

**Equine Canada Convention**  
**February 1 to 8, 2010**

I attended the EC Convention in Montreal this week. There is a lot of confusion regarding the Participating Provinces and the Non Participating Provinces.

In 2010 the fees will be Bronze Level \$20 & \$25 dollars for the service package if you are in an opt out province, Silver level is \$60 & 25 for opt out province, Gold is \$100 & 25 for opt out province.

In the participating provinces, you will pay your PSO and then get a \$25 rebate from EC.

Starting in 2010 EC will have a **\$300** Grant that is available to sanctioned shows under 100 horses in remote areas, or on islands, This is to be used toward Official expenses. If you think you qualify please let me know or contact EC.

EC is working very hard on the LTED Long Term Athlete Development, and the Coaching Program. Certified Coaches get a discount on Liability insurance through Capri or BFL. If anyone would like to know more about the coaching program or learn of coaches that are EC Recognized please contact me.

This year for the first time EC recognized an Arabian and Half Arabian for High Point Awards. Unfortunately we did not learn of this award until November so the AHA website was utilized to determine the winners. I will post on the Region 17 website the criteria for this award that will be used in the future.

I would like to congratulate, **VLQ Friendly Fire+ / owned by Alyson Mostowich** for the High Point Purebred and **Kohlminer++++ owned by Vanessa Parsons** as the High Point Half Arabian. These were presented at the EC Convention Gala in Montreal, on February 6, 2010.

I am also very proud to announce that our very own **Conley Driediger** has won the Gillian Wilson Award for the High Point Overall Youth. This is the first time an Arabian youth has won this award. CONGRATULATIONS CONLEY!!!!

The 2010 World Cup Saddle Seat 3 and 5 gaited teams have been chosen and will compete at the Competition that will be held along with the World Equestrian Games in Kentucky. Anyone that may be interested in trying out in the future please let me know.

If you have anything that you would like to discuss, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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