

Ontario Reining Horse Association

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our Annual General Meeting on February 13th was very well attended, and it was great to see so many members take an active interest in how their Association is being run.

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, remember, they don't need to own the horse for this class, so maybe you could lend them your's!

And on the topic of new reiners, Board member Art Roberts unveiled our New Member Orientation Package at the meeting. 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.

Harvey Stevens will not be on our Board this year and I would like to thank him for his contribution to the ORHA as a Director. He will continue to chair the OBBO, and will have more time now to keep up the great job he is doing there.

As you may already know, 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 it 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 Reiny Season Clinic on April 30 and May 1, with Bill Rinzema as the clinician. This is an annual ORHA fundraiser, courtesy of Joanne, so please 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.

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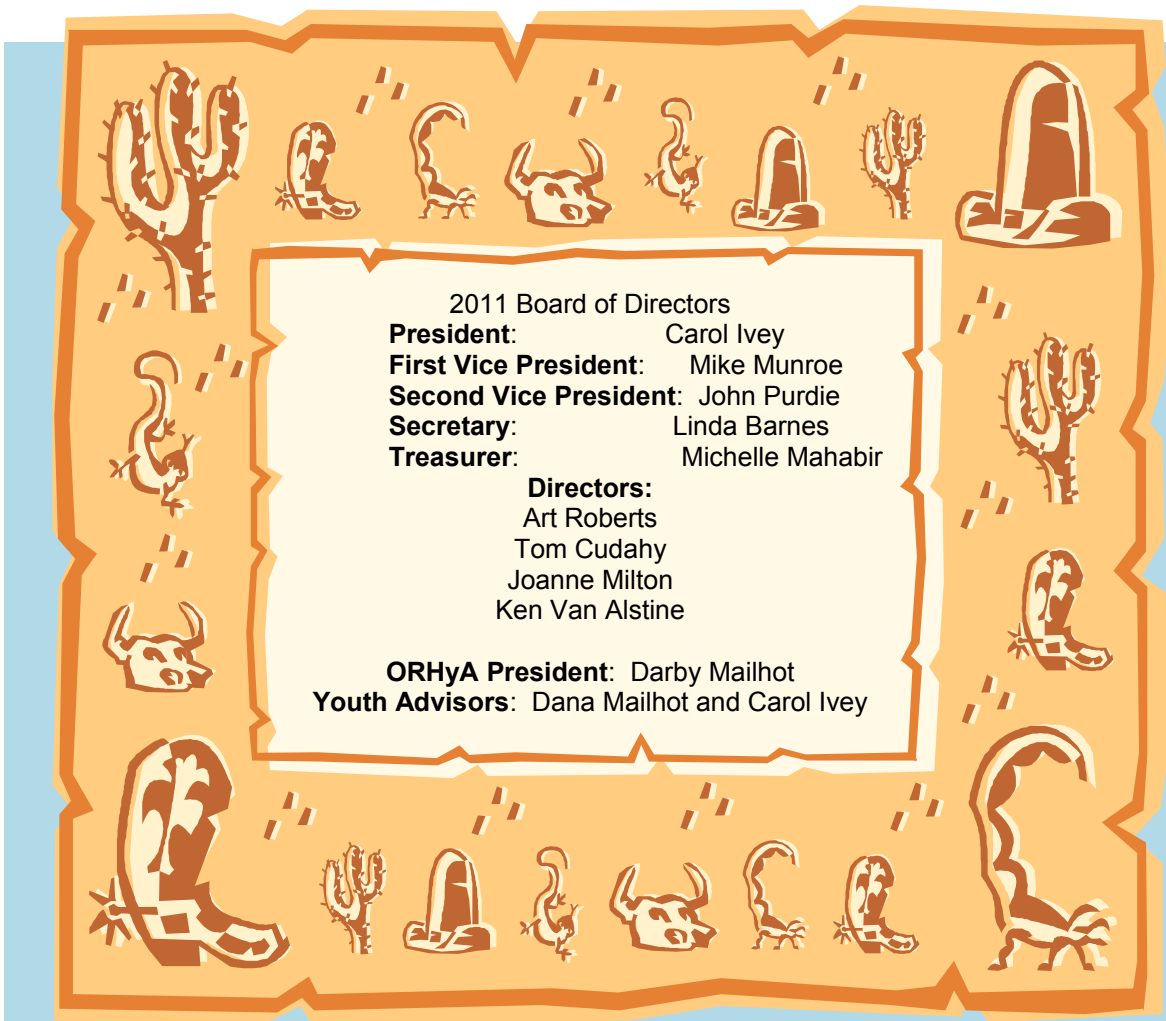
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ORHA 2011 Calendar of Events

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

- 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 Both days**
- June 18-19 Kemptville Slide, Kemptville, Ont. Contact Maureen Venables 1-800-585-1784 mvenable@kemptvillec.uoguelph.ca ****Affiliate Qualifier Both days**
- 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 Both days**
- Aug 12-14 Spooks Gotta Gun & Sired Stakes Derby, TBA, Contact Dana Van Alstine 905-384-2008 www.vanalstinereininghorses.com ****Affiliate Qualifier Both days**
- Aug 27-28 Knowlton Ridge, Powassan, Ont. ****Affiliate Qualifier Sunday Aug 28**
- Sept 12-15 OBBO, Western Fair Agriplex, London, Ont. Contact Harvey Stevens 705-639-5767 reinersrus@sympatico.ca
- Sept 23-25 NRHA Regional 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



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.

I, not events, have the power to make me happy or unhappy today. I can choose which it shall be. Yesterday is dead, tomorrow hasn't arrived yet. I have just one day, today, and I'm going to be happy in it." ~ Groucho Marx

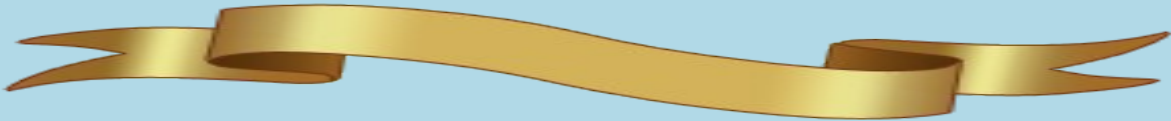


NEW RULE RE: YEAR-END AWARD ELIGIBILITY

As per 2011 Rule Book, Section L, paragraph 2, page 18:

"In order to qualify for year-end awards, Champion and Reserve riders must have competed in the said class at least 50% of the total times offered at shows, and must volunteer a minimum of two hours in that calendar year to the ORHA. In order for monies earned to be eligible for year-end awards, rider and horse owner must both be a member in good standing of the ORHA."

This change reflects the custom of various other groups and Associations and is intended to engage more of our members in the operation of the ORHA and our shows. The volunteer time can be time served on a committee, writing articles for the Slider or The Rider, helping in the Show Office, scribing, manning the gate, and so on. An alternate person may be designated to complete the service on a member's behalf, with the time logged at the show office.



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 some of your friends into trying our great sport on your horse!



ONTARIO REINING ROYALTY-by Gina Coburn-Steele



An interview with ORHA icons John and Lynne Purdie

As a third generation farrier, John Purdie was raised on a horse, or perhaps more accurately....under a horse. When asked what other disciplines he has ridden, John's reply was that of a lifelong horseman, "Any discipline they would pay me for! I've even rode Paint horse open jumping to complete an Apha champion at the CNE."

The Purdies first introduction to Reining was over 30 years ago. The precision, finesse and speed of the sport drew their interest, as well as the individual aspect of the discipline.

"You compete against yourself. It's just you and your horse in the pen" says John. Lynne Purdie remembers the moment, "At a show in NY, we stopped to watch a young Reiner, Tim Stanton. It was raining and the mud was 10 feet deep but they rode in it anyway and got it done. We were amazed by the horsemanship and the quality of the reining horses. We knew right away we were going to get involved."

As a founding member of the ORHA, John's name appears on the original articles of incorporation and he has been elected President of the ORHA twice. The Purdies feel the judging system in Reining is one of the fairest in the industry and enjoy the sportsmanship of their peers. The riders cheer each other on and share knowledge easily, regardless of the fact that they are in competition with one another. "The scoring system makes any horse and any rider beatable on any day," says John and adds with a smile, "Hero today- Zero tomorrow!"

Lynne agrees, "The scoring system has no grey area. When you finish your pattern, there are no surprises. You know what you did right and what went wrong". While the Reining discipline is largely male there is equality among riders, regardless of gender. Lynne adds, "The people are passionate and encourage others who feel the same."

With close to 50 Pewters under his belt and upwards of 30 Ontario Championships, John Purdie has two particular achievements that he is most proud of. In 1999, John rode his famed red dun stallion, Dun It You Won It, to achieve four ORHA titles simultaneously, namely Open, Intermediate Open, Non Pro and Intermediate Non Pro. Then, in 2009 riding Strike Em Out, John ranked 7th in the World, all incredible accomplishments in their own right.

Lynne Purdie is also a force to be reckoned with in the pen, and her accomplishments enviable to any aspiring Reiner. In her down to earth way that makes her one of the most admired and likeable people in the industry, Lynne prefers to talk about her favourite equine partner. Now 18 years old, The Dark Slide, was not her most talented mount or a classic looking reining horse, but "Wizard" as she calls him gave more effort and tried harder than all the others, making him a pleasure to ride every time.

Says Lynne of her favourite horse, "He had *try*, as they say, and to me, that makes the perfect horse". The Dark Slide's dam was a freebie horse that was wild as they come and his sire is Pine's Nifty Man, now 26 years old. Both father and son live on the Purdie's farm where, Lynne assures me, they will remain till their last days.

In true horsemanship style, the Purdies credit their mentors and friends with having a hand in their success and inspiring their passion. From the early on, Claire Smith, Larry McDougall, Lee Foster and Roger Brezeau offered knowledge and support when needed. “Ask for help,” John advises, and remembers one of his earliest reining events, “Roger Brezeau came and did one of the very first reining clinics in Ontario. There were only about 10 people there and most were from the board of directors. We were a very small group back then.” Lynne adds to the list Lynne McDougall and Maurice and Shelley Price, who she believes, “are among the most generous people with their knowledge.” Even for a champion, there are times when things don’t go quite as planned and John recalls one experience he could have lived without,

“At a CNE show, I was riding Skeeters Bonanza and my spur got caught in the rope cinch. That horse shot out of the turn with my spur jamming him as I struggled to get it out. In order to free it, I had to reach down, grab hold of my pant leg and give it a good pull. I yanked so hard, when it came loose, I threw myself right out of the saddle and off the other side of the horse. I wanted to pull my hat down over my ears and hide. As I was leaving the pen, red-faced, a fellow competitor and friend, Bonnie Miller, lightened my discomfort by saying, “John.....there are no bonus points for fancy dismounts.”

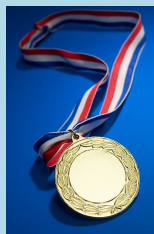
With that experience in mind, John’s advice to new Reiners is this, “It always feels worse than it looks.” Sound advice coming from a former amateur boxing champ!

Lynne laughs and adds, “For me, everyday has an embarrassing moment, my life is like comic relief. I aspired to be happy....and I am. I am very lucky to be able to do what I love to do.”

Lynne’s advice for newcomers, “Ride to your best ability - that is the best thing you can do.”

With a combined 60 plus years of experience in Reining, the Purdies are a wealth of information and stories to convey their passion for their chosen discipline and the organization that manages it, the ORHA. One final word of advice from these warm and genuine ORHA icons that we can apply to many of the challenges life presents to us - “Ride the horse you are on and keep riding till the pattern is finished.”

And we hope to see the two of you still riding with us for many years to come John and Lynne.



NRHA ALERT

NRHA may not have sent you a membership renewal form, so please ensure you download a form from the NRHA website and send it in prior to the first show if you did not receive one, AND remember to select ORHA as your Affiliate Designation when you renew.

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

You can't stay young forever but you can be immature for the rest of your life....



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 Mariani and Mr Jac Fox

5th - Sarah Learn and Mifs My Dad

8th - Liz Turnbull and Sabers Roan Gal

BARN RULES

- 1.** I am human. You are horse. What I say goes. Please take that into consideration when you are standing on my foot.
- 2.** Spilled grain is not "fair game," especially when it is spilled in another horse's stall. It still belongs to that particular horse. You have no reason to go in and eat it.
- 3.** Poop does not need to be hidden. I clean your stall every day. I will find it. Do not hide it.
- 4.** I do not need your help when I clean the barn, nor do I need your supervision, or even your presence. I have been cleaning the barn and stalls ever since you lived here. I know what I am doing. Standing at the door staring at me will not make me clean faster.
- 5.** There is no need to go into the barn and help yourself to the feed. Meals are given at specific times of the day. There is a feed schedule. You know the schedule. I know you know the schedule. You know that I know that you know the schedule.
- 6.** Water buckets are not toys. Neither is the gate, pitchfork, wheelbarrow, whatever is in the wheel barrow, fence, or the occasional dog.
- 7.** The wheelbarrow is there for a reason. Please do not try to move it while I am cleaning your stall.
- 8.** Just because I go into the barn doesn't mean you automatically get food. There is other stuff in the barn. Stuff you don't want. Like wormer and fly spray.
- 9.** Sheath cleaning will NOT be enjoyed... by anyone.
- 10.** Water travels through the hose. If you are thirsty, do not stand on the hose. The water buckets will fill much faster.
- 11.** Not everything has to be high drama. None of the following things will kill you: fly spray, plastic bags, balloons, hoses, chipmunks and other small rodents, or bright blue tarps.
- 12.** Although I understand the need for you to go to the bathroom, it is not necessary to hold it in all day until the moment I finish cleaning your stall and put away the wheelbarrow.
- 13.** Accidents happen. However, I'm not altogether sure you're not trying to kill yourself. Next time you decide to impale yourself on some sort of object, please try to do it when it's not hailing, midnight, the weekend, or Christmas.
- 14.** While I appreciate your need to be clean, pooping in your water bucket does not make my job easier, and it deprives you of water. Please find a new spot.

Ontario Reining Horse Youth Association (ORHyA)

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, socializing 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

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Saturday, May 7, 2011

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CLASS	\$ ADDED	ENTRY FEE	JUDGE FEE	PATTERN #
Ladies	\$200.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	8
Mens	\$200.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	8
Novice Horse Open I	\$200.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	4
Novice Horse Open II	\$500.00	\$50.00	\$30.00	4
Novice Horse Non Pro I	\$200.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	4
Novice Horse Non Pro II	\$500.00	\$50.00	\$30.00	4
Green as Grass	RIBBON	\$10.00	\$10.00	90
Youth Green as Grass	RIBBON	\$10.00	---	90
Youth 13 & Under	PRIZE	\$10.00	---	5
Youth 14-18	PRIZE	\$10.00	---	5
O.R.H.A Youth	PRIZE	\$10.00	---	5
Non Pro	\$500.00	\$50.00	\$30.00	8
Intermediate Non Pro	\$300.00	\$30.00	\$20.00	8
Limited Non Pro	\$200.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	8
Prime Time Non Pro	\$100.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	8
Green Horse	JACKPOT	\$10.00	\$20.00	6
Open	\$500.00	\$50.00	\$30.00	9
Intermediate Open	\$300.00	\$30.00	\$20.00	9
Limited Open	\$300.00	\$30.00	\$20.00	9
Rookie Professional	\$200.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	9
Rookie I & II	JACKPOT	\$20.00	\$20.00	7
Prime Time Rookie	JACKPOT	\$20.00	\$20.00	7
Advanced Beginner	RIBBON	\$10.00	\$15.00	7
Beginner	RIBBON	\$10.00	\$15.00	7

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Novice Horse Open II	\$500.00	\$50.00	\$30.00	6
Novice Horse Non Pro II	\$200.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	6
Novice Horse Non Pro II	\$500.00	\$50.00	\$30.00	6
Green as Grass	RIBBON	\$10.00	\$10.00	93
Youth Green as Grass	RIBBON	\$10.00	---	93
Youth 13 & Under	PRIZE	\$10.00	---	7
Youth 14-18	PRIZE	\$10.00	---	7
O.R.H.A Youth	PRIZE	\$10.00	---	7
WALK / JOG & LEAD LINE	PRIZES			
Non Pro	\$500.00	\$50.00	\$30.00	10
Intermediate Non Pro	\$300.00	\$30.00	\$20.00	10
Limited Non Pro	\$200.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	10
Prime Time Non Pro	\$100.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	10
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Intermediate Open	\$300.00	\$30.00	\$20.00	3
Limited Open	\$300.00	\$30.00	\$20.00	3
Rookie Professional	\$200.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	3
Rookie I & II	JACKPOT	\$20.00	\$20.00	5
Prime Time Rookie	JACKPOT	\$20.00	\$20.00	5
Advanced Beginner	RIBBON	\$10.00	\$15.00	5
Beginner	RIBBON	\$10.00	\$15.00	5

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