

‘The Canadian’ Tennessee Walking Horse Futurity

The inaugural Tennessee Walking Horse Futurity was held in Calgary in 1983. In preparation for the first Futurity, the Alberta Walking Horse Association invited breeders and owners of TWH to nominate Stallions and Mares. The resulting offspring would be eligible to compete in September 1983.

The 1983 respondents and participants represent the early history of the TWH in Western Canada:

- Breton Lesley
- Shirley and Don Campbell
- Keith Doll
- Marjory and Don Fabro
- Claudia and Hilton Hack
- Marlin and Henry Matechuk
- Betty Motherwell
- Joey Romain
- Diane Sept
- Beverly and Len Skowronski
- Jack Strachan
- Helen Williamson

The nominated Stallions were:

- Black Beauty’s Beau Dee
- Calta Midnite Victry
- Go Shadow Go
- Heza Walker
- Midnite Jester E
- Randy’s Mr. Barker
- Sky’s Sunni
- Sound of Invasion

The nominated Mares were:

- Bell’s Little Beauty
- Betty’s Early Dawn
- Canadian Firefly
- Cinnamon Sunday
- Flash’s Easy Aces
- Glory’s Gold Chiffon
- Kings Dallas Queen
- Mac’s Sunday Teardrop
- Metz Golden Queen
- Midnight Star
- Miss Boots a Walking
- Miss Stroll-O-Way
- Pleasure’s Spirit
- Shadow’s Happy Miss
- Sizzling 66
- Sun’s Chipper
- Sunday Breeze

‘The Canadian’ Tennessee Walking Horse Futurity was held annually for 22 years. From a humble beginning of 18 entries, ‘The Canadian’ Futurity grew to 181 entries in 1998. Futurity entries between 1983 and 2004 were 2039. At a minimum, these 2039 entries represented a minimum of 193 breeders or owners.

Over a period of 22 years ‘The Canadian’ has undergone many changes:

- In 1993, the Alberta Walking Horse Association handed the sponsorship of ‘The Canadian’ to the Canadian Registry of the Tennessee Walking Horse.
- In 1994 the format was changed from a comparative system to an evaluative one. ‘The Canadian’ was the only evaluative program for Tennessee Walking Horses in the world.
- In 2004, the Virtual Division of the Futurity was added to make the program more inclusive.
- In the summer of 2005, recognizing fundamental changes in the TWH industry combined with major economic factors, ‘The Canadian’ was postponed.
 - Entry fees were returned.
 - Participants were invited to a gathering.
 - A professional videographer was hired.
 - All entries were videoed.
 - Videos were submitted to a judge for evaluation.
- At the 2006 Annual General meeting, CRTWH introduced a replacement to ‘The Canadian’ – the Program For Excellence.

Three elements contributed to the success of ‘The Canadian’ – owners and breeders, sponsors and volunteers.

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