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SUGAR INSTEAD

2024 Ohio
Horse of the Year





Dublin Valley Farms presents our 2025 Stallion Roster



Volstead

Cantab Hall - Madame Volo - Yankee Glide

T, 1:51.3 (\$729,716)

Volstead has sired 31 performers who have foal earnings of \$2.3 million, including:

Sugar Instead T, 3, 1:52.4f (\$915,664)

2024 Ohio Horse of the Year

3-Year-Old Trotting Filly of 2024

Jurassic Hattie T, 3, 1:52.3f (\$441,864)

Multiple Ohio Sires Stakes winner

2025 FEE: \$7,500



Slay

Chapter Seven - Swinging Royalty - RC Royalty

T, 2, 1:52.4; 3, 1:51 (\$738,941)

Slay's 3/4 sister, Swinging Loyalty, sold for \$760,000 at the 2024 Harrisburg Sale, making her the highest-priced female yearling ever purchased at auction, while his full sister Royal Mission, sold for \$390,000 at the 2023 Harrisburg Sale.

Slay's first foals will be born in Spring 2025.

2025 FEE: \$5,000



Coach K Hanover

Walner - Chezatter - Explosive Matter

T, 2, 1:54.4f (\$160,712)

Coach K Hanover bred his first book of 54 mares in 2023 and his first foals are yearlings in 2025!

2025 FEE: \$4,000

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SUGAR INSTEAD *Horse of the Year*

BY ASHLEY DAILEY



Sugar Instead - 2024 Ohio Horse of the Year / 2024 Three-Year-Old Filly Trotter of the Year - Ohio Breeders Championship **Photo:** Conrad Photo

"The only thing I can say is she deserves it," said Dick McClelland.

The story of Sugar Instead is what dreams are made of. She went from rags to riches, being a relatively inexpensive purchase at a yearling auction to a repeat divisional winner and Ohio's 2024 Horse of the Year.

Sugar Instead was originally purchased at the Blooded Horse Sale for \$11,000 by Susan Sickle. She was the cheapest of the first crop foals sold at auction in 2022. Sickle sent the filly to Ronnie Gillespie, but while in training at the Muskingum County Fairground in Zanesville, others began to take notice of Sugar Instead. "Ronnie would tell me he had a nice filly," said McClelland her

freshman year. "I didn't think she was that nice, but the more I talked with Ronnie, the more he sold me on her." A few qualifiers later, the decision was made to purchase the filly.

After an outstanding season in 2023 under Virgil Morgan Jr.'s conditioning, Sugar Instead was named the Buckeye State's Two-Year-Old Filly Trotter of the Year. She outdid herself again in 2024.

"We didn't really know what to expect," commented Larry Wills. "She had a very good year last year and this year she was just spectacular. We've been pleased with her all the way."

In 2024, the daughter of Volstead was undefeated in Ohio. Her victories included the \$139,000 Ohio State Fair Stakes, the \$113,640 Ohio Breeders Championship, and the \$300,000 Ohio Sires Stakes Scarlet Championship to earn her the elusive Ohio Triple Crown. Sugar Instead was the only horse to earn the title last year.

"Winning the Triple Crown was a thrill. It's so hard to keep a horse that good for that long," said driver Brett Miller. "She's so easygoing. Virgil added the trotting hobbles back [early in the season] and as soon as he did that, she felt unstoppable. There were many times that I felt she was so much the best that it didn't matter what I did."

Seasonally, Sugar Instead scored victories in 15 of 17 races last year, bankrolling \$541,739.

Her success earned her a repeat divisional title as Ohio Three-Year-Old Filly Trotter of the Year. She upheld a legacy, being the fourth filly in the last six years to repeat as both freshman and sophomore champions. Rose Run Yolanda did it in 2023, Gabbys C Note in 2022, and Only Take Cash accomplished the feat in 2019.

Sugar Instead claims a lifetime record of 22-2-1 in 28 career starts and has earnings in excess of \$900,000. Being voted the coveted Ohio Horse of the Year was the cherry



OHHA Director John Konesky, III, and connections of Sugar Instead



Sugar Instead - Ohio State Fair **Photo:** Conrad Photo

on top, making her sophomore season that much sweeter.

“When you have one like Sugar Instead it makes you forget all the losses,” laughed McClelland when discussing how he and his wife, Joyce, have developed as owners throughout the years. It took seven years before the pair finally had a horse make it to the county fair level.

Morgan, who has conditioned Horse of the Year honorees before, said the competition gets steeper with each passing year. “The breed is getting better, and Ohio’s program

is arguably the best in the country. There’s better trainers and better drivers here now. It’s extremely competitive.”

The most recent trotter to be named Ohio Horse of the Year was Action Uncle in 2020. Rose Run Sydney was the last three-year-old trotting filly to win divisional honors and the Horse of the Year title in 2017.

Breeding is a looming question for any aging mare. McClelland, known for his band of broodmares, reassured that Sugar Instead will be racing in 2025. “We took a vote and she’s coming back!”

SUGAR INSTEAD

2024 Ohio Horse of the Year

2024 Three-Year-Old Filly Trotter of the Year

VOLSTEAD – SUGAR POP –
WINDSONG’S LEGACY

1:52.4F

\$541,739

Owner: Joyce McClelland
(Zanesville, OH), Larry Wills
(Columbus, OH)

Breeder: Elmer Dean Miller
(Goshen, IN)

Trainer: Virgil Morgan Jr.

Caretaker: Bryan Barr

“Winning the Triple Crown
was a thrill.”
— Brett Miller



Winner's Circle – Sugar Instead - OSS Scarlet Championship **Photo:** JJ Zamaiko

Sippinonsearoc

2024 Two-Year-Old Colt Pacer of the Year



Sippinonsearoc – 2024 Two-Year-Old Colt Pacer of the Year **Photo:** Conrad Photo

SIPPINONSEAROC

2024 Two-Year-Old Colt Pacer of the Year

DOWNBYTHESEASIDE – QUEEN ANN M – BIG BAD JOHN

1:48.2M

\$568,000

Owner: Burke Racing Stable (Fredericktown, PA), Weaver Brusceci (Canonsburg, PA), R A S Racing (Powell, OH), Knox Services (Mt. Vernon, OH)

Breeder: Trent Stohler Stable (Markleville, IN), Alesha Binkley (Lebanon, OH)

Trainer: Ron Burke

Caretaker: Michelle Hill



OHHA Director Senena Esty and connections of Sippinonsearoc

Trainer Ron Burke has created a Downbytheseaside dynasty in the Buckeye State. Ohio's 2024 Two-Year-Old Colt Pacer of the Year, Sippinonsearoc, continued that legacy, grabbing national attention in the process.

The son of Downbytheseaside rocked the harness racing industry last August when he set a world record for two-year-olds in a blazing 1:48.2 at The Red Mile in Lexington, Kentucky. Sippinonsearoc set the record in wire-to-wire fashion, getting to the three-quarters

pole in :26.3 before marching his final quarter in an equally impressive :27.

"It's funny because we thought he was a nice colt when we first started training him down," said Burke looking back. "But the first time we trained him in a bike he was faster than anything else we've ever had on our farm, and I was like 'this one is going to be a little bit better than we thought.'"

In addition to carrying the World Champion title, Sippinonsearoc won six of 11 lifetime starts including the \$300,000 Ohio Sires Stakes Scarlet Championship. Notably, the Burke Brigade took the trifecta in that OSS championship. Sippinonsearoc

defeated stablemates Swingtownton, another son by Downbytheseaside, who finished second while Rick Wink was third.

Sippinonsearoc closed out his freshman season with a second-place finish in the \$700,000 Breeders Crown Final. The placing pushed his earnings to well over half a million dollars.

Kris Brechler of Knox Services put their hopes for Sippinonsearoc simply. "We're really looking forward to this coming year with him."

Lt Loverboy

2024 Two-Year-Old Colt Trotter of the Year



Lt Loverboy - 2024 Two-Year-Old Colt Trotter of the Year **Photo:** Conrad Photo

LT LOVERBOY

2024 Two-Year-Old Colt Trotter of the Year

LONG TOM -
FORTHELOVEOFLINDY -
CANTAB HALL

1:56.1 F

\$304,855

Owner: Wayne Mast Jr.
(Dundee, OH) and Callam Racing
(Chagrin Falls, OH)

Breeder: Midland Acres
(Bloomington, OH)

Trainer: Daren Harvey

Caretaker: Jamie Jenkins



OHHA Director John Konesky, III, and connections of Lt Loverboy

Like any trainer or owner, Lt Loverboy's connections were hopeful but admitted he wasn't impressive early on. "We had a big training day, and he wasn't the best one," recalled trainer Daren Harvey. All of Lt Loverboy's connections agreed that it wasn't until his second start that they realized the trotter could be the real deal. "The progression of the colt was amazing. In the end, he was the best one."

"It's an absolute privilege and honor to accept this award," said Walter Callam of Callam Racing. "He gave us a summer filled with great memories that will last us a lifetime."

The owners were most happy for Harvey. It was a breakout year for the trainer with Lt Loverboy giving him his first Sires Stakes victory, followed up by a second, third, and fourth. "It was a dream season, and it couldn't have happened for a better guy," said Callam.

Lt Loverboy never missed the board in ten lifetime starts, scoring six wins, three seconds, and one third-place finish. He won four of five Ohio Sires Stakes legs, setting the track record for two-year-old colt trotters at Dayton Raceway in the fifth leg. However, his most impressive victory came in the \$300,000 Scarlet Championship.

After fighting an impressive battle for the lead in the final turn, Lt Loverboy was inferred with and locked race bike wheels only yards before the finish line. The freshman showed his professionalism, barely missing a stride during the chaos, and was placed first.

"It's hard to get a two-year-old to develop that kind of maturity. They charted him a break, but I argue that he even did," laughed Harvey who admitted his stomach dropped during the race. "He's just an amazing horse."

Odds On Hialeah

2024 Two-Year-Old Filly Pacer of the Year



Odds On Hialeah – 2024 Two-Year-Old Filly Pacer of the Year **Photo:** Conrad Photo

ODDS ON HIALEAH

2024 Two-Year-Old Filly Pacer of the Year

LATHER UP –
LAUGHANDBEHAPPY –
BADLANDS HANOVER

1:51.4H

\$324,750

Owner: Let It Ride Stable (Boca Raton, FL) and Odds On Racing (Boca Raton, FL)

Breeder: Odds On Nourrir (Boca Raton, FL)

Trainer: Virgil Morgan Jr.

Caretaker: Susan Wentworth



Left to Right: Tre Morgan, OHHA Director Senena Esty, and Virgil Morgan Jr.

For some, it was clear that Odds On Hialeah was one to watch in 2024. “We liked her from day one,” said trainer Virgil Morgan Jr. “We knew she was a special filly.”

However, it’s normal for anyone involved in the harness racing industry to have a healthy dose of skepticism to keep their feet on the ground. “I liked her when she was training down, but you never know until they qualify.” Her connections know now that there was never anything to worry about.

Morgan was happy with Odds On Hialeah after her first qualifier but impressed after her first start at Scioto Downs. “She came her last quarter in :26.3. That’s almost unheard of for a two-year-old,” recalled Morgan who has sat behind his fair share of nice horses over the years.

Odds On Hialeah won seven of eight lifetime starts, scoring her only second-place finish in the fourth leg of the Ohio Sires Stakes. Aside from multiple OSS leg victories, her most notable wins included The Standardbred at the Delaware County Fair and the \$300,000 Scarlet Championship where she defeated her stablemate Odds On Chesapeake by a neck.

Morgan took a moment to credit some of his stable’s success to his son, Tre. “He’s developed into my righthand man and helped me a lot. I can’t say enough about his efforts.”

Odds On Hialeah will have big shoes to fill in 2025. For the past three years, the freshman Filly Pacer of the Year has followed up by winning divisional honors as a three-year-old. It will be up to her to keep the streak alive. Morgan said the daughter of Lather Up is already back in the barn and has resumed training. Although they do not plan on racing in the James K. Hackett Memorial at Miami Valley Gaming, they have their eyes set on the Sires Stakes season beginning in May.

Mocha Hill

2024 Two-Year-Old Filly Trotter of the Year



Mocha Hill – 2024 Two-Year-Old Filly Trotter of the Year **Photo:** Conrad Photo

MOCHA HILL

2024 Two-Year-Old Filly Trotter of the Year

WHAT THE HILL – SOCHA
HANOVER – CANTAB HALL

1:55.1F

\$259,742

Owner: Burke Racing Stable
(Fredericktown, PA), Hatfield
Stables (Columbus, OH), Weaver
Bruscemi (Canonsburg, PA), Knox
Services (Mt. Vernon, OH)

Breeder: Franklin Equine
(Wooster, OH)

Trainer: Ron Burke

Caretaker: Marcy Hoardies



OHHA Director John Konesky, III, and connections of Mocha Hill

Mocha Hill was a professional from the beginning, winning her first four career starts on her way to being named Ohio's Two-Year-Old Filly Trotter of the Year.

"She was great from the start," said second trainer Mickey Burke Jr. "She was actually one of the few that didn't make it to Florida [to winter]. She was stuck with me this year," he laughed.

Having Mocha Hill in the barn was a joy for Burke. "I trained her more often than anyone else because I just wouldn't let them sit behind her." Although freshmen filly trotters can have a reputation for being high-strung and temperamental, that wasn't why Burke spent so much time with her. "I just liked her that much. If I had the chance I was taking her."

Driver Chris Page took to liking her as well. "She is one of the nicest What The Hill's [offspring] I've driven. She got better the further the mile went and was always closing. She passed all the tests."

Mocha Hill's most notable victories included the Ohio State Fair at Scioto Downs in a lifetime record of 1:55.1 and four of five Ohio Sires Stakes legs.

"We were really proud of the filly last year. We have a lot of hopes for her in 2025," said Burke. Mocha Hill has just resumed training for her sophomore campaign. Page added, "She checked all the boxes. You just want her to stay healthy and sound and everything else should be a wrap."

“She is one of the nicest What The Hill's I've driven.”

— Chris Page

Clever Cody

2024 Three-Year-Old Colt Pacer of the Year



Clever Cody - 2024 Three-Year-Old Colt Pacer of the Year **Photo:** Conrad Photo

CLEVER CODY

2024 Three-Year-Old Colt Pacer of the Year

THE PANDEROSA - CAMS VAN
GO - REAL ARTIST

1:50.1F

\$346,510

Owner: Clever Cody Stable
(Cambridge, Ontario, CA)

Breeder: Marvin Raber (Baltic, OH)

Trainer: Dr. Ian Moore

Caretaker: Joe Tulino

“When you buy a horse, you buy a dream,” said Francois Lecomte, an owner in the Clever Cody Stable. “Clever Cody was my dream.”

Nothing was going to prevent Lecomte, a Montreal resident, from celebrating Clever Cody’s repeat divisional honors win at the Ohio Harness Horsemen’s Association Annual Awards Banquet. He left his home at two o’clock in the morning, bound for the Buckeye State. With multiple flight delays and cancellations, Lecomte found himself stranded in Detroit with no available car rentals. Somehow, he made it to Columbus with just minutes to spare.

Lecomte credited The Panderosa for reigniting his love of harness racing. When he spotted Clever Cody, a son of The Panderosa, in the Ohio Selected Sale catalog in 2022, he knew he had to have him. Lecomte couldn’t sleep the night before the auction. He had been looking for the perfect purchase for ten years.

“It’s better to be lucky than good,” laughed Lecomte, still remembering that Clever Cody was Hip Number 14. “When you buy a \$24,000 colt from a very old stallion, geez, you need to be lucky.”

Luck certainly plays a part in the sport, but Clever Cody’s talent is undeniable. The pacer scored in five of 18 starts last season, including four Ohio Sires Stakes legs and the \$300,000 Scarlet Championship. He boasts a record of 11-4-2 in 28 career starts and \$729,882 in lifetime earnings.

Lecomte and his partners are already excited about 2025. “He was a baby at two and a teenager at three. When he becomes a man, you’ll see great things from Clever Cody.”

Clever Cody, a stud, can be a handful in the barn. “He’s not the easiest horse to deal with,” admitted caretaker Joe Tulino. However, some quirks can be overlooked with a powerhouse like Clever Cody. “It’s been a great two years, and we’re excited to be back for his four-year-old season in Ohio.”



Left to Right: OHHA Director Senena Etsy, Marvin Raber, Joe Tulino, and Francois Lecomte.

“When you buy a horse you buy a dream.”

— Francois Lecomte

Tennessee Tom

2024 Three-Year-Old Colt Trotter of the Year



Tennessee Tom – 2024 Three-Year-Old Colt Trotter of the Year **Photo:** Conrad Photo

TENNESSEE TOM

2024 Three-Year-Old Colt Trotter of the Year

LONG TOM – MISSIVE –
MUSCLE MASSIVE

1:53.0 F

\$294,530

Owner: Burke Racing Stable
(Fredericktown, PA), Weaver
Bruscemi (Canonsburg, PA),
Hatfield Stables (Columbus,
OH), Knox Services (Mt. Ver-
non, OH)

Breeder: Albert Miller (Fred-
ericksburg, OH)

Trainer: Ron Burke

Caretaker: Adam Hoardies

At the start of 2024, all eyes were on Tennessee Tom to see if he would maintain his dominance among sophomore colt trotters. Not one to disappoint, the Long Tom gelding did just that on his way to being named Ohio's Three-Year-Old Colt Trotter of the Year.

Tennessee Tom hit the board nine times last season, winning six. His victories included the James K. Hackett Memorial at Miami Valley Raceway, three legs of the Ohio Sires Stakes, and the \$142,000 Ohio State Fair Stakes.

Tennessee Tom is a repeat divisional honors winner, having been named the Ohio Two-Year-Old Trotting Colt of the Year in 2023. He claims a record of 11-4-2 in 20 career starts, banking \$750,880 in lifetime earnings.

Tennessee Tom has been the highlight for breeder Albert Miller and his family. "When I started taking care of my dad's broodmares, it was just a dream to have a horse of this caliber," said Miller's son, Leon, who is also the farm manager.

Tennessee Tom was a well-mannered colt and easily became a farm favorite. The Millers admitted they liked him but when it came time for the yearling sales, they had multiple other horses sell for more than Tennessee Tom. "You never know. He's by far the best one now, but it's a lot of luck. I'm just living the dream right now and thank everyone who's made that possible."

Tennessee Tom did not finish in the Ohio Sires Stakes Scarlet Championship. Although the season ended with bad luck, second trainer Mickey Burke Jr. stated the brigade is hopeful he will be back again in 2025.

“I’m just living the dream right now and thank everyone who’s made that possible.”
— Leon Miller



OHHA Director John Konesky, III, and connections of Tennessee Tom

Seaside Diva

2024 Three-Year-Old Filly Pacer of the Year



Seaside Diva – 2024 Three-Year-Old Filly Pacer of the Year **Photo:** JJ Zamaiko

SEASIDE DIVA

2024 Three-Year-Old Filly Pacer of the Year

DOWNBYPHASEASIDE – REAL
DIVA – REAL DESIRE

1:50.4 F

\$572,790

Owner: Burke Racing Stable (Fredericktown, PA), Weaver Bruscelli (Canonsburg, PA), Knox Services (Mt. Vernon, OH), Let It Ride Stable (Boca Raton, FL)

Breeder: Burke Racing Stable (Fredericktown, PA), Weaver Bruscelli (Canonsburg, PA), Knox Services (Mt. Vernon, OH), Let It Ride Stable (Boca Raton, FL)

Trainer: Ron Burke

Caretaker: Adam Hoardies

Just like her other sophomore counterparts, the reigning Two-Year-Old Pacing Filly of the Year in Ohio has repeated to win divisional honors at three.

In 2019, Queen Of The Pride repeated as the top filly pacer. In 2022 it was Sea Silk followed with Mcseaside continuing the legacy last year. Now Seaside Diva is the fourth repeat winner in six years.

Although it is no easy feat, Seaside Diva made repeating look effortless. The daughter of Downbytheside was the only horse to go undefeated in the Ohio Sires Stakes program, taking all five legs and the \$300,000 Scarlet Championship. In 20 seasonal starts, Seaside Diva scored 13 victories and hit the board an additional four times.

Seaside Diva has always shown grit on and off the racetrack. Just last year at two, she overcame a near-catastrophic injury when getting caught in a fence. “The fact she came back is a testament to her and the people who take care of her,” said trainer Ron Burke at the time.

Kris Brechler of Knox Services agreed, commenting on how hard Seaside Diva tries in a race. “She doesn’t want to ever give it up.”

Brechler is no stranger to the winner’s circle, having owned part of Sea Silk and Mcseaside. However, this honor was different. “She’s just a great filly. It’s even more special because we bred her and have known her from the drop.”

Seaside Diva claims a record of 17-5-3 in 31 career starts and lifetime earnings of \$812,595.

“She doesn’t want to ever give up.”
— Kris Brechler



OHHA Director Senena Esty and connections of Seaside Diva.

Refined

2024 Aged Trotter of the Year



Refined - 2024 Aged Trotter of the Year **Photo:** Conrad Photo

OHHA Director and award presenter Jacob Mossbarger summed up Refined best – “A mare that’s great for the state of Ohio.”

She claims a record of 46-31-15 in 138 career starts and has earned more than \$1.2 million. Even when placed up against aged geldings and horses, Refined is undeniable. “They don’t make many like that,” agreed Dick McClelland, Joyce’s husband. “She really deserves this award. This night is unbelievable.”

Aside from numerous Open Trot victories at Scioto Downs and Dayton Raceway, the eight-year-old daughter of Uncle Peter won the Ohio Breeders Championship at the Delaware County Fair and the \$85,000 Ohio Sires Stakes Veterans Championship, lowering her lifetime mark to 1:51.2. “She’s as tough as nails,” said Larry Wills.

The partnership between Wills and the McClellands happened by chance. Refined had already begun her racing career in another sta-

ble but was for sale. Trainer Virgil Morgan Jr. saw her potential and played matchmaker, encouraging the two to buy her together. Now the partnership is one of the most recognizable in the Buckeye State.

The owners commended Morgan for his conditioning of Refined. “He’s one of the best trainers in the nation,” said Wills, complimenting Morgan’s work ethic. Morgan responded simply by saying, “It’s a pleasure to train her.”

After last year, there is no doubt Morgan has a knack for keeping female trotters at the top of their game. In addition to Refined’s divisional honors, another trainee, Sugar Instead was named not only the Three-Year-Old Filly Trotter but Ohio’s Horse of the Year.

Wills and McClelland ended the night by reassuring that Refined will be back in 2025.

REFINED

2024 Aged Trotter of the Year

UNCLE PETER - REINVENT -
MALABAR MAN

1:51.2F

\$209,674

Owner: Joyce McClelland
(Zanesville, OH) and Larry Wills
(Columbus, OH)

Breeder: Walnut Hall Stock Farm
(Lexington, KY)

Trainer: Virgil Morgan Jr.

Caretaker: Kevin Grafton



Connections of Refined

“She’s tough as nails.”

— Larry Wills

Charlie May

2024 Co-Aged Pacer of the Year



Charlie May - 2024 Co-Aged Pacer of the Year **Photo:** Conrad Photo

For the first time in OHHA history, a tie has named two honorees as Co-Aged Pacer of the Year.

Charlie May is no stranger to holding Ohio divisional honor titles. In the last six years, he has earned five awards including divisional honors in 2020, 2021, and 2022. Additionally, he was named Ohio Horse of the Year in 2021.

Steve Carter has conditioned the Mcardle gelding from the beginning and is still grateful to Don Tiger for the opportunity. “Don is easy to get along with and he’s very involved. I do the work, and we get along pretty good,” he laughed.

Despite making almost a quarter of a million dollars and producing multiple sub-1:50 miles, the 2024 season was the toughest Charlie May had ever had. When asked about getting the call that Charlie was once again honored, Carter humbly said “I was a little bit surprised, but he’s a local fans’ horse and people really love to watch him.”

Charlie May had three seasonal victories including the \$85,000 Ohio Sires Stakes Veterans Championship. Despite Charlie May’s extensive resume, he’s the opposite of boastful. “He’s the easiest horse in the world. Throw a harness on his back and he’s ready to go to work.”

In 84 lifetime starts, the six-year-old scored 30 victories, 22 second-place finishes, and ten third-place finishes. He has bankrolled over \$2.25 million in his career. Charlie May also co-owns the 1:48.4 world record for three-year-old pacing geldings on a half-mile track. The other co-record holder is Bythemissal, Ohio’s 2022 and 2023 Horse of the Year.

CHARLIE MAY

2024 Co-Aged Pacer of the Year

MCARDLE - STIPPLE HANOVER - WESTERN HANOVER

1:47.1M

\$224,230

Owner: Don Tiger (Canonsburg, PA)

Breeder: Don Tiger (Canonsburg, PA)

Trainer: Steve Carter

Caretaker: Ben Lindsay

“Throw a harness on his back and he’s ready to go to work.”
— Steve Carter



Connections of Charlie May

Dunkin’

2024 Co-Aged Pacer of the Year



Dunkin’ - 2024 Co-Aged Pacer of the Year **Photo:** Dean Gillette

If you ask Nick and Betty Clegg, Dunkin’ was fated to join their stable.

“The stars aligned. Our friend Jordan just happened to be at the sale and could bid on him for us. Otherwise, none of this would have ever happened,” said Nick. Although Dunkin’ was only a \$7,000 purchase, it was a risk for the Cleggs to spend that amount of money at the time.

The once small Pet Rock gelding eventually blossomed into a world-class racehorse. In 35 seasonal starts, the four-year-old scored nine wins and hit the board an additional 11 times. Lifetime, Dunkin’ has a record of 36-16-9 in 94 starts and \$669,172 in career earnings.

“Everyone loves a winner,” said Betty, “but I’ve loved him since before he was a winner.”



Connections of Dunkin’

DUNKIN’

2024 Co-Aged Pacer of the Year

PET ROCK - SKINNY DIP -
WESTERN IDEAL

1:49.1S

\$419,228

Owner: Betty Jo Clegg
(Northfield, OH)

Breeder: Stonegate Standardbred
Farms (Glen Gardner, NJ)

Trainer: Scott Di Domenico

Caretaker(s): Betty Clegg,
Kadia Clegg, Tim Johnson, Mike
Farnham, and the Kash Family

Nick teases Betty for spoiling Dunkin’, but she does for good reason. “I don’t get emotional about horses, but you can’t buy the smile he puts on her face for any amount of money. There’s no way to explain to Dunkin’ what he’s done for our family.”

It is safe to say that the Cleggs do not regret their purchase, but Betty may have one regret. Dunkin’s most impressive win of the 2024 season came at Hoosier Park in the \$315,000 Dan Patch Memorial. Unfortunately, after a long day of county fair racing, Betty fell asleep waiting for Dunkin’s race. Nick woke her up twenty minutes later exclaiming that they had won. “She rolled over and wasn’t quite awake yet but said ‘It’s Dunkin’, Nick, of course he won!’” Just a few seconds later, the shock set in for Betty.

This award is the first Ohio divisional honor for the Clegg Family. Admittedly they are also fans of Charlie May and were touched that Dunkin’ could share the stage.

“Everyone loves a winner,
but I’ve loved him since
before he was a winner.”

— Betty Clegg

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Page and Burke Take Kaltenbach Honors

For the sixth straight year, driver Chris Page and trainer Ron Burke captured Ohio's Kaltenbach titles.

The Jerry Kaltenbach Memorial trophies were established in 1988 and are awarded annually to the driver and trainer who have earned the most dollars competing in Ohio Sires Stakes (OSS) events in a single season.



Chris Page

Page claims the most Kaltenbach awards among drivers, notching his ninth title this year. Page started in 71 OSS events, winning 27 races, finishing second nine times, and adding five third-place finishes to earn \$1,431,350.

Brett Miller finished second with 13 wins, 12 second-place finishes, and four third-place finishes in 58 starts. Miller's earnings topped \$1,190,850. Aaron Merriman finished third having a record of 10-13-11 in 78 races and \$978,750 in earnings.

A total of 58 drivers participated in the 2024 OSS events with 45 garnering at least one purse check. Fifteen had earnings of \$100,000 or more, with nine amassing earnings over \$300,000.



Left to Right: Ron Burke and Dick McClelland of the Ohio Standardbred Development Fund

The Kaltenbach title was the seventh for Burke. He had 111 starts in the Ohio Sires Stakes legs, championships, and consolations. Burke finished with 34 wins, 11 second-place finishes, and nine third-place finishes with \$1,979,700 in total money earned.

Virgil Morgan Jr. finished second with \$1,267,100 in earnings and a 12-12-3 record from 51 starts. Chris Beaver finished third. He had earnings of \$634,050 with a record of 3-12-10 in 47 starts.

A total of 95 trainers participated in the 2024 OSS events with 19 earning over \$100,000.

In the 36 years that the Kaltenbach trophies have been awarded, Page leads all drivers with nine trophies followed by David Miller with seven. David Hawk and Brett Miller have three each. On the training side, Burke has captured the title seven times, Morgan six, and Jim Dailey won the award four times. Only two horsemen have won the Kaltenbach in both the training and driving categories—Sam “Chip” Noble, III, and Dave Rankin.

Schwartz Awarded Inaugural Equine Career Scholarship



Aubrey Schwartz

The inaugural Future Equine Career Scholarship was presented to Aubrey Schwartz at the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association Annual Banquet.

Schwartz, a native of Washington Court House, is a Miami Trace High School graduate and will be completing her studies at Wilmington College this spring. She majored in Agricultural Education and hopes to pursue a master's in education and leadership.

As the daughter of Bret and Robin, she is a generational harness horsewoman. In addition to helping with bookkeeping for her father's stable, Schwartz has served as a United States Trotting Association Youth Delegate and as the Ohio FFA President.

“Having been a state FFA officer, I've traveled across Ohio and shared the message of what harness racing is,” said Schwartz. She continues to promote harness racing on social media and enjoys introducing her peers to the sport at local county fairs.

After graduation, Schwartz will teach agriculture at the high school level. “I'm excited to teach about the harness racing industry when I'm in the classroom.”

The scholarship will be awarded annually to an applicant pursuing a career specifically in the equine industry. Applicants must be at least 16 years of age and currently enrolled in a degree, certificate program, or pursuing vocational training in a field related to the equine industry.

Bob Geist Receives Brandt Extra Effort Award



Left to Right: Bob Geist and OHHA Director Rusty Vorhees

For over 50 years, Robert “Bob” Geist has influenced county fair harness racing across the Buckeye State, transforming the sport at the grassroots level. His commitment to not only the racing program at the Mercer County Fair in Celina but his vision and dedication to the Signature Series are only part of the reason he was honored as the Ohio Harness Horsemen’s Association 2024 recipient of the Dick Brandt Sr. Extra Effort Award.

Geist’s involvement in harness racing started small with the purchase of a racehorse in the mid-1960s. He quickly discovered a passion, eventually joining the Mercer County Agricultural Society and Speed Committee. Geist served on the OHHA Board of Directors for several years and has been a member of the Mercer County Harness Horsemen’s Association since its inception in 1971.

Geist was instrumental in establishing the Signature Series, a late closing event for older horses at Ohio county fairs. Open to both trotters and pacers, the series travels around the state as horses accumulate points for a chance to compete in the final at the Delaware County Fair. It expanded racing opportunities for aged horses and has become a feature event.

“Who would have ever thought that just a couple guys sitting on a tack trunk after the races at Van Wert fair would come up with something like this,” reminisced Geist.

The Signature Series began with only four member fairs 25 years ago. In 2024, over 33 county and independent fairs participated in the program. Geist humbly accredited many others for the growing success of the series.

Roger Huston summed it up best, saying, “Hank Thomson and Joe Neville may have started the Little Brown Jug, but Bob Geist started the Signature Series.”

The award is named for Dick Brandt Sr., who served as President of the Ohio Harness Horsemen’s Association in 1984 and 1985. He was a past Chairman of the Ohio Harness Horsemen’s Health and Retirement Fund and Treasurer of P.A.C.E.R. (Political Action Committee for Equine Racing). He also served as a member of the United States Trotting Association’s Board of Directors and Treasurer.

The Dick Brandt Sr. Extra Effort Award is awarded to an individual, local horsemen’s associations, and matinee clubs who have committed to county fair racing. The award is based on involvement with their local fair board, local matinees, community involvement, improvements to racing and barn areas, and assistance with racing programs during the fair week.

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State Representative Scott Lipps Honored with Hagemeyer Award



Left to Right: OHHA Director Scott Hagemeyer and State Representative Scott Lipps

The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association awarded State Representative Scott Lipps the Association's prestigious Maynard and Stella Hagemeyer Significant Contribution Award.

State Representative Lipps served four terms in the 55th District of the House of Representatives in southwest Ohio. Over many years, he strongly advocated for policies that benefited the state's agriculture and equine industries. He demonstrated his commitment to preserving and

promoting Ohio's racing heritage through direct involvement with racing in his homeplace of Warren County.

"I think the world of your industry," he explained. "I knew Maynard and Stella as a young man and have been to their farm countless times. It brought tears to my eyes when I found out this award is named in their honor."

Recently, State Representative Lipps was instrumental in extending the Standardbred training opportunities for nearly 300 horses at the Warren County Fairgrounds. He coordinated efforts with OHHA, Warren County Senator Steve Wilson, the Warren County Commissioners, and State Auditor Keith Faber to support horsemen who call Warren County home. Through Representative Lipps' diligence and dedication, they successfully extended the training center operations at the fairgrounds.

"As a long-time friend of harness racing and with knowledge of the agricultural value in our industry, Representative Lipps understood why it was so important to be involved," remarked Scott Hagemeyer, OHHA director and grandson of the award's namesakes. "My grandparents would be proud to have him honored."

The Maynard and Stella Hagemeyer Significant Contribution Award is awarded for significant life-long contributions to Ohio harness racing. The recipient must possess a passion and advocacy for Ohio harness racing. The award is based on the importance of educating and involving local and state legislators in the preservation and promotion of the harness racing industry.

Governor DeWine Presented Dr. John P. Stevens Humanitarian Award



Left to Right: State Representative Jim Buchy and OHHA Executive Director Frank Fraas

For the first time in six years, the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association presented the prestigious Dr. John P. Stevens Humanitarian Award at its annual banquet. Ohio Governor Mike DeWine was honored as the recipient.

The Dr. John P. Stevens Humanitarian Award is presented to an individual involved with the Standardbred and agricultural industries who exhibits exceptional compassion and dedicated service to mankind. Governor DeWine and his wife, First Lady Fran, embody kindness, which is evident in their everyday lives and service to Ohioans.

Governor DeWine began his term as the 70th governor of Ohio in 2019. Throughout his tenure, he has been a champion of Ohio's agriculture and harness racing industries, understanding their importance in the state's heritage and economy.

Governor DeWine has shown unwavering support for county fair racing, specifically at the Delaware County Fair and Little Brown Jug. He has faithfully attended the Grand Circuit race, using the event to showcase the best of the Buckeye State. Further, Governor DeWine supported legislation that increased Jug purses and bettered fairground facilities.

The Dr. John P. Stevens Humanitarian Award is exclusive, having been awarded only 21 times since its inception. R. Kevin Greenfield was the most recent recipient in 2018.

State Representative Jim Buchy, a previous Dr. Stevens Humanitarian Award recipient, accepted the honor on Governor DeWine's behalf.

Clegg and Nisonger Honored as Top Fair Trainer and Driver

Betty Clegg and Marc St. Louis Jr. were honored at the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association Annual Banquet with the Ohio Racing With The Stars awards as the top trainer and driver on the Ohio county fair racing circuit in 2024.

Clegg led all trainers with 75 fair wins. In 2024, she had 114 total winners with earnings of \$879,270.

St. Louis won 114 Ohio fair races. Overall, he won 166 races and earned \$936,233.

Sponsor of the Racing With The Stars awards, Mike Woebkenberg, reminded us, "Ohio is the largest fair racing program in the world. It is very hard to win as many races as these two individuals have. It takes a lot of travel and a lot of perseverance."



Left to Right: Mike Woebkenberg, Betty Clegg, and Bill Peters



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Chubb Named OHHA Outstanding Groom

William Chubb of Columbus was named the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association Outstanding Groom for 2024.

For trainers like Tye Loy, Chubb has set the standard for caretaking. "If something needs to be done, Willie knows what to do. If we all had caretakers like him it would make our business that much better."

Chubb has been in the industry for over 40 years, getting his start at Wildwood Farms in Georgia. He has groomed for the Jim Arledge Jr. Stable since 2000. Over the years, he's developed a skill set that is second to none and is known affectionally as "the man, the myth, the legend" by many.

"You'll never find a harder worker," said OHHA President Scott Mogan who is stabled at the same training facility. "He always has a smile on his face, and I've never known him to complain."

Chubb admitted he's had favorite horses throughout his career but never treats them differently, saying "I make sure they all get the best care no matter what."



William Chubb

Rhoades Awarded Terry Holton Youth Award

As a generational horseman, it is safe to say that Braiden Rhoades was destined for the harness racing industry.

"He eats, breathes, and sleeps horses," said his father, Bill. "He works seven days a week, waking up to go to his own successful stable at Northfield Park and then to drive at fairs or on the racetrack."

The 19-year-old's work ethic is only one reason he was named the 2024 Terry Holton Youth Award recipient by the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association.

Rhoades began driving in 2022 and won his first race the following year. In 2024, he had 443 starts with a record of 42-48-52, earning \$341,229.

He is even more successful as a young trainer. In two years, he has scored 85 victories, 53 seconds, and 55 third place finishes in 447 starts. His career earnings are more than \$640,000.

"I'm getting to live my dream. I'm grateful and honored for all the opportunities I've had," Rhoades said, when thanking owners and trainers for believing in him. "Even being nominated for this award is special, let alone winning."

Rhoades is already looking toward his future in the sport with hopes of "driving a winner for you all one day."

The Terry Holton Youth Award is given to an Ohio horseman between the ages of 13 and 19 who have actively participated in harness racing as a driver, trainer, groom, breeder, race office/publicity assistant, track maintenance crew member, or has provided outstanding service to harness racing.

The award, in its 22nd year, is named for Terry Holton, a 2005 inductee into the Ohio Harness Racing Hall of Fame. Holton, of Newark, Ohio, was the winner of over 1,700 races in his career. He overcame many obstacles in his life; the biggest may have been overcoming pancreatic cancer.



Left to Right: OHHA Director and Terry's son, Ryan Holton and Braiden Rhoades

OHHA HANDS OUT *Special Recognition Awards*



Left to Right: Judy Roegner and Jessica Roegner

Jugette winning trainer Jessica Roegner and the connections of Breeders Crown champions Allegiant, Miki And Minnie, Sig Sauer, and Louprint were presented with the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association Special Recognition Awards for their accomplishments.

Competing in the Grand Circuit events at the Delaware County Fair was a lifelong dream for Roegner and her team. In 2024, Soft Shot, a three-year-old filly pacer, granted that wish for the Northfield Park-based trainer. Despite being a supplemental entry, Soft Shot won her elimination in a world record of 1:49.3 and capped it off with a victory in the Jugette Final.

"It was a big deal. We're a little stable and we had a big year," Roegner thanked.

Ryan Smith of Dennison was recognized as the owner of three-year-old filly trotter Allegiant. Allegiant hit the board in 12 of 19 races, winning six including the Breeders Crown. She bankrolled \$748,027 in 2024, and has over \$1 million in lifetime earnings. Allegiant was named the 2024 Three-Year-Old Filly Trotter of the Year by the U.S. Harness Writers Association.

Robert Mondillo of Delaware received the Special Recognition Award for his part ownership of Miki And Minnie. The two-year-old pacing filly won the Breeders Crown and the Three Diamonds at the Meadowlands. She never missed the board in 11 seasonal starts, taking a record of 6-4-1 and earning \$843,086. Miki And Minnie was named the 2024 Two-Year-Old Filly Pacer of the Year by the U.S. Harness Writers Association.

"I never in my wildest dreams thought I would be up on stage on behalf of this award," said Mondillo who also co-bred Miki And Minnie. "We had a lot of fun with her name, but we certainly said she's no cartoon, she's a pretty serious racehorse."



Left to Right: Robert Mondillo and Ashley Dailey



Left to Right: Amy Hollar and Ashley Dailey accepting for Joe Sbrocco

Joe Sbrocco of Brecksville was recognized as part owner of Sig Sauer. The three-year-old colt trotter won half of his ten seasonal starts, including the Breeders Crown and Kentucky Futurity in a career-best of 1:49.3. Sig Sauer made over \$870,000 during his sophomore campaign, upping his lifetime earnings to \$1.15 million. He was named the 2024 Three-Year-Old Colt Trotter of the Year by the U.S. Harness Writers Association.

Ronnie Wrenn Jr., a staple in the Northfield Park driving colony, drove Louprint to victory in the Breeders Crown for freshmen colt pacers in 1:49.1. The triumph was the first win of its kind for Wrenn. The U.S. Harness Writers Association named Louprint the 2024 Two-Year-Old Colt Pacer of the Year.

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OHIO USHWA CHAPTER HANDS OUT AWARDS

The Ohio Chapter of the United States Harness Writers Association presented its annual awards at the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association banquet in January. Alongside Hall of Fame inductions, the Ohio Chapter honored Ronnie Wrenn Jr. as the recipient of the Winner's Circle Award for outstanding achievement during the past year and Tyler Angus as the Peter Houghton Memorial Award winner for being the young Ohioan who is an "up-and-coming" star among harness horsemen.



Ronnie Wrenn Jr.

The 38-year-old Ronnie Wrenn Jr. is a native of Michigan. In 2024, he was the top UDRS driver at MGM Northfield Park (0.407) and Hollywood Gaming at The Meadows (0.384) with 592 wins and \$7.4 million in purse earnings.

The highlight of his 2024 campaign was his victory in the \$700,000 Breeders Crown Final

with the two-year-old pacer, Louprint. The win was the reinsman's first in the lucrative series. Wrenn also scored wins in the \$400,000 Kentucky Sire Stakes Final (Louprint), the \$252,000 Pennsylvania Sire Stake Final (Papi's Rocket), the \$100,000 #Senditin Invitation-al (Seafire) and \$100,000 Charna President's Pace (Act Fast).

Tyler Angus, the 22-year-old third-generation horseman from Macedonia, was presented with the Peter Houghton Memorial Award. As a driver, Angus amassed 88 wins and over \$830,000 in earnings in 2024. He ranked among the top ten in MGM Northfield Park's tough driving colony against veterans such as Aaron Merriman, Wrenn, and Kurt Sugg to name only a few.



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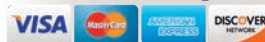


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Amy Hollar Honored with Rambling Willie Award

Amy Hollar received the prestigious Rambling Willie Award recognizing the Ohioan who has done the most for harness racing over the past two decades. As a Cuyahoga Falls resident, Hollar has been MGM Northfield Park's Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association track representative since 2001, serving under five OHHA general managers.

Hollar was born to a family with deep harness racing roots and connections with Rambling Willie himself. "When 'Willie' was racing my aunt was married to [trainer] Bob Farrington's nephew," she recalled. "The Horse that God Loved' built the Church of Christ in West Mansfield, my hometown. I have a photo of Rambling Willie in my office, and I am very honored to have this award hung beside it."

Hollar's 24-year stint at Northfield has been a remarkable balancing act in terms of productivity, hard-won respect, and sheer stamina. While being the matriarch of her family she continues to work mornings in the barn with her husband Calvin and make herself available to horsemen all day and night. Horsemen at all three seasonal downstate tracks as well as Northfield know they can count on her to coordinate catch drives, ship-in stalls, and other details related to year-round series and stakes events.

"The respect I get from track management means a lot and I hope I give it all right back to them," said Hollar.

Tom Aldrich, former president of Northfield Park kindly remarked on Hollar's energy, organizational skills, and captivating presence at the track, calling her "the hostess with the mostest." Hollar is willing to lend a helping hand wherever needed, from herding excited owners in for the photograph and blanketing the horse to keeping the backside orderly so each race night can stay on a tight schedule.

It is evident Hollar represents horsemen and their interests with tenacity and effectiveness.

"Thank you, horsemen. So many of you have touched my life," said Hollar. "You've made me smile, you've made me cry, and you've made me very proud to represent you."

Hollar was selected for the award by vote of the Ohio Chapter of the United States Harness Writers Association. The award was presented by USHWA member and OHHA director Keith Gisser.



Keith Gisser and Amy Hollar, joined by family



Rambling Willie
at Maywood Park (credit unknown)

Ohio Harness Racing Hall of Fame 2025

Donald “Skip” Hoovler

Donald “Skip” Hoovler elected to the Ohio Harness Racing Hall of Fame

By Jay Wolf



Donald ‘Skip’ Hoovler, a long-time owner known for his relentless dedication to the sport, was elected as the 51st member of the Ohio Harness Racing Hall of Fame by a vote of the members of the Ohio Chapter of the United States Harness Writers Association.

“Being recognized by such an extinguished group is truly humbling and I am deeply appreciative,” said Hoovler. “I also need to take a moment to thank my incredible wife, Tammy. It was her father, Ted, who introduced me to the world of harness racing.”

Hoovler became involved in harness racing in 1968 and races mostly homebreds in the Ohio Stakes program. Among his top horses were Medoland Sam (\$231,120), Medoland Big Sam (\$309,423), Medoland Miracle (\$289,633), Northmedo Tam (\$128,722), and Northmedo Mission (\$322,178).

Hoovler’s greatest accomplishment in harness racing has come away from racetracks and breeding sheds. He has given selflessly of his time for the betterment of the sport in the Buckeye State. He served as the United States Trotting Association’s chairperson for District 1, is a former president and board member of the Ohio Harness Horsemen’s Association, director of OHHA’s PACER (Political Action Committee for Equine Racing) committee, and a member of the Little Brown Jug Society.

Hoovler graduated from Ohio University in 1965, where he was an All-American linebacker. Upon graduation, he played professionally for the New York Jets and Houston Oilers.

“If he had a wish, it would have not been to be a professional football player, but to be a trainer or driver. He didn’t quite meet

the size qualifications for that,” laughed his son, Bret. “He is larger than life,” said daughter Jennifer.

Hoovler is a financial advisor and owns Hoovler Financial and Insurance Services in Pataskala, where he resides with his wife, Tammy, who is also an avid horsewoman. They have three children and eight grandchildren with their daughter Amy as successor and partner of Hoovler Financial and Insurance Services.



USHWA Ohio Chapter Secretary Jay Wolf and the Hoovler Family

LaVerne Hill Inducted Into Immortal Hall of Fame



Photo: USTA

It was only fitting that the “First Lady of Harness Racing”, LaVerne Hill was the first woman to be inducted into the Ohio Immortal Hall of Fame. Mrs. Hill and her late husband Charlie founded and operated “Ohio’s Showplace of Racing,” Scioto Downs for nearly 50 years and owned Hill Farms, one of the state’s finest breeding facilities which stood the great Falcon Almahurst.

Mrs. Hill’s contributions to the industry were endless. Alongside being CEO of Mara Enterprises, she served as President of the Mid-American Racing Association, a Director of Harness Tracks of America, a member of the Little Brown Jug Society, and a director of the United States Trotting Association.

Her efforts made her deserving of every accolade. Both Charlie (1985) and LaVerne (2001) won the Harness Tracks of America’s prestigious Messenger Award, the first husband and wife so honored. Throughout her career, Mrs. Hill was also presented with the Sulky Sweeties Good Guy Award, the U.S. Harness Writers’ President’s Award, HTA’s Good Gal Award, and the Social Service Award from the Ohio Harness Horsemen’s Association.

“Despite all those accolades, she may be best known for her famous tailgates at the Jug and fried chicken,” laughed Jay Wolf, USHWA member and Little Brown Jug Publicity.

In 2001, Mrs. Hill was the Delaware County Fair’s Lady Pace Honoree. Three years later, she donated the funds to finance the Juliette Barn which still stands at the fairgrounds as a memorial to her late husband. She was elected to the Little Brown Jug Wall of Fame in 2005.

Mrs. Hill passed away in October 2013.

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— Jay Wolf

K F Pro Sam Enshrined Into Hall of Fame

K F Pro Sam, a three-time Ohio Sires Stakes Champion, was the 44th Standardbred to be enshrined into the Hall of Fame by the Ohio Chapter of the United States Harness Writers Association.

As a two-year-old, K F Pro Sam went into training with co-owner Scott Mogan, earning the Ohio Triple Crown and freshman divisional honors. At three, he repeated in the OSS Final and finished 5th in the 2000 Little Brown Jug Final before heading east where he won the \$100,000 Maryland Governor’s Cup, the \$100,000 Freehold Cup, and multiple Open events at the Meadowlands. That year ‘Sam’ was named Ohio’s Three-Year-Old Pacing Colt of the Year.

In 2001, he threepeated in the OSS Final and picked up the Ohio Aged Pacer of the Year and the Ohio Horse of the Year awards under the ownership of Howard Schoor, John Fielding and Peter Heffering.

“The horse loved to race, and he loved to win,” recalled Mogan. “If it hadn’t been for an injury, I think he would have been the Foiled Again of Ohio. I’m proud to see him go into the Hall of Fame.”

K F Pro Sam retired in 2003 with 26 wins in 60 starts, earning \$635,578. In 2014, he was sent to New Vocations and found his forever home as a riding horse with Caroyln Deer until his passing in December 2023 at the age of 26.



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2-YEAR-OLD TROTTING COLTS & GELDINGS

ARDEN DOWNS No. 69

\$60,000 in 2024

-\$200-

To race Friday, July 25 at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows and to remain eligible to the 3-year-old-race in 2026.

Entrance Fee: \$400

BREEDERS CROWN® No. 39

\$700,000 Guaranteed in 2025

-\$400-

To race Friday, October 24 at Woodbine Mohawk Park
Elimination heats, if necessary, will be raced Friday, October 17

Schedule For Future Payments:

3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$500

4th Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$600

Entrance Fee: \$5,000

To race as a 3-Year-Old in the 2026 BREEDERS CROWN® No. 39

-Future Eligibility: \$500-

CURRIER & IVES No. 52

\$97,854 in 2024

-\$150-

Open. To remain eligible to 2026 race at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows

DEXTER CUP STAKES 2026

\$134,900 in 2024

-\$400-

Open. To remain eligible to 2026 race at The Meadowlands

HAMBLETONIAN® No. 101

A Triple Crown Event

\$1,000,000 Estimate

-\$500-

Open. To remain eligible to 2026 race at The Meadowlands

PETER HAUGHTON MEMORIAL

-\$400,000 Est. in 2025-

-\$400-

2-Year-Old Colt & Gelding Trot

A Breeders Crown *Win & You're In* Event

To race Friday, September 12 at Harrah's Hoosier Park
Top Dollar Format

3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$1,250

4th Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$1,600

Entrance Fee: \$2,500

HOOSIER STAKE No. 89

\$22,141 in 2024

-\$50-

Colts & Geldings only.

To race Wednesday, August 6 at the Indiana State Fair

Final Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$100

Entrance Fee: \$200

HORSEMAN No. 117

\$34,283 in 2024

-\$75-

SUPPLEMENTAL NOMINATION: \$300

Open. To remain eligible to the 2026 race at the Indiana State Fair

KEYSTONE CLASSIC (Early Closer)

\$77,900 in 2024

-\$200-

Pennsylvania-Sired Early Closing Event for
2-Year-Old Colt & Gelding Trotters.

To race Friday, September 26 at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows

2nd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$400

Entrance Fee: \$400

LANDMARK STAKE (Early Closer)

\$8,000 in 2025

-\$150-

Open. To race Sunday, July 6 at Goshen Historic Track

2nd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$250

Entrance Fee: \$300

LIBERTY BELL (Early Closer)

-\$75,000 Est. in 2025-

-\$200-

Pennsylvania-Sired Early Closing Event for
2-Year-Old Colt & Gelding Trotters

To race Thursday, October 30 at Harrah's Philadelphia

2nd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$400

Entrance Fee: \$400

MADISON COUNTY (Early Closer)

-\$100,000 Est. in 2025-

-\$300-

Colts & Geldings only. To race Friday, September 19 at Harrah's Hoosier Park

Top Dollar Format

2nd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$500

3rd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$500

Entrance Fee: \$750

MATRON SERIES (Early Closer)

\$138,000 Est. in 2025

-\$300-

To race Thursday, November 6 at Bally's Dover Downs
Top 8 Format

2nd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$400

3rd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$500

Entrance Fee: \$1,000

PENNSYLVANIA ALL-STARS (Early Closer)

-\$75,000 Est. in 2025-

-\$200-

Pennsylvania-Sired 2-Year-Old Early Closing Event
for Colt Trotters

Colts & Geldings only. To race Monday, June 30

at Pocono Downs at Mohegan Pennsylvania

2nd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$400

Entrance Fee: \$200

W.N. REYNOLDS MEMORIAL

(Early Closer) (Judge Moore)

-\$70,000 Est. in 2025-

-\$300-

Colts & Geldings only. To race Friday, September 19 at Tioga Downs

Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$300

Entrance Fee: \$500

JOHN SIMPSON SR. MEMORIAL

(Early Closer) (Super Bowl)

-\$75,000 Est. in 2025-

-\$200-

Colts & Geldings only. To race Tuesday, October 21 at Pocono Downs at Mohegan Pennsylvania

2nd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$400

Entrance Fee: \$400

TOMPKINS-GEERS (Early Closer)

-\$50,000 CAD Est. in 2025-

-\$300 USD-

Colts & Geldings only. To race Friday, June 27 at Woodbine Mohawk Park (Canada)

Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$300 USD

Entrance Fee: \$500 USD

RALPH WILFONG No. 88

-\$45,000 Est. in 2025-

-\$200-

Open. To race Wednesday, August 6 at the Indiana State Fair

One heat only

Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$400

Entrance Fee: \$600

MGM YONKERS TROT 2026

\$325,000 in 2024

-\$300-

Open. To remain eligible to 2026 race at Yonkers Raceway

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2-YEAR-OLD TROTTING FILLIES (FILLY DIVISION)

ARDEN DOWNS No. 69

\$40,000 in 2024
-\$200-

To race Friday, July 25 at Hollywood Casino
at The Meadows and to remain eligible to the
3-year-old-race in 2026.

Entrance Fee: \$400

BREEDERS CROWN® No. 39

\$700,000 USD Guaranteed in 2025

-2nd Sustaining Fee: \$400-

To race Friday, October 24 at Woodbine Mohawk Park
Elimination heats, if necessary, will be raced Friday, October 17

Schedule For Future Payments:

3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$500

4th Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$600

Entrance Fee: \$5,000

To race as a 3-Year-Old in the 2026 BREEDERS CROWN® No. 39

-Future Eligibility: \$500-

CURRIER & IVES No. 52

Filly Division - \$52,355 in 2024
-\$100-

To remain eligible to 2026 race
at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows

DEXTER CUP STAKES 2026

Lady Suffolk - \$64,576 in 2024
-\$200-

To remain eligible to 2026 race
at The Meadowlands

JIM DOHERTY MEMORIAL

-\$350,000 Est. in 2025-

-\$400-

2-Year-Old Filly Trot

A Breeders Crown *Win & You're In* Event

To race Friday, September 12 at Harrah's Hoosier Park
Top Dollar Format

3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$1,250

4th Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$1,600

Entrance Fee: \$2,500

HAMBLETONIAN® No. 101

Hambletonian Oaks
\$500,000 Estimated
-\$250-

To remain eligible to 2026 race
at The Meadowlands

HOOSIER STAKE No. 89

\$24,341 in 2024
-\$50-

To race Wednesday, August 6
at the Indiana State Fair
Final Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$100
Entrance Fee: \$200

HORSEMAN No. 117

\$25,793 in 2024
-\$75-

SUPPLEMENTAL NOMINATION: \$250

To remain eligible to the 2026 race
at the Indiana State Fair

KENTUCKIANA STALLION MANAGEMENT TROT (Early Closer)

2-Year-Old Filly Trot
-\$200,000 Est. in 2025-
-\$500-

To race Friday, September 19 at Harrah's Hoosier Park
Top Dollar Format

Schedule for Sustaining Payments:

3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$500

4th Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$1,000

Entrance Fee: \$1,500

KEYSTONE CLASSIC (Early Closer)

Pennsylvania-Sired Early Closing Event
For 2-Year-Old Filly Trotters
\$63,350 in 2024
-\$200-

To race Friday, September 26
at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows
2nd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$400
Entrance Fee: \$400

LANDMARK STAKE (Early Closer)

-\$6,000 Est. in 2025-
-\$75-

To race Sunday, July 6 at Goshen Historic Track

2nd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$125

Entrance Fee: \$150

LIBERTY BELL (Early Closer)

-\$75,000 Est. in 2025-
-\$200-

Pennsylvania-Sired Early Closing Event for
2-Year-Old Filly Trotters

To race Thursday, November 6 at Harrah's Philadelphia

2nd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$400

Entrance Fee: \$400

MATRON SERIES (Early Closer)

\$138,000 Est. in 2025
-\$300-

To race Thursday, November 6 at Bally's Dover Downs
Top 8 Format

2nd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$400

3rd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$500

Entrance Fee: \$1,000

PENNSYLVANIA ALL-STARS (Early Closer)

Pennsylvania-Sired 2-Year-Old Early Closing Event
for Filly Trotters
-\$75,000 Est. in 2025-
-\$200-

To race Tuesday, July 8 at
Pocono Downs at Mohegan Pennsylvania

2nd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$400

Entrance Fee: \$200

W.N. REYNOLDS MEMORIAL (Early Closer) (The Meda)

-\$70,000 Est. in 2025
-\$300-

To race Friday, September 19
at Tioga Downs

Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$300

Entrance Fee: \$500

JOHN SIMPSON SR. MEMORIAL (Early Closer) (Davidia Hanover)

-\$75,000 Est. in 2025-
-\$200-

To race Monday, October 27
at Pocono Downs at Mohegan Pennsylvania

Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$400

Entrance Fee: \$400

TOMPKINS-GEERS (Early Closer)

-\$50,000 CAD Est. in 2025-
-\$300 USD-

To race Thursday, June 26
at Woodbine Mohawk Park (Canada)

Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$300 USD

Entrance Fee: \$500 USD

MGM YONKERS TROT 2026

New York New York Mile - \$110,000 in 2024
-\$150-

To remain eligible to 2026 race
at Yonkers Raceway

*May transfer to open race at Declaration Time

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2-YEAR-OLD PACING COLTS & GELDINGS

THE DELVIN MILLER ADIOS No. 60

\$400,000 in 2024
-\$400-

Open. To remain eligible to the 2026 race
at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows

ARDEN DOWNS No. 69

\$44,116 in 2024
-\$200-

Colts & Geldings only. To race Saturday, July 19
at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows
Entrance Fee: \$400

BREEDERS CROWN® No. 39

\$700,000 USD Guaranteed in 2025
-2nd Sustaining Fee: \$400-
To race Friday, October 24 at Woodbine Mohawk Park
Elimination heats, if necessary, will be raced Friday, October 17
Schedule For Future Payments:
3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$500
4th Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$600
Entrance Fee: \$5,000
To race as a 3-Year-Old in the 2026 BREEDERS CROWN® No. 39
-Future Eligibility: \$500-

CANE PACE 2026

\$248,000 in 2024
-\$400-

Open. To remain eligible to the 2026 race
at The Meadowlands

THE ELEVATION (Early Closer)

-\$125,000 Est. in 2025-
-\$300-

To race Friday, September 19
at Harrah's Hoosier Park
Top Dollar Format

2nd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$500
Final Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$500
Entrance Fee: \$750

FOX STAKE No. 99

-\$55,000 Est. in 2025-
-\$250-

Open. To race Wednesday, August 6
at the Indiana State Fair
One heat only

Final Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$450
Entrance Fee: \$1,200

HOOSIER STAKE No. 89

\$20,959 in 2024
-\$50-

Colts & Geldings only. To race Wednesday, August 6
at the Indiana State Fair

Final Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$100
Entrance Fee: \$200

HORSEMAN No. 117

\$27,023 in 2024
-\$75-

SUPPLEMENTAL NOMINATION: \$300
Open. To remain eligible to the 2026 race
at the Indiana State Fair

KEYSTONE CLASSIC (Early Closer)

Pennsylvania-Sired Early Closing Event
For 2-Year-Old Colt Pacers
\$83,100 in 2024
-\$200-

Colts & Geldings only. To race Friday, September 26
at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows
2nd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$400
Entrance Fee: \$400

LANDMARK STAKE (Early Closer)

-\$13,000 Est. in 2025-
-\$150-

Open. To race Sunday, July 6 at Goshen Historic Track
2nd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$250
Entrance Fee: \$300

LIBERTY BELL (Early Closer)

-\$75,000 Est. in 2025-
-\$200-

Pennsylvania-Sired Early Closing Event for
2-Year-Old Colt & Gelding Pacers
To race Thursday, October 30 at Harrah's Philadelphia
Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$400
Entrance Fee: \$400

MATRON SERIES (Early Closer)

-\$138,000 Est. in 2025-
-\$300-

To race Thursday, November 6 at Bally's Dover Downs
Top 8 Format
2nd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$400
3rd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$500
Entrance Fee: \$1,000

MGM GRAND MESSENGER STAKES 2026

\$275,000 in 2024
-\$300-

Open. To remain eligible to the 2026 race
at Yonkers Raceway

PENNSYLVANIA ALL-STARS (Early Closer)

Pennsylvania-Sired Early Closing Event For
2-Year-Old Colt & Gelding Pacers
-\$75,000 Est. in 2025-
-\$200-

Colts & Geldings only. To race Monday, July 7
at Pocono Downs at Mohegan Pennsylvania
2nd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$400
Entrance Fee: \$200

PROGRESS PACE 2026

\$302,960 in 2024
-\$300-

Open only. To remain eligible to the 2026 race
at Bally's Dover Downs

W.N. REYNOLDS MEMORIAL (Early Closer) (Solicitor)

-\$75,000 Est. in 2025-
-\$300-

Colts & Geldings only. To race Friday, September 19
at Tioga Downs
Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$300
Entrance Fee: \$500

JOHN SIMPSON SR. MEMORIAL (Early Closer) (Bret Hanover)

-\$75,000 Est. in 2025-
-\$200-

Colts & Geldings only. To race Monday, October 20
at Pocono Downs at Mohegan Pennsylvania
Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$400
Entrance Fee: \$400

TOMPKINS-GEERS (Early Closer)

-\$50,000 CAD Est. in 2025-
-\$300 USD-

Colts & Geldings only. To race Friday, June 27
at Woodbine Mohawk Park (Canada)
Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$300 USD
Entrance Fee: \$500 USD

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2-YEAR-OLD PACING FILLIES (FILLY DIVISION)

THE DELVIN MILLER ADIOS No. 60

The Quinton Patterson Adioo Volo - \$104,225 in 2024
-\$200-

To remain eligible to the 2026 race
at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows

ARDEN DOWNS No. 69

\$36,117 in 2024
-\$200-

To race Saturday, July 26
at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows
Entrance Fee: \$400

BREEDERS CROWN® No. 39

\$700,000 USD Guaranteed in 2025
-2nd Sustaining Fee: \$400-

To race Friday, October 24 at Woodbine Mohawk Park
Elimination heats, if necessary, will be raced Friday, October 17

Schedule For Future Payments:
3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$500
4th Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$600
Entrance Fee: \$5,000

To race as a 3-Year-Old in the 2026 BREEDERS CROWN® No. 39
-Future Eligibility: \$500-

CANE PACE 2026

Shady Daisy - \$101,000 in 2024
-\$200-

To remain eligible to the 2026 race
at The Meadowlands

HOOSIER STAKE No. 89

\$23,624 in 2024
-\$50-

To race Wednesday, August 6
at the Indiana State Fair
Final Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$100
Entrance Fee: \$200

HORSEMAN No. 117

\$29,836 in 2024
-\$75-

SUPPLEMENTAL NOMINATION: \$250

To remain eligible to the 2026 race at the Indiana State Fair

KENTUCKIANA STALLION MANAGEMENT PACE (Early Closer)

2-Year-Old Filly Pace
-\$200,000 Est. in 2025-
-\$500-
Top Dollar Format

To race Friday, September 19 at Harrah's Hoosier Park
Schedule for Future Payments:
3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$500
4th Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$1,000
Entrance Fee: \$1,500

KEYSTONE CLASSIC (Early Closer)

Pennsylvania-Sired Early Closing Event
for 2-Year-Old Filly Pacers
\$82,7000 in 2024
-\$200-

To race Friday, September 26
at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows
2nd & Final Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$400
Entrance Fee: \$400

LANDMARK STAKE (Early Closer)

-\$7,000 Est. in 2025-
-\$75-

To race Sunday, July 6 at Goshen Historic Track
2nd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$125
Entrance Fee: \$150

LIBERTY BELL (Early Closer)

-\$75,000 Est. in 2025-
-\$200-

Pennsylvania-Sired Early Closing Event for
2-Year-Old Filly Pacers
To race Thursday, November 6 at Harrah's Philadelphia
Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$400
Entrance Fee: \$400

MATRON SERIES (Early Closer)

-\$138,000 Est. in 2025-
-\$300-

To race Thursday, November 6 at Bally's Dover Downs
Top 8 Format
2nd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$400
3rd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$500
Entrance Fee: \$1,000

MGM GRAND MESSENGER STAKES 2026

Park MGM Pace - \$90,000 in 2024
-\$150-

To remain eligible to the 2026 race
at Yonkers Raceway

PENNSYLVANIA ALL-STARS (Early Closer)

Pennsylvania-Sired Early Closing Event
For 2-Year-Old Filly Pacers
-\$75,000 Est. in 2025-
-\$200-

To race Sunday, July 13 at Pocono Downs
at Mohegan Pennsylvania
2nd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$400
Entrance Fee: \$200

W.N. REYNOLDS MEMORIAL (Early Closer) (Lorraine)

-\$70,000 Est. in 2025-
-\$300-

To race Friday, September 19 at Tioga Downs
Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$300
Entrance Fee: \$500

JOHN SIMPSON SR. MEMORIAL (Early Closer) (Razze Hanover)

-\$75,000 Est. in 2025-
-\$200-

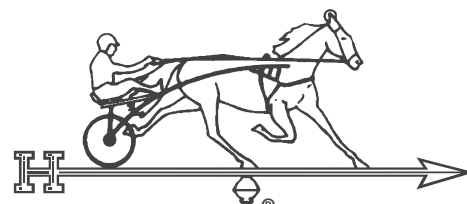
To race Monday, October 27 at Pocono Downs
at Mohegan Pennsylvania
Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$400
Entrance Fee: \$400

TOMPKINS-GEERS (Early Closer)

-\$50,000 CAD Est. in 2025-
-\$300 USD-

To race Thursday, June 26 at
Woodbine Mohawk Park (Canada)
Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$300 USD
Entrance Fee: \$500 USD

NOTICE U.S.T.A. Rule 12.04 provides: "Failure to make any payment required by the conditions constitutes an automatic withdrawal from the event."
The Hambletonian Society, Inc. will construe payment to require that cash or check duly honored upon presentation be received at the time specified in U.S.T.A. Rule 12.02



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3-YEAR-OLD EVENTS

BALLY'S RANDY (Early Closer)

-\$50,000 Est. in 2025-
-\$300-

All divisions to race Friday, November 21
at Harrah's Hoosier Park
Entrance Fee: \$300

BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL TROT (Early Closer)

-\$100,000 Est. in 2025-
-\$300-

To race Thursday, May 15
at Plainridge Park Casino
Entrance Fee: \$200

BREEDERS CROWN® No. 38

Each of the four 3-year-old finals will be
guaranteed \$600,000 USD in 2025
-\$800 (all payments in US Funds)-
To race Saturday, October 25, at Woodbine Mohawk Park
Elimination heats, if necessary, will be raced
Saturday, October 18
(A February 15th 3-year-old payment was necessary)
3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$900
For more information about supplements and
regular entries, please contact the office
Entrance Fee: \$7,500

NEW CATHOLIC COWBOY SERIES (Early Closer)

-\$50,000 Est. in 2025-
-\$300-

All divisions to race Friday, November 7
at Harrah's Hoosier Park
Entrance Fee: \$300

CIRCLE CITY (Early Closer)

-\$50,000 Est. in 2025-
-\$300-

All divisions to race Friday, October 24
at Harrah's Hoosier Park
Entrance Fee: \$300

COLONIAL TROT/COLONIAL OAKS (Early Closer)

-\$40,000 Est. in 2025-
-\$300-

To race Monday, October 13 at
Plainridge Park Casino
Entrance Fee: \$500

CROSSROADS OF AMERICA (Early Closer)

For 3-Year-Old Filly Trotters
-\$150,000 Est. in 2025-
-\$750-

Top Dollar Format
To race Friday, October 31 at
Harrah's Hoosier Park
3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$1,000
Entrance Fee: \$1,500

CARL ERSKINE (Early Closer)

-\$200,000 Est. in 2025-
-\$1,000-

Top Dollar Format
Open. To race Friday, October 31 at
Harrah's Hoosier Park
3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$1,000
Entrance Fee: \$2,000

DELMONICA HANOVER (Early Closer)

Top Dollar Format
-\$250,000 Guaranteed in 2025-
-Consolation #1: \$125,000 Guaranteed in 2025-
-Consolation #2: \$75,000 Guaranteed in 2025-
-\$1,000-

To race Saturday, August 16 at Pocono Downs
at Mohegan Pennsylvania
3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$1,500
Entrance Fee: \$2,000
Consolation #1 Entrance Fee: \$1,000
Consolation #2 Entrance Fee: None

EARL BEAL JR. MEMORIAL (Early Closer)

Top Dollar Format
-\$300,000 Guaranteed in 2025-
-Consolation #1: \$200,000 Guaranteed in 2025-
-Consolation #2: \$100,000 Guaranteed in 2025-
-\$1,250-

To race Saturday, August 16 at Pocono Downs at Mohegan Pennsylvania
3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$1,500
Entrance Fee: \$3,000
Consolation #1 Entrance Fee: \$1,500
Consolation #2 Entrance Fee: \$750

JAMES LYNCH MEMORIAL (Early Closer)

Top Dollar Format
-\$250,000 Guaranteed in 2025-
-Consolation #1: \$125,000 Guaranteed in 2025-
-Consolation #2: \$75,000 Guaranteed in 2025-
-\$1,000-

To race Saturday, August 16 at Pocono Downs at Mohegan Pennsylvania
3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$1,500
Entrance Fee: \$2,000
Consolation #1 Entrance Fee: \$1,000
Consolation #2 Entrance Fee: None

JENNA'S BEACH BOY (Early Closer)

For 3-Year-Old Colt & Gelding Pacers
-\$150,000 Est. in 2025-
-\$750-

To race Friday, September 19 at Harrah's
Hoosier Park
3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$750
Entrance Fee: \$1,500

KEYSTONE CLASSIC (Early Closer)

For Pennsylvania-Sired 3-Year-Olds
\$231,350 Total 3-Year-Old Purses in 2024

-2nd & Final Sustaining Fee: \$400-
To race Saturday, September 13 at
Hollywood Casino at The Meadows
Entrance Fee: \$400

LANDMARK STAKE (Early Closer)

-\$36,000 Est. total in 2025-
-\$250 Colts/\$125 Fillies-

All divisions to race Saturday, July 5
at Goshen Historic Track
Entrance Fee - \$500 Colts/\$250 Fillies

LIBERTY BELL (Early Closer)

-\$75,000 Est. in 2025-
-\$400-

Pennsylvania-Sired Early Closing Event for
3-Year-Olds to race at Harrah's Philadelphia
3-year-old Colt & Gelding Trot on Friday, Nov. 7
3-year-old Filly Trot on Friday, October 31
3-year-old Colt & Gelding Pace on Friday, Nov. 7
3-year-old Filly Pace on Friday, October 31
Entrance Fee: \$400

MATRON SERIES (Early Closer)

\$600,900 Total 3-Year-Old Purses in 2024
-\$600-

To race at Bally's Dover Downs on Thursday, November 13
Top 8 Format
3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$750
Entrance Fee: \$1,500

MAX HEMPT MEMORIAL (Early Closer)

Top Dollar Format
-\$300,000 Guaranteed in 2025-
-Consolation #1: \$200,000 Guaranteed in 2025-
-Consolation #2: \$100,000 Guaranteed in 2025-
-\$1,250-

To race Saturday, August 16 at Pocono Downs at Mohegan Pennsylvania
3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$1,500
Entrance Fee: \$3,000
Consolation #1 Entrance Fee: \$1,500
Consolation #2 Entrance Fee: \$750

MONUMENT CIRCLE (Early Closer)

-\$200,000 Est. in 2025-
-\$1,000-

Top Dollar Format
Pacing Colts & Geldings only. To race Friday, October 31
at Harrah's Hoosier Park
3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$1,000
Entrance Fee: \$2,000

PAUL REVERE PACE (Early Closer)

-\$100,000 Est. in 2025-
-\$300-

Open. To race Thursday, May 1
at Plainridge Park Casino
Entrance Fee: \$200

PEGASUS SERIES (Early Closer)

-\$50,000 Est. in 2025-
-\$300-

All divisions to race Friday, October 17
at Harrah's Hoosier Park
Entrance Fee: \$300

PENNSYLVANIA ALL-STARS (Early Closer)

-\$75,000 Est. in 2025-
-\$400-

Pennsylvania-Sired Early Closing Event for
3-Year-Old Pacers & Trotters
To race at Pocono Downs at Mohegan Pennsylvania
3-year-old Filly Pace on Monday, May 12
3-year-old Colt & Gelding Pace on Saturday, May 10
3-year-old Colt & Gelding Trot on Sunday, May 18
3-year-old Filly Trot on Monday, May 26
Entrance Fee: \$200

PHIL LANGLEY MEMORIAL

Top Dollar Format
-\$100,000 Est. in 2025-
-\$1,000-

Open. To race Friday, September 19
at Harrah's Hoosier Park
Entrance Fee: \$1,000

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3-YEAR-OLD EVENTS

W.N. REYNOLDS MEMORIAL (Early Closer)

-\$230,000 Estimated in Total 3-Year-Old Purses in 2025-
-\$300-

To race at The Meadowlands:

3-year-old Colt & Gelding Trot on Saturday, June 28

3-year-old Filly Trot on Saturday, June 28

To race at Plainridge Park Casino:

3-year-old Colt & Gelding Pace on Monday, October 13

3-year-old Filly Pace on Monday, October 13

Entrance Fee: \$500

JOHN SIMPSON SR. MEMORIAL

(Early Closer)

-\$75,000 Est. in 2025-

-\$400-

To race at Pocono Downs at Mohegan Pennsylvania

3-year-old Colt & Gelding Pace on Saturday, October 25

3-year-old Colt & Gelding Trot on Monday, October 25

3-year-old Filly Trot on Monday, October 20

3-year-old Filly Pace on Tuesday, October 21

Entrance Fee: \$400

STAR DESTROYER SERIES

(Early Closer)

-\$50,000 Est. in 2025-

-\$300-

All divisions to race on Friday, November 14

at Harrah's Hoosier Park

Entrance Fee: \$300

THANKSGIVING CLASSIC SERIES

(Early Closer)

-\$50,000 Est. in 2025-

-\$300-

All divisions to race Friday, November 28

at Harrah's Hoosier Park

Entrance Fee: \$300

TOMPKINS-GEERS (Early Closer)

-\$280,000 Est. Total 3-Year-Old Purses in 2025-

-\$300-

To race at The Meadowlands

3-year-old Colt & Gelding Trot on Saturday, July 19

3-year-old Filly Trot on Saturday, July 19

3-year-old Colt & Gelding Pace on Saturday, July 26

3-year-old Filly Pace on Saturday, July 26

Entrance Fee: \$500

USS INDIANAPOLIS MEMORIAL

(Early Closer)

Top Dollar Format

Early Closer For 3-year-old Filly Pacers

-\$150,000 Est. in 2025-

-\$750-

To race Friday, October 31 at Harrah's Hoosier Park

3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$1,000

Entrance Fee: \$1,500

3-YEAR-OLD & UP EVENTS

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To race Saturday, October 25, at Woodbine Mohawk Park

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Saturday, October 18

(A February 15th open payment was necessary)

-\$1,500-

3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$1,500

Entrance Fee: \$10,000

BREEDERS CROWN® MARE TROT & PACE No. 37

For 3-Year-Old & Older Pacers & Trotters -

\$400,000 USD Guaranteed

To race Saturday, October 25, at Woodbine Mohawk Park

Elimination heats, if necessary, will be raced

Saturday, October 18

-\$1,000-

3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$1,500

Entrance Fee: \$5,000

CAESAR'S TROTting CLASSIC

(Early Closer)

For 3-Year-Old & Older Trotters

Top Dollar Format

-\$200,000 Est. in 2025-

-\$1,500-

Open. To race Friday, September 19 at

Harrah's Hoosier Park

3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$2,000

Entrance Fee: \$2,000

CLARA BARTON DISTAFF PACE

(Early Closer)

For 3-Year-Old and Older Mare Pacers

Top Dollar Format

-\$100,000 Guaranteed in 2025-

-\$1,000-

To race Sunday, July 20 at Plainridge Park Casino

Entrance Fee: \$1,500

DAN PATCH (Early Closer)

Top Dollar Format

For All Pacers

-\$300,000 Est. in 2025-

-\$1,500-

Open. To race Friday, August 8 at Harrah's Hoosier Park

3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$2,000

Entrance Fee: \$2,500

DAYTON DISTAFF, OAKS, PACING AND

TROTting DERBY (Early Closer)

For 3-Year-Old & Older Pacers & Trotters

Top Dollar Format

-\$250,000 Guaranteed each in 2025-

-Consolation \$75,000 Guaranteed-

-\$1,250-

To race Saturday, September 27 at Hollywood Gaming
at Dayton Raceway

3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$2,000

Entrance Fee: \$2,500

Consolation Entrance Fee: \$750

HOOSIER PARK PACING DERBY

(Early Closer)

For All Pacers

Top Dollar Format

-\$175,000 Est. in 2025-

-\$2,000-

Open. To race Friday, September 19

at Harrah's Hoosier Park

Entrance Fee: \$1,500

SPIRIT OF MASSACHUSETTS TROT

(Early Closer)

For 3-Year-Old and Older Trotters

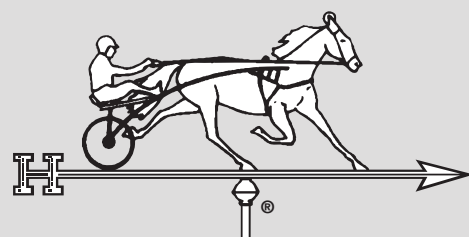
Top Dollar Format

-\$250,000 Guaranteed in 2025-

-\$1,500-

To race Sunday, July 20 at Plainridge Park Casino

Entrance Fee: \$2,500



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Fear The Dragon Standing at Abby Stables

Standing Stallions has partnered with Abby Stables to announce that Fear The Dragon will be standing in Sugarcreek, Ohio for 2025. The well-known pacing stallion stood previously at Midland Acres.

"Fear The Dragon has had enormous success and support from Ohio. We are looking forward to producing future champions," said Charles Taylor of Standing Stallions.

Fear The Dragon (\$1,578,547), sired by Dragon Again out of the Western Ideal mare Armbro Cinnamon, was a dominant

force at both two and three on the Grand Circuit. His victories included both the elimination and final of the \$1 million North America Cup, defeating Downbytheseaside, Huntsville, and Filibuster Hanover in a lifetime record of 1:48.4. He remained dominant at three, winning the Max C. Hempt Memorial, Delvin Miller Adios, a heat of the Little Brown Jug, and a division of the Tattersalls Pace.

His resume as a sire is just as strong. In his first four crops, Fear The Dragon has produced winners of almost \$15 million. Ten of

his offspring have marks of 1:50 or better, including Janelle Granny (\$422,486) and Paris's Dragon (\$417,047). In 2024, he was the second-leading Ohio stallion for two- and three-year-olds.

Fear The Dragon will stand at Abby Stables for a \$3,000 stud fee. To book a mare, call Maynard Miller of Abby Stables at (330) 852-0789 or Charles Taylor of Standing Stallions at (614) 205-0005.

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Below: Branded by Lindy-Dancehall Mistress colt at Hickory Lane Horse Farm



20 Questions with Don McKirgan

What is your first remembrance of horses?

When I was about ten years old, my Dad bought a farm, and he got hold of a couple of racehorses. I helped him because I was very interested in the horses.

What was your introduction to racing?

I had a pony that got out one night and got hit by a truck and was killed. After I got over it, I asked my Dad to get me a horse. He had a mare that was crazy. She tore up a starting gate and broke a couple of bikes. Well, I kept asking him for a horse and he told me if I wanted something to ride, go out and get the mare. So, I did. I broke her, trained her, and got her to the races.

When did you get your first license?

It was 1958 when I got my pari-mutuel license. I got my first license, a fair license when I was 16. I got my provisional license when I was 17 and drove my first race at Hazel Park.

Do you remember your first win?

Yes, I do. I was with Betsy T. Lee, that was the crazy horse. I was 16 and it was at Croton.

You have raced continuously, except for 2004. What happened that year?

I woke up one morning and had no feeling in my legs. By that evening I was in the hospital, and I could not move anything. They put me on a ventilator and a heart machine. I was paralyzed in the hospital for four months with a disease called Guillain-Barre.

Did you think you would ever drive a horse again?

I don't think I would have recovered if it wasn't for the horses. When I got out of the hospital I was in a wheelchair and could hardly move anything. I did physical therapy, but it was Linda Conger who told me I was going to walk. I told her I didn't think I could. She got a belt around me and jerked my butt out of the chair and made me start walking. I started walking that day and about five days later I was jogging horses.

What kind of feeling did you have getting back in the bike?

It felt great. I was very excited about it.

You've driven in Ohio and Kentucky, anywhere else?

I have raced all over the country. I have driven horses in New York at Yonkers, Chicago, Detroit, and Wheeling, West Virginia.

What was it like working for Delvin Miller?

It was like going to college. I thought I knew a lot about horses. I was 21 years old and went to Florida and was asking around for a job. There were jobs for

grooms, but I was a trainer. Delvin sent a message to the motel to come see him. He asked if I wanted a job as a groom. I thought to myself I might as well start doing something. It was absolutely one of the most thrilling adventures I had.

You are mainly driving trotters now, but you had success with pacers.

I love pacers. I drove a lot of good pacers. I started only driving trotters because I got busted up quite a few times. I think trotters are a little safer to drive. When I first started, I didn't like trotters.

Who has been the best horse of your entire racing career?

I really loved Pilot Hill. We took him out of retirement and put him back in training. I just loved that horse. He was a monster.

What has been the biggest race win of your career?

I didn't win the race, but I trained the winner, and I finished second. It was the final Sires Stakes race at Northfield in the 80s.

What is your favorite track to drive at?

I love the Red Mile and Wheeling Downs but Northfield by far.

You have mainly driven on half-mile tracks. Is there a difference driving on a half-mile versus a larger track?

It's like day and night. The bigger tracks are easier to drive, and the horses don't have near the problems. I enjoy driving a half-mile track because it takes more skill.

What is the biggest change you have seen in harness racing?

Taking down the hub rails made it a lot safer. I had many accidents over my career. If you couldn't get out you were in trouble. Without a hub rail, you could go right or left if you had enough time if a horse went down. Back in those days, if one went down, you would run over them.

What is your favorite county fair?

I kind of like them all. Painesville is nice to race at, it used to be a pari-mutuel track. Mount Vernon is a fun place to go.

Is racing different at the fairs than at the bigger tracks?

It takes some driving skill to get around the county fair tracks.

Outside of racing what has been your favorite activity?

I used to play a lot of golf, but I don't play much anymore. I wasn't very good, it cost me a lot of money over the years, but I enjoyed it.



Roger Huston and Don McKirgan

What is your favorite TV show?

I love to watch TV. I like to watch the old westerns. Gunsmoke was one of my favorites. I also like to watch sports. I watch football, baseball, and basketball. I'm a Cleveland sports fan.

What is on the Don McKirgan bucket list?

I always said I wanted to jump out of an airplane, but I never got the opportunity. I think I'm a little too old to do that now. I don't know if I still want to do it. I think I've done everything I wanted to do. I have enjoyed everything I have done.

CATCH THE FIRE



p,2,1:49.4; 3,1:49.1; 1:46.4 (\$1,494,434)

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Catch The Fire was a multiple stakes winner of over **\$1.4-million**, with impressive victories in the Adios (elim & Final), Dan Patch, Kentucky Sire Stakes Championship Final, Sam McKee Memorial and a heat of the Little Brown Jug (third in the Final). With a **1:46.4** record, he is the second-fastest son of Captaintreacherous standing at stud.

His first crop of 2-year-olds raced in 2024 and included two \$100,000 winners and 9 in 1:55, highlighted by the pair of multiple stakes winners **Prolific Fire** p,2,1:53.3h-'24 (\$136,625) and **My First Fire** p,2,1:53.2f-'24 (\$112,625).

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Be There!

BY ROGER E. HUSTON



To say the least, my 82 years of life have been filled with many defining moments. I am not speaking of the announcing career which has been well documented in my book, *The Voice—The Unparalleled Life of Roger Huston*, which was penned by Victoria Howard. That endeavor didn't touch on horse ownership.

That part of my life took place before announcing in 1958. I wanted a motorcycle then but Mom and Dad said, "Absolutely not!" That pronouncement led to the purchase of Emilie Martin. She was a retired mare in foal to Way Bloom by Dean Hanover.

This \$100 purchase was a defining moment in my life. The only problem was that she was not treated as a mare in foal. Before and after school, I would go to the Greene County Fairgrounds in Xenia to feed, clean the stall, and jog-train my Hambletonian hopeful. I also like to think I played an early role in the development of Hall of Famer Chip Noble.

Emilie failed to win a single race in her career, but she did earn \$690 lifetime. The mare's resulting foal was a midget who I named Midgeway and sold to a gentleman in Mentor, Ohio to race in pony races.

Fast forward to my semi-retirement from the Meadows in 2019. In my 44 years at The Meadows, I was not permitted to own horses.

As far as I am concerned the most important factor in choosing a trainer is a close friendship. That friend, my so-called adoptive daughter, was and still is Heather (Altmeyer) Wilder. When she returned from Ohio as Mrs. Mike Wilder, she wanted to further her career in communications. I was more than happy to be her mentor in a small way knowing that she was already a star in her own right.

In 2020, following the races, we attended a gathering at the home of Jay Wolf who handles publicity for the Little Brown Jug. That evening, I became a part owner of Hillofa Knockout by What The Hill with Altmeyer-Wilder Racing. The year prior, I had a great experience with Anthony MacDonald and Thestable as a fractional owner of nine Ohio-breds. I wanted more.

The Altmeyer-Wilder Stable has a policy of selling horses after their three-year-old season. That has resulted in the last few years in part ownership of seven horses.

This year, we have a couple of three-year-olds and a two-year-old. They are Global Boots by Greenshoe, I'll Have A Double by Bar Hopping, and Oakwood Maewyn by Always B Miki.

Since my employment with the OHHA in 2020, I have worked with Frank Fraas and Matt Clark on "Freshmen Focus," a feature on Ohio-bred two-year-olds in training. One of those trainers we have featured over the years is Rosy Weaver.

I have seen her operation and racing up close, not just as a trainer, but as a driver as well. We have become close friends and partners, racing Glamorous Pete as a two-year-old this past year. I've had the chance to announce many of his races at the county fairs, including his win at Rock Springs.

I have also developed a friendship with Dan Wilson, the retired State Vet at Northfield. This year Dan wanted to partner with me alongside Rosy on Eckert Hill Brady by In Range.

The bottom line for me when partnering with a trainer:

1. Definitely be a part owner with the trainer
2. Trainer picks the horse
3. Trainer has total say on staking and racing locations
4. I offer no opinions
5. Trainer must be a personal friend and one I have total faith in

In closing, to repeat a phrase first used by owner-trainer-driver Bill Bercury in 1976. "Harness Racing Is Fun."

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T, 4, 1:52.4F (\$768,619))

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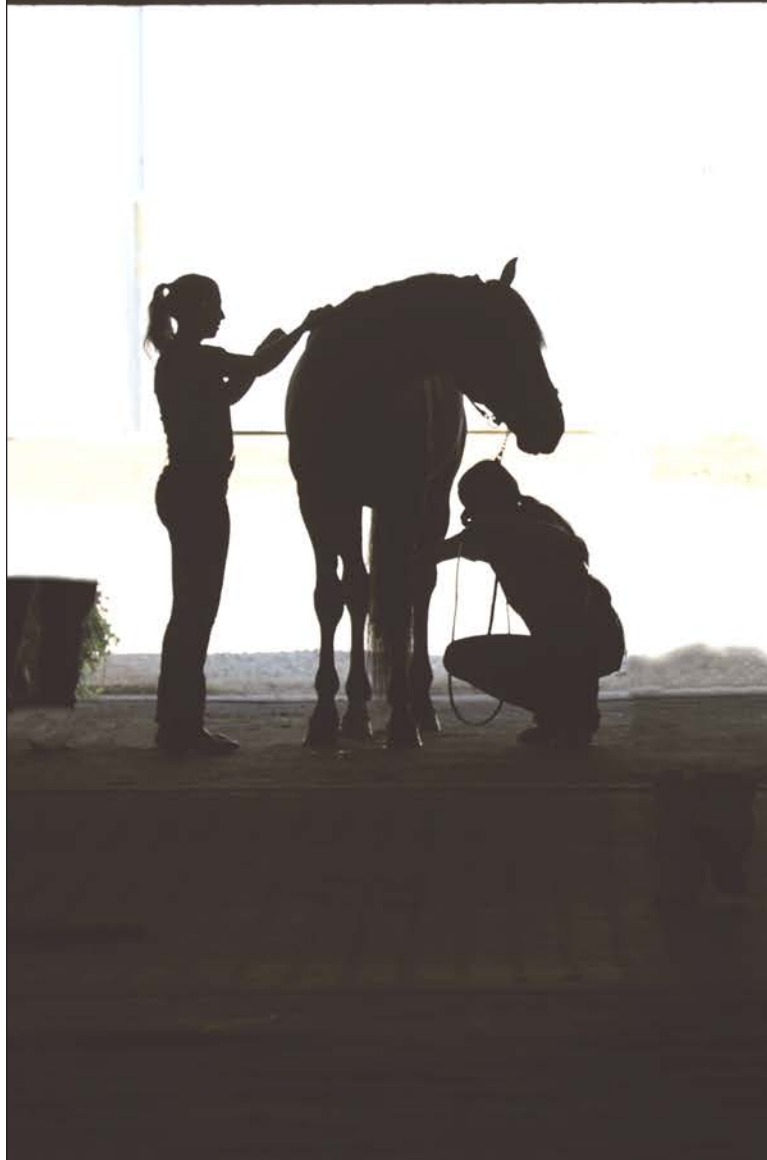
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T, 4, 1:53.3H (\$320,240)

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Judge Bud Teeters Closes Out Career

by Michael Carter

Lester “Bud” Teeters has seen more live racing at MGM Northfield Park over the last four decades than anyone. On Wednesday, January 29, 2025, he witnessed his final one from high above the “Home of the Flying Turns” when he judged his final race, riding the sulky into retirement.

Teeters learned early the value of hard work and dedication, helping his dad train horses as a 14-year-old. By the time he was 16, Teeters was driving at the fairs. He moved to northeast Ohio in 1983, and it was a move he would never regret. “I was fortunate enough to have raced some really nice horses. It was always a thrill to win,” said Teeters. And win he did, earning 1,039 training and driving victories in his storied career with just shy of \$3 million in earnings.

In the late 1990s, Teeters started to get the itch to try something else. In August 1999, he jumped at the opportunity to become an associate judge at a track he had called home since the early 1980s. “I was starting to get burned out on the hardships of maintaining a stable. It was time to try something new, so I jumped at the opportunity.”

Teeters would continue to perfect his craft, and in May 2005, he was hired by the Ohio State Racing Commission, taking on the role of presiding judge.

Part of Teeters’ passion has been watching some of harness racing’s champions grace their presence over Northfield Park; however, he admits that the big races tend to be a little more stressful.

“Seeing the best in the business race is always fun. I have witnessed several really great champions over my time here,” said Teeters. “While I don’t normally get nervous, some of the bigger races brought on some nerves. You don’t want to miss anything, and you want to get calls right; staying focused always is so important.”

Teeters is one of the more familiar faces around Northfield Park, known by horsemen and fans of the Northeast Ohio facility. He will be missed not just by the horsemen with whom he has worked for several years, but also by track management and the Commission he has served for over 25 years.

“Mr. Teeters has been a fixture in the Northfield stand for over 25 years. In that time, he has come to be known for setting the standard of how to be a judge with knowledge of the rules, judgment, fairness, and even temperament. The success and growth of Ohio racing is owed to people like Teeters. Like so many others who have worked with him, it has been a privilege,” said Chris Dragone, Executive Director of the Ohio State Racing Commission.

Northfield Park’s Director of Racing, Dave Bianconi, echoed Dragone’s sentiment: “Bud is incredibly knowledgeable, fair, and even-handed in the judges’ stand. He understands all aspects of the game and is greatly respected by both horsemen and management. He always made sure the wagering public’s interests were protected at all times. His steady oversight over the years has helped Northfield grow and maintain our spot as one of the leading tracks in North America.”

He has spent many long nights in the judges’ stand at Northfield Park. When asked about what he is looking forward to most in retirement, “I am looking to getting to bed before 2 a.m.,” laughed Teeters.

In a sport that is begging for new blood, Teeters offered advice to the incoming generation of officials and horsemen. “Always be respectful to your fellow man, it will go a long way, this applies to both judging and training horses.”

“Bud will be sorely missed,” said Bianconi.



Photo: Chris Allen

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OhioHorseJobs.com will allow equine industry job seekers to find available openings across the state. Jobs from grooms and caretakers to veterinarian techs will be posted. The website will be promoted with a state-wide advertising campaign that includes digital and video advertising.

Trainers or farms with job openings can send the information about open positions to Susan Schroeder at sschroeder@ohha.com.

In cooperation with the Ohio Chapter of the United States Harness Writers Association, the OHHA will also unveil a website dedicated to the Ohio Harness Racing Hall of Fame. "This will preserve the history of Ohio harness racing," said OHHA Executive Director Frank Fraas.

The website will feature biographies of all the inductees, including pictures and videos. Fraas says the website will give fans a chance to look back at Ohio's harness racing history and honor the people and horses that made it what it is today.

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Impacting Lives from Horse Races to Hunter Paces

By Dot Morgan

Call Me Kinger raced from the barns of Ben Davis, Steve Carter, Don Cromer, Randy Jerrell, and Roy Murphy throughout Ohio and Kentucky for partners Kyle Gray, Brent Hopper, and Gary Scheve. The son of Western Terror was sold at four to Adam Friedland of New York and moved into the care of Dan and Brenna Gill. Unfortunately, breathing issues and three failed tie-back surgeries led to Call Me Kinger's early retirement. Friedland sent the big black gelding to New Vocations for a new career.



"King got everyone's attention during his time at New Vocations. He was massive at 17h, sound, and in beautiful condition. He just couldn't get his air well enough to be competitive as a racehorse." However, that certainly wouldn't adversely affect him as a pleasure mount. King readily transitioned to carrying a rider and his athleticism was quite evident and impressive.

Meanwhile, Madalyn Krasnev in New Jersey was looking for a level-headed, in-your-pocket, all-around riding partner. She saw Call Me Kinger's availability in New York and though at five years old he was younger than she wanted, she scheduled a showing anyway. "When I arrived, he had been stalled for 11 days due to inclement weather and boy, was he fresh," she said. "But I saw the potential and took a chance."

The first few days were a little rocky while King settled in. Madalyn wondered at times if he was going to be too energetic for her. But once he transitioned to 24/7 turnout, King became a different horse.

"I wanted to let him have some time off to grow, mentally and physically," Madalyn said. "He spent most of his days listening to the birds and sprawling flat-out in the sun. He blossomed into a beautiful level-headed horse who is game for anything and everything."

Madalyn spent time teaching King to canter and being balanced at the trot. He caught on quickly and discovered he loved to canter. Last fall, with no expectations other than gaining new life experiences, Madalyn took King to some Hunter Paces.

"Much to my surprise, we took home a first place at the Wethersfield Estate Hunter Pace with the exact ideal time," she said. "We also came in seventh out of over 100 riders for the whole Hudson Valley Hunter Pace Series. This feat was only possible thanks to my sister and teammate Natalie, along with her New Vocations Standardbred Oceanview Magnum.

"Natalie is a member of the Old Chatham Hunt Club here in upstate New York. She began taking King fox hunting when Magnum needed a break. King never stepped a foot out of line and was always a respectful citizen in the field, even making his way up to second flight right behind the master. King loves watching the hounds work. He is a natural! I'm planning on becoming a full member myself this year so we can experience the fun together."

Now that cold weather has firmly set in and the ground is frozen, Madalyn and King enjoy leisurely bareback rides, full-body spa days, and doing groundwork. She's looking forward to spring and their future together wherever it takes them.

"Call Me Kinger and Oceanview Magnum make a great team and have made it so easy to fall in love with the Standardbred breed," said Madalyn. "Quite honestly I can't shut up about how amazing and versatile this breed really is. King is as level-headed as they come, cute as a button, and crazy athletic. I am forever grateful for the opportunity to adopt him! He is a dream come true."



Call Me Kinger with Madalyn Krasnev (left), enjoying a ride with her sister Natalie and Oceanview Magnum



Delaware County Fair Stakes Payments



Due March 15, 2025

Little Brown Jug #81 & Jugette #56

3-year-old colt & filly pace

\$500 Little Brown Jug Sustaining Payment

\$400 Jugette Sustaining Payment

To Be Raced in 2026 - Foals of 2023

Old Oaken Bucket & Buckette #74

3-year-old colt & filly trot

\$300 Old Oaken Bucket Sustaining Payment

\$200 Buckette Sustaining Payment

To Be Raced in 2026 - Foals of 2023

Standardbred #86

2-year-old colt & filly trot & pace

\$400 Colt Events Sustaining Payment

\$300 Filly Events Sustaining Payment

To Be Raced in 2025 - Foals of 2023

Due May 15, 2025

Little Brown Jug #82 & Jugette #57

3-year-old colt & filly pace

\$50 Nomination Payment

To Be Raced in 2027 - Foals of 2024

Old Oaken Bucket & Buckette #75

3-year-old colt & filly trot

\$25 Nomination Payment

To Be Raced in 2027 - Foals of 2024

Thanks to support of the Ohio Harness Horseman's Association, all Ohio sired foals registered by May 15, 2025, will have their yearling nomination paid to the above Grand Circuit races.

Standardbred #87

2-year-old colt & filly trot & pace

\$25 Nomination Payment

To Be Raced in 2026 - Foals of 2024

Due April 15, 2025

Stallion Nomination – Ohio Breeders Championships #41

Nominate your stallion to make his foals eligible to the

\$1.2 million (est.) Ohio Breeders Championships

Nomination fee of one half of the stud fee charged for the year of conception (2023), minimum of \$300.

This year's payment will cover foals for 2024 to be raced as 2-year-olds in 2026, and 3-year-olds in 2027.

Complete conditions for these stakes are available in the USTA Stakes Guide or on ustrotting.com.

Payment forms are on LittleBrownJug.com and should be mailed to:
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Jug Preview Returns To Scioto Downs



After a seven-year hiatus, the Little Brown Jug Preview will make its return to Eldorado Scioto Downs in September 2025.

According to Scioto Downs Director of Racing, Jason Roth, Joe Morris (Caesars Senior Vice President of Racing) was at the Brittany Farms dispersal and got his hands on an old Jug Preview trophy. "He brought it to my office and asked why we didn't have the race anymore," said Roth. "I told him lack of interest and that's how it came back."

The first Jug Preview was held in 1970. Columbia George with Rolan Beaulieu driving won the inaugural event in 1:58.

The race continued until 2007 when Won The West took the richest Jug Preview ever with a purse of \$165,000.

After a nine-year hiatus, the race returned in 2017 with Downbythe-seaside winning in 1:51.0. However, in 2018, only four colts were entered, and the race was canceled.

"This year's race will be a little different in hopes of gaining more interest," said Roth. "There will be only one division with an estimated purse of \$225,000." In the past, the race had split into as many as four divisions.

Roth said there will be no entry fee for Ohio-breds that have paid the nominating fee and, if eligible, the Preview winner will have their entry fee paid to the Little Brown Jug.

Five Jug Preview victors have gone on to win the Little Brown Jug. The first to do it was Colt Fortysix in 1984. Three preview winners in the '90s captured the Jug. Precious Bunny won in 1991 while Magical Mike and Nick's Fantasy went back-to-back in 1994 and 1995. The last to do it was P Forty-Seven in 2005.

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January National Stats Report

DRIVERS

Earnings

1.	Dan Noble	\$615,655
2.	Aaron Merriman	\$603,819
4.	Jeremy Smith	\$509,562
5.	Ronnie Wrenn Jr.	\$509,381
7.	Hunter Myers	\$399,977
8.	Chris Page	\$369,237
9.	Tyler Smith	\$365,690
10.	Brett Miller	\$345,165

Wins

1.	Aaron Merriman	75
2.	Ronnie Wrenn Jr.	64
3.	Dan Noble	48
6.	Hunter Myers	44
9.	Jeremy Smith	33



CENTURION

2,1:53.2 (\$728,894)

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Centurion ATM is a **WORLD CHAMPION** and multiple stakes winner of \$728,894, including the Peter Haughton Memorial at two.

He is a very fertile full brother to World Champion and successful sire **TRIUMPHANT CAVIAR** 4,1:51.4 (\$796,794).

From 4 registered foals in the U.S., Centurion ATM is the sire of 4 starters led by \$100,000 Bunker Hill Trot winner **JONAS K S** 3,1:53f (\$56,000).



*His first Ohio-eligibles
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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

Mares registered in 2023 (Foals of 2024)
mare registration date 11/30/23

Foal Age	Membership Requirement
Foal Born 2024	Membership Required
Yearling 2025	No Membership Required
2 & 3-Year-Old 2026, 2027	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.**

Membership Requirements: All owners of the mare (including those in businesses or stables) are required to join as Active OHHA Members. All business entities or stables listed as owners are also required to join as Associate Members.

Mare Residency: Mare in foal to an Ohio Stallion, must foal in Ohio, and reside in Ohio for 187 consecutive days in the year of foaling.

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Minutes of the Ohio State Racing Commission Meeting Tuesday, November 19, 2024

- (1) The Ohio State Racing Commission ("OSRC") held its monthly meeting at 10:00 a.m. on November 19, 2024, at the Vern Riffe Center, Room 1948, 19th floor, 77 S High Street, Columbus, OH 43215.
- (2) Call to Order and Roll Call: Chair Scott Borgemenke called the meeting to order at 10:04 am. Commissioners Tom Winters, Greg Simpson, and Dan McCarthy were present. Commissioner Beth Hansen was absent.
- (3) Approval of Minutes from the October 15, 2024, Commission Meeting: Commissioner Winters moved to approve the October 15, 2024, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- (4) Ratification of Executive Director Approvals: Commissioner Simpson moved to ratify the Executive Director's approvals and Commissioner Winters seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- (5) Approval of 2025 Racing Permits: Commissioner Winters moved to approve the 2025 Racing Permits, provided agreements with the Horsemen's Groups are received. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- (6) Update on Horse Fatalities: Dr. James Robertson updated the Commission on horse racing and training fatalities at the pari-mutuel tracks in Ohio. Through November 19 2024, there have been seven Standardbred fatalities and 22 Thoroughbred fatalities. The total number of horse fatalities in Ohio to date is 29. The overall Thoroughbred safety record to date is 99.86%.
- (7) Monthly Financial Report: Fiscal Officer, Sherry White informed the Commission that the Commission is down approximately \$100,000 compared to July 2024, which was the last casino revenue distribution month. Chair Borgemenke spoke about the overpayment by the OHHA to the OSDF which was a duplicated deposit of approximately 3 million dollars. The OSRC is unable to reject a wire transfer, so it had to be accepted. The OHHA needs to go in front of the Controlling Board if they would like the duplicate deposit back. Otherwise, the funds will stay on deposit with the OSRC in the OSDF fund, and the OHHA will not make a large deposit next year.
- (8) Casino Revenue Discussion: The Chair explained how the new calculation would be calculated for the January Casino Revenue distribution. In the interest of full transparency, the Chair wanted everyone to be able to see how the calculation would be applied and have the opportunity to provide feedback to the OSRC. There were no comments received.
- (9) Presentation by Kristy Shaw, DVM on ODA's role in disease outbreaks. Dr. Shaw gave a thorough explanation of the role of ODA in a reportable disease outbreak. She explained that if there is a reportable disease (EHV-1 for example) what ODA does and how it is managed from their end. She also clarified the law regarding the paperwork horsemen are required to have when hauling horses for interstate and for intrastate travel. Dr. Shaw reiterated that the ODA is a resource for tracks even if they do not have a reportable disease outbreak but a disease of regulatory concern such as Strep. Equi.. The Chair asked about the shortage of large animal veterinarians, and Dr. Shaw commented that the shortage is a nationwide issue.
- (10) Committee Reports
 - Medication: There was no report.
 - Safety: Commissioner Simpson commented on the good job Dayton is going. They are security focused and consistently ask for credentials. He also applauded the fairs on working hard on safety this year.
 - Standardbred: Commissioner Winters mentioned the Standardbred Development Fund met the day prior to the Commission meeting. The budget appears that it will be similar in 2025 to what it was in 2024. Decoupling has been an issue, and the OSDF wants to look into what they can do.
- (11) Commissioners Comments: The Chair commented on decoupling-explaining that the Commission has been generous on the issue, but the Commission does not want to find itself in the situation of decoupling horses where there is a commonality that affects the majority of the field. Decisions around decoupling are made on an individual basis with the goal of balancing field sizes with integrity.
- (12) Public Comments: Scott Mogan, president of the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association introduced the new OHHA Executive Director, Frank Fraas.
- (13) Executive Session: There was no executive session.
- (14) Adjournment: Commissioner Simpson moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Winters seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote, and the Commission meeting was adjourned at 10:38a.m.

Date, Time, and Place of Next Meeting, Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1948 Riffe Center

Minutes of the Ohio State Racing Commission Meeting **Tuesday, December 18, 2024**

- (1) The Ohio State Racing Commission (1) The Ohio State Racing Commission ("OSRC") held its monthly meeting at 10:00 a.m. on December 17, 2024, at the Vern Riffe Center, Room 1948, 19th floor, 77 S High Street, Columbus, OH 43215.
- (2) Call to Order and Roll Call: Chair Scott Borgemenke called the meeting to order at 10:08 am. Commissioners Beth Hansen, Tom Winters, Greg Simpson, and Dan McCarthy were present.
- (3) Approval of Minutes from the November 19, 2024, Commission Meeting: Commissioner Simpson moved to approve the November 19, 2024, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- (4) Ratification of Executive Director Approvals: Commissioner Simpson moved to ratify the Executive Director's approvals and Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- (5) Meet Requests for 2025 Winter/Spring. These items were broken into individual approvals.
 - (A) Mahoning Valley Race Course: Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Mahoning Valley Race Course dates, and Commissioner Simpson seconded. Hugh Drexler, Director of Racing for Mahoning Valley, was in attendance and spoke about the end of the recent Strangles quarantine. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
 - (B) Miami Valley Gaming & Racing: Commissioner Hansen moved to approve the Miami Valley Gaming & Racing meet request, and Commissioner Simpson seconded. Ken Rambo, Director of Racing for Miami Valley, was in attendance. After a question about the Fire Marshals report, Commissioner Winters moved to amend to give provisional approval based upon receipt of the completed Fire Marshals report. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
 - (C) Northfield Park: Commissioner Winters moved to conditionally approve the Northfield Park meet request, pending receipt of the Fire Marshals report prior to the January 21, 2025, Commission meeting, and Commissioner Simpson seconded it. Michael Carter, the Assistant Racing Secretary was in attendance, and stated the report had been requested in September, three months earlier. The Executive Director stated he had spoken to Brent Reitz, the Vice President Regional Racing Operations for Northfield Park, and the report was expected to be received shortly. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- (6) Reappointment of Dr. Randall Blevins, Trustee
 - (A) Thoroughbred Horsemen's Health Fund (THHF): Commissioner Winters moved to reappoint Dr. Blevins and Commissioner Simpson seconded the Motion. Commissioner Winters mentioned he reviewed the 990's and would like to have all public documents regarding the funds. Dave Basler, Executive Director of the Ohio Horsemen's Protective and Benevolent Association, asserted any Commissioner could come review the books at any time. Basler also informed the Commission that horsemen do not pay into the fund, funds are only outgoing. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- (7) Appointment of Steve Zeehandelar, Trustee
 - (A) Harness Horsemen's Health and Retirement Plan (HHHRP): Commissioner Winters moved to appoint Mr. Zeehandelar and Commissioner Simpson seconded the Motion. Commissioner Winters requested the Commission receive the public documents regarding the fund. Frank Fraas, Executive Director of the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association said he would get those documents to the commission. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- (8) Approval of the OTRF 2025 Requests: The board undertook all three items under one motion.
 - (A) Budget
 - (B) Stakes Schedule
 - (C) Rules
- Commissioner Simpson motioned to approve the 2025 OTRF requests, and Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. Dave Basler spoke and confirmed the OHBPA guarantees the \$9.7 million deficit, provided the three categories do not go above the 2024 levels.
- (9) Update on Horse Fatalities: Dr. James Robertson updated the Commission on horse racing and training fatalities at the pari-mutuel tracks in Ohio. Through December 13, 2024, there have been seven Standardbred fatalities and 25 Thoroughbred fatalities. The total number of horse fatalities in Ohio to date is 32. The overall Thoroughbred safety record to date is 99.86%.
- (10) Monthly Financial Report: The Chairman stated the financials were in the narrative provided by Sherry White, the fiscal officer. There were no significant changes in the financials, and no questions were asked by the Commissioners to the fiscal officer.
- (11) Adjudication: Eric Barbaran: The Commission reviewed the Report and Recommendation of the Hearing Officer. The Commission listened to the comments of Todd DeBoe Assistant Attorney General. The Commission reviewed the Objections filed by Mr. Barbaran. Mr. Barbaran nor his attorney attended the Commission meeting to make comments. The Commission voted unanimously to confirm and approve the Hearing Officer's Report and Recommendation
- (12) Committee Reports
 - (A) Medication: There was no report.
 - (B) Safety: There was no report.
 - (C) Standardbred: There was no report.
- (13) Commissioners Comments: There were no comments.
- (14) Public Comments: There were no comments.
- (15) Executive Session: There was no executive session.
- (16) Adjournment: Commissioner Simpson moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote, and the Commission meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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p,2,1:54.2; 3,1:48.3 (\$1,164,174)

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23rd leading money-winning pacing sire of all time.

Sire of 12 with earnings over \$1 million; 311 over \$100,000.

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2,1:58.2f; 3,1:53.1f; 4,1:53.2h (\$779,342)

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Only made two breaks lifetime, both on sloppy tracks

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From his first small crop, sire of: FLIP FIVE STONES 3,1:57h-'24
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Both stakes winners at Delaware!



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Third year at Stud!

\$2,500



OF CHEWBACCA



p,2,1:51.1f; 3,1:48.4f (\$409,690)

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Multiple National Season's Leading is by the ONLY full-brother to the immortal **SOMEBEACHSOMEWHERE**.

At 2, **HEART OF CHEWBACCA** won 5 of 7 starts, incl. OBC at Delaware, and two OhSS legs, set the track record (1:51.2h) at Northfield and established a National Season's Record (2CP).

At 3, **HEART OF CHEWBACCA** raced against the some of the best pacers in the country, defeating **CHARLIE MAY** on several occasions and set a track record (1:48.4f) at Scioto and equaling a (3CP) National Season's Record (1:50.4h) at Northfield.

BRANQUINHO

p,3,1:50.1f; 4,1:49.2f (\$292,599)

Somebeachsomewhere – Wild West Show – Western Hanover

Multiple stakes placed at two, he came back at three to post victories in the PA All Stars in his 3-year-old record of 1:50.1f as well as a leg of the Pennsylvania Stallion Series. He also finished second in the \$300,000 Art Rooney Final and an Adios elim, and third in the Liberty Bell.

Second year at Stud!

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He is a full brother to World Champion,
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HUNTSVILLE p,3,1:47.4 (\$1,704,242)
whose book was full and closed in early December.

His dam is the 100% producer Wild West Show
p,3,1:53.3f (\$44,569), she a half-sister to
Cigars And Port p,1:50.1f (\$451,328).

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Open & Invitational Pacer

Half-brother to millionaire stallion CHECK SIX

Paced 11 sub-1:50 miles, incl. BBT 1:48.2

In 55 starts from ages 3–6, finished 35 times 1-2-3.

His dam has produced 7 winners from 9 foals, with 7 in 1:55 and 2 sub-1:50 pacers.

Sire of: Rodeo Cowboy p,2,1:53.3f-'24; Moonlit Romance p,2,1:56h-'24, etc.

Chris Tully Trot.com

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