

The Weather Outside Was Frightful....

But the evening was, nevertheless, delightful! Despite a downpour and cold temperatures, an enthusiastic crowd of close to 300 showed their support for our thoroughbred racehorses by braving the inclement weather to attend the LongRun Legends



Gala chair, Stacey Krembil, with family and friends.



Frieda Stronach, accompanied by Adena's Mike Rogers, accepting the Volterra Award from Blake Stavropearce.

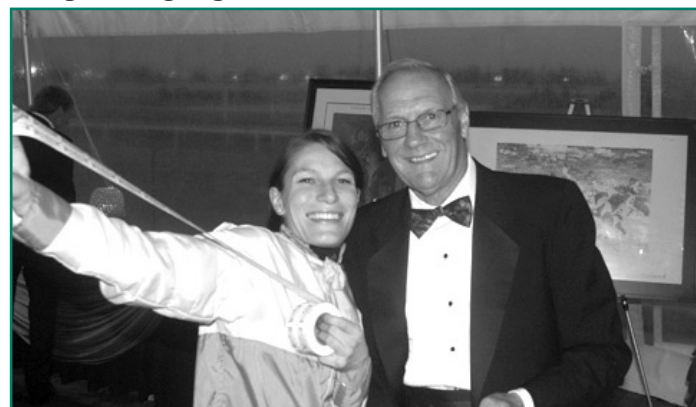
Gala in Woodbine's Trackside Tent on September 30. Following cocktail hour and a sumptuous sit down dinner, provided by Woodbine's

Food and Beverage department, attendees were encouraged to bid on both live and silent auction items by co-hosts and auctioneers, Dan Loiselle and Jeff Bratt, and enjoy spectacular live entertainment and dancing, courtesy of Hollywood Heaven.

The live auction was topped by the sale of a

spectacular original oil painting of Northern Dancer, by noted artist Myfanwy MacDonald, which was knocked down for \$10,000 to Gustav Schickedanz after a spirited battle with a phone bidder. And Bill Graham of Windhaven Farm, who had already generously donated his Air Canada box for a Raptors game, surprised the crowd with an additional package of the box for a Maple Leaf game, which went to Dr. Marc Desjardins for \$8,000. Original

shares in Northern Dancer and Nearctic (donated by Gardiner Farms), E. P. Taylor's riding boots (donated by Muriel Lennox) and tickets to opening night of War Horse (donated by Mirvish Productions) were among the highlights of the silent auction.



Jockey Emma Jayne Wilson and trainer Roger Attfield.

Much credit and many thanks belong to all the thoughtful sponsors, donors, bidders and volunteers, as well as Woodbine Entertainment and Legends Gala Chair, LongRun's own Stacey Krembil.

























PASSING OF A CHAMPION



LongRun is sorry to report the recent passing of Alezzandro (High Yield-Eseni), Canadian champion three-year-old of 2007. Bred and owned by the Stavro family's Knob Hill Stable, the grand gelding's five lifetime wins included the 2007 Prince of Wales – he was a close-up second in that year's Queen's Plate as well. An earner of \$767,919, Alezzandro retired on a winning note in December, 2010, and was donated to LongRun with a sponsorship by the Stavros.

Alezzandro appeared to be adjusting well to retirement but, in September, when nasal swelling and discharge presented a problem which did not respond to antibiotics, he was shipped to Dr. Marc Desjardins' Milton Equine Hospital where further testing resulted in a diagnosis of osteosarcoma, an untreatable bone cancer. It was decided to keep him comfortable for as long as he was enjoying life but a bad bout of colic sped up the inevitable.

We would like to thank attending veterinarian, Dr. Mario Lopez, Dr. Marc Desjardin and the Milton Equine Hospital staff, and his caring foster farm owner, Alain Lemay, all of whom showed tremendous love and compassion for this wonderful thoroughbred and were deeply saddened, as were we all, by his demise.

LENDING A HELPING HAND – Dr. Anne Walker

What better qualifications could a person have to help LongRun? Anne Walker is not only a lifetime lover of horses but is also a licensed veterinarian and lawyer, with a warm and sunny personality to boot! Anne recently has joined our Horse Committee and has been tireless in her efforts on our behalf.

Anne started out riding in Hudson, Quebec, at the age of 10 and, after a few years, acquired her first horse, a retired thoroughbred who provided her with many happy hours pleasure riding and exploring the many trails around Hudson.

After graduating the Ontario Veterinary College, Anne practiced small animal medicine and subsequently joined the Toronto General and Western Hospitals as director of veterinary services out of concern for the welfare of laboratory animals. Anne also graduated from the Faculty of Law,

University of Toronto, in 2000 and has practiced civil litigation since that time. She currently works as the consulting veterinarian for the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health in Toronto and operates her own boutique litigation law firm, focusing on equine and animal law, transportation, personal injury and insurance law.

In addition, Anne finds time to breed, race and care for thoroughbreds at her Beamsville, Ontario horse farm where she resides with her husband, Chuck. A love of Storm Cat led Anne to acquire Giant Act, a son of Giant's Causeway who she retired from racing a year ago and has now found a niche as Anne's riding and show horse.



Introduced to LongRun by management at Woodbine after expressing interest in assisting with the humane retirement of racehorses, Anne generously acts as our pro bono lawyer as well as serving on the Horse Committee.

HUSH, HELEN & BARNEY



Barney reintroduces himself to Hushayanna, with adopter Helen Brownrigg.

LongRun truly appreciates owners who care enough for their horses to ensure they enjoy life other than racing and Barney Tzalagadis is someone who does his best to ensure his thoroughbreds are safe and happy in a new career, even if they haven't performed well for him at the track. His homebred Tethra filly, Hushyanna, didn't make a start but Barney helped us find her a terrific home with Helen Brownrigg, a teacher and experienced horsewoman who lives close enough to Barney to allow him to visit.

Look for Hushayanna and Helen on the Trillium hunter circuit. Hushayanna has already accumulated some ribbons and we wish them all the best in the future.

EVA HIRMER WINS PRESTIGIOUS SCHOLARSHIP

LongRun adopter and volunteer, Eva Hirmer, has been selected as the winner of the 2011 Gillian Luxton MD Scholarship by the Canadian Thoroughbred Horse Society (Ontario Division). This prestigious scholarship, worth \$5,000 towards her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree, is awarded annually to a student in pursuit of higher education as a part of the Thoroughbred Improvement Program. Eva is currently in her fourth year at the Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph.

Eva has not only provided a wonderful retirement home for LongRun retirement Cool Buck since 2005, but has also worked tirelessly as a volunteer and a volunteer organizer/educator for LongRun and has penned a comprehensive volunteer protocol manual for us as well. Way to go, Eva!

E.C.T.A. SPONSORS IDE BE GONE AND JUDITH'S LANDING

The Eastern Canadian Thoroughbred Association, formed in 1983 to embrace all aspects of breeding and ownership of thoroughbreds, has long been a supporter of LongRun and this year its members, who come from Ontario, Quebec and Florida, have generously decided to sponsor two of our horses who are having a more difficult time finding a permanent home.

E.C.T.A. members are active in a wide range of thoroughbred activities, including racing, breeding, dressage, eventing, hunters, jumpers and polo. To those ends, they support horse shows with line and performance classes for thoroughbreds and have an annual awards programme for all categories of thoroughbreds. These awards are presented at their annual banquet, which features a guest speaker and silent auction to benefit LongRun.

Judith's Landing, a chunky and personable 2003 chestnut gelding by Landing Zone, was unraced. Although he endured surgery which left him with unsightly looking knees, he is happy and sound enough to become a loving mount for someone who wanted a light hack. At the other end of the spectrum, Ide Be Gone was a most accomplished racehorse, winning 12 times and amassing \$446,000 in eight seasons at the track. He did have a paddock accident at his foster farm, but is now pasture sound. We're hoping, with the time he has been afforded by the E.C.T.A.'s sponsorship, that he will recover enough to go on to a new career as a riding horse.

LongRun would like to thank the Eastern Canadian Thoroughbred Association, its members (who include many LongRun adopters), and its president, MaryEllen Kennedy, for all their support.

RENEE AND "CUDDLEBUG"

Woodbine colour commentator, Renee Kierans, has a second career as a trainer and she certainly loves



her horses. When she approached LongRun with Mensch, her trainee who had strained a hock after winning for her at 20-1 this past spring, she was more than happy to sponsor him until a spot opened up in the programme. Renee also finds time in her busy schedule to visit him and will be very happy when Mensch transitions to a new career, which should be easy for a horse with what Renee describes as having a zen-like disposition. Mensch is currently being ridden at his foster farm and seems settled enough that he should adapt well to any situation.

Thoroughbred retirement and aftercare is important to both Renee and her husband, Mike Luider, who is agent for jockey Emma Jayne Wilson. A recent addition to our Horse Committee, Emma Jayne not only has been a huge help to LongRun over the years, she has two retirees of her own!

Going for Gold



Canadian Eventing Team member, Jessica Phoenix took time out of her busy schedule to meet with the LongRun staff in September, as much of her great success has come aboard the back of thoroughbred Exponential, who raced as War Buckaroo 44 times! She recently departed for the 2011 Pan Am Games in Guadalajara, Mexico and we are excited to announce that Jessica took GOLD for her performance in the Individual Eventing category, and silver as a member of the Team Eventing category representing Canada!

It seems that her 43.90 score in Dressage set her apart from the pack and she never looked back, with flawless performances in the cross country and show jumping phases of the tournament.

Jessica has been very active in the retraining of off-track thoroughbreds in the eventing world as, in her words, "no horse can show as much heart". LongRun cannot agree more with Jessica as these horses continue to succeed because of their courage, versatility and athleticism.

MATTHEW SHELDRAKE – BIRTHDAY DONATION

The Sheldrake family has a very unique way of celebrating birthdays in their family. They host "\$5 + \$5" birthdays! Everyone who attends the birthday party simply brings two \$5.00 bills with them. At the end, the birthday child receives half of the money received, and they get to choose a charity to donate the other half of the money to! This year, for their son Matthew's 7th birthday, LongRun was chosen as the recipient of the money raised from the party.

While driving to school, Matthew overheard a broadcast on the CBC about horses who end up at auctions and the unfortunate situations that many



Matthew Sheldrake delivers his donation to Morgan Chapman.

horses find themselves in after the fact. Motivated to help, he sat down with his parents and found out about LongRun online. Matthew decided that if we were helping horses enjoy a happy and safe retirement, that that was where he wanted his donation to go.

His mother Marianna, contacted us shortly after the party to arrange the drop off of the donation. Adoptions Coordinator Sheri Van Sickle and Office Administrator Morgan Chapman both went to meet Matthew to receive the donation and suggested he pick a horse to support with his donation. He chose Solihul!

LongRun wishes to thank Matthew and the Sheldrake family for their generous support of LongRun! Way to go, Matthew!

MERCHANDISE

As the winter weather approaches, how better to keep warm than with a new fleece pull-over sweatshirt, which not only helps you keep warm, but supports a great cause? We currently have sizes small through extra-large so call or email the office to place your order for yours today!



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