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## NEWSLETTER

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I've waited to put out a newsletter hoping there would be some information on the proposed race meet at Arapahoe Park this summer. However, because of disagreements and questions concerning taxation issues on "out of state" handle by the state, the track, and CHA, agreement has not been reached concerning the outcome of this situation. Hopefully, agreement will be consummated soon by the three parties so that we will have a race meet this summer at Arapahoe Park. Further delay will make it very hard for the horsemen to plan on where they intend to race this summer and will cause alternative plans to be made by all who have raced at Arapahoe in the past. As of this mailing I've been unable to get an answer from any of the three parties considering this arbitration on what the outcome might be. As soon as any agreements or decision has been made concerning the race meet, I will immediately communicate this to the membership.

We all lost the engine that made the CTBA go and operate for the last 24 years when LarriLou Kallsen passed away in November. I cannot express to this membership what this lady meant to me personally and to the entire CTBA membership. For most of her time with the CTBA she worked with me, for me and for the CTBA membership to help make this organization something that would make the thoroughbred industry in Colorado prosper and succeed. What LarriLou did for all people, including helping raise 4 young girls, is a badge of glory that very few will ever achieve. Godspeed LarriLou! You were the best!!

While trying to fill some very big shoes, Tonya Griess who was LarriLou's Niece as well as her CTBA Office Assistant for the past 19 years, will continue to handle the day-to-day office duties from this point forward. Please be patient with Tonya through this transition. If you need to stop by the office, please call Tonya first so she does not miss you.



*F. A. "Hecky" Heckendorf*

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION**

If you would like to run for the C.T.B.A. Board of Directors, please get your resume to the CTBA office no later than Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 by 3:00pm. Results of the election will be announced on June 15<sup>th</sup> at the annual meeting.

## **ANNUAL MEETING**

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 15, 2022. At this time, it will be a telephone meeting. If you are interested in listening in, please contact Tonya at the CTBA office and she will give you the login information.

**This will be your last correspondence if you have not paid your 2022 Membership.**

**Please update the office with your e-mail address, you can send it to [ctba@cotba.com](mailto:ctba@cotba.com). Remember you can always find updated information on our website. [www.cotba.com](http://www.cotba.com)**



## **Board of Directors 2021-2022**

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In Memory Of...

**LarriLou Kallsen**  
**CTBA Executive Director**  
**1956-2021**

LarriLou was born in Denver Colorado on November 4, 1956, to Clyde and Pearlie Kallsen. She was the youngest of 4 siblings. LarriLou grew up and lived her life in Brighton Colorado. She attended Brighton high School and was part of the Class of 1975.

LarriLou held several jobs in her lifetime but the one that stands out the most is her job with the Colorado Thoroughbred Breeders Association. She was the Executive Director and Secretary for the CTBA for the past 24 years and considered the horseman part of her extended family. She always went above and beyond for her job and did so with a smile on her face. Wherever she went, she knew no strangers and made a lasting impression on everyone who met her.

One of LarriLou's proudest moments in her life was becoming the mother to her son Joey. It was just the two of them until he passed away in March of 1999. When Joey was growing up, she made sure that everything they did was always an adventure and fun. Apart from becoming a mom, she took her role as Grammy and Aunt very seriously. All her nieces (great), nephews (great) and now great-great, can agree that being with Aunt Loulou or Grammy, would involve lots of smiles and laughter. She was the happiest anytime her granddaughters, family or Disney was involved.

She is survived by her brother, Nick Kallsen; sister, Bonnie Arnold (Dale); nieces/nephews, Tonya Griess (Gordon), Troy Arnold (Tammy), Kyle Arnold (Joanna), Amy McIntyre (Jason), Terry Kallsen (Janette); great nieces/nephews, Shilah, Kacie (Beau), Wyatt, Caylin, Blaine, Dustin, Grace, Bristol, Remington; great-great niece Penny; great-great nephew Henry; friend, Mark Alpers, his daughter Lindsey Alpers; and granddaughters, Jessica, Hailey, Makayla and Amanda Alpers. She is preceded in death by her parents, Clyde and Pearlie Kallsen; son, Joey Kallsen; brother, Terry Kallsen; sister-in-law Gloria Kallsen; nephew, Spencer Arnold; great nephew, Garret Arnold; along with many other friends and family members.

**Rita Ferguson**  
**1943-2021**

Rita was born on September 2, 1943 and passed away on October 19, 2021. She was the Little Britches Rodeo Queen in 1962. Rita started training quarter horse racehorses in 1970 and changed to thoroughbreds in 1982. After training, she became a Jockey Agent at Arapahoe Park. She joined the Colorado Thoroughbred Breeders Association in 1984. As a longtime member with the CTBA, she continues to earn Owner and Breeders points for those well-bred, researched broodmares that Rita felt had potential to be in the winner's circle. She enjoyed raising and racing their babies. She loved the racetrack life and all her friends very much and will be missed dearly. We hope to see her final legacy colt named "Jake" born on April 17, 2020, out of Ghostrunner by Forest Peace in the Winner's Circle one day soon.



## **Stanley Lyle Oliver** **1941-2021**

### **In Memory Of...**

Stanley Lyle Oliver passed away in his home on July 5, 2021, with his family present. He fought a valiant battle against Alzheimers and uranium exposure.

Lyle was born March 2, 1941, in Telluride to Stanley E. and Viola Oliver. He was a third generation Coloradan, with his grandmother born in Rico and his dad also born in Telluride. Lyle's paternal grandparents homesteaded on Wright's Mesa outside of Norwood.

Lyle grew up with two younger brothers and a younger sister – not to mention lots of cousins. He graduated from Norwood High School in 1960 and attended Pueblo Junior College (now CSU Pueblo). From there, he enlisted in the U.S. Army.

While stationed at Ft. Carson in Colorado Springs, he met Sarah Stuart at Cheyenne Frontier Days. Lyle married Sarah on Nov. 26, 1965, and – with Sarah's young son, Doug – they became a family. The young family at first made their home in Colorado Springs and then moved back to Norwood. Their life in Norwood brought them a daughter, Kim. While they were expecting their new bundle of joy, they briefly lived at a uranium mine outside of Uravan. In his younger days, Lyle worked in the uranium mines near Uravan and Grants, New Mexico for his uncle, Bob Williams.

Shortly after Kim was born, Lyle went to horseshoeing school at Oregon State University in Corvallis, Oregon. While he was learning to shoe horses, a Roaring Fork Valley veterinarian, Dr. C.G. Dewell, was in the Pacific Northwest on somewhat of a recruiting tour. He met Lyle and suggested the Roaring Fork Valley was in need of a good horseshoer. So, after graduation, with a certificate as a master farrier, the young Oliver family moved to Carbondale. One day, Lyle was shoeing horses for DRC Brown who suggested Lyle should go to Buttermilk Mountain to ask Jack Moyes for a job loading lifts so he would have steady work for the winter. That little get-through-the-winter job ended up lasting 33 years! In 1976, Colorado experienced a major drought and had almost no snow. So, in 1977, Aspen Skiing Co. decided to implement snow making. Lyle was the man picked to run the show. He did such a great job that he was a consultant for the 1988 Calgary Olympics.

Lyle came from a horse racing family, his parents met at a racetrack, his younger brother Doug was a trainer who had great success and Kim is keeping the family tradition going with several stakes winners under her belt.

Besides horse racing, Lyle's other favorite sports were whichever sport was in season for his kids or grandkids. He was in attendance at most Basalt High School sporting events for years. Lyle was a pretty decent basketball player back in his days at Norwood High School and he made sure his kids had every opportunity to excel in his favorite sport by having an indoor and outdoor hoop set up on the old ranch. In his later years, he got to learn about a new sport, as his grandson Wyatt's favorite sport was lacrosse. He also enjoyed watching his granddaughter Grace's many dance recitals.

Lyle is survived by: his wife of 55 years, Sarah, their son Doug (Glenda), daughter Kim, grandson Wyatt, granddaughter Grace, brothers Doug (Sandy), Tom (Lana), nieces Tona, Marcy and Ione, and nephews Kirk and Bryan. He was preceded in death by his parents, nephew Sean Kennedy, niece Tracy Kennedy and sister Phyllis Kennedy.