

# 2010 British Columbia Awards Gala

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## Senor Rojo...Vanderbilt Trophy :: Horse of the Year Open :: Champion Older Handicap Horse

The distinguished Vanderbilt Trophy, given to the Horse of the Year, went to Tres Hombres' four-year-old Kentucky-bred gelding Senor Rojo, a son of Out of Place out of Detect, herself a daughter of Devil's Bag who also received the open older colt or gelding award. After several in-the-money efforts in good company at Hastings and two unsuccessful attempts at Emerald Downs, the Dave Forster trained gelding, racing in the colours of Tres Hombres stable returned to score decisive victories in the Winston Churchill and prestigious G3 B.C. Premiers Handicap. Senor Rojo finished the year with earnings of over \$100,000 and a record of 10-2-2-3. (left to right) Jeanette Athey, Dave Athey and jockey Richard Hamel.



## Wind Storm...Appleby Award :: Horse of the Year BC-bred :: Champion BC-bred Mare

Hall of Fame conditioner Dave Forster had the distinction of training both of the province's top award winners. George Gilbert's homebred Wind Storm was announced the recipient of the Appleby Trophy, awarded to the leading BC-bred. The 2010 champion BC-bred mare won the award once again. The talented mare went on a four-race winning streak during the middle of the season which included wins in the BC Cup Distaff at 1 1/8 miles and the Ladies Express at six furlongs. The six-year-old completed the season with a mark of 7-4-0-2 and a bankroll close to \$90,000. (left to right) Chris Konyk, Kelly Gilbert, Karen Pandin, Donna Gilbert, George Gilbert, Janice Lauterbach, Melissa Gilbert, Urbano Pandin and Richard Hamel.



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## David Dahl...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 2010. Trainer and security official Dave Dahl, a familiar sight at Hastings, whether working diligently on the backstretch with his small stable of horses, or more often than not, on the front-side where, in the role of security official, he pays special attention to the horsemen, horses and fans. During this past summer, the dedicated Hastings' employee put his own life in serious jeopardy when he launched himself into the path of a runaway horse while positioned in the winner's circle and in doing so, prevented several racing fans from certain injury.



## Gordon Rumble...HBPA Backstretch Award

The 2010 HBPA Backstretch Award winner was popular jockey agent Gordon Rumble, a long-time member of the local racing community who went the extra mile to organize a fund-raising benefit to help jockey April Friesen, who suffered career-ending injuries during a race at Hastings last spring. Gord spearheaded the event and donated much of his time and effort working on behalf of his injured rider. The likeable backstretch veteran, who has owned and trained horses, as well as being a successful jockey's agent for the past several years has always taken a role in any worthwhile racing cause. Gordon (right), accepted the award accompanied by his son Brandon.



## Almost Time..Champion BC-bred Older Handicap Horse and Champion Sprinter

The BC-bred older colt or gelding honours went to Swift Thoroughbreds' versatile gelding Almost Time, bred by Suzanne Anderson and D. Deyagher. The four-year-old also garnered the award for Champion Sprinter. Trained by Dino Condilenios, the gelded son of Finality romped to a 2 1/2 length win as the heavy favourite in the \$50,000 John Longden Handicap and scored an equally impressive 4 3/4 length win in the BC Cup Sprint Stakes on his way to a record of 7-3-0-1 and a seasonal total of \$92,766. Almost Time is out of the speedy stakes-placed mare Vainglorious. (left to right) Naudia Mache, Mark Mache, Theresa Snyders, Jennifer Reichling, Dino Condilenios, Horatio Kemeny, Jackie Kemeny and Allison Dube.



## Summer Song...Champion Older Handicap Mare

In the open filly and mare category, leading owners Glen Todd, Patrick Kinsella and Stuart Carmichael's Ky-bred Summer Song (Sunday Break JPN), trained by leading trainer Troy Taylor, took the honours. After finishing unplaced at Golden Gate in a January allowance attempt, the five-year-old distaffer returned to Hastings where she finished fourth in the Senate Appointee sprinting before stretching out and outclassing her opposition in the Vancouver Sun, Strawberry Morn and Delta Colleen Stakes in her five local appearances, completing the year with a record of 7-3-2-0 and earnings of \$100,000. Partner Stuart Carmichael accepted the award.



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## Vying Victor...Champion Sire

The province's leading sire continues to be the immortal Vying Victor. The deceased stallion's last crop is due to start in 2011 and the prolific champion continues to hold his lofty position on the leader board. His 2010 season consisted of 98 runners winning 45 of 87 starts, two of which were stakes. His progeny earnings were \$1,155,932. Vying Victor's totals to date include a record 35 stakes winners and lifetime progeny earnings of \$18,278,052. The ruling stallion in the province was represented in 2010 by two stakes winners. Vying Victor was also the leading Broodmare Sire in the province. (left to right) Cliff Baldwin, Melanie Walters and Frank Ma.



## Storm Victory...Champion Juvenile Sire

Leading juvenile sire Storm Victory, a son of leading sire Storm Cat owned by a syndicate made up of provincial horsemen and women, boasted the distinction of being the sire of both the Jack and Sadie Diamond Futurity winners in 2010. Outoftheclouds, out of the Swiss Yodeler mare Yodeling Ann, won the Jack Diamond on his way to juvenile honours and Victory With Class, out of leading broodmare Classadala and winner of the Sadie Diamond, took home the trophy for champion two-year-old filly. Storm Victory was represented by 12 juvenile starters in 2010, of which five scored eight victories including the two stakes wins. (left to right) Sheila McDonald, Doug Clyde and Helen Klimes.



## R. J. & Lois Bennett...Leading Breeders

The province's leading breeders in 2010 were no surprise. R. J. and Lois Bennett, proprietors of Flying Horse Farm, accepted the award for an overwhelming 24th time since 1980. No one has embraced the thoroughbred breeding and racing industry in British Columbia more than this amiable husband and wife team from West Kelowna. These astute veterans of the sport continue to import influential stallions and the Bennetts not only bred and owned 2010 Derby winner Majesticity, but also stand his talented sire Finality. Majesticity's dam Majestic Music, an unraced daughter of Dixieland Brass has had one other foal to race, Rock the Justice, a four-time winner. Lois and R.J. Bennett.



## Classadala...Champion Broodmare

The unraced, ten-year-old mare Classadala, a daughter of leading sire Regal Classic out of the Allen's Prospect mare Sarindala was the province's leading broodmare in 2010. Owned by Ron and Karen Bidniak, this year's champion has produced four foals, three starters and two significant winners including 2010 champion two-year-old filly Victory With Class, winner of the Sadie Diamond Futurity and the BC Cup Debutante and the rapidly improving claimer Classic Alley Kat, a four-year-old daughter of Katahau County that rose from the lower ranks to become a serious high-level runner, earning her the award for top higher level claimer. Ron and Karen Bidniak.



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### Ron and Karen Bidniak...Equine Insurance Award :: Sadie Diamond Futurity Breeders



Victory With Class was just one of the 2010 award winners bred by Ron and Karen Bidniak, who received the Equine Insurance Award for breeders of the Sadie Diamond winner. The promising filly earned over \$100,000 in her juvenile season. The Bidniak's enjoyed several trips to the podium during the gala evening. Their broodmare Clasadala, dam of Victory With Class, is also the dam of the top claimer of the year (above \$15,000) Classic Alley Kat. The productive 2010 season vaulted the husband and wife team to a seventh-place finish on the list of leading breeders with total earnings of \$172,154 split between Victory With Class and Classic Alley Kat. Ron and Karen Bidniak.

### Helen Klimes & Sharon Marie Pring...Marsh and McLennan Award :: Jack Diamond Breeders



Outoftheclouds' breeders Helen Klimes and Sharon Marie Pring received the Marsh and McLennan Award for breeding the 2010 Jack Diamond winner. The partners consigned the gelding to the 2009 CTHS Sale where he was purchased by his current connections. Outoftheclouds is the second foal out of the winning Swiss Yodeler mare Yodeling Ann. Helen Klimes is a consistent and significant consignor to the local yearling and mixed sale and sold the sale's top yearling in 2010, another son of Storm Victory that went for \$80,000 to buyers Nick and Pauline Felicella. Storm Victory stands at Klimes Farm. (left to right) Frank Klimes, Helen Klimes, Sharon Pring and Kevin Pring.

### Glen Todd & Patrick Kinsella...Leading Owners



For the fourth consecutive season, Glen Todd and Patrick Kinsella continue their dominance in the leading owner category. The unbeatable team won a total of 47 races from 163 starters in 2010 for total earnings of \$549,277, down significantly from the \$724,892 that the pair bankrolled in 2009 from 42 wins. The stable was led by older mare champion Summer Song, who they owned in partnership with Stuart Carmichael and three-year-old BC-bred stakes winners Cherokee Notion, an astute sale purchase who won the BC Cup Stellar Jay Handicap and Dyna Stroll, who took the Chris Loseth. CTHS Sale stakes winner Prince Intent also represented the winning connections.

### Troy Taylor...Leading Trainer



Also winning for the fourth straight time while equalling the existing record, trainer Troy Taylor was the 2010 leading trainer at Hastings. 2010 marked the 33rd year the 79-year-old conditioner has been training for owner Glen Todd and things have been going super for the combination over the past several years. Taylor topped the Hastings' standings with 48 visits to the winner's circle from 180 starters. Add 22 place finishes and 22 show placings and the stable earnings reached \$663,170, the majority of that from horses primarily owned in partnerships by Glen Todd and Patrick Kinsella. (left to right) Peter Thiessen, May Carmichael, Peter Tom and Stuart Carmichael.

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## Majesticity...Champion BC-bred and Open Three-Year-Old Colt or Gelding

The sophomore division also consisted of two winners sharing the four awards. Leading breeders R. J. and Lois Bennett bred and raced champion three-year-old Majesticity (Finality). After breaking his maiden in his fourth start the colt was given little consideration in the G3 B.C. Derby but came from well back through the slop to win by a half-length at odds of 40-1 for trainer Barb Heads. Majesticity is the second foal from the unraced mare Majestic Music, a daughter of Dixieland Brass who was also bred by the Bennett's Flying Horse Farm. (left to right) Taylor Anderson, conditioner Barb Heads, Petra Picher, Lois Bennett and R. J. Bennett.



## Dearest Princess...Champion BC-bred and Open Three-Year-Old Filly

The champion sophomore filly in both the open and BC-bred divisions was Dearest Princess, a daughter of leading B.C. sire Stephanotis out of Hyacinth. Bred by Battle Creek Farm and racing for R J T Thoroughbreds, the Mel Snow trained miss started eight times in 2010, winning four of her first six starts including the BC Cup Dogwood, Supernaturel, and Hong Kong Jockey Club Stakes. Dearest Princess completed her 8-4-1-0 season with earnings of close to \$120,000. One trip south to Emerald Downs resulted in a fourth-place finish in the prestigious Washington Oaks. (left to right) Tina Chow, Mel Snow, Jim McArthur and Johnson Chow.



## Outoftheclouds...Champion BC-bred and Open Colt or Gelding

Outoftheclouds, a son of champion juvenile sire Storm Victory and a well-named gelding racing for the Totally Unstable (a partnership headed by Hall of Fame jockey Brian Johnson, horseman Daryl Snow, who spotted the colt, and long-time race tracker Al Rudin), earned his honours by virtue of come-from-behind victories in the Jack Diamond Futurity and the CTHS Sales Stakes compiling a record of 6-2-1-2 with a bankroll nearing the \$100,000 mark. (left to right) Daryl Snow, Don Andrews (owner), Geoff Howes (owner), Sharon Pring (breeder), Al Rudin (owner), Helen Klimes (breeder), Sean Tran (owner), Meghan Pollard, Brian Johnson and Karen Lauff.



## Victory With Class...Champion BC-bred and Open Two-Year-Old Filly

Doug Clyde's outstanding filly Victory With Class (Storm Victory), made the most of her four starts with wins in the BC Cup Debutante and Sadie Diamond Futurity, along with a second place in the Lassie to go with her maiden claiming victory. Victory With Class was bred by Ron and Karen Bidniak, who received the Equine Insurance Award for breeders of the Sadie Diamond winner. The promising filly earned over \$100,000 in her juvenile season sporting an excellent record of 4-3-1-0. Her only defeat was a second-place finish in the \$50,000 Lassie Stakes to the talented Overvalued. (left to right) trainer Terry Clyde, leading rider Richard Hamel and owner Doug Clyde.



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### Richard Hamel...Champion Jockey



The title of Hastings' leading rider went to popular veteran Richard Hamel, who had a dream season at Hastings, notching several important stakes to go along with his 83 victories including wins on Horse of the Year Senior Rojo in the Premiers and BC-bred Champion Wind Storm. His first leading-rider title came with seasonal earnings of \$1,191,933. Hamel has been a journeyman rider in Western Canada and the Pacific Northwest for many years and has gained the respect of horsemen on and off the racecourse. The classy rider's patented smile is an indication of his love for the sport.

Richard Hamel

### Ryan Pacheco...Champion Apprentice Jockey



The 2010 champion apprentice was Ryan Pacheco, a late arrival that quickly had horsemen lauding his natural riding talent. The young sensation, a graduate of Hall of Fame rider Chris McCarron's jockey school, completed his Hastings' season with 34 wins from 211 mounts that earned \$366,312 and he promptly shifted his tack to Woodbine where he attracted the attention of eastern horsemen immediately. By season's end the young rider had impressed the racing world to the point of being nominated for a prestigious Sovereign Award, for the leading apprentice in Canada.

Ryan Pacheco

### Classic Alley Kat...Top Performing Upper Claimer



Rounding out the evening, and providing breeders Ron and Karen Bidniak with yet another highlight, the award for the top claimer (over \$15,000) went to the four-year-old BC-bred filly Classic Alley Kat, a daughter of Katahoola County out of the year's leading broodmare Classadala. The consistent sprint specialist started the season racing for the lowest level at Golden Gate and won her sixth race in the fall at Hastings in a \$35,000 optional claimer. Her six wins and rise through the claiming ranks underlined a lucrative season that garnered a significant bankroll of over \$50,000 from 11 starts. Not at all bad for a filly that was offered for a \$2,500 tag in January. (left to right) Sue Bidniak, Ron Bidniak (breeder), Karen Bidniak (breeder) and Doug Bidniak.

### Great Prince...Top Performing Lower Claimer



The top claimer (under \$15,000) in the 2010 Hastings season went to four-time winner Great Prince, a seven-year-old campaigner by Albert the Great, bred in Kentucky and racing most of his career for local horseman Harold Barroby. After two winless efforts at 6.5 furlongs, the consistent gelding won his first race when graduating to the extended distance of 8.5 furlongs and two subsequent victories were at that distance. A second-place finish for \$12,500 and a third for \$17,500 beaten less than a half-length, were the best races for the gelding after a narrow victory for \$7,500 going nine furlongs. Harold Barroby accepted the trophy for Great Prince.