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BCTOBA NEWSLETTER by Mike Heads

This upcoming Sunday, July 15th is the Winners Circle 'Day at the Races Charity Event' at Hastings Racecourse in the Marquee Tent at the west end of the grandstand. This event is to benefit the New Stride Thoroughbred Adoption Society, a society that trains retired racehorses to become jumpers, event or simply pleasure horses after their careers are over and then finds a suitable match for each adoptee. Tickets are \$55 and are available on-line at winners-circle.ca or at the Marquee Tent at Hastings. Tickets include a cocktail style buffet, a complimentary cocktail upon arrival, race program, music entertainment, entry for a draw for a fabulous trip to Wine Country and the always popular silent auction which features some great items including Mario Gutierrez memorabilia and other horse racing items. Dressing in Derby attire would be appreciated and things get underway at 1:30 p.m. Come on out and enjoy an entertaining afternoon of thoroughbred horse racing and support a great cause at the same time.

Let's have a little fun with this newsletter and play "guess who I am" and test your horse racing knowledge and see how many clues it takes you to name the mystery horse.

1. I was foaled in B.C. in 2002 and cost \$18,000 as a yearling in the 2003 CTHS sale.
2. I broke my maiden in 2004 with Anthony Stephen aboard going six and a half furlongs and amazingly I would never win another sprint in my career.
3. I did not travel in my 9 year racing career, I started 52 times, each one at Hastings Racecourse.
4. I was stakes placed 28 times.
5. I won seven stakes races at 9 furlongs but never did capture the 11 furlong B.C. Premiers.
6. I won a record three consecutive Lieutenant Governor's.
7. My barn name was Archie, named after my sire Archer's Bay and my last victory was in 2010 with Chad Hoverson up.



8. I recently retired with \$950,000 in earnings and I am still the current leading B.C. bred earner of all-time.

9. I was named after my owner's restaurant on Commercial Drive.

Who am I ??

If you got the right answer at clues 1 or 2, you have too much time on your hands and need to get off of the computer. If you guessed at 3 or 4 then you are a sharp horseman with a great memory. If you waited until clues 5 and 6, you are above average in the history department. If it took until clues 7 and 8 then you need to do a little more homework on B.C. racing. If it took till clue 9 or still don't know the answer then all I can say is "**where have you been ?**"

Of course the answer is the great Spaghetti Mouse owned by Nick and Pauline Felicella and bred by Bill and Susan Stewart's Black Canyon Farms. He had three trainers throughout his career, Gary Demorest, Ned Sams and Lenore Dubois. The timing of his retirement could not have been better, his first class owners knowing he had lost a step saw no reason to keep him in training and now he can gracefully retire as the best of all time. His lifetime earnings record, an impressive one, will likely only last a few weeks though as Wally and Terry Leong's B.C. bred superstar Strait of Dover, the recent Queen's Plate winner, will be favoured in the \$500,000 Breeders' Stakes at Woodbine on August 5th and with a win would go over the million dollar mark in earnings.

Spaghetti Mouse is still the best to race at our East End oval and it will take a long time, if ever, before any horse earns \$950,000 solely at Hastings Racecourse. Enjoy your retirement 'Archie' you have definitely earned it!