

# HARNESS RACING BC



## BC STANDARDBRED INDUSTRY AWARDS BANQUET CRITERIA

### ~ BREEDING & RACING DIVISION ~

In order for HRBC to find the best way to honour the horses and people of the Standardbred Racing Industry at the Annual Awards Banquet, we invite our members to give their written **nominations** naming their favourite horse or person in the award categories.



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# AWARDS BANQUET CRITERIA BREEDING DIVISION

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## **B.C. BRED TWO YEAR OLD FILLY**

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1. For the two year old judged to be the outstanding BC Bred Standardbred performer in the Filly category.
2. Judges are given liberty to consider any exceptional circumstances in deciding winners. Presentation will be made to both the breeder and the owner of the winning horse.

**NAME OF HORSE NOMINATED** \_\_\_\_\_

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## **B.C. BRED TWO YEAR OLD COLT & GELDING**

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1. For the two year old judged to be the outstanding BC Bred Standardbred performer in the Colt & Gelding category.
2. Judges are given liberty to consider any exceptional circumstances in deciding winners. Presentation will be made to both the breeder and the owner of the winning horse.

**NAME OF HORSE NOMINATED** \_\_\_\_\_

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## **B.C. BRED THREE YEAR OLD FILLY**

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1. For the three year old judged to be the outstanding BC Bred Standardbred performer in the Filly category.
2. Judges are given liberty to consider any exceptional circumstances in deciding winners. Presentation will be made to both the breeder and the owner of the winning horse.

**NAME OF HORSE NOMINATED** \_\_\_\_\_

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### **B.C. BRED THREE YEAR OLD COLT & GELDING**

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1. For the three year old judged to be the outstanding BC Bred Standardbred performer in the Colt & Gelding category.
2. Judges are given liberty to consider any exceptional circumstances in deciding winners. Presentation will be made to both the breeder and the owner of the winning horse.

**NAME OF HORSE NOMINATED** \_\_\_\_\_

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### **B.C. BRED AGED MARE**

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1. For the Aged Mare judged to be the outstanding BC Bred performer.
2. Criteria of “Aged” is a horse 4 years and older.
3. To win any of the “Horse of the Year” awards the Standardbred must have stamped itself as outstanding the year the banquet represents. In general, the ruling factors will be speed, consistency, earnings and racing courage.
4. The mare nominated must have shown well in competition with horses bred outside of BC to such a degree that it has brought credit to local breeding.
5. Judges are given liberty to consider any exceptional circumstances in deciding winners. Presentation will be made to both the breeder and the owner of the winning horse.

**NAME OF HORSE NOMINATED** \_\_\_\_\_

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### **B.C. BRED AGED HORSE & GELDING**

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1. For the Aged Horse judged to be the outstanding BC Bred Standardbred performer.
2. Criteria of “Aged” is a horse 4 years and older.
3. To win any of the “Horse of the Year” awards the Standardbred must have stamped itself as outstanding the year the banquet represents. In general, the ruling factors will be speed, consistency, earnings and racing courage.
4. The horse nominated must have shown well in competition with horses bred outside of BC to such a degree that it has brought credit to local breeding.
5. Judges are given liberty to consider any exceptional circumstances in deciding winners. Presentation will be made to both the breeder and the owner of the winning horse.

**NAME OF HORSE NOMINATED** \_\_\_\_\_

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## **BREEDING DIVISION - BROODMARE OF THE YEAR**

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1. For the outstanding Standardbred broodmare of the year judged on the race performance of the BC Breds she has produced.
2. A broodmare that has won this award based on the performance of an offspring will not be considered for a second time on the basis of the performance of that same offspring.
3. Judges will be given great latitude in deliberations in this category and exceptional circumstance should be documented by nominators.
4. To qualify, the broodmare **need not be a BC Bred herself**.
5. Trophies in this category go to the mare herself and will be inscribed with her name.
6. At the time of her assessed contributions that have won her the award, the said owner of the mare shall receive the award. Death of a mare will not bar her from consideration as judging is done solely on performance of her offspring. In latter circumstance the trophy will be presented to her owner at the time of her death.

**NAME OF HORSE NOMINATED**\_\_\_\_\_

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## **BREEDING DIVISION – BREEDER OF THE YEAR**

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1. To be awarded to the person judged to have made the outstanding contribution to breed improvement of Standardbred horses in B.C.
2. The award can be made to the breeder who has produced an exceptional harness horse or a group of such horses in B.C.
3. It can also be awarded to recognize the major contributions to breed improvement generally in B.C.
4. Great latitude will be given in judging this category and judges will be instructed not to make an award where it does not seem merited. This will insure a high quality of honour for this annual award.

**NAME OF PERSON NOMINATED**\_\_\_\_\_

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## GENERAL RULES OF JUDGING

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Members of Harness Racing BC Society are invited to make written nominations in listed award categories. All submissions will be treated as confidential and studied by the Awards Nominating Committee only. Horsemen and breeders may nominate their own Standardbreds or those of others. The Nominating Committee and Directors of the Society may also submit nominations to make sure that worthy horses get proper consideration.

**Award Criteria for the Raving Division** reads that for a horse to be nominated, the horse must have had a majority of starts in B.C. Only BC wins, money and starts are considered. This horse may have been anywhere and may be owned by a resident of anywhere.

**Award Criteria for the Breeding Division** reads for the purpose of the awards, A BC Bred horse is defined as a horse produced by a mare owned by a resident of BC at the time of service. The Breeder is the owner of the horse at time of service. If the Breeder was a non-resident of BC at the time of service, and the mare foals the horse in question in BC, and is owned by a BC resident at the time of foaling, the owner of a mare at the time of foaling will be considered the breeder for the purpose of these awards. For award eligibility, the BC Bred horse could have raced in any jurisdiction to be considered.

In general, to win in any of these categories, the Standardbred must have stamped itself as outstanding during **2019**. The ruling factors will be speed, consistency, earnings and racing courage. In the Breeding Division the Standardbred must have shown well in competition with horses bred outside BC to such a degree that it has brought credit to local breeding. The owner (s) who owned the horse at time of its greatest performance shall receive the awards in both the Breeding and Racing Division.

Judges are given liberty to consider any exceptional circumstances in deciding winners. If the judges decide that there is no horse worthy of an award in any category, no award will be made.

An award will not be presented to any participant who has been assessed a **major suspension** determined by the Judges within the calendar year that the award is presented. Further, the performance of any horses trained by such participants, or owners whose horses are trained by such participants, will not be considered in determining the winner of any award.

Nominations must be received by HRBC office in the backstretch or mailed by  
**January 31, 2020**

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Name of Nominator (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Nominator \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

# AWARDS BANQUET CRITERIA

## RACING DIVISION

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### RACING DIVISION – DRIVERS / TRAINERS

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1. Driver, Trainer and Rookie awards are determined by Standardbred Canada statistics.
2. These awards are chosen based upon **20-100 starts, 101-250 starts, over 250 starts** and winners are chosen by the **highest URS**.
3. Dash Driver and Dash Trainer are based solely on the **most wins**.
4. Rookie Driver and Rookie Trainer awards are determined by Standardbred Canada statistics; however, they must have a minimum of 20 starts to be considered and would have written their test during the calendar year as the awards banquet represents. If however, 20 starts are not attained during their first year, starts can be carried over to the preceding year to become eligible.
5. Winners are announced at the banquet.

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### RACING DIVISION – AGED MARE

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1. Criteria of “Aged” is a horse 4 years and older.
2. To be nominated a horse must have performed **a minimum of 50% of its starts in B.C.** This horse may have been bred anywhere and may be owned by a resident of anywhere. The owner (s) who owned the horse at time of its greatest BC starts, BC wins and BC money shall receive the award.
3. An award will not be presented to any participant who has been assessed a major suspension, as determined by the Judges within the calendar year that the award is presented. Further, the performance of any horses trained by such participants, or owners whose horses are trained by such participants, will not be considered in determining the winner of any award. These horses and their owners will be eligible only if trained by other trainers during the year and will be judged solely on their performance while trained by other persons.

NAME OF HORSE NOMINATED \_\_\_\_\_

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### **RACING DIVISION – AGED HORSE & GELDING**

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1. Criteria of “Aged” is a horse 4 years and older.
2. To be nominated a horse must have performed a **minimum of 50% of its starts in B.C.** This horse may have been bred anywhere and may be owned by a resident of anywhere. The owner (s) who owned the horse at time of its greatest BC starts, BC wins and BC money shall receive the award.
3. An award will not be presented to any participant who has been assessed a major suspension, determined by the Judges within the calendar year that the award is presented. Further, the performance of any horses trained by such participants, or owners whose horses are trained by such participants will not be considered in determining the winner of any award. These horses and their owners will be eligible only if trained by other trainers during the year and will be judged solely on their performance while trained by other persons.

**NAME OF HORSE NOMINATED** \_\_\_\_\_

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### **RACING DIVISION – OUTSTANDING CLAIMER 6,000 & UNDER**

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1. Top Claimer award presentations go to Outstanding Claimer, 6,000 and under.
2. To be nominated a horse must have performed a **minimum of 50% of its starts in B.C.** This horse may have been bred anywhere and may be owned by a resident of anywhere. The owner (s) who owned the horse at time of its greatest BC starts, BC wins and BC money shall receive the award.
3. If insufficient nominees are nominated, the Nomination Committee and/or the Judges are given liberty to change the criteria of the said awards or not issue the award due to insufficient nominees.

**NAME OF HORSE NOMINATED** \_\_\_\_\_

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### **RACING DIVISION – OUTSTANDING CLAIMER 7,000 & OVER**

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1. Top Claimer award presentations go to Outstanding Claimer, \$7,000 and over.
2. To be nominated a horse must have performed a **minimum of 50% of its starts in B.C.** This horse may have been bred anywhere and may be owned by a resident of anywhere. The owner (s) who owned the horse at time of its greatest BC starts, BC wins and BC money shall receive the award.
3. If insufficient nominees are nominated, the Nomination Committee and/or the Judges are given liberty to change the criteria of the said awards or not issue the award due to insufficient nominees.

**NAME OF HORSE NOMINATED** \_\_\_\_\_

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## **RACING DIVISION – OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE CATEGORY**

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1. Winner qualifications can be one outstanding performance in B.C. i.e.: track record and / or numerous outstanding performances in the province.

2. To be nominated a horse must have performed a **minimum of 50% of its starts in B.C.** This horse may have been bred anywhere and may be owned by a resident of anywhere. The owner (s) who owned the horse at time of its greatest BC starts, BC wins and BC money shall receive the award.

**NAME OF HORSE NOMINATED** \_\_\_\_\_

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## **RACING DIVISION – FASTEST MILE OF THE YEAR**

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1. Horse that sets a record as the fastest mile at Fraser Downs Racetrack at Elements Casino during the calendar year that the banquet is representing.

2. Award is determined by statistics.

3. Winner will be announced at the banquet.

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## **INDIVIDUAL AWARDS**

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### **GROOM OF THE YEAR:**

1. To be nominated, the groom must be licensed with G.P.E.B / Standardbred Canada.

2. To be nominated, the Groom **can be an owner of a Standardbred horse** at time of nomination.

**NAME OF PERSON NOMINATED** \_\_\_\_\_

### **BACKSTRETCH AWARD:**

1. This award does not necessarily need to be given each year, only when warranted.

2. Contributes to the atmosphere and optimism of harness racing.

**NAME OF PERSON NOMINATED** \_\_\_\_\_



**HORSEPERSON OF THE YEAR:**

1. In order to qualify, the nominee must be an owner, trainer and or driver.
2. Judging criteria would include horsemanship, success on the track and integrity.
3. Other factors such as community involvement and work to promote the industry might also be considered.

**NAME OF PERSON NOMINATED** \_\_\_\_\_

**HY CLASS AWARD:**

1. In 2005 the Hy Class Award was designed to go to people other than horsemen who have made significant contributions to our industry.
2. Award only given when warranted, does not necessarily need to be done each year.

**NAME OF PERSON NOMINATED** \_\_\_\_\_

**STANDARDTBRED CANADA OWNERS AWARD:**

This award is to recognize and honour BC Standardbred Racing Industry's leading owners. Standardbred Canada allows individual racing associations to select the recipient of this award based on their own criteria for the racing season the banquet represents. It is the intention of Standardbred Canada to develop a "universal" formula for future awards at the Marketing Workshop.

1. HRBC Nomination panel chooses the recipient for the award and HRBC notifies Standardbred Canada of the choice and Standardbred Canada sends a trophy for presentation.
2. This award does not necessarily need to be given each year, only when warranted.
3. Winner will be announced at the banquet.

**PAT BRENNAN MEMORIAL AWARD:**

1. This award was established to recognize and honour an individual or individuals that have given exemplary service and /or valued support to the BC Standardbred Racing Industry for a long period of time.
2. This award is not an annual award, it is an award presented by HRBC at its discretion to a deserving person (s) in any given year.

**NAME OF PERSON NOMINATED** \_\_\_\_\_

## **TBC TELETHEATRE FUTURE CHAMPION FILLY & TBC TELETHEATRE RISING STAR COLT OR GELDING:**

1. These awards are made possible by Teletheatre BC. During the year, all of TBC employees were asked to vote in two categories. Both awards are for the future champions, one for fillies and one for colts.
2. Winners are named by TBC Teletheatre and trophies are provided by TBC Teletheatre.

## **DOUG GILLESPIE AWARD:**

1. This award is in recognition of the achievements of Doug Gillespie, the original Food Service Manager of Cloverdale Raceway and Sandown Raceway.
2. Criteria for winning the award will be the person that demonstrates superior leadership and service excellence throughout the year. Their dedication to not only Fraser Downs but their co-workers and the community is what makes this person stand out amongst everyone else.
3. Winner is named by Elements Casino at Fraser Downs Racetrack and trophy is provided by Elements Casino.

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### **2019 TOP THREE STAKE FINAL WINNERS**

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## **OPEN STAKES**

4 YO Mares Open – Blue Grotto, Cusdamagicdragon, Hot Kiss

4 YO Horse or Gelding – Boiling Oar, Peace Out Posse, Solongo

Keith Linton 3 YO Open Colt or Gelding – Outlawgrabbingears, Go Nine O, Kootenay Mystery

Penny Bath 3 YO Open Filly – Lady Neigh Neigh, Village Joules, Rockin Mystery

Lady Elements Aged Mare Open – Sell A Bit N, Blue Grotto, Tahiti Seelster

Jim Vinnell Aged Horse or Gelding – Icy Blue Scooter, Boiling Oar, Peace Out Posse

Fraser Miss 2 YO Open Filly – Probert, Yjuliahos, Rockin With You

Dan Ingram 2 YO Open Colt Or Gelding – 1<sup>st</sup> Div – West Coast Beach, Strateontilmorning, Dontpokethedragon, - 2 Div – Major Custard, Speaking Of Art, Outlaw C My Shadow

## **BC BRED STAKES**

4 YO BC Bred Mares –A Cowboys Dream, Kisthisgirlgoodbye, Maybe Baby

4 YO BC Bred H&G – Safety Second, Working Class Hero, Grangallo

Sales Stake 19 Fillies – 1<sup>st</sup> Div- Ocean Wind, Tough It Out, Feel So Close – 2<sup>nd</sup> Div – Rockin Mystery, Mrs Suhwiggins, Feel So Close

Sale Stake 19 Colt or Gelding –Major Winker, Spiderdman, Kootenay Mystery

Marian Young BC Bred 3 YO Filly – Tough It Out, Feel So Close, Hotpieceoface

Wendell Smith BC Bred 3 YO Colt – Jewels Dragon, Spiderdman, Mr Saturday Night

## **BREEDER STAKES**

2 YO BR ST Filly (Betty Millbank Memorial) – Probert, Riverunsnappy, Indigo Beach

2 YO BR ST Colt or Gelding (Robert Millbank Memorial) – Major Custard, West Coast Beach, Strateontilmorning

3 YO BR ST Filly (Mary Murphy) –Mrs Suhwiggins, Ocean Wind, Hottieonthehorizon

3 YO BR ST (Robert Murphy Memorial) Colt or Gelding – Kneedeep N Custard, Spiderdman, Thankyaverymuch

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## REPRESENTING RACING & BREEDING

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