

LONGRUN



THOROUGHBRED RETIREMENT SOCIETY

SPRING/SUMMER 2023

LOVE LUNCH?

IF YOU LOVE LUNCH and first class thoroughbred racing, save Saturday, June 3rd as the date of LongRun's Ladies' Lunch, to be held in Woodbine Racetrack's Post Parade dining room from 12 noon to 3 p.m. This will be a particularly celebratory version as these happy occasions were suspended during COVID.

Our luncheon will feature the fantastic food always dished up by Woodbine, liquid libations, mini manis, prizes (including watching a race in the announcer's booth with the voice of Woodbine, Robert Geller), a race presentation, culinary demonstrations and merchandise sales.

Tickets are \$100.00 (GST included) and seating is limited, so make sure you get your friends together early and plan to attend. For tickets, please contact LongRun at 416-675-3993 ext. 1-3440 or email longrun@woodbine.com.



The LongRun Ladies Lunch returns on June 3rd at Woodbine Race Track.

LONGRUN WELCOMES SARAH BOWEN AS EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR

WHEN WENDY MUIR stepped down from the helm after eight-plus years as LongRun's Executive Administrator at the end of last year, we were pleased and thankful to welcome Sarah Bowen as her replacement. Sarah spent approximately six weeks with Wendy prior to her retirement, learning some of the complex ins and outs of our adoption and grant processes before taking over in the New Year.

Sarah comes with a load of experience and knowledge of both the people and the horses who make up our racing community in Ontario,

and her pleasant personality will prove to be a great boon for LongRun as well.

"When I saw the job posting for the Executive Administrator position at LongRun it seemed like the perfect next step in my career in the thoroughbred industry", Sarah tells us. "I grew up surrounded by some of the best thoroughbreds in North America, on a farm (Kinghaven) managed by father, Ian Black. I spent the majority of my childhood on horseback, including some OTTBs, showing hunters and jumpers."

Sarah initially had no intention of working with horses and went to university, earning a B.Sc. in Psychology, but found she just couldn't escape the pull of the horse! Sarah went back to school

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IN MEMORIAM.....

Mike Carroll, long time horseman, pedigree consultant and co-breeder with friend, John Harvey Jr., of Breeders' Cup winner and champion, Maryfield, passed away in February of this year. Mike and John were co-recipients of the 2007 C.T.H.S. Canadian Breeder of the Year.

Doug Kennedy, husband of horsewoman MaryEllen Kennedy, sadly left us last fall. Doug, a PhD in Microbiology/Immunology who plied his trade with Health Canada, supported MaryEllen in her thoroughbred breeding program and days on the horse show circuit.



Les Roberts

Les Roberts, a longtime owner on the Ontario circuit, passed last October in the Bahamas. Well remembered at Woodbine for owning Wings of Erin with partner Steve Stacey, Les still connects with

the racing community through his great children - son, Steve (jockeys' agent), and daughter, Stacie.

Gail Tiller, beloved wife of trainer, Bob Tiller, and mother of Robert Jr., also passed away last October after a lengthy battle with a variety of illnesses. Gail, daughter of trainer Larry Moorehead, happily accompanied Bob on the fantastic trip he had training 2017 Canadian Horse of the Year, Pink Lloyd.



Deputy Jazz

Deputy Jazz, a stakes-placed War Deputy gelding, winner of 12 of 42 lifetime starts and \$269,000, started off his career racing for co-breeder, Chiefswood Stables, but was claimed away and eventually ended up running cheaply in West Virginia. Claimed back for Chiefswood and retired early in 2005, Deputy Jazz returned to Canada and spent his retirement from racing being lovingly cared for by foster mum, Mary Zimmerman, courtesy of the

generous support he received from the Krembil family until he succumbed to colic in February.

Maxsmiraclejourney, a son of Victor's cry ex Lady Vye, sadly experienced the same fate as did Deputy Jazz when he was taken by colic in February. Stakes-placed Max, named for a brave young man (Maxwell Taylor a.k.a. Miracle Max) who sadly lost his battle with three serious medical conditions at the age of five, retired with a 14 start, 10 win, \$146,661 record and was kindly donated to LongRun by Maureen Hewitt-Topp and Allen Desruisseaux in 2018. His passing has devastated his loving adopter, Amanda Visneski, and her family, who gave him the best life after racing any horse could wish for.



Maxsmiraclejourney



THE PEN IS MIGHTIER.....

LONGRUN IS BLESSED to have a host of talented writers as friends.....just check out our "Readers' Corner", located on our website, and read about the books and stories penned by supporters Jennifer Morrison, Vicky Earle, Eurico DaSilva, Michael Armstrong and Linda Shantz.

Recently, Woodbine's Communications Senior Writer and Managing Editor, Chris Lomon, has produced a number of very well crafted and well received stories on LongRun graduates (Major Zee, Maple Tints, Money Talks)



and supporters (Jim Phillips) which have attracted some far flung attention, having been featured in the Paulick Report and BloodHorse.. The heart-warming story about 30-year-old Major Zee and his sponsor, LongRun Director Donna Ralph, even generated a radio interview of Donna, conducted by Mike Penna of The Horse Racing Radio Network

(HRRN) in Lexington, Kentucky.

Chris has worked in various capacities as a writer, having been a freelance writer for 20 plus years for the NHLPA, a feature writer for TV Guide for 5 years and having worked for Woodbine for the last 13 years while still writing for various Standardbred websites and publications. As he started going to the races at age five and thus has a deep seated knowledge of the racing industry, Chris tells us that the best part of his job is to tell the stories of the horses, past and present, and the horse people he has known. Chris has multiple times been a Sovereign Award finalist in writing and, in 2020, won the Sovereign Award for his story on Queen's Plate victor, Mighty Heart.

Born in London, Ontario, Chris now lives in Toronto with wife Laurie and his two children – Matthew (23) and Sarah (19). Chris tells us that he is grateful to LongRun and our staff for taking care of our beautiful thoroughbreds, and to be able to share their stories. And LongRun is grateful to Chris for getting their stories out there!

LONGRUN WELCOMES SARAH BOWEN

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and became a Registered Veterinary Technician, initially working for Dr. Robert McMartin in 1998.

She says "I spent 21 years as a veterinary technician on the backstretch at Woodbine, working on a daily basis with every type of racehorse you can imaging....from the lowest level claimers to multi-millionaire stakes winners, and I loved every minute of it."

In 2019, Sarah decided to make a change and went to work for the Ontario Equine Hospital as a Vet Tech, viewing it as a great opportunity. Being involved with many diverse procedures such as surgical preparations and bone scanning proved to be a great learning experience as well as an incredibly rewarding time for her.

Sarah has been married to Jeff Bowen, who works as an assistant trainer for her father, for almost 20 years. They have two teenage children, Alexander who is just completing his first year at the University of Guelph, and Clare who is a high school student and a competitive swimmer.

Now happily ensconced in LongRun's office on Woodbine's backstretch, Sarah still has the opportunity to communicate with owners, trainers and the veterinarians who taught her so much.

"The Racing Industry has been such a large part of my life that working in aftercare really seemed like the next logical step. I am very excited to take on this position as Executive Administrator at LongRun and I'm looking forward to being involved with racehorses again in a different capacity", Sarah concludes.

And we at LongRun are equally excited to welcome Sarah to the "fold".

JOIN US AT THE C.T.H.S. AWARDS DINNER

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14TH AT WOODBINE

THE CANADIAN THOROUGHBRED HORSE SOCIETY (Ont. Div.) will be honouring its outstanding breeders on the evening of June 14th in the Post Parade dining room at Woodbine Racetrack and we are grateful that, once again, they will host a silent auction to benefit LongRun. If you would care to attend, please contact the C.T.H.S. office at (416) 675-3602 for tickets and, should you have a silent auction item you would care to donate, give us a call at (416) 675-3993 ext. 1-3440!

PILOT BROODMARE DIVISION ADDED TO 2023 THOROUGHBRED MAKEOVER

RECOGNIZING THAT THE Thoroughbred industry's broodmare population needs assistance, the Retired Racehorse Project (RRP) has announced that the 2023 Thoroughbred Makeover, presented by Thoroughbred Charities of America (of which LongRun is a thankful grantee), will include a pilot program for a broodmare division of competition. Recently retired broodmares will compete alongside traditional Makeover entrants in all ten offered disciplines but will be pinned and recognized separately, vying for a separate pot of \$10,000 in prize money, made possible by a grant from the ASPCA.

To be eligible for the pilot broodmare division, horses must meet the following criteria:

- Jockey Club registered
- Have foaled or have been bred in the 2021 breeding season or after, as reported by The Jockey Club
- Have one lifetime start or published work
- Have no prior shows or competitions

Since the history of each broodmare can vary significantly, broodmares will not be subject to the 15 ride limit.

Complete rules for the broodmares division is available at TheRRP.org



**FORT ERIE
RACE TRACK**

FORT ERIE RACETRACK ADDS TWO STAKES AND HONOURS AFTERCARE

FORT ERIE RACETRACK'S Racing Secretary, Jackie Eder, is a great proponent of thoroughbred aftercare, having been instrumental in the retirement of champion Riker to LongRun's Hillsburgh farm, so when Fort Erie was searching for a name for two new stakes, to be run on Father's Day, June 18, Jackie thought of LongRun Thoroughbred Retirement Society immediately.

Jackie tells us "It was easy. I thought of LongRun immediately as a true example of excellence in Thoroughbred aftercare, which is comprised of rehabilitation as well as a very successful adoption program for horses who have moved on to a new phase of their career."

"Fort Erie Racetrack feels it is a wonderful opportunity to educate fans and horsepeople alike about the very important and essential role that LongRun and all accredited Thoroughbred aftercare organizations have in our industry today", Jackie adds.

The two LongRun stakes, both with \$30,000 purses, will be for fillies and mares, 3 and up, and colts and geldings, 3 and up, going 5 ½ furlongs, who have been stabled on Fort Erie property for 30 days prior to June 18/23 by a trainer with stalls allocated by Fort Erie for the season; or a horse who has been purchased or claimed since May 19/23 by a trainer with stalls allocated by Fort Erie for the season.

A HERD OF HEALTHY HORSES...

LONGRUN IS EXTREMELY

GRATEFUL to Boehringer Ingelheim (Canada) Ltd. and to Dr. Brian Van Arem of Woodbine Veterinary Services for donating and arranging vaccines to be administered to our happy, healthy herd. Boehringer Ingelheim donated their top notch products, Vetera 2XP (for Equine Herpesvirus types 1 and 4) and Vetera EWT & WNV (Encephalomyelitis & West Nile Virus), while Brian donated rabies vaccine. Many thanks from all of us!



EXCITING NEWS FOR OUR ADOPTERS!

WE ARE IN THE PROCESS

of planning a fundraising horseshow- The LongRun Graduate Showcase. It will take place in mid-October and will feature a hunter division, flat division and a liberty class. Please contact our office at 416-675-3993 ext. 1-3440 or email longrun@woodbine.com for more information if you would like to compete, volunteer or sponsor any prizes.

JAIMIE'S WARRIOR - NEW TO NEW BRUNSWICK!

A VERY ATTRACTIVE 2019 filly by Warrior's Reward ex Flying K C, Jaimie's Warrior came to us from Dewberry Thoroughbreds via trainer Josie Carroll at the end of the 2022 racing season, having placed once in 7 starts with \$8,262 in earnings. Sweet and sound, she was quickly adopted by experienced horsewoman, Jessica Scott of Hillsdale, New Brunswick and has partnered up with Jessica's two other horses as well as her dogs and chickens.

Jessica tells us "Willa" (Jaimie) is sensitive, gentle, responsive and easy to please, actually very puppy dog like in that she loves attention. Once the snow melts, Jessica intends to start her by doing a lot of groundwork and, if things go well when she starts



Jaimie's Warrior and Jessica

to ride her over the summer, Willa may attend some in hand classes and clinics and perhaps even aim for green classes at local shows. Jessica's main goal, however, is to figure out what Willa excels in as Jessica is experienced in just about everything when it comes to riding, both English and Western.

One thing for sure – Jaimie's Warrior will be happy in Jessica's idyllic home setting, with a small herd, plenty of pasture and lots of grass this summer. Thank you, Jessica, for providing Jaimie's Warrior with a happy retirement from racing.

SADDLE UP WITH UCEA!

LONGRUN WAS VERY HAPPY to have been asked to speak about our program by the Fort Erie-based Upper Canada Equine Association this past March in Niagara at their monthly meeting. UCEA is a non-profit association which holds monthly rides for its members, organizes clinics and special events, participates in parades, and help to maintain local trails and is mandated to educate the public and horses owners about trail use, equestrian practice and safe riding. New members are always welcome! For further information, contact them at ucea@gmail.com.



2023 CAN-AM EXPOSITION A GREAT SUCCESS!



Kristen de Fillippis
and James Gould

LONGRUN PARTICIPATED in the 2023 Can Am All Breeds Equine Expo this past April, held on the Ancaster Fairgrounds and it was an unqualified success. Can Am enables us to touch base with old friends and provide new acquaintances with information about our charity and its horses. We are very grateful to the volunteers who helped us man our booth.....many thanks to Carolyn D'Arazio, James and Ann Gould, Lea Ray and Mark Fenech, Kristin de Filippis and Wendy Muir!



Lea Ray and Mark Fenech

SAY THANK YOU!

- ✓ Yes, I want to make sure Ontario's racehorses get an appropriate retirement. I know my donation will help care for retired thoroughbreds.

You can also donate online at:
www.longrunretirement.com

Here is my tax-deductible donation in the amount of: \$ _____

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If you would like more information about the group and be placed on the LongRun mailing list, or to find out how to adopt or foster a retired thoroughbred, send in the following information:

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