

# 2009 Industry Award Nominees

## **VANDERBILT AWARD (HORSE OF THE YEAR)**

Hastings Stakes Winners

## **APPLEBY AWARD (BC-BRED OF THE YEAR)**

Hastings BC-Bred Stakes Winners

### **TWO-YEAR-OLD FILLY**

Ebony N Ice  
Victorious Vye

Emerald City

Otero  
Vying Ty Grr

### **TWO-YEAR-OLD BC-BRED FILLY**

Emerald City

Victorious Vye

Vying Ty Grr

### **TWO-YEAR-OLD COLT/GELDING**

Huitzilopochtli

Silly Fella

Dyna Stroll

### **TWO-YEAR-OLD BC-BRED COLT/GELDING**

Huitzilopochtli

Silly Fella

Dyna Stroll

### **THREE-YEAR-OLD FILLY**

La Rocca

Notis Her

What R The Odds

Tierra Del Feugo

### **THREE-YEAR-OLD BC-BRED FILLY**

Notis Her

Tierra Del Feugo

### **THREE-YEAR-OLD COLT/GELDING**

Almost Time

Gotta Find Bubba

El Cugat

Tommy Danziger

Ganbei

Winning Machine

### **THREE-YEAR-OLD BC-BRED COLT/GELDING**

Almost Time

Tommy Danziger

Ganbei

Gotta Find Bubba

### **FOUR-YEAR-OLD & UP FILLY/MARE**

Against the Sky

Holy Nova

Blue Sky Holiday

Heaven On Hold

Wind Storm

### **FOUR-YEAR-OLD & UP BC-BRED FILLY/MARE**

Against the Sky

Wind Storm

### **FOUR-YEAR-OLD & UP COLT/GELDING**

Bank Emblem

Teide

Krazy Koffee

Trick of the North

Seminole Brave

Woombroom Express

### **FOUR-YEAR-OLD & UP BC-BRED COLT/GELDING**

Krazy Koffee

Trick of the North

Woombroom Express

### **THREE-YEAR-OLD & UP SPRINTER**

Almost Time

Holy Nova

What R the Odds

Bank Emblem

Seminole Brave

Wind Storm

Heaven On Hold

Tierra Del Feugo

Woombroom Express



# 2009 British Columbia Awards Gala

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## TEIDE...Vanderbilt Trophy :: Champion Older Handicap Horse :: Horse of the Year Open

Classy is just one way to describe the 2009 Vanderbilt Award winner Teide. Purchased and imported by Swift Thoroughbreds Inc. and trained by Dino Condilenios, the handsome chestnut quickly made his presence felt in the northwest. After dominating the locals in the Winston Churchill and Randall Plate, the talented five-year-old lost a head bob to Trick of the North in the marathon Premiers'. Teide finished his 2009 season with a credible fifth-place effort as the favourite at Woodbine in the Gr. 2 Autumn Stakes and a record of 6-4-0-0 banking \$156,800. *From left to right, Anett Pincus, Dino Condilenios, Christine Loseth, Mark Mache, Jennifer Reichling, Horatio Kemeny, Chad Hoverson, Jaqueline Kemeny, and Nadia Mache.*



## HUITZILOPOCHTLI...Appleby Award :: Horse of the Year BC-bred :: Champion Juvenile

Racing for Lara Stables, the 2009 British Columbia-bred Champion literally ran away and hid from his opposition for the majority of the two-year-old season. Huitzilopochtli, a son of breeder Ralph Jesiak's underrated stallion Wandering, was on his way to an undefeated season before a failed attempt to stretch his speed in the Ascot Graduation Stakes. The over-achieving juvenile, trained by Juan Olmos, completed his initial campaign with an impressive record of 6-5-0-0 with earnings of \$141,557. His victories included four black-type events. *From left to right, Elisa Calzada, Juan Lara Olmos, Marilyn Sutherland and Ralph Jesiak.*



## BARB HEADS...Diamond Award of Excellence

Barb Heads is a British Columbia-bred who has exhibited all the qualities of a Diamond Award winner. A daughter of Hall of Fame trainer Cy Anderson and sister to successful trainers Robbie and Mike Anderson, Barb has been a permanent fixture near the top of the trainer standings since she formed her first stable. Barb is often accompanied in the winner's circle by her mom, June, who was also a distinguished trainer in her time. The stable stars in 2009 included BC Premiers' hero Trick of the North, three-year-old filly champion Tierra Del Feugo, two-year-old filly champion Vying Ty Grr and CTHS Sale Stakes winner Notis Her. Barb finished second in the trainer standings with 39 victories and stable earnings of \$946,000. *Barb Heads*



## TRICK OF THE NORTH..Champion BC-bred Older Handicap Horse

Owner Mark LeSage has been a frequent sight at the Hastings' paddock area for many years and his Aurora Stable were long-time clients of the late Terry Marshall. Their 2009 stable star Trick of the North, a gelded son of Western Trick bred by Red Rock Farm proved to be a gem of consistency at age seven. When the dark-hued gelding got home a head in front of Teide in the Premiers' Handicap, he was making his fiftieth start of a productive career that has seen him pose for thirteen photos, and his four wins from five starts in 2009 increased his lifetime earnings to \$406,066. *From left to right, John Edwards, Mark LeSage, wife Patti LeSage, Dawn Edwards, Grant MacDonald and Eva MacDonald.*



## HOLY NOVA..Champion Older Handicap Mare

Glen Todd and Patrick Kinsella's talented Kentucky-bred mare Holy Nova was a contender for this award last year, but left no doubts to her superiority in 2009. The five-year-old mare started seven times last season for trainer Troy Taylor with four happy endings including the rich Gr. 3 Ballerina Stakes, where she defeated BC Oaks winner La Rocca in a splendid performance. Other major wins included the Brighthouse Belles and Senate Appointee Stakes, Emerald Downs' Boeing Handicap and the Strawberry Morn Handicap. The roan distaffer won sprinting and routing earning \$148,830 for her winning connections. *From left to right, Patrick Kinsella and Glen Todd.*



## WIND STORM..Champion BC-bred Older Handicap Mare

The speedy and appropriately named mare Wind Storm, a BC-bred daughter of Kentucky stallion He's Tops racing for her breeder George Gilbert, made the most of her limited sprinting opportunities at Hastings' in 2009. Never off the board for trainer Dave Forster, the five-year-old reeled off victories in the Senate Appointee Stakes and two allowance affairs before taking on the boys in the BC Cup Sprint Stakes where she finished a formidable third, beaten just a length by the winner. Wind Storm earned \$85,924 at Hastings' in 2009 with a record of 6-3-1-2. *From left to right, Dave Forster, wife Terri Forster, Donna Gilbert and husband George Gilbert.*



## VYING VICTOR...Champion Sire

The legacy continues. British Columbia lost its all-time leading sire in 2008 when Vying Victor died from a heart attack while servicing a mare - something he did often and well throughout his dominating stud career. Never before has a stallion left such a legacy in the province. Vying Victor's lifetime stats include progeny earnings of \$15,757,713 with 26 stakes winners from 13 crops. The prolific sire's 388 starters amassed 1,001 wins and averaged \$40,613 per starter. *From left to right: Amanda Ternes, Susan Ternes, Toti Mabanta, Concepcion Mabanta and Frank Ma.*



## MASS MARKET...Champion Juvenile Sire

Mass Market, a son of Marquetry, standing at Red Rock Farm, had a solid season in 2009 highlighted by his outstanding BC-bred juvenile Silly Fella, the stallions sixth major stakes winner and hero of the prestigious \$100,000 Jack Diamond Futurity. Mass Market was a Gr. 3 stakes winner before entering the stud in 2002. His 150 foals to date have earned a total of \$2,510,000 and have averaged \$23,246 per starter. Other stakes winners by the productive sire include 2006 sophomore filly champion Excited Miss and multiple Woodbine winner Lone Endeavour. *At right, Silly Fella, son of Mass Market winning the Jack Diamond Futurity.*



## CANVASBACK FARMS...Leading Breeders

Canvasback Farms had a banner season in 2009 led by their stable star Tribal Belle, a daughter of Washington sire Tribunal out of the winning Vying Victor mare B.B. Belle. Tribal Belle received the Sovereign Award for the Leading Sprint Distaffer in the country after a dominating Woodbine season. Another major 2009 winner for the British Columbia breeder was \$76,428 Woodbine earner Whiskeyontherocks, also by Tribunal out of the BC mare R.L. Kat.. The farm's total earnings for the season came to a lucrative \$620,295. *From left to right, Caroline Lenardon, Tanya Gareau, Mark Wiltshire, Leonard Gareau, and Lynn Reston.*



## VYING PRINCESS...Champion Broodmare

The consistent broodmare Vying Princess, a \$51,888 winning daughter of deceased Vying Victor, was sold as a broodmare in the September CTHS sale and soon distinguished herself as a bargain. No sooner had the hammer dropped on the young 10-year-old, when her second foal to race Vying Ty Grr, a juvenile daughter of Regal Intention scored an impressive victory in the \$100,000 Sadie Diamond Futurity. Her first foal, Shel B Quick, a three-year-old by Orchid's Devil broke her maiden for no price and was stakes-placed in 2009 bringing Vying Princess' total earnings from just two starters to \$168,701.

*At right, John Gallagher and wife Linda Gallagher*



## 5 G'S STABLE , J. & L. GALLAGHER...Equine Insurance Award :: Sadie Diamond Futurity Breeders



It was becoming a family affair at the 2009 awards banquet when the Gallagher's returned to the podium to receive the Equine Insurance Award presented to the breeder of the Sadie Diamond Futurity heroine. The exuberant team bred and raised the winner Vying Ty Grr, who also received the honours of being the leading BC-bred juvenile filly. Her Sadie Diamond performance was scintillating. Breaking like a rocket from the gate, the precocious miss continued to stretch her lead under Richard Hamel. The outcome of the race was obvious when Vying Ty Grr extended her advantage and cruised home to win by four widening lengths.

*At left, John Gallagher and wife Linda Gallagher*

## RED ROCK FARM...March and McLennan Award :: Jack Diamond Breeders



Red Rock Farm, the property of Bob and Lillian Talbot, has been one of the province's leading breeders for generations. The consistent stakes producing facility is located in Westwold, British Columbia. Along with standing several outstanding stallions, Red Rock has been represented by countless stakes winners, the latest being Jack Diamond Futurity winner Silly Fella. This silver coloured gelding won his division of the Futurity with as much or more ease than his filly counterpart. Silly Fella is by Red Rock stallion Mass Market out of champion race mare Grey Tobe Free and followed his Futurity win with a good runner-up effort in the Ascot Graduation Stakes. *Left, Corinne Deyagher, Bob Talbot, wife Lillian Talbot and daughter Suzanne Anderson.*

## GLEN TODD & PATRICK KINSELLA...Leading Owners



Returning to the podium for the third time in three years, Glen Todd and Patrick Kinsella continue their dominance in the leading owner category. This astute team came up with several stakes winners in 2009 including Ascot Stakes winner Dyna Stroll and champion older mare Holy Nova. Their totals for the Hastings season were 127 starters producing 42 wins with stable earnings in excess of \$724,000. In addition to Todd's commitments at the racetrack, he keeps busy operating the popular Derby Bar and Grill in South Surrey. The racing establishment has proven to be the most popular place to meet horsemen and talk racing.

*At left, Patrick Kinsella and Glen Todd.*

## TROY TAYLOR...Leading Trainer



Another three-peat winner was leading trainer Troy Taylor. Taylor has been a dominating force on the Hastings backstretch since switching his stable, with the aid of Patrick Kinsella and long-time client Glen Todd, from primarily a mid-claiming outfit to the high-quality winning machine that produces stakes and allowance wins in significant numbers. This easy-going horseman has always been a popular figure on the backstretch and was the leading trainer as far back as 1963. Taylor's record for the 2009 Hastings season was formidable with his 53 visits to the winner's circle taking the stable over the \$1 million mark in earnings.

*At left, Troy Taylor.*

## BANK EMBLEM...Champion Sprinter

British Columbia's champion sprinter in 2009 went to a consistent Cal-bred gelding that was claimed by his current connections in May of 2008 after racing primarily in Northern California for the first half of his extended career. The speedster has gone on to big things locally for owners Leo and Norma Shaw and the Rob Gilker trainee was winning for the 20th time when he took the Express Handicap at Hastings in September. The win was the second black-type victory in a row for the six-year-old and he finished the local season with a 7-4-1-0 record and a growing lifetime bankroll of over \$400,000. *From left to right, Rob Gilker, Norma Shaw, Leo Shaw and Victoria Gilker.*



## TOMMY DANZIGGER...Champion BC-bred and Open Three-Year-Old Colt/Gelding

Open and BC-bred sophomore champion Tommy Danziger, a son of High Demand purchased in the 2007 CTHS Sale, had a banner season for popular owners Ted and Audrey Smith. Trained by Rob Gilker, assisted by wife Vicky, the talented speedster shone brightest in the Gr. 3 Canadian Derby at Northlands earning himself the favourites' role in the rich British Columbia Derby where he was forced to race wide and finished unplaced for the first time in 2009. The astute yearling sale purchase finished the Hastings season with a record of 5-1-2-1 and earnings of \$61,258, increasing his total to 10-3-3-2 and \$322,446. *From left to right, Edgar 'Ted' Smith and wife Audrey Smith*



## LA ROCCA...Champion Three-Year-Old Filly

This season's three-year-old filly champion came to Hastings with two major goals, the Gr. 3 British Columbia Oaks and the prestigious Ballerina Stakes. Purchased in New York by Peter Redekop in June, the filly made her first start for her new connections at Woodbine where she finished second in an allowance event before being shipped west. After scoring easily in the Sonoma Stakes at Northlands in August, the well-traveled miss landed at Hastings where she promptly dominated her peers in the Oaks. A second-place finish in the Ballerina to older mare champion Holy Nova completed her 2009 campaign. *At right, La Rocca winning the BC Oaks.*



## TIERRA DEL FEUGO...Champion BC-bred Three-Year-Old Filly

After finishing second and third respectively in two maiden allowance starts in Northern California, the 2009 champion BC-bred sophomore filly returned to Hastings in the spring with high expectations that she promptly lived up to. She easily broke her maiden in her first local start before finishing second behind the ill-fated Ookster in a conditioned allowance affair. Three stakes victories came next, the Supernaturel, BC Cup Dogwood and the Hong Kong Jockey Club. Her final start was a fourth-place finish in the BC Oaks to open champion La Rocca. The talented filly finished the year with a record of 8-4-2-1 and \$137,495. *At right: Taylor Anderson accepts for RJ and Lois Bennett.*



**VYING TY GRR...Champion BC-bred and Open Two-Year-Old Filly**

Another talented BC-bred to make her mark at Hastings in 2009 was the juvenile filly champion Vying Ty Grr. Out of this year's champion broodmare Vying Princess, by deceased champion sire Regal Intention, the speedy juvenile miss trounced her rivals in the prestigious Sadie Diamond Futurity in October after using similar front-running tactics to dominate the BC Cup Debutante in August. The precocious filly was unable to get a comfortable position in the rich Fantasy Stakes, her last start of the season, and she faded to finish off the board. Vying Ty Grr was bred by her present owners 5G's Stable, J. & L. Gallagher.

*At left: John Gallagher and wife Linda Gallagher.*

**FERNANDO PEREZ...Champion Jockey - GEOVANNI FRANCO...Champion Apprentice**

In 2009 at Hastings one jockey dominated the proceedings, and that was Fernando Perez. Perez has been knocking on the door the past several seasons and broke through with a career high season at Hastings, winning a total of 107 races from 529 trips to the gate. His earnings for the season were \$1,703,205 and his biggest victory came aboard La Rocca in the BC Oaks. Geovanni Franco earned the champion apprentice title with an outstanding Hastings season that included 30 wins with earnings of \$444,253 and a stakes victory in the Richmond Derby Trial aboard Ganbei. *At left: Fernando Perez takes the Delta Colleen Stakes aboard Blue Sky Holiday.*

**BEN TERNES FAMILY...CTHS Breeders' Ambassador's Award**

The late Ben Ternes was a legend in the British Columbia breeding industry. The well known and respected horseman passed away March 14, 2008. Ternes, who owned and managed Ternes Farm in Langley, was involved with six major stakes winners, the best of which was homebred Isolater, whom Ternes raced with Georgina Olafson. Isolater won eight stakes in the mid-1990s. Ternes' death came two weeks before the death of his champion stallion Vying Victor of an apparent heart attack. Ternes had acquired Vying Victor after the stallion's racing career. Vying Victor proved to be a top stallion in Western Canada and Ben Ternes deserves a lot of the credit.

*At left: Amanda and Susan Ternes.*

**DIXIE JACOBSON...CTHS Breeders' Ambassador's Award**

Dixie Jacobson retired as CTHS President in 2008 leaving a legacy of hard work and dedication to the local breeding and racing industry. Dixie thrived on the pressures of industry politics and earned the respect of the breeders and horsemen with her endless commitment to making the sport enjoyable both on and off the racetrack. Dixie and husband Roy continue to race and breed and have enjoyed considerable success with their many home-breds trained by daughter Toni and her husband Mark. Dixie heads a stable of women owners who race under the name of Pink Ribbon Stable and donate a percentage of stable earnings to the British Columbia Breast Cancer Foundation.

*At left: Dixie Jacobson.*

## SIR GALLANT...Top Performing Upper Claimer

The classy seven-year-old claimer Sir Gallant was gallant indeed in 2009 at Hastings, earning the top claimer title with an awesome summer in Vancouver that saw the popular Ky-bred change barns no less than four times. Dr. Ken Walters, who claimed the gelding twice during the season and was the last owner of record, achieved the most from the rapid old campaigner with trainer, Jim Ellickson. A season ending three straight wins topped off a year that saw Sir Gallant rise from the lowest claiming level in his first start, to finishing with a wire-to-wire spanning over a solid \$25,000 field of sprinters. *At right: Melanie Walters with her father Dr. Ken Walters.*



## BEAUTIFUL BREEZE...Top Performing Lower Claimer

The juvenile champion was not the only 2009 award winner bred by Ralph Jesiak. Beautiful Breeze, a five-year-old daughter of Regal Intention from Up Draft and a full sister to stakes winner Regal Heir, provided her owners with a rewarding 2009 season. Racing exclusively at the lower claiming level for her owners, Rocking Bar B Outfit and Sharlea Stables, the hard trying distaffer earned four wins from nine attempts in a well-managed season under the tutelage of 2009 Hall of Fame inductee Frank Barroby. Her first win came in April and her last victory came in October. *At right, Leanne Berry, Frank Barroby, Frances Berry, Gary Jackson, Lynn Barroby and Sharon Berry.*



## LACKY CONDILENIOS FAMILY...Backstretch Award

The Condilenios family was well represented at the track by successful young trainer Dino, before taking over the operation of the backstretch kitchen. The 'cook house' has always been the hub of the Hasting's backstretch and anything that happens during training or racing hours will be thoroughly analyzed and diagnosed in the kitchen. All racing-related problems are solved countless times over at this institute of higher equine education. The traditional meeting place is now more popular than ever and the quality food and service offered by the Condilenios family is undoubtedly the reason why. *At right, Lackey Condilenios, wife Victoria Condilenios, Mina Condilenios, husband Nick Condilenios.*



## MEL SNOW...Special HBPA Award

The HBPA of British Columbia, represented by Dave Milburn, paid their respects to long time member and past president Mel Snow. Mel took over the reins of the HBPA from Milburn several years ago and has had the distinction of keeping the horsemen foremost in all his negotiations with the government, track management and members of the breeding industry. Purses have been lucrative during recent seasons and horsemen have received loyal representation from the out-going president. Continuing to train a large multitude of talented horses will be Snow's focus in the future. *At right, Dave Milburn presents to Mel Snow (right).*

