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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

While the weather certainly picked up, August was a sad month for some of us. Leona McAtee, a long time member, lost her brother in a tragic accident. During this time, someone hacked into her email address book and sent a bogus email to her contacts. I am sure anyone who received this email knew it did not come from Leona.

On August 8, my 33 year old Assistant, Phil Morden, was killed in a terrible boating accident in Muskoka. Phil was like a son to me, and my team and I have shed many tears since that fateful day. He will forever be in our hearts. Rest in peace, my friend.

On a more upbeat note, we were all very proud of Darcy Wilson of Goodwood, when she brought home the individual gold medal at the Kentucky Young Riders Competition in late July. Congratulations Darcy on an outstanding run.

I am also delighted to announce Dave Alexander's appointment to the O.R.H.A. Board - his past experience on the Board will be a great asset, and we are all looking forward to working with him.

We have had another successful couple of shows since last month - Mount Forest and Hannon (finally, a show at Blacks with no rain!). Thank you Quarries and Blacks for being such great hosts.

The calibre of our up and coming young riders was evident at Blacks when the lowest score in the Saturday Youth 13

and Under Class was 69 _!! Congratulations Darby Mailhot and Long Island Ice Tea on winning that class.

The "Spooks Gotta Gun" show in Hannon was sponsored by Duane and Deirdre Hicks, owners of this cool stud, and it was great to see them both there visiting old friends. Thank you Duane and Dee Dee for your generosity and ongoing support of the O.R.H.A.

The highlight of the show was the Saturday evening rib dinner, followed by the Futurity, which featured twelve promising 3 year olds. In the open class, Charles Vaughan's horse, Wimpys Show Stopper, lived up to his name when Dean Brown scored an impressive 147 _ in a blistering run. Andrew Fuller and his horse, Slide Over Bay, won the Non-Pro Futurity. Congrats to both Dean and Andrew for some terrific entertainment.

And a big thank you to Ken and Dana Van Alstine for putting on the Hannon Spooks Gotta Gun show, which turned out to be the best attended show of the season so far.

With just three shows left in the season, we finally got some summer for the show in Hannon - maybe a little too much, but no one dared to complain!

I hope you all enjoy the balance of the summer, and remember, if you ain't sliding, you ain't riding. See you in the warmup pen.

Carol Ivey

ORHA Youth Report

President's Message

It's been a great show season so far, with the exception of the weather. LOL! Hope everyone is having fun and enjoying the ORHA show season. Big thanks to all of you who have been a part of the ORHA Youth Group, working early in the morning helping with paid warm-ups, collecting and remembering to bring your pennies to the show. All your time and hard work with the many fundraisers to date has been greatly appreciated. Big thanks to all the many members who have supported the Youth's fundraising efforts.

Special thanks, to name a few:

- Tristan Stevens
- Ron & Gillian Lubinski
- Kathleen (K.D.) Grainger
- Melanie Gray
- Harvey & Molly Stevens
- Dan Fletcher
- Maureen Venables
- Munroe
- Ken & Dana Van Alstine
- Darby Mailhot
- John & Sharon Fletcher

Youth fundraisers for the remaining shows:

- OBBO Futurity**
September 14, 2009 - Unloading Service
- September 15 & 16, 2009 - Run the gate, office runner and whatever may need done to help the show committee.
- Grand Finale Show**
October 17, 2009 - Pizza Party

Varsity Points Update

Junior Varsity Points
Tristan Stevens - 670
Mitchell Paterson * - 90

Senior Varsity Points

Jesse Pecore * - 1905
Samantha Munroe * - 235

*Indicates that member(s) are not yet eligi-

ble for prizes, something from section 2 still needs to be completed.

For more information visit www.orha.on.ca

The Penny Challenge

Youth 13 and under 3332
Youth 14 to 18 2491

Keep bringing in those penny jars and remind all ORHA members to bring them too.

News

Congratulations to Darcy Wilson for winning Reining Gold at the NAJYRC Young Riders Event held at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY.

NAJYRC

Qualifying for the 2010 NAJYRC Young Rider Event began August 1, 2009. There is discussion about adding a Young Riders qualifying class at this year's Grand Finale Show at Black's October 17th & 18th (watch the website for confirmation). If you are interested in this class visit the EC web site at www.equinecanada.ca/rein for more information.

The basics:

- Open to Youth aged 16 to 21 - you do not have to be an ORHA youth member
- Your horse must be at least 6 years of age
- You do not have to own your horse nor does a member or your immediate family need to own it
- You can borrow a horse from anyone willing to lend you one.
- You must be an EC member
- I think the membership that you need to show in the qualifiers is about \$20
- Owners donating their horse for International Competition may be able to deduct some or all of any expenses directly to them on their tax return
- You must score at least a 68 to qualify.

See you at the show!
Starr

Dave Alexander appointed as a Director...

The Board is delighted to announce that Dave Alexander, a past Board member and long time ORHA member, has been appointed as a Director and we look forward to his input and assistance on the Board.

Darcy Wilson Wins Gold

Ontario's Darcy Wilson won the individual gold medal on July 26 at the 2009 Adequan FEI North American Young Rider Championships in Kentucky. Riding Miss Cielo Chex, with a score of 217, Darcy beat a field of 20 competitors to take home the gold.



Congratulations to Darcy and Chef d'equipe, Wendy Dyer, on a job well done. Complete results are available at: www.usef.org/_AUAIframes/CompUp/Data/Result160.pdf



CONDOLENCES...

Lloyd Cleaves: The O.R.H.A. extends its deepest sympathies to the family of Lloyd Cleaves of Pleasant Ridge Saddlery, who passed away the last week of August.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Leona McAtee and her family for the recent death of her brother in a tragic accident. Also...our thoughts are with Carol Ivey who suddenly lost her business assistant in a boating accident on August 9th. In troubled times sometimes the comfort of the reining community makes all the difference. Let's keep both of our friends in our thoughts and actions.

SURVEY RESULTS

The draw from the completed member surveys was made at the Spooks Gotta Gun Show at Blacks on August 15 and the winner of the \$100 Tim Hortons gift card was Mary Dancy Clarke.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the survey, the results of which have been circulated to the Board, and we will publish a recap in the next issue of the Slider.

Carol Ivey

TIP OF THE HAT

to Melia Blakely for

- winning the Canadian National Appaloosa 14 -18 Championship in Brandon, Manitoba
- making Reserve Youth Appaloosa World Reining Champion in Jackson, Mississippi from 16 entries