

DARREN CROWE

Central Onslow, Nova Scotia

Nominated as: Active Director, Atlantic Region

I was born and raised in Central Onslow, Nova Scotia, where I was always involved in agriculture through working on a dairy farm since I was a young child. Through family friends, I was introduced to harness racing at the Truro Raceway where I developed a love and passion for the horses and the industry. Early on, I was introduced to Hall of Famers, Phil and Dave Pinkney; from whom I learnt the fundamentals of training, driving and shoeing. They also instilled in me the importance of taking care of the animals health and well being, as well as having pride in how I presented myself and my stable. I accredit those who mentored me as a young person starting out in harness racing as to why I have been able to achieve the success I have in the Maritimes. Now having been training and driving myself for about 18 years, I try to take the time to help any young person and to give them the same advice I was lucky enough to receive.

I currently have a successful business of running a full time stable of approximately 20 horses. I have strong communication and management skills which I also believe has helped me succeed in this industry. My many long term owners (who mainly are prominent business owners) speaks to the fact that I am an honest, ambitious, hardworking young man. During the school year, I also assist in teaching an equine course through the Nova Scotia Agricultural College. I have been a member of the Truro Harness Horse Owners Association Executive for the past 8 years. Through my involvement on this committee, I have tried to help work towards making harness racing in Truro succeed and voice the opinions of my fellow horseman in a constructive way. I have also been called upon by the Maritime Provinces Harness Racing Commission to provide input on numerous occasions regarding rule changes. Recently, I have been involved in numerous publicity events for Truro Raceway, promoting harness racing and ensuring the general public hears what a great sport harness racing is.

I consider myself very lucky to be able to have an occupation that is not just a job, it is truly my passion. I am committed that should I be elected as a Standardbred Canada Active Director for the Atlantic Region, I will bring forward the needs of our region and work towards bringing harness racing back to the vibrant, sustainable industry it once was. I have the industry's interest at heart as it is not only my occupation which I depend on, but it is the sport I love.