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2011 British Columbia Awards Gala

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Northern Causeway...Vanderbilt Trophy :: Horse of the Year Open :: Champion Three-year-old

The distinguished Vanderbilt Trophy, given to the Horse of the Year regardless of his heritage, went to the talented KY-bred three-year-old Northern Causeway. This son of Giant's Causeway made a habit of taking the freeway north from his Seattle base and returning home with bundles of coloured money earned with sensational victories at Hastings in the Richmond-Derby Trial and Gr. III British Columbia Derby. Owned by Rozamund Barclay and trained by Len Kasmerski, the reformed claimer seemed to find new life at the Vancouver track and with regular rider William Antongeorgi III in the tack, seemed right at home over the compact oval. *Pictured from left to right are... Evelyn Larrabee, Rozamund Barclay and Jackie Humber.*



Almost Time...Appleby Award :: Horse of the Year BC-bred

One of the most consistent and classiest of local performers, Swift Thoroughbreds stable's veteran campaigner Almost Time, a BC-bred son of Finality bred by S. Anderson and D. Deyagher put together just enough in 2011 to take home the distinguished Appleby Award for being the top performing BC-bred at Hastings. The popular campaigner did win the \$50,000 BC Cup Classic for trainer Dino Condilenios and rider Frank Fuentes before finishing a close second in the \$50,000 John Longden. *Pictured from left to right are...breeder Suzanne Anderson, Starla Talbot, Lillian Talbot, Bob Talbot, Maria Talbot, Robert Talbot, breeder Dennis Deyagher..in front...Robert Anderson and Stephanie Williamson.*



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Elizabeth Stolzenberg...Diamond Award of Excellence

The Diamond Award of Excellence, an award introduced recently to honour those who dedicate themselves to the industry, went to a most worthy recipient in 2011. This mother of two and accomplished artist has come a long way since first riding out in the mornings for Hastings' perennial leading trainer Troy Taylor. Coming from a background in dressage, Liz has brought with her her, her desire to keep the horse's mind and body in tune while they are performing. Apparently her system is working as she had a banner year at Hastings in 2011 with several stakes wins including the streaking mare Classic Alley Kat and the precocious two-year-old Herescomelucky for Glen Todd and Patrick Kinsella. Both were champions in 2011.



Darlene Smith...HBPA Backstretch Award

The 2011 HBPA Backstretch Award winner Darlene Smith has been a fixture at Hastings as long as this writer can remember. A walk to the saddling paddock just wouldn't be complete without a chat with Darlene and husband Bill Russell and often granddaughters Lauren and Heather. Darlene is the daughter of a former trainer and has been a part of the local racing scene all her life. A huge advocate of the track Darlene rarely misses a function and has been spending time lately bringing meals to their long-time trainer Don Morrison and helping with the Learning Centre, etc. *Pictured from left to right...Bill Russell, Lauren Praille, Darlene Smith, Denise Praille (daughter), Mark Praille, and in the front Heather Praille.*



Classic Alley Kat..Champion Sprinter

The Champion sprinter was justly deserved. Classic Alley Kat the reformed claimer by speed sire Katahuala County overmatched her local competition in her four sprint attempts and fought on to a game defeat in her only try beyond 6.5 furlongs. Bred by Ron and Karen Bidniak and now racing for Glen Todd and Patrick Kinsella, the polished sprinter put away her opponents in the Brighthouse Belles and Senate Appointee before a trip over the mountains to take the Wild Rose Handicap. A second to BC-bred champion Wando Woman in the Strawberry Morn led to a grand finale, a six-length romp in the Ladies Express and a season's tally of 4-3-1-0 with earnings of \$100,000. *Pictured are Karen and Ron Bidniak with Elizabeth Stolzenberg.*



Dashing Daisy...Champion Older Handicap Mare

In the open filly and mare category, the winner was the exclaimer Dashing Daisy. The striking mare, bred in B.C. by Ron and Rae Fawcett's Tod Mtn. Thoroughbreds and racing for Glen Todd and Peter Tom won six races in 2011 from the \$12,500 bracket all the way to her two stakes wins, the BC Cup Distaff and the Delta Colleen Handicap. Her last start at Hastings was a good third-place finish in the prestigious Ballerina Stakes after forcing the pace throughout. Dashing Daisy's regular rider in 2011 was Mario Gutierrez and the impressive miss was trained by leading trainer Troy Taylor. *Pictured is part owner Peter Tom.*



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Vying Victor...Champion Sire

The province's leading stallion remains the prolific Vying Victor. This deceased son of Flying Paster has dominated the rankings for what seem's like a century but his reign will soon have to end. His 2011 season produced a record of 84 starters, with 49 winners winning a total of 85 wins. His progeny earned \$1,051,245. The immortal sire was represented by two stakes winners in 2011, champion La Belle Rose and BC Cup Sprint hero Don'twaitforme. The stallion's total progeny earnings rose to a record high in 2011. *Pictured at right from the left are Adrienne Rebek, Frank Ma and Cristen Gossen.*



Katahuala County...Champion Juvenile Sire

Leading juvenile sire in 2011 went to the consistent and popular stallion Katahuala County. A pensioned son of Bold Ruckus imported from Ontario by his connections Carol and Bryan Anderson, the classy chestnut has a lifetime progeny earnings of \$11,008,865 and was represented in 2011 by the spectacular champion sprinter Classic Alley Kat, winner of three stakes and earnings of over \$100,000 and the sensational two-year-old champion Herescomelucky, who, racing for leading owners Glen Todd and Patrick Kinsella won three stakes and over \$125,000. He completed the season with a record of 51 starters producing 27 winners of 42 races. *Pictured from left to right: Carol Anderson, Bryan Anderson and Victoria Anderson.*



Red Rock Farm...Leading Breeders :: Jack and Sadie Diamond Futurity Winning Breeders

The province's leading breeders for 2011, Bob and Lillian Talbot's Red Rock Farm had a banner year in 2011 with the Red Rock-breds earning a lucrative \$396,612. The farm was represented by both winners of the Diamond Futurities, Sunnyside Gal, winner of the Sadie and Sartorialist who captured the Jack Diamond division. Sunnyside Gal, racing for the partnership of Glen Todd and Patrick Kinsella had 2011 earnings of \$115,750 and racing for Swift Thoroughbreds, Inc., Sartorialist managed to earn \$77,000 in just three starts for his connections. The Talbots have been supporting the CTHS Sale for many, many years and have had great success. *Pictured are Lillian and Bob Talbot.*



Remarkable Gal...Champion Broodmare

The lifetime produce record of this year's champion broodmare Remarkable Gal has been just that - remarkable. A daughter of Regal Remark and Home Run Gal, the brilliant mare added two more stakes winners in 2011 including the sensational two-year-old filly Sunnyside Gal who took the prestigious Sadie Diamond Futurity. Previous stakes winners include champion Trick of the North, winner of over \$465,000 and champion Remarkable Miss. Stakes-placed horses include Amber Morn, Regal Roo, Grand Slam Gal, and Roomthirtyeight. Remarkable Gal has only thrown two horses to run without earning black-type out of eight starters to date. *Pictured are Bob Talbot and CTHS manager B_J Davidson.*



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Richard Hamel...Champion Jockey



The re-birth of this talented rider has been an enjoyable and up-lifting experience for the local racing establishment. Richard Hamel hung his tack at the local tracks for many years with moderate success before packing and moving his tack to Alberta to try and breakthrough to the leading rider list. When returning home with some prairie success behind him the ever-smiling rider has not just risen to the leading rider list but has now managed to take the title for the second consecutive year. Highlights of the season including winning aboard champion two-year-old filly Gabigootherway. The popular journeyman finished the year with 88 win photos and total earnings of \$1, 215,080.

Marlo Dunn...Champion Apprentice Jockey



Marlo Dunn made a quick and impressive impression on the Hastings racing scene. Winning 27 races against some of the toughest competition ever seen at Hastings is no easy task and Marlo's talent was evident from the beginning. Starting riding at five, Marlo also groomed and worked for veteran trainer Mel Snow before taking out her tack in 2011. An extensive exercise workout program and the commitment to do the job have taken this young rider to the verge of greatness at the racetrack. Look for Marlo to add to her win total in 2012 and add some stakes winner's to her resume.

Glen Todd & Patrick Kinsella...Leading Owners



For the fifth consecutive season, Glen Todd and Patrick Kinsella take home the honours as leading owners for the 2011 Hastings' season. Their star-studded stable included Herescomelucky, the season's two-year-old Champion, Champion Sprinter Classic Alley Kat, and the Champion older handicap horse St Liams Halo, winner of two major stakes races, and the multiple stakes winner Cherokeee Notion, an astute sale claim. The pair teamed up to make 82 starts, of which 31 were happy endings and to earn a significant 38% wins from starters. Their total earnings for the season came to a lucrative \$502,832. *Pictured from left to right: Patrick Kinsella and Glen Todd.*

Troy Taylor...Leading Trainer



Also winning for an unprecedented fifth straight time and breaking the existing record, trainer Troy Taylor continues to stamp his legacy on Hastings Racecourse. Taylor's stakes winners at the Vancouver oval are becoming too many to count and along with a crack crew behind him and the solid ownership team he has supporting him, his legacy seems destined to carry on for many more seasons. The well respected horseman had a record of 172 starts in 2011 with 53 victories and a total earnings line that reads \$1,019,770. *Accepting on behalf of Troy Taylor is long-time friend and owner Glen Todd.*

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Herbie D...Champion Three-Year-Old Colt or Gelding

The lightly-raced but talented George Robbins' homebred Herbie D a son of Orchid's Devil out of the Katowice mare Chilli Chines took home champion-three-year-old honours. After breaking his maiden for a high tag he finished second in his next condition before being placed first by the stewards after a controversial decision in the BC Cup Stellar Jay. With new confidence, the colt led the prestigious Derby field to late stretch before giving in to finish off the board. When returned in the CTHS Sale Stakes, the Vancouver Island-bred outmatched his field and scored easily completing his season with a record of 5-3-1-0 and \$77,200. *Pictured Left to Right: Vicky Gilker, Rob Gilker, Darcia Doman, Kelly Vaisler, Jeevan Doman, Francesca Luizza and Ray Mrus. In the front is Shane Gilker.*



Class Included...Champion Three-Year-Old Filly

The Ky-bred filly Class Included joined a steady procession of horses coming up from Washington to win stakes at Hastings' in 2011. Bred by her owners, Michael and Amy Feuerborn, this classy miss ventured north twice for trainer Jim Penney and was an impressive winner of the B.C. Oaks before finishing a good second as the overwhelming choice when upset by the local mare Orchid's Silver in the rich Ballerina Stakes for fillies and mares. Her two trips north of the border earned the talented sophomore close to \$90,000 bringing her season earnings to \$166,698 from a record of 7-3-4-0. *Pictured Left to Right: Norma Eaton, Marlene Braithwaite and Romana Eaton.*



Herescomelucky...Champion BC-bred and Open Two-Year-Old Colt or Gelding

A two-year-old like Herescomelucky doesn't come along too often. Racing for Glen Todd and Patrick Kinsella, and bred by the gracious Agnes Jackson, this sale graduate stole the show for most of the season at Hastings. The talented chestnut colt was awesome in three stakes victories from just six starts including a narrow defeat to Jack Diamond Futurity winner Sartorialist as the odds-on favorite in that prestigious event and a third-place finish in his first attempt beyond a mile in the rich Ascot Graduation Stakes to the KY-bred With Council. The precocious colt was not favored only once when breaking his maiden and he was the overwhelming public choice in all his subsequent starts. *Pictured is breeder Agnes Jackson.*



Gabigootherway...Champion BC-bred and Open Two-Year-Old Filly

Another homebred receiving an award was James Redekop's daughter of Quiet Cash and Kaluki, Gabigootherway who was easily the leader in her two-year-old filly category. After a third-place finish as the favorite in the BC Cup Debutante by her rival Sunnyside Gal and a third-place to Sadie Diamond winner Sunnyside Gal, the filly went on a roll for trainer John Morrison, defeating her rival Sunnyside Gal in the CTHS Sale stakes before an awesome victory in the prestigious \$75,000 Fantasy Stakes over 8.5 furlongs. The precocious miss completed the Hastings' season with a record of 5-3-0-2 and earnings of \$106,500. *Pictured at the right is Gordon Rumble accepting for Gabigootherway.*



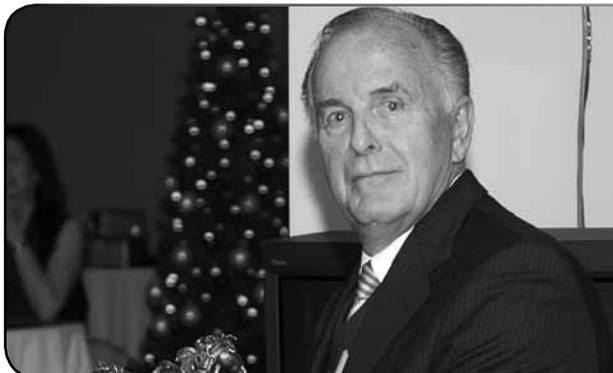
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La Belle Rose...Champion BC-bred Three-Year-old-Filly



Every meeting has a Cinderella story and in 2011 at Hastings, it belonged to La Belle Rose, the eventual three-year-old champion BC-bred Filly. After being claimed last year for \$7,500 at Emerald, her current connections have been on a roll with the BC-bred daughter of Vying Victor. Racing for Corsair Holdings and trained superbly by William LaVanway, the filly managed to take the BC Cup Dogwood stakes on BC Cup Day and then came back at the end of the meet and made short work of the filly and mare division of the CTHS Sale Stakes. She completed the season with a record of 8-3-0-2 and \$75,850 in earnings. *Pictured collecting the award is Jason Lorraine.*

St. Liams Halo...Champion Handicap Horse



Horses don't come much more well bred and intentioned than the 2011 Hastings multiple stakes winner St Liams Halo. Imported to B.C. and racing for the leading stable of Glen Todd and Patrick Kinsella, this gelding has shown the class of a champion in his races and is a deserving 2011 Older Handicap Champion. St Liams Halo took two prestigious events in 2011, the \$50,000 John Longden Handicap at 6.5 furlongs, followed by the Lt. Governor's Handicap at 8.5 furlongs, also a \$50,000 purse. The champion is by Saint Liam, a son of Saint Ballado and is out of the well-bred Broad Brush mare Foolishly. *Patrick Gallagher receiving the Trophy.*

Pop Artist..Top Performing Upper Claimer



Rounding out the evening the horses most welcome at the entry box are rewarded for their efforts at the high to low range of claiming horses. The award for the upper claimer at Hastings throughout the 2011 season went to Swift Thoroughbreds Inc. Pop Artist, a Florida-bred five-year-old that won four of five starts with one unplaced showing at the highest level he attempted. The gelding was ridden by leading rider Richard Hamel for all his 2011 appearances and the pair earned a decent \$45,226 for his connections which included trainer Dino Condilenios. The well-bred son of Songandaprayer has now earned a lifetime record of 17-8-2-2 with \$136,962 in his bank account, and all of this has come at sprint distances and in good fashion. *Dino Condilenios accepts the award.*

Full Power Ahead...Top Performing Lower Claimer



The top performing lower claimer for the 2011 season award went to the consistent seven-year-old gelding Full Power Ahead, a Washington-bred son of Helmsman owned by Doug Clyde and trained by Doug's daughter Terry. In his nine 2011 starts at Hastings the veteran campaigner won four times amassing \$23,000 for his efforts. Ridden by leading rider Richard Hamel in his last six starts including his four victories the versatile gelding now has a lifetime record of 49-13-4-7 and earnings close to \$200,000. *Pictured at Left is June Anderson accepting on behalf of Doug Clyde.*