



June 25, 2021
NEWSLETTER

JULY 5TH PAYMENTS

- GP Maiden Stakes
 - \$200

Nomination slips can be [found here](#).

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ANNUAL YEARLING SALE & MIXED SALE

WHEN: Friday September 17
 WHERE: Westerner Park, Red Deer
 Consignment Deadline: June 30
 Consignment Fee: \$250 plus GST

Incentive to consign:

- Yearlings which pass through the sale's ring in 2021 get a reduced entry fee into the 2022 Canada QH Cup (RG3) Futurity, Estimated Added: \$60,000
- There will be a \$15,000 Estimated Added Sale Stakes Futurity in 2022 for yearlings which pass through the 2021 sale's ring

Generation of Berths:

- Yearling which passes through the sale ring receives a non-transferable berth to both the Canada QH Cup Futurity and the Sales Stakes Futurity.
- Consignor of sold yearling which passes through the sale's ring receives an open berth for the Canada QH Cup Futurity.
- Purchaser of sold yearling which passes through the sale's ring receives an open berth for the Canada QH Cup Futurity.

Open berths revert back to the association on January 20, 2022. They will then be available for purchase for \$500 on a first come, first paid basis. Monies collected from these reverted AQHRA berths will go into the AQHRA general funds. Late payment structure will be offered for the 2022 Canada QH Cup (RG3) Futurity

Consignment form [here](#)

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2021 AWARD REQUIREMENTS

Due to the shortened season only 4 starts will be required to qualify a horse to be eligible for AQHRA year-end awards.

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Contact the AQHRA office to purchase a new AQHRA hat:
they come in two styles

\$25/each
Shipping extra

- Richardson Trucker with SnapBack Cap



- Rancher Cap



SALE STORY-written by Kathy McNiven

This is the first of 2 stories on the winners of the trials for the Alberta Stallion Stakes Futurity. These 2 colts that won the trials have something in common. They both passed through the ring of the 2020 AQHRA yearling sale:

OBSESSED BUG

Owner: Travis Reay, Breeder: Danard Quarter Horses

Trainer: William Leech, Jockey: Ricardo Moreno

Obsessed Bug won her trial and was the fourth fastest qualifier for the Alberta Stallion stakes futurity, which will be held July 2, 2021 at Century Mile.

Obsessed Bug was purchased by Travis Reay at the 2020 AQHRA Canada QH Cup Yearling Sale in Red Deer. Her personal cheering squad includes Jacqueline Reay, Travis' wife, Travis' mother Valarie, her husband Dale and Travis' brother Shayne. What makes Obsessed Bug unique is that when she is done racing, she will most likely stay in the family as a rodeo horse, as many OTT (Off The Track)horses have done before in Travis and Jacqueline's family.

Travis is a former All Around Canadian Champion Cowboy, CCA and Wildrose Association champion whose focus has been on steer wrestling, saddle bronc riding and team roping. Jacqueline was brought up around quarter horse race horses and is a former CFR qualifying barrel racer and Lakeland, Wildrose Association and CCA champion. There are presently 8 OTT rodeo horses in the Reay fields. Jacqueline says that her opinion is that horses that have run on the track turn into great second career horses. They have "seen it all".

Jacqueline's interest in quarter horse race horses started when she was a child. Her father, prominent quarter horse racing owner Chuck Stojan was bringing horses up from California and racing them in Alberta.

Chuck has been trying to convince Travis and Jacqueline that they should be racing quarter horses for quite a while.

In 2020, with Covid rearing its ugly head, the rodeo world pretty much came to a standstill. Travis and Jacqueline were looking for new adventures and opportunities. They wanted to try something different. Enter quarter horse racing!

They headed over to the Danard Ranch and looked at Danard's AQHRA 2020 sale entries. To them, one stood out. A little May born (bay) filly. They liked her conformation and the way she moved. One added bonus is that she looked like what Jacqueline would want in a prospective barrel horse.

She was by Danard's Corona Cartel stallion (Obsessed With Corona) and out of a producing mare called Paulina Bug(Shazoom)

Because they were unable to attend the yearling sale, they were able to purchase Obsessed Bug at the sale over the phone.

A barn name was chosen – she is Chica (named after a nickname given to their daughter by a close friend). Her race training started in February 2021 with trainer William Leech. After a few months, it became clear that Chica wanted to be a race horse. The trials for the Alberta Stallion Stakes Futurity were held on June 11.

The Reay Family nervously watched at home, unable to go to the track because of Covid restrictions. The little filly broke fast under leading Jockey Ricardo Moreno and dug in over the 300 yards, crossing the wire a neck ahead of second place horse First Golden Rose.

The Reay family are hoping to attend the final on July 2, if Covid restrictions allow (as well as many of their family and friends).

Jacqueline says that their whole family is really excited about Chica and quarter horse racing;(even their 2 small children.

SALE STORY-cont'd

Travis has already recovered almost half of his purchase price, and with a \$56,997 purse up for grabs in the Alberta Stallion Stakes Futurity final, there is a pretty good chance that they will add more to her winnings.

Their hope is that Chica will be in the trials for the Alberta Quarter Horse Racing Association's Sales Stakes Futurity (which only 2 year olds from the sale are eligible), and the Alberta Bred Futurity Trials later this year. However, her welfare is job 1 with the Reays, and she will only run if everything is 100%.

Then, Chica will have a long rest to get ready for her 3 year old race season.

After talking with Jacqueline, I have a feeling that the group will be attending the 2021 AQHRA Canada QH Cup Sale

Good luck to the connections of Obsessed Bug !

The demand for OTT quarter horse race horses is significant. Why not purchase a yearling, as the Reays did, run it for a year or 2 and then move on to another sport with a seasoned horse.

Anyone can watch and bet on the Alberta Stallion Stakes final, and all of the other QH races here in Alberta. For the most incredible experience, you can attend the race in person on July 2 at Century Mile Race Track in Leduc. New spectator rules will be announced before the Futurity.

If you can't go in person, you can go to www.hpibet.com to both watch and bet if you wish. Other forums such as Qracing and Equibase allow you to watch when you purchase a subscription.

Obsessed Bug (#2) winning her Alberta Stallion Stakes Futurity Trial June 11 at Century Mile



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