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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

July and August are our busiest months for reining shows, and we have some fun classes scheduled, particularly at Fletchers Horse World on August 29 and 30, so make sure you get out to watch if you are not riding, and of course their Saturday evening BBQ is a reining tradition.

The Y Not Farms show July 17 - 19 was very well attended, following on from the clinic by Jared Leclair the two days prior. Jared offered some great tips to those who participated, and the weekend was capped off with the much anticipated "Duel at High Noon" between John Fletcher and Ron Lubinski, who both claim to be non-riders, but managed to put on a pretty impressive performance regardless, with Ron taking the win on his part Arabian, Y Not Dunny. Of course, they were both on phenomenal horses, so sorry guys, but the horses get the credit. Watch for the rematch at Fletchers' show at the end of August!

We have a number of new, and returning, members this year and I spoke to some of them about their reasons for joining, why reining, first impressions, advice for new reiners and so on.

Steve Morris has been reining since 1982 and he responded as follows:

"Instant hook. The horses were the first high but I soon realised it was the people in the sport. Everyone I have met through reining has

become a friend, some for many, many years. As everyone has gone through the bad parts and the super highs, all the people in reining are there to cheer you on, or feel the agony of an overspin or a missed lead when otherwise having a good run.

"The old guys, always watching and offering help, the kids you know are going to kick your butt and you are happy for them to do it.

"I started with Guy and Gaetan Gauthier in Quebec, when they only had one English speaking clinic a year. I'm still on the same program with obvious changes to keep up. I try and attend as many clinics, or just ride with different people, as much as I can. We can gain something from every program. If you don't like it, file it for future use.

"Every show is fun, old friends, new friends, reiners are always in good spirits, I think because the discipline is so humbling, but there is always another pattern to ride and analyse, like a golf game. Work at it and it will come.

"Good horses make us look good. Poor horses make good trainers and teach us how to show."

And his final words, which all reiners can relate to, "Makes no sense to me if you ride without the slide."

Emma Storey, 15, is from Orillia and placed 8th in Novice Horse English Equitation at Congress in 2007. Earlier this year, Emma

had the opportunity to ride a reining horse at Bill Rinzema's in Keene, and very quickly decided she wanted to pursue the sport, and bought her first reining horse, "Are You Skidding Me."

When asked, Emma said, "Reining is thrilling. I've always enjoyed anything that involved a pattern as it is more challenging." She says that watching someone do a pattern really well makes it look easy, but once you're out there trying to execute the pattern, it's a lot harder than

it looks, but she loves the challenge.

Whether you are an experienced reiner or new to the sport, to paraphrase Steve Morris, "Makes no sense to ride without the slide."

Don't forget to check out the ORHA website at www.orha.on.ca for the latest issue of the Slider. Enjoy the rest of the Summer and see you in the warmup pen.

Carol Ivey

## Kemptville Slide 2009

Written by: K.D. Grainger

Kemptville Campus, University of Guelph, is up to a six hour drive away from home for some competitors, but that did not seem to matter to the resolute reiners at this year's show.

Despite the long commute and a wet start, 133 entries competed on June 20 -21st with some impressive results. Interestingly, on Saturday, there was a three way tie for first in the Limited Non Pro, with Terri Dunn (riding Brenna's Bee sting), Pamela Goldfield (riding Kali the Great), and Darlene Patten (riding Slidin Off My Genes) finishing as co-champions with a score of 68.5.

Both Saturday and Sunday's Open class were won by Loris Epis riding Define Good and Wimpy's Tinseltown. Marking scores of well over 70 with both horses, Epis earned a total of

\$1,190 in Sunday's \$1,000 dollar added class.

In the Non-Pro Division, Larry McDougall was champion both Saturday and Sunday, riding Sassy's Wiz Kid, and scoring a 69 and 70 respectively.

The 14 - 18 Youth class was also interesting, with Starr Boisvert (riding Clays Kid Olena) beating Melia Blakely (on Neon Cola Sign) by half a point on Saturday, but then having that reversed on Sunday with Melia earning a 71 to Starr's 70.5. Our reining youngsters had many competitors thankful that they do not ride in the youth classes!

This year's show at Kemptville proved that, where there is a horse show, there will be determined riders competing. Congratulations to all.

## UP and COMING REINER - Deena Colic

By Rachel Day and Carol Ivey

Deena Colic of Woodstock, Ontario is only 14 years old but already has made a notable impression in the ORHA show ring. The first time she showed a reining horse she was six years old, then she explored other disciplines such as jumpers and barrel racing before she returned to reining horses at age twelve. Deena, who always loved horses, got into reining when her mother surprised her with a half arabian half quarter horse reiner. She did very well on her, and thoroughly enjoyed it, so she stuck with it and is now coached by Dean Brown.

Deena just bought a really nice Guess my Flash gelding called Boogie. When asked about Boogie, Deena enthusiastically told us, "he is a real fun cool reining horse and an AMAZING personality. I've only shown him at one show so far and we did very well."

Deena also has two 3 year olds started, one is a Playgun and the other one a Colonel Freckles. She is looking forward to seeing how they will do together and spends all her spare time at the barn with her much loved horses. Deena's

accomplishments in reining so far have included year end Champion in Green as Grass and Youth 13 & under Champion on her old gelding, Mo Betta Jo, two years ago. Then last year, on Cats Tivio Pistol, she won year-end ORHA Beginner with 14 points, which won her a belt buckle.

Deena is ecstatic with how she has made out so far. Already this year on Boogie, first time showing him, she won the Limited Non-Pro, Reserve in the Intermediate and Reserve in Non-Pro. The second day, she tied first for Limited Open and got third in Intermediate Open.

When asked about her future, Deena expresses her wish to become a successful reining trainer through hard work and dedication. She looks to trainers Dean Brown, Shawn Florida, Craig Schmersal, and Andrea Fappani for inspiration and lives by her motto to "Ride hard, try your best, and always smile!"

There is no doubt that we will be seeing some great things from Deena in the future and her hardworking positive attitude is something we can all admire and learn from.

Way to go Deena!

## The ORHA Youth are having a "Penny Challenge" and you're invited to help.

There will be two teams of youth members: the 13 and under youth riders vs. the 14-18 riders.

Two containers will be in the office at all ORHA Shows, up to and including the OBBO show September 15th and 16th, and you are asked to bring your pennies and loose change.

The winning team will be announced at the last show October 24th and 25th held at Black's, with the losing team being slaves for the winning team.

Here are the rules of the Challenge:  
• Each team is awarded 1 point for every penny collected. Any amount donated other than a penny is SUBTRACTED from the jug's total. For example, a dime in the jug gets ten points

DEDUCTED from the final total.

- The other team, or anyone else for that matter, can sabotage a team's jug by putting in a nickel, dime or quarter.
- If someone puts a Loonie or a Toonie in the jug, it will be considered a donation to the entire youth group, therefore not being subtracted or added to the total of either team.
- All proceeds will go towards the Youth Year-end Awards.

On behalf of the Youth riders, I would like to say "thank you" in advance for your support of the ORHA Youth.

Starr Boisvert, President, ORHyA



Ontario Bred, Born or Owned Reining Futurity

**WESTERN FAIR**

Agriplex London, Ontario.

SEPTEMBER 15th & 16th 2009

Tuesday September 15, 2009 - Beginning at 8:00 am.

Judges: Kelly Hedges & Richard Fisher

Class#	Class Name	Added \$	Entry Fee	Judges Fee	Award	Pattern
<b>Western Fair Welcome Class</b>						
1	Mens & Ladies	J/P	\$ 20.00	\$ 25.00	Medallion	5
2A	Beginner	\$ 100.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00	Medallion	9
2B	Advanced Beginner	\$ 100.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00	Medallion	9
2C	Reining Canada Beginner	J/P	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00	Medallion	9
3A	Green As Grass	\$ 100.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00	Medallion	B
3B	Green As Grass -Youth	J/P	\$ 10.00	X	Medallion	B

LUNCH BREAK {1hr. General Riding}

4A	Open	\$ 500.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 40.00	Pewter	3
4B	Int. Open	\$ 300.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	Plaque	3
4C	Ltd. Open	\$ 200.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	Plaque	3
4E	Rookie Pro	J/P	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	Plaque	3
5A	Rookie I	J/P	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	Plaque	6
5B	Rookie II	\$ 100.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	Plaque	6
5C	Prime Time Rookie	J/P	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	Plaque	6

MANDATORY SUPPER BREAK 5:30 - 6:30pm {NO RIDING IN ARENA}

4A	Non-Pro	\$ 500.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 40.00	Pewter	8
4B	Int. Non-Pro	\$ 300.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	Plaque	8
4C	Ltd. Non-Pro	\$ 200.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	Pewter	8
4D	Prime Time Non-Pro	J/P	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	Plaque	8
6	Combo-Pleasure & Reining Class	\$ 250.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	Ribbons	2

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