

Nicholas Oakes
Warren Grove, PE



Nominated as ATLANTIC ACTIVE DIRECTOR

A third generation horseman, Oakes is a native of Cornwall, Prince Edward Island, and now trains a stable of horses from his home farm in Warren Grove, P.E.I., where he resides with Fiance' Jessica Hawkins and son Noah.

Involved in the business from his birth, Oakes' father, Kent, was a breeder and harness racing executive with the Province of P.E.I., and was a past board member and chair of Standardbred Canada.

Oakes has been involved in many parts of the harness racing business as a trainer, driver and owner with his biggest victory on the track coming with 2014 Atlantic Sires Stakes champion Seanchai. Oakes has been an active announcer, calling races across five provinces in Canada at 13 different pari-mutuel tracks. Oakes is also employed as a journalist in the sport, writing press releases for Red Shores' two properties in Prince Edward Island, as well as a weekly harness racing column in The Guardian newspaper in Charlottetown, P.E.I., and freelancing for publications across North America. Oakes has also been a voter for the O'Brien Awards for the past 12 years.

His main goal running for Active Director in Atlantic Canada is to aid the organization in keeping a pan-Canadian focus on operations while maintaining services at a cost that is affordable to Atlantic Canadian participants so the sport can continue to grow and thrive for generations to come.