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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am excited and honoured to have been elected President of the Ontario Reining Horse Association for the next two years.

This is a vibrant and growing organization in a sport that is attracting more and more interest worldwide, and what a wonderful time to be at the helm.

Our recent Annual General Meeting was a "standing room only" event, and demonstrated how involved our membership wants to be in decisions around the governance of the O.R.H.A.

I promised to resurrect our newsletter, The Slider, to ensure our members are kept informed and help them feel more involved and connected.

We get a stronger sense of unity when we have

our own newsletter and can keep track of events and individual member accomplishments. I have several members already lined up to assist with getting the ball rolling on this.

As a Board, we need to ensure the best interests of the members are being served and to do this we need to know that those interests are. So I am proposing a member survey - let's find out what you like, don't like, what ideas and suggestions you each may have. I will be getting that out to everyone in the near future.

We have amazing people in our Association and we want to maximize the resources they can offer, so I am asking you all to give some thought to what we can do to make the O.R.H.A. even

stronger. An organisation is only successful when the individual members work together toward a common goal.

I believe a President needs to be visible and accessible to the members, to hear their comments and concerns, so I welcome your feedback. To that end, my email address will be posted on the O.R.H.A. website, and I am also proposing that we hold a Town Hall meeting at one of our summer shows.

An Association such as our's works best when the members participate, so I am asking you to please get involved. Let me know if you would like to assist in any area, whether it is at the shows, on the administrative side or contributing to the newsletter.

If you have an idea for a newsletter piece but no writing skills, we'll do the writing for you,

but give us the ideas!

And finally, I would like to thank John Thompson for four years of service as President of the O.R.H.A., and also Lloyd Diehl, who is stepping down from the Board to focus on his new family. Thank you gentlemen for your dedication and generous contributions to our Association.

We have another full slate of shows and clinics lined up for this year, so it should be a great year, and thanks go to Harvey Stevens, our Second Vice President and Joanne Milton our Show Secretary, for arranging these events.

Thank you to everyone who supported my nomination. I will be working hard to fulfill your expectations and to represent the Association in a responsible and capable manner.

Carol Ivey

Past President's Message

I would like to thank all the members that took time to attend the Annual General Meeting. It was well attended this year and I would like to congratulate Carol Ivey on her election as the the ORHA President.

I have enjoyed working with the Board of Directors, and the members of this association for the past 5 years, 4 of them as President. We have made a lot of changes over the years and continue to do our best towards having a great association.

As always, and as it should be, there are members who want to have input into what the ORHA should do. The best way to bring your ideas to the Board is to put them on paper and give to a director so the idea can be brought to the board. This can be done at any show as you all know there is a director at every show and hopefully the member with the idea will be the one willing to take it on, as the board members are not able to take on more jobs. As always we would like to remind members that if they are willing, the board is always looking for more directors to help with the work load we have now.

We have asked in the past for someone to write an article on the shows, and I would like to thank those that put their name forward to do this. I would like to thank you all for your support over the last 4 years. See you at the shows.

John Thompson

Ontario Varsity Youth Reining Club

Rules

- Must be an ORHA youth member
- Youth officers cannot run for points
- For certain activities you cannot exceed 8 hours a day
- Youth 13 and Under are Junior Varsity Club members
- Youth 14-18 are Varsity Club members
- Total number of points will determine the prizes awarded
- End date October 26, 2008

Awards

- Bronze: 0-100... Certificate, T-shirt
- Silver: 101-300... Certificate, Hat
- Gold: 301 +... Certificate, Sweat Pants
- Award for Highest Junior Varsity Youth... Cooler
- Award for Highest Varsity Youth... Cooler

2008 VARSITY AWARD WINNERS

- Highest Jr. Varsity Youth - Tristan Stevens winning a Horse Cooler
- Highest Varsity Youth - Kathleen Grainger winning a Horse Cooler
- Most Improved Youth - Tristan Stevens
- 'Game Ready' prize for selling most raffle tickets - Tristan Stevens

Congratulations to all for a job well done!

ORHA Youth Varsity Points

As Of November 2008

Name/ Jr. Varsity Points

Tristan Stevens, 1585
Darby Mailhot, 820
Cole Van Alstine, 215
Lane Wilson, 55
Cassie Apolloni, 50
Hannah Williams, 30
Kennedy Almas, 25
Jade Allan, 5

Name/ Varsity Points

Kathleen Grainger, 1335
Samantha Munroe, 1325
Luke Eisses, 1025
Taylor Mariani, 307
Ryley Clark, 194
Kendra Wharton, 137
Amanda Thomson, 20
Amanda Thynne, 10
Lyndsay Kloster, 5

Nominations for 2009 Ontario Reining Horse Youth

The Ontario Reining Horse Youth Association created an informal youth board last year and has organized them selves to carry on the work of their committee. Last year was a success under the leadership of Rebecca McAtee, Starr Boisvert and Melia Blakely. This year Rebecca will move to the Past President position, President Starr Boisvert and Vice President Melia Blakely. This leaves the Secretary's position open for nomination.

If there is a youth member(s) that you feel would fill the position, (including your self,) for the committee and is willing to fulfill the required duties, complete the nomination form below. One other youth member that agrees with your choice should also sign but does not have to. From the names nominated, the position of Youth Secretary will be determined.

Should you wish to make a nomination in accordance with the above criteria, please complete this form and mail or e-mail it to Harvey Stevens, Melia Blakely, Starr Boisvert, or Samantha Munroe, (addresses and e-mails given below) before May 10th 2009.

The election will take place at Fletcher's Horse World on May 16th & 17th 2009.

I wish to nominate _____ for the position of ORHA Youth Secretary.

Signature of nominee _____ indicating that he/she is willing to stand for election at the ORHA Youth meeting.

Date: _____

Mailing Addresses:

Harvey Stevens- 3240 Hwy. #7 RR#2 Indian River, ON K0L 2B0, reinersrus@sympatico.ca
Melia Blakely- 387 Ingram Rd. Coldwater, On L0K1E0, cowgirltuff452@hotmail.com
Starr Boisvert- RR3 Chatsworth, ON N0H 1G0, maryjo@macfuel.com
Samantha Munroe- 28 Hunter Rd. Orangeville, On L9W-5C2, Reiningstar@hotmail.com

If you have any questions, please phone:

Starr Boisvert @ (519)794-2027

Harvey Stevens @ (705)639-5767

NON PRO DAYS REINING CLINIC

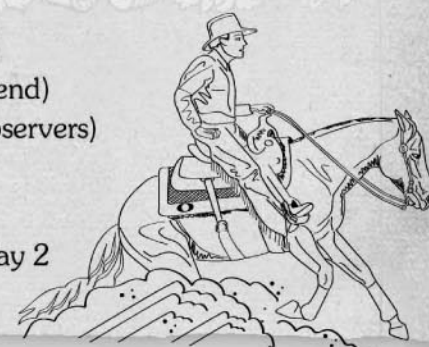
April 18 -19, 2009
Blacks Equine Center

Clinic Fees:

\$150.00 (full weekend)
or \$45.00 daily (observers)

includes:

2 day clinic
entry to show on day 2



DAY 1 - WORK WITH CLINICIANS

DAY 2 - 1/2 DAY WORKING WITH CLINICIANS

SATURDAYS START 10:00AM, SUNDAY START 9:00AM

2 DIVISION SHOW - 1- NON PRO - 2-BEGINNER

Clinicians include:

Harvey Stevens Dean Brown Dana Van Alstine

www.blacksequinecentre.com Hamilton Ontario

**For Reservations Contact:
Harvey Stevens 705 639 5767**

**Stalls not included - contact:
Ashley Black 905 679 1224**