



## MARCH 2017 NEWSLETTER

### President's Report By Allen Goodsell

The 2016 Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Awards Banquet were held on November 12, 2016. Those in attendance enjoyed the celebration of the accomplishments of the 2016 best running Quarter Horses in Alberta. At the AGM, director positions were filled by acclamation. There has since been resignations of two directors due to personal and health reasons. The Board is grateful to those who continue to volunteer to fulfill their existing terms and to those individuals who embarked on their two year terms. Please see side bar for current Executive and Board Members.

The track race dates for the 2017 season are posted on Horse Racing Alberta's website: [Alberta Racing Calendar](#). Flat racing is returning to the Calgary area! The Thoroughbreds and Quarter Horses will be debuting for the first time at Century Downs Balzac with a meet commencing September 23 and concluding on November 5<sup>th</sup>, running Saturdays and Sundays.

#### **2017 is the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of running Quarter Horses in Alberta!**

Our Stakes Schedule begins with an Aged Series race, the Northlands Park Bonus Challenge, on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> in Edmonton and at Rocky Mountain Turf Club's opening weekend, the trials of the AQHA Maiden Challenge go off in Lethbridge on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

The Schedule enhances QH racing at the A level by increasing our racing opportunities in central Alberta by approximately 20% (last year <10%) with the remaining schedule at the B tracks (in northern and southern Alberta). The Quarter Horse breed's profile will be enhanced by showcasing the finals of the Alberta Bred Futurity and Derby on Alberta Breeder's Fall Classic Day on Sept 16<sup>th</sup> at Northlands Park, the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest day of racing in the province. The Canada Cup Futurity and Derby will kick start Quarter Horse racing at Century Downs Balzac in October. We believe there will be a lot of excitement generated for our breed!

The AQHA Challenge Regional Series of races will run in Evergreen Park in Grand Prairie during July and August. Please refer to the AQHA for current information on schedules, nominations and sustaining payments.

We believe the 2017 program is a very exciting one for all QH owners and breeders and that it will have a very positive impact on the Racing Industry in Alberta. Good Luck to everyone this season.

**Help celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
and the great sport of horse racing!**

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## 2017 Stakes Schedule Summary Release

The schedule summary for the AQHRA Stakes Program is now released with dates, host tracks and race payments. [2017 Stakes Schedule](#)

Highlights for the 2017 Race Schedule:

NP - Northlands Park Markel Bonus - May 6<sup>th</sup>  
LBG- AQHA Maiden Challenge trials - May 14<sup>th</sup>  
LBG- Sport of Speed Futurity Trials – June 3<sup>rd</sup>  
LBG- All Canadian Derby Trials – June 11<sup>th</sup>  
NP - Alberta Stallion Stakes Futurity trials- July 3<sup>rd</sup>; Derby Trials –Aug 7<sup>th</sup>  
GP- Regional Challenge Races plus Maiden Challenge – Jul/Aug  
NP- Alberta Bred Futurity Trials- Aug 30<sup>th</sup>, Derby Trials – Sept 1<sup>st</sup>  
NP- Alberta Stallion Stakes Maturity/AB-Bred Futurity/Derby Finals – Sep 16<sup>th</sup>  
CD – Canada Cup Futurity Trials – Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, Derby Trials – Oct 8<sup>th</sup>  
LBG- Claiming Championship Final – Oct 14<sup>th</sup>

NP: Northlands Park LBG: Lethbridge GP: Grande Prairie CD: Century Downs

## 2017 Stakes Book & Payments

The release of the printed 2017 Stakes Book is coming soon subject to confirmation of all funding allocations by Horse Racing Alberta (HRA). **As a result of the delay, April nomination payments will be accepted without penalty until April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

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**Overnight Stakes Races – Nomination fee eliminated, name only.  
AB-Bred Futurity Entry Fee increase from \$500 to \$600  
E- Transfers Accepted at AQHRA**

As per our Stakes Book General Conditions and Policies:

- 1) Stakes Payments cannot be accepted without a current membership and AB-Bred Accreditation, completed and approved, as required.
- 2) Stakes Payment Slip to be completed by participants; it is only necessary to complete the entire slip when nominations are made. For subsequent payments only complete: Stakes Race, Payment Date, Horse's Name, Payment Amount and Owner/Lessee's Name.
- 3) Slips can be mailed; scanned and emailed or faxed to the office.
- 4) All payments (ie. Cheques, Visa, MasterCard, money orders, bank drafts, E-Transfers) must be made in Canadian Funds and made payable to the "AQHRA". Payments made by credit card are subject to a 5% service charge.

[Forms « AQHRA | Alberta Quarter Horse Racing Association.](#)

## 2017 Alberta Stallion Stakes Program

Below is the current Stallion roster for the 2017 Breeding season. The program offers additional racing opportunities and incentives for Alberta-sired foals.

**2020 Stallion Stakes -Sires  
Nominated in 2017  
Eligible Foals Born in 2018**

Cassius  
Cowboy 109  
Cuivre River  
First Down Leaving  
First Timber  
Ivory Grips  
Ivory League  
JB Runaway Fame  
Jess Magic  
Mezoomn  
Miracle Recovery  
Six Packa Moonshine  
Special Fly Bye  
Special Looki Wagon  
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Teller Im Bigtime  
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For more information about any of these participating stallions and the program, please refer to the AQHA website

[Stallion Stakes « AQHRA | Alberta Quarter Horse Racing Association](#)

Or call the office at (403) 381-8167 or send us an email [aqhra@shaw.ca](mailto:aqhra@shaw.ca)

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## Breed Improvement Program — 2017 Rules

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The Quarter Horse Breed Improvement program rules are published on the website. [Breed Improvement Program « AQHRA | Alberta Quarter Horse Racing Association](#)

*It is important that those intending to participate in the Quarter Horse Racing program in Alberta, read and become familiar with the BIP program criteria. This document will be updated annually to inform BIP program participants of requirements that must be met in order to receive the Program benefits. (Note: program is subject to Horse Racing Alberta funding).*

As we approach the start of the race season, ensure your AB-Bred Accreditation paperwork has been submitted to and approved by the AQHRA. [Forms « AQHRA | Alberta Quarter Horse Racing Association](#)

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## Join us at THE MANE EVENT — Red Deer, April 21-23

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We are excited to announce that the AQHRA will be at the Main Event Expo in Red Deer hosting with the Canadian Thoroughbred Horse Society (CTHS-Alberta Division) BOOTH 2007

“For over 13 years The Mane Event has hosted some of the best and most knowledgeable horse trainers and educators from North America and beyond! With the help of our trade show exhibitors and attendees we have become Canada’s largest horse expo. “

[Schedule | The Mane Event: Red Deer, AB](#)

If you can help volunteer, send us an email: [aqhra@shaw.ca](mailto:aqhra@shaw.ca)

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## Interim Program Coordinator — Teagan Goodsell

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The Board is pleased to announce that the AQHRA has hired Teagan Goodsell as the interim program coordinator for the Association. Teagan has significant knowledge about the racing industry in general and about the quarter horse racing program in Alberta.

Teagan will be a tremendous asset to assist with the administration of our program as we start a new race season. Office hours will be as follows:

Monday – Friday | 11 am – 2 pm

Stakes Nomination/Sustaining Payment Days | 8 am – 5 pm

## JOIN IN THE CELEBRATIONS !

The American Quarter Horse has achieved another milestone in Alberta racing history:

### *60 years of racing!*

Our Association has a lot to be proud of as we revitalize our efforts to grow the Quarter Horse breeding and racing industry in Alberta over the next decade.

## EVENT IDEAS?

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES...

Help make this year a memorable one and a great way to give back to your association! Volunteers needed to help plan and host:

- Track events
- Awards Banquet
- Mane Event Trade Show

If you have ideas, event suggestions and/or would like to assist in any way, we encourage you to email the Association [aqhra@shaw.ca](mailto:aqhra@shaw.ca) and get involved. Help deliver celebrations of the Quarter Horse breed’s great milestone achievement of 60 years running in Alberta!

**Anniversary Logo  
coming soon!**

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