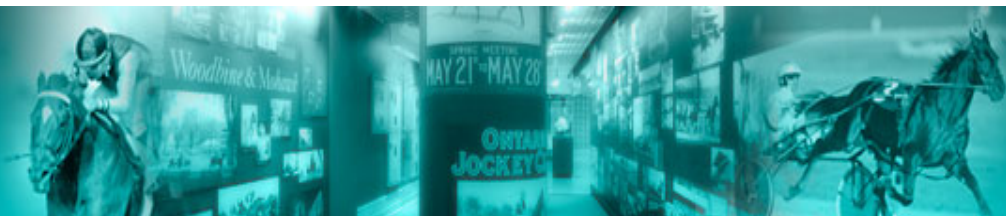


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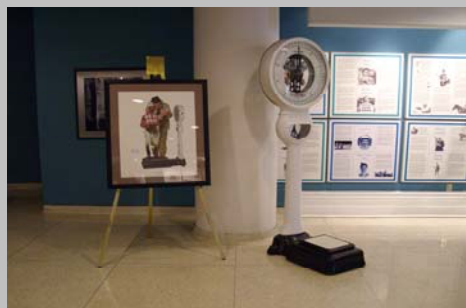
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TAKE THE CANADIAN HORSE RACING HALL OF FAME TRIVIA CHALLENGE - QUESTIONS

1. Name the Canadian Hall of Fame jockey who rode the winners of the Manhattan Handicap, the Matron Stakes and Harmonicon Highweight Handicap on the same afternoon at Belmont Park 1942?

(Hint: Two of his mounts, Bolingbroke and Good Morning, each set track records that day with Bolingbroke upsetting the immortal Whirlaway.)
2. Name the horse that won the Prince of Wales Plate Stakes when it was a non-betting race in 1949 at Thorncliffe Park. A filly, she was ridden by future Hall of Fame jockey Pat Remillard.
3. The first horse to win the three races that today constitute Canada's Triple Crown – The King's Plate, Prince of Wales and Breeders was a filly. Can you name this future inductee into the Legends category of the Hall of Fame?
4. Name the three Canadian Jockeys to earn Eclipse honours as North America's leading apprentice jockey as well as Sovereign Awards as Canada's leading jockey. They each won the Queen's Plate as well?
5. Four drivers elected into Canada's Hall of Fame have won the Pacing Triple Crown for three-year-olds. Can you name them and the pacers that won the Cane Pace, Little Brown Jug and the Messenger Stakes?
6. The first two winners of the Trotting Triple Crown – The Hambletonian, Kentucky Futurity and Yonkers Trot – were both driven by Canadian drivers who later earned induction into Canada's Hall of Fame. Can you also name the trotters?

Answers appear on page 4 – Good Luck.

THE 2008 INDUCTION CEREMONY

by Shirley Gill

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August 28th, the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame welcomed eight inductees during a memorable ceremony at the Mississauga Convention Centre, with 300 horse industry enthusiasts in attendance. Jim Bannon hosted the evening's proceedings, which featured guest speaker, movie and television actor Nicholas Campbell, of CBC-TV's Da Vinci's Inquest. The silent and live auctions raised \$26,955, with the proceeds helping to ensure that Canadian racing's horses and industry members are properly honoured. Both auctions offered some very exciting items, including a diamond from the Ekati Mine (donated by Charles Fipke). Sovereign Award-winning jockey, Emma-Jayne Wilson was the lucky bidder (at \$2,100) on one of the much sought-after items – millionaire pacer Somebeachsomewhere's halter; and a halter belonging to Horse of the Year, Curlin, was taken home by Bob Anderson for \$4,000.

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SMART STRIKE By Chris Lomon

While his career was cut short by injury, Smart Strike's impact on the thoroughbred racing world continues to flourish.

Foaled in 1992 in Ontario, Smart Strike, a son of champion sire Mr. Prospector, and out of the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame mare, Classy 'n Smart, and a half-brother to 1991 Canadian Triple Crown champion, Dance Smartly, has become one of the sport's most acclaimed stallions.

Bred and owned by Sam-Son Farm, Smart Strike's most significant score came in the Grade 1 Philip H. Iselin Handicap in 1996. However, just as he was rounding into a top-flight horse, his career was cut short by injury. He was retired from racing after suffering a leg fracture while preparing for the Durham Cup at Woodbine.

In eight starts, Smart Strike won six times and finished second once, accumulating \$337,376 in purse earnings. "He was an exceptional racehorse," said champion trainer Mark Frostad. "Unfortunately, injury curtailed his career. But I thought at three, he was absolutely world-class."

While his life on the track ended earlier than intended, Smart Strike is far from a forgotten name in racing.

"Smart Strike's recognition has increased gradually, but emphatically," said respected racing analyst Jim Bannon. "Initially he had notoriety through no merit of his own, but simply because he was Dance Smartly's younger half brother. Some noticed when he became a Grade 1 winner in the 1996 Philip H. Iselin Stakes. Others became aware of his increasing popularity after September 30, 2007, when he sired three Grade 1 winners in a four-race stretch at Belmont Park."

Last year's Breeders' Cup results gave the Lane's End stallion a special acknowledgement: a single-season progeny earnings record of over \$14-million.

A major part of that total came via 2007 U.S. Horse of the Year, Curlin, whose BC Classic victory brought his 2007 earnings to \$5,102,800. English Channel, the BC Turf winner who retired to stud at Lexington's Hurricane Hall, also was a major contributor to Smart Strike's bankroll with his season total of \$2,640,000.

With the aid of those two Breeders' Cup wins, Smart Strike's 2007 progeny earnings easily passed the previous single season record of \$10,700,039 that Elusive Quality set in 2004.

"After wins at the Breeders' Cup by his Champion sons Curlin in the Classic and English Channel in the Turf, it was hard to ignore Smart Strike's brilliance and his record smashing seasonal total of \$14 million in progeny earnings," noted Bannon. "Now that the breeding world has finally been convinced to embrace him, Smart Strike's impact both in North America and eventually in Europe should be even more significant."

The record topped off a brilliant season for the now 16-year-old Smart Strike. A Grade 1 winner, Smart Strike was already the sire of five Canadian champions, including 2004 Horse of the Year, Soaring Free, before the 2007 season even started.

His other graded or group winners in 2007 included Fabulous Strike, Strike Softly, Bel Air Beauty, Super Freaky, Pleasant Strike, and Tungsten Strike.

"It's a very deserving honour for him to be in the Hall of Fame," offered Frostad. "He's a high-strung horse and he's passed that along. He's been hugely successful as a stud. He's produced sprinters, distance horses, dirt, grass – he's very versatile."

It was hardly a surprise that Lane's End raised Smart Strike's fee from \$75,000 to \$150,000 for the 2008 breeding season.

"His record speaks for itself," said Frostad. "He was a great racehorse."

2008 Induction Ceremony – continued

One of the Thoroughbred Builders to be inducted was the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame's own Managing Director, Louis E. Cauz, who delivered a very emotional speech. "If my lips begin to tremble, it's only because I'm so honoured," said Cauz. "I never sought this honour, but when I heard I was elected I was in tears. When I was told the news, I was sobbing. I had been romanced by this sport for a long time." Louis Cauz, whose career has spanned over 40 years in the horse racing industry, is also Woodbine Entertainment's Archivist and Historian and author of the Sovereign Award-winning book, *The Plate: A Royal Tradition*.



Also elected in the Builders' category was the late Cliff Chapman, Jr., who wore many hats during his colourful career in the harness racing industry. He was the past owner/publisher of the *Canadian Sportsman*, a legal bookmaker, a bid spotter for hundreds of horse sales, and race secretary at numerous Ontario tracks. Several members of his family were in attendance, and expressed their feelings on the occasion, "Wouldn't our dad have been thrilled to share this evening with such wonderful nominees? To be here today to accept this prestigious honour would have been the proudest moment of his illustrious career. Tonight I am sure he is in this room with us."

Smart Strike, at age 16, stands at Lane's End in Versailles, Kentucky. A son of Mr. Prospector and a half-brother to Hall of Fame champion Dance Smartly, Smart Strike was trained by Mark Frostad for Sam-Son Farm. He is the sire of 2007 Horse of the Year, Curlin — winner of this year's Dubai World Cup and the Breeders' Cup Classic and is the leading money-winning thoroughbred in history with over \$10 million in earnings. Smart Strike won two graded stakes race in the United States. His sons and daughters earned a world-record \$14.3 million in 2007. Accepting on behalf of this international superstar was Mark Samuel, who commented, "He gave us many thrills on the racetrack, and now he continues to thrill us with his many foals, including Curlin."

Another Builder elected from the Standardbred industry was Pierre Levesque, founder, owner and operator of Angus Farm, one of Quebec's largest breeding operations. Angus Farm is home to Angus Hall, a sire whose progeny have earned over \$33 million. Among his illustrious offspring are Peaceful Way and Majestic Son. In his heartfelt acceptance speech, Levesque said, "Thanks to those that made this nomination possible. I thank Armstrong Bros. for helping me when I started out, as well as the late Jim Proudfoot for introducing me to Clint Hodgins. It's an honour. Horses keep me alive. I still break a few colts, just for the fun of it."

Thoroughbred trainer, Robert Tiller, a native of Amsterdam, Holland, is a multiple Sovereign Award winner, whose champions include Rare Friends, Simply Lovely and 2001 Canadian Horse of the Year, Win City. Recounting his lengthy training career, which began in 1972, he commented during his speech that, "I believe respect is the best thing a person can receive and that is what I am receiving today. I love horse racing, I love my job. This is a great honour tonight. I thank you from the bottom of my heart."

Peaceful Way (a daughter of Angus Hall - Royal Bait) is the richest Canadian-bred trotter of all time, earning \$3.2 million. Born, bred and raised by Angie Stiller of Stonebridge Farms, Arva, Ont., she won numerous stakes events, including The Maple Leaf Trot, Breeders Crown and the Ontario Sires Stakes Super Final. Angie's husband, Dr. Cal Stiller, said, "We want to congratulate the other nominees. It's an extraordinary evening and we don't do this enough in this industry. We had to let Peaceful Way display her God-given talent. When she was healthy, she had unequalled speed and could overcome seemingly insurmountable leads. "I'd also like to acknowledge the contributions of trainer Dave Tingley, caretaker Isabelle Guignard, who cared for her every need, and the drivers of Peaceful Way. We doubt we'll see the likes of her again, and we dream that we might catch lightning in a bottle again with her first foal."

Sam-Son Farm's Wilderness Song (by Wild Again), a multiple graded stakes winner in the U.S. and Canada for trainer James Day, retired in 1993 with earnings of almost \$1.5 million, placing her second amongst female thoroughbreds in Canada. Wilderness Song holds the distinction of becoming Sam-Son Farm's first Grade One stakes winner in 1991 when she won the Spinster Stakes at Keeneland, Ky., and in 1992 she garnered the Sovereign Award as Champion Older Female. Representing Sam-Son Farm, Rick Balaz commented that, "(Owner) Ernie Samuel was an incredible patriot, and to be able to compete with her outside of Canada was a fantastic thing. We are very grateful for this honour."

Real Desire, owned by Karin Olsson Burgess, Robert Burgess, Perretti Farms and Brittany Farms, was trained by Blair Burgess. He established a world record for a 2-year-old pacer of 1:50.4, and capped his brilliant career with a second Breeders Crown win, which led to Horse of the Year honours on both sides of the border. In his acceptance speech, Blair Burgess said, "I want to congratulate the other inductees. When I go into Woodbine I always try to look at the plaques. There is no more appropriately named horse than Real Desire. He was a life changer for me and my family and holds a very special place in our hearts. Karin called him her fourth child. I recall hearing from my second trainer Bill Rapson how great he was as a baby. I hummed and hawed like I always do and he turned out to be something else. The World Record at two was very dramatic for me. For a \$16,000 yearling, it was quite the shock. We had epic battles all year long with Bettors Delight at age three; he's in the Hall of Fame now, too. After that it was difficult but easy to bring him back at four. Now his story lives on as a stallion, siring the likes of Tell All – a horse that won what Real Desire didn't, the Jug and the North America Cup."

SANDY HAWLEY RIDES AGAIN TOTAL CAREER WINS 6,540

By Louis Caurz



More than 10 years later Hawley made a "one-race" comeback when he captured the Living Legends race at Santa Anita, a track he enjoyed many wonderful afternoons in the 1970s when he was the leading rider in California. On Saturday, October 18, 2008 the 59-year-old Hawley added one more win to his career total – his 6,450th – when he guided Tribal Chief to a 6 ½ length victory over some of the greatest jockeys in North America. The Living Legends' event attracted retired Hall of Famers Angel Cordero Jr., Jacinto Vasquez, Julie Krone, Pat Day, Chris McCarron, Jerry Bailey and Gary Stevens. These big name jocks had won over 49,000 races and more than \$2 million in purse earnings during their prolific careers.

Riding the 5-to-2 favorite, Hawley made it look easy as he opened up a two-length lead coming out of the gate and was never challenged. For Hawley the win was significant. "I really wanted to win my last race to give me a nice round number. I had been stuck on 6,449 wins for over 10 years." To get in shape Hawley prepped for two months for the Legends' event by going to the gym, galloping a few horses at Windfields Farm in Oshawa and breezing a couple of horses over five furlongs at Woodbine. "I didn't know if I was fit enough. I'd weighed 122 pounds. The weight just poured off. I rode this race at 110."

Hawley, who is an on-air racing analyst and racing ambassador for Woodbine Entertainment, isn't considering un-retiring. "It was exciting. It was fun. But Woodbine is treating me great. I love the job I'm doing now. I wouldn't want to do anything else."

CANADIAN HORSE RACING HALL OF FAME TRIVIA CHALLENGE - ANSWERS



Herb Lindberg

1. Herb Lindberg. He also won the King's Plate on Sally Fuller for the Seagram Stable in 1935 at Woodbine Park. Lindberg later worked for the Ontario Jockey Club in the racing secretary's office. His son Gunnar, also a jockey who won many of the stakes races in Ontario that his dad won, is a steward for the Ontario Racing Commission.
2. Victory Arch, owned by North Downs Stable and trained by future Hall of Fame Legend, Dr. Robert K. Hodgson. Another filly, Filsis, also owned by North Downs, finished second in the six-horse field.
3. Queensway, owned by R.W.R. Cowie. She was ridden and trained by two future members of the Hall of Fame, jockey Ted Mann and trainer Harry Giddings Jr.
4. Sandy Hawley, Mickey Walls and Emma-Jayne Wilson.
5. Clint Hodgins (Adios Butler), Clint Galbraith (Niatross), Ron Waples (Ralph Hanover) and Michel Lachance (Western Dreamer).
6. Joe O'Brien (Scott Frost) in 1955 and Ralph Baldwin (Speedy Scot) in 1963.



Joe O'Brien

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