

## **DR. MAURICE STEWART**

Leduc, Alberta

**Nominated as: Active Director, Western Region**

My nomination for an Active SC Director is for a second term of three years. I had initially been a CSHS Director and was actively involved in the amalgamation of CSHS and CTA to form Standardbred Canada. I was then a breeder director of SC until 2004 when I chose not to run as a director.

In 2007, I ran as an active director. In the last three years I was involved in the process of selecting a new President & CEO; in the development of a new strategic plan that more truly represents today's political, business and economic environment: and in the governance committee meetings that focused on board culture, conduct and communication. This led to restructuring of committees and increasing the accountability of the board.

Another committee that I have been active in is the taxation committee. This committee is working on a strategy to either alter Section 31 of the Income Tax Act to increase the amount deductible on horse investments from \$8,750 (from 1982) to something that more reasonably reflects today's economic values or to have Section 31 eliminated. This committee's success is important to get investment into our industry on the same basis as one investing into other businesses.

I have been involved in the national Standardbred organization for many years in assisting in shaping its direction and responsibility to members. Our industry today is facing many challenges such as decreasing membership, loss of race dates, and declining wagering. The development of strategies in response to these challenges that pertain to our new strategic plan and strategies to affect our taxation position are very much needed. I have been involved in this process and want to continue to provide efforts that affect change.