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Happy New Year and Good Fortune to All

The 2015 thoroughbred season at Hastings is just around the corner and almost everything including the stakes schedule, overnight purses, incentive programs, racing dates are set for the season. There is optimism and momentum building up going into this year as we bucked the North American trend as the 2014 season was a successful one with the thoroughbred sector meeting budgeted goals and targets.

The final date on the 2014 thoroughbred agenda was the Awards Dinner at Newlands Golf Course on December 5th as champion horses were crowned and numerous outstanding individuals were recognized. The Awards Gala was attended by industry representatives, local media and many owners and trainers cheering for their horses one more time in hopes of garnering a divisional title. The Horse-Of-The-Year honours went to a very deserving Alert Bay who captured the \$150,000 B.C. Derby and then defeated older horses in the \$100,000 B.C. Premiers. The talented son of City Zip is owned by local businessman Peter Redekop who has supported racing in his home province since the 1970's. Redekop purchases horses privately, like Alert Bay, and he is also one the major buyers at the local CTHS yearling sale every year. Alert Bay came to Vancouver in an attempt to get Redekop his third consecutive B.C. Derby, the three year old was sent north to trainer Anita Bolton from his home-base at Golden Gate where he was under the tutelage of Blaine Wright. After two amazing efforts at Hastings he was returned to Blaine Wright in California and turned in another thrilling performance winning a \$100,000 stake at Santa Anita. Alert Bay had a connection to Hastings prior to being purchased by Peter Redekop, he was bred in California by former Great Canadian Gaming Executives, CEO Ross McLeod and VP Thomas Bell.

The B.C. bred Horse-Of-The-Year went to Lord Rosberg, who won his first three starts before a tough luck trip in the \$75,000 Ascot Graduation caused him to settle for second and spoil his perfect season. Owned by Lillian Jarvis-Meehan and Gail Breckenridge, the son of the ill-fated stallion Rosberg dominated his two year old rivals prior to his lone defeat and was a deserving champion. He was trained by Pat Jarvis and was bred by Ed and Gladys Dittloff.

All of the divisional winners and the balance of the awards that were presented are available at the CTHS website, go to www.cthsbc.org for more information.

The 2015 thoroughbred season is just around the corner, the barn area opens for set up on January 31st. Horses can be brought into the grounds on February 2nd and training at Hastings Racecourse will begin on Tuesday,

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