

Ontario Reining Horse Association

SLIDER

WINTER 2013

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you all had a wonderful and safe Christmas season and got to spend time with family and friends.

As we head into 2013, our Show Calendar is taking shape and you can check the tentative dates on the O.R.H.A. website, and keep in mind that this year's Grand Finale will once again also include the NRHA Eastern Canada Regional Affiliate Finals.

Our 2012 Annual General Meeting is coming up on February 10th at the Holiday Inn, Scottsdale Drive in Guelph, and 2013 will see a number of changes for the Association.

First, Director Ken Van Alstine will be stepping down after 8 years on the O.R.H.A. Board, and he will certainly be missed. Ken has been a valuable contributor and supporter of the ORHA for many, many years, as has his wife, Dana. And Ken has also done an admirable job of chairing the Sired Stakes Committee.

Second, Sharon Jones, another Director, has resigned from the Board to move to the U.K. to start a new life, and I will really miss her both personally and through her contributions to the ORHA. We all wish both Ken and Sharon the very best and thank them for their service.

And finally, my term as O.R.H.A. President will be coming to an end in February, and First Vice President, Mike Munroe, will take over as Association President for the next two years. I will, however, remain on the Board to support and assist Mike in any way I can. I have enjoyed the past four years, getting to know the individual members, welcoming new people to our sport, and making some positive changes to our Association.

I am particularly proud of the New Member Orientation Package, which Director Art Roberts and I put together, the promotional video orchestrated by Director Tom Cudahy and Melissa Glidden, the quarterly Slider, the monthly page in The Rider, and the changes to the website, which members tell me they really enjoy going to for the latest in news and information, and there is also our Facebook page, set up and administered by Sharon Jones and me, and regularly visited by members and nonmembers alike. The Youth Facebook page is also a big hit with the ORHyA members and is used actively as their primary mode of communication.

While the youth helmet rule has not been popular with our young members, it is welcomed and appreciated by the majority of adults and the show managers, and if it makes our precious young people safer, then it has to be viewed as a positive step.

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The mandatory volunteer hours have also had a couple of naysayers, but the feedback we have received as a Board has been overwhelmingly positive, and it has been wonderful to see so many members get more involved in the ORHA and they have learned as a result of this experience. The Scribes clinics in particular have seen unprecedented participation in the last two years, and the show managers report that they now find it much easier to find scribes for their shows. We are an Association run entirely by volunteers, and for too long this fell to a handful of dedicated individuals who did it all. Not only has the increased participation helped things run more smoothly, but it has also brought in new ideas and fresh perspectives, which is always a good thing. So kudos to each of you who has stepped up to earn volunteer hours.

And just in case you think I am now going to be taking it easy, once I am no longer ORHA President, I have been elected Lieutenant Governor for Kiwanis for 2013-2014, so will have a busy year as L.G. Elect this year.

Thank you for your years of support and Happy New Year to all.

I hope to see you at the A.G.M.

Carol



Reining Canada Ontario Regional Affiliate Winners for 2012

Open – **Loris Epis** on “Resting Whiz”

Non Pro – **Dan Fletcher** on “Wimpys Tinseltown”

Ltd Non Pro – **Taylor Mariani** on “Split Thechic Please”

Youth 13 & Under – **Sara McKenzie** on “Gotta Magnum Dream”

Youth 14-18 – **Samantha Munroe** on “Hollywoods Prize”

Rookie 2 – **Anne Salter** on “Cactus Berry”



All American Quarter Horse Congress

Ontario excelled again at this year’s All American Quarter Horse Congress, with HEATHER VAUGHN and GOTTA MAGNUM DREAM taking Novice Horse Open CHAMPION, and TIM STANTON and CHEX TO BEE CASHED making Prime Time Open CHAMPION. In addition, several ORHA members had top placings in various classes: Loris Epis, Cara Brown, and Liz Barley-Doyle in particular are to be congratulated, and Lesley Martin’s horse, ridden by Bill Thomas, was another winner. **Well done to all!**



BRIAN HEATON MEMORIAL AWARD

At the year-end awards banquet in November, last year’s recipient of the prestigious Brian Heaton Memorial Award, John Purdie, was delighted to recognise this year’s recipient, **Mike Munroe**, who is a personal friend and fellow ORHA Board member. Mike has been on the ORHA Board for many years, and he works tirelessly behind the scenes for the betterment of the Association and its members, most notably as the driving force behind organising and running the Grand Finale each year. A tip of the hat to you Mike!

O.R.H.A. Founders honoured at 25th Anniversary Banquet

by

Ann Pavlic

There are ten founding members on the original constitution paperwork for the formation of the ORHA 25 years ago, and another eight were long standing directors, but only four were able to be present to be honoured by the O.R.H.A. at the annual awards banquet.

The years have flown by, some of the others have moved on, were not able to be located or chose to use only memories to reflect on their involvement, but John Purdie, Craig Black, Steve Preszcator and I Ann Pavlic, appreciated the invitation and were delighted to attend.

Some interesting facts you may not know:

Craig Black, trainer/farrier living in Vienna, Ontario, was the catalyst for bringing the sport to Italy, and his work there spanned 25 years. He now shows Ontario reined cow horse, and continues to be a mentor for many riders and admirers and is one of the "legends" of real cowboys in our midst. They don't come more authentic than this!

Steve Preszcator is also a farrier and trainer, and shows on the Jumper Trillium and A circuit shows, but looks forward to possibly returning to the reining some day (reining always "trumps" other disciplines). He was especially remembered for his winning freestyle routines. Now you can often find Steve enjoying a hunt in and around Komoka where he lives.

John Purdie, from Shelburne, a farrier and distinguished non pro is the longest serving continuous member of the O.R.H.A. from inception to present, and he has made it his mission to be the "go to" historian, using the past to guide the club's future. He also works in the hydro industry when not riding.

John and I still compete against each other in many classes and continue to wish each other good luck before going into the ring, regardless of the history of shows behind us.

For my part, I was on the O.R.H.A. board as a founding member in 1987 and Director for many years thereafter while as well as hosting seven NRHA shows. I was an Eastern Canada Affiliate Finalist in the first Canada Cup (year 2000) in Red Deer, Alberta.

Now retired from education, I have recently acquired a small hobby farm in Dorchester near London, ensuring I will stay in reining for as long as I can.

Having taken lessons from the likes of reining legends such as Guy Gauthier and Roger Brazeau, I now watch as new legends are born right out of our own ORHA.

Memories of the old Quarterama, where the "big boys" from the States would show up to compete in Toronto, was every bit as exciting as the Congress and Futurity now is. Back then, prize money was big and shows were scarce, so travel they did.

Some 25 years ago, a small group of Quebec and Ontario reiners tried desperately to hold on to whatever monies had been set aside for a Canadian organization. At that time, it was a real concern that placing the power in one province of such a large country would make national involvement very difficult. Fracturing off by provinces seemed to be the path. As time passed, our national organization, Reining Canada, was established to bring some cohesiveness to our provincial reiners, but at that time an Ontario initiative was our only answer if our reiners were to survive at all.

The largest group of interested people seemed to reside in and around southwestern Ontario, which leads to my memories of monthly meetings in each others' kitchens or family rooms, where ideas, rules and regulations began to take form and shaped the beginnings of our club.

Whether we came from business, the horse industry, education or home, we had a common goal: to promote and provide for reining in Ontario.

The founders fleshed out a basic constitution that would give us enough status to approach venues and sponsors to hold shows. This small nucleus of passionate reiners would agree to disagree at times but always unite for the common good: to advance the cause of reining.

Don Thomas' idea and insistence to create a Founders' Club account, that would generate monies for a reserve to ensure we were always solvent, lives on today.

As Craig points out in his article, when you look at the first 15 or so years, the nucleus of directors who served did so during nearly that whole time. It is through their efforts and their longstanding commitment that we have a strong, vibrant, not to be out showed association that is financially viable and stands with the best of them on the world stage.

Reiners are tough – their horses are amazing and being part of this association has made it possible to continue to enjoy our passion.

Getting involved to keep it alive and well is the only way that it will continue to prosper.



Left to Right: John Purdie, Ann Pavlic, Craig Black, Steve Preszcator



2012 NRHA Standings

Dan Fletcher and Wimpys Tinseltown - Prime Time Non Pro **CHAMPION**; also 10th in NRHA Non Pro

Tim Stanton and Chex To Bee Cashed - Novice Horse Open Level 2 **RESERVE CHAMPION**

Heather Vaughn and Gotta Magnum Dream - 5th in NRHA Intermediate Open; 8th in Open

Dany Tremblay and Cowboy Dakota Whiz - 6th in Open

Darby Mailhot and Custom Crome Wonder - 7th in Novice Horse Non Pro Level 2

Lindsay Hayes and Genzanit- 10th in Rookie Pro

Taylor Mariani and Shake Your Dually - 15th in Limited Open

Very impressive ladies and gentlemen, congratulations to each of you.

Reminiscing

by

Craig Black

I have put together a list of the people who were involved with the ORHA since its birth in 1987 and for the following 16 years. Our first president was Valerie Snobelen followed by Maurice Price, John Purdie, Bridget Gilkinson, Joan Hardie, Gary Yaghdjian and again John Purdie. In no particular order, the long standing Directors were Lana English, Wendy Dyer, Joanne Milton, Craig Black, Joan Hardie, John Purdie, Saskia Bremmers, Sharon Black, Ann Pavlic, Bridget Gilkinson, Catherine Stephens, Gary Yaghdjian, Sherry Black and Steve Preszcator.

So, as you can see, over a 16 year period, there was a small core of 18 or 19 very dedicated, hard-working people who stayed the course to start the ORHA, organize, promote and grow this association. Some other very important people who also worked very much behind the scenes were the people who put on and ran the shows in those growing years.

This group includes Brass Lantern Stables (Pat and Joan Hardie), Eastwood Equestrian Center (Ann Pavlic), 16 Mile Slide (Cary Warren), Yellow Rose Ranch (Mike Rose and Cathy Paterson), Western Fair (organized by Craig Black, Joan Hardie, Doug McMullen, Steve Banks), Pickering Horse Center (Gary Yaghdjian), Ilderton Slide (Dave McNiece, Don Pletch and so many volunteers), Holiday Ranch (Maurice & Shelly Price), Paradise Farms (Steve Preszcator), and Countryside Stables (Ray Nitti).

Our members learned to camp with their horses at the two day Pickering shows, while the Ilderton Slide may have been the first in Ontario to award Bronze trophies.

Maurice and Shelly Price hosted four Futurity shows when they started, as well as many ORHA shows and clinics. Quite a few of the shows and clinics that Maurice and Shelly put on were used as fundraisers to help keep the ORHA going those first few years. Now Joanne Milton has picked up the torch, with a record 15 successive years of fundraising clinics to help the club's coffers. Recognize any of the names from the list of shows that were on the list of Directors? These were dedicated and busy people.

Many people call the ORHA a big family and I think this is felt amongst all reiners. The biggest majority of people with horses have them as a hobby. As a hobby, this should be fun and enjoyable.

I think what makes the ORHA fun and enjoyable are the camaraderie and friendships that are made and develop over the years. These friendships and fun times create a bond amongst us that has helped keep our association strong over the years.

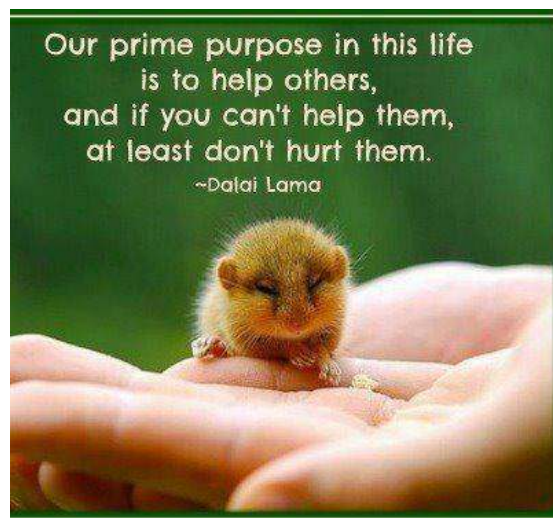
I would like to close with a story about such a bond among reiners. Several years back - Western Fair, warming my Appaloosa up for the Novice Horse class . . . At this show we had a big group of our American friends showing. This was not unusual, for over the years, several of them would come up regularly and many friendships were made and still continue today. Lynne McDougall rode up to me and said that a plane had crashed into the World Trade Tower. It was not too much later that Lynne came back and said a second plane had crashed into another Trade Tower. Now at that time, we did not all have cell phones in our pockets. This news was coming from truck radios and people coming from their motels. There was not panic but tension.

As the news became more available, it was said that all American borders were closed. No entry. No exit. Within no more than half an hour, all of our American friends and their horses had places to stay with their ORHA friends.

That is the kind of friendship that bonds associations and friends together. That bond in the ORHA has been the same for 25 years. Happy Birthday ORHA!



EASTERN CANADA REGIONAL AFFILIATE FINALS: The Ontario Reining Horse Association is delighted to announce that it has been granted the hosting rights for the 2013 and 2014 Regional Affiliate Finals - thank you NRHA.



Green as Grass Rules

by Sylvia Durocher

This is my second and final year showing in the Green as Grass class. I have had questions during these two years regarding what other classes I could show in and when I could no longer show in this class. Sometimes it took several people before I got the correct answers, so I decided to write this article to further clarify some of the rules for other Green as Grass Riders.

References for this article include the ORHA Rule Book, ORHA website, the New Member Orientation Package and speaking with Joanne Milton, Director and long-time show secretary for ORHA.

WHO CAN SHOW in GREEN AS GRASS: any non-pro rider who has never shown in any reining classes other than club shows, Green as Grass, NRHA Green Reiner, Beginner or ORHA youth competitions.

WHO NEEDS TO OWN THE HORSE: An ORHA member needs to own the horse. The Green as Grass rider does not need to own the horse. However, the Green as Grass rider must be an ORHA member.

WHAT OTHER CLASSES CAN A GREEN AS GRASS RIDER SHOW IN: Only the Beginner class, NRHA Green Reiner or the ORHA Youth class. If a rider shows in other classes (for example Ladies or Men's), the rider will not be able to show a second year in Green as Grass.

PATTERNS AND RULES: There are 4 Green as Grass patterns found on the ORHA website. All Green as Grass riders can show in one or two hands but must complete the class as started. That is, if you start your pattern riding with one hand, you must complete your pattern riding with one hand.

HOW LONG CAN A RIDER SHOW IN GREEN AS GRASS: for a maximum period of 2 years or until *the end of the year* in which 10 Graduation points are accumulated, whichever is earlier.

The biggest area of confusion seems to be how points are calculated to make a rider ineligible to continue showing in the second year in the Green as Grass class. After my first year of showing, I had earned 13 points so I thought I could no longer show in this class since I had earned more than 10 points. I had asked several people before the first show and this was confirmed, I was out of Green as Grass. However, I fortunately decided to ask again at the first horse show this year. After calling Joanne Milton, it was determined that I could show in Green as Grass after all because there is a difference between **year-end** points (I had 13) and **graduation** points (I had 0)!!!

HOW ARE THE POINTS CALCULATED: **Year-end** points are calculated based on the top TEN riders. The horse and rider placing 1st earns 10 points, the horse and rider placing 2nd earns 9 points, etc., down to the 10th rider. If there are fewer than 10 riders in the class, then the points are based on the number of riders. For example, if there are 6 riders showing, the winner earns 6 points, etc.

Graduation points are based on the TOP FIVE riders only. The rider winning the class earns 5 graduation points, the 2nd place rider 4 graduation points, etc., down to the 5th rider earning 1 graduation point.

The rider placing sixth (out of a minimum of 10 horses) would earn 5 year-end points but NO GRADUATION points.

If you check the Show Results page on the ORHA website for the Green as Grass class, you will see in the first part of the chart, the year-end points are recorded and further to the right the

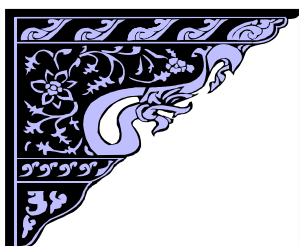
Graduation Points are recorded. I did read the chart on the points website last year, but I did not know what graduation points were.

It is important to note that you can continue to show to the end of that show season even if you earn 10 graduation points before the last show of the year.

There are three Green as Grass classes - Green as Grass, Green as Grass Youth and Green as Grass Non-Member. A Green as Grass youth rider cannot compete in any other classes and he or she can show in Green as Grass Youth for a total of two years. A Green as Grass non-member may only compete in this class for one calendar year. This non-member rider cannot compete in any other ORHA or NRHA classes.

For further information on the Green as Grass class check the ORHA rule book, the ORHA website or the New Members Orientation package.

!!!HAPPY SHOWING!!!



Horse terminology....

Event Prospect = Big Fast Horse
Dressage Prospect = Big Slow Horse
Sporting Prospect = Short Fast Horse
Endurance Prospect = Fast Horse which will
turn sometimes.

Trail Prospect = Pretty Color

Flashy = White Socks

To Loving Home = Expensive

To Show Home Only = Very Expensive

Needs Experienced Rider = Potentially Lethal

Elegant = Thin

In Good Condition = Foundered

Free Moving = Bolts

Quiet = Lameness in Both Front Legs

Dead Quiet = Lameness in All Four Legs

Good in Traffic/Bombproof = Lameness all Round
Deaf and Blind

Loves Children = Kicks and Bites

Pony Type = Small and Hairy

Arab Type = Looks startled

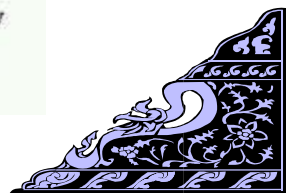
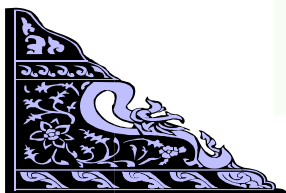
TB Type = Looks Terrified

Quarter Horse Type = Fat

Draught Type = Big and Exceedingly Hairy

Easy to Catch = Very Old

All Offers Considered = I am in Traction
for 6 months



YEAR-END AWARDS BANQUET

Congratulations to all the Champions and Reserve Champions for 2012, who were recognised at the November 3 year-end Awards Banquet. It was once again a fabulous evening of fun and camaraderie and a special thanks to our great M.C.'s Michelle Mahabir and Berenice Fletcher, who pitched in at the last minute to cover for our perennial M.C., Dan Fletcher.

And thanks go out to Prez Carol Ivey, who again looked after securing the sponsorships for each of the awards, and who personally sponsored a large number of them. Carol was presented with a special ORHA 25th Anniversary belt buckle in recognition of her work and contributions over the past 10 years.

7 Lovely Logics

1) Make Peace with your Past
so it doesn't spoil your Present.

2) What others Think of you is
None Of your Business.

3) Time Heals Almost Everything,
Give the Time, Some Time.

4) No one is the Reason of your Happiness
Except You yourself.

5) Don't compare your Life with others,
You have No Idea what their journey is all about.

6) Stop Thinking too much,
Its Alright not to know all the Answers.

7) Smile, you don't own
all the Problems in the World.

People Make A Difference award

The ORHA is pleased to recognise John and Sharon Fletcher as recipients of the 2012 O.E.F. People Make A Difference Award. The Fletchers have been active in the reining industry for many years, putting on shows, hosting clinics and bringing in new reiners to our discipline. In addition, the Ontario Reining Horse Youth Association has always depended on the support of the Fletchers - the Fletchers encourage our young riders at every opportunity.

And of course, the Fletchers are well known in reining circles for the accomplishments of their horses and riders. In 2011, John and Sharon Fletcher's horses garnered NINE ORHA year-end Champion titles and FIVE Reserve Champions, and their trainer, Loris Epis, earned Limited Open Reserve Champion at the 2011 All American Quarter Horse Congress, and also made Congress Top Ten in the Open on another Fletcher horse, which was followed by Loris winning Reserve Champion Level I and Level II at the Oklahoma Futurity.

This year, Loris has also placed well, earning Reserve Champion in the Level 3 Open at the N.R.H.A. Derby in Oklahoma, and their other trainer, Heather Vaughn, was Novice Horse Open CHAMPION at the 2012 All American Quarter Horse Congress, with both of them also placing well in other Congress classes.

John and Sharon Fletcher are great ambassadors for Western Reining and are worthy candidates for the People Make a Difference Award.



ORHA Calendar of Events - 2013



- Feb. 10 Annual General Meeting, Holiday Inn, Guelph
- Mar. 28-31 ORHA Booth at All About Pets Show, International Centre, Mississauga
- May 4-5 Prepare for the Reiny Season Clinic, Judges Clinic & Scribes Clinic, Rustic Meadows, Hillsburgh, Ont. Contact Joanne Milton 519-855-6865
info@rusticmeadows.com
- May 11-12 Spring Thaw, Waterford, Ont. Contact Fletchers' Horseworld 519-443-7333
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- May 25 – 26 Pickering Horse Centre, Pickering, Ont. Contact: Gary Yaghdjian
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- June 15- 16 Reining at Palgrave, Palgrave, Ont. Contact: Gary Yaghdjian
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- July 6-7 Pickering Horse Centre, Pickering, Ont. Contact: Gary Yaghdjian
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- July 13-14 Spirit Of Excellence Derby ,CRI & Young Riders, Meaford, Ont. Contact Ron Lubinski 519-538-0510 ynotfarms@ynotfarms.ca
- July 26-28 Canadian Reining Classic, Waterford, Ont. Contact Fletchers' Horseworld 519-443-7333 johnfletcher@kwic.com ****Affiliate Qualifier BOTH DAYS**
- Aug 31-Sept1 Pickering Reining Classic, Pickering Horse Centre, Pickering, Ont. Contact: Gary Yaghdjian gary.yaghdjian@live.ca ****Affiliate Qualifier BOTH DAYS**
- Sept 10-12 OBBO, Western Fair Agriplex, London, Ont. Move-in Sept 9. Contact Debbie Bateman dbateman@uoguelph.ca 519-841-8459
- Sept 27-29 Grand Finale & Sired Stakes Futurity & Affiliate Finals, Western Fair Agriplex, London, Ont. Contact Mike Munroe 519-938-0620 mmunroe@rjburnside.com
- Oct 4-27 American Quarter Horse Congress, Columbus, Ohio
- Nov 28-Dec 7 NRHA Futurity & Adequan North American Affiliate Finals Championship Show, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- Jan 25, 2014 Annual General Meeting & Awards Banquet, Holiday Inn, Guelph



THE SALTER-DORLAND FAMILY

by
Gina Coburn-Steele

The four members of the Salter-Dorland clan have over one hundred years combined experience in the saddle - and two of them have not yet reached twenty years of age!

Anne Salter-Dorland had her girls Cassie, 19, and Giorgia, 15, riding in front of her in the saddle as babies, till they were big enough to hold themselves in the saddle on their own. To say they were born on the back of a horse may not be too much of an exaggeration.

Riding and showing in nearly every discipline possible, Dave, Anne, Cassie and Giorgia got bit by the reining bug and the family has been sliding down the reining trail ever since.

Anne was persuaded to give reining a spin by her farrier at the time, John Purdie. "You're not an English girl, you need to try reining," John told Anne...so she did. Within a year or two, Cassie and Giorgia were hooked as well.

Breeding and showing reining horses for over 30 years, Dave was introduced to the world of reining by Brian Brown, whose passion and dedication to the sport were contagious.

The Salter- Dorland team love the ORHA's family atmosphere, and travel far and wide to see longtime friends and what they call their "show family," and to cheer them on.

Anne says, "I love that every time in the pen is a different run. It never gets boring and it is always a challenge." After riding in a multitude of disciplines and a lifetime in the saddle, keeping it interesting is a challenge in itself.

With too many great moments behind them to pinpoint just one, both Anne and Dave agree that watching their family do well is the best feeling of all. For the girls, achieving their goals is an out of this world feeling. Fifteen year old Giorgia says that when she won the Affiliate finals, she had "never been so happy in my whole life" and older sister Cassie's 2011 NRHA and ORHA Youth championship were her fondest memory so far...and being named in the Top 50 NRHA was the cherry on top!

Every longtime rider has a horse that left them a little better than before, and even as young as she is, Giorgia has already met one of those special horses - her horse King (STRcutterslegacy). "He came to me when I was having a difficult time at home and school. I tell him all my secrets. He is my best friend and partner," says Giorgia. "In my opinion, there is no better place to dry your tears than in the mane of your favourite horse. Somehow....they just know."

Some of Cassie's favourite memories are the 4 a.m. practices with her coach, Harvey Stevens, and her family and friends cheering her on. She must go first in her family, because mom Anne says she needs lots of caffeine to get going. That works out well cause you can cheer from the sidelines without spilling your coffee(s)!

Dave and Anne share their love of the sport with each other and their daughters, and each have goals they aspire to and love watching their family do well.

They believe, "Most people know us pretty well. We are perpetually late, travel long distances, try desperately to find that balance between horses, work, and other community involvements but mostly, we love our horses... just like most of us in the ORHA."

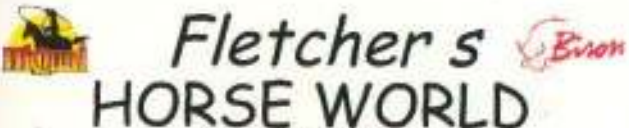
The family that shows together, grows together. And the Salter-Dorland family is a shining example of that. They have their eye on the ball and each other to help see that they each achieve their goals in the 2013 season and for many years to come.

It speaks volumes that, during our discussion, Anne failed to mention her own accomplishment this past year - she was ORHA Rookie Level 2 Champion, and true to the spirit of this wonderful family, Cassie will be the 2013 President of the Ontario Reining Horse Youth Association.

What an inspiration you are to all of us.



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