

The Canadian Horse Racing HALL OF FAME

Our History

In the winter of 1973 a group of “racetrackers” attending the annual meeting of the National Association of Canadian Race Tracks in Edmonton came to the conclusion that the industry had been negligent in its failure to properly honour its pioneers and horses, as well as the contemporary heroes of Canadian racing.

These individuals - writers, broadcasters, publicists and officials from both the thoroughbred and standard-bred industry — proclaimed that it was time to pay homage to the people who had built and established the roots of horse racing in Canada. Recognition of their achievements, accomplishments and dedication to the sport during the past century was overdue. It didn't happen overnight. Three years later, in 1976, Canada's Horse Racing Hall of Fame was founded when 44 individuals — horses, builders, jockeys, drivers, trainers, standardbreds and thoroughbreds — were enshrined.

For 20 years this was a Hall of Fame without a “home.” Each year new inductees were added to an honour list that would grow to more than 200 members.

However, on August 22, 1997, the dream of those “racetrackers” of the early 1970's — Bruce Walker, John Ferguson, Elman Guttormson, Pat McMahan, Buckets Fleming, Gary Alles, Albert Trottier, Raymond Benoit, Archie McDonald and Louis Cauz — finally became a reality when the Canadian Racing Hall of Fame gained a permanent site at Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto.

The site is provided without cost by The Ontario Jockey Club and is located at the westend entrance.

Tom Gorman, president in 1997, in his address at the opening ceremony, noted, “that it was a tremendously important day for Canadian horse racing. The thought and effort put into creating this permanent site reflects the similar dedication, hard work, ethics and success achieved by today's honoured inductees as they join an unparalleled list of people and horses who have set the standards of excellence.”

In 2000, the Hall of Fame unveiled a 44-foot mural depicting a pictorial history of horse racing from the Maritimes to British Columbia.

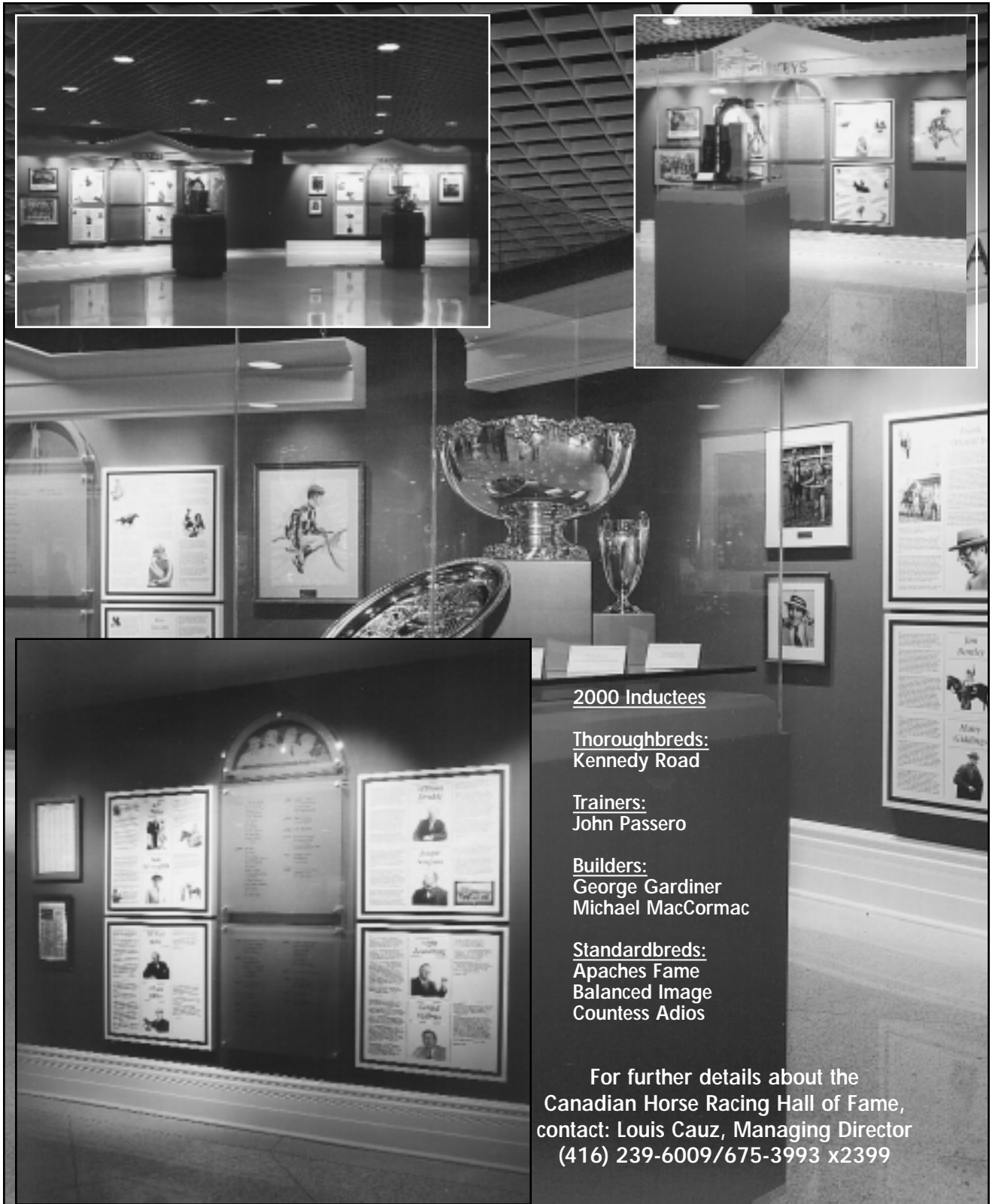
A new category - Legends - was introduced honouring horses, jockeys, trainers and builders whose achievements occurred prior to 1950.

Archives & Memorabilia

The Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame is most interested in obtaining pictures, paintings and other Canadian racing memorabilia. The displays change often and materials can either be donated or loaned to the Hall. Such contributors will be acknowledged in our publications and will add significantly to the archives and history of racing while providing interesting exhibits for visitors. So search those libraries, attics, basements, closets and albums and share your pleasures with other racing enthusiasts. Among the artifacts we currently possess are such items as:

- Admission ticket and mutuel betting sheet from the 1920 Man o' War-Sir Barton Match Race at Kenilworth Park in Windsor.
- First Triple Crown Trophy awarded Sir Barton in 1919 to Montreal owner Commander J.K.L. Ross.
- Race programs dating back to 1880's.
- Bust of E.P. Taylor.
- Trophies won by Armbro Flight, Armstrong Bros.
- Silks and boots worn by Ron Turcotte and Sandy Hawley.
- Silks and trophies won by Col. R.S. (Sam) McLaughlin's Parkwood Stable.
- King's and Queen's Plate trophies.
- Trophies and awards won by Ron Waples
- Bronzed Shoes worn by 2000 Hambletonian winner Yankee Paco, helmet worn by driver Trevor Ritchie during the historic moment and trainer Doug McIntosh's jacket.
- Shoes worn by 1863 Queen's Plate winner Touchstone and trophy won by jockey William Small

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2000 Inductees

Thoroughbreds:
Kennedy Road

Trainers:
John Passero

Builders:
George Gardiner
Michael MacCormac

Standardbreds:
Apaches Fame
Balanced Image
Countess Adios

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Hall of Fame Honour Roll (Thoroughbreds)

THOROUGHBREDS

1976
 Bunty Lawless
 Duchess Of York
 George Royal
 Horometer
 Inferno
 Joey
 Kingarvie
 La Prevoyante
 Nijinsky II
 Northern Dancer
 Shepperton
 Sir Barton
 Victoria Park
1977
 Bull Page
 Chop Chop
 Gallant Kitty
 Nearctic
 Youville
1978
 Canadiana
1979
 The Minstrel
1980
 Flaming Page
1981
 Fanfreluche
1982
 Major Presto
 New Providence
1983
 Arise
 Ciboulette
1984
 Langcrest
1986
 Frost King
 Sunny's Halo
1987
 Northernette
1988
 Deputy Minister
1989
 E Day
 Vice Regent
1990
 Belle Geste
1992
 Afleet
1993
 Overskate
 With Approval
1995
 Dance Smartly
 Glorious Song
1996
 Terror
 Yellow Rose
1997
 No Class
1998
 Sky Classic
1999
 Izvestia
2000
 Kennedy Road

JOCKEYS

1976
 Johnny Longden
 Smokey Saunders
 George Woolf
1977
 Avelino Gomez
 Chris Rogers
1979
 Pat Remillard
1980
 Ron Turcotte
 Hedley Woodhouse
1982
 John (Red) Pollard
1983
 Hugo Dittfach
1984
 Jim Fitzsimmons
1986
 Sandy Hawley
1988
 Don MacBeth
1990
 Charles (Chick) Lang
1991
 Herb Lindberg
1993
 Jeff Fell
 Dave Gall
1997
 Robin Platts
1998
 R.B. (Bobby) Watson
1999
 Don Seymour

TRAINERS

1978
 Lucien Laurin
1979
 Joseph (Yonnie) Starr
1980
 Gordon J. (Pete) McCann
1981
 Jim Bentley
 F.H. Merrill Jr.
1982
 Ted Mann
1984
 Duke Campbell
 Art Warner
1985
 Harry Giddings
1987
 A.I. (Butch) Taylor
1995
 Lou Cavalari Jr.
1996
 James White
1997
 Gil Rowntree
1998
 G.M. (Gord) Huntley
1999
 Roger Attfield
 Jerry Meyer
2000
 John Passero

BUILDERS

Cameron J.D. Fraser
 John J. Mooney
1985
 Bill Beasley
 Raymond Benoit
 John T. Cruickshank
 William J. Connelly
 Leslie Ehrlick
 Joe Thomas
1986
 Lucien Bombardier
 Gabe Trahan
1987
 Lew James
 Jack Short
1988
 G. Sydney Halter
1989
 Larry Regan
 Walter Sprague
1990
 Jack Graham
 Jack H. Kenney
1991
 S.T. Bigelow
 C.F.W. Burns
 Lloyd Chisholm
 Milt Dunnell
 Claire Smith
 Max Webster
 D.G. Willmot
1992
 Donald (Buckets) Fleming
1993
 Charles Baker
 Ed Bradley
 Merv Peters
1995
 Dr. J. Glen Brown
1996
 Charles Taylor
 John White
1997
 Michael Burns
1998
 John Grant
 E.L. (Ernie) Samuel
1999
 Dr. Roly Armitage
 George Frostad
 Eric Whebby
2000
 George Gardiner
 Michael MacCormac