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AUGUST 3RD PAYMENTS

- Alberta Bred (RG3) Futurity
 - o \$350
- Alberta Bred Derby
 - o \$300
- Canada QH Cup (RG3) Futurity
 - Sale Horse- \$250
 - Non Sale Horse- \$400
- Canada QH Cup Derby
 - o Fut Horse-\$200
 - Non Fut Horse- \$250

Nomination slips can be found here.

ANNUAL YEARLING SALE & MIXED SALE

WHEN: Friday September 17

WHERE: Westerner Park, Red Deer

www.aghra.ca

Online bidding through DLMS AQHR



CANADA QH CUP SALE WESTERNER PARK, Red Deer

Friday September 17

Catalog to be available mid-August. 22 Yearlings | 1 Broodmare

HRA DIRECTIVES

Directive 2013: Blinker and Starting gate policy

<u>Directive 186-2021</u>: Rule 263 g (Blood Sample Readings)

AQHRA SWAG

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 2 -written by Kathy McNiven

Previously posted on Facebook June 30.

Bearcat Bill Bay Gelding

Birthdate: April 27, 2019

Breeder/ Owners: Janice & Barry Sather

Trainer: Misael Moreno

Jockey: Alfredo Torres Amador

Sire: First Timber Dam: Splashy Mamacita (Volcom)



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SALE STORY 2 -cont'd

The fastest qualifier and winner of one of 2 trials for the Alberta Stallion Stakes Futurity, was Barry and Janice Sather's homebred Bearcat Bill.

"Bill" as he is affectionately known, was named after 2 close friends of the Sathers. They tried to get the name "Bearcat", but it was already taken. They then thought of Bill West who had helped them many times over the years. They added Bill, and the colt had a name.

He is sired by Canada's #1 race sire First Timber and out of a good mare that the Sathers raised and ran called Splashy Mamacita, who was either 1st or 2nd 6 of the 7 times she ran, and was champion AQHRA mare in 2017.

Barry and Janice Sather are no strangers to the winners circle in Quarter Horse racing. They started racing in 1975 and Janice took over as trainer in 1980. They have raced in Alberta every year since then. They have won races at many of the top tracks in the US as well. A highlight for Janice and Barry was when they won Champion Owners for the AQHA Challenge which has stakes races all over North America. No small feat to win the honor (and a Gator). They have been the top breeders in Canada, and AQHRA champion owners multiple times.

Bearcat Bill was the third generation born and raised on the Sather Farm. They bred his dam and Grand dam.

Barry and Janice decided to enter him in the 2020 AQHRA sale, but re-purchased him when he didn't quite reach his reserve price.

The Sathers liked the big bay colt right from the start. He had his dam's laid back attitude towards life. He was nice to work with and learned quickly. It was about 2 months into training with Misael Moreno when Bill decided he was going to be a racehorse.

The trial for the Alberta Stallion Stakes Futurity was Bill's first start, and he broke a little awkwardly with a bit of a stumble. He quickly recovered and finished ¾ length ahead of second place (and second fastest qualifier) Destello De Luna, who was bred by Ken McFarlane and owned by Jane Leech and Haley Moreno.

Good luck to Janice and Barry Sather and the other connections of Bearcat Bill!

The AQHRA sale will be held on September 17, 2021 in Red Deer. Both trial winners, as well as 3 of the other futurity finalists went through the ring at the 2020 sale. Contact the AQHRA office for more