

## **Linda Shaw – Administrator**

Linda Shaw was hired as Reining Canada's Administrator in July of 2009 after 22 years in the financial services industry. Linda's interest in horses stems back to her early childhood in Banff, Alberta. After a number of years as a non-pro reining competitor, she turned to the study of natural horsemanship. When not in the Reining Canada office, Linda and her husband, Bob Snow, board youngsters and work with problem horses at their ranch north of Cochrane, Alberta.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **Kim Maharaj - President**

Kim has been a member of the Reining Canada BOD for three years as a Director at Large, as President-Elect, and now President. She has been on her local board, the CCRHA, for six years as Social Director, Vice President and President. Kim is also the CCRHA representative to the Manitoba PSO, sits on the Elite Athlete Committee for her PSO, and is on the Western Canada Affiliate Finals Organizational Committee. Kim lives in Oak Bluff, Manitoba and competes as a Non-Pro along with her daughter, Micaela. She has two sons, Ethan and Matthew. In addition to her administrative duties in Reining Canada and the CCRHA, Kim has taken her nursing background in Intensive Care, Med-evac and Obstetrical care and applied it to Family Practice where she provides direct primary care to a host of Winnipeg families. She has been active in medical research and also in teaching, serving as a Clinical Evaluator for two years in the University of Manitoba's Bachelor of Nursing program. She has a reputation for being prepared to face any challenge and is committed to protecting the interests of all Canadian Reiners.

### **Judy Skwarek – Vice President**

Judy has been involved with the Central Canada Reining Horse Association for the past 20 years and is currently their Past President. Most of the past 20 years she has spent as Show Director or Show Secretary. Judy organized the first NRHA show in Manitoba in 1991 and chairs the committees that organize the Central Canada Slide'n Spin, and NRHA Western Canada Affiliate Finals and the Annual Wheat City Derby. Judy has taken a special interest in supporting the youth in the CCRHA, and helped to develop the CCRHA Youth Scholarship. As a Reining Canada Director, Judy had the privilege of being on the committee that sent the first Canadian Young Rider team to the North American Young Rider Championship in 2008. She currently serves as show manager for the majority of CCRHA shows in Manitoba and sits on the NRHYA Regional Affiliate Sub-committee and Show Approval Task Force for NRHA. This will be Judy's fifth year on the Reining Canada Board of Directors.

Judy states, "It has been my pleasure to work with such wonderful committees, sponsors and volunteers and to meet such a nice group of exhibitors from across Canada."

Currently, Judy is an Administrator for Dental Image Therapy Center in Winnipeg. She is happily married to her husband Ron, who many of you know as our experienced gate man. Her family consists of their daughter Larysa, her husband Guy Robertson, and two beautiful grandchildren Hayden and Trey and nephew Michael.

### **Holly MacDonald – Secretary**

Holly MacDonald is an NRHA Professional from Liverpool, Nova Scotia where she trains and coaches Youth & Non Pro riders. She joined Reining Canada's Board of Directors in 2009 as a Director at Large and is now the Secretary. Holly also sits on the Canadian Reining Committee of Equine Canada.

### **Geri Greenall – Treasurer**

Geri is a Non Pro Rider and was a Board member of Reining Alberta, Alberta's provincial affiliate, for five years. She has been an NRHA committee member for five years sitting on the Affiliate & Non Pro Committees and RC Board Member since 2005. Geri lives with her husband in Calgary, Ab.

### **Andre De Bellefeuille – NRHA Representative Elected Reining Canada Director**

Andre, of St. Hilaire, Quebec, has sat on the Reining Canada Board of Directors for more than five years in both the Vice-President and Director positions. He was instrumental in the organization of the past two WEG teams for Reining Canada. Andre is entering his 3<sup>rd</sup> year on the NRHA BOD, and is the chair of the International Committee at the NRHA for the second year running. Andre has sat as Vice President of the Quebec Reining Horse Association for ten years.

As a breeder, Andre was proud to have two horses compete at the last WEG for Team Canada. As a non-pro rider, Andre one day hopes to win the Futurity.

### **Lee Foster – NRHA Elected Representative – Appointed Director at Large**

Lee Foster of Meaford, Ontario, has been a professional farrier for more than 40 years and an NRHA Judge for 25 years. He is also an FEI and AQHA approved reining judge.

When not sitting in the judge's chair, Lee enjoys raising and showing reining horses with his wife Jane. He has one daughter Kathryn, married to Adam Boczek, who together have provided him with two grandchildren to spoil.

This will be Lee's sixth year on the Board of Reining Canada and as they go forward he will continue to contribute his time ensuring that the best interests of all reiners in Canada are addressed.

### **Lyle Jackson – Elected Reining Canada Director at Large**

Lyle holds judge's cards for the National Reining Horse Association (NRHA), FEI International Level Reining Judge, National Reined Cow Horse Association (NRCHA), American Paint Horse Association (APHA), and the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) and has judged shows throughout Europe, Australia, United States, and Canada. He has judged the NRHA open Futurity and the NRHA Derby. He has served on the NRHA Board of Directors, NRHA Professional Horseman's Committee, and the AQHA Professional Horseman's Committee. Having served 4 years as Secretary on the Executive Board of Reining Canada, Lyle now serves as an elected Director.

Lyle Jackson lives in Cochrane, Alberta where he trains and coaches.

### **Gaetan Laroche – Reining Canada Appointed Director at Large**

Gaetan has held a position in the ranks of the Quebec Reining Horse Association since the 1980's as President, Executive Director, Director, and currently as Show Manager since 2005. Gaetan has been a past director, and Western Vice President with the CEF and held director's positions in the Quebec Equestrian Federation. He has been associated with the AQHA as the show manager for Quebec, Ontario, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts. Gaetan founded the Performance – Quebec (Reining Breeding Program), and the Quebec Paint Horse Club in the mid-70's. Gaetan used to own the French horse magazine 'Le Cavalier' .

Gaetan, who resides in Drummondville, Quebec, is in his second year as a Reining Canada Director.

### **Holly Kowblich – Reining Canada Appointed Director at Large**

Holly is a non pro rider residing in Wainwright, Alberta. She has been involved with reining for a number of years and has been a director on the Saskatchewan Reining Horse Association for 5 years to date. She has served as an Affiliate Committee member representing Saskatchewan for three years and is looking forward to joining the Reining Canada Board of Directors.

### **Pam Morrison - Reining Canada Appointed Director at Large**

Pam hails from Prince George, B. C. She is an open rider, breeds, raises, trains and competes on her own horses in NRHA and AQHA Shows for 35 years. Pam established the Prince George Reining Horse Association and has sat on the board of Reining Canada for the past 4 years, the Northern BC Quarter Horse Association for the past 20 years and the Vanderhoof Super Circuit committee for the past 15 years.

### **Harvey Stevens – Reining Canada Appointed Director at Large**

Harvey is a lifetime member of NRHA and is currently holding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President position in the ORHA. Harvey operates a training facility in Indian River, Ontario along with his wife and son, where they have a Non Pro and Youth Program along with Open and Futurity horses. Harvey states he has a love for the sport of reining, the people and the horses. That is why he felt it is important to be involved in the organizations that govern the sport.