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## CANADIAN THOROUGHBRED HORSE SOCIETY BRITISH COLUMBIA DIVISION

# 2014 President's Report

The staff of the C.T.H.S. of British Columbia has worked hard compiling the 64th edition of the statistical review which features a recap of the awards gala, up-to-date earnings for B.C. broodmares and their progeny as well as a stakes review of the 2014 campaign at Hastings Racecourse. Many thanks to our great staff.

In my opinion, with all the associations, BCTOBA, HBPA, and CTHS, working and cooperating together, the 2014 race season was a success as the thoroughbred sector of the horse racing industry held strong, hitting budgeted numbers, proving that our great sport is starting to rebound in a positive way. The field size in races was down slightly, but unfortunately that is the trend in most racing jurisdictions. I was pleased with the results of the Ship N Win program, the Championship Race Series and the prospects for the future with all of the incentive programs that have been put in place for 2015. It is no secret that we need to get more foals on the ground and these breeding incentives are a great start.

I would like to personally congratulate all divisional champions, industry award winners and Hall-of-Fame inductees. We witnessed some brilliant performances on the racetrack and none were better than the two Horse-Of-The-Year honourees Alert Bay and Lord Rosberg.

The 2014 C.T.H.S. yearling sale went well again last September with 30 of the 63 sold going for between \$10,000 and \$50,000. Congratulations to Jim and Anne Alendal who are both long time contributors to our industry as they were the consignors of the sales topper hip #32 a colt out of the mare Miss Juicy by Old Forester. Peter Redekop signed the ticket for \$78,000. In a new twist at the sale this year, another incentive that was well received was that every buyer at the sale received a gift bag that contained a bottle of wine, a leather shank, gift certificates from Hastings Entertainment Inc. and the Derby Bar and Grill. Twelve of the bags contained a \$5,000 credit voucher towards their sale purchase.

2015 begins amid favourable optimism and even though it is a slow process, the wheels are turning and racing is making its way back onto the map. I would once again like to thank all of the breeder's in B.C. for carrying on in these tough times. I know we all have a great passion for this majestic sport. I wish you all good fortunes in 2015.

As my term of office as President of the CTHS (BC Division) has reached the finish line, I would like to thank all the past serving directors and staff for their time, effort and hard work and extend best wishes to our new President, Grant Watson, and the members of the board'.

See you at the races.