## Ontario Jockey Club changes name to Woodbine Entertainment Group

The Ontario Jockey Club has L changed its name to Woodbine Entertainment Group, effective June 1, 2001. The name was chosen to better reflect the scope of the company and its business. With the complete modernization of the company's two racetracks (Woodbine and Mohawk), dramatically expanded product distribution and enhanced quality of the company's horse racing coupled with the Province's introduction of slot machines as a second and extremely popular form of wagering, the company has emerged as a leader in Canada's entertainment industry.

Furthermore, the new company name more accurately reflects a corporation which has more than 3,000 full and part time employees and offers a range of racing, gaming and entertainment products available across North America and virtually world wide over the company's various internet sites.

In 2000, the company generated business in excess of \$1.2 billion. Wagering on the company's horse racing through live, off-track and in-home services makes up nearly 75 per cent of all pari-mutual wagering in Ontario and nearly 50 per cent in Canada. This, along with the approximately six million customers who visit the slot machine facilities at Woodbine and Mohawk annually make this company's offerings the entertainment choice for many. In addition to the two racetrack brands, this new corporate name also constitutes the umbrella for the company's other lines of business, includ-Champions Off-Track Wagering, HorsePlayer Interactive and The Racing Network Canada.

## Inductees to the Ag Hall of Fame

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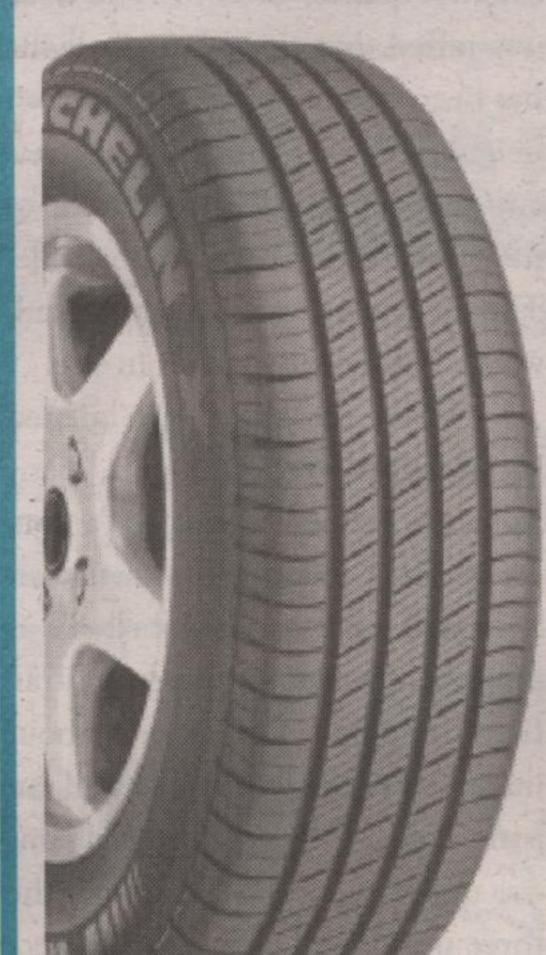
as the Director of Extension, supervising the 54 county and district offices of the Ministry. Lantz established the Farm Business Management Program as a vital dimension of the Agriculture Ministry's service to commercial farmers. He was also instrumental in bringing crop insurance to producers, and establishing the Food Land Development Branch within OMAF leading to Food Land Guidelines which encourage preservation of farmland.

The last inductee of the afternoon was Eugene Whelan, who was sponsored by the Chicken Farmers of Ontario, Dairy Farmers of Ontario, Ontario Egg Producers, Ontario Turkey Producer's Marketing Board and Ontario Broiler Hatching Egg and Chick Commission. Whelan has served as a member of the Senate of Canada, Minister of Agriculture for Canada, and Ambassador to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization. Whelan fought hard to get the Canadian government to increase payments to farmers through ad hoc and/or safety net programs. He is a tireless supporter of supply management, a system that limits production to domestic requirements while providing a return to producers based on a cost of production formula. While many of his policy initiatives were national in scope, they made a huge contribution to the stability and financial viability of Ontario Agriculture.

"The inductees all have qualities of thinking differently about their work," said guest speaker Byron Beeler, President of Novartis Animal Health Canada Inc. "They were visionaries and clearly leaders in their field. These people have a passion about their work." Beeler concluded by thanking the inductees for "what you have done, not only for Ontario, but for the great land of Canada."

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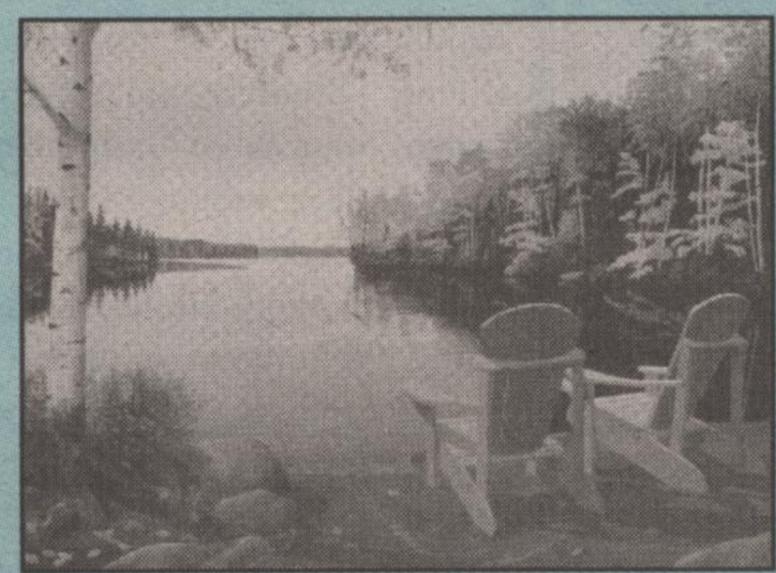
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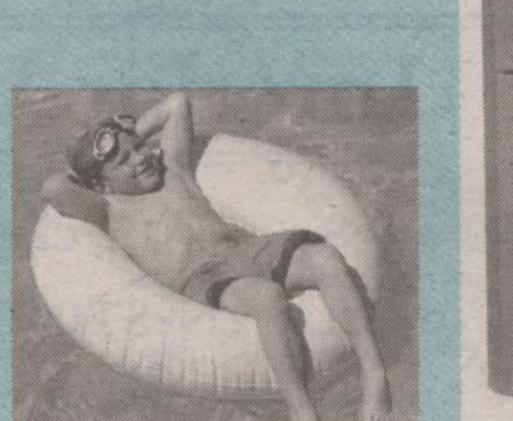
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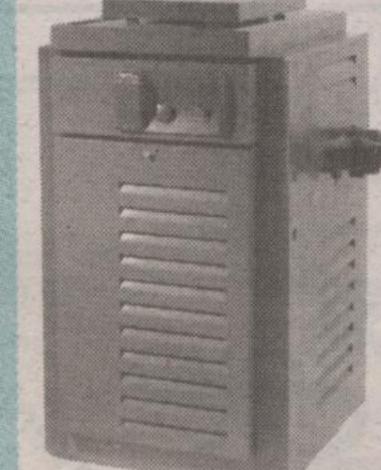
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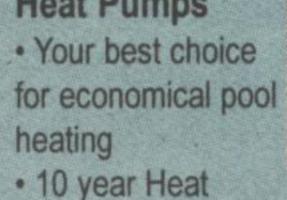


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