

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 and NRHA Representative

Kim has been a member of the Reining Canada BOD for five years as a Director at Large, as President-Elect, and now President, and is looking forward to her new role as NRHA representative. She has been on her local board, the CCRHA, for seven 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 Subcommittee 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 gateman. Her family consists of their daughter Larysa, her husband Guy Robertson, and two beautiful grandchildren Hayden and Trey and nephew Michael.

Holly MacDonald – Secretary

NRHA Professional Holly MacDonald has been operating out of Meadow Pond Stables in Liverpool, Nova Scotia since 2002. A former student of Olds College Equine Science program, she has a special interest in bringing new Youth and Non Pro riders to the sport of reining. Horses she has produced include recent NRHA Affiliate title earners, Reining Canada Top 10 placings, and NRHA Adequan North American Affiliate Championship qualifiers. Holly is past director for Canadian Reining Committee. She has sat on Reining Canada's Board of Directors since 2009, and holds position of Secretary for 2010 and 2011.

Mary Jo Macdonnell – Treasurer

We are pleased to welcome Mary Jo Macdonnell to the Board of Directors, and as Treasurer for Reining Canada, where her expertise in the field of accounting will be an asset. In addition to Mary Jo's employment as Controller in the family petroleum business located in Owen Sound, Ontario, she volunteers as Membership Secretary for the ORHA, ORHA Board Member and Secretary for the OBBO Futurity Committee.

After many years of working with her family in the Standardbred side of the horse industry, Mary Jo purchased her first reining horse in 1999. Learning beside her daughter, who began competing in the 13 and under classes in 2000, Mary Jo soon purchased a broodmare and began her own breeding program. They are proud of their first foal, now a Lawson Bronze Winner and Finalist at the AQHA Congress Futurity.

Mary Jo is looking forward to working with Reining Canada as it moves forward.

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 seventh 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.

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 Elected Director at Large

Harvey is a lifetime member of NRHA and is currently holding the 2nd 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.

Marilou Paradis – Reining Canada Appointed Director at Large

Marilou is our newest Director at Large and represents the Province of Quebec. Marilou's real job is with ConvaTec, where she is a sales representative for medical devices used in ostomy care.

Marilou started riding at the age of 14, working with hunter-jumpers for 14 years. In 2004, Marilou met Bob Gleeton, who introduced her to reining. They have been together ever since. Marilou got serious in 2007 as a Rookie Non-Pro and won year end buckles in 2007 and 2008. Then as a Limited Non Pro rider in 2009, Marilou won the Limited Non Pro Eastern Canadian Affiliate, Reining Canada Limited Non Pro, placed 3rd in the Novice Amateur and 7th in the Amateur at the All American Quarter Horse Congress in Ohio, along with a 3rd place in the Novice Horse Non Pro Level 1 at the NAAC (Oklahoma).

In 2010, Marilou went on to win the Novice Horse Non Pro Level 1 & 2 with a 3rd in the Limited Non Pro at the NAAC (North American Affiliate Championship) in Oklahoma City along with numerous Reining Canada and AQR awards.

Marilou now has her own training facility plus two broodmares and a good start on a reining horse breeding program. With 4 dogs, many cats and of course her horses, Marilou has plenty to do. We welcome Marilou Paradis to the Reining Canada Board of Directors.

Tracey Franc – Reining Canada Appointed Director at Large

I am a Canadian Prairie girl, born and raised in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. I'm a Registered Technician in the Profession of Forestry but currently employed as a Safety Coordinator for Ruszkowski Enterprises Ltd. (*specializing in Earthwork & Excavation & Log Load & Haul Activities*). My husband (Rick) is a Journeyman Carpenter and we operate a small Home Construction business.

I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, outdoor activities, sports, great movies & books, performance horses and competition.

My family of four is all involved in riding and showing reining horses. We have an acreage only minutes outside of the city. I have two beautiful and inspiring teenage daughters; Haley who competed her first NAAC in OKC in Dec. 2011 placing in the top 10 in youth 13yrs and Karlee, a talented young dancer who also recently started riding Reiner's and is hoping to attend her first show in 2012.

My objective is to gain better knowledge and to provide support to the sport of Reining. I hope to support and promote Youth Programs and strongly encourage the development in our Canadian Reiner's.