

## IMPORTANT UPDATE FROM YOUR HBPA



### **EFFORT TO CHANGE SECTION 31**

The HBPA of Ontario in concert with The Jockey Club of Canada (JJC) is leading an initiative to change owner's ability to claim losses on their horse business in Canada. Section 31 which limits owners to 17,000 dollars a year in allowable expenses is unfair and stifling new ownership and the ability of owners to stay in and compete with owners in the USA. The Board of the HBPA has approved and committed a significant financial contribution to the JCC tax committee on which we sit. Our contribution will help pay for legal and professional fees required to submit compose and present a plan to the Federal Tax Department. We will keep you abreast as information becomes available.

### **UPDATE ON NEW OWNERS INITIATIVE**

The board of the HBPA of Ontario has approved additional funding to continue our efforts getting new owners into the Industry. HBPA Communication and New Owners specialist Stacie Roberts has been meeting diligently with the new owners committee to discuss opportunities and plan efforts for the upcoming 2019 season.

Should any of our members have any suggestions, please contact our office or Stacie directly.

### **SANTA HAS COME AND GONE**

The HBPA held their annual Backstretch Christmas Party in November. Backstretch workers and their families came to the backstretch kitchen for the annual Christmas turkey dinner or chicken fingers and fries, for the kids, as well as a special visit from Santa himself.

Santa's helpers, HBPA staff – Corinne Phillips, Lesley Barker and Lorrie Scott, were on hand to help Santa give out the gifts, Christmas books and candy canes provided by the HBPA.

### **PENSION**

2018 Record of Employment have been mailed out to those currently on our Pension Plan. Once completed they can be dropped off at our track office. For those who are not on our Plan, enrollment forms can be found at our track office or on our website: [www.hbpa.on.ca](http://www.hbpa.on.ca) . This plan is available to trainers, assistants, grooms, hotwalkers and exercise people, there is no fee to sign up.

### **SPECIAL THANKS**

The HBPA of Ontario would like to give Wayne Cavers special thanks again for his generous donation toward winter feeding the backstretch cats. During the winter months we are able to provide for the cats, which have made their home in the stalls and shedrows for the winter. We would also like to thank the few horsepeople and in particular Joanna Beverly, who graciously donates her time to making sure these cats are fed during the off season.

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