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B.C. RACING LEGEND PASSES AWAY

The local horsemen's fraternity lost one of the all-time greats as R.W. (Bobby) Hall passed away of natural causes last Wednesday at the age of 85.

Bobby was most noted for being the part-owner and trainer of arguably the best BC bred ever, George Royal. His commemorative statue still stands proudly in the centre of the paddock at Hastings Racecourse. He also trained 1971 Horse-of-the-Year Timber Music as well as numerous stakes winners; Ky Look, Desert Fire, Big Brac and Screaming Sue, just to name a few.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Wednesday, July 29th at Emerald Acres - (441 - 272nd Street Aldergrove), dubbed by Bob's wife Annie "the home that George Royal built". The service will begin at 4 p.m.

Hastings will be honouring Bobby Hall prior to the running of the first race on Saturday at 1:50 p.m.

BC CUP NOMINATIONS

A reminder to all horsemen that nominations for the August 3rd BC Cup races close tomorrow, Saturday July 25th. Another note, the \$100,000 Redekop Classic and the \$75,000 Pegasus Distaff are both for **BC bred or owned** horses.

The BC Cup races closing tomorrow are:

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| \$100,000 Redekop Classic | 3 & Up | 1 1/8 miles |
| \$75,000 Pegasus Distaff | F&M | 1 1/8 miles |
| \$50,000 Stellar's Jay | 3yo | 1 1/16 miles |
| \$50,000 Dogwood | 3yo fillies | 1 1/16 miles |
| \$50,000 Nursery | 2yo | 6 1/2 furlongs |
| \$50,000 Debutante | 2yo fillies | 6 1/2 furlongs |
| \$20,000 Marathon | 3 & Up | 1 3/8 miles |



RACING SCHEDULE FOR BC CUP WEEK

A reminder to everyone that the racing schedule next week is as follows:

Saturday, August 1st - **No Live Racing**

Sunday, August 2nd - Live Racing - first post 1:50 p.m.

Monday, August 3rd - Live Racing - first post 12:50 p.m.

A reminder to all BCTOBA members that anyone interested in attending the complimentary BC Cup luncheon in the Marquee Tent (west end of Grandstand) on Sunday, August 2nd should RSVP to mike@bctoba.com. There are still a few tickets available.