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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we wind down show season, it is depressing to already feel the edge of Winter's impending arrival, although the Fall colours are spectacular, and there is something to be said for having no more bugs.

The highlight for September was the Ontario Bred, Born or Owned (O.B.B.O.) show at the London Western Fair, which showcased up and coming two year old reiners, along with some of our best three year olds in the Wednesday evening Futurity.

The two year old Pleasure Class was so large, it had to be divided into two cuts, with Harvey Stevens taking first place on Wilburn Archer's Custom Skirt, and Bill Rinzema earning second place honours on my filly, Shiners Enterprise, and Ken Van Alstine placing third on his WB Whiz N Kid. Many of those present commented on the high quality of horses in this year's class, which bodes well for next year's Futurity.

The much anticipated Futurity class also did not disappoint, with a good sized class and some great three year olds. Tim Stanton provided the excitement winning both Open Champion and Reserve Champion on his two mares.

Tim scored an impressive 142.5 on 'R R Stranger' by 'R R Star' and out of 'Crying In The Rain,' to win the class, and

'Jodie's Ammunition' (by 'Gunner') took Reserve with a score of 141.

Not only were both these mares bred, born and raised at Tim and Lisa Stanton's Stoneridge Farm, but in addition, Jodie's Ammunition is out of the mare ('Jay Sugar Bee Sting') that produced the 2008 O.B.B.O. winner ('Chex to Bee Cashed'), also ridden by Tim.

Talk about Girl Power!! Oh yeah, and go Tim, go Tim - they couldn't have done it without you there too.

Congratulations to all who participated in the O.B.B.O. show, and kudos to Harvey, Leona and Deb for their hard work in making sure everyone had a good time and things ran smoothly.

By the time you read this, the Affiliate Finals will be behind us along with the Grand Finale, but do mark your calendars for the year-end Awards Banquet on November 7 - tickets are \$40 each and available from Dana Van Alstine or Berenice Fletcher. If you are interested in sponsoring a year-end award, or donating an item to the auction, please email me at president@orha.on.ca or call me at 705-686-3074. It will be another fun event so don't miss it - I look forward to seeing you all there.

Carol Ivey

Ontario Equestrian Federation Membership

Many of our members have O.E.F. memberships to take advantage of the many benefits that offers (check out those benefits at www.horse.on.ca if you are not already a member), but may not be aware that the O.R.H.A. receives funding based on the

number of our members who also belong to O.E.F. So if you have an O.E.F. membership, please make sure you put the number on your show entry form, or email it to me at president@orha.on.ca .

Carol Ivey

"Wasn't that a Party?"

By Carol Ivey

Fletchers show in Waterford at the end of August was a fun weekend in spite of the heavy rain.

Not only was there a full slate of reining classes, but Friday evening kicked things off with a "Get Acquainted to Reining" class, that gave all participants a prize and allowed non-reiners to try their hand at the sport. The enjoyment was enhanced by the generous donation of pizza and beverages by "Jeff's At Work Office Furniture."

Saturday evening's activities began on an even higher note with a delicious roast beef dinner sponsored by Kodak, and was accompanied by live music from the Donaldson Family. John and Sharon Fletcher's 8 year-old daughter, Megan, introduced the Freestyle and Funstyle with an inspiring rendition of "O Canada."

After a technical glitch that saw Darby

Mailhot and Long Island Ice Tea sitting patiently in the pen waiting for their music, they were sent back out and moved to the end of the draw. But they showed they were worth the wait when they came out and won the Non-Pro class with an impressive 144 1/2.

Mark Mandic had the crowd whooping and hollering with his electric run on BM Goldun one, that earned them 2nd place with a score of 144. Loris Epis took the Open win on Fletchers' Wimpys Tinsel town.

The arena was packed, not only with reiners but also with residents of the area who came to see some fine horsemanship and entertainment.

The Fletchers are terrific and generous hosts and certainly knew how to put on a party (oops, I mean horseshow).

Thank you John and Sharon, Dan and Bernice.

Tim Stanton on Gun Dealer, Wins Open Reining



Tim Stanton on Gun Dealer, who won the Open Reining and C.R.I. Qualifier at the Eastern Canada Affiliate Reining Show on Sept. 26 in Blainville, Quebec. Not only is that itself an impressive accomplishment, but Tim also earned the high score of the entire weekend with a 72 1/2, against some of the best riders in Canada.

In the photo (left to right): Larry McDougall, Carol Ivey (ORHA President), Lisa Stanton, Julie Bacon, Michelle Mahabir, Lynne McDougall

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations, Taylor Mariani, for being featured in the September issue of Western Horse Review as a 'Rising Star.' You continue to make us all proud of you.

ORHA AWARDS BANQUET

November 7th, 2009, 5 pm

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