



HBPA OF ONTARIO

MEET YOUR CANDIDATES

Election Packages will be sent to AGCO licensed Owners and/or Trainers on July 27th, 2018. If you don't receive your package please contact the HBPA Head Office at (416) 747-5252.

All members of the HBPA are urged to exercise their democratic right and vote for the directors of their choice.

Voters will elect 11 candidates; six candidates as Owner/Director and five candidates to serve as Trainer/Director.

MAIL YOUR BALLOT EARLY IT MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY AUGUST 31st, 2018

The list of elected directors will be posted on the HBPA Website and in the backstretch offices at Woodbine and Fort Erie Racetrack by mid September. In addition the results will be covered in the October edition of Down the Stretch.

Should you have any questions, please contact Lesley Barker at (416) 747-5252 ext. 24 or email: lbarker@hbpa.on.ca

OWNER CANDIDATES FOR THE HBPA OF ONTARIO 2018 ELECTION



DAVID ANDERSON

I was born and raised at Anderson Farms in St. Thomas, ON. Growing up in the horse business, I learned about breeding, selling and racing from my late father. I have spent much time on the backstretch of not only Woodbine, but major racetracks around the world. I was fortunate enough to breed the 2018 Queen's Plate winner, Wonder Gadot and named the CTHS Breeder of the Year in 2017. Additionally, I am a Steward of the Jockey Club of Canada and a member of their Tax Committee. Together we are attempting to reform Section 31 of the Tax Act and to help bring in NEW owners and give them better incentives to buy horses. New ownership is going to be the key to our success and a sustainable future! I feel these diverse aspects of my career life have given me the business experience necessary to contribute to your board. We are at a real crossroads in the industry and need to bring unity between industry organizations rather than animosity. It's time for us to start working together!

I have been involved in the horse racing business for over 37 years. As an owner, groom, hot walker, trainer's administrative assistant and wife of a hall of fame Inductee. I have experienced many aspects of the business and appreciate the importance of each role and the daily sacrifices made within the industry.

Priorities

- I am committed to securing a long term relationship with the OLG to ensure the casino remains at Woodbine Racetrack.
- While Fort Erie is threatened, I am loyal to the owners, trainers, employees and families in the area and want to find creative ways to ensure their future.
- I am motivated to solve the challenges facing the horse racing community.

Thank you for your confidence and your support.



VERONICA ATTARD



JANET BLACK

Wife of trainer Ian Black. We have two married daughters and six grandchildren. All the family have been involved with horses both racing and showing. My life revolves around racehorses both at the track and the farm. I have been a racehorse owner over the years and Woodbine is a large part of our life.

I am on the board of LongRun which gives me the chance to help in a small way to make sure that all racehorses get the retirement they deserve.

I hope I can help to keep racing in Ontario as good or better than it's ever been for owners, trainers and breeders.

Current Committees:

- Rules/Medication (Chair)
- FELRC
- Benevolence
- USA/CAN HBPA Medication
- Represents members - Stewards/Commission hearings

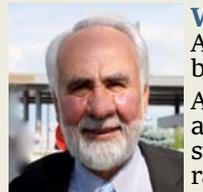
Past Contributions:

- President (ONT) & Vice President (ONT/CAN)
- OHRIA Director
- Health-Safety (Chair)
- ORC Medication Task Force
- Equine Guelph Advisory-Council
- Spearheaded re-introduction "Lasix" Canada
- Completed "Commission Equine Medical Course", University of Kentucky

Owner-trainer, 40 years (retired) **CONRAD COHEN**

Strong Advocate:

- Fort Erie Racing
- Horse peoples rights
- Good Governance
- Quantitative threshold testing
- Fair Taxation
- LongRun



WILLIAM (BILL) DIAMANT

A former executive and a lifelong enthusiast of our industry, I am now actively involved, along with my wife, Vicki Pappas, in racing, breeding and sales, and feel that I bring a thorough understanding of all aspects of thoroughbred racing to the HBPA board.

As a current member of the Board, I am proud to say that we have made positive changes and progress in dealing with the issues which affect horsemen and have improved the management of our responsibilities to the HBPA membership. I would like to continue to build strong relationships with other industry shareholders in order to deal with the current challenges we are all facing to ensure Ontario racing's ongoing health and growth.

Our needs:

- Representative for Fort Erie horsemen at HBPA
- Viable race schedules
- Establish an equine drug test review panel
- Provide our horsemen with just cause and due process
- Close relationship with local business and government

Past Contribution and Family History:

- Raced in Ontario and USA since 1961
- Owned & Managed Paddock Tavern
- Father Morris is a Hall of Fame Trainer & Founding Member of HBPA
- Brother Donald was a Veterinarian
- Son Elliott is Co-Owner of Lucky Fish Stable

I am a Fort Erie resident concerned about the future of live racing and negative impact on all concerned if we fail. If elected I will continue to fight for Woodbine and Fort Erie's survival. A lot of horses and people depend on it, we need our slots back.

STANLEY FISHMAN



SHERRY MCLEAN

Born and raised in Northwestern Ontario on a cow/ calf operation and I grew up using horses to handle cattle and gaming. I have a BSc in Agriculture and have since leaving school have worked at Woodbine racetrack, worked the breeding shed with broodmares and foals, yearling sales for prominent Standardbred farm Armbro and then in 1998 joined Gardiner Farms in the breeding division and moving on to run both the breeding and training division. I am heavily invested in the Ontario Thoroughbred Industry as owner/ operator of Northern Dawn Stables Inc. My business started at probably one of the most difficult times in our industry when the slots program was pulled, yet I have chosen to stand a Stallion, breed mares in Ontario and partner in order to enjoy the excitement of owning racehorses. Despite the negative impact on our industry I believe in our industry and our horses bred, raised and raced here in Ontario, and I am keen to keep this industry moving forward.

BRIAN O'LEARY

Being an owner of broodmares foals yearlings and racehorses allows me a first hand view of the issues of ownership in an industry of continuous contraction.

As an entrepreneur, farm owner, lifelong horseman with extensive experience as a volunteer, board member and chair within volunteer non profit organizations I believe my experience integrity and transparency can be of value to the HBPA board and its members .





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TRAINER CANDIDATES FOR THE HBPA OF ONTARIO 2018 ELECTION



ROGER ATTFIELD

I have been training horses for over 40 years and maintain a large stable at Woodbine Racetrack. During my career I have had the opportunity to train at racetracks across the United States and regularly employ more than 30 individuals.

I have had the opportunity to represent Canada internationally on several occasions and I am a proud member of the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame and the American Horse Racing Hall of Fame.

I understand the industry and the important ongoing issues we face. If re-elected I would welcome the opportunity to once again work with the Board of Directors of the HBPA and to serve the membership with integrity.

MICHAEL BLAKE



Please vote for me as a (Trainer) Director for the HBPA of Ontario. I have been a licensed trainer in Ontario since 2009 and prior to that was a owner (since 1998). I have been licensed as an owner or trainer in 12 other States, racing horses at tracks such as Saratoga, Keeneland and Churchill Downs. My experience with many racing jurisdictions is very valuable when looking to tackle various issues facing us in Ontario. I have a degree in Political Science for The University of Western Ontario and a Certificate in Equine Management from KEMI at The University of Kentucky. While in KY I gained valuable experience working at Ashford Stud, Rood and Riddle and with TVG (KY Derby coverage and many Breeders Cups). Being stabled at Fort Erie I look to work with the other Directors to stabilize relations between the horsemen and both race tracks. I see a future where horsemen at both race tracks can thrive and work as a team to ensure a bright future for all Ontario horsemen.



MARK CASSE

Over the last three decades I have been actively involved in all areas of the racing industry; breeding, buying, selling, owning and training. I have been based in Canada for over 20 years and operate a stable based in Ontario, with a string of horses in the USA as well. I have been honoured with seven Sovereign Awards as Outstanding Trainer and am a Steward of the Jockey Club of Canada.

I've been actively involved in horsemen's issues throughout my career. Having raced in several jurisdictions across North America I feel I have a broad base of knowledge and experience.

If re-elected for a third term as a director I will be a productive and beneficial addition to the Board.

JOSIE CARROLL



Having worked in this industry for almost 40 yrs I feel I have a good understanding of the issues we face. I train a large stable of horses for both successful Ontario owner/breeders and US based clients, and employ about 25 workers.

If elected I would welcome the opportunity to represent both the owners and the backstretch workers who are the backbone of our business.



ELIZABETH ELDER

I was raised on my family farm in Aurora, Ontario. My family has been intensely involved in the horse racing industry for three generations. From show jumping, fox hunting, polo, steeplechasing events to Thoroughbred racing at Greenwood and Woodbine. I graduated from York University while continuing to successfully competing in the hunter/jumper show ring throughout Canada, USA and Europe. I made the transition to Woodbine in 1993 and worked for such Hall of Fame trainers as James Day, Roger Attfield and John Charalambous. I've operated a small, successful racing stable for over 20 years and continue the family tradition, not only training for my father Robert Elder, but for my cousin Robert Cudney (Cudney Stables) as well. I currently sit on the TAA advisory board. If elected to the HBPA board I will make good decisions for the Ontario horsemen that will ensure the prosperity of our industry.

NICK GONZALEZ



I am a resident of Fort Erie, Ontario and have been involved in the thoroughbred racing industry for over 36 years along with my wife Martha at Fort Erie Racetrack and Woodbine. I have gained valuable insight and have enjoyed my time on the Board of the HBPA.

I have served on several committees during my tenure; Liaison and advisory Committee for Fort Erie Racetrack. I am also currently a director for the F.E.L.R.C.

In addition I have served as Vice-President of the HBPA Board of Directors for several terms. If re-elected I will continue to work with the President and the Board to save thoroughbred racing in Fort Erie.



SUE LESLIE

Fellow Owners and Trainers, I am proud to have served you as the President of the HBPA through one of the industry's most turbulent times. Thanks and credit go to my fellow Board members for all the time and expertise they contributed to our cause. With the long term Government funding in place ensuring the continuation of racing in Fort Erie as well as Woodbine, I will endeavour in my position on the Executive Committee of Ontario Racing to continue a good working relationship with the new provincial Government.

I will work hard to secure new revenue streams for horseracing purses, concentrate on effecting change for our owners on Section 31 of the tax code and promoting the new HBPA ownership initiative.

I humbly ask each of you for your vote. Thank you.

JOHN MATTINE



Our racing industry is facing some major changes and challenges.

I want to ensure that horse racing is strong and viable during this transformation.

I have some ideas that may be positive and innovative for our industry if given a chance for representation.



SALVATORE (SAM) MELI

To many of my friends and acquaintances at Woodbine and Fort Erie, I am known as Sam Meli. I grew up on the backstretch with a great trainer Peter DiPasquale, back in the early 1970's when our hero E.P. Taylor was still around. I have held hotwalker, groom, assistant trainer, valet, racing official to present day blacksmith, owner and trainer licenses. My older racing friends made sure that I was University and College educated, always pushing me to get an education. Peter taught me to be a true horseman and the value of family.

I have seen many changes occur through the years, some good and some bad. As an industry we need to reevaluate what is going on and come together with the right solutions to keep it alive, I will always fight for us, remember horsemen helping horsemen.

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BLAIR MILLER

I have been in the horse racing industry since I was 11 years old. I started like most kids mucking stalls for a friend of my parents. I have done almost every job on the backstretch of a race track from cleaning stalls, galloping horses, ponying, the starting gate, even riding some races. I won my first race as a trainer at Greenwood racetrack in 1982. I have since won over 500 more at racetracks throughout Canada and the United States. I moved from Manitoba to race full time at Woodbine in 2015. I am running for the board of the HBPA because I feel that someone who makes his living in this business should try to be as involved in it as possible. Having served on the board of the HBPA in Manitoba for 16 plus years, the last 8 as HBPA President, I believe I can bring a new way of looking at the issues here to help prevent some of the mistakes made there. I believe the HBPA, CTHS and WEG need to work together to strengthen this industry. I look forward to representing you on the Ontario HBPA. Thank you in advance for your support.

- Born November 17, 1968 in Windsor, Ontario
- Grew up on a farm in Amherstburg, Ontario, where I became enamoured with horses and horse racing
- Obtained my Standardbred trainers license in 1990
- Graduated from the University of Guelph, B.Sc. (Agr) in May 1994
- Obtained my Thoroughbred trainers license in 1995
- Successfully campaigned a string of horses in Canada as well as major tracks in the United States
- Career high of winning 2014 Prince of Wales Stakes with Coltimus Prime

I have spent a lifetime involved in horse racing, not just in Canada but in several jurisdictions in the USA. As an owner, breeder, and trainer of not only Thoroughbreds but also Standardbreds, I believe that I can bring new insight and understanding of the industry to the HBPA membership. We, as horsepeople, we must continue to work with our newly elected Government as well as Ontario Racing in a proactive manner to ensure not just stability, but growth in our industry. I also feel that transparency in our industry must improve, on all levels from the AGCO on down.

JUSTIN NIXON



PAT PARENTE

I have been involved in the thoroughbred horse racing industry for over 30 years having worked in every aspect of the sport from owning, training, breeding, handicapping, buying and selling. Currently a trainer and owner, I operate a stable at Woodbine with a snowbird stable at Gulfstream Park in Florida during the winter months.

I have gained tremendous experience and I am confident that I will bring great value to the board. I started out in this industry with nothing but passion and interest in the sport and I believe I am a good role model for others who are in the industry working hard to get ahead. With a strong business sense, work ethic and ability to listen and understand the needs of the horseman in the industry, I know I have what it takes to make a difference.

BRUCE POLLOCK



Owner—Trainer from 1972 to Present
Three terms as HBPA Director and 1 term as Vice President—Trainers

Drain the Swamp. A good start would be a fair election where all Owners and Trainers have the right to vote. Horse people in Ontario must elect a board which talks to them, supports their rights and promotes policies which rebuild this industry from the bottom up.

Get out and vote. Make Ontario racing great again.



WILLIAM (BILL) THARRENOS

I've been involved in the racing industry for over 40 years as a licensed Owner/trainer, stabled at both Fort Erie and Woodbine Racetrack.

Now is the time for the horsemen to join together as we need to move forward into the future.

It's important that we build strong solid relationships, if election onto the board I promise to listen to my fellow horsepeople and work hard for you all as well.

DANNY VELLA

I have worked on the backside at Woodbine and Fort Erie for over 40 years in many different capacities so it is easy for me to say that I have great emotional and financial ties to racing in Ontario.

My time on the HBPA has been very educational and rewarding. I believe we accomplished some very good things during that time and I hope that experience will help with the many issues we have in the future.



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*Congratulations on your
100th issue*

*From the Board of Directors and
staff of the HBPA of Ontario*