

Everything.” Until this latest bump in the road between EC and the provinces is smoothed over, the EC office is manually renewing sport licenses and horse show licenses for those in BC who need them urgently. People concerned about their liability insurance continue to be covered as long as they renew their HCBC memberships.

CONNECTING BC DRESSAGE RIDERS

A new Dressage association aimed at “unifying the Dressage community in BC” is being brought to life by Nancy Olson. Dressage BC’s list of goals includes information gathering and sharing from around the province, creating and maintaining a website (www.Dressagebc.com) that will list all Dressage events, publishing an e-newsletter, building a competition results database, and hosting an annual awards banquet. If you are interested in becoming a member or donating some of your time to help this newborn organization find its feet, contact Nancy at nbeaulieu@telus.net.

NEW PARTNERSHIP IN BEND

Lindsey Paton Garner checked in from her base in Bend, Oregon to report the news that she has teamed up with Jim Dahlquist and Philippa Fraser at Side by Side Horses. “Jim and Philippa are currently based in Portland but have just opened a satellite training facility in Bend at Horse Butte Equestrian Center,” says Lindsey, who is running the satellite operation for Jim and Philippa. “So far it’s been fantastic! There are some great horses and riders in Central Oregon and we are very excited to be able to bring our program to the area year round.” Lindsey keeps her BC connection alive, with lower mainland horses going down to enjoy the dry climate and 300-plus days of sunshine every chance they get.

SWEDISH WAYS

Langley Dressage trainer Courtenay Fraser and her handsome Danish gelding *Birkegardens Lukas* headed to Kirkland, WA in January to glean some of Swedish Olympian Jan Brink’s knowl-

edge at a three day clinic hosted by Steinberg-Bryant Dressage and KGF Equestrian Center. “If I had to use one word to sum up Jan’s teaching style it would have to be ‘positive,’” says Courtenay. “He continuously referred to training in ‘zones’: the comfort zone, the stretch zone, and the panic zone. He encouraged riders to train in the stretch zone with immediate reward into the comfort zone when the horse gave a positive reaction.” Courtenay says the horses, which ranged from young to mature and were ridden by both professionals and amateurs, all responded well to Jan’s approach. Jan always brings his boots to clinics, and he rode several horses at the clinic, including *Lukas*. “I have come home with some wonderful exercises and am feeling very inspired to replicate and improve upon what I learned,” says Courtenay.

PACIFIC TO PALM SPRINGS

Teresa McKinley has sold her Trakehner stallion *Pacific* to Kimberley Bowden, who will stand him at stud at Daan Sporthorses in California. “He will be ridden by Denise Nelson Fister, who is a USDF Bronze and Silver medalist, as well as an FEI rider who trains under Kathleen Raine,” says Teresa. “I am greatly saddened to part with such a wonderful horse, but I am ecstatic at the home he is going to, and I wish his new owner the very best with him.” Teresa has kept a bit of *Pacific* for herself in the form of a two year old filly sired by him.

MIXED BLESSINGS FROM STONE HILL

Leanne Peniuk returned home to Knutsford, BC from Palm Springs to face the loss of her 31 year old Appendix gelding *Mystery* whom she had to put down due to colic. “We had been together for 22 years. *Mystery* was my very first show horse. I showed him western and English, and then he retired on our farm,” says Leanne, who also has some happier news to share: “With all the greatness and success of my mare *Sietske*, we have purchased three new Friesians!” Joining the herd at Stone Hill will be an older brood mare, a young