



NEWSLETTER

RIDEAU CARLETON ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE



TRACK TALK - JANUARY 2012

RCR DRIVERS RACE TO THE WIRE

by Norm Borg

MacDonald-Gagnon Vie for Top Honours

The battle for RCR's driving title was a very tight race between two pilots whose numbers in 2011 not only shone locally, but also glistened on the national stage. John MacDonald and Guy Gagnon were running one-two at the time of this writing on December 21st. MacDonald had gathered 319 wins with purse earnings of \$1,686,148 while Gagnon had 293 victories and a bankroll of \$1,633,116.

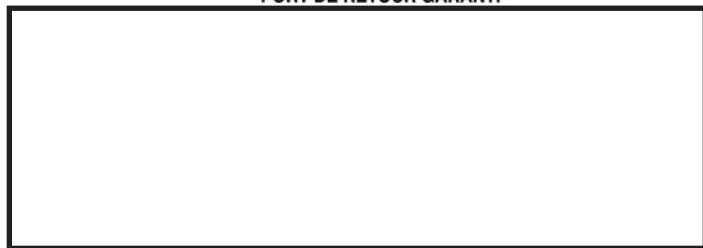
The eventual winner of the title will have been determined by the time this newsletter arrives at your door but the numbers do point out the impact RCR horsemen are having across Canada.

MacDonald, ("Sir John A") ranks seventh in the country in wins. Gagnon is not far behind in 9th. Another Rideau regular Gord Brown sits in 10th overall.

In UDRS rankings, yet another Rideau mainstay is among the countries' best. Per Henriksen, whose triumphs include a Hambletonian and O'Brien award, was hitting a dizzying.399, good for fourth overall in Canada. On the training side, just four wins separated the top pairing of Sebastien Giroux (140) and Jamie Copley (136). Those victories put the respective trainers at 4th and 5th on the national leader board. With numbers such as these in 2011, one can safely assume that 2012 will provide racing fans with even more excitement.



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MONTHLY MUSINGS FROM YOUR HUMBLE HANDICAPPER

BY NORM BORG

Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2012!

Of course by the time you get this in the mail, you will have long since put away your Holiday decorations (but perhaps not your bottle of Tylenol) and are saying "now what?". Courage gentle reader, I have anticipated your condition and am presenting you with the answer. Time for 2012 predictions from the Swami of Stats, the Perfessor of Equine Probability, the... well you get it.

1) **DISTANCE RACING:** We're going to continue to see more of it as tracks look for ways to draw more bettors by giving them more betting angles. In short,

get used to it. Your Swami predicted some time ago that this was more than a fad and, well what can you say, just an ordinary genius I guess.

2) **TURF RACING:** Before you think that I've completely lost my mind, consider this; not only is harness racing on turf standard in other parts of the world, but Meadowlands has already conducted racing on the green and I have a sneaking suspicion a Woodbine or even a Fort Erie might host a card of turf races for the Pacey set. What the heck, the Fort hosts quarter horses and according to one inside source there, we (the harness bunch) rank higher on the horsey




































pecking order than those equine drag racers.

3) **CALGARY WILL HAVE IT'S RACE TRACK:** I refuse to believe that a people of such entrepreneurial spirit can't pick up the pieces of what was the failed Balzac project and turn it into the track that Southern Alberta and harness racing needs.

4) **DRIVE IN AN AMATEUR RACE:** Your humble handicapper was scheduled to participate this past year but there was one thing getting his way and this leads me to my final prediction, or is it a wish....

5) **I WILL LOSE 20 POUNDS;** Okay I can dream can't I?

January

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