



THE HORSEMEN'S BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA

2018 is an election year for the HBPA of Alberta. However, with two directors stepping down and two new nominees throwing in their hats, we find ourselves without the need for an election this year. The new board of seven owners and four trainers is acclaimed with the new directors, Danny Hurley and Ed Keryliuk, officially joining the board at the conclusion of our 2018 AGM on August 22nd.

That said, we are very grateful for the service provided by departing directors, Dr Rod Cundy and Curtis Landry. It is not a trivial responsibility to serve on the board and they have both represented the members of the HBPA admirably.

Please take the time to get to know our new board. Attached are their bios and a bit of what they hope to bring to the board table on behalf of our members.

Best of Luck,
Darrell Bauder
Executive Director

Meet Your Board Members for the New Term! ***2018-2021***

OWNERS

**Dr. Steve Smith, DMV
Brian Bygrave
Norman Castiglione
Don Danard
Danny Hurley
Ed Keryliuk
Linda Smith**

TRAINERS

**Rod Cone
Craig Smith
Joan Petrowski
Tim Rycroft**

Owners

BRIAN BYGRAVE



Personal History & Racing Background

I have been involved in golf management for over 43 years and have extensive background in operating a small, successful Alberta business. Having acquired my first racehorse in 1976, I have been an active owner ever since. For over 30 years I have also been in the breeding business, a small group of mares producing Alberta bred foals, mostly for racing purposes. Previously served as an HBPA Director as well as serving as the HBPA representative on Horse Racing Alberta's (HRA) Board of Directors. I am currently Vice President (Owners) of the Association

Vision Statement

Horse Racing and Breeding in the Province have reached a very critical time. Race days, foal crops, revenue sources, and Racing Venue commitments, are all major issues that must be dealt with. Business cannot continue to be conducted on a "status quo" basis. Industry stakeholders must come together and adjust to the realities of the current situation. All effort must be directed at growing revenues and securing long term commitments from the Racing Venues.

NORMAN CASTIGLIONE



Personal History & Racing Background

My name is Norman (Norm) Castiglione and I was born and raised in Calgary. Throughout my youth I loved to go to the races at Stampede Park. My career was spent in Fort McMurray where I met my wife and raised our family. I retired as owner of Casman Group of Companies in 2003 and relocated to Okotoks. Along with Robert Vargo we started Riversedge Racing Stables which has grown into a successful operation. As owner, breeder and most of all race fans we continue to strive to improve racing in Alberta.

Vision Statement

Horse Racing has long been thought of as "The Sport of Kings" and as such, many people shy away from becoming involved in the sport. Whether as an owner, groom or a fan that might come out and watch the races, we need to change that perception and welcome individuals and families to Century Race Tracks and give them the best sporting event possible. Horse Racing is a spectator sport, and more importantly, one that is affordable for a family to attend. These days social media is paramount to growth, as such focusing on increasing the social media presence in racing should be a priority. The reputation of our sport is a direct reflection of its employees, trainers, jockeys, grooms, stewards and all others having a hand in making thoroughbred racing happen. As such, it is time to clean up the image that TB Racetracks have unethical individuals involved by implementing a zero tolerance policy for cheaters. Horseracing should be a drug free sport as so many other sports have become. As important as it is to attract new fans, we also want to be able to attract new owners to stable and race their horses at a track that does not tolerate rule breakers. The future of horse racing depends on these critical areas and I want to be a part of that.

DON DANARD



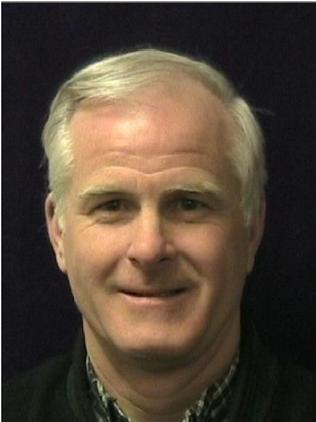
Personal History & Racing Background

President of Calgary Stockyards. My wife Sue and I race under Red Diamond Stable. Racing has and will continue to be a significant part of our family life. I have been an active Director of Association for a number of years as well as Past President.

Vision Statement

With the return of thoroughbred racing to the Calgary area in 2017, (as well as an increase in the number of race days for 2018), and the future opening of the New Century Mile outside of Leduc, we are excited about the numerous benefits for both northern & southern Alberta owners, breeders, and fans. It's imperative to continue to maintain a positive relationship with Century Racetrack & Casino to sustain successful Alberta race meets going forward.

DANNY HURLEY



Personal History & Racing Background

I was born in New Brunswick and resided there for 21 years. After receiving a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of New Brunswick, I moved to Prince Edward Island to join Canada Packers Ltd. I was always interested in horse racing and it was here that I first owned Standardbred horses that raced on the Maritime circuit.

In 1985 I was transferred to Edmonton and have been a resident of Sherwood Park, along with my family, since then. I was also a manager for Cargill Foods before establishing my own meat distribution company in 1996, which continues to operate today.

Having developed an avid interest as a fan of thoroughbred racing for many years, I became an owner in 1999 and gradually expanded to a small stable which I own today. Over the years I have enjoyed racing horses in both Alberta and Ontario and I have travelled throughout North America to several race tracks and attended several major racing events and horse sales.

Vision Statement

With the opening of Century Downs thoroughbred racing last fall and the construction of Century Mile this year, I feel the HBPA has a unique opportunity to engage in a positive working relationship with the track owners, Century Casinos. I believe this is critical to create a smooth transition to this new facility. Cooperation of all groups (HBPA, CTHS, HRA and ATOBA) will be imperative to facilitate these changes and create a viable industry. I believe I can contribute to achieve this goal.

The generation of revenue is a major priority to promote a positive economic environment for all areas of the Thoroughbred Industry. HBPA can be instrumental in contributing to the promotion of the racing industry by:

- work to promote a positive experience for fans on and off the track
- create strategies to attract the younger generation and potential owners
- develop partnerships with the corporate community to provide sponsorship revenue to increase purse structure
- establish programs/incentives to increase the horse population

Ed Keryliuk



Personal History & Racing Background

Born and raised around Edmonton. I've been involved in Horse racing in some aspect most of my life. My dad and uncle owned Standardbreds when I was a small boy until I was a teenager. Ever since then I have fallen in love with the sport. Through the years I've followed it mostly as a fan and gambler. Just over three years ago a friend of mine, who is a trainer, took me out to a farm where she was boarding her thoroughbreds for the winter. I was hooked. Within a month she had arranged a sale for me to buy a couple thoroughbreds. I have since bought multiple more, bred a couple this fall and have two beautiful foals. I am active as an owner in both the Thoroughbred and Standardbred breeds with over a dozen horses. I feel blessed to be in a position to be around such great athletes and in a great community of racing people. Alberta is my home and I love it. I have worked in the oilfield for the last twenty five plus years. I started out as a journeyman welder and have moved up through the ranks as a Quality Inspector, Site Superintendent and Project Manager.

Vision Statement

I've been around racing most of my life. I've seen racing at its pinnacle in Alberta and it was fantastic. As a gambler there needs to be innovative ideas to lure back gamblers from simulcast and to wager on the local racing. As a fan there needs to be more awareness and advertising of the sport. There needs to be an attraction for all ages not just for entertainment but also the business side. Initiatives for people to invest and grow the sport. Attract new blood in the industry in all aspects. As an owner and breeder there needs to be more incentives for people to raise horses for racing in Alberta. Horse racing is an incredible sport we just need to educate people and they will come back..

LINDA SMITH



Personal History & Racing Background

I was born in Calgary and grew up in Red Deer. Around 1967 I started working part-time as a groom at the racetrack. In the late 70's I was instrumental in starting the Alberta Ladies Thoroughbred Association and served as President for one year. Our main focus was improving conditions for the people living on the backstretch and we initiated many public awareness programs such as the first "Clocker's Corner". In the last fifteen years I have been working alongside my husband, R. K. (Red) Smith in running the Redron Farms breeding & racing operations. Most mornings I can be found in our shedrow at the track.

Vision Statement

My concerns are always for the people on the backstretch and also for the promotion of this wonderful sport. I feel any problems we have can be addressed with positive communication and solving issues in a non-confrontational way. I bring a female prospective/opinion to the various challenges and issues and am happy to serve in any way that the Board feels I can be of help.

DR. STEVE SMITH



Personal History & Racing Background

In 1978 I was born into the Alberta racing industry. A third generation horseman, my grandparents and parents bred and trained racehorses in Western Canada for the past six decades. I am currently licensed as an Owner and Veterinarian in Alberta. In years past I have been licensed as a groom, assistant trainer, and veterinarian assistant. My broad experience in the industry has given me a unique perspective on the challenges facing racing, not only in Alberta but elsewhere. This will be my 3rd term on the Board, I am currently President of the HBPA of Alberta.

Vision Statement

My primary concern is working with industry stakeholders and track operators to gain the long term stability necessary to attract owners back to the sport and improve our horse population.

TRAINERS

ROD CONE



Personal History & Racing Background

I have been involved in thoroughbred racing as a “B” track jockey, blacksmith and trainer since 1963. Having been licensed in every jurisdiction in Canada as well as Florida, California, Louisiana, New York, West Virginia, Nebraska, and Ohio. I have been involved with the HBPA in some capacity for over twenty years. I started the first clockers corner in Alberta in the early 90s and am still convinced that our future is in attracting the new and old fans back to the track to watch live racing

Vision Statement

Our Association requires individuals on our Board who will protect the interests of the thoroughbred industry when negotiating Agreements with track management and dealing with industry stakeholders. Our position should be firm but fair. We need more entertainment and activities between races much as pro sports do elsewhere. I’m excited about the opening of a mile racetrack in Leduc but realize that it will take time to build a future there. We need to work together with the tracks to build a solid racing circuit in Alberta. Racing in Calgary needs to be improved but I am confident that the track owners realize that an improved facility will bring many of the old fans and owners back to the Calgary area. I look forward to the next three years and expect to watch racing grow in Alberta.

JOAN PETROWSKI



Personal History & Racing Background

I was born in Innisfree, Alberta where I currently reside owning and operating Viking Stables. Over the past 40 years I have been passionately involved in all areas of horse racing, training, owning, breeding, buying, and selling thoroughbreds. My greatest achievements have been winning the Canadian Derby on two occasions. I believe I have a broad base of knowledge and experience. I understand the industry and the ongoing issues we face, which will make me a beneficial Director of the HBPA.

Vision Statement

To provide our Horsemen's perspective on critical industry issues, it is imperative that we collaborate and have common goals for the short and long term health of this industry.

TIM RYCROFT



Personal History & Racing Background

My family as well as my wife's (Lori) have been involved in all aspects of the Alberta racing industry for decades. Lori and our daughter Quinn are currently involved with the Alberta Ladies Barrel Racing Association. I was the outrider in Alberta and then Woodbine, thus my experience and strengths lie in track safety and maintenance. I have trained a public stable in Alberta since 2004 and also winter trained in Tampa, Florida.

Vision Statement

The industry welcomes the return of racing to southern Alberta, and we are excited with the new world class facility "Century Mile" being built at Leduc. This should help draw in new people, owners, and investors which should improve our horse population. The HBPA needs to ensure that the current arrangement the industry has with Government is renewed long term to provide stability for our business. We also need to ensure that the funds this Association receives from gaming are tied into what thoroughbred racing contributes to the Alberta economy. It seems like there are new challenges facing the industry daily, such as; a decrease in the horse population, obtaining qualified backstretch workers, and increased costs for owners. I will be proactive in helping the HBPA to meet the challenges we face and doing what I can to improve the business here in Alberta.

CRAIG SMITH



Personal History & Racing Background

I have been involved in racing in Alberta for over 15 years. I was born into racing and my family still makes their living with horse racing. I am an owner, trainer, and exercise rider, with a personal interest in horse racing in Alberta. I currently sit as a Trainer-Director on the HBPA Board and look forward to another term.

Vision Statement

My focus for racing in Alberta is to try to bring stability to our industry and work on a long term Agreement with the Provincial Government and racing venues. We need to promote our breed in the Province and continue to work towards growing our handle and attendance. We need to continue to support our breeders and develop a lucrative Alberta bred program.

