3814. Looking forward to seeing you at home in Delta on SUNDAY, JULY 28.

20 June 2013

Could it get any better than this?

Our venture into BC's interior to Mackenzie Meadows, 35 minutes east of Kamloops, on June 8 with our "Back-to-Basics" horse show was a resounding success! We had 42 horses, 47 exhibitors and 197 entries per judge and depending how you measure the success of a show, I would say 42 horses is as many as we've ever had at an APHA-approved show in BC (save for the old Rainbow Classics that relied heavily on competition coming up from south of the border)! It was amazing!!

Exhibitors came from as far away as Powell River, the South Okanagan, the Kootenays, the Fraser Valley and even Alberta to join a nucleus of North Okanagan Paint Horse owners to prove there is a healthy appetite for "easy-on-the-pocket-book" Paint horse shows in BC and that we are capable of earning coveted APHA points here in our own backyard! Of course, APHA's decision to allow half points to the winner of two horse classes was in our favour – and was a catalyst for more entries as many classes were whole point, two, three and even five point earners.

Case in point? Fifteen Amateur Paint geldings paraded into the ring before Alberta judges Lyle Jackson and Andrea Gutmann and apprentice judge Katie Roxburgh. That's a five point class that will now become part of the permanent record of Beverly Kniffen's new yearling, Yankees Dani Doodle, a stunning red dun she bought as a weanling from Ed and Jeanette Noble of Clearwater. Yankee, by the Noble's Paint stallion Tags Triple Chick, won the class (it gave us goosebumps!) under Gutman, and later went Grand Champion Gelding under both judges, earning his Register of Merit in a matter of minutes!

Talk about making an entrance! This was Beverly's first Paint Horse show and first halter class ever and she credits trainer Laurie Takoff of Laurian Quarter Horses for coaching her through it. Beverly actually has only three previous local shows under her belt, riding a horse (Ima Sonic Herbies Fox) that is the granddaughter of a Paint mare I used to own (small world) and that she also brought to B2B. Certainly, that jaw-dropping performance of a lifetime in that huge, huge Amateur Gelding class is the just the beginning of what will surely be a lot of time spent in the winners' circle. Beverly and her husband, Irv Ridd, own Cascadia Pacific Realty, and are based out of Little Fort.

Tami Hutton's gelding, Heztheultimatedream, was shown by Tami's better half, Matt Martel, in Amateur and Aged Geldings, picking up no less than 15 halter points at the show. It cost Tami a hefty \$1000 to have "Jackson" registered with APHA (thanks to their new crop out rule) and his papers arrived just



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the day before we all left the coast and headed north but according to her, it was “totally worth it!” Tami later rode him to earn points in Hunter under Saddle, Western Pleasure and Trail in some big classes. He is by the Hutton’s Quarter Horse stallion, Heza Poised Dreamer and already has QH points in Western Pleasure, Trail and Novice Amateur Trail (with Matt) and has earned his open performance Register of Merit.

“I was really excited to show him halter in Paint,” Tami says, “because Quarter Horse’s excessive white rule made it so he’s never shown halter before!”

While Tami trains mostly Quarter Horses out of her barn in Chilliwack, she has three Paint clients currently and “would love that number to grow.” (So would we!) Tami also won our first ever sportsmanship award, sponsored by Double Delichte Stables of Coldstream.

Personal triumphs

It was awesome to see longtime Paint exhibitors like Lynn Freeland (Parker) with a couple of Simply Terrific babies: a yearling in halter, longe line and in hand trail and a two year old that was more finished than many much more senior horses (like mine!). And Barb Hazel, who won the Amateur Walk Trot high point on Zipintomy Appointment, another two year old with a promising show career ahead of him. Terry Tompkins came up from Oliver with her reiner, Son of a Dunnit, and brought along Norfleet Roulette, a gelding she has just sold to Leslie Cooke of Naramata – another new member we can expect to see a lot of at our BC Paint Horse shows in the coming years. Rhonda Kopp was there with her new boy, Jakes Supreme, and missed out on the accolades she so richly deserved on the two cakes she brought to share with exhibitors at the show. Rhonda is honing her considerable skill at cake decorating into a new career path – and she’s found her niche! I overheard exhibitors saying it was the best cake they had ever had. (I managed to find a piece the next morning and had it for breakfast – and they were right!)

There was a contingent from the coast: Dianne Rouse brought her World Champion Okanagan-bred Ima Special Delivery; board members Natalie Hall and Colleen Ebner made it a girls’ getaway in Colleen’s fancy new trailer, and Margo Murray came up and joined daughter Avery, who is making Mackenzie Meadows her home while she finishes nursing school in Kamloops. We had an awesome group of exhibitors from Alberta who promise to come back next year and will be bringing their friends! Stefany Forster and mom, Cathy, were there with yearlings and Nakita Delichte not only showed her own horse, Highcountry Sioux, but also led Kari Scott’s good mare, Sirtainly An Angel, in Aged Mares as Kari is on the mend from a broken ankle.

We had six solid bredreds at the show – another record, no doubt, with several one point classes. Lori DeBruijin brought Black in the Game in from Alberta to see if “he was ready.” He most certainly was as he chalked up several elusive SPB points!

It was awesome to see trainer and coach Wendy Price out of Grand Forks on a stunning Overo who won a very nice two point Green Horse Hunter under Saddle. And youth exhibitor Rosalea Pagani packed up mom, dad and JWR The Last Juan to come all the way from the Sunshine Coast to show via two ferries and a stopover at Chilliwack’s Heritage Park to compete with our arena hosts’ daughter, Lyla Mackenzie in the youth division.

Consummate hosts

And then there were the Mackenzie’s. Al and Thea Mackenzie have been raising and showing Paint Horses since long before I was first involved with the club back in 1995. (Thea is a former BC Paint president if memory serves me correctly.) They couldn’t have been more gracious hosts. The arena, designed by Thea and built by Al and their son, Kevin, is stunning with its natural light and log-cabin-style siding, complete with chinking. It naturally blends with the surrounding landscape, high above the Thompson River. Thea showed (that was awesome) in halter and showmanship and Lyla, 15, won either the first BC or the first in a very long time-point in Open Barrels, a class we added with her in mind! (This girl is one handy rider, riding Classic Cheyanne around the cloverleaf in a respectable 17.3 seconds.)

Much or even most of the success of the Back-to-Basics model is the volunteers who sacrifice their time and their opportunities to show so others can. While we were definitely short-staffed, we are so grateful to those that stepped up. BC Paint secretary Marilyn Griffin and director Kerry Sawyer, with husband George, came up from the coast just to help out and I don’t know what we would have done without them. When my excellent plans for a premium sound system went sideways, they whipped together the BBQ and the raffle table with little or no help from me as I struggled with something that should have been so simple.

Saving the day

But then came Paul Defresne to our rescue. You’ll recognize Paul from his “Training for Courage” clinics and lessons. Paul trains out of Mackenzie Meadows and was nothing less than inspiring as I watched him work a few of his horses in training the day before the show. He and I ended up spending way too much time together (not riding) trying to figure out that blessed sound system and when we finally agreed it was impossible, he generously dug out his and saved the day. We are extremely grateful for his help, his patience, and the donation of his equipment.

And then there was Joan. Joan Swetlikoff is a friend of cake-baker Rhonda Kopp and when Rhonda knew we were looking for show help, she volunteered Joan, who brought along her daughter-in-law Cassie Johnson (my right hand). We put Joan to work as a whipper in. I didn’t know she had never been to a horse show before until we were half way through the day. It was trial by fire as those big gelding classes pretty much kicked off the show but it wasn’t long before she fully grasped her role ushering exhibitors and their pretty Paints into the ring. She was awesome. As was Cassie, who also was at her first horse show but was an equally fast learner.

Joan also brought us Rob Ruutel, our photographer who through his website has created a wonderful lasting record of the show. We’ll have a photo gallery of his work on the website and his prices for prints are extremely reasonable. Be sure to have a look!

My personal thanks, as well, to my good friend Cindy MacKay, our entry secretary. Even though she doesn’t show,



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Cindy is also a very quick study – as everyone who has met her knows – and none of this would be possible without her.

We are a generous bunch

Rosalea Pagani won the APHA 50th anniversary jacket when her name was drawn from those who participated in our Children's Wish Foundation/Provincial Wish Trail Ride fundraiser. We raised just shy of \$300 at this show and we'll be doing it again at the show in Delta later this month. It all goes to the kids!

On a whim just days before the start of the show, I started accumulating donations for a raffle to benefit BC Paint's youth scholarship fund. (We'll be awarding our first scholarship at the awards banquet early next year.) With the help of our directors and my brother and sister-in-law who live in Vernon, we accumulated just an outstanding selection of very cool raffle items. Many, many thanks to our sponsors: The Mill Store in Chilliwack, The Paddock Tack & Togs in Vernon; B2B sponsors and John Deere dealer PrairieCoast Equipment; The Cowboys Choice, also in Vernon; the APHA Journal; Lormar Farms from Alberta; Stephanie Conti Show Clothes; our Superhorse Silver buckle sponsor Stampede Tack & Western Wear in Cloverdale; McFlie Feeds in Whonock; Country West Supply in Armstrong; Bates Tack in Langley; and the Dog & Pony in Langley. As you can see, it was truly a Coast and Interior effort and we were overwhelmed by the spontaneous support of all of our sponsors!

Many thanks, as well, goes to our presenting sponsor Johnston Meier Insurance Agencies Group, and to B2B OK sponsors PrairieCoast Equipment (who brought a tractor and a Gator to the show!), the Harvest Classic Fall Show, Stampede Tack and Western Wear, BC Paint members and exhibitors Paul Sullivan, Windhorse Farm, Platinum Performance Horses, and High Arrow (Lynn Freeland) as well as Double Delichte Stables, sponsors of our sportsmanship award.

"Back-to-Basics" heads to the Coast

So where do we go from here? Well, we're going to do it all over again on July 28 (a Sunday) in Delta at Greystone Stables when we host judges Teresa Sullivan (from Washington) and Jennifer Cignoni of Scottsdale, Arizona for "Back-to-Basics" Coast. It, too, will be a one day, double judged show featuring entry fees that "won't break the bank." Given the overwhelming support for the show in June and all the gracious and positive remarks, we're expecting many more exhibitors out of the interior in addition to all those who supported the show at High Point last summer. There are lots of good stalls at this mostly hunter/jumper barn near Hwy 99 at the Deas Tunnel, and there is a good hotel close by and lots of great restaurants, too. Glenn Massey is announcing and Colleen Ebner has secured photographer Marion Cox, who shot those awesome pics at last summer's BC Heritage finals. (Check out her Facebook page at Marion Photography – this is quite an honour to have her join us!) The show bill is on the website and you can email me if you have any questions. The entry deadline to avoid the late fee is Friday, July 19.

More interior shows

"Back-to-Basics" is certainly not the only Paint show in BC this summer. The "Three-in-One" Breed and Open Show for Paints, QHs, Appies and all breeds takes place in Smithers, July 12-14 and is BCPHC approved for year end awards. BC Paint is donating an award for their high point Paint in the all breed classes (which are APHA PAC-approved) and Devon has chosen something very special for this year. This show features a live auction with proceeds being donated to the Houston Retire-

ment Housing Society. You can link to the show through the Calendar or APHA-approved Shows pages on our website or go to [www.3in1horshow.com].

The Three Breed Classic (also APHA, AQHA and ApHCC approved) takes place in Terrace August 10-11, has two judges and is BCPHC approved, as is the single judged Bulkley Valley Fair, August 22-25, in Smithers which features an APHA horse show as well.

The Lower Mainland Quarter Horse Association has an APHA special event on Friday, August 30 and a two judge APHA show August 31 and September 1 at Thunderbird. That show bill should be posted to our website soon.

World caliber

A notable absence at B2B Okanagan was exhibitors from Moore Performance Horses. That's because Jodie Moore is down in Tulsa at the Pinto Worlds with BC Paint members Dani Penloza and Kirsten Chamberland while Chris holds down the fort at home. Jodie's been keeping us updated on Facebook. So far, Kirsten and A Sexy Sensation were Reserve World Champions in Hunt Seat Equitation over Fences, fifth overall in Working Hunter over Fences and fourth in Novice Youth Hunter Hack, placed ninth overall in Youth Trail 14-18 out of 44 exhibitors and eighth in Bareback Equitation. With Surenuf Sensational, she made the finals in Hunter under Saddle with some of the finest horses in the nation. Dani and Dirty McLea-guer were fifth overall out of 52 entries in Novice Youth Trail, fourth in Ideal English 14-18. From Tulsa, they're headed to Fort Worth and the Paint Youth World Championship Show.

Running out of room

I haven't even mentioned the APHA workshop Jodie and I attended in Dallas at the end of May but that will need to wait for another day. Our efforts to remove the ownership requirements for Novice Amateur exhibitors will not go forward to convention for consideration, but the one that would allow Amateur Walk Trot exhibitors to show horses they don't own will. Much more Paint news to come! Keep in touch!



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Scholarship application now available

This past year, the BC Paint board of directors has been fine-tuning the parameters for a new youth scholarship to be awarded for the first time early next year at our annual awards banquet. Applicants must be BCPHC members (it's not too late to join!) and applications must be received by October 31.

A \$500 award will be given based 40% on a written essay that describes how (Paint) horses have influenced the applicant's career goals, 20% on school marks, 20% on riding accomplishments and 20% on volunteer activities. Scholarship guidelines and the application form are now available to download. We are very proud to be in a position to support our youth members!

Strong showing in the north

We were so pleased to hear about the success of the Bulkley Valley Exhibition Light Horse Show, August 22-25, in Smithers, which included a strong Paint Horse presence for their APHA classes. The fair boasted one of their highest entry numbers with 141 exhibitors travelling from all over northwest of BC and parts of Alberta to participate in a range of exciting and challenging classes. While the first morning of classes was a little dreary, all participants were pleased when the skies cleared and the sun came out for the rest of the event.

Exhibitors shined up their boots and did a fantastic effort in presenting themselves & horses to the BVX judges. A special thanks to Jill Yonge (Saanichton) Chris Hassell (Smithers) Ben Gumm (Keremeos) and Joe Carter (St. George ON) for coming out and judging the show with a friendly knowledgeable presence. All four of the judges were spread out throughout the four day event in different areas of the beautiful 40+ acre fairgrounds. BVX LHS hope to see all these awesome judges back in the BVX LHS's future events.

The judges were busy! Throughout the 4 full days, the 5 well groomed arenas were a hoppin' with 15 APHA 20 AQHA 12 ApHCC and 104 Registered various breed equine totalling a 142 competing horses in a variety of association sanctioned classes/disciplines for every horse enthusiast and competitors.

Bibs and Gold Bar Tristan won the overall Paint Horse award sponsored by our friends at Otter Co-op and BC Paint!

Congrats to all the exhibitors and their "ponies" ...you were AWESOME !

A BIG pat on the back to the BVX LHS committee's effort and success: show manager LORY HOWARD; Show Secretary GERI BROWN; Data Entry Clerk CHRIS DREY; Show Steward ELLEN SMAILES; Stall Manager GINA DEHOOG; Awards/Prizes AMY STERRITT; Ground Prep STEVE CORNEAU; Accommodations/RV REJEANE DeJONG; Event Program LORALIE DEWAR.

The support of corporate partners, show sponsors and donors are key to the high level of recognition that the BVX LHS provides.

Also, without the outstanding corporate sponsors and the hard working volunteers, BVX Light Horse would not be a success! Thank you to the governing bodies Horse Council of British Columbia (HCBC) American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) American Paint Horse Association (APHA) Appaloosa Club of Canada (ApHCC).

For complete 2013 BVX Light Horse Show results, photo gallery,

corporate sponsorship info, volunteer info and much more, please contact Geri Brown 250.847.3105

Evergreen wind-up

We were pleasantly and genuinely surprised at the very nice Paint turnout for the Lower Mainland Quarter Horse Association's Evergreen Circuit over the Labour Day weekend. It was the first time an APHA "special event" has been offered in BC – it was the only way we could see to fit at least some of the most popular APHA-approved classes into their long one-day show on the Friday – and it seemed to be just enough to pull some horses up from Washington to join our small (but cheerful) group of local exhibitors. The Amateur division was tough, with eight horses in Amateur Geldings and nine in Amateur Showmanship during the full APHA show over Saturday and Sunday.

BC Paint got the circuit off to a great start on Thursday evening with a hospitality supper that featured a potato bar (build your own spud!) and an eclectic array of salads and fixin's contributed by our directors under the guidance of Colleen Schellenberg. Many thanks, again, to Otter Co-op for the loan of their BBQ-on-wheels.

Evergreen Circuit High Points

Amateur

Christina Frost & RJ Stylin in Red
r/Stephanie Fricke & Kay Ceeya Later

Novice Amateur

Devon Smith & Ima Sierra Surprise
r/Natalie Hall & Ima Classic Coosa
Green

Ima Classic Coosa & Natalie Hall
r/ What A Sinful Image & Colleen Ebner
Novice Youth

Victoria McGowan & Ritzy Business
r/ Alexa McGowan & Leos Cajun Indio
Youth

Emma Schellenberg & All Reddy Smoke N
r/ Alexa McGowan & Leos Cajun Indio
Junior Horse

What A Sinful Image & Colleen Ebner
Senior Horse

Chansation & Dianne Rouse

Saddle winner

Rosalea Pagani, from Powell River, and her gelding JWR The Last Juan, has had a great show season – both at Paint and open shows. With several Paint high points to their credit at both Back-to-Basics shows, we wonder if they pale next to the saddle they won at the North Vancouver Island Horse Association Saddle Show in Comox in August! It's a two day Western Performance show and the last class of the show, Rosalea writes, is a Versatility class where six riders competed for the saddle. The class includes aspects from Horsemanship, Western Pleasure, Trail, Western Riding and Reining blended into a big pattern, which riders are given just 20 minutes before; the winner takes the saddle.

"Lenny rose to the challenge and carried me through an exciting class of spins, flying lead changes, counter counter, lope-overs and very tight maneuvers. It was a great way to end off this show season before I head off to school."

Rosalea is now in her first year at the University of Victoria.



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Scholarship deadline nears

Speaking of which, the deadline for our inaugural BC Paint Horse Club scholarship is just around the corner – October 31. Beginning in early 2014 (at our awards banquet), a \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a youth member of the club who has exhibited excellence in their academic, community and equine activities. Applicants must be at least 16 years of age, a BC Paint member, and the money is payable when the winner has provided proof of enrollment at an approved post-secondary facility. Scholarship guidelines and the application form are posted on our website at [www.bcpHC.com].

Wreath fundraiser

BC Paint vice president Natalie Hall is already in the Christmas spirit as our Wreath Fundraiser is now officially launched. Last year, our board – under Natalie's tutelage – created dozens of truly stunning Christmas wreaths using natural materials from her parent's Christmas tree farm and from Dianne Rouse's gardens. They were a huge hit so this year, we're starting early with pre-orders and information is now available on the website. The wreaths are only \$35 (a bargain) and, for those of you living in the North Okanagan, don't let the miles prevent you from supporting the club – I'll be making at least a couple of runs to the Coast and can bring them back for pick-up at our new digs in Enderby, right around the corner from Lynn Freeland.

APHA online election

By now, APHA members will have received a notice in the mail and by email (from electionbuddy Elections) regarding the online election for 2014 directors. In our region, which encompasses BC, Yukon and Alaska, APHA allows us one director and one alternate and both incumbent Jodie Moore and myself (Cathy Glover) are on the ticket. If you haven't already cast your ballot, be sure to follow the link in your email (or contact tbrown@apha.com if you didn't receive one) and vote before October 15.

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Time to celebrate ... And time to party!

Pack up your toonie\$ and plan to join us Saturday, January 11 as the BC Paint Horse Club pays homage to its top exhibitors in 2013 and celebrates the start of a new year!

This year, our awards banquet is on the move! We'll be at the Ranch Pub & Grill [www.mrec.ca/Ranch_Pub_Grill_.htm], part of the Maple Ridge Equine Sports Centre, at 21973- 132 Avenue in Maple Ridge.

The fun starts with "happy hour" at 6 pm, followed by dinner at 7 and awards (including the announcement of our first scholarship winner) at 8. And this year, in addition to our famous balloon pop and silent auction, the ladies of the board have organized a "toonie toss" - a guaranteed crowd pleaser!

The Ranch Pub and Grill is kid-friendly. Your ticket includes dinner and one drink "on the house." Tickets are \$30 each (kids under 12, \$15) and you can reserve yours by contacting Natalie at nataliedhall@hotmail.com.

Bring your friends! Our awards night is also a fundraiser for the club (there are ALWAYS some great steals in the silent

auction!) and an awesome opportunity to get together with your Paint buddies! See you there!

Dues are due!

It's time to pay your 2014 membership dues! (Click here for a 2014 membership application!)

If you can, add a little extra for our charity of choice, the Children's Wish Foundation of BC. (CWF will issue tax receipts for contributions of \$25 or greater! What a great way to start the new year - helping make wishes come true for kids with life threatening illnesses!)

We are also able to offer our members an optional discounted subscription fee to Western Horse Review and, of course, you will automatically receive a subscription to Saddle Up as part of your annual BC Paint membership.

Your membership in BC Paint also allows you to compete for stunning year end awards in both our APHA and Open Show programs, as well as in our Paint Your Ride BC program. (The OSCP enrollment fee is an additional \$25 per horse/exhibitor - you can pay now with your membership or join that program at any time during the show season.)

Whether you show your Paints or not, your membership helps us promote Paint Horses in BC - and we really appreciate your support!

One thing about your membership

If you are competing at APHA shows in BC and down south at NWCC-member clubs, it is extremely important that the name on your BC Paint membership is exactly as it appears on your horse's registration papers. Any deviation affects your eligibility for NWCC yearend awards so be careful when filling out your membership application.

Also, in 2014, all owners AND exhibitors must be APHA members in order to compete at APHA-approved shows. (Previously, it was only exhibitors who needed to be APHA members, so if you're showing someone else's horse next season, make sure they've paid their APHA membership as well!)

One more day to log

If you've been logging your hours in the saddle on your Paint Horse this year and haven't submitted your hours yet, you've got just a little more than 24 hours to do so! The inaugural year of our Paint Your Ride BC program is about to come to an end - and while it's had a slow start, response at The Mane Event indicates many more of you will be logging hours in 2014! We think that's awesome - because owning a Paint Horse is NOT all about the show ring! (We get that!)

To the extreme

Speaking of which, have you been following Rhonda Kopp's posts on Facebook about BC Paint's Extreme Mountain Trail Clinic in May? It all gets underway May 23-25 at Twisted Terrain Horse Park in Hope. The clinic will be led by Debbie Hughes of Hughes Quarter Horses, with two days of in-hand and riding instruction on the course, snacks (mmmm ... snacks), lunch and a Saturday night BBQ. And TONS OF FUN, Rhonda promises!

Space is limited to just 12 riders and Rhonda has already pre-sold a



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few spots! The cost for BC Paint members is just \$220 for the weekend if you pre-pay before February 1. Dry camping is \$25 per vehicle (payable to Twisted Terrain). Contact Rhonda for more info and to register and check our Facebook group or the "2014 BCHC Extreme Mountain Trail Clinic" group on Facebook for more information. What a photo opportunity this is going to be! (Maybe we'll make the Paint Journal again this year!!) Thank you, Rhonda, for taking up this challenge on our behalf!

What else?

We had a productive annual meeting, November 30, in Langley and we are very pleased to welcome Chilliwack-based trainer Tami Hutton to our board of directors for 2014. Tami is a familiar face in Quarter Horse circles, of course, and had an awesome year at BC Paint shows in 2013 riding her double registered APHA/AQHA gelding Heztheultimatedream by her stallion, Heza Posed Dreamer. She joins directors Kerry Sawyer, Margo Murray, Blodwyn Bristow and Colleen Ebner, secretary Marilyn Griffin, treasurer Dianne Rouse, vice president Natalie Hall, past president Colleen Schellenberg and- in spite of the distance between us now- me, Cathy Glover, as president. We have an awesome group of ladies at the board table who not only truly enjoy each other's company but are genuinely interested in growing our club and making it meaningful to all Paint Horse owners in BC. We're really looking forward to a great year ahead! Our first directors meeting of 2014 will be on January 12 in Abbotsford.

What we knows about the shows

We've heard from LMQ that their Spring Circuit (May 2-4) and Evergreen (Aug 29-31) will have APHA classes and be BCPHC approved again this year. (APHA classes offered at the "special event" at Evergreen will be expanded.) We're working steadily towards expanding the "Back-to-Basics" shows in the Okanagan (May 31/June 1) and on the Coast (July 26/27) to at a day and a half. We're also hopeful that South Central will include APHA classes at their QH circuit in Armstrong in September- we've asked; we're on hold til they have their agm and elect a new board on January 19! Pacific Northwest Paint Horse Club is hosting their four judge APHA show in Lynden, just across the border from Abbotsford, April 18-20, so that's exciting news for BC exhibitors, too. And I'm in cahoots with Lynn Freeland on a new breeders futurity that will see weanling and yearling compete for cash later this season. (Check out the group page for BC Breeders Futurities on Facebook.)

And finally ...

Santa's elves were very VERY busy in BC Paint's wreath workshop this winter. Natalie Hall tells me the ladies of the board made no less than 73 wreaths for our BC Paint fundraiser! That's incredible!! And they were beautiful! Thank you to everyone who supported BC Paint with their wreath purchase this year, and especially to Natalie and her band of merry elves (refreshments were involved!) for such a great effort!

And on that very happy note, on behalf of the board, may I wish you all a very Happy (and a very colourful) New Year! Please stay in touch ... the website will be updated within the next day or so ... promise!