

BEST COLUMN WRITING

The QCNA boasts a fine crop of columnists this year, who engaged me with belly laughs, imagination and, in other cases, sober commentary. Ross Murray and John Zeitoun left me in stitches; Sonny Orr took me along on every ride he described (and I don't mean just on the Ski-Doo trip). All three breathed life into every scene their words painted on my mind. Honourable mention goes to Gil Troy, who hit on all the main points that make political commentary readable.

ROSS MURRAY

The Record

Strap on your seat belt. You're going for a ride. A happy ride. A fun spin through the reel of life where the lessons just settle obediently into place; you're having too much fun laughing to notice. Brilliant. Love Ross Murray's funny, unassuming delivery. Love his magical writing style.

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JOHN ZEITOUN

The Low Down to Hull & Back News

Love this dude! John Zeitoun is fresh, funny and local without even trying. Only downside is the dirty looks you'll get from his wife for wanting to look over his shoulder to see what he writes next. That's her space, buddy. Beat it!

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SONNY ORR

the Nation

Nice, picturesque writing. Sonny Orr makes his points subtly — via casual observations and matter-of-fact asides — and the reader can remember them for being embedded in the narrative, and not having been preached.

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Honourable Mention:

GIL TROY
THE CANADIAN JEWISH NEWS

Judge: Dan Hoddinott, Editor, Speaker, Trainer and Author, Vaughan, ON • Number of entries in the Best Column Writing category: 17