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## 2012 President's Report

The C.T.H.S. of British Columbia is pleased to present the 62nd edition of the statistical review which provides up-to-date numbers including the 2012 season at Hastings Racecourse.

Our 2012 thoroughbred campaign had an unusual beginning with sportswriters across North America grabbing their racetrack handbooks trying to find out exactly where Hastings Racecourse resides. A jockey from this unknown region where he had started his career was about to embark on a journey that many fans and horsemen would never forget. Mario Gutierrez and his amazing mount, I'll Have Another, captured the Kentucky Derby and then went on to win a great stretch battle in the Preakness Stakes. At every press conference Mario would mention and thank his home base of Hastings Racecourse for all of the support. The local media took note of Hastings as well and with this expanded coverage many new fans made their way to our East End oval.

The breeders in British Columbia were also put on the map nationally as Strait of Dover became the first B.C. bred ever to win the Queen's Plate. The son of English Channel from the mare Bahrain Star went wire-to-wire in the 153rd running of the \$1 million race. He is owned by his breeders Wally and Terry Leong of Kelowna. The local flavour didn't stop with the owner and breeder as former Hastings jockey Justin Stein was in the irons for the victory in Canada's most prestigious race.

For the purpose of establishing a sustainable model for the future of B.C. horse racing, the Horse Racing Industry Management Committee met with owners, breeders, trainers, track employees, track operator and other stakeholders to gather input and information. The meetings were held in Vancouver, Chilliwack and Vernon. It is anticipated that a draft of the revitalization report will be released in February 2013.

The annual sale was held on September 11th and it was a resounding

success as the yearling average was \$16,696 which was up 26 % from 2011. Long time supporter of the local sale, Peter Redekop, bought a colt by Finality out of the stakes producing mare Remarkable Gal for \$118,000 which topped the auction. Also active in the sale, as they are every year, Nick and Pauline Felicella purchased four yearlings for a total of \$341,000. The leading consignor was Tod Mountain Thoroughbreds who sold 13 yearlings for \$194,000.

The CTHS partnered with BCLC marketing of this year's sale and as part of the team effort Mary Rendleman was the lucky winner of an all expense paid trip to the Breeders Cup.

Congratulations go out to the four 2012 CTHS Sales stake winners. Alpine Lad owned and bred by Peter Redekop. Tempered Steel owned by Nite and Day Management and Joanne Todd and bred by Tod Mountain. Ruffy Joe owned by the Century Plaza Stable and bred by Tod Mountain. Racing for Gold owned by Fiorvento, Law and Randall and bred by Mr. and Mrs. E.M. Dittloff and K. Dittloff.

The industry awards were held on November 22nd at Newlands Golf and Country Club. Congratulations to all of the divisional winners, as well as, the Hall of Fame inductees Glen Todd and the filly Monashee.

I would like to personally thank all of the breeders that are continuing to breed in these uncertain times and I wish everyone the best of luck in the upcoming 2013 season.