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President's Message

Our Annual General Meeting on February 13th was very well attended, and it is great to see so many members take an active interest in how their Association is being run. Reiny Season Clinic, featuring Bill Rinzema as the clinician, scheduled etc..

At the meeting, a new Green As Grass Welcome class was announced, where riders can come out and try reining without having to take out an ORHA membership to do so. We encourage you to bring a friend out to try this class and enjoy our great sport.

And on the topic of new reiners, Board member Art Roberts unveiled our New Member Orientation Package. We are very proud of this publication, which includes detailed information about reining, the classes, your Board of Directors, show tips and so on. It is something I am sure even seasoned reiners will enjoy reading. Copies will be available at the shows, but it is also on our website at www.orha.on.ca and I encourage you to take a look at it.

Many of you may already know that any paid-

up member of the ORHA will now automatically also be a member of Reining Canada, and there will be no RC membership fee, so this is very exciting. Unless you tick the box on your ORHA membership form to indicate otherwise, your name will be submitted to RC for this membership and any attached benefits that offers.

And on the topic of RC, if you won a RC year-end award last year and were not at the AGM to pick it up, please contact Lee Foster at leefoster_50@hotmail.com or 519-538-7939 to arrange to get it. The jackets are absolutely gorgeous this year.

The first official reining event of the year will be Joanne Milton's annual Reiny Season Clinic on April 30/May 1, featuring Bill Rinzema as this year's clinician. This is an ORHA fundraiser, so I encourage you to participate if you can. And after that, we'll be riding and sliding at Fletchers the first weekend of May, and I look forward to seeing you all there.

Stay warm and safe.

Carol

Reining Canada Beginner

Four of our members earned Top Ten spots in the Reining Canada Beginner Class in 2010, with one of them, Michelle Mahabir, making Champion:

1st - Michelle Mahabir and A Skirt Chaser
3rd - Nancy Marian and Mr Jac Fox
5th - Sarah Learn and Mifs My Dad
8th - Liz Turnbull and Sabers Roan Gal

Introducing Our New Welcome Class

We encourage any rider interested in trying reining to come out to one of our shows and ride in our new Green As Grass Welcome class, where you can try out reining without having to take out an O.R.H.A. membership to do so. Since you also do not need to own the horse for this class, maybe you can talk one of our members into lending you a trained reiner to ride!

Come on out and see what this exciting and fast growing sport is all about and what a great group of people Ontario reiners are.

For more information, please contact president@orha.on.ca.

Youth Association

The ORHA youth (ORHyA) is a sub-group of the ORHA, made up of members under the age of 19. Our goal is to have fun doing something that we each share a love for, and to support each other.

We have our own President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and the ORHA appoints an adult member as the Youth Advisor, to support and guide the ORHyA Committee, and to approve its activities. This year, we have two Youth Advisors, Dana Mailhot and Carol Ivey.

We have regular meetings at the shows, where we plan fundraising events for the year, the proceeds of which go toward a year-end award for every member of the ORHyA. Every youth that shows at a minimum of 50% of the shows, or is

involved in the ORHyA on an active basis, is entitled to a year end award, which is presented at the ORHA year-end banquet. The ORHyA selects and votes on its choice of award each year.

This year we also plan to do more things in the spirit of fun and friendship, and there are big plans in the making for a fantastic year filled with riding, socialising and the making of memories that will be forever. This year I am looking forward to seeing new faces, helping the youth grow, and making friendships that could last a lifetime.

Darby Mailhot,
President,
ORHyA

NRHA Alert and Update

Please verify that you have received and submitted your 2011 NRHA renewal form before the first show, and that you have declared ORHA as your Affiliate Designation for 2011. The Membership Form can be downloaded from the NRHA website under "NRHA," "Forms and Documents,"

and the Affiliate Designation Form is under the "Affiliates" tab.

NRHA also has a new pattern and new non-pro definitions, so please make sure you check out the 2011 NRHA Rule Book - www.nrha.com/forms/2011/patternbook.pdf

Rule Changes

1. Effective this year, a member may only be eligible to win an ORHA year end award (Champion or Reserve) if he or she has volunteered a minimum of two hours in service to the ORHA.

This service can be time served on a committee, writing articles for the Slider, helping in the Show Office, manning the gate, scribing and so on. An alternate may be assigned to complete the service

on a member's behalf.

The time is to be logged at the show office once completed.

2. GREEN HORSE RULE CHANGE

A horse may now be shown in Green Horse for TWO years, provided it has not been shown in any other class in a previous year.

ORHA 2011 Calendar of Events

(Please note that all shows are tentative until marked Confirmed)

Mar. 26 - OBBO Trots for Slots Fundraiser, Flamborough Downs

Apr 30-May 1 - Prepare for the Reiny Season Clinic, Rustic Meadows, Hillsburgh, Ont. Contact Joanne Milton 519-855-6865 info@rusticmeadows.com

May 7-8 - Spring Thaw, Waterford, Ont. Contact Fletchers' Horseworld 519-443-7333 johnfletcher@sympatico.ca **Affiliate Qualifier Saturday May 7

June 18-19 - Kemptville Slide, Kemptville, Ont. Contact Maureen Venables 1-800-585-1784 mvenable@kemptvillec.uoguelph.ca **Affiliate Qualifier Sunday Jun 19

July 16 - Spirit Of Excellence, Meaford, Ont. Contact Ron Lubinski 519-538-0510 ynotfarms@ynotfarms.ca **Affiliate Qualifier Saturday July 16

July 29-31 - Canadian Reining Classic, Waterford, Ont. Contact Fletchers' Horseworld, 519-443-7333 johnfletcher@sympatico.ca **Affiliate Qualifier Sunday July 31

Aug 12-14 - Spooks Gotta Gun & Sired Stakes Derby, TBA, Contact Dana Van Alstine, 905-384-2008, www.vanalstinereininghorses.com **Affiliate Qualifier Saturday Aug 13

Aug 27-28 - Knowlton Ridge, Powassan, Ont. **Affiliate Qualifier Sunday Aug 28

Sept 12-15 - OBBO, Western Fair Agriplex, London, Ont. Contact Harvey Sevens 705-639-5767 reinersrus@sympatico.ca

Sept 23-25 - NRHA Affiliate Finals, Blainville, QC

Oct 1-2 - Grand Finale & Sired Stakes Futurity, Western Fair Agriplex, London, Ont. Contact Mike Munroe 519-938-0620 mmunroe@rjburnside.com

Oct 7-30 - American Quarter Horse Congress, Columbus, Ohio