

## **BC THOROUGHBRED OWNERS & BREEDERS ASSOCIATION**

"One Voice for Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders in British Columbia"

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At the August 1<sup>st</sup> BCTOBA Board of Directors meeting it was suggested to the board by Vice President Horatio Kemeny that in an effort to increase field size and keep horses in the province that a significant increase in the 6<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> monies be considered. This matter was considered and discussed with Glen Todd, the thoroughbred representative on the Horse Racing Industry Management Committee, and the H.B.P.A.

The participation payment will be increased to \$600 from \$110 to all starters in every race for the balance of the year. The participation payment will also include an additional payment increase such that all 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers will receive at least \$800 and all 4<sup>th</sup> place finishers will receive at least \$650. The total participation payment will commence Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>.

We will run 10 races on 4 selected race days for a total of 8 additional races thus reclaiming one of our lost racing dates. The additional races will be added on these racing dates; September  $5^{th}$ ,  $11^{th}$  and October  $1^{st}$  and  $2^{nd}$ .

We have made an allocation such that the horsemen's liability insurance for 2011 will be paid out of the Horsemen's Purse Account.

Ole A. Nielsen, President BCTOBA