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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our show season has opened with a couple of very successful clinics. The first was the Non-Pro Days event held at Blacks Equine Centre in Hannon (thank you Bryan and Ashley for donating your facility for this), and was attended by 17 riders and 2 auditors.

Dean Brown, Dana Van Alstine and Harvey Stevens each generously donated their time to help a very enthusiastic group get ready for their first show of the year, and other contributors who helped make this event such a success are Mike Munroe, Ken Van Alstine, Sharon Hart, Joanne Milton, Eric Mesley, Drew Pearce, Stevens Training Centre and Tiz Wiz. The feedback from the participants was very positive, and the expert coaching and fun environment was greatly appreciated by all.

The second clinic was Rustic Meadows' "Prepare for the Reiny Season" event, which featured Loris Epis as the coach, and this one attracted 12 riders and 7 spectators, and resulted in Joanne Milton donating more than \$1,700 to the O.R.H.A.

This event featured two informative presentations offered by Dr. Alison Moore, DVM, on gastric ulcers and worming, supported by Wendy Voss of Merial Canada - there was a lot of good information in those sessions that made everyone think. And to show their support of Canadian reining, Merial Canada has agreed to donate \$500 to the Young Riders program, a most generous offer.

Our first reining show kicked off May 9 and it was great to see old friends again and catch up on all the news of the past few months, although the weather made it feel more like Fall than Spring. I am sure everyone is looking forward to a fun-filled Summer of great riding.

And finally, don't forget to check the ORHA website often (www.orha.on.ca) for the latest news and results, and make sure you read the most recent issue of the Slider and complete the Member Survey, so we can find out what you want of your Association. The completed surveys received so far have been most informative, and I will be publishing a recap of some of the key results once we have a large enough sampling.

See you in the warmup pen.

Carol Ivey

Youth Committee

The O.R.H.A. Youth Committee held its first meeting at the May 9 show at Blacks Equine Centre, and elected Taylor Mariani as its Secretary from three very strong candidates.

The Committee will be led by President, Starr Boisvert, and Vice President, Melia Blakely, under the guidance of Youth Advisors Harvey Stevens and Ken Van Alstine.

There are currently 15 members and they had a lively discussion about possible fundraising events for the coming year, which include paid warm-ups at some shows including the show at Y Not Farms in Meaford this July, a possible bake sale, and (look out folks!) a dunk tank, as well as a boot shine, tack cleaning booth and perhaps a slave auction (Tristan Stevens is going to be a hot commodity for that one).

The youth will hold their next meeting at RCRA's one day show in Newmarket on May 31 - all ORHA youth are welcome to attend.

We are privileged to have such a great group of young people involved in our organisation, and we wish you all success for this season.

Reining Canada Top 10 Finishers

The Ontario Reining Horse Association would like to congratulate all the Reining Canada Top 10 Finishers. Ontario should be very proud of their excellent representation, our horses, owners and riders had a very successful year. Keep up the good work in the 2009 everyone.

Reining Canada Open 2008 Top Ten
Champion - Lucky Star Gun - Claude Barre - QC
Reserve - Wimpys Tinseltown - John Fletcher - ON
3rd - Lokota Chic - Brian Knutson - AB
4th - Boggies Sugargirl - Rachel Roy - NB
5th - Roxy Quintanas Star - Fred and Christine Sears - NB
6th - Ima Chexy Gal - Dawn Adams - MB
7th - Royal Peppy O lena - John Fletcher - ON
8th - Define Good - Anderson Performance Horses - ON
9th - Shiners Q Chex - Don Leach - AB
10th - Grannies Smokin Gun - Kelin Doiron - AB

Reining Canada Intermediate Open 2008 Top Ten (Horse and Owner)
Champion - Royal Peppy O Lena - John Fletcher - ON
Reserve - Define Good - Anderson Performance Horses - ON
3rd - Slide Me To My Dream - Lucie Houde - QC
4th - Chexy Brennas - Marilou Paradis - QC
5th - Little Colonel SS - Todd Sherrer - QC
6th - Titchy Okie Jac - Daniel Pichette - QC
7th - Cobras Chic Magnet - Johanne Touchette - QC
8th - Dun It Because I Can - Rafter D Reiners - BC
9th - Dunit With a Sailor - Mary Anne Morris - BC
10th - Wimpys Tinseltown - John Fletcher - ON

Reining Canada Limited Open 2008 Top Ten
Champion - Trademark Whiz - Julie Cook - AB
Reserve - Royal Peppy O lena - John Fletcher - ON
3rd - Define Good - Anderson Performance Horses - ON
4th - Cee Little Star - John Fletcher - ON
5th - Major Eyed - Curtis and Andrea Clarke - SK
6th - Spooks Remarkable - Amanda Self - BC
7th - Ima Chexy Gal - Dawn Adams - MB
8th - Dun It Because I Can - Rafter D Reiners - BC
9th - SE Tidy Lena - Paula D Kitto - AB
10th - SR Kool Starlite - Carmen Teixeira - BC

Reining Canada Novice Horse Open 2008 Top Ten
Champion - Wimpys Tinseltown - John Fletcher - ON
Reserve - A Foxy Whiz - Larry I. and Lynne Mc Dougall - ON
3rd - Lucky Star Gun - Claude Barre - QC
4th - Ima Silver Hollywood - John Fletcher - ON

5th - West Coast Command - Jessica Jones - AB
6th - KR Tejons Hobby - Lorie E. Engbrecht - AB
7th - Nics Dixie Chex - Michelle Hodgson - NB
8th - Shiny Honey - Floyd Duperron - AB
9th - Chic O Luba - Lee Anne Reeves - NS
10th - Roxy Quintanas Star - Fred/Christine Sears - NB

Reining Canada Rookie Professional 2008 Top Ten
Champion - Loris Epis - ON
Reserve - Kyle Weston - AB
3rd - Carmen Teixeira - BC
4th - Niki M. Loreth - BC
5th - Lachian Bell - AB
6th - Pamela Morrison - BC
7th - Jennifer Levie - QC
8th - Charles Bond - ON
9th - Austin Seelhof - BC
10th - Sara Campbell - ON

Reining Canada Nonpro 2008 Top Ten
Champion - Thompson; Jim L. - ON
Reserve - Sherrer; Todd - QC
3rd - Purdie; John R - ON
4th - Reeves; Lee Anne - NS
5th - Burnett; Ryan J - AB
6th - Ryan; Kyle D - MB
7th - Wilson; Darcy J. - ON
8th - De Bellefeuille; Andre - QC
9th - Manley; Larry - AB
10th - Hamming; Jillian - BC

Reining Canada Novice Horse Nonpro 2008 Top Ten
Champion - Mc Dougall; Larry I - ON
Reserve - Siemonsen; Lacey G. - ON
3rd - Pichette; Daniel - QC
4th - Fraser; Margaret - AB
5th - Ethier; Debbie - QC
6th - Friesen; Shelbie M - AB
7th - Vilandre; Andre - QC
8th - Beaudry; Francois - QC
9th - Pratch; Nancy - AB
10th - Plumridge; Stephanie - BC

Reining Canada Intermediate Nonpro 2008 Top ten
Champion - Thompson; Jim L. - ON
Reserve - Pichette; Daniel - QC
3rd - Wharton; Kendra E - ON
4th - Purdie; John R - ON
5th - Barre; Claude - QC
6th - Blondeau; Denis - QC
7th - Wilson; Darcy J. - ON
8th - Noble; Vanessa J - SK

9th - Anderson; Andrea - AB
10th - Burnett; Ryan J - AB

Reining Canada Limited Nonpro 2008 Top Ten
Champion - Mariani; Taylor - ON
Reserve - Purdie; John R - ON
3rd - Wharton; Kendra E - ON
4th - Codey; Christine - QC
5th - Mandic; Mark - ON
6th - Oschwald; Dagmar D.O. - QC
7th - Black; Karen - MB
8th - Warren; Cary S - ON
9th - Ryan; Kyle D - MB
10th - McLeod; Wendy - BC

Reining Canada Rookie 2008 Top Ten
Champion - Susan Muir - ON
Reserve - Kelin Dorion - AB
3rd - Mark Mandic - ON
4th - Julie Cook - AB
5th - Eric Mesley - ON
6th - Sandra Hovey - AB
7th - Kelsey Wiens - MB
8th - Madison Steed - AB
9th - Darlene Patten - ON
10th - Dr. Stanley Davey - AB

Reining Canada Youth 14 -18 2008 Top Ten
Champion - Mariani; Taylor - ON
Reserve - Blakely; Melia - ON
3rd - Wharton; Kendra E - ON
4th - Boisvert; Starr C - ON
5th - Beauchesne; Lisa Marie - QC
6th - Pratch; Nancy - AB
7th - Jade Giroux Larkin - QC
8th - Rheume; Catherine - QC
9th - Riesen; Shelbie M - AB
10th - Hoelzel; Alanna - AB

Reining Canada Youth 13 and Under 2008 Top Ten
Champion - Kolsun; Bailey - AB
Reserve - Mailhot; Darby Dawn - ON
3rd - Wilson; Lane A - ON
4th - Steed; Madison Brady - AB
5th - Stevens; Tristan - ON
6th - Badura; Courtney - AB
7th - Classen; Sydney - MB
8th - Love; Steven - MB
9th - Nielsen; Telitha - BC
10th - Birch; Emily - MB

ORHA NON PRO DAYS

April 18, 2009 - Nineteen horses were unloaded at Blacks Equestrian Centre in Hannon, ON for the ORHA's Non Pro Days Clinic. The horse and rider teams were there for a weekend of learning, camaraderie, and a little competition between friends and fellow competitors. The clinicians: Harvey Stevens of Indian River, ON, Dean Brown of Waterford, ON and Dana VanAlstine of Welland, ON.

The weather was great, a little cool on Sunday so everyone stayed inside but great on Saturday. Harvey Stevens worked with the Beginners in the outdoor pen on Saturday and in the small arena on Sunday. The Non Pro group worked in the show pen or big arena both days with Dean Brown and Dana VanAlstine. The Non Pro clinicians were kind enough to end their session a little early on Sunday so the Beginner group would have their turn in the show pen, a warm up for the show. Sunday afternoon was the competition between class mates, so to speak.

The Non Pro Class and Beginner class were run concurrently and judged by Ken VanAlstine, Mike Munroe was the scribe. Winning the Non Pro class and taking home her first Pewter was Roxanne Lashbrook of Fordwhich, ON. Second in the Non Pro class and receiving a Plaque was Sandy Ebersole of Stevensville, ON. Also taking home her first Pewter for the Beginner class was Karen VanAlstine and receiving the 2nd place Plaque was Tristan Stevens of Indian River. Also riding in the beginner class, honorable mention goes to Jesse Pecore of Stoney Creek, ON. There were big smiles all around, the riders had a great time and the clinicians had fun both teaching and cheering for everyone on Sunday afternoon.

Dana stated that "The highlights for me were watching everyone put together what they learned during the clinic when they showed the next day. One highlight was seeing Roxanne and Karen win their first pewter's. Dean, Harvey and I were happy to volunteer our time. The ORHA and its members are what this clinic was all about. It was a fund raiser



Left to Right - Roxanne Lashbrook, Dean Brown, Karen VanAlstine, Cathy Paterson, Guy Nolet, Doreen Carlson, Rosemary Hilbert, Sandy Ebersole, Dana Vanalstine, Sharon Hart, John Matthews, Brian Spedaler, Kim Wannamaker, Jesse Pecore, Starr Boisvert, Tristan Stevens and Harvey Stevens.

for the club and at the same time it offered its members a chance to learn new things and utilize them in a show on the same weekend. The Green, Beginners, Rookies and Non Pros are a vital part of the reining horse industry. It was enjoyable working with them and seeing their progress. Everyone we worked with was enthusiastic. It was something to see how they progressed from the start of the clinic to the end, when they had a chance to show their stuff in the show pen. Sandy Ebersole said the reason she was late on one of her lead changes was because Ken looked so good that she couldn't take her eyes off him... Can't say I have heard that excuse before but it was original."

Big thanks go out to Harvey Stevens, Dean Brown and Dana VanAlstine who all generously donated their time and expertise. NRHA Judge Ken VanAlstine also donated his services for the Sunday afternoon show.

TIZ WIZ donated vests that were monogrammed NON PRO DAY CLINICIAN / JUDGE, with Molly and Harvey Stevens paying for the Monogramming. The two pewter's were donated by Stevens Training Centre, with the two Plaques donated by the ORHA. For one day of the clinic Sharon Hart was kind enough to donate the coffee and rolls, and the

clinic paid for the second day. Mike Monroe donated his time to scribe, and Eric Mesley and Drew Pearce pitched in to do a great job of manning the gate.

Joanne Milton was kind enough to do the entries and bring ribbons to hand out so everyone went home with something. Harvey stated "I think the clinic was a huge success for the people that attended it and received a great deal of favorable comments. The Facility was generously donated by Blacks who received Timmy's gift cards and a Thank you Letter as a small token of our appreciation." Harvey closed by saying "Overall people seemed to get a lot out of the clinic and went home pleased with their achievements."

The best part of this clinic: all proceeds were donated back to Beginner and Non Pro classes for the 2009 show season. So, again, Thank You to all who participated either by riding or by assisting. Your contribution was greatly appreciated.

Submitted with contributions from: Mary Jo MacDonnell, Dana Vanalstine, Harvey Stevens, Carol Ivey and compiled by Alison Sutcliffe