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It's that time of year! Our 2011 annual general meeting has been scheduled for November 27 at the Langley Events Centre (7888 - 200th Street), from 2 to 4:45 pm, and everyone is welcome to join us! This year, we'll be electing (or re-electing) a new president (Colleen Schellenberg) and vice (Cathy Glover) as their positions are voted on annually. BCPHC treasurer Diane Rouse is up for re-election, as is Blodwyn Bristow. Andrew Thomas, who has served the club well as our communications director the last few years, has moved out of the Fraser Valley and will be retiring from the board so his seat will also need to be filled. According to our bylaws, up to eight directors serve for two year terms (we currently have six) and we meet regularly - in person, by phone and email -- to manage club business. Our meetings are friendly and productive and if you want to be involved in the future of Paint Horse ownership in BC, this is a great time to get involved; the AGM is a great place to start! If you are a current BCPHC member interested in letting your name stand for a position on the board, please contact Colleen Schellenberg.

This is also a good time to thank the 2011 board for all their hard work this year. In addition to Colleen, Cathy, Diane, Andrew and Blodwyn, there are Kerry Sawyer, Natalie Hall and your trusty reporter, Marilyn Griffin. We would be remiss not to send out a special thank you, as well, to the incomparable Barbara Binns who worked so hard with the Lower Mainland Quarter Horse Association this year to bring APHA-approved Paint classes to their two circuits at Thunderbird!

[BCPHC awards banquet goes high style](#)

Don't make any other plans for February 4, 2012! You may want to spend it with us! That's when BCPHC's board of directors will be hosting our annual awards banquet - and it's going to be one you won't want to miss! We've booked the luxurious and brand new lounge at the prestigious High Point Equestrian Centre in South Langley www.highpointequestriancentre.ca! It's an absolutely stunning facility! With its floor-to-ceiling vista out to the 90x200 ft arena below, the venue alone will be worth the price of admission! We're still ironing out the details but we'll have ticket info for you in this space next issue! Tickets will go fast!

[Paint show in works for next summer](#)

And more exciting news! Plans are now well underway for a one day/two judge APHA-approved horse show in Langley next summer! BCPHC vice-president Cathy Glover is leading an enthusiastic committee for the "Back-to-Basics" show on Sunday, July 29, 2012 and we've booked High Point for it, as well! A class list includes all the usual suspects including novice youth and amateur classes. We're even offering a youth and amateur high point for solid breds! We've added classes in the new Green Horse division and there is a Walk/Trot Amateur division (by special request from friends on our Facebook group!). Hunter Hack, Western Riding and three Reining classes round out a very nice selection of classes for a no-frills all-Paint Horse show! Best of all, we intend to offer an "all-inclusive" day rate that won't break the bank or require an MBA to fill out your entry form. Exhibitor-friendly? You bet!

[NWCC banquet in December](#)

The Northwest Co-ordinating Committee (NWCC) awards banquet and meeting will be held December 10 at the Hood River Inn in Hood River, Oregon. Reservations at the inn can be made by calling 1-800-828-7873 and ask for the NWCC Paint Horse group rate.

[Got chocolate?](#)

Back by popular, the BCPHC Purdy's fundraiser will be offered again this year, just in time for Christmas! A beautiful winter selection is available online & we can also offer online purchasing for your convenience! Go to [www.purdysgpp.com] and click on [Sign up as Group Member]. Enter group number 22985 and click [find group] to pay with your personal VISA. Hand delivered orders will also be accepted up till November 27. Any questions? Feel free to contact Colleen Schellenberg. All orders will be available for distribution after December 10 and free deliveries to anyone in the Fraser Valley will be available for a minimum \$50 Purdy's order. Help support your BC Paint Horse Club and enjoy the convenience!

[Do you have something to contribute?](#)

And finally, as the 2011 show season comes to a close, there are lots of BCPHC members out there riding their horses on the trails, enjoying the fall colours and continuing to have fun with their horses in lots of other ways. We want to hear from you! Do you have story about you and your Paint Horse? If so, please e-mail mgriffin2@shaw.ca as we would love to include some personal "Paint" stories in the next issue of Saddle Up.

[PS: Do you Facebook?](#)

So do we! Be sure to check out our group - with 210 members (and counting), it's a good way to stay in touch! Search [BC Paint Horse Club].