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2013 President's Report

The C.T.H.S. of British Columbia is pleased to present the 63rd edition of the statistical review, which gives up-to-date earnings for B.C. broodmares and their progeny as well as a review of the 2013 season at Hastings Racecourse.

The sixty-three day 2013 season started without a racing secretary as Paul Ryneveld resigned in March and took a position with Century Casinos in Balzac, Alberta. Matt Jukich filled in admirably in the interim before being replaced by the current secretary Stu Slagle. The changes in Great Canadian management continued as Raj Mutti left Hastings to take on a management position at the newly named Hard Rock Casino in Coquitlam leaving Darren MacDonald as the new interim GM at Hastings. The setbacks continued as the racing campaign was interrupted in mid season by an equine virus that caused numerous race day scratches and set many horses back a few weeks which in turn unfortunately caused the cancellation of race days.

On the positive side, the news was great for B.C. bred early in the year as Wally and Terry Leong's brilliant gelding, Strait of Dover, was named the top three year old in Canada. Another B.C. bred, jockey Scott Williams, took home a Sovereign Award as the top apprentice in the country. Former C.T.H.S. sales graduate, Herbie D, kept the ball rolling for B.C. bred in 2013 as he captured the richest and most prestigious race in the Northwest, the \$200,000 Longacres Mile, in his usual front running style. Bred and owned by George Robbins along with Darcia Doman, the son of underrated stallion Orchid's Devil visited the winner's circle in four of his five stakes appearances and was deservedly named Horse-Of-The-Year at the awards banquet that was held last December. Another successful C.T.H.S. sales purchase, Tempered Steel, easily won the \$100,000 B.C. Oaks for owner's Nite and Day Stable and Joanne Todd. Congratulations to all of the divisional award winners in 2013 as well as Hall of Fame inductees Peter Redekop and Wally and Terry Leong's Canyon Farms. The C.T.H.S. was proud to present awards to 50 year members Ed and Gladys Dittloff and Bobby

and Annie Hall. The C.T.H.S. also honoured Lynn Whyte with a presentation of the ambassador's award for his dedication to the industry. He was instrumental in getting numerous syndicates together to buy horses over the past 30 years. The leading breeders in 2013 were Rae and Ron Fawcett's Tod Mountain Thoroughbreds.

The annual yearling sale was held on September 10th at the Thunderbird Show Park. The numbers were extremely encouraging with 91 of the 108 yearlings up for auction being sold for an excellent average of \$14,596. The sales topper was consigned by White House Stables and Glen Todd signed the \$102,000 ticket for the colt by Second in Command out of the stakes producing dam Mascaretta. The British Columbia Lottery Corporation once again teamed up with the C.T.H.S. to promote the sale. In a new twist, a draw was made and six lucky buyers were given \$10,000 credits towards their purchases and also a draw for a trip to the Breeders Cup was given away to anyone that attended the sale. Our thanks to B.C.L.C. for their continuing support of horse racing and the C.T.H.S. sale.

Congratulations to the four C.T.H.S. sales stake winners. Two-year-old, Neverabettercause, owned by Jim Eccott, Bryan and Carol Anderson and Lillian Jarvis-Meehan. Two-year-old filly, Architecture, owned by the Swift Thoroughbreds, Inc., Stepupforthemoney, owned by Lillian Jarvis-Meehan and Kiri's Gal owned by Norma and Leo Shaw's L.D.S. Enterprises Ltd.

Once again, I would like to thank all the breeder's in British Columbia for continuing to put foals on the ground and support this great sport of thoroughbred racing. I wish you all the best of luck in 2014.