

# 2023 Annual Report

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CANADIAN  
QUARTER  
HORSE  
ASSOCIATION

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CANADIENNE DE  
QUARTER  
HORSE



Whizenboonsmal

CQHA 2023 Horse of the Year

**PRESENTED BY**

The CQHA  
Board of Directors

**AQHA**  
AFFILIATE



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# MISSION STATEMENT ÉNONCÉ DE MISSION



**Canadian bred Baby Hes Hot**, aka “Baby,” ridden and owned by Calgary Stampede Ranch Manager Tyler Kraft, is **AQHA's Inaugural Pro Rodeo Pickup Horse of the Year!** The 2013 buckskin gelding is sired by Hes Hot N Chexy Baby and out of Vaniz Baby Boots by Haidaleanas War Doc, bred by Doug Wilkinson of Mossleigh, Alberta.

THE CANADIAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION (CQHA), IS THE CANADIAN AFFILIATE OF THE AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION (AQHA), AND REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LARGEST BREED POPULATION WITHIN THE CANADIAN HERD.

THE CQHA EXISTS TO ADDRESS ISSUES OF CONCERN TO CANADIAN OWNERS OF AMERICAN QUARTER HORSES; TO BE A COMMUNICATIONS VEHICLE FOR AND WITH CANADIAN AQHA MEMBERS; AND TO PROMOTE AND MARKET CANADIAN-BRED AND/OR CANADIAN-OWNED AMERICAN QUARTER HORSES, BOTH GLOBALLY AND DOMESTICALLY.

L'ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DU QUARTER HORSE (ACQH) EST LA FILIALE CANADIENNE DE L'AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION (AQHA). L' ACQH EST LE PORTE PAROLE POUR LA PLUS GRANDE POPULATION DE CHEVAUX AU SEIN DE L' ÉLEVAGE CANADIEN .

LE MANDAT DE L'ACQH EST D'ABORDER LES QUESTIONS QUI PRÉOCCUPENT LES PROPRIÉTAIRES CANADIENS DE QUARTER HORSES AMÉRICAINS; D'ÊTRE UN MOYEN DE COMMUNICATION POUR ET AVEC LES MEMBRES CANADIENS DE L'AQHA; PROMOUVOIR ET COMMERCIALISER LES QUARTER HORSES AMÉRICAINS D'ORIGINE CANADIENNE , TANT À L'ÉCHELLE MONDIALE QUE NATIONALE.

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### **COVER PHOTO:**

**Whizenboonsmal:** CQHA's 2023 Horse of the Year

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Submitted by: Dr Gilles Seguin

2022-2023 elapsed quickly and brought important results in our efforts to expand the understanding of the Quarter Horse adaptability and meet the demands in variety of disciplines. I want to thank all the CQHA Directors and members who made this success possible. I especially want to single out the members of the Executive Committee and the chairs and members of the different committees.

## LET'S TAKE A JOURNEY THROUGH THE CQHA 2023 YEAR

- Collaboration, sharing, working together as team has brought results to CQHA. This is illustrated when AQHA, NRHA, NCHA, NSBA representatives are applauding all our efforts to promote the Quarter Horse. This includes the breeders, owners, and different groups including recreation riders, Mount Shooting, Extreme enthusiasts. The local Quarter Horse groups are also applauding and underlining the efforts of CQHA. I was so proud of the CQHA when representatives of these associations and disciplines underlined CQHA efforts and the results achieved at the 2023 AQHA convention. Special thanks you Gayle, Laurie and Mary for their efforts to keep CQHA in the minds of all Quarter Horse people.
- Did you see coverages of the All-American Congress and 2023 AQHA / AQHYA World Shows? The success of Canadians and Canadian Bred Quarter Horse, their owners, and breeders was quite impressive! Thank you to Laurie for her efforts to keep us updated.
- AQHA convention was one high point of the year. New AQHA directors for Manitoba Sharon Forbes - Hanks and Alberta ( Sandy Kirtzinger were appointed. CQHA honored Gayle Pawley for her dedication and log career with the Quarter Horse Industry at the AQHA International Committee meeting. The Canadian Directors and members meeting at the convention was very successful in several ways. A great participation of the Canadians, but also the opportunity to meet and speak with Karl Stressman (and his lovely wife), Scott Neuman (AQHA Show Director), Joanne Canodo AQHA International Office attended. Participants had the opportunity to discuss and raise questions with senior AQHA staff.
- CQHA deployed considerable efforts to support youth activities such as High School Rodeo, successful Youth Tournaments at many events across Canada.
- The CQHA Business Plan implementation through the Grants Committee brought impressive results that saw grants to Canadian AQHA/CQHA affiliates in their endeavours. In addition, CQHA supported the Canadian High Rodeo Finals in Brandon Manitoba, Mounted Shooting, Reining, Cutting, Ranch riding and AQHA shows across Canada. Thanks to the Grant Committee members we obtained reimbursement from AQHA for these expenses. (See Grants Committee Report)
- Discussion with AQHA International regarding next year Business Plan Funding- meeting of AQHA Executive no update presently- Remember CQHA and the AQHA International Committee made a strong case for continued funding.
- AQHA International indicated that that there would not be an AQHA Summit as in previous years. CQHA is examining holding such a CQHA Summit with virtual and in person in a location to be determined. This would be an opportunity for all CQHA members to discuss priorities, the why and the how. It would set a framework for the next three years. Reports on these strategies would be tabled at the AGM every year to allow all members to be kept informed of progress against priorities.
- NO-GO decision was rendered by Quebec Quarter Horse Association to 2025 World Cup due lack of accommodations for teams- conflicting events (Grand Prix Three Rivers and Quebec Games, plus numerous other events occurring in same time slot. We also explored alternative time slots but unavoidable).
- CQHA examining options for Micro Chipping of the Canadian herd; and introduced a rule change in connection to the leveling program which will be put forward for consideration at the next AQHA Convention submission to be made by Dec 31, 2023.





- AQHA Youth World Cup –this year saw several results at the event by the different competitors, and a framework along with tools developed for the use of the CQHA/YWC team in the future. The CQHA YWC Committee analyzed written submissions from a variety of sources and made recommendations to the CQHA Board based on important lessons learned which are going to be implemented to ensure a sound framework for this event. (Kathy Patterson and YWC Committee see- YWC Report).
- CQHA as you know implemented a Committee Structure to allow for the operationalization of CQHA Board decisions. CQHA Committee Chairs accomplished a considerable amount of work associated with their areas of responsibilities and provided monthly updates to the CQHA Board. Thanks to all members of these Committees that included CQHA Directors, Associated CQHA Directors, CQHA members for their efforts. Consider the work of the Marketing and Communication Committee (see report of MM&C) supporting all of the Committees, the work of the Breeder's Committee in offering an extremely successful AI Dunning Clinic (thank you to Ryan Fleetwood, Laurie Haughton, Mary Robinson, and the Sandy Kirtzinger.
- The CNATT initiative brought many amateurs together from across Canada. Breeders also saw the value of the initiative they were proactive in becoming sponsors for this initiative which expanded to other disciplines using the Quarter Horse. This expanded the knowledge about CQHA to the whole the Quarter Horse family in Canada. Other countries are wanting to replica the approach. Thank you to Joelle Johnston for the countless hours spent tabulating points, and the rest of the membership committee for supporting the various activities of the tournament throughout the year.
- A big thank you to the CQHA Directors whose terms expired in 2023: Gilles, Brad, Gayle, Andy, Lyle, Lisa, Shari, and Teagan. and thank you to Brad Bowie, Shari Irwin, Lyle Jackson, Gayle Pawley-Wilson and Gilles Seguin. who will be returning to the CQHA Board of Directors:
- CQHA also congratulations CQHA Awards recipients for 2023: Scott & Linda Berwick, Rocking Heart Ranch, Carole & Jamie Roberts, Gillian Merkley, Macie - Rae Warken, Mallory Melville, Jocelyn d'Entremont, Whizenboonsmal, Debbie Haughton, and Norman Picov.

Regards,



Dr. Gilles Seguin  
President CQHA



Canadian-bred **SR Boots On Fire**, "Cowboy," and **Lynette Brodoway from Brooks, Alberta** are the 2023 Canadian Rodeo Finals Ladies Barrel Racing Champions. Sired by Root Beers Boots and is out of JDS Wind River by Sun Wind And Fire, the 2014 chestnut gelding is was bred by **Douglas & Carol Schaffer of Bassano, Alberta** and is owned by Ken & Lynette Brodoway. The team's fastest time was 13.61 seconds, and the overall championship earned them a cheque for \$ 72,831 CDN.  
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# 2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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*Executive Director*

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Alberta  
*Director*

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British Columbia  
*Director*

**Lisa Graham**

Saskatchewan  
*Director*

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## NEW CANADIAN AQHA

### DIRECTORS

**AQHA**  
AMERICAN QUARTER  
HORSE ASSOCIATION



**Sharon Forbes-Hanks**  
Manitoba

**Sandy Kirtzinger**  
Alberta



# AQHA STATISTICS

## CANADIAN HORSE POPULATION

	HORSE POPULATION <sup>1</sup>		NEW REGISTRATIONS <sup>2</sup>	
	2022	CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR	2022	CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR
Canada (total)	261,167	7,247	7,391	1,621
Alberta	117,001	3,119	3,273	954
British Columbia	26,036	845	663	176
Manitoba	26,162	569	884	42
New Brunswick	1,435	69	32	13
Newfoundland	89	4	2	-2
Northwest Territory	2	0	0	-1
Nova Scotia	2,435	93	45	19
Ontario	22,883	483	464	48
Prince Edward Island	471	11	12	6
Quebec	14,208	650	415	61
Saskatchewan	50,333	1,397	1,598	306
Yukon Territory	112	7	3	-1

Source: AQHA's 2022 Annual Report.

## BASED ON THE 2022 AQHA ANNUAL REPORT

**57,107**

### CANADIAN OWNERS

The population of Canadian Quarter Horse owners grew by 1164 owners in 2021!

## CANADIAN AQHA MEMBERSHIPS

INTERNATIONAL	ANNUAL/3-YEAR	LIFE	YOUTH	AMATEUR	TOTAL
Canada (total)	8,184	3,367	1,097	858	13,506
Alberta	3,170	1,702	204	230	5,306
British Columbia	1,108	468	117	103	1,796
Manitoba	384	156	55	46	641
New Brunswick	96	24	30	33	183
Newfoundland & Labrador	8	1	2	1	12
Nova Scotia	170	26	58	55	309
Nunavut	2				2
Ontario	1,174	463	430	187	2,254
Prince Edward Island	27	1	7	4	39
Quebec	966	101	118	71	1,256
Saskatchewan	1,063	423	76	128	1,690
Yukon Territory	16	2			18

### CANADIAN TOTAL NEW REGISTRATIONS

**7,391**

### CANADIAN EXPORTED TRANSFERS

**3,196**

### CANADIAN IMPORTED TRANSFERS

**2,860**

**+1621**

### NEW REGISTRATIONS

The Canadian Quarter Horse population has rebounded from the previous year which was a negative 630 horses!



#### Four Ontario Youths medaled yesterday in the L1 Youth Trail (14 to 18) at the 2023 AQHYA World Championship Show!

Congratulations to (From Left to Right) Adrianna Maclean with Good Sweet Angel 13th place, Emily Yates with Canadian Bred - The Hot Moonlite 10th place, Abigail Parker-Spratt Dunlevy with Surely A Good Cowboy 8th place, and Allison Charpontier with StrippinInMyBluejeans 15th place.

# COMMITTEES OF THE CQHA

- **Governance Committee:** (Chair: Wayne Burwash)- This Committee's role is to focus on the by-laws and governance elements of these by-laws, making recommendations for changes to CQHA BoD.
- **Finance Committee:** (Chair: Mary Ellen Robinson) -This Committee's role is key to the overall management of the CQHA Finances. This Committee will oversee all of the financial components of the CQHA. The work of the Committee includes the planning, budgeting, tracking and reporting of the CQHA Finances. Financial Reports will be required quarterly and for the AGM. The Committee's duties will also include overseeing revenues that the CQHA generates through Affiliate Grant Program, the Equestrian Canada and Sponsorships programs or other revenue streams generated by CQHA programs. The Committee will prepare a budget for the CQHA, obtain approval from the CQHA Executive and BoD.
- **Media, Marketing and Communications Committee:** (Chair: Laurie Haughton) The role of the Media, Marketing & Communications Committee will be to provide strategic direction and leadership to the CQHA Media Team, Board of Directors, Committees, Membership & Alliances. This committee will work to promote the programs, activities & events presented and or supported by CQHA in partnership with AQHA, the AQHA Provincial Affiliates and CQHA's Industry Alliance Partners through electronic communications, the CQHA.ca website, and CQHA's social media platforms, and other means of communications in person, in print & digitally. The key objectives of the committee are to:
  - -Communicate the purpose of the association in accordance with its mandate with the American Quarter Horse Association;
  - -Facilitate the promotion of CQHA programs and activities;
  - Act as the national representative and spokes group of the largest breed population of the Canadian herd;
  - Address the concerns of Canadian owners of Registered American Quarter Horses;
  - -Promote Canadian bred and owned registered American Quarter Horses;
  - -Uphold and communicate with respect and dignity the standards of equine welfare in Canada and in accordance with AQHA's position statement on the humane treatment of horses
- The Media, Marketing & Communications Committee sets out to meet the objectives stated above as they apply to all AQHA sanctioned events and non AQHA sanctioned events and activities.
- **Special Events - AGM-Task Force Committee:** (Chair: Larry Clifford) -This Committee is responsible for preparing, planning, budgeting, and implementing the CQHA AGM and any meeting of the general membership.
- **Awards Committee:** (Chair: Jane Cryderman) - This Committee is responsible for coordinating the implementation of the CQHA Awards Program. These awards are presented annually. The Committee is specifically responsible for preparing the budget and implementation plan of the CQHA AWARDS, including the communication plan work with the Media, Marketing & Communication Committee. The Committee will maximize existing CQHA communication channels, preparing the CQHA Awards program –application forms, evaluation criteria and recommending following the evaluation of the application a slate of award recipients to the CQHA Executive. The Committee will prepare the presentation and ensure communication with the recipients. They will order the Award Buckles based on the results of their evaluation. They can also propose additional awards based on the analysis performed by the committee members. Prepare a report for the activities and outcomes achieved and present at the CQHA AGM.
- **Shannon Burwash Memorial Scholarship Committee:** (Chair: Wayne Burwash) This Committee is responsible for the Administration of the Shannon Burwash Scholarship program.
- **Youth Committee:** (Chair: Gayle Pawley-Wilson) This Committee is responsible for coordinating development and the implementation of national programs which support and promote youth activity involving American Quarter Horses.
- **Breeders Committee:** (Chair: Sandy Kirtzinger) - Overall Purpose of Committee:
  - Position Canada nationally and internationally as a source of quality Quarter Horses, breeding programs, stallion standings, information pertaining to reproductive technology, and information on equine health and welfare.
  - Improve the image of Canadian bred Quarter Horses Nationally and Internationally
- **AQHA Youth World Cup Committee:** (Chair: Kathy Patterson) – This Committee is responsible for the CQHA in relating more specifically to the AQHA Youth World Cup Committee, selection of Manager and Coach for the Youth team and preparing and submitting the budget for this activity. Financial reports of the activities of the Youth World Cup and the Committee tabled at the BoD and the CQHA AGM. The Committee is an essential promoter of Youth activities and programs across Canada
- **Grant Committee:** (Chair: Gayle Pawley-Wilson) The Objectives of the Grant Committee is to provide funding to encourage the expansion of the AQHA and CQHA membership, AQHA registrations, the marketing of the American Quarter Horse, the understanding and protection of the breed integrity as well as the discovery of the American Quarter Horse's many talents in Canada.Scope of Work:
  - The CQHA Grant Committee will review, edit, and distribute the CQHA Grant
  - Application Guidelines to the membership by CQHA Media and email annually after approval by the CQHA Board of Directors.
  - The CQHA Grant Committee will provide approved application information to the CQHA Marketing and Media Committee including dates, pictures, and participant lists.
  - CQHA Grant Committee will collect and submit all information (including applications, receipts, budget reports, post reports and AQHA member participant lists for each application) for reimbursement to AQHA by September 15 working with the CQHA Treasurer.
- **Officials & Professional Development Committee:** - The role of the Show Officials & Professional Development Committee will be to support Canadian horse show officials, and those who professionally train and or show Quarter Horses, and coach riders, as well those who intent to peruse opportunities and credentials to become either. This committee will work to promote the programs, activities & events presented and or supported by CQHA in partnership with AQHA, the AQHA Provincial Affiliates and CQHA's Industry Alliance Partners through electronic communications, the CQHA.ca website, that promote Canadian talent as show officials, trainers and coaches, offer continuing education, skill advancement, and preparations for qualifying Canadians to apply for and test for national and international credentials.
- **Membership Committee:** (Chair: Joelle Johnston) - The general purpose of the membership committee is to work with the CQHA board and membership to create and facilitate programs that support and benefit the Canadian Quarter Horse community. The membership committee will work with other CQHA committees to establish membership communications and programs that will assist in the expansion of CQHA's membership.
- **Nomination & Credentials Committee:** (Chair: Wayne Burwash) - The general purpose of the Nomination Committee (the "Committee") on behalf of the CQHA is to:
  - Ensure there is an election each year with a rigorous nomination system;
  - Recruit qualified individuals to stand for election as directors;
  - Present a slate of candidates for the election of directors of CQHA in accordance with the
  - CQHA's Bylaws and the established nomination guidelines and procedure;
- **Partnership Development Committee:** (Co-Chairs: Brad Bowie & Gilles Seguin) - This Committee is strategically vital to the financial sustainability of CQHA. The committee is responsible for identifying partners/sponsors, linking the partners to CQHA programs such as Awards and Grant program areas. It is responsible for CQHA Board members to build a cross Canada network to engage and obtain partnership / sponsorship support.





Canadian breeders **Kate & Brent Bamford of Foothills, Alberta** and **Scott & Linda Berwick of Clarence Creek, Ontario** are the breeders of the **2023 All American Quarter Horse Congress AQHA & NSBA and AQHA World Show Senior Western Pleasure Champion and Reserve Champions**.

The Championship title at both Congress and the World Show was awarded to **Air Ryde**, bred by Bamford's and owned by Anita Wiescamp, and shown by Sara B Simons - Aubrey, Texas, and the Reserve Championship title at both shows was awarded to **The Whoo**, bred by Berwick's and owned by Linda Ball Sargent, and shown by Shane Dowdy - Whitesboro, TX.

# FINANCE COMMITTEE

Submitted by Committee Chair: Mary Ellen Robinson

These reports are regarding the Fiscal Period for the Canadian Quarter Horse Association of Oct 1, 2022, to Sept. 30, 2023.

The fiscal year 2022-2023 was a very active year for the financial business in CQHA. It was a record year for Grants, Marketing and Media projects, and the largest and most successful Clinic in history sponsored by CQHA etc.

We received \$44,856 USD funding from AQHA for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

Canada also received the International Marketplace Grant funding of \$2,500.00 USD for the AI Dunning clinic for this year.

Credit card. After a very lengthy procedure with the Bank of Montreal, we were able to finally procure a credit card. This is difficult with a non-profit organization and because we require 2 signatures on any withdrawal (cheques) according to our bylaws, this process was extensive. Laurie and I have one. Laurie greatly requires this for the excellent job she does in marketing and promotion so hopefully this will make her life somewhat easier. It will also be another double-checking source for accounting efficiency.

Annual Report: Completed Nov. 24, 2023

You will find attached documents for your review:

- 1) Financial Statements
  - a) Income Statement
  - b) Balance Sheet
  - c) CQHA Statement of Receipts & Disbursements
  - d) YWC Statement of Receipts & Disbursements

2) Project Reports: There were several major projects within this Fiscal year.

To increase proficiency and streamline accounting entries, the major ones were put into a Project Report. They included:

- Clinics – (AI Dunning this year)
- CNATT
- Canadian Bred
- YWC
- Grants (to be added in 2024)
- Youth Grants (to be added in 2024)

Please remember these are draft reports only, and will need to be approved and passed at the next Executive Meeting by the Board.

I will be presenting these reports at the AGM but should you have any questions, regarding any of these, please do not hesitate to email me at [mhranch@telus.net](mailto:mhranch@telus.net) beforehand.

Thank you.

**Additional information can be found in appendix A of this document.**

# AWARDS COMMITTEE

Submitted by Committee

## 2023 CQHA AWARD RECIPIENTS



**JOCELYN D'ENTREMONT, NS**  
AQHA TRAINER OF THE YEAR



**WHIZENBOONSMAL "PETER THE GREAT"**  
CANADIAN BRED/OWNED HORSE OF THE YEAR



**GILLIAN MERKLEY, ON**  
CANADIAN AQHA YOUTH OF THE YEAR



**MACIE-RAE WARKEN, SK**  
CQHA YOUTH RISING STAR



**MALLORY MELVILLE, ON**  
CANADIAN AQHA AMATEUR OF THE YEAR



**SCOTT & LINDA BERWICK, ON**  
PERFORMANCE HORSE BREEDER OF THE YEAR



**CAROL & JAMIE ROBERTSON, ON**  
RACE HORSE BREEDER OF THE YEAR



**ROCKING HEART RANCH, AB**  
RANCH HORSE BREEDER OF THE YEAR



**DEBBIE HAUGHTON, ON**  
INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT / DORIS HEINTZ AWARD



**NORMAN PICOV, ON**  
INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT / DORIS HEINTZ AWARD

# 2023 CQHA/ AQHA AWARD PROGRAM - BASED ON ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2022

*The 2023 CQHA Awards Committee was proud to add a new award to our slate of awards; the CQHA/AQHA Amateur of the Year Award was created to recognize the valuable contribution of our amateur exhibitors to our Canadian Quarter community.*

*As per the terms of reference of the awards committee, the committee members reviewed the nominations received for the different awards categories, and reviewed the criteria, the unanimously agreed to select the winners of the youth awards and the Industry development award, and give the CQHA membership the opportunity to vote to determine the winners of the 2023 Trainer of the Year, Amateur of the Year, Performance Breeder of the Year, and Horse of the Year. The Ranch Horse & Race Horse Breeder of the year awards were chosen by acclamation by very deserving and industry decorated breeders.*

*The winners of each award will be recognized in person at their provincial AQHA Affiliate's 2023 Awards presentations. The awards committee would like to thank, the QHAA, OQHA, OQHROI, and the SQHA for assisting in recognizing these national award winners.*

*The following Awards were approved by the CQHA Board of Directors.*

## CQHA AWARDS DESCRIPTIONS

The Canadian Quarter Horse Association (CQHA) is a proud affiliate of the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) and is honoured to offer recognition to the outstanding individuals who help promote the American Quarter Horse in Canada through breeding, training, or volunteering.

### Overall Requirements:

1. Be AQHA members in good standing for a minimum of 5 years (other than the youth awards).
2. Be a current CQHA member.
3. Must be nominated. The nomination form can be found on the CQHA website.
4. Be accompanied by two letters of reference with contact information.
5. Must be a Canadian Resident and have their main operation in Canada.
6. Horses that are nominated must be registered with AQHA.
7. CQHA/AQHA Awards winners will be eligible for renomination 5 years post winning.

## BREEDER AWARDS

### CQHA/AQHA Ranch Horse Breeder of the Year -

This award is aimed at engaging the mid size breeder that has and currently raises fine American Quarter horses.

### CQHA/AQHA Performance Horse Breeder of the Year -

This award is aimed at those breeders that are already actively involved with AQHA, may not own many horses, but have a focus on raising horses that excel in AQHA competition.

**CQHA/AQHA Racing Breeder of the Year -** This award emulates the American version at AQHA. The Applicant must own a minimum of five AQHA registered mares used to produce racing QH horses and must breed and register at least five foals annually. The Racing Award is for operations that raise American Quarter Horses for use of Racing.

## TRAINER AWARD

**CQHA Trainer of the year -** This award is aimed at recognizing trainers that demonstrate a commitment to the American Quarter Horse in Canada through best training practices and leadership in promoting the importance of training fundamentals and horsemanship through AQHA and other national and/or provincial associations events.

## HORSE AWARD

### CQHA Performance Horse of the Year Award -

This award is aimed at recognizing an outstanding Canadian bred or owned horse based on their accomplishments within a given year.

## YOUTH AWARDS

**CQHA/AQHA Youth of the Year -** This award is aimed at recognizing CQHA/AQHA youth members that demonstrate a commitment to the American Quarter Horse in Canada through leadership in promoting the importance of sportsmanship and horsemanship) through AQHA and other national and/or provincial associations events. This award is aimed at recognizing youth already associated and engaged with AQHA.

**CQHA Rising Star Award -** This award is aimed at recognizing a youth that is not already involved with CQHA/AQHA but has demonstrated true worth as an up-and-coming horse professional and future industry leader.

## AMATEUR AWARD

**CQHA/AQHA Amateur of the Year -** This award is aimed at recognizing CQHA/AQHA Amateur members that demonstrate a commitment to the American Quarter Horse in Canada through leadership in promoting the importance of sportsmanship and horsemanship) through AQHA and other national and/or provincial associations events.

## INDUSTRY AWARD

### CQHA/AQHA Development Leadership Award

Named for it's inaugural winner Doris Heintz, this is aimed at recognizing an individual for their outstanding years of service to AQHA and the Canadian Quarter Horse industry. Nominations must include:

- Demonstrate involvement with the Canadian Quarter Horse industry, AQHA programs and initiatives. This may include but are not limited to contribution to AQHA directly, the AQHA provincial affiliate, or other associations that use American Quarter Horses like reining, cutting, reined cow horse, mounted shooting, and so on.
- This award may be awarded posthumously.



# 2023 CQHA HORSE OF MERIT HONOUREES

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## ARTS SOLO PORTRAIT

2006 Bay Mare  
Owner: Sarah Williamson  
Ontario

## AWESOMELY MADE

1994 Bay Gelding  
Owner: Gilles Seguin  
Quebec

## AN AWESOME FINISH

1996 Sorrel Gelding  
Owner: Debbie Haughton  
Ontario

## CHOCOLATE IN MOTION

2005 Bay Gelding  
Owner: Wendy Cairncross  
Ontario

## DELLAS BLAZEN OAKIE

2005 sorrel Gelding  
Owner: Dorothy A Brown  
British Columbia

## FLEET ADMIRAL JAC

2002 Sorrel Gelding  
Owner: Jennifer MacNeil  
Nova Scotia

## GOOD VERSION DOT CON

2006 Bay Gelding  
Owner: Connie Simpson  
Ontario

## IMASLOWLOPIN SOPHIE

2007 Bay Mare  
Owner: Suzanne Pestano  
Ontario

## IM LOPIN TEXAS STYLE

2007 Buckskin Gelding  
Owner: Maureen Hanson  
Ontario

## JUST PLAYIN STAR

2002 Sorrel Mare  
Owner: Leslie Riley  
Ontario

## MISS CODY ACRE

2001 Sorrel Mare  
Owner: Deanna Lonsberry  
Alberta

## REMAINING HOPEFUL

2003 Bay Mare  
Owner: Debbie Knapton  
Ontario

## TRUE BLUE TABU

2000 Gray Gelding  
Owner: Jane Thomson  
Ontario

The CQHA Horse of Merit program recognizes registered American Quarter Horses within the Canadian quarter horse community who have matured to fifteen years of age and older as of January first. Eligible horses will be those who are still active participants in the industry through competition, lesson & schooling programs, community services and on farm/ranching/breeding operations; or enjoying a much-deserved retirement following a successful competitive or reproductive career.

The program is a tribute to senior registered American Quarter Horses in Canada and those who have been associated with them. Their stories will become a part of CQHA's efforts to honour the breed's heritage within the country, and attribute value to horses who continue in their purpose bred disciplines and or as they progress through secondary and alternative careers and uses. Additionally, the program aims to celebrate those individuals who are living well into their golden years, while still or after having contributed to the quarter horse industry.

Watch for the photos and stories of these horses on the CQHA social media channels and on the CQHA Blog at CQHA.ca coming in mid December 2023.



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# BREEDERS COMMITTEE

## 2023 CANADIAN BRED AWARD RECIPIENTS



### CHICKS DIG CHOCOLATE

NORTHERN LIGHTS QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

BREEDER: DIANE E GABRIELLE, VIRDEN, MB  
OWNER: JOHANNE FENWICK



### A SLEEPY SENSATION

QUEBEC QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

BREEDER: KRISTA BRAWN, KESWICK, NB  
OWNER: JESSICA SPILMAN



### HIGHBROW MICKIE

CANADIAN HIGH SCHOOL RODEO FINALS:

REINED COW HORSE

BREEDER: KATE AND LESTER PRYCE, OKLA, SK  
OWNER: ZADEE CHAPMAN



### ONLY SHY RAD

QHAA - CANADIAN NATIONAL QH SHOW

BREEDER: K&R STUART, ERIKSDALE, MB  
OWNER: THERESA BARYLSKI



### OHK PININFOR

### KRYMSUN

MARITIME QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

BREEDER: HERB BEST, NEW GLASGOW, NB  
RANDALL-GRAYTHERESA BARYLSKI



### DULCE HANG ON SHINE

STEEL CITY SLIDE

BREEDER: EQUINE PLUS, ST BASILE GRAND, QC  
OWNER: SARAH LEARN



### STS FLAWLESS

### FASHION

LOWER MAINLAND: ICE BREAKER SHOW

BREEDER: TRENT SULZ, LANGLEY, BC  
OWNER: SHERRY SULZ



### NATURALLY A LOPER

MBQHA 2022 THANKSGIVING CLASSIC

BREEDER: CHRISTINE LITTLE, MB  
OWNER: COURTNEY PENNER



### SIX SHOOTER GUY

CANADIAN COWBOYS ASSOC FINALS RODEO

RICK & PADDY WHITE, MB

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## 2023 CANADIAN BRED AWARD RECIPIENTS



**CHEX TO MA LOU**  
CANADIAN MOUNTED SHOOTERS FINALS  
BREEDER: ROD W THIESSEN, ESTEVAN, SK  
OWNER: LUCAS THIESSEN



**SHEZA CHOCOLATE KAT**  
ONTARIO QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION  
BREEDER: KKEVIN BRIDGEMAN, BINSKARTH, MB  
OWNER: SADIE MACPHAIL

## 2023 CQHA AL DUNNING CLINIC

The 2023 CQHA's Breeder's committee organized a sub committee spear headed by Alberta AQHA director Ryan Fleetwood to hosted legendary professional horseman Al Dunning for a two day fundamentals of horsemanship clinic on June 24 -25, 2023 in Nanton, Alberta. Work on this project began in 2022 securing Mr. Dunning and the Silver Slate Arena.

Due to overwhelming demand and limited rider spaces, all those interested in attending the clinic entered a rider lottery on line. The slots were assigned to riders who won the lottery. Auditor day passes and weekend packages were also available.

CQHA also hosted a Q&A Dinner with Mr. Dunning on the Saturday night. It was a beef buffet dinner with musical guest Lyndsay Butler hosted at Silver Slate Arena's Steak House.

By all accounts the clinic was a great success and was made possible with the help of an AQHA Educational Market Place Grant, which was used to offset the clinician's fees.

**The event generated a profit of \$11,438.27**

**Pricing was as follows:**

**Rider Slot \$800 Included:** Two (2) day Rider Clinic Participation, Stall and bedding (Fri&Sat), One on One opportunities with Clinician, CQHA swag bag, 1 ticket to the Sat Night Dinner and Q&A with Mr. Dunning (Cash Bar, CQHA Gift, Entertainment by Lyndsay Buttler), CQHA Dinner Gift, Official Clinic T-shirt, Link to recorded session for re-watch on CQHA's Online Learning Academy website, Eligible for daily door prize draws.

**Auditor Day pass \$80/day Included:** Opportunity to ask relevant questions to clinician based on what is happening in the ring, Eligible for daily door prize draws.

**Weekend Auditor Pass \$150 Included:** Two (2) day Auditor Pass with opportunities to ask relevant questions to clinician based on what is happening in the ring, CQHA swag bag, Link to recorded session for re-watch on CQHA's Online Learning Academy website, Eligible for daily door prize draws.

**Q&A Dinner with Mr. Dunning \$75 Included:** Formal Q&A with Mr. Dunning, Strip loin Buffet, Cash bar, CQHA Gift, and Entertainment by Lyndsay Butler





2023 AQHA World Champion in the Headley Open Working Western Rail Stakes **Canadian bred Sumac Gunnabeflashy** and Bud Lyon.

The 2017, gelding is sired by Gunnatrashya and out of Chics Graceful Whiz, **bred by Donald Sobey of Trenton, Nova Scotia** and is owned by Leslie Vagneur Lang of Whitesboro, Texas.

# GRANTS COMMITTEE

Submitted by Committee Chair: Gayle Pawley-Wilson

The Objectives of the Grant Committee is to provide funding to encourage the expansion of AQHA and CQHA memberships, AQHA registrations, the marketing of the American Quarter Horse, the understanding and protection of the breed integrity as well as the discovery of the American Quarter Horse's many talents in Canada. The funding is received from AQHA to CQHA to achieve these goals for the AQHA members in Canada.

**2022-2023 Budget: \$29,550.00CDN**  
**Number of events: 35**

**Canadian Bred High Point AQHA Champion award:**  
**Awarded to 11 funded events in 2023.**

## Continued Objectives:

Support, Maintain and Develop the AQHA Breed Industry in Canada  
Increase AQHA/CQHA/Affiliate memberships.  
Maintain Breed integrity by ensuring welfare of AQHA horses in Canada.  
Demonstrate the Versatility of the AQHA Breed  
Promote Canadian AQHA Breeders  
Partner with other Associations that use AQHA horses in Canada.  
Build Communities across Canada  
Have Fun

Thank you to the CQHA Directors who volunteered and represented CQHA/AQHA at events in 2023.

Thank you to the CQHA Partners and organizer and the numerous volunteers that give their time and energy to make each event a success.

## GROUPS SUPPORTED THROUGH THE CQHA GRANTS PROGRAM & OTHER 2023 CQHA COMMITTEE INITIATIVES

### CANADIAN AQHA AFFILIATES SUPPORTED:

- British Columbia Quarter Horse Association
- Quarter Horse Association of Alberta
- Saskatchewan Quarter Horse Association
- Manitoba Quarter Horse Association
- Ontario Quarter Horse Association
- Quebec Quarter Horse Association
- Maritime Quarter Horse Association

### NON-AQHA AFFILIATES SUPPORTED:

- Mid-Western Horse Society
- Ontario Amateur Quarter Horse Association
- Happy Trails Trail Challenge
- Peninsula Reining Association: Rockslide
- Reining Alberta: Classic Shows
- Eastern Ontario Quarter Horse Association
- Area 1 Quarter Horse Promotional Association
- Area 2 Quarter Horse Promotional Association
- Steel City Slide
- Canadian Mounted Shooters Finals
- Northern Lights Quarter Horse Association
- Manitoba Quarter Horse Association

# MEDIA, MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Submitted by Committee Chair: Laurie Haughton

The CQHA Media Team and members of the Media, Marketing & Communications team had an exciting year supporting the many activities and programs of the association's committees.

The following is a summary list of the accomplishments of your Media, Marketing, and Communications committee for 2023:

- Assisting the AQHA & CQHA booths at the 2023 Calgary Stampede.
- Assisting the CNATT committee with promotions and awards.
- Assisting all committees in marketing their programs for 2023 including but not limited to the Canadian Bred Recognition Program and the AI Dunning Clinic (breeders), procuring and designing swag for CQHA Grant funded events.
- Assisting all committees in the design of their promotional material.
- Attending the 2023 AQH Youth World Cup
- Preparing press releases for all committees, events and programs, and updating the cqha.ca website and social media on behalf of all CQHA activities.
- Reporting on Canadian success at major Canadian and USA events including the NSBA, and AQHA world shows.
- contributing editorial content to each issue of the Canadian Horse Journal Magazine.



Mr. Al Dunning left and CQHA clinic chair Ryan Fleetwood during the June 24 -25, 2023 AI Dunning clinic hosted at Silver Slate Arena in Nanton, Alberta



# MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Submitted by the Committee

This year the membership committee's focus was the Canadian National Amateur Team Tournament. With last years success the goal was to expand and further promote the Canadian Amateur. Fifteen sponsors were found for 15 teams of 9 exhibitors, making our budget (included sponsorship, funding from CQHA and entry fees) a total of \$12,150 to facilitate an amazing year.

Shows began in April across the country and this year we added non-AQHA disciplines; including but not limited to reining, extreme cowboy, versatility ranch, and barrel racing. Members were encouraged to take part of non-horse related events as well. Kicking off the year in the west, a social was held at the Band City Quarter Horse and Paint Show to encourage members to come out and meet one another. As well at this event it was announced that for CNATT 2024 the tournament would be open to APHA exhibitors.

Online events were held to also earn points for exhibitors. Exhibitors were asked to send in personal bios and photos. These were then forwarded onto Show Horse Today to be used as they wished for the CNATT article in the O Canada Edition in July. Other point earning activities included cleaning hacks, favourite show recipes, and questions for Hoof Doctor one of our sponsors, about their product. Non- Horse events were held at shows as well including a Barbie event in both Alberta and Ontario, and fun games in both Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and Brandon, Manitoba. With the year coming an end two more events are planned; a Halloween costume contest, and a final event.

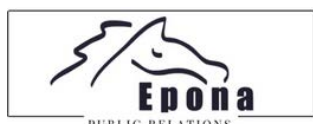
Starting in November the committee will begin organizing for 2024 and a call out for sponsors will begin. It is the committees hope that we can have the teams organized by mid to late January. This year we had some issues with shipping when it came to the banners we provide for our members. Getting the teams organized early means we can get the banners out with time to spare for shipping errors.

For this year awards we have organized with a Canadian artist, who we will purchase 9 buckle photo frames from to include with buckles for the first-place team. The remaining awards have not been decided but we do have 45 boot jacks, and some Bluetooth speakers. For participating in the event members all received logoed baseball caps and water bottles, as well as a full-size bottle of Hoof Doctor provided to us for free by the amazing team at Hoof Doctor. Our sponsors all received leather briefcases and a thank you note for their sponsorship this year.

We are excited to see how the year ends and are hopeful for another successful year in 2024.



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# NOMINATION AND CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Submitted by Committee Chair: Wayne Burwash

The members of the Nomination and Credentials Committee (NCC) for 2023 were: Andy Hellqvist, Brad Bowie, Gilles Seguin, Kathy Patterson, Laurie Haughton and Wayne Burwash.

As a wrap-up from 2022, the election results by acclamation by the members of the CQHA announced at the virtual annual general meeting (AGM) last December were as follows: elected for 3-year terms were Brynn Campbell, Jane Cryderman, Laurie Haughton, Joelle Johnson, Holly Robinson and Hannah Searle. Due to outside commitments, during the year we had 2 resignations, Brynn Campbell and Michael Fuerth. The CQHA Bylaws (Article 6g) gives the right for the Board of Directors to appointment two (2) directors until the next general meeting to fill the positions. After calling for nominations and reviewing the applications, Lisa Graham and Shari Irwin were appointed to the BOD to serve until the 2023 AGM.

As determined by the board of directors, the optimum number of elected directors is 18, with 1/3 (6 directors) to be elected each year for a 3-year term. The 6 positions that are open for this year were created by 6 directors whose terms are up in 2023 (Gilles Seguin, Brad Bowie, Teagan Goodsell, Gayle Pawley-Wilson, Andy Hellqvist and Lyle Jackson). Also, due to resignations of Micheal Fuerth, (term to end in 2024) and Brynn Campbell (term to end in 2025), we have these partial terms to fill by election. Therefore, this year's election was to fill 6 three-year terms, 1 two-year term and 1 one-year term.

The process of nominating and electing directors was approved by the board of directors and the call for nominations/applications went out on October 12 and closed on November 1, open for a total of 3 weeks. At the end of the nomination period, the NCC had received six (6) complete and qualified applications/nominations, all which were incumbents. The nominees in alphabetical order are: Brad Bowie, Lisa Graham, Shari Irwin, Lyle Jackson, Gayle Pawley-Wilson and Gilles Seguin.

The NCC recommended to the board of directors to present these six nominees/candidates to the general membership at the AGM to be elected by acclamation for the vacant six 3-year terms on the BOD.

At the end of the nomination period, the NCC received the resignation of Jane Cryderman (term ending 2025). This created an additional vacancy on the BOD in addition to the two other partial terms already mentioned. Also, as previously mentioned, the BOD is annually allowed to appoint two (2) directors to fill vacancies on the board until next year's AGM. The NCC further recommended to the BOD to fill two of the vacancies on the board by appointment soon after this year's AGM. Respectfully,



**SURELY A GOOD COWBOY** and **ABIGAIL PARKER-SPRATT DUNLEVY** of **Oro-Medonte, ON**, were the Championship in the L1 Youth Trail (14-18) at the 2023 Nutrena AQHA East Level 1 Championships, hosted at the World Equestrian Center in Wilmington, Ohio. "Bentley" is a 2012 gelding sired by GOODCOWBOYMARGARITA, and is out of DAISY RAYANN.



**Eric Van Boekel** of **Mt Elgin, Ontario** was the **exhibitor, owner and breeder** of both the 2023 Congress Cutting Non-Pro Champion Spot the Hottie, and the Congress Cutting \$5,000 Novice Horse Non-Pro Champion, **Canadian- bred Boonos Dias**.

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# SHANNON BURWASH MEMORIAL FUND SCHOLARSHIPS

Submitted by Committee Chair: Wayne Burwash

## 2023 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



**KATHERINE MOYES, AB**

\$2,000

LEADERSHIP AWARD



**KAITLYN BUSSON, ON**

\$2,000

LEADERSHIP AWARD

SHANNON BURWASH WAS A LEADER AND A LOVER OF THE HORSE INDUSTRY ACROSS CANADA. THESE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AWARDED TO DESERVING STUDENTS WHO ARE FOCUSED ON GETTING A POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION AND BECOMING INVOLVED IN THE HORSE INDUSTRY IN THEIR FUTURE.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAM PLEASE VISIT THE CQHA WEBSITE AT: [CQHA.CA/YOUTH/SCHOLARSHIPS/](https://cqha.ca/youth/scholarships/)

**KATHERINE MOYES** is currently in her third year studying Biological Sciences at the University of Calgary. Last summer, she worked in a research lab at the University of Calgary focusing on horse parasitology in Alberta. Post- graduation, Katie aims to continue her research, especially in equine-related studies. Horses have been Katie's lifelong passion, with her family owning and raising horses ever since she was born. Katie has been riding horses since age 3 and started competing regularly in Reining at age 7.

After years of hard work and dedication, she had the opportunity to compete in the North American Affiliate Championships in Oklahoma City in November 2022. Her involvement in Reining Alberta has been ongoing, and she aspires to take on executive leadership roles within the organization in the future.

Katie plans to turn her love for horses into a career, embracing the equine industry with enthusiasm and dedication.

**KAITLYN BUSSON** is entering her second year in the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program at the University of Calgary. Prior to starting this degree she spent two years working towards a Bachelor's degree in Bio-veterinary Science and Equine Science at Dalhousie University.

Busson proudly calls Elmworth, Alberta home, and grew up on a small family farm and spent six years competing in High School Rodeo, having many opportunities to compete at both the national and international level. Breakaway roping is the rodeo event that she is most passionate about and enjoys competing in this event when time permits. Horses have been a large part of my Busson's life, even outside of the arena. Growing up she also learned to appreciate horses while using them on the farm and doing lots of trail riding with her family and friends.

"I have had the unique opportunity to work with horses in the equine hospital that I work at and as part of my academic courses. My relationship with horses and role in the equine industry has greatly influenced my decision to attend a veterinary medicine program and my desire to continue working with horses throughout my career."

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# SHANNON BURWASH MEMORIAL FUND SCHOLARSHIPS

Submitted by Committee Chair: Wayne Burwash

## 2023 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



**MAGGIE FRASER, AB**  
\$1,000  
ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD



**ANABELLE MENARD, ON**  
\$1,000  
ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

**MAGGIE FRASER** Maggie Fraser is entering her first year at the University of Alberta to study for a Bachelor of Science in Animal Health - Food Animals. Her ultimate goal is to be accepted into the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Calgary and to become a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) specializing in equine and large animals.

Maggie's passion has always been riding; she has been riding for over twelve years, with experience in English and Western riding. She has competed in numerous hunter shows and gymkhanas. She was an active member of the DeWinton Pony Club for eight years and loved working as a mentor with the club's junior members.

Maggie was employed for two summers as an Animal health intern and Polo Groom through Careers Next Generation. Maggie states, "I have been lucky enough to be employed by Revas Polo Ranch for the last two summers, working 40+ hours a week with horse fitness, tack and barn maintenance, and primary medical care, where I expanded my knowledge and skill level. I got to work for and with extremely talented equine specialists, which was an invaluable experience." Maggie has also played competitive volleyball for the past four years and coached with the youth recreational leagues for her club team. She is thrilled to be accepted as one of the recipients of the Shannon Burwash Memorial Scholarship recipients.

**ANABELLE MENARD** Is a first-year student at the University of Guelph, and is honoured to be a recipient of Shannon Burwash's scholarship award. From a young age, she has been fascinated with horses, and has strived to achieve goals that would lead to a career in the horse industry. Menard began taking riding lessons at 8 years old and started volunteering at a barn when she was 11 ears old. Eventually she started working as a stable hand, trail guide and camp leader. In 2020, she began working at dressage barn teaching low-level dressage to beginners, and facilitating therapeutic riding lessons. She has completed her Equestrian Canada rider levels 1 through 6 and hopes to one day earn instructor certification.

Menard's focus has been primarily on dressage, but has taken up western riding, with an interest specifically in barrel racing. Having competed in both disciplines over the years, she finds enjoyment in the show ring no matter what saddle she is sitting in. Horses are her true passion, but she also shares that she is passionate about music and taught piano and singing for five years at a music school in her hometown.

**MAGGIE FRASER** Maggie Fraser is entering her first year at the University of Alberta to study for a Bachelor of Science in Animal Health - Food Animals. Her ultimate goal is to be accepted into the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Calgary and to become a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) specializing in equine and large animal. Enrolling in the Equine Management program at the University of Guelph, is the next step in her equine education journey, she says that "although the future is full of uncertainties, I know that horses will be a part of mine, all thanks to organizations like the Canadian Quarter Horse Association and the Shannon Burwash Scholarship program, allowing me to pursue an education in the field I love most."



# OFFICIALS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE



**MIKE RAPLEY-ON**  
AQHA - VERSATILITY RANCH  
HORSE



**SHARI IRWIN-ON**  
AQHA JUDGE - INTERNATIONAL



**MALORY MELVILLE**  
LEAD AQHA  
CLASS OF 2023

The CQHA Board of Directors would also like to congratulate Canada's newest AQHA Officials!

The AQHA International Judge's card was achieved in 2023 by Ms. Shari Irwin of Castleton, Ontario. Shari also holds a judging ticket with the American Paint Horse Association and the National Snaffle Bit Association as well.

Michael Rapley of Simcoe, Ontario complimented his AQHA open judges card in 2022 by earning his Versatility Ranch Horse judging card. Rapley is also a mentor for AQHA's Professional Horseman's Program for those interested in Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Missouri, Ontario, and Québec; and holds a National Snaffle Bit Association judges card as well.

Mallory McKewen, of Buford, Ontario was selected to be part of the AQHLead Class of 2023 program is designed for young adults, ages 19-34, to help support their development as young leaders in the equine industry.



# YOUTH COMMITTEE

Submitted by Committee Chair: Gayle Pawley-Wilson

An objective of the CQHA Youth Committee is to include all Youth in Canada and not be limited to just AQHYA members and AQHA approved Shows.

The Committee expects as the CQHA Youth membership grows and Youth events start partnering with CQHA, the Committee will be able to expand and network into programs for the Youth in Canada.

**2022-2023 Budget: \$10,466.15 CDN**

**Number of events: 9**

## The Events supported by the CQHA Grant Committee in 2023:

Canadian Youth Affiliates:

Saskatchewan Quarter Horse Association

Ontario Quarter Horse Association

Quebec Quarter Horse Association

Maritime Quarter Horse Association

Non-AQHA Affiliates Events:

Canadian High School Rodeo Finals

Ontario Amateur Quarter Horse Association

Peninsula Reining Association: Rockslide

Reining Alberta: Classic Shows

Area 2 Quarter Horse Promotional Association

Steel City Slide

CQHA provided One-year AQHYA memberships: 15 Youth.

## Continued Objectives:

- Support, Maintain and Develop the AQHA Breed Industry in Canada
- Increase AQHA/CQHA/Affiliate Youth memberships.
- Partner with other Associations that use AQHA horses in Canada.
- Provide Youth recognition.
- Provide Education
- Build Communities
- Make friends.
- Have Fun

The CQHA received many very positive Post Reports from the Youth activities this year. The Youth reported speaking with many parents about AQHA Youth at events, they had fun and wanted more competitions amongst their peers. We had positive feedback from clinics and basic learning for all Youth.

The Committee did not reach several goals set this year by lack of time and volunteers. The Committee encourages Youth to join the committee to help with the future direction of assisting Youth in Canada.

Thank you to the CQHA Affiliate Youth Advisors for your input, support and mentoring of the youth in each Province.

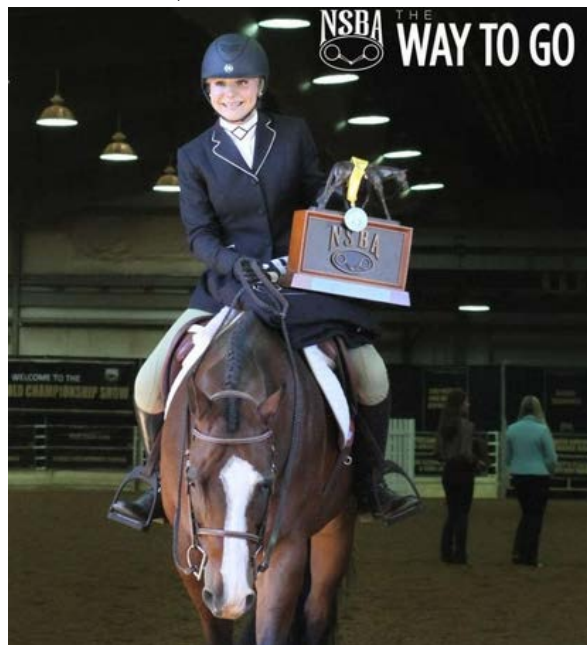
Thank you to the Youth Committee members for your continued support.



Canadian Bred A Sleepy Sensation, breeder Krista Brawn, NB, owned & shown by Jessica Spilman – Fredericton, NB.



CQHA's 2021 Youth Rising Star award winner Cody Sabila of Elora, ON and Stil Inthe Starlight were the Reserve Champions in the NRCHA Level One Open Futurity at the 2023 hosted by the North Central Reined Cow Horse Association in Winona, Minnesota.



Hailey Olson of Maryfield, SK and Gota Wear My Silks are the 2023 NSBA Novice Youth Hunt Seat Equitation bronze trophy winners!



# YOUTH WORLD CUP

Submitted by Committee Chair: Kathy M Patterson

The 2023 YWC was held in Bryan College Station, Texas USA beginning June 29 through July 9, 2023. The American Quarter Horse Youth World Cup is an educational, leadership-based event where youth from every country have the opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned during the week by competing in a variety of classes.

Youth members from around the world compete in each of eight classes over a ten-day period. The culmination of the event is a showcasing of skills learned in an atmosphere of friendly competition. It is a unique opportunity for youth to learn in a "hands-on" setting with other international youth. A team will consist of minimum two riders and a maximum of five members and one team manager and/or coach. The team manager/coach must assume responsibility as chaperone for their team and will be housed with the team. In addition, a Team may bring up to five additional youth to serve in a Leadership role. These additional members may not ride their Team's horses, unless they are declared a reserve and are activated.

Coach Jodi Mallette of Kincardine, Ontario and manager Jessica Mosley-Cairncross of Tiny, Ontario, led the Canadian team in 2023 with five riders two alternates and three leaders. Various travel arrangements were in place to get the team to Texas and all were there for June 29 to begin the event at the hotel. The hotel was where all teams were housed for the duration.

CQHA 1st Vice Laurie Houghton was able to attend and assist with media and provide support to the team. Leanne Karoles also attended as Team Canada's Bemer therapy support. On Canada Day Canada cookies were delivered. The stall area was decorated and everyone was invited to come taste some unique Canadian snacks. The team also went through the stall area and stands delivering them. This was very well received and the team made many new friends with their Canadian hospitality.

The daily schedule included clinics and other activities. Team Canada participated in each event offered as well as the extra-curricular experiences such as the shopping trip to South Texas Tack, Granada Farms tour and Big Shots Golf night. Several moments of Canadian pride were also seen as Team Canada members helped out individuals from Team China, New Zealand, Luxembourg and Denmark.

The Team made many friendships and connections from around the globe.

The Canadian Quarter Horse Association supports the development of young sportsmen and women through opportunities like the American Quarter Horse Youth World Cup and looks forward to continuing on in the future with a Team Canada in 2025.

Congratulations Team Canada on your many accomplishments at the YWC 2023!

## TEAM CANADA 2023 Results

- OVERALL 6th place finish
- LIP SYNC 8th place
- ART CONTEST 10th place
- SCRAPBOOK 7th place
- BREAK THE INTERNET 4th place

### CUTTING

7th & 8th Ali Chernoff & Boone Light Sonata

### REINING

2nd & 3rd Brooklyn Shannon & SNS Ulvalde King

### SHOWMANSHIP

4th & 8th Taylor Carney & Teerific Lee Hot  
9th & 13th Hailey Olson & Star Walker Lady

### HUNTER UNDER SADDLE

3rd & 7th Hailey Olson & Teerific Lee Hot  
8th Taylor Carney & Storminonthemountain

### EQUITATION

2nd Taylor Carney & Storminonthemountain  
9th Emily Yates & Wannabeabigstar

### HORSEMANSHIP

7th Taylor Carney & Storminonthemountain  
9th Emily Yates & Teerific Lee Hot  
12th & 15th Hailey Olson & Star Walker Lady

### TRAIL

5th & 9th Emily Yates & Teerific Lee Hot

### RANCH RIDING

11th Brooklyn Shannon & Mr Last Gold Bar  
15th (tied) Ali Chernoff & Star Walker Lady

### Special awards

YWC 2023 Stewardship Award - Hailey Olson  
Daily Three Amigos Steward Award - Hailey Olson & Tylar Randall Gray  
Horse Care Award - Team Canada for July 1st





Thank You  
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Support!



CQHA thanks to all those who are supporting our national youth team. They are the future of our industry!

- Ace Fuels
- ACE Therapy Canada
- Acera (Capri CMW)
- AFC Equipment
- Andrew Dewar Performance Horses
- Area 3 Promotional Club
- Aurel Systems Inc
- Bar T5
- Bayside RV Center
- Bits N Bridles
- Black River Ranch Tack
- Brenda & Markus Lothmann
- BUFF
- Canadian Horse Journal
- Centennial Windows Ltd
- Chilly Moose
- Chris Brown
- Circle R Saddlery - Ray Laviolette
- Clear View Farms - Alanna & Barry Jarvis
- Comeau's Sea Foods Ltd
- Composites One Canada ULC
- Derek Hanscome
- DeSutter Investments
- Dixons Marine Group
- Dr Kendra Clark
- DS Financial Solutions
- Dunlevy Family
- Eastern Tire Service
- Erie Accent Pools & Spa
- Euro Equestrian
- Little Chevrolet
- Liz Flohr
- Lone Oak Photography - Mary White
- Lori Epis
- Lower Mainland Quarter Horse Association
- Mare Flare Equestrian
- Mariposa Market
- Mark Cairncross - Bourgeois Motor Group
- MasterFeeds
- Mike Dallaire Realtor Century 21
- Mister Transmission - Orillia
- Moody Bee
- Moore Propane
- MTS - Michelle Mailiot
- My Precision Ag Ltd.
- NAERIC
- Ontario Amateur Quarter Horse Association
- Ontario Inc.
- Ontario Quarter Horse Youth Association
- Patrick Mechanical Limited
- People Corporation
- Perfect Profile & Atwood Hats
- Pleasant Ridge
- Quality Seafoods
- Quarter Horse Association of Alberta
- Ramara Welding & Fabrication
- Euro Equestrian
- Evangeline Animal Hospital
- Flaman Sales Ltd.
- Gold Standard Investigations
- Goluboff & Mazzei
- Graffiti Art
- Greene Auto
- Greenhawk Barrie
- Greenhawk Halifax
- Greenhawk Essex
- HAALA Denim : Canada
- Heidi Painter
- Hebert Grain Ventures
- HQ Restaurant & Tap House
- Jeannot Electric
- Jeff Zettle - Royal LePage Exchange Realty Co. Brokerage
- Jewett Performance Horses - Brad Jewett
- JM Quarter Horses
- Jocelyn d'Entremont
- Joel Smith Fisheries
- Karen Ann Bridge and Edward Sequin
- Kathryn Stanton Show Horses
- Kathy Moulton
- Katy Jo Zuidema
- Kincardine News
- Lake Country Heating
- Lakeview Dental
- Laurie Haughton
- Leslie Riley
- Ranch By Design
- Red Leaf Trading Company
- Rob and Mel Holding Ltd
- Robin Frid Show Horses - Robin & Jenny
- Rocky Mountain Equipment
- Sarah Black
- Saskatchewan Quarter Horse Association
- Shauna MacLean Performance Horses
- Shining In Town - Heule Reining Horses
- Spruce Hollow Show Horses
- Stampede Tack & Western Wear Ltd
- Sunnyside Stables
- Sunrise Trailer Sales
- System Equine
- TelTac Contracting
- Thai Plate
- Tight Line Construction Ltd.
- Tina Jeanson
- Unity Pads
- Universe Satellite Sales
- Urban Oak
- Vantage Trailer Sales
- Vital Business Systems
- Walkerton Hanover Vet Clinic
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- WhiskeynKrymsun
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