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Nominated as WESTERN BREEDER DIRECTOR

I have been involved with horses since childhood. My parents farmed near Brandon, Manitoba and my Dad had owned Standardbreds since the 30's. He had a small band of Broodmares and in the late 1960's - early 70's was fortunate enough to be able to train and even drive his young horses on the Manitoba Fair Circuit and at Assiniboia Downs.

At his insistence, I also kept going to university in the winter and earned a Bachelor of Arts, and a post graduate degree in Special Education. This made it possible to teach and farm in Manitoba, in Alberta, and for the last 30 years, in BC. I've lived the whole gamut of breeding race horses-the economics, the management, the time, the dedication, the energy and the passion needed to be a breeder.

To that end, I have been involved for many years with Harness Racing BC, as a Breeder Director, as President, and as an involved member-including our BC Standardbred Adoption Society. As well involved with BC Horse Council, and Horse Welfare Alliance, and when my daughter was younger, with Canadian Pony Club.

Presently, I am semi-retired and only have a couple of young broodmares, so feel it is time to give back to the breed that has given me great joy in my life.

If elected, I will work to ensure that breeding and racing in Western Canada receive as much exposure and support as possible from Standardbred Canada.

Another area that seems to be more and more important to racing is how we handle life after racing, including broodmares and I would hope to support the programs we now have. And since it's my sincere hope that this sport will continue to be participated in by the next generation, I would be interested in looking at ways to help them, from more support for fair racing, all the way to how the race business is taxed.