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THE ROAD HORSE REPORT

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President's Report



Welcome to 2014 everyone! Winter is certainly here in full force with ice storms and ever growing snowbanks. Hopefully some of our members are taking advantage of the snow by hooking their road horses to a sleigh or cutter. The good news is that according to the calendar we are approaching the half way mark of winter, which means the 2014 show season isn't far away. However, before we get to that, let's finish up some business from 2013 by congratulating all the exhibitors at the Royal. We can all be proud of the quality and size of the classes in our division. Kudos to those who left the ring wearing red or tri-color ribbons, especially Nugent Stables, and Steve McLean who each won multiple classes, and to Gary Jones for his win in the OHHA Green Roadster to Bike Classic. Our sponsors also deserve special acknowledgement for their generosity and support of the road horse division!

The Royal was also a time for camaraderie and celebration, whether it was at our very well attended pancake breakfast or to honour the addition of Glen and Lori Downey to the Hall of Fame. It is the friendships we have, crossing from generation to generation that help make being part of the road horse community such a special experience.

Speaking of opportunities to share and celebrate with friends, planning for the 2014 Mane Event is well underway. This year the dance following dinner Saturday evening will feature DJ Mark Dredge, who many of you will remember from the CRHA party at the 2012 Royal, so it promises to be a fun time with lots of dancing. Hope to see you there!

As this is my final newsletter message as president, I want to thank the board, executive and membership for your support over the past two years, and add a special thank you to Sherri Archdekin for your invaluable support and commitment as association secretary.

Good luck to all in 2014!

Linda Rainey

'The Mane Event' AGM & Banquet

The 2014 annual meeting & banquet will once again be held at the Toronto Airport Marriott on April 11th & 12th. The weekend kicks off with a complimentary Presidents' Welcome Reception on Friday from 9 p.m. - 12 a.m.

The Canadian Road Horse Association Annual Meeting will be held Saturday at 1:00 p.m. All members are invited to attend. Directors up for re-election include Penny McKee, Helen Thomas, David Hamilton, Bob Clancey & Kathy Galbraith. Directors with one year terms remaining are Kirk Douglas, Clare Hayes, Carolyn Nugent & Kerri-Lynn O'Hara. There is also an optional luncheon (\$10/person, \$12 after March 28th) before the meeting.

Saturday evening will feature a silent and live auction along with dinner and dance. Entertainment will be provided by DJ Mark Dredge. Members are encouraged to donate items for the silent auction as the CRHA will receive all proceeds from the items sold from our table. We are also looking for volunteers to assist with setting up the auction tables. If anyone is available, please contact Linda Rainey or Helen Thomas.

A detailed schedule and ticket order form is attached. Tickets are \$55 for adults and are to be ordered through Barbara Anness (banness@sympatico.ca), Canadian Hackney Society Secretary by March 28th. Any tickets not paid for by March 28th will be at the rate of \$75. Rooms are \$116 per night plus tax (\$2.00 parking) and can be booked at 1-855-823-6348 or online at <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/2014MANEEVENT>. Don't forget to mention that you are with THE MANE EVENT. For more information on the hotel, visit <http://marriott.com/property/propertypage/YYZOT>. The special Mane Event Room rate is only in effect until March 28th.

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OHHA Green Roadster Classic

Special thanks to OHHA for once again sponsoring the Green Roadster Classic at the RAWF. Congratulations to Gary Jones on winning this class with Windsong Farewell.



OEF News

It is very important for CRHA members to join OEF. Aside from the benefits (insurance, etc) that OEF offers, the CRHA applies for a grant each year through OEF. In 2013 we received \$900 from this grant to help offset the costs of our Hall of Fame reception, support our Junior Exhibitor classes at select shows and assist in the overall promotion of road horses. The amount we received in 2013 was down from previous years partially due to the fact that less than 60% of our members are OEF members. In upcoming years OEF will most likely change the grant criteria to supporting special projects for safety, education and long term athlete development. If you have any suggestions in how our association can meet these initiatives, please let us know.

Congratulations to Wayne Allison on winning the OEF People Make a Difference Award. Wayne has been an integral part of the Canadian Road Horse Association spending numerous years volunteering as a Director for the association. He also served as President from 2000 - 2002. During his presidency he implemented the Canadian Road Horse Association Hall of Fame. Wayne was instrumental in establishing the criteria and guidelines for the Hall of Fame, ordering plaques for inductees and assisting with honouring them at our annual ceremony held at the Royal Winter Fair.



Fundraising & Promotions

Pancake Breakfast

The CRHA hosted a pancake breakfast at the Royal Winter Fair where we made approximately \$700. Thanks to GFC and SC, Cheryl O'Hara, Doug Cranston and Simon Bourassa for their donations to this event as well as those who purchased tickets.

50/50 Draw

Thanks to everyone who supported our 50/50 draw held at the Royal which had a pot of \$349. The lucky winner was Jean Lawrence.

40th Anniversary DVD

A reminder that CRHA 40th Anniversary DVDs are still available at a cost of \$30 each from Linda Rainey, Helen Thomas, Sherri Archdekin, Penny McKee or Kirk Douglas.



2014 Memberships

A reminder that memberships for 2014 are due. The fee remains at \$15 and should be submitted to Helen Thomas, 5-2244 Upper Middle Road, Burlington, ON L7P 2Z9.

*We welcome your contributions to our newsletter.
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