

## **EOQHA Hall of Fame Awards**

The EOQHA has three Awards that are presented annually to members who go that extra bit out of their way to help others or the club. These Awards are presented annually at the banquet.

The Bill Borland Award, donated by the Hitsman family, honours those who are always willing to help, go the extra mile and demonstrate exceptional teamwork.

The Goodwill Award, initially donated by Bonnie Cameron and Dan Donohue, to an individual or family who contributes willingly and unasked to the EOQHA by helping out in anyway they can to make things run smoothly; be it handing out ribbons, helping with functions, setting up obstacles in the ring, or for social functions, delivering shavings, or even cleaning out stalls. They volunteer and pitch in wherever and whenever needed.

The Hall of Fame program was designed to recognize the people who have played a vital role in the development of the Eastern Ontario Quarter Horse Association.

## 2016

### Hall of Fame: Doug and Janey MacDougall

This year's inductees have been involved with EOQHA for many years holding multiple positions including Director, Secretary and Vice President from the years of 1992 to 2016. They were also exhibitors and their family enjoyed competing at our shows. They are volunteers and often play a pivotal role in fundraising initiatives.



Part of this duo has spent countless hours preparing our show pen, arena and round pen. This year, EOQHA would like to recognize a couple vs an individual to induct into our Hall of Fame. We would like to congratulate Doug and Janey MacDougall. Doug and Janey, you have been long time supporters of EOQHA and always focused on the success of EOQHA. Thank you for supporting EOQHA for the past 24 years!!

### Bill Borland Memorial Award

This years Bill Borland memorial award is for 2 students of Len Hitsman from Algonquin College in the automotive department. Both Ryan and Connor love to volunteer and come for the work out. They don't need community hours and are absolutely non-horsey men. EOQHA enjoys having them for the



work bee each year. We appreciate their hard work! Congrats to both Connor Janssen and Ryan Baker.

### Good Will Award

EOQHA was fortunate to have an outstanding individual who donated countless hours of his time from preparation of the show pen, organizing fun events for exhibitors and their families and allowing the EOQHA Summer Sizzler to be one of three circuits to host the OABFS/NSBA futurity series of classes.



This individual is committed to the success of EOQHA and we appreciate his dedication and support. This year's winner not only volunteers his time but is also a sponsor of EOQHA. This year's recipient of the EOQHA Good Will award is Dave Aitchison. We would like to thank him for his support and hard work in 2016!

## 2015

### Hall of Fame: Don Helliker

This year's inductee into the 2015 Hall of Fame has been an active member, exhibitor and supporter of EOQHA for many years. He and his family have always been willing to help in whatever capacity was needed, while sharing their lifelong passion for horses. His low-key involvement and sincere attitude towards showing has contributed to the unique show atmosphere that EOQHA has developed over the years. He is

a true sportsman and enjoyed showing in many different events, win or lose, always wanting to help out his fellow exhibitors in whatever way he could.

He served on the Board of Directors for four years, beginning in 1988 and was President in 1991 and 1992, and Past President in 1993, in which year his son took over as President. This says a lot about this family's involvement and commitment to EOQHA. We are proud to induct Don Helliker into our EOQHA Hall of Fame.



## Bill Borland Award

This years' award winner is Geoff Broadfoot.

The award was accepted by Joanne Dorion.



## Good Will Award

This years' recipient is not an individual but two groups who went above and beyond for EOQHA.

Dewar Show Horses and Woodley Show Horses always lend a hand setting up the trail patterns as well as many other tasks during the shows.

EOQHA thanks them for all their efforts and support!



# 2014

## Hall of Fame: Len and Karen Hitsman

Quiet, shy, patient and laid back!!! These are definitely NOT words to describe at least one of this year's inductees into the hall of fame. Family oriented, funny, outspoken, loyal, hard-working and "a straight shooter" are words that come to mind when thinking of this person.

For many years this person has always been there to give a helping hand to everyone at the shows in all capacities, including acting as ring steward and serving on the EOQHA Executive for several years.

In addition, over the years this person has been the unofficial EOQHA mechanic who everyone relies on if their equipment breaks down. Always has a smile and time to talk to everyone. If you ask for his advice or opinion, you will get his honest answer. He is a supportive and loving family man who has always gone above and beyond to help to growth of EOQHA.

The other half of this year's inductees was also a devoted family person. Always there supporting her husband and daughter and helping out at the shows whenever called upon. This person was a loyal supporter of EOQHA for many years, doing the very important job of Show Secretary at many shows, as well as providing valuable advice while serving as a



member of the Executive Committee for several years. She served as the stall representative and managed memberships as well. When you put these two inductees together you get the perfect example of the kind of people EOQHA are so proud to call members and friends.

They started showing in 1981 when EOQHA was formed and their family is still here supporting the organization many years later. Their daughter is now the President of EOQHA, Cheryl Norris, formerly Cheryl Hitsman. EOQHA would like to congratulate this year's Hall of Fame Inductees, Len and Karen Hitsman.

Sadly, Len and Cheryl lost Karen in 2002 but for those of you who have been long time supporters of EOQHA you will remember Karen and the great effort she put in supporting this organization. Thank you for supporting EOQHA for the past 33 years!!

## 2013

### Hall of Fame: John and Elsie Hastings

John and Elsie Hastings, this year's nominees to the hall of fame are no strangers to the horse community. Sadly Elsie passed away last fall but we have decided to honour her posthumously. John and Elsie were both very hard working members of the EOQHA Executive in the 1990s with John serving as president in 1990, past president in 1991 and as a director in 1992.



Elsie was also on the board at this time and they both worked tirelessly on behalf of the club. John and Elsie were married for 43 years and owned horses for 45. John's work with the Navy took them to different parts of the country and during this time they were involved in many different horse clubs including the Chateauguay Light Horse Club in Quebec.

John was a popular judge for many years at numerous fairs throughout Ontario. John and Elsie were always generous in sharing their time and knowledge of horses. Elsie would give lessons, free of charge enabling many people who would never have been able to afford a horse of their own to experience the joy of riding. You would often see them at the shows, helping, coaching, grooming and enjoying every minute of it. No matter how busy they were they always had time for a chat, especially about horses and the great kids that were riding with them.

Elsie was an accomplished photographer and could often be seen with her camera slung around her neck, baseball cap on backwards, snapping pictures of people and their horses. These beautiful photos were then given to the appreciative owners to enjoy. This couple were chosen as this year's recipient because of their generosity and helpfulness in the horse community for so many years.



## Bill Borland Memorial Award

This year's nominees work mainly behind the scenes but whose participation helps make a difference towards our shows. They are new members and always ready to pitch in and help out where ever they can: from coordinating fun activities, cooking food for the masses and generally keeping up to all requests.

As a Promotional Club we always encourage new members to join our association to foster the growth of EOQHA and these individuals have made a huge contribution. It truly means a lot for EOQHA to thank and introduce our 2013 winner, the Misener family.



## Good Will Award

In 2013, EOQHA was fortunate to have an outstanding individual who donated countless hours of her time by bringing her family to the Sizzler work bee, organizing circuit awards, helping with the youth team and was always available drop anything to help out. This year's winner not only volunteers her time but is also a sponsor of EOQHA.

This year's recipient of the EOQHA Good Will award is Kathy Grier. We would like to thank her for her support and hard work in 2013!



## 2012

### Hall of Fame: Nancy Lefebvre

Reliable, hardworking, dependable, good judgment, thoughtful, resourceful, team player – the list goes on and on when talking about this year's inductee into the Hall of Fame. This person was President of EOQHA for two consecutive years and worked very hard for the organization.



Many people would not know how hard she worked, because she was happy to stay in the background, not needing public recognition or praise. She was always available to help out in any capacity and did it with a smile. She and her family have been members of EOQHA since its inception and although she does not own horses today, she frequents many of the shows in Carp, cheering on her friends. This year's inductee is Nancy Lefebvre.

### Bill Borland Memorial Award

This award is being given to someone that is always eager, happy and willing to help-no matter the task. Although he is kept busy being a dedicated horse show Dad he always finds time to volunteer for EOQHA and help our circuits run smoothly.



We are pleased to introduce your Bill Borland Memorial award winner for 2012 is Dan Dee.

## **Good Will Award**

In 2012 EOQHA was fortunate to have two individuals who donated countless hours of their time and were always available to lend a helping hand when needed. These people have supported EOQHA for several years through their volunteerism and have helped contribute to the success of the Eastern Ontario Quarter Horse Association. This year's recipients of the EOQHA Good Will award are John Cooney and Debra MacKinnon. We would like to thank them for their support and hard work in 2012!

# 2011

## Hall of Fame: Ray Laviolette

This year's inductee into the EOQHA Hall of Fame is a life member of EOQHA who has been actively involved in the association since its inception. Some founding members of the association have come and gone, but this member is probably the only one who has remained a continuous, strong and loyal supporter of the Association from the very beginning. His



support has taken many forms, from showing, working at the shows, offering advice and guidance and even cooking for a crowd!!

If his trailer is not spotted by exhibitors entering the Carp Fair grounds, everyone panics! You will always see a group of friends, laughing and sitting around his trailer at the shows.

His presence on the dance floor of every EOQHA banquet is a foregone conclusion. He has not only supported EOQHA but has also been an active supporter of many other local associations and clubs. He was a founding member of the Eastern Ontario Reining Horse Association and hosted many shows at his home. He has supported Quebec AQQH and NRHA shows on a regular basis. He is not only well known and respected by EOQHA members, but was recognized on the CTV Ottawa television series "Regional Contact" for his exceptional talent as a world renowned hand-crafted saddle maker.

His workmanship is unparalleled and his saddles are sought after by riders in every Western discipline across Canada, the US and Europe. Yes, by now you will have realized that our latest inductee into the 2011 EOQHA Hall of Fame is our Friend Ray Laviolette and I can't think of anyone more deserving of this recognition.

## Hall of Fame: Dianne Runtz

There is so much to be said about this inductee - all great. She has been a loyal and active supporter of EOQHA as a Life Member since its formation in 1981.

She has been a very successful competitor in both Amateur and Open competition, but for her it is not all about winning it is about the enjoyment of the sport and being with friends.

She is quick to offer support and encouragement to fellow exhibitors when needed and has the knack of making you laugh and feeling good about yourself.

She is always the first one to jump up and offer assistance, no matter what the duty is. This inductee has been part of the EOQHA Executive since 1991 - serving 4 years as President, 2 years as Past President, 1 year as Vice-President, 9 years as Treasurer and 4 years as a Director.

I can't imagine an EOQHA show or social event without Dianne Runtz, our 2011 Inductee into the EOQHA Hall of Fame.



## Bill Borland Memorial Award

EOQHA would like to thank this individual for the effort that she or he puts forth for this association. This individual worked behind the scenes and this was done quietly and is unknown to many.

EOQHA appreciates all the assistance. This year's award winner is Donna Whiticar.



## Good Will Award

This year's recipient is not an individual but a whole family who went above and beyond for EOQHA. This family brought a round pen to every circuit, set it up and took it down so exhibitors would have a place to lunge their horses.

They were big supporters for the events held at the Summer Sizzler by providing a sound system, a popcorn machine and facilitated the bottle draw. This family asked for nothing in return, only a thank you for all their hard work.



This year's recipient of the Goodwill Award is the Burt family, Brian, Rosemary and Taylor D Burt. EOQHA thanks the Burt Family for all their efforts and support!

# 2010

## Hall of Fame: Murray Whitarcar

Way back, Murray Whitarcar ran 16 AQHA shows in various locations in the Ottawa valley including 10 at the original Dwyer Hill farms, 1 in Manotick, 2 in Carp, 1 in Landsdowne, 1 in Hawkesbury and 1 at the Central Canada Exhibition. He bought his first Quarter horse “Mikes King Boy”, a grandson of King P234 from Jim Senos in the late 60’s and showed him



successfully with the Ottawa Valley Western Horse Association in Reining and Western Riding.

He twice qualified for the World Show in reining with Ria Clymer, and was Ontario’s High Point Amateur in Pleasure Driving one year with Bar Bob Missile. Murray is currently an active member of the National Reining Horse Association and the Quebec Reining Horse Association, where he has won several NRHA pewter trophies in Limited Non-pro and Novice Horse Non-pro Reining.

Murray is still competing at our EOQHA shows. Murray has spent many hours, at on the Executive of many different Associations, fairs, and shows doing his part to make sure there would always be horse shows there for others to enjoy.

## Bill Borland Memorial Award

EOQHA looks for those people who step up during the show year, who were not on the executive at the time of this vote for this award. This nominee works mainly behind the scenes. We watch for those who participate in many duties including the preparation of our shows from start to finish. Not only did we have the extra help from this person at our shows, but most importantly she/he helped at our work bee by slugging shavings and whatever was needed to set up as well as giving us a helping hand towards the youth team.



It truly means a lot for EOQHA to Thank Again Kathy Grier for all the work she did for our association. She is always ready to work!! We would like to introduce our 2010 winner Kathy Grier for the Bill Borland Memorial Trophy.

## Good Will Award

The 2010 Good will recipient, who came in to Join EOQHA in 2006, has had his involvement accelerated both financially and physically through out the years. We would like thank this recipient for the support from donating a tractor, which allowed the association to use during the shows to finding a water truck to keep us happy to supplying us with great workers for our work bees.





He also has never hesitated to pitch in and give a hand with our youth events such as the BBQs + other fundraising but not to forget the Take a horse to school program, He not only provided both horses that were used for the school but he transported them to opposite ends of Ottawa in the same day. He would not take any money for doing this kind favour. So in closing we can't ever thank you enough for all the kind things you have done for EOQHA. So let's introduce John Backes as our 2010 Good will award winner.

# 2009

## Hall of Fame: Bill Borland

Bill Borland was a loyal and devoted husband and father. He was always the groom for his daughter Brenda, who showed for years at EOQHA shows and Paint shows. Unfortunately, Bill passed away in 2008.

Bill was a lifetime member of EOQHA. He played a huge part in the Eastern Ontario Quarter Horse Association; mainly behind the scenes, but served as president in 1994. Bill was on the board of directors in 1983 but was actively involved for many years after. He served as President, treasurer and show manager booking flights, hotels and picking up the judges. He truly was a workhorse, with many volunteer hours.

Bill enjoyed doing many odd jobs but one job he did not enjoy was setting up for trail. Bill was dedicated to this association. He played a huge part in announcing for many years. One memory that stands out was when he would call out results of a particular horse. It was a tongue twister. Lil's Little Luxury and owned by Laurie Lee Leeder. He had to get his mouth around it but he always worked through it, even though it was frustrating. We could always joke about it and it gave us a good laugh for the day. Bill arranged many banquets through his connections at Party World.



**Ray Laviolette accepts the Hall of Fame award on behalf of the late Bill Borland.**

Bill Borland was the type of person who didn't need any guidance; he did any job to the best of his ability. He will be missed by his fellow friends at EOQHA and may his memory live on within this association.

## Hall of Fame: Roger Quesnel

It has been a great honour and pleasure for Eastern Ontario Quarter Horse Association to be associated with Roger Quesnel. Roger was a life member as well as one of the founding members of EOQHA in 1981, when a group of Quarter Horse enthusiasts met in the basement of Al's Steak House in Bells Corners to discuss the formation of what was to become the Eastern Ontario Quarter Horse Association.



**Cheryl Norris (centre) and Dianne Runtz (right) present Hilda Quesnel the Hall of fame award in honour of her late husband, Roger.**

That night, Roger agreed to wholeheartedly become the first treasurer of the Association and without a doubt did an outstanding job. He served as a member of the executive for many years and took on the job of President in 1986 and again in 1989. As President, Treasurer and Executive member, Roger was always a team player. He came up with great ideas, offered good advice, listened to other's opinions and kept an open mind. He always was interested in what was best for the Association. It is safe to say that Roger played a very large part in making the EOQHA the tremendous success that it is today.

Roger was always available to help out at the shows, often acting as Ring Steward and Announcer. He was also a great liaison between the Association and the AQHA judges. Roger loved showing, especially in Pleasure Driving, but more importantly, he loved the people.

He was supportive and helpful to everyone and was always there to give a helping hand and a word of advice and encouragement to other exhibitors. He was a very knowledgeable horseman and loved to share that knowledge. He loved the camaraderie at the shows. Roger also loved a good party and never missed the year end EOQHA banquets, often acting as Master of Ceremonies.

He had an infectious laugh and was the kind of person people gravitated to. Roger was a positive, optimistic, fun-loving and sincere friend and he will be missed by everyone. He was inspiration. To so many people and was a firm believer in living life to the fullest and overcoming the obstacles life hands you. The Eastern Ontario Quarter Horse Association will forever remember Roger Quesnel and the contribution he made to it.

### Hall of Fame: Dave Quesnel

Dave Quesnel had a vision. A vision of registered quarter horse shows being held in Eastern Ontario. A vision which would provide quarter horse owners the opportunity to compete for AQHA points without traveling hundreds of miles. The valley had some very good top notch quarter horses showing at the local club shows, and these very same quarter horses, when shown at registered quarter horse shows across Canada, Quebec and USA, did very well.



Cheryl Norris (left) and Dianne Runtz (right) present Dave Quesnel with the Hall of Fame award.

He put the word out that anyone interested in starting a quarter horse club here in Eastern Ontario should come out to Al's Steak House in Bells Corners for a meeting. I don't think anyone thought there would be

the turnout there was. The place was standing room only with people packed in shoulder to shoulder.

There, that night, our First Executive was put in place, and the rest is HISTORY.

Dave was very dedicated to bringing the best quality quarter horses into the valley, breeding the Two Eyed Jack bloodlines with his stallions, Jack O'Neil and Two Eyed Handshaker. He also trained these horses and completed successfully with them and their off spring. He was a great competitor who was well liked and respected by all.

He was instrumental in getting the EOQHA by-Laws written and approved which was no small feat, and also was responsible for the design of the EOQHA Logo. The meetings he chaired were well run and organized but definitely never DULL. Some very animated and memorable discussion took place around the table- discussions which ultimately affected the growth of this great association. He was always hard-working, with great ideas and a passion to make this first registered quarter horse association in Eastern Ontario a success. When the Eastern Ontario Quarter Horse Association needed a place to call home, Dave and his brothers offered their farm, 4 Island Farm located in Aston, to the Club. EOQHA showed there for many years before moving to its present location in Carp.

This man, with his vision, became our very first EOQHA President and also is a life member of the association. He is why we are here today, showing quarter horses in Eastern Ontario. This Man is Dave Quesnel.

## Bill Borland Memorial Award

The Bill Borland Award, which is donated by the Hitsman family to the person who goes that extra mile, is always willing to help and demonstrates exceptional team work and spirit, was awarded to: Marlene Goldsmith.



The Awards Committee described Marlene this way: "She is a person who would go to any length to help you out. No matter the job - or what was needed to be done. Help never had to be asked for, she was always there. She goes an extra mile and demonstrates team work."

## Goodwill Award

The Goodwill Award, goes to the person who contributes willingly and unasked in any way they can to assist the club. This year's recipient is: Sherry Newbigging.



The Awards Committee explained why Sherry had been chosen: "Even though she wasn't riding, she was only showing halter and showmanship), she helped to set up our trail courses, helped out with the golf cart trail, fixed up the trail obstacles that got moved and generally helped out anywhere she could.

She really didn't have to travel all the way up here, but she did, because she supports our club and has fun here, so she was nominated because of the volunteer effort she put into our club, without being asked to do so."