



Alberta Quarter Horse Racing Association

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March Newsletter

We have a lot of great races ahead of us and some great rewards. The first race of the season will be held in ***Calgary on Friday, April 25, with an Estimated Added Purse of \$22,500.*** What a great way to start the racing season off. See the 2008 Stakes Book for preferences and details.

The Association has introduced a new Trophy to be given out at AGM Awards Banquet in November of 2008. It's called "***2008 Trophy Trailer***", the lucky winner of this award will receive a ***2008 Charmac 3 horse gooseneck trailer.*** I bet you are all wondering how you can win this trailer, well it's quite easy. Points will be awarded to each horse that runs in the ***FINALS*** of all 6 Futurities. These are:

- All Canadian Open
- Bonnett and Brodon
- Juvenile Challenge
- Alberta Prairie Gold
- Canada QH Cup
- Alberta Bred

Points will be awarded accordingly: 8 points for 1st, 7 points for 2nd, 6 points for 3rd, 5 points for 4th, 4 points for 5th, 3 points for 6th, 2 points for 7th, and 1 point for 8th. In case of a tie between two or more horses, the winner will be determined by the number of 1st, followed by 2nd, and 3rd and so forth to break the tie. Now, remember you have to be an AQHRA member to qualify to win this award. Anybody who would like to sponsor this trailer can do so by calling AQHRA at 403-381-8167, Darren Pollitt at 403-588-1230, or Phil Dennis at 403-601-0444.

The Association has also elected new Directors for 2008:

Darren Pollitt, President

William Leech, Vice President

Dwaine Ferguson, Secretary/Treasurer

Ross Brigden

Ralph Danard

Darcy Edwards

Gary Haus

John MacLeod

Reid McLaughlin

Ron Sakamoto

Phil Dennis

We also elected new Committees this year and if you would like to volunteer your time or services the Association would be truly grateful.

“A” Track – Darren, Ron, Ralph

Horsemen’s – Gary, John, Reid, William

Sale – Ralph, Darcy, Darren, Ross

Membership – Dwaine, Gary

Awards and AGM – Darren, Darcy, Dwaine, Phil

Stake Book & MBNA Challenge – Ross, John, Gary, William, Dwaine

Marketing – Phil, Ron, Reid, Darcy

The Association has a date set for the Sale which will be held on Saturday, September 6.

Check out our website for membership applications and other important dates and events www.aqhra.ca. We would like to thank everyone for all your support, and commitment and if you have any suggestion or comments please feel free to contact us anytime.

Important Dates

Payments due APRIL 1

1st – All Canadian Open Futurity - \$300

1st – Bonnett & Broden Futurity - \$200

3rd – Canada QH Cup Futurity - \$200

1st - Alberta Bred Derby - \$200

1st – Bayer Derby - \$200 (Contact AQHA Challenge Hotline 1-800-831-4447)

MARCH 15th, Lethbridge track opens.

Christie Drader – AQHRA Program Coordinator