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## PEBBLE BEACH

Wins Breeders Crown



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2-Year-Old Colt Pacing Champion



**RUMBLE STRIPS**  
2-Year-Old Colt Trotting Champion



**McSEASIDE**  
2-Year-Old Filly Pacing Champion



**ROSE RUN YOLANDA**  
2-Year-Old Filly Trotting Champion



**BYTHEMISSAL**  
3-Year-Old Colt Pacing Champion



**LONGSHOT**  
3-Year-Old Colt Trotting Champion



**SEA SILK**  
3-Year-Old Filly Pacing Champion



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3-Year-Old Filly Trotting Champion



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# PEBBLE BEACH ROLLS TO BREEDERS CROWN CHAMPIONSHIP



The connections of Pebble Beach celebrate the Breeders Crown victory. **Photo:** Clive Cohen/New Image Media

## BUCKEYE CONNECTIONS SWEEP

It was a Buckeye connected sweep in the three-year-old colt pace at the 2022 Breeders Crown as Todd McCarthy guided Ohio-bred Pebble Beach roared to a 3 ½ length victory to claim the \$675,000 event at Woodbine Mohawk Park in 1:48.1.

Pebble Beach shot off the gate but gave way to Ponda Warrior and Greatest Ending who started from the far outside. McCarthy settled into the third spot as the field covered the first quarter in :25.4

Heading up the back stretch, Pebble Beach pulled first over and turned on the jets, blowing past the leaders to grab the lead at the half in :54.1.

Around the turn Pebble Beach opened his lead on Ponda Warrior and started to pull away, turning in a :27.1 third quarter.

I Did It Myway, started moving to the outside and grabbed second as the field hit the top of the stretch. I Did It Myway reeled in Ponda Warrior but could not catch Pebble Beach.

The other Ohio-bred, Bythemissal with Chris Page, turned for home in seventh and started to pluck off rivals rallying to finish third.

Pebble Beach cruised home in a final quarter of :27 to win for the eighth time in 15 starts.

Pebble Beach won the North American Cup in June at Woodbine Mohawk and is now five for five in Canada.

“He does very well up here, he feels happy when I sit behind him, and he shows it when he races as well,” said McCarthy. “He was certainly very impressive tonight.” It was McCarthy’s first Breeders Crown championship drive.



(L to R) Joe Sbrocco, Max Daley, Noel Daley, and Todd McCarthy **Photo:** Clive Cohen/New Image Media

Trainer Noel Daley said a change in shoes made a big difference. “The last time we raced him in Lexington I raced him with no shoes, and he won. He was no more impressive than he’s been, but last week was the most impressive he’s been. Just looking for that extra edge, I put the four aluminums on him rather than just the two.”



Pebble Beach Wins the Three-Year-Old Pacing Breeders Crown **Photo:** Clive Cohen/New Image Media

The son of Downbytheseaside is owned by Patricia Stables, Joe Sbrocco of Brecksville, Ohio, Country Club Acres of Findlay, Ohio and Laexpressfoderadeovolente.

“Noel and Todd just know this horse and do such a great job,” said Sbrocco.

For Sbrocco the night was extra special, as in addition to owning the winner, he bred second place finisher I Did It Myway. “This one seems even more special because the partners are so close. It makes it more fun that way. It’s not just the money, it’s the greatest feeling to have friends.”

One of those friends is James Koehler of Country Club Acres. Koehler’s son James Koehler II says the partnership with Sbrocco is something special. “Joe is the greatest partner ever. My Dad and he have been in horses for 40 some years and I couldn’t ask for a better partner. He’s easy to work with, always there. He has a great eye for horses and a great mind for the sport. Look at the success he has had. It’s unbelievable.”

For Country Club Acres, it was a return to the Breeders Crown winner’s circle. “It’s

fantastic. We haven’t won a Breeders Crown since Won The West,” said Koehler. “Since I have been involved in the operations, this is my first Breeders Crown. I’m super pumped.”

Bythemissal finished third completing the Buckeye sweep. “For the most part, I thought my horse raced very well,” said Page. “For the elimination he had the rail and I timed him up well, but this time I struggled out of the inside post. It wasn’t the horse; it was definitely me.”

Bythemissal has hit the board in all 15 starts and with the third place finished has now earned over a million dollars in 2022.



Pebble Beach and caretaker Sonja Booth **Photo:** Clive Cohen/New Image Media



**Photo:** Clive Cohen/New Image Media

# TRAINER VIRGIL MORGAN, JR WINS BREEDERS CROWN with GRACE HILL



Grace Hill withstood the challenge from one of the top trotting mares in North America, holding on to win the Breeders Crown Aged Mare Trot to give Virgil Morgan Jr. his second Breeders Crown championship.

Morgan's first Breeders Crown championship came back in 2008 when Mister Big won the Open Pace.

Doug McNair took Grace Hill off the gate first, but gave way to the outside speed of longshots Amazing Dream N and N Win No Feed A who covered the first quarter in :27.2.

McNair did not let the two get away as he sent Grace Hill to the front heading up the back stretch reeling in the two and taking the lead at the half in :54.3.

Around the final turn, So Much More pulled alongside Grace Hill, only to have her challenge rebuffed as the two went past three-quarters in 1:21.3

Turning for home, Grace Hill had a slight lead with So Much More leading the cavalry charge in pursuit of the daughter of Always B Miki. Swinging three-wide out of the pack was 2-5 favorite Test Of Faith.

As the field headed down the stretch, Grace Hill opened a two-length lead only to see the lead shrink as the finish line came into sight.

Down the middle of the track Test Of Faith, last year's 3-year-old filly pace Breeders Crown champion, had turned on the jets and was closing with every stride as was So Much More.

At the wire, Grace Hill held on to beat Test of Faith by a head with So Much More finishing third. The time of 1:48.4 equaling the stakes record.

Heading into the race Morgan thought Grace Hill had a chance. "I thought she had a shot going in, but you need things to line up. Doug drove great. He did the right thing by going forward," said Morgan.

McNair said he just wanted to let the race unfold. "I thought of about 400 different situations," said McNair. "There was only one horse I was thinking of letting go and that was Test Of Faith."

Both Morgan and McNair were anxious heading down the stretch. "I was driving on her," said Morgan. "I'm usually pretty quiet but I kind of drove home this one in the stretch."

McNair was worried Grace Hill did not have enough. "The last turn she let go of me a little bit. I didn't know what she would do. McNair said he pulled the plugs and Grace Hill kicked it into another gear. "It's a long stretch. Late in the stretch I thought she was going to get beat. I'm glad she didn't."

Test Of Faith had won five straight and eight of her last ten heading into the Breeders Crown championship. Morgan said it was huge to beat Test Of Faith. "She's one of the greatest mares of all time. To be competitive with her is good enough, let alone beat her."

The win was McNair's second Breeders Crown championship having won in 2017 with Stay Hungry in the two-year-old colt and gelding pace. "It's fun to win them anywhere but to win at your home track is special."

Owned by Tom Hill of Lancashire, England, Grace Hill won for the seventh time this year. The win raised her lifetime earnings to \$1,089,169. She has hit the board in 30 of 45 starts with a total of 18 wins.

**All photos:** Clive Cohen/New Image Media



“It’s fun to win them anywhere, but to win at your home track is special.”

—DOUG MCNAIR

## OHIO AT THE BREEDERS CROWN

The Buckeye state was well represented at the 2022 Breeders Crown held at Mohawk Woodbine Racetrack the last weekend of October. Twenty-two horses had connections to Ohio. Sixteen represented Ohio ownership, seven were Ohio bred with three by Ohio breeders, three were trained by Ohioans and one was driven by a Buckeye.

Every race except the 2-Year-Old-Filly Pace and the 3-Year-Old-Filly Trot had an Ohio connected horse.

Thirteen different entities owned a piece of the Breeders Crown entrants with Knox Services owning a piece of six different horses. The Mt. Vernon company owns a share of Act Fast (2CP), Celebrity Bambino (2CT), McSeaside (2FP), Sea Silk (3FP), Strong Position (2FP), and Sweet Kisses (3FP).

Hatfield Stables of Columbus is part of the Sea Silk partnership with Knox Services.

Joe Sbrocco of Brecksville has shares of five Breeders Crown horses. The five that

Sbrocco has ownership in are Fast As The Wind (3CT), Galleria Hanover (3FP), I Did It Myway (3CP), Just Divine (3FP), and Pebble Beach (3CP).

Country Club Acres of Findlay is part of the partnership with Sbrocco, owning part of I Did It Myway and Pebble Beach, while Don Latore of Moreland Hills is part of the ownership group of I Did It Myway.

Rich Lombardo Racing of Solon has a piece of Bythemissal (3CP) and Act Fast.

The partnership of Milton Leeman of Columbus, Alan Keith of Johnstown, and the Wingfield Brothers of Kenton own Open Pacer Workin Ona Mystery.

Joyce McClelland of Zanesville and Larry Wills of Columbus own the Open Mare Trotter Refined, while M3Racing Stable of Berlin own the Open Trotter Ambassador Hanover.

Seven Ohio bred horses competed in the Breeders Crown. Downbytheseaside was the dom-

inant sire with six offspring, while Uncle Peter sired the other.

Downbytheseaside sired Act Fast, Bythemissal, Charleston, McSeaside, Pebble Beach, and Sea Silk.

It’s Academic was sired by Uncle Peter.

Three Ohio breeders had entries in the Breeders Crown. I Did It Myway was bred by Sbrocco, while It’s Academic was bred by GBW Breeding Farm of Findlay. Jonas Schlabach of Apple Creek is the breeder of 3-year-old colt trotter Slay.

Virgil Morgan Jr. and Brian Brown represented Ohio trainers. Morgan trains Refined and Open Pacing Mare Grace Hill, while Brown is the trainer of the 2-year-old colt pacer Confederate.

In addition to driving Bythemissal and Sea Silk, Chris Page also drove Lous Pearlman in the Open Pace.

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# OHIO CONNECTIONS FARE WELL AT BREEDERS CROWN

Twenty-two horses representing Ohio connections went to the gate in the 2022 Breeders Crown. The Buckeye state was represented in all but two of the championship races. After the 12 races, half of the Ohio contingent hit the board, finishing with two championships, four second place finishes and five third places finishes.

## Two-Year-Old Colt Trot

In the first Breeders Crown race of 2022, Celebrity Bambino went off as the 7-5 favorite. Co-owned by Knox Services of Mt. Vernon, Celebrity Bambino had the lead at the top of the stretch, but Gaines Hanover tracked him down to win by a head.

## Two-Year-Old Filly Pace

Ohio Sires Stakes champion McSeaside, the son of Downbytheseaside, led a trio of Ohio connected horses into the freshman filly pace. McSeaside was joined by Ohio-bred Charleston and Strong Poison who has Ohio ownership connections.

Charleston driven by Dexter Dunn grabbed the lead heading to three-quarters but was overtaken in the stretch by Sylvia Hanover. Charleston held on to finish second.

Strong Poison which is owned in part by Knox Services finished third. Knox Services is also a part owner of McSeaside who finished 9th.

## Two-Year-Old Colt Pace

In the two-year-old colt pace, three Ohio connected horses went to the post hoping to bring Ohio a Breeders Crown championship.

Confederate, trained by Brian Brown, was the favorite at 1-2, while Handlelikeaporsche who is co-owned by Robert Mondillo of Delaware was the co-second choice at 5-1. The third entry, Downbytheseaside colt Act Fast which is partially owned by Knox Services and Rich Lombardo Racing of Solon was one of the longshots in the field.

When the dust settled, Confederate came up a half a length short, as longshot Ammo was the winner.

Brown said the race set up with more horses leaving for the lead than they expected. "He raced great. We wound up in a bad spot with slow fractions. When you are sitting eighth in a ten-horse field in these kinds of races, it is tough to get there"

Act Fast finished ninth with Handlelikeaporsche fading to tenth.

## Three-Year-Old Colt Trot

Two sophomore colt trotters represented Ohio. Slay which was bred by Jonas Schlabach of Apple Creek, Ohio finished third, while Fast

As The Wind which is owned in part by Joe Sbrocco finished seventh.

## Three-Year-Old Filly Pace

There were four Buckeye representatives in the three-year-old filly pace. Ohio-bred Sea Silk is owned in part by Knox Services and Hatfield Stable of Columbus, Sweet Kisses is owned in part by Knox Services. Sbrocco has part ownership of two other entries, Galleria Hanover and Just Divine.

All four are stablemates trained by Ron Burke.

Sea Silk and Sweet Kisses finished in a dead heat for seventh place, while Just Devine finished ninth and Galleria Hanover finished tenth.

## Open Pace

There were two horses in the Open Pace with Ohio connections. Chris Page drove Lou's Pearlman which finished sixth, while Workin Ona Mystery which is owned by the partnership of Milton Leeman of Columbus, Alan Keith of Johnstown, and the Wingfield Brothers of Kenton finished 10th.

## Open Trot

Ohio was represented in the Open Trot with two entries, Ohio-bred It's Academic and Ambassador Hanover.

It's Academic was bred by GBW Breeding Farm of Findlay, Ohio. Ambassador Hanover is owned by M3 Racing Stable of Berlin, Ohio.

It's Academic finished fourth but was placed third. Ambassador Hanover finished tenth.

## Open Mare Trot

In the Open Mare Trot, Ohio-bred Refined rallied down the stretch to finish 3rd. The daughter of Uncle Peter was last after the first quarter but worked her way through the field finishing four lengths behind the winner, Bella Bellini. Refined is owned by Joyce McClelland of Zanesville and Larry Wills of Columbus.

# Bythemissal and Sea Silk roll to Ohio Sires Stakes Titles

Despite cold and windy conditions, a packed house filled Hollywood Dayton Raceway for Super Night. The crowd was not disappointed as Bythemissal and Sea Silk, both 1-9 favorites, turned in impressive performances to win Ohio Sires Stakes championships. The eight \$300,000 finals were part of a \$3.4 million dollar card, the richest in Ohio horse racing history.

## Three-Year-Old Colt Pace



Bythemissal Three-Year-Old Colt Pace Champion **Photos:** Brad Conrad

Bythemissal with Chris Page coming off his victory in the Little Brown Jug, sat fourth through the first three-quarters before turning on the jets at the top of the stretch to draw away and win by two-lengths in 1:52.1.

Sling Shock with Brett Miller grabbed the early lead cutting fraction of :27, :55.3 and 1:23.2. Page sat patiently with the son of Downbytheseaside before making his move into a stiff wind on the backstretch. Page took Bythemissal three-wide around the final turn grabbing the lead at the top of the stretch.

“He just keeps getting better and better,” said Mickey Burke following the victory. “He’s been phenomenal and just keeps getting better.”

The win was the 11th in 13 starts for Bythemissal who is trained by Ron Burke and owned by the Burke Racing Stable, Rich Lombardo Racing, and Weaver Bruscemi. Bythemissal raised his lifetime earnings to \$988,525. Bythemissal was bred by Stephen Dey.

Terminator was second with Rose Run Xiled third.

## Three-Year-Old Filly Pace



Sea Silk Three-Year-Old Filly Pace Champion **Photos:** Brad Conrad

In the sophomore pacing championship for fillies, Sea Silk grabbed the lead just past the quarter in :27.3 and never looked back cruising to an easy two-length victory in 1:52.4. Page and Sea Silk covered the half in :56 and faced a brief challenge from Prancing Queen going up the backstretch. As the field hit the three-quarter pole in 1:24.1, Sea Silk began to open up and cruised to victory in 1:52.4.

The daughter of Downbytheseaside is trained by Burke and owned by the Burke Racing Stable, Weaver Bruscemi, Knox Services, and Hatfield Stables. She was bred by Steiner Stock Farm.

Kris Brechler of Knox Services says Sea Silk is very special. “We can’t thank the Burke Brigade enough and Chris Page has done a wonderful job with her. She is just an unbelievable filly.”

Brechler says it is great to win in Ohio. “We are from here and we always support Ohio-breds. It’s fantastic.”

The win made Sea Silk a millionaire as she has now earned \$1,005,154 in her 16 career victories.

Do It Like Bobbie was second with Twenty finishing third.

## Two-Year-Old Colt Pace



Rockmelikeyameanit Two-Year Old Colt Pace Champion **Photos:** Brad Conrad

In the 2-year-old colt and gelding pace, Rockmelikeyameanit and Brett Miller took the pocket trip shooting down the passing lane past the leader Act Fast to win in 1:53.2.

Act Fast with Page driving held the lead through the first three quarters with fractions of 27.3, :57, and 1:24. Act Fast turned for home with the lead but could not hold on as Rockmelikeyameanit moved to the inside and drove to the line to claim victory.

Trained by Christi Noble and owned by Dennis Owens, Norman Rae Racing and James Morris, the son of McArldle won for the second time this year and raised his earnings to \$296,153. Rockmelikeyameanit was bred by GBW Breeding Farms.

“There is nothing real flashy about Rockmelikeyameanit,” said Noble. “He kind of flies under the radar, but he’s always right there.”

Surfside Beach finished second but was placed eighth when it was ruled he went inside the pylons entering the passing lane. Downrightdelicious was elevated to second with Racing Rampage third.

“He’s an incredible horse,” said Walters. Ohio owners, Ohio trainer, Ohio driver, it’s a celebration for Ohio to have a top-notch horse.” — MARY BETH WALTERS

### Two-Year Old Colt Trot



Rumble Strips Two-Year Old Colt Trot Champion **Photos:** Brad Conrad

### Two-Year-Old Filly Pace



McSeaside Two-Year-Old Filly Pace Champion **Photo:** Brad Conrad

### Three-Year-Old Colt Trot



Longshot Three-Year-Old Colt Trot Champion **Photo:** Brad Conrad

In the opening race of the night, world champion Rumble Strips grabbed the early lead and never looked back going gate to wire to win the 2-year-old colt and gelding trot in a new track record. It was the first sires stakes champions for trainer Mike Polhamus. The 4-5 favorite with Kayne Kaufman driving, cut fractions of :28.3, :58.2, 1:27.3 on the way to a one-length victory in 1:56.1. The son of Long Tom shaved a second off the five-year-old record.

The win was the fourth of the year for Rumble Strips who is owned by Constance Polhamus and Mary Beth Walters, and was bred by Franklin Equine. Rumble Strips raised his earnings to \$276,135.

“He’s an incredible horse,” said Walters. “Ohio owners, Ohio trainer, Ohio driver, it’s a celebration for Ohio to have a top-notch horse.”

Jet Hill finished second with A Real Legend getting up at the wire for third in a photo.

The first of the three Sires Stakes titles for Page and Burke came in the 2-year-old filly pacing division when McSeaside rallied down the stretch to win by two-lengths in 1:53.4.

Aaron Merriman took More The Merrier to the early lead and tried to race away from the field with fractions of :26.3, :54.2, and 1:22.4 opening up a seven-length lead. As More The Merrier was running out of steam, Page took McSeaside, the even money favorite, three-wide around the final turn catching the leader mid-stretch.

“I wasn’t sure how it was going to work out. She’s had a good campaign all year. I thought she’s been brought along the right way,” said Page.

The Downbytheseaside filly claimed her second win of the year and raised her earnings to \$220,114. McSeaside is owned by the Burke Racing Stable, Beasty LLC, J&T Silva Stables, and Knox Services, and was bred by Andray Farm and Sergeant Stables.

Cruise Alert was second in a photo with More The Merrier hanging on for third.

In the 3-year-old colt trot, Caviar Gold and Aaron Merriman went to the lead through the first three quarters in :27.3, :56.4 and 1:54.2 before Longshot and Chris Lems challenged around the final turn.

The two pulled away from the rest of the field and battled down the lane with Longshot taking control in deep stretch to win by a length in 1:54.2.

The win was the eighth of the year for the Long Tom gelding. Trained by Scott Cox and owned by Wayne Mast Jr. and Callam Racing, Longshot raised his lifetime earnings to \$309,460. Longshot was bred by Perry Coblenz.

Cox said this is a nice way to finish the year, “Longshot has had a fabulous year and its nice for the owners to enjoy it.”

Caviar Gold finished second with Rose Run Xtra third.

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# Gabbys C Note and Rose Run Yolanda Claim Ohio Triple Crowns

Entering the 2022 Ohio Sires Stakes finals four Ohio Triple Crowns were there for the taking, but when the dust settled only Gabbys C Note and Rose Run Yolanda claimed the prize.

## Three-Year-Old Filly Trot



Gabbys C Note Three-Year-Old Filly Trot Champion

Gabbys C Note missed out on the Triple Crown last year as a two-year-old when she lost by a head in the Ohio Breeders Championship. This year after winning the Ohio Fair Stakes and the Ohio Breeders Championship, the daughter of Triumphant Caviar took no chances going gate-to-wire to win the Ohio Sires Stakes three-year-old filly trotting title and the Triple Crown.



Aaron Merriman took the 1-5 favorite to the lead with fractions of :28, :57 and 1:25.2 opening up a two-length lead after three-quarters.

Turning for home, Criquette Hall and Chris

Page set their sights on the leader, but Gabbys C Note fought off the challenge to win for the tenth time in 12 starts this year.

Merriman was happy to get the job done this year. "It was kind of upsetting last year, we had a bad track at Delaware because of the weather, she wasn't ready. This year she really showed her professionalism and how dominant she was today."

Criquette Hall was second with Favorite Aunt finishing second.

In her career, Gabbys C Note has 15 wins in 19 starts and has finished outside the top two only once. With the win she raised her lifetime earnings to \$600,778.

Gabbys C Note is co-owned by trainer Chris Beaver, breeder Johanna Beaver and Steve Zeehandelar.

## Two-Year-Old Filly Trot



Rose Run Yolanda Two-Year-Old Filly Trot Champion

Rose Run Yolanda claimed her Triple Crown in the two-year-old filly trot winning for the sixth time in a row.

Trevor Smith settled the 1-2 favorite into fourth place through the :28 first quarter. Heading to the half, Smith pulled the daughter of Triumphant Caviar and started her pursuit of the leader Global Girl.



Global Girl held a half-length lead at three-quarters in 1:27.1, with Rose Run Yolanda bearing down.

Rose Run Yolanda took control down the home stretch to win by a length in 1:57.1.

Owner Greg Luther said Rose Run Yolanda has been solid this year. "Its awesome, the team was looking forward to tonight. We had a few in and she was our best shot. So excited for the trip to work out for her and she came through for us."

Global Girl held on for second with Swinging Seniorita third.

Owned by Greg Luther Racing and trained by Todd Luther, Rose Run Yolanda has won six of seven starts this year, finishing second in the other race. With the win she has earned \$290,528 this year. Rose Run Yolanda was bred by Rose Run Farm.

Racing Rampage and Fear Of Sports were unable to complete the task of winning the Triple Crown as Racing Rampage finished third in the 2-year-old colt and gelding pace, while Fear Of Sports was eighth in the 2-year-old filly pace.

Photos: Brad Conrad

# Ohio Sires Stakes Consolations

The Ohio Sires Stakes wrapped up for the year October 8th at MGM Northfield Park as Chris Page and Ronnie Wrenn Jr. each won two consolation finals. Each final carried a purse of \$85,000.

## Two-Year-Old Colt Pace

Wicked Character overcame an early break and fought off a late challenge from Cross Creek to win the two-year-old colt and gelding pace in 1:54.2. Page drove the son of Yankee Cruiser for trainer Ron Burke. Owned by Winterwood Farm, Wicked Character won for the second time in nine starts and raised his earnings to \$73,800.

Somewhere Vintage finished second, while Dragon Attack was third. Cross Creek faded to fourth.

## Two-Year-Old Colt Trot

In the two-year-old colt and gelding trot, Page picked up his second win of the night as he rallied the favorite, Stumpy, down the stretch to win by a head in 1:58. It was the third win of the year for the son of What The Hill. Allen Miller trains and owns Stumpy who has earned \$63,430 this year.

Asian Zing was second with Domovoy third.

## Two-Year-Old Filly Pace

Yankee Nudge and Hunter Myers raced to the lead at the quarter pole and never looked back to win the two-year-old filly pace in 1:55, a new lifetime mark. Joseph Lucas trains and co-owns the Yankee Cruiser filly with At The Wire Farms. It was the fourth win of the season for the Yankee Nudge whose earnings are now \$71,066.

Elvette Hanover finished second with No Fear Intended third.

## Two-Year-Old Filly Trot

A Long Dream with Brett Miller grabbed the lead heading to the three-quarter pole and cruised to victory in a new lifetime mark of 1:56.3 to capture the two-year-old filly trot. It was fifth win in ten starts for the Long Tom filly who raised her freshman campaign earnings to \$80,760. Trained by Vernon Beachy, A Long Dream is owned by First Up Racing Stable and Elise Kilmer.

Along In Time was second with Doc's Boo Boo third.

## Three-Year-Old-Colt Pace

In the three-year-old colt pace, Risenshine Seaside with Cam McGown went right to the lead and stayed there winning in 1:52.2. It was the seventh win of the year for the son of Downbytheseaside whose lifetime earnings now stand at \$181,769. Brian Brown trains Risenshine Seaside for Hutchison Harness.

Tre Cruz finished second in a photo with Dragononthebeach third.

## Three-Year-Old Colt Trot

Gabbys Bit Coin with Tyler Smith sat fourth going to the half mile before making her move up the backstretch grabbing the lead

from Guido Di and holding on to win the three-year-old colt and gelding trot. Chris Beaver trains and co-owns the Uncle Peter gelding with Johanna Beaver. Gabbys Bit Coin won for the fourth time this year and raised his lifetime earnings to \$230,827.

Mo Bay was second with Guido D third.

## Three-Year-Old-Filly Pace

Coastal and Wrenn grabbed the lead around the final turn and held off stablemate Fantasy Life to win the three-year-old filly pace in 1:51.4. It was the sixth win of the year for the Downbytheseaside filly. Trained by Ron Burke and owned by Burke Racing Stable, J&T Silva Stables, Jason Melillo, and Beasty LLC, Coastal raised her lifetime earnings to \$162,895.

Bittsweetsymphony was third.

## Three-Year-Old Filly Trot

Martysmagicmoment went gate to wire to win the three-year-old filly trot. Wrenn drove the Creatine filly to victory for trainer Danny Collins in 1:55. Martysmagicmoment won for the fourth time this year and raised her lifetime earnings to \$170,025 for owners Marty McLain, Charles McClain, and Harry Burger.

Sweet On Pete was second with La Belle Riviere third.



Gabbys Bit Coin **Photo:** Casalinova Photography

# Tyler Smith Scores Double In Buckeye Stallion Series Finals

It was a picture-perfect night in Dayton, Ohio with temperatures in the mid 70's for finals of the Buckeye Stallion Series. When the dust cleared, Tyler Smith had won two of the \$60,000 finals, one for his father Jeff.

## Two-Year-Old Filly Trot



Doc's Boo Boo

**Photo:** Brad Conrad

The Downbytheseaside trotter, Doc's Boo Boo, opened the card with an impressive win for trainer Mark Winter. Jeff Nisonger took Doc's Boo Boo to the lead and never looked back winning by three-lengths in 1:58.1.

Doc's Boo Boo was coming off a third-place finish in the Ohio Sires Stakes consolations and that gave Nisonger confidence going into the BSS Finals. "I was hoping to get to the front and get some soft fractions. I got some decent fractions, and she was able to hold them off" said Nisonger. The 9-5 favorite had fractions of :27.4, :59.1, and 1:28.2.

The daughter of a pacing sire, Nisonger says she has been all trot. "She's made a mistake here and there usually behind the gate, but she's never ever shown an ounce of pace."

It was the filly's ninth win of the year in 15 starts and raised her earnings to \$89,720, Doc's Boo Boo is owned by JR Stable LLP.

A Long Dream was second with Lose My Mind AS third.

## Two-Year-Old Filly Pace



Celebrate Me Home

**Photo:** Brad Conrad

Celebrate Me Home with Brett Miller raced to the lead in :27 before letting Hill Of A Night take the front and settling in for the pocket trip. Miller swung the Racing Hill filly wide around the final turn and drew away to win by six lengths for trainer Jim Arledge Jr, in a new lifetime mark of 1:54.

"I would have been fine cutting the mile, but when Danny (Noble) retook the lead, I thought that was even better," said Miller. "When I was able to get her out in the last turn, she had a lot of pace."

It was the second win of the year for Celebrate Me Home who raised her earnings to \$55,325 for the owners Laura and Paul Baker, Bill Sanders and the Z Tam Stable.

Apple Martini rallied home for second with Carmen N The Devil finishing third.

## Two-Year-Old Colt Trot



Romeo's Dream

**Photo:** Brad Conrad

Romeo's Dream with Josh Sutton went gate-to-wire to win for the sixth time this year. Sutton shot the Norman Robbins trainee to the lead in :29.3. Following a slow :31.1 second quarter, Romeo's Dream faced a challenge from the favorite Republic Return. Around the final turn, the His Highness

gelding fought off the challenge and hung on to win by three-quarters of a length in 1:59.1.

Robbins says entering the race, he was worried when he drew the eight hole, "It's a long way to go. He's kind of a small horse, but he has a big heart."

Owned by Susan and Norman Robbins, Romeo's Dream has earned \$73,640 this year.

Serene Bubby finished second but was placed fifth for a break in the stretch. Freeborn was placed second with Republic Return placed third.

## Two-Year-Old Colt Pace



The Mandolorian

**Photo:** Brad Conrad

The Mandolorian with Chris Lems raced to the lead in :27.2 but gave way to KOA and Tyler Smith opting to sit in the pocket. Lems kept the son of McArde on the rail until he was able to fire down the passing lane to win by a length in 1:54.4.

The Mandolorian was coming off a scratch and was racing for the first time for trainer Marion Chupp.

It was also the first time Lems drove the gelding. "I thought he had a shot. His lines looked good, and Marion does a good job of having his horses ready. I was pretty confident."

Owned by David Beachy, The Mandolorian won for the fourth time this season and raised his earnings to \$64,699.

He's Half Naked was second with KOA third.



### Three-Year-Old Filly Trot



La Belle Riviere

Photo: Brad Conrad

Tyler Smith got the first of his two wins on the night in the 3-year-old filly trot final with La Belle Riviere. Driving for trainer Chris Beaver, Smith was content to sit fourth through the first half mile as Sweet On Pete with Anthony MacDonald and Alana Hill and Brett Miller battled for the lead. As the field headed up the back stretch, Smith pulled the Triumphant Caviar filly and took the lead around the final turn and held on to win in 1:56.

Smith didn't like where he was sitting after a half-mile, "Anthony's mare worked hard to get the lead and when I moved first over my mare pulled me right up to her on the backside." Smith said he felt if he could clear the leader and keep Miller pinned in LaBelle Riviere would trot through the wire.

It was the sixth win in 18 starts for La Belle Riviere. Unraced as a 2-year-old, the filly owned by Brookside Stables has now earned \$101,796.

In a mad dash to the finish line, Gracious Triumphant finished second with Alana Hill third.

### Three-Year-Old Filly Pace



Coastal

Photo: Brad Conrad

The only favorite to win a BSS final was Coastal. Ronnie Wrenn Jr. took the lead with the 1-2 favorite just before the half-mile pole and held on down the stretch to beat stablemate Fantasy life by a nose in 1:52. The son of Downbytheseaside is trained by Ron Burke and owned by Burke Racing Stable, J&T Silva Stables, Jason Melillo, and Beasty LLC.

Wrenn thought he had the best horse but knew Fantasy Life would be there at end. "I waited for the dust to settle before moving to the lead. I wanted to put her on the front because I thought she was the best horse. But I knew I had to save as much as I could to beat Fantasy Life down the stretch."

It was Coastal's seventh win in 17 starts this year. He has earned \$ \$164,105 this year and has lifetime earnings of \$192,895.

Love Me Hill finished third.

### Three-Year-Old Colt Trot



Bridge to Victory

Photo: Brad Conrad

Tyler Smith's recorded his second Buckeye Stallion Series finals win driving Bridge To Victory for his father Jeff Smith. Similar to his first win, Smith was mid-pack before pulling the son of What The Hill. Bridge To

Victory was parked most of the mile until Smith grabbed the lead around the final turn, hanging on to win by two-lengths in 1:56.2.

Jeff Smith says it is always special when one of his sons drives a winner. "It makes it great. It's good to have them driving. I really appreciate both of them."

Bridge To Victory won for the sixth time in 16 starts and now has lifetime earnings of \$110,760. Bridge To Victory is owned by Ervin Miller Stables, Louis Willinger, and Randy Wilt.

In a four-horse photo, Floyd Of Rosedale finished second with Mo Bay third.

Smith finished the night with four wins.

### Three-Year-Old Colt Pace



Self Made

Photo: Brad Conrad

In final Buckeye Stallion Series final of the night, Self Made with Aaron Merriman was heading first over to the half and grabbed the lead heading up the backstretch. Around the final turn Odds On Capitalism stuck his head out front, but Self Made fought off the challenge and charged down the lane to win by a length for trainer Ron Potter in a lifetime mark of 1:51.3.

Potter thought Self Made would be ready to go. "He raced well here (Dayton) two weeks ago, and I told Aaron, don't be afraid to race him."

It was the fifth win in 21 starts for the son of Fear The Dragon. Owned by Last Laugh LLC, Self Made now has lifetime earnings of \$133,918.

Odds On Capitalism was second with Mach Out Knockout third.

“It makes it great. It's good to have them driving. I really appreciate both of them.”

—JEFF SMITH, on his sons winning races

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# CURTAIN CLOSES ON STAKES SEASON WITH **BSS CONSOLATIONS**

The curtain closed on the 2022 Buckeye Stallion Series with the consolation finals at MGM Northfield Park. In addition to the eight \$25,000 divisional finals, four \$10,000 consolation II finals were held.

## **Two-Year-Old Filly Trot**

Wicked Character overcame an early break The night opened with a dominant performance by Mission Valley. The 1-9 favorite with trainer Ronnie Gillespie driving grabbed the lead heading up the back stretch and pulled away to win by 13 lengths in a new lifetime mark of 1:56.3. The win was the ninth of the year for the Enterprise filly who is owned by Susan Sickle. Mission Valley has earned \$70,752 this year.

Coupe Deville was second with Ilikeitinthedark third.

## **Two-Year-Old Filly Pace**

Longshot Santa Fe Kat came from the back of the pack to break her maiden in 1:55.3. Santa Fe Kat was last in the seven-horse field at the half-mile pole when Mitchell Cushing went three-wide around the final turn and turned on the jets to win by a head. Trained by Jessica McCown, the Santa Fe Beachboy filly raised her earning to \$23,290 for the owners Country Club Acres, Winfield Brothers LLC, and L&H Management Services.

Favorite Miss Maddie P was second with Santastic Cruiser third.

## **Two-Year-Old Colt Trot**

Chris Page took 3-5 favorite Stumpy to the lead off the gate and never looked back to win. The son of What The Hill held off a hard

charging Jogging Full Trot at the wire to win by a head in 1:59.2. Owned and trained by Allen Miller, Stumpy raised his earnings to \$75,930.

Eddie L finished third.

## **Two-Year-old Colt Pace**

Page picked up his second Buckeye Stallion Series consolation win of the night as he drove Tan Man to victory. The Downbytheseaside gelding went gate-to-wire winning by a length setting a lifetime mark of 1:52.4. The win was the fifth of the year for Tan Man who has earned \$41,623 for Cory Deyermant who trains and co-owns with William Hartt and Robert Mondillo.

Primary Drive was second with Barely Mischievous finishing third.

## **Three-Year-Old Filly Pace**

Ocean Music with Hunter Myers took the pocket trip and fired down the passing lane to catch favorite Bittersweetsymphony and win by a head in a new lifetime mark of 1:52.4. The Racing Hill filly is trained by Christi Noble and owned by Sandra Burnett. Unraced as a two-year-old, it was the fifth win of the year for Ocean Music who has now earned \$63,978.

Bet On Loretta was third.

Wishing Itsme with Don Irvine Jr. went gate to wire to win in 1:56.2. The daughter of Wishing Stone won for the seventh time this season and raised her earnings to \$41,873. Rosy Weaver trains and co-owns Wishing Itsme with Heartland Acres.

Queens Future was second and Miss Cowboy Star finished third.

Masculine Hill with Aaron Merriman also went gate-to-wire holding off a late charge from Rose Run Xander to win the three-year-old colt trot. The gelded son of What the Hill won by a neck in a new lifetime mark of 1:55.1. With his fourth win of the year, Masculine Hill raised his season earnings to \$53,310 for trainer John Ryan Melsheimer and the Mel Rose Stable.

Rose Run Xtreme finished third.

## **Three-Year-Old Colt Pace**

Ryan Stahl and Universal were sixth at the three-quarter pole, but found some racing room inside and rallied down the passing lane to nip Willydoitagain at the wire in a new lifetime mark of 1:52.3. The win was the fifth of the year for the son of Downbytheseaside. Trained by Steve Carter and owned by Adam Friedland, Cass Gallagher, and Peggy Carter, Universal has earned \$47,810 this year.

Rose Run Xplosion finished third.

Four consolation II events were also held on the card. Wicked Character won the two-year-old colt pace, Type A Personality won the three-year-old colt pace, Osceola Hanover won the three-year-old filly pace, and Pappardelle won the three-year-old colt trot.

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# Fair Championships Wrap Up Season

The 2022 Ohio county fair racing season ended as Ronnie Gillespie and Chris Page each won two \$40,000 Ohio Fair Championships at MGM Northfield Park on October 8. Gillespie the winningest driver on the Ohio county fair circuit this year won the first championship of the night with Mission Valley and closed out the evening winning the final championship race with Type A Personality.

## Two-Year-Old Filly Trot



Mission Valley **Photo:** Casalinova Photography

In the first \$40,000 championship of the night, for two-year-old trotting fillies, Gillespie sat Mission Valley in the pocket, swung wide at the top of the stretch and fired past Frantastic L who led the entire way to win by two-lengths in 1:58. It was the eighth win of the year in 15 starts for the daughter of Enterprise, who raised her earning to \$58,252. Gillespie trains Mission Valley for owner Susan Sickle.

Frantastic L was second with Dopotutto third.

## Two-Year-Old Filly Pace



Miss Maddie P **Photo:** Casalinova Photography

In the two-year-old filly pace, Miss Maddie P and Aaron Merriman took the long way in winning the championship in new lifetime mark of 1:55.2. Miss Maddie P was sixth at the quarter mile before making her move going to the half. Merriman pulled the Fear The Dragon filly three-wide down the backstretch grabbing the lead from Cruisin Barcie and held on to win by a neck.

Cruisin Barcie was second with Lady With No Fear third.

Miss Maddie P is owned by SCP Stable and trained by Steve Carter. The win was the filly's eighth of the year in 17 starts. She has earned \$59,301 this season.

## Two-Year-Old Colt Trot



Republic Return **Photo:** Casalinova Photography

The duo of Don Irvine Jr. and Rosy Weaver teamed up to win the two-year-old colt trot with Republic Return. Irvine rushed the 2-5 favorite to the lead and never looked back, going gate to wire to win in 2:01. The win was the 13th of the year for Republic Return and tied him for the most by any two-year-old in North America. He has now earned \$75,407.

Weaver, the winningest trainer on the Ohio fair circuit this year, owns and trains the Global Republic S gelding with Heartland Acres.

Dravo finished second with Chips Caviar third.

## Two-Year-Old Colt Pace



Dunkin **Photo:** Casalinova Photography

The biggest upset of the night came in the two-year old colt and gelding pace. Dunkin, a 75-1 longshot, with Nick Clegg driving went three-wide up the backstretch and battled coming home, hitting the wire first in 1:54.4 to win by a head. It was the sixth win of the year for the Pet Rock gelding who set a new lifetime mark. Dunkin has now earned \$43,361 for owner and trainer Betty Clegg.

Hesa Bully finished second with Master Confection third.

## Three-year-Old Filly Trot



Wegothatsright **Photo:** Casalinova Photography

In the three-year-old filly trot, Wegothatsright with Ronnie Wrenn Jr. fired down the passing lane past Gracious Triumph to win in a new lifetime mark of 1:57. Wegothatsright sat third and watched Gracious Triumph and What A Victory battle it out on the lead before making her move. The win was the tenth of the year in 17 starts for the And Away We Go filly who is owned and trained by Brian Boring. Wegothatsright raised her lifetime earnings to \$88,592.

Hitwiththeguy's rallied to finish second with Gracious Triumph third.

## Three-Year-Old Filly Pace



Secrets By The Sea **Photo:** Casalinova Photography

In the three-year-old filly pace, Secrets By The Sea with Page driving took the lead just past the half-mile mark and won the championship for sophomore fillies in 1:54, tying her lifetime mark. The daughter of Downbytheseaside won for the seventh time this year raising her earnings to \$53,673. Page co-owns the filly with Jerry Daugherty. Tim Grubb trains Secrets By The Sea.

McAngel finished second with Osceola Hanover third.

### Three-Year-Old Colt Trot



Stoney Ridgetop **Photo:** Casalnova Photography

Stoney Ridgetop made it seven wins in a row and 10 of her last 11 as she claimed the three-year-old colt and gelding trot. Page sat second with Stoney Ridgetop through fractions of :27.1, :56.3, and 1:25.4, pulling just past three-quarters and cruising to victory in

a new lifetime mark of 1:55.4. John Konesky III trains and co-owns the Wishing Stone filly with his son Patrick. The win upped Stoney Ridgetop's earnings this year to \$60,621.

Baker Time rallied to finish second with A True Dream third.

### Three-year-Old Colt Pace

In the final championship race of the night, Gillespie grabbed his second title of the night as he guided Type A Personality to the victory in a new mark of 1:53.2 for trainer Ryan Miller. Gillespie sat Type A Personality in the pocket, grabbed the lead around the final turn and pulled away to win by three-lengths. It



Type A Personality **Photo:** Casalnova Photography

was the tenth win of the year in 22 starts for son of Fear The Dragon. Owned by Miller Racing Stable and Janie Hartley, Type A Personality has lifetime earnings of \$71,199.

Surfinthecanyon was second with Medoland Terror third.

## Fair Finals Consolations

MGM Northfield Park hosted the \$15,000 Ohio Fair Final Consolation races on October 29. In addition to the eight divisional finals, four consolation II races were held.

### Two-Year-Old Colt Pace

The 1-9 favorite Tan Man and Ronnie Wrenn Jr. were five lengths back at the quarter but rallied to catch the leader High Praise on the back stretch. The two battled around the final turn with Tan Man finally pulling away down the stretch to win in 1:54.1. Cory Deyermant trains the Downbytheseaside gelding who has won four of the last five and has hit the board in 10 straight. Tan Man has earned \$49,123 this year.

High Praise hung on for second with heard charging Jimmy L third.

### Two-Year-Old Colt Trot

Chapter Twelve grabbed the lead at the quarter and stayed there until the top of the stretch when Donn's Count with Drew Neill swung three-wide and rallied down the stretch to win in 2:00. Mike Sweeney trains the gelded son of Full Count. Full Count won for the sixth time in 15 starts and has earned \$25,400 this year.

In a photo for second, Supreme Class edged out Gotta Have Rhythm.

### Two-Year-Old Filly Pace

Ryan Stahl and Oh Honey started to move from fourth on the back stretch, going three-wide around the final turn and reeling in Carmen N The Devil at the wire to win by a head in 1:55.2. Trained by Ron Steck, the win was the sixth of the year in 13 starts for the Western Terror filly. The win raised Oh Honey's earning \$26,204.

Carman N The Devil was second with Hill Of A Night third.

### Two-Year-Old Filly Trot

CV's Serena with Alex Hawk grabbed the lead just past the quarter-mile mark and fought off a challenge from 1-5 favorite Don't Tickle up the back stretch and around the final turn to win by two-lengths in 2:00.2. Earl Owings trains the daughter of Enterprise who has won six of 12 starts this year. CV's Serena raised her earnings to \$25,472.

Don't Tickle Me finished second with Winnerprise crossing the line third.

### Three-Year-Old Colt Pace

Crosswind Sammie and Aaron Merriman went three-wide up the back stretch with Willydoitagain and Ronnie Wrenn Jr. in hot pursuit. The two battled around the final turn and down the stretch with Southwind Sammi hanging on to win by half a length. Randy Smith trains the son of McArdle who won for the fifth time this year. Crosswind Sammie has earned \$41,406 this year.

Taylor Well finished third.

### Three-Year-Old Colt Trot

Dirty Money and Ronnie Wrenn Jr. grabbed the lead at the quarter pole and opened up a five-length lead but couldn't shake Shamrock and Ronnie Gillespie. Around the final turn Shamrock began to reel in the leader but could get no closer than a half-length back at the wire. Trained by Virgil Morgan Jr., the

son of Cash Hall has won 7 of 20 races and has earned \$47,340.

Loaded With Creatine finished third.

### Three-Year-Old Filly Pace

Bet On Loretta with Aaron Merriman trailed Fear Our Fayth and She Means Business through three quarters before moving three-wide around the final turn to grab the lead on the way to a two-length victory in 1:52.2. It was the fifth win of the year for the Steve Carter trainee. The daughter of Yankee Cruiser raised her earnings this year to \$59,178.

She Means Business finished second with Royalty's Dreamer rallying down the stretch to finish third.

### Three-Year-Old Filly Trot

Jess Believe with Merriman went right to the lead off the gate and never looked back going gate-to-wire to win by two-lengths in 1:57.2. With the win, Jess Believe has hit the board in ten straight. Trained by Becky Zubkoff, the daughter of Uncle Peter has won four races this year and earned \$36,392.

Foxtrot Patricia was second, Mt Bella finished third.

In the Consolation II finals, The Mandalorian won the 2- and 3-year-old colt and gelding pace with Chris Lems in 1:53.1. In the three-year-old filly pace, Ronnie Wrenn Jr. drove Morning Sunshine to victory in 1:53.1. Wrenn drove Miss Cowboy Star to the three-year-old filly trot consolation II in 1:57 while Mo Bay and Hunters Myers won the 3-year-old colt trot.

# OCRA HONORS *SEASON'S BEST*

The evening began with the annual meeting of the 19 members fairs which was followed by a social hour. Dinner, which was provided by the Farmer's Pantry followed with the presentation of awards with emcee Mike Woebkenberg wrapping up the evening.

Awards were given to the eight two- and three-year-old divisional winners, the Parshall Stakes winners and honorable mention recipients, Signature Series winners, the Sr. H.D. Schoonover Award and the top driver and trainer in the OCRA.

The top 2-year-old colt pacer in the Ohio Colt Racing Association was Dragon Grad. Owned by Jay Mossbarger, Adam Friedland & TKO Racing, Dragon Grad hit the board in 13 of 22 races, winning six and earning \$40,922 in 2022. The Fear The Dragon gelding was trained by Steve Carter.

Unhinged was the top 2-year-old trotting colt in the OCRA. The son of Long Tom won seven of 16 races and earned \$32,181 for owner-trainer Roger Hughes Jr. It was the second straight year that Hughes owned and trained the division winner. Last Year, Mr Steele, also a son of Long Tom, took home the honor.

The top award for 2-year-old filly pacers went to Limestone Gem. Limestone Gem won three of 13 races and finished second in six. She earned \$16,238 in 2022. William Miller II trained the daughter of Pet Rock. Miller co-owns the filly with Paul Miller.

Dopotutto, named in Italian after her dam, After All, is the top 2-year-old trotting filly. Owned and trained by Theodore Gawron,

Dopotutto the daughter Creatine, won four of 14 races and earned \$31,440.

Owners Jay Mossbarger, Adam Friedland & TKO Racing also had the top three-year-old colt pacer. Tre Cruz, the son of Yankee Cruiser was trained by Steve Carter. Tre Cruz won 11 of 28 races in 2022 and earned \$79,593.

Baker Time is the top three-year-old colt trotter. Owned and trained by Deborah Swartz, Baker Time raced 25 times, winning eight and finishing second six times. The gelded son of Long Tom has earnings of \$55,817 in 2022.

The award winner for three-year-old filly pacers is She'sonebadmomma. The Big Bad John filly is owned by Winchester Baye Acres and is trained by Jessica McCown. She'sonebadmomma won 11 of 23 races, earning \$47,516 in 2022.

Rounding out the divisional winners is Lady Ruth the top three-year-old filly trotter. The daughter of Uncle Peter, Lady Ruth is owned by Chad Slone and trained by Larry Finn. Lady Ruth has 31 starts on the year with 10 wins and earnings of \$56,984.

The OCRA sponsors the DR. H.M, Parshall Memorial Stakes held annually at the Darke County Fair. Named in memory of "Doc," the Stakes honor the two-time Hambletonian winning trainer. The fastest division winner is crowned with the overall title.

World Champion Rumble Strips is the two-year-old trot award recipient. Kayne Kaufman drove the Long Tom colt for trainer Mike Polhamus to a news stakes record best time of 2:01. Rumble Strips is owned by Connie Polhamus and Mary Beth Walters



Steve Carter receives the award for the leading trainer in the OCRA



OFRC President Dr. Robert Schwartz presents Dan Telle the trophy for three-year-old filly pace champion She'sonebadmomma.

# The Ohio Colt Racing Association wrapped up the 2022 racing season with its 89th annual banquet held the Champaign County Fairgrounds.

The fastest division for the two-year-old pace went to the Western Vintage filly Seaside Tina. Owned by Greg Luther Racing and trained by Todd Luther, Seaside Tina was a winner in 1:56.3 with Trevor Smith in the bike.

What The Blaze was the fastest of the three-year-old trotters. Dan Noble drove the What The Hill gelding to a new stakes record in 1:57.3. Owned by Sandra Burnett, What The Blaze is trained by Christi Noble.

Christi Noble also trains the fastest three-year-old pacer. Rose Run Xiled and Dan Noble tied the stakes record of 1:55.1. Norman Rae Racing owns the McCardle gelding.

Honorable mention went to Mission Valley (2FT), Pariso (2FT), Cruise Alert (2FP), Burn-out (2CP), Street Fightin Man (2CP), Willy-doitagain (3CP), Hustlenomics (3CT).

The Dr. H.D. Schoonover Award is presented in the memory of Hobart "Doc" Schoonover, a veterinarian by trade, but trainer and driver by passion. The award goes to a lover of Ohio harness racing with a passion for teaching and participating on the county fair level. The 2022 recipient is Roy Burns. OCRA Secretary-Treasurer Lisa Schwartz says Burns has a life-long passion for county fair racing. "The Burns and Schoonover families have a long history of racing against and with each other in friendly competition over the past



Steve Carter and Jay Mossbarger accept the trophy for Tre Cruz the three-year-old pacing champion

half century." Schwartz says Burns was stunned at receiving the award, "It was a good choice.,"

The final awards of the evening went to the top driver and trainer in the OCRA. Ronnie Gillespie and Jeff Nisonger shared the 2022 award as the top drivers. Both recorded 63 wins in OCRA action. On the training side, Steve Carter won the award with 27 victories.



Roy Burns (L) receives the Dr. H.D. Schoonover Award from Doug Ballinger



Rumble Strips was honored as the Parshall 2-Year-Old Trotting Champion

# **WEAVER AND NEIL** EARN TOP OFRC HONORS, **HARMON** TOP LADY DRIVER

Rosy Weaver and Drew Neill have been named the top trainer and driver in the Ohio Fair Racing Conference for 2022, while Krista Harmon was crowned the top driver in the Spring Haven Ladies Driving Series.

Weaver, the top trainer for all Ohio county racing won 36 races in the OFRC. Overall, Weaver had 53 wins at county fairgrounds.

Neill is one of the youngest drivers in the OFRC at just 23 years old, he drove 31 winners in OFRC races.

Harmon led the Spring Haven Driving Series with 463 points. She won six races in the series, all driving Puff Daddy.

The top equine awards were also announced.

The 2-year-old colt pacing champion is Honest Nation with Why Tomorrow Ray the runner-up.

Show Your Speed was the top 2-year-old trotting colt with Donn's County finishing second in the division.

In the 3-year-old division, the top pacer was Surfinthecanyon with Our Holy Terror the runner-up.

Stoney Ridgetop was the top sophomore trotting champion. A Handsome Face was second.

The freshman filly pacing champion is Lady With No Fear. Well Said Evelyana is the divisional runner-up.

On the trotting side for 2-year-old fillies, Uncle Petes Secret is the champion with McGowan Baby Girl second.

For 3-year-old fillies, the pacing champions is Pronto Tonto with Secrets By The Sea the runner up.

Wegothat'sright is the 3-year-old filly trotting champion with Mt Bella second in the standings.

The winners will be honored at the circuits annual banquet November 19.

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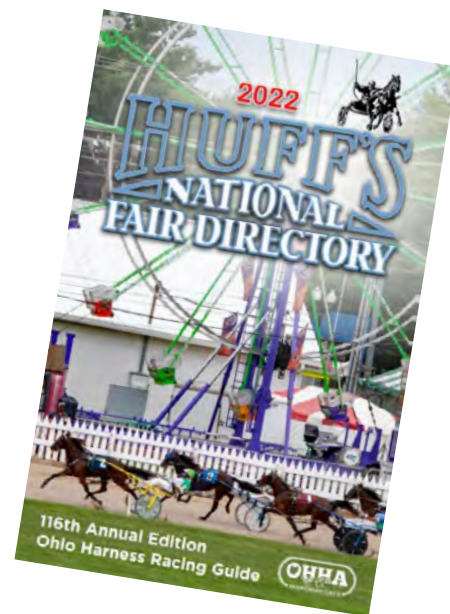
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# SIGNATURE SERIES CHAMPIONS CROWNED

Toureg Seelster and Workintonbroadway are the 2022 Signature Series Champions.

The Signature Series is a late closing event held at 33 fairs across Ohio where the four Ohio fair racing circuits are raced. The top eight-point earners advanced to the finals at the Delaware County Fair.



Toureg Seelster **Photo:** Brad Conrad

Toureg Seelster was the top point recipient for the pacers. The nine-year-old gelding by Shadow Play is owned and trained by Phil Groves. Toureg Seelster raced in 12 Signature Series events this year winning six. He was awarded with \$3,000 first place prize.

Catch Me Conrad, owned and trained by Greg Cook was second and received \$2,000, while Tap Tap Tap, owned by George & Rose Bono-mo and trained by Crist Hershberger was third and received \$500.

The top trotter in The Signature Series is Workintonbroadway. The six-year-old Broadway Hall gelding is owned by James Fleming and trained by Jason Brewer. Workintonbroadway raced in 11 Signature



Workintonbroadway **Photo:** Brad Conrad

Series events winning eight and finishing second in two others. He received \$3,000 as the top point earner.

The \$2,000 second place award went to I Get It. I Get It is owned and trained by Bob Rowland. EG Trot's Need To Focus was third. Trained by Ed Greeno, Need To Focus received \$500.

## OHIO FAIR

### FINAL DRIVER & TRAINER STANDINGS

#### Drivers - Wins

1.	Ronnie Gillespie	118
2.	Jeff Nisonger	95
3.	Don Irvine Jr.	46
4.	Hank LeVan	43
5.	Alex Hawk	37

#### Trainers - Wins

1.	Rosy Weaver	53
2.	Steve Carter	41
3.	Mark Winters	36
4.	Crist Hershberger	34
5.	Hank LeVan	33

## The Southern Valley Colt Stakes announced their top performers for 2022

Eagle On A Hill is the top three-year-old colt pacer. Trained by Ronnie Gillespie during the summer, the Racing Hill gelding won five races on the Southern Valley Circuit

Freddimo rolled off eight straight wins on the circuit for trainer John Ryan Melsheimer to be named the top three-year-old colt trotter. Freddimo won nine of 20 races this year.

The top three-year-old filly pacer was Osceola Hanover. The son of Racing Hill won eight times this year, six coming in SVCC action. He is trained by Melvin Byler.

Earl Owings trainee April Spirit was the top three-year-old filly trotter. The What The

Hill filly won five races in the Southern Valley.

In the two-year-old colt pacing division, VH Volt won five races this year, three in the Southern Valley Colt Circuit. The son of Big Bad John is trained by Tim VanHorn.

The top two-year-old filly pacer is Miss Maddie P. Trained by Steve Carter, the Fear The Dragon filly hit the board in 17 of 19 races, winning eight. Five of her wins were in the Southern Valley.

Mr. Dagger took home top honors in the two-year-old colt trotter division. The Long Tom gelding's two wins this year came in

SVCC action. He is trained by Eric Nesselroad.

The Southern Valley top two-year-old filly trotter is VH Coco. VanHorn also trains VH Coco. The Big Chocolate filly won two races this year while hitting the board 15 out of 17 races.

The top driver on the circuit was Ronnie Gillespie. Gillespie won 33 races on the Southern Valley Circuit including seven at the Jackson County Fair in Wellston.

# TRACK NOTES



Galleria Hanover **Photo:** Casalnova Photography

Galleria Hanover took advantage of an inside draw and miscue by favorite Captain Cowgirl to win the Courageous Lady at MGM Northfield Park. Courageous Lady is for 3-year-old filly pacers.

Galleria Hanover was driven by Ronnie Wrenn Jr., who had previously been second four times in the Courageous Lady. “She (Galleria Hanover) raced well tonight; when Captain Cowgirl broke, the race completely changed,” said Wrenn Jr.

Galleria Hanover won by 5-3/4 lengths in 1:50.4 over Valar Dohaeris and Give Me This Dance.

For Galleria Hanover, it was the fifth win of her career in 28 starts for trainer Ron Burke and owners WJ Donovan, Purnell & Libby, and Joe Sbrocco.

Harness racing is a family affair for most and it was no more obvious at Hollywood Dayton Raceway when cousins Tyler Smith and Austin Hanners crossed the finish line together in a dead heat.



Makeitagaingo **Photo:** Conrad Photo

Makeitagaingo with Smith driving settled into the pocket while Hanners got away fourth with the favorite Spee Dee Shark. Headed to the half, Spee Dee Shark made her move and easily gained control of the field. At the top of the stretch Makeitagaingo pulled three-wide to challenge Spee Dee Shark. With a surge for home, the pair came to the wire together in 1:52.4.

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Act Fast **Photo:** Fotowon Photo

Act Fast, the son of Downbytheseaside was an impressive winner in the \$155,600 Matron Stakes for two-year-old colt and gelding pacers at Dover Downs in 1:50.3. It was the third win of Act Fast's career. He is owned by Burke Racing Stable, Knox Services of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, Rich Lombardo Racing of Solon, Ohio and Beasty LLC.

Ohio bred Pebble Beach and Bythemissal closed out October in the top four of earnings for all horses. Following his victory in the Breeders Crown, Pebble Beach moved into the second spot with earnings of \$1,245,450. Bythemissal was fourth with earnings of \$1,064,688. The leading earner this year is Bulldog Hanover with earnings of \$1,478,231.

Ronnie Wrenn Jr. led Ohio drivers with the most wins in one day in October. Wrenn won eight races on the 18th, winning six at the Meadows and two at MGM Northfield Park. Dan Noble collected seven wins at Dayton Raceway on October 20th, while Brett Miller and Tony Hall each had six winners at Dayton. Miller did it October 2nd while Hall's big day was on October 8th.

# MILLION DOLLAR MILESTONES

Four Ohio drivers have crossed major earnings milestones. Chris Page eclipsed the \$60 million dollar mark, Dan Noble cross the \$50 million dollar mark, Ryan Stahl eclipsed the \$30 million dollar mark

Page has started over 36,000 races and just crossed the 6,200 win plateau. He eclipsed \$7 million dollars in earnings this year for the first time in his career.

Noble has made over 38,000 starts and is closing in on 7,000 career wins.

The 44-year-old Stahl topped \$30 million at MGM Northfield Park on November 8. He finished second with Cherry Peep.

Stahl began his driving career in 1992 and picked up his purse win in 1994 with Lojo's Sharp Baby at the Seneca County Fair in Tiffin. Stahl has won over 5,500 races in his career.



Chris Page **Photo:** Raymond K. Lance



Dan Noble **Photo:** Brad Conrad

Chris Page reached the \$60 million dollar mark when he drove Bythemissal to a third place finish in the 3-Year-Old Colt Pace Breeders Crown Championship October 29 at Woodbine Mohawk.

Dan Noble reached a major career milestone at Hollywood Dayton Raceway October 19. Needing only \$431 to reach the mark, Noble guided Iwokeuplikethis to a fourth-place finish.

Page began his driving career in 2000 when he made nine starts. His first win came in 2001 when he drove Titanic Fella at the Champaign County Fair in Urbana.

Noble's driving career began in 1996 with a single matinee start driving Dr Elbon, a horse trained by his father Chip Noble. His first purse win came in 1999 aboard Dr Elbon at his hometown fair in Xenia, Ohio.



Ryan Stahl **Photo:** Casalinova Photography

## TOP OHIO DRIVERS AND TRAINERS

### NATIONAL RANKINGS THROUGH OCTOBER 2022

#### Drivers - Wins

1.	Aaron Merriman	729
7.	Ronnie Wren Jr.	404
8.	Hunter Myers	385
10.	Brett Miller	369

#### Drivers - Earnings

8.	Aaron Merriman	\$7,615,698
10.	Chris Page	\$6,923,269

#### Trainers - Win

1.	Ron Burke	896
2.	Cory Kreiser	225
8.	Virgil Morgan Jr.	187
10.	Sam Schillaci	183

#### Trainers - Earnings

1.	Ron Burke	\$19,841,747
10.	Virgil Morgan Jr.	\$3,592,689

# Be There!

BY ROGER E. HUSTON



This year's Breeders Crown races at Woodbine Mohawk Park have been completed and the champions have been crowned. The much-used phrase "It All Comes Down to the Breeders Crown" may not hold up when the year end ballots are counted for the 2022 Dan Patch Awards.

With only five of the twelve Crown winners being favorites this year, if the phrase holds up, it appears that possibly seven of the awards are up for grabs. Personally, I think only six of the twelve awards are a given for this year's Dan Patch Awards.

The "Buckeye" state did have two crown winners in Grace Hill and Pebble Beach. Grace Hill, trained by Virgil Morgan Jr., won the \$400,000 Mare Pace, for owner Tom Hill of England and driven by Doug McNair in 1:48.4. The second winner was Pebble Beach in the \$675,000 three-year-old Colt Pace. Pebble Beach is partially owned by Country Club Acres and Joe Sbrocco. Pebble Beach, who won the North American Cup winner earlier this year, is trained by Noel Daley and driven by Todd McCarthy was a winner in 1:48.1. The owner combination also owned in part I Did It Myway who was second in that event.

For the very first time in Breeders Crown History only one of the winning drivers was U. S. born, that is David Miller. The other winning drivers and country of birth were Dexter Dunn (New Zealand), Todd McCarthy (Australia), Ake Svanstedt (Sweden) and Canadians Doug McNair, Scott Zeron, Mark MacDonald, Bob McClure and Louis Philippe Roy.

The big winner in the driver's standings was Dunn with four championship wins with Bella Bellini, Jiggy Jog, Ecurie D DK and Bulldog Hanover. Dunn had a drive in all 12 races with four wins and three seconds which gave him a UDRS of .472.

This year at the County Fairs in Ohio, 148 drivers had one or more wins during the fair races. For the second year in a row driver Ronnie Gillespie led all with a record breaking 118 wins.

On the training side, Rosy Weaver led trainers with a record 53 wins at the fairs. A total of 245 trainers recorded one or more wins this year at the fairs.

Most of those trainers have started the process of breaking and preparing for the 2023 season with what they hope will be a promising year. Several stables will once again make the journey south to locations such as Hawkinsville, Georgia, Aiken, South Carolina, and Deland and South Florida to prep their young ones for racing. Other trainers will prepare their young ones at various farms, county fairgrounds or training centers here in our home state. When speaking with Rosy Weaver about her trip once again to Aiken, South Carolina, she responded. "I think the horses like the weather almost as much as my employees and myself like it."

Just think we are just a few months shy of the OHHA Freshmen Focus features in April of 2023.

Let's hope the winter season here in Ohio will be a mild one as well.

**Until next time. Be There!**

# 20 questions with **Sally Bolon** and **Bythemissal**

BY ROGER HUSTON

## **What is your first recollection of horses?**

I remember my first event with horses would have been at Latonia Raceway. I have a vivid memory of being very young and being there with my parents when dad raced horses.

## **When you were growing up did you think of doing anything else?**

I went to college for a short time at West Virginia University and I thought I was going to go into communications. I didn't enjoy my time at WVU. While I came home, my dad said while you're sitting around you might as well come to the barn and work. It was all over, that was it.

## **You come from a harness racing family, around the Thanksgiving table is there ever any other discussion besides horses?**

Sometimes we would start our discussions about horses, but like politics there were too many opinions with family, so you are better off if you don't talk about it. We had our share of fun disagreements.

## **How did you start with the Ron Burke Stable?**

I wanted to do something different, I never worked for anybody. I asked Ronnie for a job. I think he thought I was kidding but I called him back again and he said sure.

## **How did you get to be Bythemissal's caretaker?**

It was purely luck. He came from Peninsula Farm after being turned out. I just happened to be the one that had an open stall at the time. I was just lucky to take care of him and it's been a great story since then.

## **Early on did you have signs Bythemissal was different from the other horses?**

As he started to train everyone that sat behind him thought he was a nice horse. The more he trained down the more they said this is some kind of colt. I don't think anyone realized how good he could be.

## **When did you realize he was special?**

When he got a couple of races under his belt. Ronnie knew he had something special, I did too. You could just see it when you watch him.

## **In July, your father passed away. How difficult was it to race a couple of days later in the Adios?**

I think this was my father's plan. He had been sick for a while but took a turn for the worse in July. I always talked to him about Bythemissal. His first race this year was at Miami Valley which was near my dad's stomping grounds so he was always asking me about him. Adios day and Little Brown Jug day were his two most favorite days of the year. He was watching over me and rooting for Bythemissal.

## **Around the barn does Bythemissal know he is a champion?**

I don't think he does. I think he knows when he is on the racetrack, and it is time to train but around the barn I don't think he realizes he is anything special.

## **Anything peculiar about Bythemissal?**

No, he is just an easygoing laid-back horse. He takes care of himself; he takes his naps. He's a very content horse and knows what his job is.

## **Does Bythemissal have a favorite treat?**

He loves carrots, I go through three or four bags a week.

## **What is the favorite thing for you to do outside of racing?**

I like to go to the beach. I'm kind of an uptight wired type of person. I like to go to the beach and just lay there. It is a very relaxing thing for me to do.

## **What is your favorite food?**

My favorite food is pizza and mashed potatoes.

## **What is your favorite horse of all time?**

My favorite horse of all-time is one that was on the cover of the Ohio Horsemen's magazine when he was being adopted after his racing career was over and that is Real Hanover. He was bought by our partner Jim Snyder. Jim became ill and gave Real to me and wanted me to keep him until he was done racing. After 300 starts at the age of 11 I retired Real Hanover, and he found a home with Emily Hay and she has taken him to a different level. Whether it is a 4-H show, barrel races, or spending the day with kids and teaching them about horsemanship. He has a special place in



Sally Bolon and Bythemissal

my heart. He was good to us. He won some big races; he was tough and a pleasure to be around.

## **You've had horses win the Adios, the Ohio Sires Stakes and Little Brown Jug. Is there anything on your bucket list?**

Maybe to travel more and enjoy things.

## **Now let's wrap it up with a few questions for Bythemissal.**

**What do you like people to call you?**  
Well Roger. I like to go by Missal.

## **In the barn, do you feel different than the other horses?**

I think we are all one happy bunch. We all know what we are supposed to do when we get our harnesses on.

## **Does Sally give you all the treats you want?**

Pretty much she does. Can you blame her, look at me.

## **Is there anything Sally won't let you have?**

Sometimes I like to get ahold of my harness bag, but she takes it down. But other than that she gives me what I want.

## **What are you feeling about your driver Chris Page?**

I have the best driver ever. He takes care of me. Sometimes I want to go there and win by five lengths, but he only lets me win by one because he always wants me to save some for the next week.

## OHIO BREEDERS AWARD REQUIREMENTS

**Mares registered in 2018** (Foals of 2019)  
mare registration date 11/30/18

Foal Age	Membership Requirement
Foal Born 2019	Membership Required
Yearling 2020	No Membership Required
2 & 3-Year-Old 2021, 2022	No Membership Required

**Mares registered in 2019** (Foals of 2020)  
mare registration date 11/30/19

Foal Age	Membership Requirement
Foal Born 2020	Membership Required
Yearling 2021	No Membership Required
2 & 3-Year-Old 2022, 2023	No Membership Required

**Mares registered in 2020** (Foals of 2021)  
mare registration date 11/30/20

Foal Age	Membership Requirement
Foal Born 2021	Membership Required
Yearling 2022	No Membership Required
2 & 3-Year-Old 2023, 2024	No Membership Required

**Mares registered in 2021** (Foals of 2022)  
mare registration date 11/30/21

Foal Age	Membership Requirement
Foal Born 2022	Membership Required
Yearling 2023	No Membership Required
2 & 3-Year-Old 2024, 2025	No Membership Required

**Mares registered in 2022** (Foals of 2023)  
mare registration date 11/30/22

Foal Age	Membership Requirement
Foal Born 2023	Membership Required
Yearling 2024	No Membership Required
2 & 3-Year-Old 2025, 2026	No Membership Required

**Registration Fee:** \$20 per mare. For mares registered in 2019 forward, **in addition to the \$20 registration fee per mare, registrations received from December 1st to December 31st must add a \$100 per-mare late fee. Registration will not be accepted until all fees are paid in full.**

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# OUTSTANDING GROOMS



Bryan Barr



Ashlee Rose

The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association would like to congratulate this month's Outstanding Grooms Bryan Barr and Ashlee Rose.

Barr has been involved in the industry for 15 years. He became interested in the sport when his family took him to the barn on "Bring Your Child to Work Day." He says he is in the industry because he loves the horses. When he is not working with the horses, Barr says he likes to golf and fish.

Rose was raised around harness racing and watched her father race at the Lebanon Raceway. She started working with her father earlier this year. When Rose is not around the horses, she says she enjoys spending time with her friends and family.

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## SMOTHASTENESEWISKY BACK ON TRACK

The 2022 racing season has not been what was expected for Ohio's three-year-old filly pacing champion.

In her first four races at Miami Valley, Smothastenesewisky could do no better than a fifth-place finish in the first race of the year.

Things appeared to be turning around as she headed to MGM Northfield Park where she won her next two races. It was her next trip to Northfield on June 6, when things took a turn for the worse.

Mackenzie Haynes, the wife of owner-trainer Brian Haynes said Smothastenesewisky was so excited to be at Northfield Park, she fell getting out of the trailer. "She gets excited to be there," said Haynes. "Northfield is her favorite track, as soon as we pull in she knows where she is and she is like a bee on a string trying to hold her."

As Smothastenesewisky was being unloaded, she took a tumble, flipping off the trailer and landing on her right shoulder.

"I went to catch her halter when she jumped, I missed," said Haynes. Haynes says she fell on top of the horse and that is when panic set in. "Oh my God, the best horse I ever had just fell off the trailer."

Haynes said Snips, did not want to get up and that's when she knew something was severely wrong. "With the commotion, the vets came out instantly because of the loud noise and we were able to get her to her feet."

Haynes said her husband didn't believe her when she called and told him that she had fallen off the trailer. "I called him, and he said that didn't happen you're just kidding with me. I was like no, she really did fall off the trailer."

After getting her up, the thought was that she might have broken a bone. "The Lasix vet was there and saw her fall. He X-rayed her knee and ankle but had no way to x-ray her shoulder."

Smothastenesewisky was scratched that night, but something was not right. "She was off. She was sound but off," said Haynes. "No vet could figure it out. They kept thinking it was her knee or ankle."

Haynes says the biggest sign that it was her shoulder was out of place was that she began hitting her knee. "She started hitting her left knee with her right hoof. She is a horse that her right front wings out and she started to wing in, which was off and that's when I knew it wasn't her knee or ankle."

The next four races, the mare failed to hit the board. Smothastenesewisky returned to the winner's circle in her first start after a month layoff, but then failed to hit the board in her next four races.

During that time, Haynes says several vets and chiropractors have been working with the daughter of Nob Hill High to get things right. "Dr. Chase Watiker is my main vet, and he has been helping with her shoulder injury to maintain her until the shoulder is back in

place. He's a godsend when her shoulder is hurting her."

The return to the track has been longer than expected, but Haynes says they are glad she is back. "Now that it is almost back into place, she is racing much better," said Haynes. "I thought when she fell off the trailer it would take about two weeks. But it has been about five months. It's relief to have her back and showing her old form. We are the closest to having her back than we have been."

Since October 8, Smothastenesewisky has hit the board in five straight, winning two including the Open II at Northfield the first Saturday in November.

"We have fought that shoulder for five months, we really thought we were going to have to quit with her forever," said Haynes. "I'm thankful for the vets and chiropractors that have been working with me to get her back."

With Smothastenesewisky back on track, thoughts of retirement have been put on the back burner. "I thought we were going to retire her when we couldn't get her shoulder back in place. I figure she'll tell me when she is ready to retire," said Haynes.

Looking into the future, Haynes says they have several stallions picked out when the time is right. "It's either going to be Perfect Sting or Bulldog Hanover, but my favorite is Tall Dark Stranger. He's been on my radar forever. I would love to see her with any one of them."



# OHHA Annual Awards Banquet

2021 Horse of the Year, Charlie May



Join us to celebrate 2022 at the **OHHA Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday, January 14, 2023** at the Hilton Polaris. The OHHA member meeting and Charity Luncheon are also planned that afternoon.

- Reservations and payment for tickets for the banquet must be at the OHHA office by Monday, January 2, 2023.
- Tickets are \$30 each and can be picked up at the Banquet Reservation Table. No tickets will be sold at the door.
- There will be reserved tables available. If you would like to reserve a table, please indicate that and the name to be displayed on the table on your reservation form. Reservation for a reserved table is 8 guests.

### January 14, 2023 Agenda

- 11:30 a.m. Charity Luncheon
- 1:00 p.m. OHHA Annual Membership Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. USTA Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Cocktail Hour - Cash Bar
- 5:00 p.m. Stallion Auction Closes
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner Seating
- 5:30 p.m. OHHA Annual Awards Banquet
- 9:00 p.m. After Party with live entertainment and cash bar

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## AT FFA NATIONAL CONVENTION

*Jessica Schroeder*

A coalition of horsemen's associations presented a harness racing booth at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. The trade show was held Wednesday-Friday (Oct. 26-28) at the Indiana Convention Center.

The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association, Harness Horse Youth Foundation, Indiana Standardbred Association and U.S. Trotting Association pooled resources to have a large booth incorporating the OHHHA's virtual reality driving experience, bandaging station, equine bone identification and literature for advisors.

"We've had great success reaching students at the Ohio FFA Convention and wanted to jump at the chance to attend the national convention," said Susan Schroeder, project coordinator for the OHHHA. "Ellen Taylor from HHYF organized the booth space with FFA and we were glad the interactive exhibits that OHHHA has invested in were well received by students and advisors."

"I hope we can collaborate more in the future to reach agriculturally minded youth," said Tony Renz, executive director of the ISA. "It is important they get exposed to our industry now and think about all the ancillary careers available that touch on harness racing."

Cheyenne Christman, OHHHA's Outreach & PR Assistant, was onsite to work the VR race bike and post photos/videos to social media — one Tik Tok video has almost 100,000 views and over 4,500 likes.

The 2022 FFA Convention had 65,000 students pre-registered for the week-long convention, which in addition to the expo included student and teacher workshops, student showcases, tours and more. The convention was first held in 1928 in Kansas City, Mo. and was in that city for 70 years. It has also been held in Louisville and will be in Indianapolis through 2031.





By Dot Morgan

**Left to Right:** Jessica Greene with Carols Comet, Lanie Dawes with Letsallrock, Sierra Wise, Morgan Kiehl with No Whip Chip, Chole Lester

## FROM WINNER'S CIRCLE TO SHOW ARENA:

# *The 2022 National Standardbred Show*

BY ASHLEY DAILEY

Retirement is defined simply as “ceasing to work” by the Oxford English Dictionary. Although it’s a milestone for many, few horsemen and Standardbreds alike are familiar with such a term. Three retired Ohio-bred racehorses, Carols Comet, No Whip Chip and Letsallrock have decided their job is not quite finished. Life after the track has led them to continued success in the show arena on a national level.

The three have found their newest careers with Executive Equine, a riding school program based out of southern Ohio. Executive Equine, better known as “Morgan’s Place,” after Director Morgan Kiehl, has built itself on retraining Standardbreds. However, racehorses weren’t always in Kiehl’s wheelhouse.

Kiehl began riding at the age of 10 and was a natural from the start. While attending the Ohio State University, she fine-tuned those skills and earned a national championship title for the school’s Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) team.

“My involvement with racehorses stemmed from a college internship with the Harness Horse Youth Foundation,” recalled Kiehl. “It was my first introduction to Standardbreds, and I quickly realized they were a great breed to have in a lesson program.”

So Kiehl did just that. Today, she has eight horses and 15 students riding with Executive Equine on a weekly basis. With so much success, the group decided to take a leap of faith and compete at the National Standardbred Show.

After being rescheduled due to summer heat, the 2022 National Standardbred Show was held in October. Held annually in New Jersey since 1995, the show is presented jointly by the Standardbred Pleasure Horse Organization of New Jersey, the Standardbred Breeders & Owners Association of New Jersey, and the United States Trotting Association. Standardbreds from across the country travel to compete in over 40 classes, open only to the breed.

“The Horse Park of New Jersey is world class,” said Kiehl when discussing the decision to head to the national show. “I love being able to foster this experience for my students and horses. It’s not every day young riders can compete out-of-state at such a large show.”

Executive Equine may have gone to the National Standardbred Show for the experience but Carols Comet, No Whip Chip and Letsallrock had other plans.

Carols Comet raced from 2011 through 2017. The Yankee Cruiser gelding spent most of his career with trainer Ron Potter and most notably competed in an elimination of the Little Brown Jug. In 119 lifetime starts, Carols Comet scored 24 wins, 34 second-place finishes, and 18 third-place finishes. At the end of his racing career, Carols Comet had earned \$455,287 and established a lifetime mark in 1:49.4. Today, the 13-year-old is ridden by both Jessica Greene and Sierra Wise.



Left to Right: Jessica Greene, Chole Lester, Lanie Dawes



Jessica Greene and Carols Comet



Morgan Kiehl and No Whip Chip



Left to Right: Lanie Dawes and Let'sallrock with Jessica Greene and Carols Comet

The two had great success with Carols Comet. With Jessica Greene riding, Carols Comet was the Overall Division Champion in the 13–18-year-old division and the Reserve Overall Champion in the Green Division. The two took 1st place in Showmanship for 13–18-year-olds, 1st place in the Horsemanship Advanced Division for ages 13-18, 2nd place in the War Horse English Pleasure division and 3rd place in the Open Hunter Under Saddle division.

With Sierra Wise riding, Carols Comet was eighth in the Open Showmanship division, 7th in English Equitation Advanced for ages 19-49, 8th in the English Equitation division for ages 19-49 and 10th in the Equitation Challenge.

No Whip Chip began his racing career in 2015 under trainer-driver Dan Noble. After six successful years on the track, No Whip Chip retired in 2020 with \$264,647 in the bank. The gelded son of Victory Sam tallied 24 wins, 15 second place finishes, and 10

third place finishes in just 121 lifetime starts. Now at age 10, No Whip Chip has established his new career being ridden by Kiehl herself.

Kiehl and No Whip Chip were the Reserve Overall Champion in Rookie Hunter Under Saddle and finished second in Rookie Under Saddle and Rookie Under Saddle Advanced. The two were third in Equitation Advanced ages 19-49, 5th in Open Showmanship and 6th in Open Hunter Under Saddle.

Letsallrock made only 18 lifetime starts but amassed \$109,658 in his racing career. The Pet Rock gelding was bred by Kathy Smith and trained by husband Jeff. His time in the harness gave Letsallrock four wins, two second place finishes, and three third place finishes. Letsallrock was the first lesson horse in the Executive Equine program and now at 7-years-old, he is ridden by Lanie Dawes.

At the National Standardbred Show, the two were second in the Fresh Off The Track

Pleasure division and fifth in the Fresh Off The Track In-hand division. They finished 3rd in the 12u English/Western Pleasure, 4th in the 12u Equitation/Horsemanship Advanced and 8th in Rookie/Green Hunter Under Saddle.

Kiehl was proud of the closeknit group. “The experience was unforgettable. These girls and horses mean the world to me. I love being a part of their journey and seeing them succeed.”

Executive Equine is already planning their trip to next year's National Standardbred Show.

For more information about life beyond the racetrack and the Standardbred National Show, visit USTA at [LifeAfterRacing.ustrotting.com](http://LifeAfterRacing.ustrotting.com).

# Regularly Scheduled Meeting Recap *By Renée Mancino*

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

*Roll Call, all Commissioners in-person at Belterra Park, Commissioner Patmon present by telephone, counts as present, but will not vote.*

No update item concerning the Caesars Scioto Downs Grandstand.

In normal business for the Commission, Executive Director Chris Dragone's Report and Approval items were introduced, and the August 31, 2022, minutes were offered for ratification. There were no documents related to the Executive Director's approvals disclosed or provided to those in attendance. There was commentary on racing officials being approved prior to hire by the Racing Commission. Commissioner Thomas Winters moved to amend approval and include the reason for Executive Session in the August 31, 2022, meeting. The Racing Commission unanimously ratified the amended August 31, 2022, meeting minutes, and the Executive Director's Approval Items.

From the August Racing Commission meeting consideration and approval of Resolution 2022-09(A), the 2nd Quarter Casino Commission distributing the Casino Tax of \$2,598,164.82 was discussed. It was noted that escrow continues for Caesars Scioto Downs. The Racing Commission held the operational distribution from the 2nd Quarter Casino Tax and will continue to monitor and release the money.

In the matter of Mark Tomczak. Mr. Tomczak's matter was held over from the August agenda. Mr. Tomczak had his vehicle searched at Jack Thistledown in August 2021. The search uncovered two injectable therapeutic medication bottles in a paper bag. The bottles were still manufacturer's sealed and contained Estradiol and Methocarbamol. There were no needles or syringes found with the bottles. Mr. Tomczak represented that he obtained the bottles by prescription from his veterinarian for use on another horse at his private farm. Mr. Tomczak represented just having shipped-in from his farm with a racing horse after picking-up the items from the veterinarian. The Stewards levied a \$1,000 fine and 180-day suspension. The horse racing was scratched and special-tested. The horse's tests came back clean. Mr. Tomczak represented no intent to use except under the prescription for the other horse at his farm under the veterinarian's care. Assistant Attorney General Todd K. Deboe provide input on 3769-18-07, that there is no distinction in the law on intent, possession is a violation as soon as you pass onto regulated property. After discussion the Racing Commission unanimously voted to carryover the matter to the November meeting.

In the matter of Ricardo Bailey at Jack Thistledown on August 9, 2021, a search of Mr. Bailey's car resulted in finding an 18" x 1.5" syringe in a glove in the trunk of his car. Mr. Bailey appeared

with his attorney and represented the syringe belonged to his girlfriend, the caregiver for her critically ill father. That it was placed in the glove in the trunk to hide it from children that had access to the vehicle. Mr. Bailey's attorney analogized the case to another case where horseman Michael Elliott was given a 90-day suspension after providing a veterinarian's affidavit that medication found after search was his veterinarian's. Mr. Bailey's attorney sought mitigation on the six-month, \$1,000 fine commensurate with the veterinarian's affidavit's case. After discussion the Racing Commission unanimously voted to carryover the matter to the November meeting.

In the matter of Keith J. Kash Jr. at MGM Northfield in the tenth race on July 21, 2021, while driving #4 Dragon Purplechips. Mr. Kash came out before the half and interfered with Willow Mill Gal causing her to go off stride. Mr. Kash was fined \$350, the horse was disqualified and placed 7th. Mr. Kash appealed. His hearing was held August 25, 2022, the report was issued September 28, 2022, the Hearing Officer upheld the Judge's original ruling. Prior to hearing The Racing Commission offered settlement, which Mr. Kash declined. Mr. Kash nor anyone representing him attended the Racing Commission Meeting. The Racing Commission unanimously voted to uphold the Hearing Officer's report and Recommendation.

A recap on the horse racing fatalities was provided by Racing Commission Consulting Veterinarian, Dr. James Robertson. It was noted that the numbers reported since 2009 are for training and racing related catastrophic breakdowns, analogous to the Jockey Club's reporting requirements for sudden deaths that occur during training, racing, or 72 hours after a race. From April 2022 records are kept following a horse post injury, with post-injury tracking of up to ten days from the race date. In August 2022 the monthly report on catastrophic losses includes six thoroughbreds and one standardbred, with four thoroughbred and no standardbred fatalities in September. To bring the year-to-date total thoroughbred catastrophic losses to thirty-nine (thirty-one racing, eight training) and nine standardbreds (all racing). Dr. Robertson discussed the Belterra meet's positive catastrophic loss statistics with the lowest fatality rate since 2015. With a national thoroughbred average of 1.51 fatalities per 1,000 starts, Belterra posted a .96 fatality per 1,000 starts for the meet. The decline was attributed to good track conditions, weather, and good veterinarians.

The monthly commission financial report was provided by Fiscal Officer Sherry White. Year-over-year to September revenue was down from the prior month. Expenses for payroll, stewards, and attorney general's payments are down 7%

over projections on the fiscal year. Ms. White outlined there is \$2.6 million in the State Racing Commission's Operating Fund. Chairman Scott Borgemenke discussed a 6-year look-back on revenue and expenses with comparison to the current fiscal year. Actual revenue is almost the same as 2017 at \$1.2M, 2022 revenue is \$949,000. Overall yearly revenue for the Racing Commission is \$4.2M. It was noted that the revenue and expenses are equivalent and there is no additional room in the Racing Commission budget for more staff without making other fiscal changes. It was noted that the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act thoroughbred share for Ohio was levied at \$4,081,000. If the Racing Commission opt-ed into HISA there would be approximately \$80,000 to run the Racing Commission, oversee and regulate harness racing, with a yearly \$1.5M deficit overall projected for them.

Mahoning Valley submitted requests to approve listed officials, which was omitted from the August 31, 2022, live meet approvals. The Racing Commission unanimously approved the list of officials for Mahoning Valley's meet.

Agenda item updating the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA). Chairman Borgemenke clarified the Ohio State Racing Commission will work with the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority on thoroughbred racing. However, Ohio is not an opt-in state via the voluntary agreement for thoroughbred racing. HISA sent a letter and new seventeen-page contract requesting the use of State Racing Commission employees and funds. The agreement included non-disclose and confidentiality provisions, which cannot be reconciled with State Laws requiring open records and transparency. On January 1, 2023, the Ohio State Racing Commission will no longer be involved in medication and testing for thoroughbreds if all pending medication and testing regulations pass the Federal Trade Commission. HISA is negotiating to use the existing Ohio Department of Agriculture's lab going forward for medication and testing. Part of the HISA contract with the testing lab requires confidentiality and non-disclosure, which would prevent public access to their records. All state veterinarians except one have an existing agreement with HISA. The HISA Stewards are sending e-mails and correspondence to HISA and not copying the Racing Commission on them. In response to the transfer on medication and testing, the Ohio State Racing Commission introduced Resolution 2022-12, a letter to HISA requesting the continuation of Lasix administration for thoroughbreds racing in Ohio. Ohio Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association's Dave Basler provided detail on the current costs for thoroughbred medication and testing as compared to HISA's 2023 costs. At Jack Thistledown, \$314,427 will now be \$825,159,

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## OHHA Pacesetters as of 11/10/2022

Belterra costs of \$242,830 will be \$499,022, and Mahoning Valley's medication and testing costs are \$301,878 but will go to \$716,745 under HISA. After discussion the Racing Commission unanimously approved Resolution 2022-12.

Thoroughbred horsemen were cautioned about the January 1, 2023, changeover on testing. Horsemen are advised that the testing will be vastly different. Essentially HISA adopted International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA) standards, which prohibit the use of all non-steroidal anti-inflammatory and therapeutic medications. Testing is at the level of detection. The recommendation for thoroughbred horsemen was to consult with their veterinarian on adequate outcomes under the new federal regulatory medication and testing program.

Commissioner Hansen Chairwoman of the Medication and Testing Committee set forth Committee work as on hold pending release on HISA Medication and Testing regulations. They noted the removal of Amicar in Ohio as successful with no positive tests post-elimination.

Commissioner Greg Simpson had no agenda items for the Safety Committee.

Commissioner Thomas Winters discussed looking at County Fair racing prior to the 2023 racing season, discussion would look at safety priorities.

Chairman Scott Borgemenke provided detail on the Belterra Park ambulance issue. He noted that the investigation was completed to the Racing Commission's satisfaction and the issued was closed.

In public comment harness racing owner and breeder Alan Swayne appeared to attend the meeting and represented an interest in more information regarding the regulation of racing in Ohio and HISA.

There was business to conduct related to legal action, employment, and Racing Commission's confidential business, the motion and vote were taken to adjourn the general session meeting into executive session. There would be no further business to conduct upon conclusion of the executive session, the motion and vote to adjourn the public meeting was made and the meeting concluded.

For a transcript of the meeting contact the Ohio State Racing Commission. The next scheduled Racing Commission meeting date is November 16, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in person only at the Riffe Center. The Agenda and Meeting Information can be found at the Ohio State Racing Commission's website at, <http://www.racingohio.net>.

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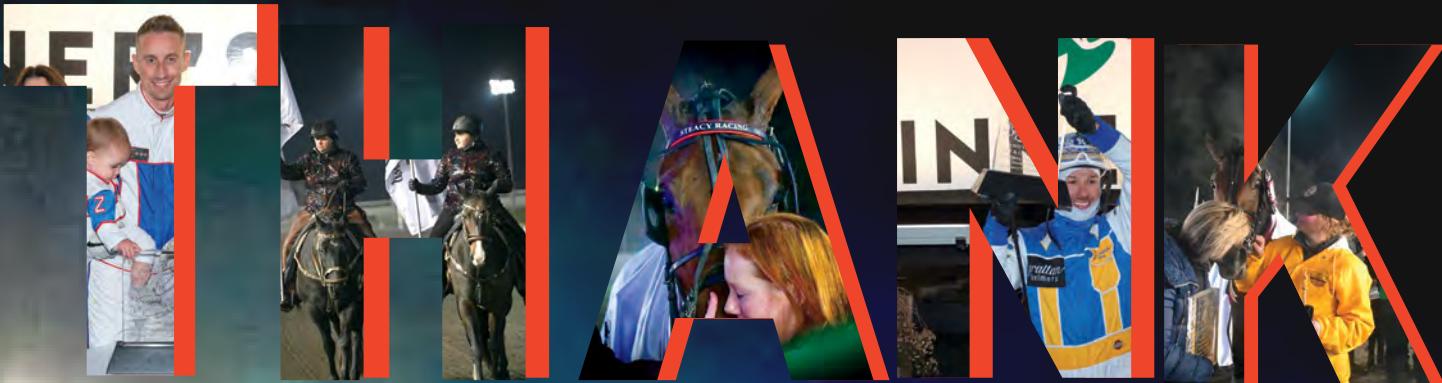
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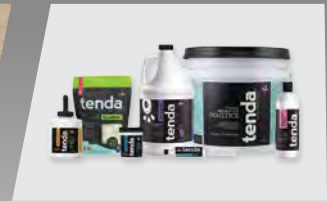
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