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BCTOBA Newsletter by Mike Heads

Great Canadian Gaming Corporation announced earlier this week the appointment of Raj Mutti as the Executive Director of the new Hard Rock Casino which is set to open this winter. The Hard Rock Casino is a rebranding and renovation of the Boulevard Casino in Coquitlam. Raj's efforts at Hastings are greatly appreciated and being a horse racing enthusiast his personal efforts to try and make Hastings a success will not go unnoticed. On behalf of BCTOBA we wish Raj all the best in the next chapter of his career with Great Canadian.

Racing resumes tonight at 7:00 p.m. at Hastings Racecourse with seven races on tap then continues on Saturday (seven races) and Sunday (eight races) with first post both days at 1:50 p.m. There are many local owners, riders and trainers out of town this weekend as Northlands Park in Edmonton and Emerald Downs in Auburn, Washington are having their premier days of the year. Here is a recap of the weekend's activity.

The main event on Saturday at Northlands Park is the **\$200,000 Canadian Derby** (post time 4:45 p.m. PST) which will feature four locally owned horses including Swift Thoroughbred's Shooting Jacket (Scott Williams), Reporting Star (Richard Hamel) a recent purchase by the Copper Water Thoroughbred Company, Success Rate (Aaron Gryder) owned by North American Thoroughbred Horse Co. and Peter Redekop's Title Contender (Enrique Gonzalez). On the undercard is the **\$75,000 Edmonton Distaff** (off at 11:28 a.m. PST) will showcase four Vancouver mares headed by the North American Thoroughbred Company's Saturday Nite Ride (Aaron Gryder), the Exclusive Stable and Ray Hanson's Madeira Park (Rico Walcott), Corsair Holdings Dashing Daisy (Enrique Gonzalez) and the Foundation Stable's Gosailgo (Richard Hamel). Also on the program is the **\$50,000 Westerner** (post time of 3:22 p.m. PST) which will feature the North American Thoroughbred Horse Company's Commander (Aaron Gryder), Tres Hombres and George Gilbert's Senior Rojo (Rico Walcott) and Swift Thoroughbred's Shrug (Scott Williams).

All eyes shift south of the border on Sunday as Emerald Downs will host the **\$200,000 Longacres Mile** which is scheduled to go at 5:32 p.m. There are four locally owned horses of interest in the race led by B.C. bred Herbie D (Amadeo Perez) who is owned by George Robbins and Darcia Doman, North American Thoroughbred Company's Hoist (Mario Gutierrez), North American Thoroughbred Horse Company and Mark DeDomenico's Mr. Bowling and K.K. Sangara's Golden Itiz (Gerry Olguin). Earlier in the day, the **\$65,000 Emerald Distaff** will feature Dedomenico and North American Thoroughbred Horse Company's Evelyn's Dancer (Aaron Gryder) and Dennis Spence's Wando Woman (Amadeo Perez). The post time is set for 4:24 p.m.

Good luck to all owners this weekend!