



DECEMBER 2020

NEWSLETTER

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE- Dale Zukowski**

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I would like to thank each and every one of our members for your patience and understanding in dealing with the unusual racing season of 2020. Despite the delayed start of the race season due to the COVID 19 restrictions and purse cutbacks due to funding restrictions from the HRA, the AQHRA still had a good year representing our breed as we saw strong results in our betting Handle and our annual horse sale. With the 2020 racing season behind us, "The best way to predict the future is to create it" an increase in Foreign Simulcast, ADW (advanced deposit wagering) Betting Handle and Breed Improvement funding increase. I encourage you all to look forward to an increased presence at the "A" track in the 2021 racing season! We are excited to continue showcasing our breed and have Century Mile lined up for next year with increased overnight stays and again our continued successful participation at Evergreen Park. Thank you again for bearing with us as we work diligently to get things turned around and hope to see you all active in the 2021 year!

In closing, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and hope you are able to enjoy some time with your loved ones. May you all take care and stay safe, and I look forward to hopefully seeing you all in 2021.

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## **2020 AWARDS BANQUET**

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The 2020 Awards Banquet was cancelled due to Covid-19. AQHRA is currently planning to host a celebration for the 2020 winners in the Spring of 2021, dependent on Alberta Health policies in place at the time.

[2020 Awards Winners](#)

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## **MEMBERSHIP- no change in fees for 2021**

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Membership fees will remain the same in 2021. Membership Year is from January 1 to December 31. A membership is required in order to participate in any AQHRA Stakes and Awards programs, Equine Events and “Foaled in Alberta” programs, incentives, and bonuses.

2020 Membership Breakdown  
Alberta: 149 | British Columbia: 7 |Saskatchewan: 8

[2021 Membership Form](#)

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## **Alberta Stallion Stakes- 2021 Enrollment Changes**

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### 2021 APPLICATION DEADLINES AND FEES

On or before February 1st of breeding season . . . . . \$ 200  
After February 1st and on or before March 31st of breeding season . . . . . \$ 300

- Stallions must stand the entire breeding season (that being a minimum of five consecutive months, commencing no later than Feb 1<sup>st</sup>) in Alberta. No late nomination available to out-of-province stallion.
- Death of Nominated Stallion:immediately following the year of the stallion’s death and should frozen semen be available for use, the stallion owner may continue to enroll in the Alberta Stallion Stakes program for up to two consecutive calendar years.

More information can be found at [www.aqhra.ca/stallion-stakes](http://www.aqhra.ca/stallion-stakes)

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## **ASSOCIATION BYLAWS**

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We are faced with the large task ahead of updating the bylaws and making them relevant to the AQHRA functioning. Doing so in a positive and progressive manner is a top priority going forward. 2021 will be an exciting year for Quarter Horse racing in Alberta and we ask the membership to be patient while we make these important changes.

The current board is aware of many discrepancies/interpretations within the association bylaws and has put together a Bylaw Review committee. This committee welcomes input from our members at large so please contact the office or any of the Executives if you would like to be a part of this discussion or have any questions. With this undertaking the board is planning to host a Special General Meeting in the Spring 2021 to present the board recommended bylaws and have them presented to the general membership for discussion and approval.

<http://www.aqhra.ca/membership> >>Bylaws

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## BREED IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – Rule changes for 2021

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The Quarter Horse Breed Improvement program rules are published on the website.

A bonus payment will be paid on eligible races after the conclusion of the Alberta Racing season if the following applies and a minimum payout is met:

- (a) race is carded in QH distances (yards) and
- (b) races carded as mixed race with TB participation will not be eligible (new)
- (c) races that have four (4) or less starters will not be eligible

As we approach the start of a new race season, ensure your AB-Bred Accreditation paperwork has been submitted to and approved by the AQHRA.

“Foaled in Alberta” Owner, Breeder & Stallion bonuses have been finalized and cheques were mailed out at the beginning of December. In 2020, the Breed Improvement Program (BIP) bonus incentive total is **\$56,530** and is allocated as follows:

Owner/Breeder Bonuses \$34,050   Stallion Bonus \$12,500  
2019 Yearling Sale Incentive \$10,000

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## ANNUAL YEARLING SALE

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2020 was an exciting year as AQHRA and CTHS joined forces and hosted their annual yearling sales at the Western Park in Red Deer on September 18, Thoroughbreds in the afternoon with Quarter Horses in the evening.

The AQHRA high seller was Hip 21 O TUXEDO (First Timber x Burners Beauty) consigned by Wesley Oulton and purchased by Preston Crow Chief for \$14,000.

The sale average on the 13 horses sold was \$5,192. There were 23 non-transferable and 26 open berths generated for the 2021 Canada QH Cup (RG3) Futurity.

The AQHRA board has voted to once again join with the CTHS for the annual yearling sale. Thus the **2021 AQHRA Annual Yearling Sale will be Friday September 17 at the Westerner Park in Red Deer, Alberta.** More details to follow in the New Year.

[2020 Sale Results](#)

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## 2020 REVIEW

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After a delayed start due to Covid-19 Quarter Horses began their season at Century Mile July 3<sup>rd</sup>. QH's were carded on 17 of the 41 days of TB flat racing, average 7.46 starters per race and average handle of over \$27,800 per race. A record aggregate handle was set of over \$780,000, and our largest day handle was seen July 24 with trials to the Alberta Stallion Stakes Futurity and Derby exceeding \$190,000 on 4 races.

The summer at Evergreen Park saw QH's carded on 9 of the 14 days of flat racing and hosted four Regional AQHA Challenge races.

There were 76 individual starters, split almost evenly between the three aged groups, 74% were Alberta Breds.

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## 2021 PLANS

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With the additional of Advance Deposit Wagering to AQHRA's revenue streams, the 2021 race budget is projected to be the largest AQHRA has ever had. Current plans are to expand overnight racing on the 'A' Track with the increase of 'A' Track Quarter Horse Allocation.

Evergreen Park will once again host some of the Regional Challenge Races, more details coming soon.

AQHRA looks forward to celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canada Quarter Horse Cup (RG3) Futurity in the Fall of 2021.

[December 1st Nominations](#)

The schedule for the 2021 season is currently being finalized and will be released in the near future.

Due to the dynamics of Covid-19 AQHRA plans may require rescheduling, we will keep you informed as best as possible.

### Leading Alberta Bred Runners of 2020 By Earnings (C\$)

#	HORSE NAME	YOB, SEX, SIRE	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
1	Eyesa Timber	18, G, First Timber	3	3	0	0	\$58,853
2	Double Cruise	17, G, Bd Cruiser	6	2	2	0	\$37,678
3	Halos Sign	18, F, Wagon Tales	5	2	2	0	\$31,010
4	Spicy Chile	18, F, Cowboy 109	4	2	0	1	\$23,728
5	Jess Be First	18, G, First Timber	6	1	2	1	\$23,190
6	Timbergold	17, F, First Timber	7	2	0	1	\$17,451
7	First Prize Cruise	15, M, First Prize Doc	3	1	2	0	\$14,343
8	Ulnvme To	18, G, First Timber	4	0	1	1	\$13,946
9	Honor The Fast Man	14, G, Honor The Perry	2	0	1	1	\$13,567
10	SS Frosty	17, G, Cuivre River	7	3	1	0	\$12,745
11	Bigtime Knockout	18, G, Teller Im Bigtime	5	1	0	2	\$12,296
12	Poutn And Streakin	17, G, Its All About Speed	7	2	1	0	\$12,061
13	First Pulse	17, F, First Timber	7	1	1	0	\$11,974
14	Ima Runnin First	13, G, First Timber	6	1	2	2	\$11,645
15	Flyin Feelin	18, F, Special Fly Bye	5	0	2	1	\$11,372
16	Suits	17, G, First Timber	5	0	2	1	\$11,313
17	Papas Coleen	16, M, First Timber	6	2	0	0	\$10,445
18	Gone To Be Bright	15, S, Gone To The Mountain	3	1	1	0	\$10,105
19	Speedy Rae	17, G, Its All About Speed	7	1	1	3	\$9,599
20	Sasses Loki	17, G, First Timber	6	1	1	1	\$8,988



### Leading Breeders of Alberta Bred Runners of 2020 By Earnings (C\$)

#	Breeder	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	2020 Earnings	Leading Earner	Earnings
1	Wesley Oulton	49	9	9	6	\$154,379	Eyesa Timber	\$58,853
2	Tom Kenway	14	4	5	1	\$70,571	Double Cruise	\$37,678
3	Donalda Cochrane	31	4	10	2	\$65,962	Halos Sign	\$31,010
4	Sazwan Speed Horses	23	3	4	3	\$25,791	Ss Frosty	\$12,745
5	Robert McCutcheon	3	2	0	1	\$23,728	Spicy Chile	\$23,728
6	Glenn Wills	22	1	2	3	\$22,953	Bigtime Knockout	\$12,296
7	Jack & Deborah Williams	11	1	2	0	\$19,189	Gone To Be Bright	\$10,105
8	Roger Gauthier	7	2	0	1	\$17,451	Timbergold	\$17,451
9	Peter Schoeler	6	2	1	0	\$12,061	Poutn And Streakin	\$12,061
10	Ralph Danard	10	0	0	3	\$10,298	Ivory Fame	\$5,943
11	Jane Leech	7	1	1	3	\$9,599	Speedy Rae	\$9,599
12	Buckey & Beverly Stockwell	8	3	2	1	\$9,026	Jess The Joker	\$4,954
13	Campkin/Halerewich/McCurdy	5	1	0	0	\$8,765	Jagnestimber	\$8,765
14	Isaak Fehr	4	0	0	0	\$6,523	Royale Runaway	\$6,523
15	Brant & Dakota Laczó	6	0	2	1	\$6,205	Movin Timber	\$6,205