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2013 British Columbia Awards Gala

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Herbie D...Vanderbilt Award :: Appleby Award :: Horse of the Year Open and BC-bred :: Champion Older Handicap Horse Open & BC-bred Division :: Champion Sprinter

The amazing story of Herbie D continued again in 2013 winning four of his five starts and banking over \$200,000. Named after former thoroughbred owner Herb Doman, the son of Orchid's Devil got off to a brilliant start winning the Johnny Longden 6000 in near track record time of 1:15.21. Three weeks later, he ran third suffering his first defeat since his seventh place finish in the 2011 B.C. Derby, but he got right back on the winning track by wiring the field in the Lieutenant Governors' on Canada Day. This set him up perfectly for two huge victories at Emerald Downs as he easily won the Mt. Rainier and then finished off his memorable 2013 campaign with a powerhouse performance in the Grade III Longacres Mile. He displayed the rare quality of blazing speed and stamina and was by far the best horse in the Northwest. He was named champion sprinter, champion older horse, as well as, Horse-Of-The-Year. He now has ten wins from just thirteen starts and his current lifetime earnings are \$337, 928. He is owned by his breeder George Robbins in partnership with Darcia Doman, trained by Rob Gilker and ridden by Amadeo Perez...*Pictured from left to right are Helen Doman, Jerry Billan, Pat Johnson, Jennece Doman, Len Harris, Gary Schroeder, Nicky Wylie, Darcia Doman, George Robbins, Joy Cameron, Anthony Ousten, Shawn Lawson, Vicky Gilker, Shane Gilker and Ray Mrus.*



Finality..Champion Sire

For the second consecutive time the top stallion trophy in British Columbia was presented to the syndicate that owns the sire Finality. His progeny earnings in 2013 were over \$800,000 far more than any other sire. The Finality sired runners continue to shine at two, three, four and beyond and his two-year-old daughter Arabella's Muse was one of the most impressive horses at the track in 2013. He resides at Red Rock Farm in Westwold, B.C...*Accepting the award are Lois and R.J. Bennett.*



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Dance the Wind...Champion Older Handicap Mare – BC-bred Division

Dance the Wind took home top honours in the older mare BC Division after a season that saw her visit the winner's circle in three of her six starts. The daughter of Second in Command outran the best mares on the grounds when capturing the Vancouver Sun in June. She followed that up with a solid third place run in the B.C. Cup Distaff for her trainer Carl Lausten on her way to earning \$63,000 which boosted her career total past \$140,000. She is owned and bred by Clive and Linda Lytle...*Pictured from left to right are Carl Lausten and Gabriele Mathussek.*



Madeira Park..Champion Older Handicap Mare – Open Division

They say that fillies get good in the fall and that sure was the case with Madeira Park who was as spectacular as the Pender Harbour neighbourhood she is named for and saved her best races for when the divisional honours were on the line. Winless through the spring at Hastings she was sent to Alberta where she nibbled in some stakes and did manage to break through with a win in an allowance test. She earned top mare honours by winning the Delta Colleen in her return to Hastings and capped off the season with a victory in the Grade III Ballerina. She earned \$122,729 in 2013 bringing her lifetime total to \$231,474 for her owners and breeders Exclusive Stable and Ray Hanson. She was conditioned by Hall-Of-Fame trainer Dave Forster.



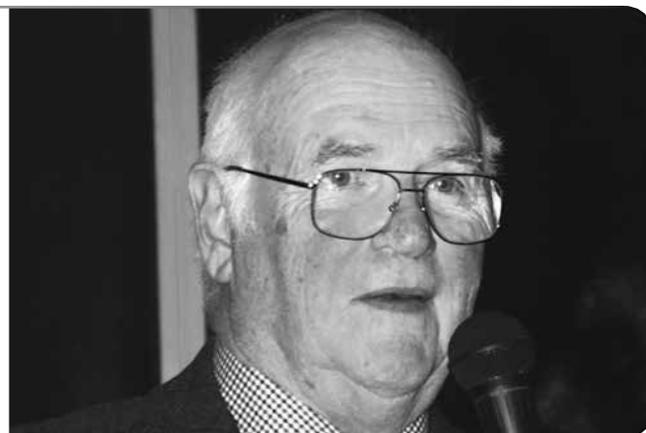
Cause to Believe...Champion Juvenile Sire

The top two-year-old sire at Hastings wasn't even a close race as the Cause to Believe foals were dominating their two-year-old rivals throughout the season. Among his talented sons was champion Neverabettercause who won the CTHS Sales Stake, the Ascot Graduation and was second in the Jack Diamond Futurity behind another son of Cause to Believe Andallthatitmeans. His daughter Habida was a stakes winner in Alberta and was second in the CTHS Sales Stake and third in the Sadie Diamond Futurity at Hastings. It was a brilliant season for the stallion Cause to Believe who stands at Road's End Farm in Abbotsford...*Pictured from left to right are Victoria Anderson, Carol Anderson, Bryan Anderson and Peter Redekop.*



Chilli Chines..Champion Broodmare

Some fillies just aren't cut out to be stars on the track and that definitely was the case with Chilli Chines who went unplaced in three starts at Hastings and in her final career race she was a disappointing seventh in a maiden \$5,000 claimer. She has a nice pedigree being from the family of former Hastings superstar Right Chilly so her connections decided to give her a try in the breeding shed mating her with underrated stallion Orchid's Devil. The word 'champion' obviously was a longshot to be tagged along side the name Chilli Chines, but that is what makes this sport one of the greatest games in the world. Her first foal turns out to be Herbie D who has now won 10 from 13 starts, earning over \$330,000 and named Horse-Of-The-Year, so deservedly the mare Chilli Chines has 'champion' added to her resume for owner George Robbins...*Pictured is George Robbins.*



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Tod Mtn. Thoroughbreds...Leading Breeders

The leading breeder in British Columbia in 2013 was Ron and Rae Fawcett's Tod Mtn. Thoroughbreds. They had another successful season breeding the super star champion filly Tempered Steel, as well as, stakes winners Kiri's Gal, Deviance and the iron lady Dashing Daisy who won the B.C. Cup Distaff. It's not an accident that Tod Mtn. breeds top level horses, as they take trips to Kentucky to buy mares in-foal, which are foaled out in B.C. making these regally bred youngsters B.C. breeds. Their horses continually bring top money at the CTHS Sales... *Pictured from left to right are Jamie Demetrick, Ron Fawcett & Rae Fawcett.*



White House Stables...Jack Diamond Futurity Winning Breeders

The Marsh and McLellan Trophy was presented to White House Stables of Saanich, B.C. who were the breeders of the Jack Diamond Futurity winner. Their homebred Andallthatitmeans led the field on a merry chase until things got interesting in the deep stretch but he found the finish line first by a scant nose. Pat Johnson, Norm and Nicky Wylie team up as White House Stables and they mated their successful broodmare Mascaretta with this year's top juvenile sire Cause to Believe to produce the speedy gelding Andallthatitmeans who had two stakes victories, a second in the CTHS Sales Stake and banked \$103,011 in the 2013 season...*Pictured from left to right are Pat Johnson and Nicky Wylie.*



L. S. Nordahl & K. Nordahl...Sadie Diamond Futurity Winning Breeders

The Equine Insurance Underwriters Trophy is given annually to the breeder of the Sadie Diamond Futurity winner and in 2013 Leif and Karen Nordahl's Arabella's Muse easily bested her rivals in the \$100,000 race winning by five and half lengths in a brilliant time of 1:16 flat. The daughter of former champion filly Excited Miss, who also raced in the colours of the Nordahl's, was mated with Finality resulting in Arabella's Muse who had been nothing short of sensational in her two races to date, crushing with her competition in both starts... *Pictured from left to right are Mark Cloutier, Toni Cloutier, Karen Nordahl, Leif Nordahl and Frank Fuentes.*



Neverabettercause...Champion Open & BC-bred Two-Year-Old Colt or Gelding

The trophy for top two-year-old at Hastings was deservedly presented to the connections of Neverabettercause. The Pat Jarvis trainee blossomed into a real pro in the summer capturing the B.C. Cup Nursery coming from last to first then followed that up with a big effort finishing a game second in the rich Jack Diamond Futurity. He cinched divisional honours after his convincing three and a half length score going a mile and a sixteenth in the Ascot Graduation. The son of Cause to Believe banked just over \$95,000 in his initial campaign for his breeders Bryan and Carol Anderson who also own the CTHS graduate in partnership with Jim Eccott and Lillian Jarvis-Meehan... *Pictured from left to right are Vince Quesnelle, Lillian Jarvis-Meehan and Pat Jarvis.*



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Architecture...Champion Open & BC-bred Two-Year-Old Filly



The two-year-old champion Architecture was a gem of consistency throughout her season at Hastings. It is a rare feat when a two-year-old doesn't toss in a subpar race and that was the case with the daughter of Dixie Chatter who had three wins and three seconds in her six starts. Her first win of the season came in the B.C. Cup Debutante then three weeks later gutted out a tough win in the CTHS Sales Stake. She was second in the Sadie Diamond Futurity but got her revenge in the Fantasy earning the two-year-old title. She earned a hefty \$134,000 for her owners, Swift Thoroughbreds, Inc. and her trainer Dino Condilenios. She was bred by Whitewood Farm... *Pictured from left to right are Dino Condilenios, Horatio Kemeny, Jaqueline Kemeny, Naudia Mache and Mark Mache.*

Title Contender...Champion Open Three-Year-Old Colt or Gelding



The most difficult race to win at Hastings is the B.C. Derby and year after year owner Peter Redekop tries to either raise or privately purchase a potential Derby candidate. Peter got his first taste of a Derby win in 1994 with Squire Jones and then 18 years later won with Second City and in an amazing feat found yet another Derby winner with the aptly named Title Contender last year. The son of Pulpit stalked the speed in the Derby and then drew away to a convincing four and three-quarter length score under rider Rico Walcott. He came back with a game second place effort against older horses in the Premiers which secured his claim as the top three-year-old at Hastings. He was trained by Anita Bolton and now has career earnings of \$220,705... *Pictured is Peter Redekop.*

Go for Guinness...Champion BC-bred Three-Year-Old Colt or Gelding



The B.C. bred three-year-old trophy went to Go for Guinness who was absolutely brilliant in besting the top homebreds in the Stellar's Jay on B.C. Cup day. The son of Rosberg raced close to a fast pace and drew away on the final bend and cruised to a six and one-half length romp. He was up against the premier three-year-olds in his next two starts and finished fourth in the Derby Trial and went unplaced in the Derby, but it was still a very successful season for the Dave Forster trainee banking \$60,000. Go For Guinness is owned by his breeder George Gilbert...*Pictured from left to right is Donna Gilbert, Melissa Gilbert & George Gilbert.*

Tempered Steel...Champion Open & BC-bred Three-Year-Old Filly



The top three-year-old filly was Tempered Steel who came to hand beautifully for trainer Brian O'Connell when the big races were on the line. She earned her first stakes win of the season on B.C. Cup Day in the Dogwood as she was ridden quietly early by Mario Gutierrez and produced a powerful run to win the Dogwood by a length and a quarter. She was just warming though as she showed five weeks later that she was the best on the grounds by easily winning the prestigious B.C. Oaks by three and a half lengths. She is owned by Nite N Day Management and Joanne Todd and bred by Tod Mtn. Thoroughbreds. The CTHS Sale graduate earned \$102,000 last year bringing her lifetime total to \$158,000...*Pictured from left to right are Alex Dale, Natalie Giesbrecht, Joanne Todd, Kathy O'Connell, Angie Smith, Brian O'Connell and Kathy Foster.*

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Yes He's Trouble...Top Performing Lower Claimer

The lower level claimers make up the bulk of the races in any thoroughbred season and it is fitting to reward these types of individuals that don't live in the limelight as the stakes horses regularly do. The 2013 Top Performing Lower Claimer was presented to Yes He's Trouble who started the year off in April. He visited the starting gate twelve times and notched his fifth win of his campaign on closing day. He banked just over \$32,000 for his owners the B.S. Stables and his trainer Pedro Alvarado.



Cry Cry Cry...Top Performing Upper Claimer

The Top Performer Upper Claimer in 2013 was the consistent mare Cry Cry Cry who is owned by Whieldon Thoroughbreds and was trained by Rosann Anderson. Cry Cry Cry started off her season finishing third in a \$25,000 claimer, was dropped in for \$15,000 and posted an easy win. She was now on her game and proceeded to rattle off three more victories starting for \$25,000 then a tough allowance event. Next up was her biggest triumph of her career, a gritty win in the Derby Bar and Grill Express Stakes. She went unplaced in the Ballerina, her final start of the year, but her season was a huge success winning four of six and earnings of just under \$60,000.



Enrique Gonzalez..Leading Jockey

The leading rider battle went right down to the wire as any one of three riders could have taken top honours in 2013, but it was Enrique Gonzalez that had a huge final weekend to claim the title. Enrique has established himself as a hard-working jockey that is at the track most mornings and has quickly learned to navigate the tricky Hastings oval in the afternoon. He finished off the season with 59 wins, six of those were stakes victories, and his mounts had earnings of \$970,142...*Accepting for Enrique is Travis Barroby.*



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Alexander Marti...Leading Apprentice Jockey



The leading apprentice at Hastings in 2013 was Alexander Marti. He is another hard-working rider that had to get on many horses to help out trainers in the mornings to secure a few mounts on race days. The native of Argentina has been a little unlucky as the injury bug bit him causing him to miss parts of the 2013 campaign yet he still had enough wins to take the Leading Apprentice prize...*Accepting for Alexander is Daryl Snow.*

George Robbins ...Diamond Award of Excellence



George Robbins was presented with the 2013 Diamond Award of Excellence. He is breeder and co-owner of Herbie D and was recognized for his many years of breeding and his foresight to breed a mare that went unplaced in all three of her lifetime starts, to Orchid's Devil to produce the Horse-Of-The-Year Herbie D.

It took awhile for things to come together as Herbie D didn't make his first start until he was three and won three of those five starts including the B.C. Cup Stellar's Jay and the CTHS Sales Stake. He was injured after his three-year-old campaign and didn't return until midway throughout his four year season, in which he dazzled his competition with blazing speed winning all three of his sprint races. George took on Darcia Doman as a partner, the daughter of Herb Doman, for whom the horse was named and both were in the winner's circle for all four of his 2013 victories including the Grade III Longacres Mile.

It has been a magical ride with Herbie D for a man who had the guts, the vision to breed a mare that not everyone would have persisted with and was wise enough to have patience for the horse and confidence in his trainer Rob Gilker. George Robbins is a deserving winner of the 2013 Diamond Award of Excellence...*Pictured is George Robbins.*

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Rosann Anderson...Diamond Award of Excellence

After having a brilliant training year Rosann Anderson was named co-winner of this prestigious award. Rosann has maintained a small successful stable of horses for over 30 years at Hastings Racecourse. She has always had the ability, the patience and knowledge to rehabilitate any former claimer and get that horse to move up the claiming ladder, which is why she always has maintained a high winning percentage. Last year, led by her stable star Cry Cry Cry, one of her former claimers, who won the \$50,000, Derby Bar and Grill Express stakes for owner Mike Whieldon made her 2013 season a memorable one. Rosann's horses won a staggering 11 of their 24 starts winning at a 46% clip and were in the money 71% of the time. Rosann has always been a popular fixture on the backstretch and everyone in the racing community was delighted for her success in 2013. Rosann was another deserving winner of the Diamond Award of Excellence. *Pictured is Rosann Anderson.*



Craig MacPherson...Leading Trainer

The leading trainer in 2013 was Craig MacPherson who displaced Troy Taylor from his usual spot atop the standings and claimed his first leading trainer title. Craig is a hard-working, hands-on trainer that has been in the top five in the standings for some time now and finally had his breakthrough year winning 34 times from just 156 starts for an impressive 21% winning average. His pupils earned \$579,541 during a season that saw him win four stakes races...*Pictured is Craig MacPherson.*



Swift Thoroughbreds...Leading Owner

The leading owners in 2013 were the team of Horatio and Jackie Kemeny and Mark and Naudia Mache who race as Swift Thoroughbreds, Inc. and their horses definitely lived up to their stable name. Always big supporters of racing in B.C. they continually buy horses at the yearling sales; they breed horses and purchase horses privately from other jurisdictions to race at Hastings. Under the care of their trainer Dino Condilenios their horses won 30 times and earned \$531,065. They had three stakes winners, two-year-old champion Architecture, Shrug and Shooting Jacket...*Pictured from left to right are Horatio Kemeny, Jaqueline Kemeny, Naudia Mache and Mark Mache.*



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Ed and Gladys Dittloff ...CTHS 50 years of consecutive membership



For the past 55 years the Dittloff's have run a family operation in Grindrod, B.C. Their first major success breeding thoroughbreds was Summer Lil who was named Horse-Of-The-Year in 1975. The times were different then as she started for \$6,250 claiming then proceeded to beat the boys twice carrying as much as 124 pounds and ran third in the Debutante toting an amazing 127 pounds. Another Dittloff production was High Reserve who was a nice stakes horse in the 1980's but their best horse came along in 1986 and his name was Fleet Reserve. He was the champion two-year-old in 1988 winning three of four races including the Jack Diamond Futurity. In 1989 Fleet Reserve won five of his eight appearances most notably the B.C. Derby and gave the Dittloff's their second Horse-Of-The-Year. More recently they have raised stakes winners I'm Free and Racing for Gold. Congratulations to Ed and Gladys Dittloff for fifty years of raising thoroughbreds and being a CTHS member...*Pictured are Ed and Gladys Dittloff.*

Bobby and Annie Hall ...CTHS 50 years of consecutive membership



The Hall's owned the most recognizable British Columbia bred horse of all-time, the great George Royal. Early on in his career Bob trained him and won four of eight races as a two-year-old including the Nursery Stakes. As a three-year-old in 1964 George won nine in a row and in 1965 was named Canadian Horse-Of-The-Year. He won 21 of his 45 lifetime starts including 11 stakes. Even though races were not graded in his day, three of the races he won were Grade 1's, namely the Canadian International and the San Juan Capistrano which he won twice. George Royal was not the only good horse Hall's had by a longshot. They bred and owned Timber Music who became British Columbia's first female to be named Horse-Of-The-Year after her 1971 season that saw her win six of eight including five stakes triumphs. Bobby and Annie have also campaigned Alder Glory, a daughter of George Royal, Screaming Sue, Big Brac, Trap Me Not and Hall Dancer to name a few. Congratulations to Bobby and Annie Hall on their considerable achievements in racing and for their fifty years of membership with the CTHS... *Pictured are Bobby and Annie Hall.*

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Lynn Whyte...CTHS Ambassador's Award

The CTHS Breeders Ambassador Award went to Lynn Whyte who was a strong supporter of breeding and racing in British Columbia. He was likely the one man that introduced the most people to our great sport. As many as 150 potential racing enthusiasts would show up at his seminars, many of whom would go on to be horse owners, either in one of his partnerships or on their own. Lynn was involved in many aspects of the game, from insuring thoroughbreds to racing them with a number of stops in between. Most of his best horses that ran were the product of his breeding syndicates, but he also bought at the yearling sales supporting the entire breeding industry. Lynn and his breeding partners campaigned talented fillies like Sailmaid in 1987 and Slewpast in 2005 and both were year-end champions. Lynn was instrumental in bringing laughter, joy and excitement to anyone that was involved with him and is a most deserving winner of the 2013 CTHS Ambassador Award...Accepting for Lynn are Graeme and Barb Hope.



Larry Fielding...HBPA Backstretch Award

Each year the HBPA recognizes a group or individual on the backstretch and presents an award for their sportsmanship and dedication to the sport. The 2013 Backstretch Award recipient was Larry Fielding, a long-time owner and trainer at Hastings. Larry has always been willing to help anyone in need by catching a stall if you are behind, paddocking or cooling a horse out after a race. He will go out to farms to help look after horses for anyone that asks and it is impossible to find anyone who has ever asked him for help and not received it. Congratulations to Larry.