



BC Paint Horse Club

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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 natalied-hall@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 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 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 ...



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