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BYTHEMISSAL *Horse of the Year*

BY FRANK FRAAS



Three-Year-Old Pacing Colt of the Year \ 2022 Ohio Horse of the Year Photo: Conrad Photo

For the second straight year, the top 3-year-old pacing colt in the state will wear the crown as Ohio's Horse-of-the-Year. Bythemissal became a fan favorite in 2022 winning 13 races, including the Little Brown Jug, in 16 starts as he earned \$1,165,295.

Bythemissal was purchased as a yearling for \$135,000. "Eric (Good), the owner, was looking to buy the best Downbytheseaside colt that year in Lexington. He was by far the best pick," said Josh Green who trained Bythemissal as a two-year-old. "We loved him as an individual and thought he was stunning, so Mr. Good decided we were going to go after him."

Bythemissal did not make it to the track until late in his freshman campaign. He suffered an injury in an Equi-Ciser early in

training. "We took our time with him," said Green. "We wanted to get one start in him before sending him to Kentucky for the winter."

The one start was a dominant performance at Dover Downs. Bythemissal rallied from seven lengths back at the half to win going away by over six lengths in 1:55.

Before the start of his three-year-old campaign, Ron Burke was given the opportunity to train Bythemissal. He liked what he saw and his ownership group purchased the majority of Bythemissal.

"They let me train him down before we bought into him," Burke told HarnessLink. "No horse that we had could beat him."

Bythemissal wasted no time showing he was special, winning his first four races as a sophomore including two legs of the Ohio Sires Stakes.

His next test would be the Delvin Miller Adios at the Meadows. In the elimination,

Bythemissal got away fifth in the sixth horse field and couldn't catch Pebble Beach who won by five-lengths.

In the finals, it looked like a replay of the elimination. Pebble Beach grabbed the early lead in a battle with Beach Glass. As the two battled out front, Bythemissal and Chris Page bided their time until making their move at the top of the stretch. Bythemissal caught Beach Glass to win by a length.

Page said the elimination was just a prep race for the final. "I was really confident in how he came out of the race and how he finished. Ronnie said he had a great week this week, so I just needed to make sure I kept him out of trouble."

Bythemissal added wins in the Ohio State Fair Stakes at Eldorado Scioto Downs, the Carl Milstein Memorial at MGM Northfield Park, and another leg of the Ohio Sires Stakes. He also finished second in the Hempt Memorial at Pocono Downs in the middle.



Left to Right: Steve Bateson, Sally Bolin, Josh Green, Anne Lufkin, Chris Page, Mickey Burke Photo: Brad Conrad

In the Milstein, Bythemissal won in 1:48.4, tying the world record for a three-year-old gelding on a half-mile track set the previous year by Charlie May.

Next up, the Little Brown Jug. Not originally eligible, the connections of Bythemissal paid the \$45,000 supplemental entry fee to enter.

In the first elimination, Bythemissal dominated the five-horse field, grabbing the lead at the quarter and racing on to a four-length victory.

In the final, Bythemissal and Page took the pocket trip behind Fourever Boy. Around the final turn, Bythemissal hit another gear and went by Fourever Boy on the way to becoming the first Ohio-bred to win the Jug since B J Scoot.

Bythemissal closed out the year winning the Ohio Sires Stakes final, finishing third

in the Breeders Crown, and winning the Monument Circle.

Burke says Bythemissal is special. "He's as good as a three-year-old I have ever trained. The horse has the great ability to want to win. He just wants to win."

Heading into 2023, Burke thinks the sky is the limit for Bythemissal. "I think he will be as good as anything can be."

BYTHEMISSAL
2022 Ohio Horse of the Year
2022 Three-Year-Old Colt Pacer of the Year

DOWNBYTHESEASIDE -
 DISMISSAL - WESTERN TERROR

World Champion

1:48.3F

\$1,168,925

Owner: Burke Racing Stable LLC (Fredericktown, PA), Eric Good (Davidsonville, MD), Rich Lomardo Racing LLC (Solon, OH), Weaver Brucemi LLC (Canonsburg, PA)

Breeder: Stephen P. Day III (Allentown, NJ)

Trainer: Ron Burke



Photos: Conrad Photo



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Ron Burke

Racing Rampage

2022 Two-Year-Old Colt Pacer of the Year



2022 Two-Year-old Colt Pacer of the Year – Racing Rampage Photo: Conrad Photo

RACING RAMPAGE 2022 Two-Year-Old Colt Pacer of the Year

RACING HILL – SEBRING BLUE
CHIP – WESTERN TERROR

1:51.2H

\$227,797

Owner: Darren Dowler
(Prospect, OH), Lawrence H.
Bettler (Sunbury, OH)

Breeder: Rose Run Farm
(Sugar creek, OH)

Trainer: Darren Dowler



Lawrence Bettler, Darren Dowler, Brittany Dowler, Senena Esty Photo: Brad Conrad

Entering the Ohio Sires Stakes finals, Racing Rampage was on a roll. A winner of five of six starts and a second place finish in the other, the connections were looking to a big night.

Unfortunately for Racing Rampage, the night didn't turn out as planned. "We were disappointed," said trainer and co-owner Darren Dowler. "It was frustrating to work all year and not have the outcome we hoped for."

Dowler thought not winning the Sires Stakes final might cost Racing Rampage the crown for the top two-year-old pacer in the state. "I thought with the final being the way it was, he might not get the honor, but I had some people tell me he was the best horse."

Racing Rampage finished fourth but was placed third, which guaranteed he finished on the board for all eight of his starts. The son of Racing Hill won five races, finished

second once, and third twice. Three of those wins were Ohio Sires Stakes legs. He earned \$227,797 in 2022.

It was the first divisional winner for Dowler and that has added to the pressure. "I've had mostly fair horses, so you feel more pressure having such a nice horse. The pressure is to keep him at the top."

For co-owner Lawrence Bettler it's been a year he will not forget. "We had low expectations. We wanted a nice horse we could race at fairs but his first win at Northfield was the most surprising moment of my life."

Racing Rampage joins Gulf Shores, Charlie May, and Elver Hanover as the latest winners of the two-year-old colt pacing division, something Dowler cannot believe. "It's crazy to me, I never thought I would be with those horses. It is special to have such a nice horse."

Heading into the three-year-old season, Dowler says Racing Rampage deserves the chance to compete on the big stage. "We won't be too crazy, but we are looking at going to some big races. He deserves the shot to go against some of those other horses."

Rumble Strips

2022 Two-Year-Old Colt Trotter of the Year



Rumble Strips - 2022 Two-Year-Old Colt Trotter of the Year Photo: Conrad Photo

RUMBLE STRIPS 2022 Two-Year-Old Colt Trotter of the Year

LONG TOM - LADY GLIDER -
GLIDEMASTER

World Champion

1:53.2H

\$276,135

Owners: Constance Polhamus
(Columbus, OH), Mary Beth Wal-
ters (Milford, OH)

Breeder: Franklin Equine LLC
(Wooster, OH)

Trainer: Mike Polhamus



Rumble Strips' connections accept the award for Two-Year-Old Colt Trotter of the Year
Photo: Brad Conrad

Constance Polhamus, the co-owner of Rumble Strips says harness racing is always a roller coaster ride. "There are ups and downs all the time. There are great times and there are disappointments." That's what 2022 was for Ohio's Two-Year-Old Colt Trotter of the Year.

A roller coaster ride is a great way to describe Rumble Strips' freshman campaign.

The year started with a third-place finish in the next generation. Then came a win in the first leg of the Ohio Sires Stakes.

The up and down year continued as Rumble Strips finished fourth in the second leg of the Sires Stakes, a second-place finish in the Ohio State Fair Stakes, and another fourth-place finish in the third OSS leg.

"He had some bumps along the way, but we knew from the beginning he was a special colt," said Polhamus.

Trainer Mike Polhamus knew from the beginning that he had something special. "In May, I told Kayne [Kauffman] this colt was going to make him famous. We were either going to tear up more bikes in the post-parade than ever or we were going to set a world record. It turned out the good way."

The world record came at the Delaware County Fairgrounds in the Ohio Breeders Championship. Kauffman guided the son of Long Tom around the famed oval in 1:53.2 setting the mark for two-year-old colts on a half-mile track.

Polhamus' daughter Mary Beth Walter is the other co-owner, and she said the world record was extra special. "I looked over at Mom and she was a bawling mess. I had to drag her to the winner's circle because it dawned on her what the record meant."

Rumble Strips closed out his freshman campaign by winning the Ohio Sires Stakes finals at Hollywood Dayton Raceway. It was the colt's fourth win in nine races on the way to earning \$276,135.

Rumble Strips is back in training according to Polhamus and will qualify at some point, "He's bigger, he's stronger and he looks good."

McSeaside

2022 Two-Year-Old Filly Pacer of the Year



McSeaside - Two-Year-Old Filly Pacer of the Year Photo: Conrad Photo

The Ron Burke Stable has had the top freshman-pacing fillies the last two years. Sea Silk, the 2021 2-Year-Old Filly Pacer of the Year had a relatively easy campaign, winning nine of 11 and hitting the board in the other two races. It was a different story for stablemate McSeaside who captured the honor in 2022 after a rough start.

“Everything that could go wrong at the beginning of the year did and it was the other

way around at the end of the year, everything went right,” said trainer Ron Burke.

The daughter of Downbytheseaside started the year being scratched from the Next Generation, and then finished third in her next start, only to be placed seventh after a break.

“She got sick, she made a break, she got locked in. Chris (Page) kept telling me,

McSEASIDE 2022 Two-Year-Old Filly Pacer of the Year

2021 Two-year-Old Filly Pacer of the Year

DOWNBYTHESEASIDE -
MCGIBSON - MCARDLE

1:52.1M

\$295,614

Owner: Burke Racing Stable LLC (Fredericktown, PA), Beasty LLC (Las Vegas, NV), J&T Silva Stables LLC (Jericho, NY), and Knox Services Inc. (Mt. Vernon, OH)

Breeder: Andray Farm (Indiana, PA) and Sergent Stables LLC (Blairsville, PA)

Trainer: Ron Burke

“Don’t worry, things will work out,” said Burke. “You have to believe in them and stay the course. We knew she had the ability or she wouldn’t have been entered in The Next Generation.”

In her third start of the year, McSeaside finished fifth, but then things turned around as she hit the board in her next seven races with three wins.

“I was pretty bashful with her early,” said Page. “I tried to do the right thing, so she was going to be sharp when all the zeros were behind the purse.”

Those zeros added up to earnings of \$295,614, which made for a good year.

“When it counted at the end of the year she stepped her game up. She overcame adversity and that’s the sign of a good horse,” said Page.

Expectations are high for McSeaside heading into 2023. Burke sees a lot of similarities between McSeaside and Sea Silk and is hoping for a big year. “I look for her to come back and be great at three.”



Left to Right: Senena Esty, Mickey Burke, Randy Haines Photo: Brad Conrad

Rose Run Yolanda

2022 Two-Year-Old Filly Trotter of the Year



Rose Run Yolanda - 2022 Two-Year-Old Filly Trotter of the Year Photo: Conrad Photo

ROSE RUN YOLANDA 2022 Two-Year-Old Filly Trotter of the Year

TRIUMPHANT CAVIAR - ROSE
RUN KEEPSAKE - AMBRO LASER

Ohio Triple Crown Winner

1:56.2H

\$290,528

Owner: Greg Luther Racing
(Blacklick, OH)

Breeder: Rose Run Farm (Sugar-
creek, OH)

Trainer: Todd Luther



Left to Right: Todd Luther, Trevor Smith, Greg Luther, John Konesky III Photo: Brad Conrad

In the words of Greg Luther, “When you work with family, some days are good and some days are bad.” But Luther wouldn’t have it any other way working with his brother Todd when it comes to Rose Run Yolanda.

From the beginning, there was something special about Rose Run Yolanda and Greg credits his brother with finding her. “We

bought a lot of babies, and I picked every single one. I let Todd pick one and that was Yolanda,” joked Greg.

Todd liked the daughter of Triumphant Caviar from the start. “From day one I liked her video. She was a little tough to get gaited, but once she figured it out you knew she was going to be something special.”

And special she was. If not for a break in the first turn of her first race, Rose Run Yolanda might have had the perfect freshman campaign. She rallied to finish second in that first race and then won the rest of her races on the way to winning the Ohio Triple Crown and being named the 2-Year-Old Filly Trotter of the Year.

“It was nerve-racking all year,” said Greg. “There’s nothing scarier than having a 2-year-old trotter and the only thing worse is having a filly trotter. It was phenomenal not only to win the Sires Stakes final but also the Triple Crown.”

For Todd, the Triple Crown made the year that much more special. “You always see horses win a triple crown and think to yourself it would really be nice to have one that good and then Yolanda wins it. I can’t wait to see what next year brings.”

Rose Run Yolanda will be busy in 2023. “Greg and I talked at the end of the year, and she will be staked to everything,” said Todd. “She’ll be racing in Ohio for the Sires Stakes, but we’ll take her to the big grand circuit races and hopefully she can step on that stage.”

Longshot

2022 Three-Year-Old Colt Trotter of the Year



Longshot - Three-year-Old Colt Trotter of the Year Photo: Conrad Photo

Every owner dreams of getting that one horse. The one that you will remember forever. The one that you pinch yourself every time they race. The one that puts the trophy on the mantle that you will look at every day. For co-owners Walt Callam and Wayne Mast Jr. Longshot just might be that horse.

“The whole season was a dream come true. There are no words to describe being named the Three-Year-Old Ohio Trotter of the Year. I don’t ever think we dream that high,” said Callam. “I’ve had horses for over twenty years racing and up until this year I’ve had three sires stakes wins, but nothing came close to the season that Longshot had.”

Trainer Scott Cox has been there before, winning five Sires Stakes Championships. “I remember Wayne said one thing on his bucket list was to win a sires stakes race. In the back of my mind I was thinking, enjoy the whole year because you might have a few more. I waited until the final and told him we got your whole career done in one year.”

As a two-year-old Longshot spent his time on the Ohio fair circuit winning three of eight races. “He was a nice colt from day one, but he had some issues as a two-year-old, so we didn’t race him hard,” said Mast.

“We had high hopes for him coming back as a three-year-old.”

It was a bit of a slow start for Longshot’s sophomore season as he finished fourth in the first leg of the Ohio Sires Stakes but got on a roll after that, hitting the board in eight of the next nine races, winning six including the Sires Stakes final.

Callam says Longshot’s success was due to a team effort. “Wes Hershberger put the foundation on this horse as a two-year-

LONGSHOT

2022 Three-Year-Old Colt Trotter of the Year

LONG TOM - TINTERN -
DONERALL

1:52.2F

\$306,974

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

Breeder: Perry Coblentz (Bremen, OH)

Trainer: Scott Cox

old. Scott Cox has been great, and Chris Lems drove him every start. Those guys are unbelievable.”

“We had to take our time in the beginning with him,” said Longshot’s trainer, Cox. “Chris did a fabulous job with him. I’ve been very blessed to get the horse after the 2-year-old year and be in the finals with him as a 3-year-old.”

Mast agreed, “Without Scott Cox and Wes Hershberger, there would be no Longshot.”



Longshot’s connections accept the award for Ohio Three-Year-Old Trotting Colt of the Year Photo: Brad Conrad

Sea Silk

2022 Three-Year-Old Filly Pacer of the Year



Sea Silk - Three-year-Old Filly Pacer of the Year Photo: Conrad Photo

For the past two years, Sea Silk has made winning the divisional honors as the top filly pacer in Ohio look easy. Despite winning nine races as a two-year-old and another eight last year, it has been anything but easy.

“She’s not the soundest horse in the world and for her to fight through it for two years and do it in back-to-back years is impressive,” said trainer Ron Burke.

While impressive is one word to describe Sea Silk, driver Chris Page has another, tough. “She’s been tough her whole career. There’s been times she didn’t want to pace in the post-parade due to soreness or something nagging her. But when you turn to go to the gate, she overcomes it; she’s a competitor.” Page says good horses overcome little ailments or post draws and she has been doing it her whole career.

In her career, the daughter of Downbytheseaside, Sea Silk has won two Sires Stakes finals and the Ohio Triple Crown in 2022. She also has second-place finishes in the Breeders Crown and the Jugette.

The Jugette, the only time Sea Silk has not won an Ohio start, is a race Page says Sea Silk thinks she won. “Unfortunately, I’m going to call that driver’s error. I had ev-

eryone where I need them around the final turn, and I just sprinted a little too early.”

The plan is for Sea Silk to return to the track in 2023. “We are going to give her one year at least, then I’m sure we will breed her,” said Burke.

SEA SILK

2022 Three-Year-Old Filly Pacer of the Year

DOWNBYTHESEASIDE - SILK PURSE - BETTOR'S DELIGHT

World Champion

1:50.1H

\$477,062

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

Breeder: Steiner Stock Farm (Lima, OH)

Trainer: Ron Burke



Sea Silk's connections accept the award for Three-year-Old Filly Pacer of the Year Photo: Brad Conrad

Gabbys C Note

2022 Three-Year-Old Filly Trotter of the Year



Gabbys C Note - 2022 Three-Year-Old Filly Trotter of the Year Photo Credit: Conrad Photo

GABBYS C NOTE

2022 Three-Year-Old Filly Trotter of the Year

TRIUMPHANT CAVIAR - GABBY'S
CREDITCARD - CREDIT WINNER

Ohio Triple Crown Winner

1:54.3F

\$386,788

Owner: Chris Beaver (Radnor, OH), Johanna Beaver (Deleon Springs, FL), Steve Zeehandelaar (Worthington, OH)

Breeder: Johanna Beaver (Deleon Springs, FL)

Trainer: Chris Beaver

As a two- and three-year-old, Gabbys C Note has been the class of the filly trotting divisions. Bred by Johanna Beaver and trained by her son Chris, Gabbys C Note has come from a long line of horses owned by the Beavers. That line goes all the way back to the 60s.

Gabbys C Note was named the top trotting filly as a freshman in 2021. Last year she repeated as Ohio's Three-year-Old Filly Trotter of the Year.

In 2021, she missed winning the Ohio Triple Crown by a head. She would not be denied in 2022.

Beaver says it is gratifying to finally win the Triple Crown for his parents. "It's the first horse that my parents have owned that has won the Triple Crown. It is special when you can do it with your family."

The Gabby C Note story begins in 1962 when Beaver's grandfather purchased Success Norma as a weanling. Success Norma was the dam of Bea C.Note who was the dam of Looklikenorma.

Looklikenorma was named Ohio's Aged Trotter of the Year in 1992 and foaled the 1999 Ohio Horse of the Year, Ilooklikemom.

Success for the line continued with Gabbys C Note's second dam Lotstoliveupto who produced a New York Sires Stakes champion.

Beaver says consistency has been the key to Gabbys C Note's success. "She was always professional. She showed up and was a little better than the other horses in her division. She won most of her starts, it wasn't like she just showed up for the final."

The daughter of Triumphant Caviar won 10 of 17 races this year including the Ohio State Fair Stakes, the Ohio Sires Stakes final, and the Ohio Breeders Championship which make up the Ohio Triple Crown. Gabby C Note also won three legs of the Ohio Sires Stakes. She earned \$386,788 in 2022.

Beaver says he just started bringing Gabby C Note back to the track. "For the most part we will stick around Ohio. She seemed like she didn't fire the same on the bigger racetracks like she did on the track at home."

How she does on the track this year will determine how long she continues to race said Beaver. "It depends on her. One more year gives her a chance to increase her earnings and take a better mark which are good things for broodmares."



The connection of Gabbys C Note celebrate being named 3-Year-Old Trotting Filly of the Year Photo Credit: Brad Conrad

Charlie May

2022 Aged Pacer of the Year



Charlie May - 2022 Ohio Aged Pacer of the Year Photo: Conrad Photo

For only the third time since 1999 an Ohio horse captured two- three- and aged- divisional titles in a row.

KF Pro Sam was Ohio's top freshman colt pacer in 1999. He repeated the feat as a three-year-old and then as the top aged pacer in 2001.

In the same year, Noble Cam took home the two-year-old colt pacing honors and then added three-year-old and aged pacing honors in 2002-2003.

Turn the clock ahead 19 years and add Charlie May to the exclusive list. Charlie May captured two-year-old honors in 2020, the three-year-old award in 2021, and in 2022 added Ohio Aged Pacer of the Year to his resume.

"It's been an unbelievable three-year ride," said owner and breeder Don Tiger. "It means everything to have a horse overcome what he has and stay that consistent."

The 2021 Ohio Horse of the Year was a finalist for the top honor in 2022 but lost out to Little Brown Jug winner Bythemissal.

Charlie May won seven races including the Ohio Sires Stakes Veteran Championship Pace, the Myron Charna President's Pace, the Jim Ewart Memorial, and the Ohio

Breeders Championship. He raised his lifetime earnings to \$1,558,045.

Tiger says there is more to come from his McArdle gelding. "We are really excited about the future. Charlie May is going to continue to carry the flag for Ohio-breds. He's healthy and he's going to be a good five-year-old. There's more to come."

How much more is up to Charlie May said Tiger. "I have people telling me he is going to be around until, eight, nine, ten. I don't

CHARLIE MAY

2022 Aged Pacer of the Year

MCCARDLE - STIPPLE HANOVER
- WESTERN HANOVER

World Champion

1:47.1M

\$350,018

Owner: Don Tiger (Canonsburg, OH)

Breeder: Don Tiger (Canonsburg, OH)

Trainer: Steve Carter

know. He'll tell us when the time comes but we have done a good job of managing him."

"At the end of the day, I think as long as he is sound and healthy he can participate in these Ohio-aged events. He's like a 24-year-old quarterback, like Josh Allen. He's going to be around for a while."

Trainer Steve Carter has Charlie May back in training shooting for his first race in 2023 in April or May.



Owner Don Tiger and Charlie May's supporters celebrate being named Ohio Aged Pacer of the Year Photo: Brad Conrad

Smoking Jet

2022 Aged Trotter of the Year



2022 Aged Trotter of the Year - Smoking Jet Photo: Conrad Photo

Most coaches feel that they can improve a player's performance. Better coaching leads to better results. It's no different in harness racing. With an adjustment here or there, trainers feel they can get more out of a racehorse.

For Smoking Jet, a change in barns was the difference of a lifetime.

During the first three years on the track, Smoking Jet won eight races in 57 starts earning just under \$100,000. In his fourth season, Smoking Jet doubled his win total and earned almost a quarter of a million dollars.

The Burke Racing Stable purchased Smoking Jet from Rick Hartman after seven starts in 2022. "We were just looking for a nice racehorse," said Ron Burke. "He just got on a sick roll, and everything went great for him."

Smoking Jet had one win before being sold and added 15 more under the Burke banner. The 16 wins were the second most among all trotters in North America. Only Winning Shadow had more wins, recording 18 last year.

"In our barn, horses are either going to excel with our program or they are going to wither in it," said Burke. "The ones that like it do really well because we do a lot of hard work. The ones that don't like it, you never hear from because they go somewhere else because they can't take it."

The gelded son of Triumphant Caviar won his first four starts in conditioned races for Burke before he was moved into open competition where he thrived. "He tries his hardest," said Burke. "When you have a horse that tries like that it's a big deal."

SMOKING JET

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Trainer: Ron Burke

Success continued for Smoking Jet as he won the Tom Aldrich President's Trot at MGM Northfield Park in World Record time and then captured the Ohio Sires Stakes Veterans Championship at Eldorado Scioto Downs.

Chris Page who owns a piece of Smoking Jet and drove him in the Veterans championship says he's fortunate to own a piece of him. "When we bought the horse, the intentions were to get our money back and make a few bucks. Anything after that was tokens for the dealers."



Left to Right: Chris Page, Mickey Burke, Scott Mogan

OHHA Hands Out Special Recognition Awards

The connections of Little Brown Jug champion Bythemissal, Breeders Crown champion Pebble Beach, Virgil Morgan Jr., the trainer of Breeders Crown champion Grace Hill, and owner Joe Sbrocco were presented with Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association Special Recognition Awards for their accomplishments in 2022.



Left to Right: OHHA Executive Director Renee Mancino, Sally Bolon, Josh Green, Mickey Burke Photo: Brad Conrad

Owners of Bythemissal, Burke Racing Stable, Eric Good, Rich Lombardo Racing and Weaver Buscemi and breeder Stephen Dey III are recognized for the extensive success the 3-year-old pacer achieved during 2022.

Ohio-bred Bythemissal hit the board in all 16 starts, winning 13 races including the 2022 Little Brown Jug, the Ohio Sires Stakes Championship, the Carl Milstein Memorial, and the Delvin Miller Adios. Bythemissal earned \$1,165,925 in 2022 and was named Ohio's Horse of the Year.

"Every time Ronnie asked him to go faster, he just went faster," said Mickey Burke, second trainer and brother of Ron Burke. "He's going to hit the top races in 2023. Their 4-year-old year is tough for colts, but he'll be in the hunt for everything."

Patricia Stable, Joe Sbrocco, Country Club Acres, and Laexpressfoderaevolente, owners of Pebble Beach and breeder Brittany Farms, are recognized for the extensive success the 3-year-old pacer achieved



Left to Right: Joe McLead, Joe Sbrocco, Jim Koehler Photo: Brad Conrad

during 2022.

Ohio-bred Pebble Beach hit the board in 17 of 18 races, winning 10 races including the Breeders Crown, North American Cup and The Tattersalls Stakes. Pebble Beach was the second-richest horse in the sport, earning \$1,359,625. Pebble Beach was named the 2022 3-Year-Old Colt Pacer of the Year by the U.S. Harness Writers Association.

"Noel and Todd just know this horse and do such a great job," said Sbrocco about Pebble Beach's driver and trainer.

The recognition honoring Pebble Beach wasn't the only award co-owner Sbrocco accepted from the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association. Sbrocco of Brecksville, Ohio was personally recognized for his success as an owner. He started in the equine business in 1970 and over the past 52 years, Sbrocco has owned nearly 600 horses and currently has ownership of 125 horses.

The past year was nothing short of a dream racing season for Sbrocco. He was a part of 13 ownership groups whose horses earned more than \$100,000 with six earning over \$250,000. Sbrocco co-owns 2022 Breeders Crown champion Pebble Beach (\$1.3M), I Did It Myway (\$729,745), Volume Eight (\$432,232), and Night Hawk (\$352,988). Two of his horses, Pebble Beach and Volume Eight, were named respective divisional winners by the U.S. Harness Writers Association.



Left to Right: Jim Koehler, OHHA Executive Director Renee Mancino, Joe Sbrocco, James Sbrocco Photo: Brad Conrad

Sbrocco said luck was on his side throughout the 2022 racing season but also credited his team's perseverance. His advice to new owners is simple. "If you have a bad year, keep moving forward. Put blinders on like the racehorse and go for the winner's circle."

Ohio Hall of Fame trainer Virgil Morgan Jr., conditioner of 2022 Breeders Crown champion Grace Hill, was also recognized for his success with the mare in 2022.

Under Morgan's training, Grace Hill won seven of 10 races including the 2022 Breeders Crown in a stakes-equaling record performance and the TVG Mares Final. In 2022 Grace Hill won eight of 21 races and earned \$427,895.

Dr. Ellis Presented Service To Harness Racing Award

Dr. Jon Ellis, the co-founder of Veterinary Associates in Xenia, Ohio, was presented the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association's Special Service to Harness Racing Award at the 2023 annual banquet.



Dr. Brett Ellis accepts the Service to Harness Racing Award on behalf of his father Dr. Jon Ellis from Senena Esty Photo: Brad Conrad

The 82-year-old Ellis was recognized for his significant and life-long contribution to Ohio Harness Racing.

"I am very appreciative of the award," said Ellis. He was unable to attend the banquet due to recent heart surgery. "I am sorry I couldn't be there, but I couldn't defy my doctors. After surgery, they put me in the basement and kept me there," joked Ellis. Ellis was referring to his son Dr. Bryan Ellis, a surgeon in Cincinnati, and his daughter-in-law who is a cardiac nurse.

Ellis' son Dr. Brett Ellis who works with his father at Veterinary Associates, accepted the award on his father's behalf. "His heart has always been in harness racing so he got it fixed so he can do it longer. I have never met anybody that loves their job more than my father."

Ellis graduated from The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1966 and has practiced in Greene County his entire career. Beyond serving the pet and food animal population, Dr. Ellis works primarily with Standardbred racehorses. He can often still be found performing duties at the southern Ohio raceways.

WEAVER AND GILLESPIE HONORED AS TOP FAIR TRAINER AND DRIVER

Rosy Weaver and Ronnie Gillespie were honored at the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association annual banquet as the top trainer and driver on the Ohio Fair Circuit.

Weaver led all trainers with 52 wins. "It's a great accomplishment, one that I never thought would be possible," said Weaver. Weaver said she had to earn respect in the business, not because she was a woman, but because she was green.

Gillespie recorded 118 wins on the fair circuit in 2022. "I decided to challenge myself. It's tough at the fairs, but it worked out for me," said Gillespie. Gillespie hopes to drive more at the raceways but he will be at the fairs in 2023.



Left to Right: Bill Peters, Rosy Weaver, Mike Woebkenberg



Renee Mancino, Ronnie Gillespie, Mike Woebkenberg

Ludlam named OHHA Outstanding Groom

For Judy Ludlam, the choice to build her career in the Standard-bred industry was an easy one. Harness racing was a family affair. After tagging along to the races with her father, Ludlam knew instantly she belonged in the sport.

“After my dad’s horse won when I was nine years old, we went to the winner’s circle, and I knew I had the fever for the horses.”

Ludlam of Northfield, Ohio works for and was nominated by trainer Kelly O’Donnell.

O’Donnell says Ludlam pays attention to every horse she takes care of, “Judy works tirelessly on all the horses in the stable from start to finish every day.” O’Donnell says he can send Ludlam to any track by herself with any horse in the barn and not have to worry about a thing.

Providing top-notch care to the horses is second nature to Ludlam. The best part of her job is seeing the horses’ faces each morning.

“You work all week on them to make them healthy. When they win your heart is just so proud,” says Ludlam. “I’m very blessed to be capable of taking care of them. Every one of them has their own little personalities in their own way, their own little quirks. They are just like kids.”

Ludlam says her life centers around the horses, and she says the joke is, “if it doesn’t have anything to do with the horse, she isn’t doing it.”



Left to Right: Judy Ludlam, Amy Hollar

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Hagemeyer receives Significant Contribution Award



Left to Right: OHHA Executive Director Reneé Mancino, Scott Hagemeyer, Mel Hagemeyer Photo: Brad Conrad

This year's recipient of the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association Maynard and Stella Hagemeyer Significant Contribution Award is a perfect representation of the couple the award honors.

Scott Hagemeyer, the 2022 recipient, is the grandson of Maynard and Stella.

"My grandparents are two of the most important people of my entire life," says Hagemeyer. "I was honored when the OHHA es-

tablished this award several years ago and I am even more honored to present the award. I was shocked to be chosen as the recipient this year. It means the world to me."

Hagemeyer owns and manages Hagemeyer Farms – a full-service equine breeding operation in Clarksville, Ohio with his wife Cindy. He has served on the OHHA Board of Directors since 2015 and has been a part of several board committees.

Outside of hosting fundraisers and inviting legislators to his farm, one of Hagemeyer's greatest accomplishments is continuing his family's legacy. "I'm fortunate to be generation number four and to have raised generation number five through my daughter."

His daughter Lyndsay graduated from The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 2021 and currently practices.

The Maynard and Stella Hagemeyer Significant Contribution Award is awarded to an individual that has made a significant life-long contribution to Ohio harness racing. The individual 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 to the importance of the harness racing industry.

Mercer County Horsemen receive Brandt Award

The Mercer County Harness Horsemen's Association was presented the 2022 Dick Brandt Sr. Extra Effort Award at the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association Annual Awards Banquet in January.

President of the Mercer County Harness Horsemen's Association Rusty Voorhees accepted the award with promises to continue their dedication to harness racing.

"On top of providing year-round support for area horsemen, we take pride in kicking off Ohio's matinee season every spring. That allows horsemen from near and far to teach their horses something. We are all for that," says Voorhees.

In addition to hosting an annual spring matinee, the Association hosts two days of racing at the Mercer County Fair in Celina and an annual award banquet with upwards of 150 attendees.

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.



Left to Right: OHHA Executive Director Reneé Mancino, Rusty Voorhees Photo: Brad Conrad

The Dick Brandt Sr. Extra Effort Award is awarded to local horsemen's associations and matinee clubs who have made a commitment 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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Page and Burke take 2022 Kaltenbach Honors



Left to Right: Dick McClelland, Chris Page Photo: Brad Conrad

For the fourth straight season, driver Chris Page and trainer Ron Burke have captured the Kaltenbach titles.

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

It is the seventh Kaltenbach title for Page, who ties David Miller for the most titles won. Page started 74 OSS events, winning 23 races, finishing second 15 times, and finished third eight times, earning \$1,442,700.

“I had a great year from top to bottom,” said Page. “My two-year-olds started the season slow, but ended very well and I had a very good showing with the three-year-olds.”

Aaron Merriman finished second in the standing with Brett Miller third.

A total of 45 drivers participated in the 2022 OSS events with 39 garnering at least one purse check.

On the training side, the title was the fifth for Burke who had 112 starts in the 2022 Ohio Sires Stakes events. Burke finished with 26 wins, 21 seconds, and 14 thirds and earnings of \$1,824,100.

Chris Beaver was second in the standing with Christi Noble finishing third.

A total of 94 trainers participated in 2022 OSS events with 18 earning over \$100,000 and five with earnings over \$250,000.

In the 32 years the Kaltenbach trophies have been awarded, Page and Miller lead all drivers with seven trophies. Virgil Morgan Jr. has captured the most titles with six. Only two horsemen have won the Kaltenbach in both the training and driving categories—Sam “Chip” Noble III, and Dave Rankin.



Left to Right: Dick McClelland, Mickey Burke Photo: Brad Conrad

Baird awarded Terry Holton Youth Award



Left to Right: Ryan Holton, Representative Jim Buchy, Jason Baird, Nick Clegg

Jacob Baird, a third-generation horseman took the honor of being named the 2022 Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association Terry Holton Youth Award recipient.

Baird was born into the harness racing industry. He started helping his father jog and train horses when he was 13. Today, he's hands-on in all aspects of the sport including caretaking, driving, and owning.

“Every part is my favorite part,” says Baird. “It doesn't matter what I do. As long as I'm with the horses I'll be happy.”

A graduate of Vanlue High School, Baird was a three-sport multi-letter winner. He says training his horses is like high school sports. “There are days when it is cold out and you don't really want to get up, but you must do it. You can't go out there without the practice. You must work for it.”

Baird says he is honored to receive this award and feels as if it's a privilege.

The Terry Holton Youth Award is given to a youth 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, or has provided outstanding service to harness racing.

The award, in its 20th 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.

Ballinger Honored With Rambling Willie Award



Left to Right: Roger Huston, Doug Ballinger Photo: Brad Conrad

In 1972, Rambling Willie made his first start at the Mercer County Fairgrounds in Celina, Ohio. Doug Ballinger called the race. Turn the clocks ahead 50 years and Ballinger and Rambling Willie are linked again.

Ballinger is the recipient of the Ohio Chapter of the United State Harness Writers Association Rambling Willie Award which is presented to the Ohioan who has done the most for harness racing for more than two decades.

Ballinger recently found the program from the matinee at Celina for Willie's first race. "It was May 14th, 1972. A field of five two-year-old pacers making their first start," said Ballinger. "He finished dead last in 2:23.1."

Ballinger has been calling races for over 50 years. It was as a 16-year-old groom that he knew what he wanted to do.

"I was grooming a horse named Catfish at the Champaign County Fairgrounds when I hear a voice like no other," said Ballinger. "It was a voice like no other, the excitement he put in the race call gave me chills. I knew right then I would become a track announcer."

That voice was the one and only Roger Huston. "I consider myself the first "official" graduate of the Roger Huston School of Announcing," said Ballinger.

Ballinger recalled the story when Huston heard him calling qualifiers at Scioto Downs. "He made a point of meeting me. He told me he liked what he heard."

A couple of weeks later, Huston ran into a bind. He had to announce an afternoon card at the Warren County Fairgrounds in Lebanon and an evening card at the Putnam County Fair in Ottawa. "He asked me if I could cover until he got there," said Ballinger. "I did the post parade for the first race and here comes Roger. I figured he would take over but he told me since I did the post parade, I would do the race." Ballinger said he ended up calling the second race as well.

Ballinger will celebrate 50 years of calling races at the Champaign County Fair in Urbana and the Darke County Fair in Greenville. He currently calls the races at 15 county fairs in Ohio and Indiana. Ballinger also serves as a back up announcer at the larger pari-mutual tracks.

"I had the chance to go to larger tracks, but just never had the desire," said Ballinger. "It was tough back then; you had to move around a lot."

Ballinger has expanded his talents as he now assists the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association with their live streams of Ohio county fair racing. "It's a job I truly enjoy."

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Doug Ballinger

Ohio Chapter of USHWA 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 on Saturday, January 14 at Polaris Hilton Hotel in Columbus.



Downbytheseaside connections accept the Ohio USHWA Winner's Circle Award Photo: Brad Conrad

The chapter honored the connections of Downbytheseaside as the recipient of the Winner's Circle Award for outstanding achievement during the past year; Austin Hanners as the Peter Houghton Memorial Award winner for being the Young Ohioan who is an "up-and-coming" star among harness horsemen; Jeff Cox into the Immortal Hall of Fame; and Yankee Cruiser into the Standardbred Hall of Fame.

Downbytheseaside, with just two crops of racing foals, is turning heads in Ohio and across North America. The son of Somebeach-somewhere is the sire of the 2022 North American Cup and Breeders Crown champion Pebble Beach (\$1,359,625 in 2022), the Little Brown Jug Champion Bythemissal (\$1,165,925) and the Jugette runner-up Sea Silk (\$477,062). The excitement carried over into the yearlings sales' rings where nine of his offspring were purchased for more than \$100,000 each.

Diamond Creek Farms Vice President Shaun Laungani says the sky is the limit for what Downbytheseaside can do. "He has changed our business and opened up the Midwest for us and we are so happy to be doing business with all of the Ohio breeders," said Laungani.

Downbytheseaside stands at Sugar Valley Farm and the farm's Joe McLead says breeding is not an exact science and luck comes into play when it comes to a stallion's success. McLead credited Brian Brown who trained the stallion and all the trainers of his offspring, "If it wasn't for their success, we would not have success."



Left to Right: Austin Hanners, Amy Hollar Photo: Brad Conrad

Austin Hanners enjoyed a terrific 2022 season with 98 wins and over \$1.4 million in purse earnings. The 23-year-old Hanners is the son of the late Brad Hanners who won this award in 1994. "My father was respected in the industry and it is nice to be in the same category as he is. It is pretty special to me," said Hanners.

Hanners began his driving career in 2016 with a second-place finish with Rehab Mountain at his hometown fair in Washington Court House. His first trip to the winner's circle came a few weeks later at the Mercer County Fair in Celina with Rehab Mountain.

Longtime trainer Jeff Cox, who passed away unexpectedly in 2021, was enshrined in the Ohio Immortal Hall of Fame in January.

Cox, the owner of Jeff Cox Stables, trained horses at Northfield Park for over 45 years. He was respected and appreciated for his honesty, integrity, and knowledge.



Jeff Cox's family accepts his plaque for induction into the Immortal Hall of Fame Photo: Brad Conrad

Cox trained eight Ohio Sires Stakes champions including three-time champion Crisp Sahbra, Money Battle, Ro Julie, and Sweet Traditions. He also trained the open trotter Independent Blaze and four-time Battle of Lake Erie participant Cambest Prince.

Cox's nephew Isaiah Shrake accepted the award in honor of his late uncle. "He was a great horseman who was a great teacher. Anyone from the younger generation should look to the way he did things," said Shrake.

Cox was 66 years old when he passed away.



Left to Right: Jay Mossbarger, Ayers Raliff Photo: Brad Conrad

The stallion Yankee Cruiser is the 42nd inductee into the Standardbred Hall of Fame. This will be his 20th season of standing stud and his 14th in Ohio. The son of Artiscap and A Yankee Classic won the 2003 North America Cup and retired from the track with an additional 13 wins and \$1,150,123 in earnings.

As a stallion Yankee Cruiser produced Sweet Lou, a winner of \$3.4 million dollars, Dancin Yankee who earned over \$1.5 million dollars and Jugette Champion Darena Hanover.

Yankee Cruiser stands at Midland Acres and the farm's Jay Mossbarger says he was successful from the start. "There were 22 legs of the Ohio Sires Stakes and State Fair that his first crop competed in and they won 18 of them," said Mossbarger.

Don Irvine Jr. Elected To Ohio Harness Racing Hall of Fame

The wait to be elected to the Ohio Harness Hall of Fame was a long one for 71-year-old Don Irvine Jr. A winner of more than 7,600 races, Irvine has been elected as the 49th 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.

“At least I passed the age requirement,” joked Irvine as he was honored at the Ohio Harness Horsemen’s Association annual banquet in January.

The Mt. Gilead, Ohio native exploded on the scene in the 1970s, dominating the driving ranks at Northfield Park, and was greeted like a rock star on the Buckeye state’s county fair circuit.

Irvine ruled Northfield Park through most of the 80s, scoring 269 times in 1982 to rank among North America’s best. He followed that up in ‘83 and ‘84 to be among the top 25 on the dash/winning leaderboards.



Photo: Raymond K. Lance



Don Irvine Jr. is joined by his family as he is inducted into the Ohio Harness Racing Hall of Fame.
Photo: Brad Conrad

Irvine says he’s checked off everything on his bucket list, but still has some racing left to do. “I don’t know how many more years I want to do this. If I go to put on my colors and my helmet and I don’t get excited, I’ll know its time to hang them up. If getting into a bike behind a racehorse doesn’t excite you, something you have done for 60 years, then you need to hand the lines over.”

From Ohio USHWA Release – Tom Aldrich

In 1988, with more than 20 driving championships under his belt at Northfield, “Junior” migrated to Maryland where he quickly took them to school, finishing first in both monies won and UDR at Freestate Raceway’s premier summer meet.

A 1991 inductee on Northfield Park’s Wall of Fame, Irvine returned to his home track in 1992 and quickly took charge. He was tops in all three categories with 347 wins, a .345 UDR, and \$1.0 million in earnings, the first Ohio driver to reach the million-dollar threshold in a single season.

Irvine credited the owners, trainers, grooms, and blacksmiths who helped him during his career. “Most of the work is done behind the scenes. Sometimes we as drivers get too much credit and most of those people that do the work don’t get enough of the credit.”



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Charlie May Declared Winner of 2021 Meadowlands Pace



call any other drivers or interested parties in to investigate and it took six and half minutes to disqualify Charlie May.

A second fact was that presiding judge Peter Koch's wife had an interest in two other horses being staked into the race which was viewed as a conflict of interest enough to require Koch to recuse himself from making a decision on the disqualification.

Barron also determined that Charlie May was interfered with during the race, which caused him to break stride in an attempt to avoid a potentially catastrophic accident. The action taken by Brett Miller was appropriate and didn't interfere with the progress of trailing horses.

"I'm glad it is over," said Tiger. "I've been very patient. I know how the judicial system works and it takes a long time to go through the system. I'd be lying if I didn't say I was anxious and nervous."

Tiger said he was emotional when he received word from his attorney Gilbert Garcia. "I got a text with a smiley face saying to read my e-mail." At the time Tiger said he was unable to read his e-mail, so he just called Garcia. "I called and said, 'Tell it to me straight.' He started to read it to me, and my eyes welled up and my throat was getting a lump in it. I couldn't believe what I was hearing."

While a final decision is still pending, Tiger said regardless of what happens Charlie May is the winner of the Meadowlands Pace. "I already printed this result out and it will become part of the trophy room. Good, bad, or indifferent."

Nearly 19 months after the race, a New Jersey Administrative Law Judge has ruled Charlie May the winner of the 2021 Meadowlands Pace.

Judge Andrew M. Barron ordered that the determination of the trackside judges, which was sustained by the New Jersey Racing Commission is "arbitrary, capricious and unjust, and violated petitioner's fundamental due process rights, and the rights of the wagering public," be reversed and that Charlie May should be reinstated as the winner of the 2021 Meadowlands Pace.

"It's a great day for horse racing," said Don Tiger, owner of Charlie May. "This was one of those situations where the flawed system prevented many good things from happening."

Barron outlined critical facts in reaching his decision, one being that the judges did not

Tiger tried to get the disqualification decision overturned with an emergency hearing in September of 2021 which would have allowed him to enter the Little Brown Jug. The hearing was denied and Charlie May's disqualification resulted in him not being eligible for supplemental entry into the 2021 Jug.

From the February 10 date that the decision was mailed, the two sides have 13 days to take exception to Barron's opinion with the New Jersey Racing Commission. The New Jersey Racing Commission may adopt, modify, or reject the opinion in making a final decision within forty-five days. If neither occur, the decision becomes final under New Jersey law after that time.

According to New Jersey Deputy Director John Tomasello, the New Jersey Commission will consider the initial decision at its March 22 meeting.

If the New Jersey Racing Commission does not adopt the judge's order, Tiger says the fight will continue. "If they don't adopt the order or appeal the decision, I'm going to take it to the state supreme court and if necessary to the federal supreme court because the facts are the facts and they did not give me my due process."

While Tiger is happy with the decision, they can't give him back July 17, 2021. "It was my sister's birthday; I was there with family and friends holding my son and I was seconds away from the greatest racing day of my life. They took that away from me that day. I can never get that back."

"I know this could still have a bad ending, but I don't care because this is the ending I wanted," said Tiger. "Charlie May is the people's champ; you can't take away a judge's decision."

“I'm glad it is over. I've been very patient...I'd be lying if I didn't say I was anxious and nervous.”

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PETER HAUGHTON MEMORIAL

-\$300,000 Est. in 2023-

2-Year-Old Colt & Gelding Trot

2nd Sustaining Payment, March 15: \$400

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

To race Friday, September 15 at Harrah's Hoosier Park

Top Dollar Format

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

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

Entrance Fee: \$2,500

HOOSIER STAKE No. 87

\$23,564 in 2022
-\$50-

Colts & Geldings only. To be raced Wednesday, August 9

at the Indiana State Fair

Final Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$100

Entrance Fee: \$200

HORSEMAN No. 115

\$35,388 in 2022
-\$75-

SUPPLEMENTAL NOMINATION: \$300

Open. To remain eligible to the 2024 race at the Indiana State Fair

KEYSTONE CLASSICS 2023 (Early Closer)

Early Closing Events For Pennsylvania-Sired 2-Year-Olds

\$75,300 in 2022

-\$200-

Colts & Geldings only. To be raced Saturday, September 16 at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows

2nd Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$400

Entrance Fee: \$400

LANDMARK STAKE 2023 (Early Closer)

\$8,350 in 2022
-\$150-

Open. To race Sunday, July 2 at Goshen Historic Track

2nd Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$250

Entrance Fee: \$300

LIBERTY BELL 2023 (Early Closer)

-\$75,000 Est. in 2023-
-\$200-

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

To race Friday, October 27 at Harrah's Philadelphia

2nd Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$400

Entrance Fee: \$400

MADISON COUNTY 2023 (Early Closer)

-\$100,000 Est. in 2023-
-\$300-

Colts & Geldings only. To race Friday, September 22 at Harrah's Hoosier Park

Top Dollar Format

2nd Sustaining Payment, April 15: \$500

3rd Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$500

Entrance Fee: \$750

MATRON SERIES 2023 (Early Closer)

\$122,600 in 2022
-\$300-

To be raced Thursday, November 2 at Bally's Dover Downs
Top 8 format

2nd Sustaining Payment, April 15: \$400

3rd Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$500

Entrance Fee: \$1,000

PENNSYLVANIA ALL-STARS 2023 (Early Closer)

Early Closing Events For Pennsylvania-Sired 2-Year-Olds

-\$75,000 Est. in 2023-
-\$200-

Colts & Geldings only. To be raced Monday, July 3 at Pocono Downs at Mohegan Pennsylvania

2nd Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$400

Entrance Fee: \$400

W.N. REYNOLDS MEMORIAL 2023 (Early Closer) (Judge Moore)

\$62,800 in 2022
-\$300-

Colts & Geldings only. To be raced Friday, September 22 at Tioga Downs

2nd Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$300

Entrance Fee: \$500

JOHN SIMPSON SR. MEMORIAL 2023 (Early Closer) (Super Bowl)

\$104,010 in 2022
-\$200-

Colts & Geldings only. To be raced Tuesday, October 17 at Pocono Downs at Mohegan Pennsylvania

2nd Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$400

Entrance Fee: \$400

TOMPKINS-GEERS 2023 (Early Closer)

-\$40,000 Est. in 2023-
-\$300-

Colts & Geldings only. To be raced Friday, June 30 at The Meadowlands

2nd Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$300

Entrance Fee: \$500

RALPH WILFONG No. 86

\$45,797 in 2022
-\$200-

Open. To be raced Wednesday, August 9 at the Indiana State Fair

One heat only

2nd Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$400

Entrance Fee: \$600

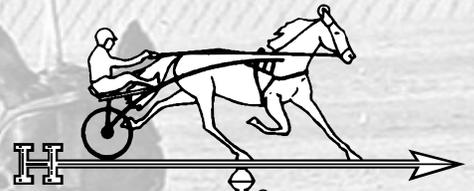
MGM YONKERS TROT 2024

-\$300,000 Est. in 2024-
-\$300-

Open. To remain eligible to 2024 race at Yonkers Raceway

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2-YEAR-OLD TROTTING FILLIES (FILLY DIVISION)

ARDEN DOWNS No. 67

\$40,000 in 2022
-\$200-

To be raced Friday, July 28 at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows and to remain eligible to the 3-year-old-race in 2024.

Entrance Fee: \$400

BREEDERS CROWN® No. 37

\$700,000 Guaranteed in 2023

-2nd Sustaining Payment: \$400-

To race Friday, October 27 at Harrah's Hoosier Park
Elimination heats, if necessary, will be raced Thursday, October 19

3rd Sustaining Payment, April 15: \$500

4th Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$600

Entrance Fee: \$5,000

To race as a 3-Year-Old in the 2024 BREEDERS CROWN® No. 37

-Future Eligibility: \$500-

CURRIER & IVES No. 50

Filly Division - \$57,335 in 2022
-\$100-

To remain eligible to 2024 race at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows

DEXTER CUP STAKES 2024

Lady Suffolk - \$58,025 in 2022
-\$200-

To remain eligible to 2024 race at Freehold Raceway

NEW

JIM DOHERTY MEMORIAL

-\$300,000 Est. in 2023-

2-Year-Old Filly Trot

2nd Sustaining Payment, March 15: \$400

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

To race Friday, September 15 at Harrah's Hoosier Park

Top Dollar Format

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

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

Entrance Fee: \$2,500

HAMBLETONIAN® No. 99

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

To remain eligible to 2024 race at The Meadowlands

HOOSIER STAKE No. 87

\$28,540 in 2022
-\$50-

To be raced Wednesday, August 9 at the Indiana State Fair
Final Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$100
Entrance Fee: \$200

HORSEMAN No. 115

\$27,832 in 2022
-\$75-

SUPPLEMENTAL NOMINATION: \$250

To remain eligible to the 2024 race at the Indiana State Fair

KENTUCKIANA STALLION MANAGEMENT TROT 2023 (Early Closer)

2-Year-Old Filly Trot -- Open To The World
-\$200,000 Estimated-
-\$500-

To race Friday, September 22 at Harrah's Hoosier Park

Top Dollar Format

Schedule for Sustaining Payments:

3rd Sustaining Payment, April 15: \$500

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

Entrance Fee: \$1,500

KEYSTONE CLASSICS 2023 (Early Closer)

Early Closing Events For Pennsylvania-Sired 2-Year-Olds
\$73,098 in 2022
-\$200-

To be raced Friday, September 15 at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows
2nd Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$400

Entrance Fee: \$400

LANDMARK STAKE 2023 (Early Closer)

\$6,375 Est in 2022
-\$75-

To race Sunday, July 2 at Goshen Historic Track

2nd Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$125

Entrance Fee: \$150

LIBERTY BELL 2023 (Early Closer)

-\$75,000 Est. in 2023-
-\$200-

Pennsylvania-Sired Early Closing Event for 2-Year-Old Filly Trotters
To race Sunday, October 1 at Harrah's Philadelphia
2nd Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$400

Entrance Fee: \$400

MATRON SERIES 2023 (Early Closer)

\$129,400 in 2022
-\$300-

To be raced Thursday, November 2 at Bally's Dover Downs
Top 8 format

2nd Sustaining Payment, April 15: \$400

3rd Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$500

Entrance Fee: \$1,000

PENNSYLVANIA ALL-STARS 2023 (Early Closer)

Early Closing Events For Pennsylvania-Sired 2-Year-Olds
-\$75,000 Est. in 2023-
-\$200-

To be raced Tuesday, July 11 at Pocono Downs at Mohegan Pennsylvania
2nd Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$400

Entrance Fee: \$400

W.N. REYNOLDS MEMORIAL 2023 (Early Closer) (The Meda)

\$72,000 in 2022
-\$300-

To be raced Friday, September 22 at Tioga Downs

Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$300

Entrance Fee: \$500

JOHN SIMPSON SR. MEMORIAL 2023 (Early Closer) (Davidia Hanover)

-\$75,000 Est. in 2023-
-\$200-

To be raced Wednesday, October 18 at Pocono Downs at Mohegan Pennsylvania
Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$400

Entrance Fee: \$400

TOMPKINS-GEERS 2023 (Early Closer)

-\$40,000 Est. in 2023-
-\$300-

To be raced Friday, June 30 at The Meadowlands

Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$300

Entrance Fee: \$500

YONKERS TROT 2024

New York New York Mile - \$126,165 in 2022
-\$150-

To remain eligible to 2024 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. 58

\$400,000 in 2022
-\$400-

Open. To remain eligible to the 2024 race at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows

ARDEN DOWNS No. 67

\$40,000 in 2022
-\$200-

Colts & Geldings only. To be raced Saturday, July 29 at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows
Entrance Fee: \$400

BREEDERS CROWN® No. 37

\$700,000 Guaranteed in 2023
-2nd Sustaining Payment: \$400-
To race Friday, October 27 at Harrah's Hoosier Park Elimination heats, if necessary, will be raced Friday, October 20

3rd Sustaining Payment, April 15: \$500
4th Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$600

Entrance Fee: \$5,000
To race as a 3-Year-Old in the 2024 BREEDERS CROWN® No. 37
-Future Eligibility: \$500-

CANE PACE 2024

\$258,300 in 2022
-\$400-

Open. To remain eligible to the 2024 race at The Meadowlands

THE ELEVATION 2023 (Early Closer)

-\$125,000 Est. in 2023-
-\$300-

Open. To be raced Friday, September 22 at Harrah's Hoosier Park
Top Dollar Format

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

FOX STAKE No. 97

\$55,670 in 2022
-\$250-

Open. To be raced Wednesday, August 9 at the Indiana State Fair
One heat only

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

HOOSIER STAKE No. 87

\$26,314 in 2022
-\$50-

Colts & Geldings only. To be raced Wednesday, August 9 at the Indiana State Fair

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

HORSEMAN No. 115

\$32,088 in 2022
-\$75-

SUPPLEMENTAL NOMINATION: \$300
Open. To remain eligible to the 2024 race at the Indiana State Fair

KEYSTONE CLASSICS 2023 (Early Closer)

Early Closing Events For Pennsylvania-Sired 2-Year-Olds
\$82,500 in 2022
-\$200-

Colts & Geldings only. To be raced Saturday, September 16 at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows

2nd Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$400
Entrance Fee: \$400

LANDMARK STAKE 2023 (Early Closer)

\$12,950 in 2022
-\$150-

Open. To race Sunday, July 2 at Goshen Historic Track

2nd Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$250
Entrance Fee: \$300

LIBERTY BELL 2023 (Early Closer)

-\$75,000 Est. in 2023-
-\$200-

Pennsylvania-Sired Early Closing Event for 2-Year-Old Colt & Gelding Pacers
To race Sunday, October 8 at Harrah's Philadelphia

Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$400
Entrance Fee: \$400

MATRON SERIES 2023 (Early Closer)

\$155,600 in 2022
-\$300-

To be raced Thursday, November 2 at Bally's Dover Downs
Top 8 format

2nd Sustaining Payment, April 15: \$400
3rd Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$500
Entrance Fee: \$1,000

MGM GRAND MESSENGER STAKES 2024

\$341,730 in 2022
-\$300-

Open. To remain eligible to the 2024 race at Yonkers Raceway

PENNSYLVANIA ALL-STARS 2023 (Early Closer)

Early Closing Events For Pennsylvania-Sired 2-Year-Olds
-\$75,000 Est. in 2023-
-\$200-

Colts & Geldings only. To be raced Monday, July 10 at Pocono Downs at Mohegan Pennsylvania

2nd Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$400
Entrance Fee: \$400

PROGRESS PACE 2024

\$320,000 in 2022
-\$300-

Open only. To remain eligible to the 2024 race at Bally's Dover Downs

W.N. REYNOLDS MEMORIAL 2023 (Early Closer) (Solicitor)

\$41,100 in 2022
-\$300-

Colts & Geldings only. To be raced Friday, September 22 at Tioga Downs

Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$300
Entrance Fee: \$500

JOHN SIMPSON SR. MEMORIAL 2023 (Early Closer) (Bret Hanover)

\$92,200 in 2022
-\$200-

Colts & Geldings only. To be raced Monday, October 16 at Pocono Downs at Mohegan Pennsylvania

Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$400
Entrance Fee: \$400

TOMPKINS-GEERS 2023 (Early Closer)

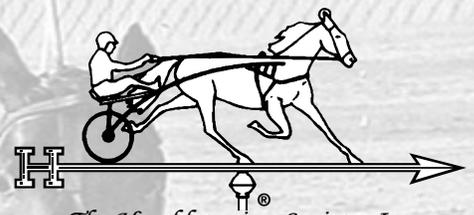
-\$40,000 Est. in 2023-
-\$300-

Colts & Geldings only. To be raced Friday, June 30 at The Meadowlands

Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$300
Entrance Fee: \$500

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2-YEAR-OLD PACING FILLIES (FILLY DIVISION)

THE DELVIN MILLER ADIOS No. 58

The Quinton Patterson Adioo Volo - \$102,355 in 2022
-\$200-

To remain eligible to the 2024 race
at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows

ARDEN DOWNS No. 67

\$35,160 in 2022
-\$200-

To be raced Saturday, July 29
at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows
Entrance Fee: \$400

BREEDERS CROWN® No. 37

\$700,000 Guaranteed in 2023
-2nd Sustaining Payment: \$400-
To race Friday, October 27 at Harrah's Hoosier Park
Elimination heats, if necessary, will be raced Friday, October 20

3rd Sustaining Payment, April 15: \$500
4th Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$600

Entrance Fee: \$5,000
To race as a 3-Year-Old in the 2024 BREEDERS CROWN® No. 37
-Future Eligibility: \$500-

CANE PACE 2024

Shady Daisy - \$92,300 in 2022
-\$200-

To remain eligible to the 2024 race
at The Meadowlands

HOOSIER STAKE No. 87

\$26,726 in 2022
-\$50-

To be raced Wednesday, August 9
at the Indiana State Fair
Final Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$100
Entrance Fee: \$200

HORSEMAN No. 115

\$27,832 in 2022
-\$75-

SUPPLEMENTAL NOMINATION: \$250
To remain eligible to the 2024 race at the Indiana State Fair

KENTUCKIANA STALLION MANAGEMENT PACE 2023 (Early Closer)

2-Year-Old Filly Pace -- Open To The World
\$200,000 Estimated
-\$500-

To race Friday, September 22 at Harrah's Hoosier Park
Top Dollar Format

Schedule for Sustaining Payments:
3rd Sustaining Payment, April 15: \$500
4th Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$1,000
Entrance Fee: \$1,500

KEYSTONE CLASSICS 2023 (Early Closer)

Early Closing Events For Pennsylvania-Sired 2-Year-Olds
\$82,499 in 2022
-\$200-

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

LANDMARK STAKE 2023 (Early Closer)

\$7,025 in 2022
-\$75-

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

LIBERTY BELL 2023 (Early Closer)

-\$75,000 Est. in 2023-
-\$200-

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

MATRON SERIES 2023 (Early Closer)

\$156,500 in 2022
-\$300-

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

MGM GRAND MESSENGER STAKES 2024

Park MGM Pace - \$104,790 in 2022
-\$150-

To remain eligible to the 2024 race
at Yonkers Raceway

PENNSYLVANIA ALL-STARS 2023 (Early Closer)

Early Closing Events For Pennsylvania-Sired 2-Year-Olds
-\$75,000 Est. in 2023-
-\$200-

To be raced Sunday, July 23 at Pocono Downs
at Mohegan Pennsylvania
2nd Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$400
Entrance Fee: \$400

W.N. REYNOLDS MEMORIAL 2023 (Early Closer) (Lorraine)

\$75,800 in 2022
-\$300-

To be raced Friday, September 22 at Tioga Downs
Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$300
Entrance Fee: \$500

JOHN SIMPSON SR. MEMORIAL 2023 (Early Closer) (Razzle)

\$75,800 in 2022
-\$200-

To be raced Wednesday, October 18 at Pocono Downs
at Mohegan Pennsylvania
Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$400
Entrance Fee: \$400

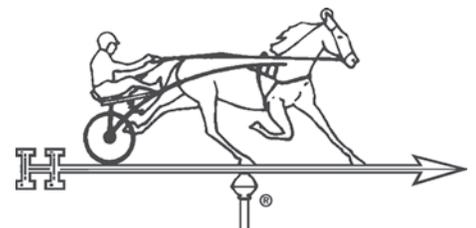
TOMPKINS-GEERS 2023 (Early Closer)

-\$40,000 Est. in 2023-
-\$300-

To be raced Friday, June 30 at The Meadowlands
Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$300
Entrance Fee: \$500

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

BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL TROT 2023 (Early Closer)

-\$100,000 Est. in 2023-
-\$300-
Open. To race Monday, May 15
at Plainridge Park Casino
Entrance Fee: \$200

BREEDERS CROWN® No. 36

Each of the four 3-year-old finals will be
guaranteed \$600,000 in 2023
-\$800 (all payments in US Funds)-
To race Saturday, October 28, at Harrah's Hoosier Park
Elimination heats, if necessary, will be raced
Friday, October 20 or Saturday, October 21
(A February 15th 3-year-old payment was necessary)
3rd Sustaining Payment, April 15: \$900
For more information about supplements and
regular entries, please contact the office
Entrance Fee: \$7,500

CIRCLE CITY 2023 (Early Closer)

-\$65,000 Est. in 2023-
-\$300-
All divisions to be raced Thursday, October 19
at Harrah's Hoosier Park
Entrance Fee: \$300

COLONIAL TROT/COLONIAL OAKS *NEW* 2023 (Early Closer) at Plainridge Park Casino

-\$40,000 Est. in 2023-
-\$300-
To race Monday, October 9 at Plainridge Park Casino
2nd Sustaining Payment, March 15: \$300
Entrance Fee: \$500

CROSSROADS OF AMERICA 2023 (Early Closer)

Early Closer For 3-year-old Filly Trotters
-\$100,000 Est. in 2023-
-\$1,000-
To race Friday, November 3 at Harrah's Hoosier Park
Entrance Fee: \$1,000

CARL ERSKINE 2023 (Early Closer)

-\$200,000 Est. in 2023-
-\$1,000-
Open. To race Friday, November 3 at Harrah's Hoosier Park
Top Dollar Format
3rd Sustaining Payment, April 15: \$1,000
Entrance Fee: \$2,000

DELMONICA HANOVER 2023 (Early Closer)

-\$250,000 Guaranteed in 2023-
-Consolation #1: \$125,000 Guaranteed in 2023-
-Consolation #2: \$75,000 Guaranteed in 2023-
-\$1,000-
To race Saturday, August 19 at Pocono Downs at Mohegan Pennsylvania
Top Dollar Format
3rd Sustaining Payment, April 15: \$1,500
Entrance Fee: \$2,000
Consolation #1 Entrance Fee: \$1,000
Consolation #2 Entrance Fee: None

EARL BEAL JR. MEMORIAL 2023 (Early Closer)

-\$300,000 Guaranteed in 2023-
-Consolation #1: \$200,000 Guaranteed in 2023-
-Consolation #2: \$100,000 Guaranteed in 2023-
-\$1,250-
To race Saturday, August 19 at Pocono Downs at Mohegan Pennsylvania
Top Dollar Format
3rd Sustaining Payment, April 15: \$1,500
Entrance Fee: \$3,000
Consolation #1 Entrance Fee: \$1,500
Consolation #2 Entrance Fee: \$750

JAMES LYNCH MEMORIAL 2023 (Early Closer)

-\$250,000 Guaranteed in 2023-
-Consolation #1: \$125,000 Guaranteed in 2023-
-Consolation #2: \$75,000 Guaranteed in 2023-
-\$1,000-
To race Saturday, August 19 at Pocono Downs at Mohegan Pennsylvania
Top Dollar Format
3rd Sustaining Payment, April 15: \$1,500
Entrance Fee: \$2,000
Consolation #1 Entrance Fee: \$1,000
Consolation #2 Entrance Fee: None

JENNA'S BEACH BOY 2023 (Early Closer)

Early Closer For 3-year-old Colt and Gelding Pacers
-\$150,000 Est. in 2023-
-\$750-
To race Friday, September 22 at Harrah's Hoosier Park
3rd Sustaining Payment, April 15: \$750
Entrance Fee: \$1,500

KEYSTONE CLASSICS 2023 (Early Closer)

For Pennsylvania-Sired 3-Year-Olds
\$199,000 Total 3-Year-Old Purses in 2022
-2nd & Final Sustaining Payment: \$400-
To be raced at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows
3-year-old Filly Trot on Wednesday, September 27
3-year-old Colt & Gelding Trot on Thursday, September 28
3-year-old Filly Pace on Friday, September 29
3-year-old Colt & Gelding Pace on Friday, September 29
Entrance Fee: \$400

LANDMARK STAKE 2023 (Early Closer)

\$35,000 Est. total in 2023-
-\$250 Colts/\$125 Fillies-
All divisions to race Saturday, July 1
at Goshen Historic Track
Entrance Fee - \$500 Colts/\$250 Fillies

LIBERTY BELL 2023 (Early Closer)

-\$75,000 Est. in 2023-
-\$400-
Pennsylvania-Sired Early Closing Event for 3-Year-Olds
To be raced at Harrah's Philadelphia
3-year-old Colt & Gelding Trot on Thursday, October 12
3-year-old Filly Trot on Thursday, October 26
3-year-old Colt & Gelding Pace on Sunday, October 15
3-year-old Filly Pace on Sunday, October 29
Entrance Fee: \$400

MATRON SERIES 2023 (Early Closer)

\$561,400 Total 3-Year-Old Purses in 2022
-\$600-
To be raced at Bally's Dover Downs on Thursday, November 9
Top 8 format.
3rd Sustaining Payment, April 15: \$750
Entrance Fee: \$1,500

MAX HEMPT MEMORIAL 2023 (Early Closer)

-\$300,000 Guaranteed in 2023-
-Consolation #1: \$200,000 Guaranteed in 2023-
-Consolation #2: \$100,000 Guaranteed in 2023-
-\$1,250-
To race Saturday, August 19 at Pocono Downs at Mohegan Pennsylvania
Top Dollar Format
3rd Sustaining Payment, April 15: \$1,500
Entrance Fee: \$3,000
Consolation #1 Entrance Fee: \$1,500
Consolation #2 Entrance Fee: \$750

MONUMENT CIRCLE 2023 (Early Closer)

-\$200,000 Est. in 2023-
-\$1,000-
Colts & Geldings only. To race Friday, November 3
at Harrah's Hoosier Park
Top Dollar Format
3rd Sustaining Payment, April 15: \$1,000
Entrance Fee: \$2,000

PAUL REVERE PACE 2023 (Early Closer)

-\$100,000 Est. in 2023-
-\$300-
Open. To race Thursday, May 4
at Plainridge Park Casino
Entrance Fee: \$200

PEGASUS SERIES 2023 (Early Closer)

-\$60,000 Est. in 2023-
-\$300-
To be raced at Harrah's Hoosier Park
3-year-old Filly Pace & Trot on Friday, October 27
3-year-old Colt & Gelding Pace & Trot
on Saturday, October 28
Entrance Fee: \$300

PENNSYLVANIA ALL-STARS 2023 (Early Closer)

-\$75,000 Est. in 2023-
-\$400-
Pennsylvania-Sired Early Closing Event for
3-Year-Old Pacers & Trotters
To be raced at Pocono Downs at Mohegan Pennsylvania
3-year-old Filly Pace on Sunday, May 7
3-year-old Colt & Gelding Pace on Sunday, May 14
3-year-old Colt & Gelding Trot on Monday, May 22
3-year-old Filly Trot on Sunday, June 4
Entrance Fee: \$400

PHIL LANGLEY MEMORIAL 2023

-\$100,000 Est. in 2023-
-\$1,000-
Open. To race Friday, September 22
at Harrah's Hoosier Park
Top Dollar Format
Entrance Fee: \$1,000

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3-YEAR-OLD EVENTS

W.N. REYNOLDS MEMORIAL 2023 (Early Closer)

-\$250,000 Estimated in Total 3-Year-Old Purses in 2023-
-\$300-

To be raced at The Meadowlands:

3-year-old Colt & Gelding Trot on Saturday, July 1
3-year-old Filly Trot on Saturday, July 1

To be raced at Plainridge Park Casino:

3-year-old Colt & Gelding Pace on Monday, October 9
3-year-old Filly Pace on Monday, October 9

Entrance Fee: \$500

JOHN SIMPSON SR. MEMORIAL 2023 (Early Closer)

-\$75,000 Est. in 2023-
-\$400-

To be raced at Pocono Downs at Mohegan Pennsylvania
3-year-old Colt & Gelding Pace on Saturday, October 21

3-year-old Colt & Gelding Trot on Saturday, October 21

3-year-old Filly Trot on Monday, October 16

3-year-old Filly Pace on Tuesday, October 17

Entrance Fee: \$400

STAR DESTROYER SERIES 2023 (Early Closer)

-\$50,000 Est. in 2023-
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All divisions to be raced on Friday, November 17
at Harrah's Hoosier Park

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3-year-old Colt & Gelding Pace on Saturday, July 29

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For 3-Year-Old & Older Trotters

-\$200,000 Est. in 2023-
-\$1,500-

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Harrah's Hoosier Park

Top Dollar Format

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

Entrance Fee: \$2,000

CLARA BARTON DISTAFF PACE 2023 (Early Closer)

For 3-Year-Old and Older Mare Pacers

-\$100,000 Guaranteed in 2023-
-\$1,000-

To race Sunday, July 23 at Plainridge Park Casino

Top Dollar Format

Entrance Fee: \$1,500

DAN PATCH 2023 (Early Closer)

For Free For All Pacers

-\$300,000 Est. in 2023-
-\$1,500-

Open. To race Friday, August 11 at Harrah's Hoosier Park

Top Dollar Format

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

Entrance Fee: \$2,500

DAYTON DISTAFF, OAKS, PACING AND TROTting DERBY 2023 (Early Closer)

For 3-Year-Old & Older Pacers & Trotters

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-\$1,250-

To race Saturday, September 30 at Hollywood Gaming

at Dayton Raceway

Top Dollar Format

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

Entrance Fee: \$2,500

Consolation Entrance Fee: \$1,000

HOOSIER PARK PACING DERBY 2023 (Early Closer)

For Free For All Pacers

-\$175,000 Est. in 2023-
-\$2,000-

Open. To race Friday, September 22

at Harrah's Hoosier Park

Top Dollar Format

Entrance Fee: \$1,500

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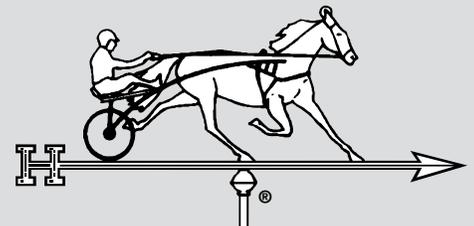
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Pebble Beach Named Top Three-Year-Old Pacer in Canada



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Ohio-bred Pebble Beach has added more hardware to the trophy shelf. The son of Downbytheseaside has been named Canada's top three-year-old pacing colt.

Pebble Beach is the leading money-winning horse in Canada earning over a million dollars on Canadian soil. He was a perfect five-for-five at Woodbine Mohawk Park in 2022. His wins included the Million Dollar Pepsi North America Cup and the Breeders Crown Final.

Pebble Beach is owned by Patricia Stable, Joe Sbrocco of Brecksville, Ohio, Country Club Acres of Findlay, Ohio, and Laexpressfederadeovolente. He is trained by Noel Daley and driven by Todd McCarthy.

CATCH THE FIRE

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Catch The Fire is by leading sire Captainreacherous and a multiple stakes winner of nearly \$1.5-million. At two, he won the \$250,000 Kentucky Sires Stakes Final and his victories at three included his elimination and the \$375,000 Final of the Adios and an elimination heat of the Little Brown Jug (third in the Final).

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Track Notes



late horsemen who were staples at Lebanon Raceway but left long-lasting impacts on the Standardbred industry.

The Legends Late Closing Series will honor George Williams, Ray Paver Sr., Herb Coven Jr., Tom Tharps, Robert J. Brown, George “Red” Owens, Dr. Dan Farwick, Dr. Don Mossbarger, and Omar Hiteman. The Memorial Medleys honor Bill Dailey and Howard Beissing.

MGM Northfield Park is beginning its search for a new track announcer. Northfield Park will begin accepting resumes and video files to become their next announcer starting

Wednesday, March 1. The track has been using several different announcers to fill in since Ayers Ratliff left for a position with the Ohio State Racing Commission. For more information visit the Northfield Park website.

The Darke County Horsemen’s annual banquet will be March 4 at Romer’s in Greenville. Doors will open at 5 p.m. for happy hour and dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Immediately following dinner, awards will be given out. The evening will conclude with the annual auction. All money raised goes toward special events, improvements, and purse increases.

Keith Kash Jr. picked up his 1,000th training win on January 31 at MGM Northfield Park as he drove Ball Diamond to victory. “1,000 training wins means a lot to me, I owe a lot to every owner I’ve had in the past, and every bit of help that has helped me get this far,” said Kash Jr. “I’ve had a lot of great workers help me achieve this goal.” Kash Jr. began his training career in 2000. In addition to his 1,000 training wins, he also has 3,089 driving victories.

There were some big driving and training days in January. Aaron Merriman closed out

January with seven wins on the 31st. Merriman, Ronnie Wrenn Jr., and Sam Widger had six-win days. Merriman did it on the 13th with two wins at the Meadows and then four at MGM Northfield Park. Wrenn’s came at Northfield on the 8th, while Widger captured his six wins at Miami Valley on the 24th. Merriman and Wrenn also had two days each where they each won five races in a day.

Miami Valley Raceway will once again kick off its annual memorial events this spring. Each of the nine Legends Late Closing Series events and two Memorial Medleys honor

TOP OHIO DRIVERS AND TRAINERS

National Rankings through January 2023

Drivers - Wins

1.	Aaron Merriman	64
2.	Ronnie Wrenn Jr.	58
T-3.	Brett Miller	43
	Trace Tetrick	43
10.	Sam Widger	33

Driver - Earnings

1.	Aaron Merriman	\$538,981
2.	Trace Tetrick	\$518,800
5.	Brett Miller	\$479,376
6.	Ronnie Wrenn Jr.	\$475,648
8.	Tyler Smith	\$411,839
9.	Chris Page	\$395,215
10.	Sam Widger	\$364,800

Trainer - Wins

1.	Ron Burke	73
3.	Bill Rhoades	26
T-8	Jason Brewer	18
	Tyler Georges	18

Trainer - Earnings

1.	Ron Burke	\$876,156
5.	Jason Brewer	\$231,960
6.	Bill Rhoades	\$225,190
8.	Virgil Morgan Jr.	\$206,321

20 questions with **Jazmin Arnold**



Jazmin Arnold Photo: SF Johnson

How did you get started?

I'm a fourth-generation horseman. I inherited it from both sides, but my mom's father Mike Arnold was the biggest reason I got involved. Both he and my dad pushed me to do the horses. My parents are still in the industry.

Did driving or outriding come first?

Driving. My first start was at a county fair in Charleston, Illinois. I didn't pick up outriding until a few years later when I rode my aunt, Sis Arnold's, horse at one of the race tracks. I failed miserably the first couple of times I tried to pony Standardbreds.

Do you prefer one over the other?

It depends on the day. I like to drive in the summer, but outriding is fun. I take my outriding job very seriously.

Do you remember your first outriding catch?

It was at Dayton Raceway in 2017 or 2018. I was riding Ashley Holliday's horse Shorty when Josh Sutton went down at the quarter

pole. My dad was standing behind me and said, "all right, go get him." I didn't know how I was going to catch him, but it only took a couple of strides.

Do you still get that rush of adrenaline with catches?

You get it every time. I had a big catch at Delaware County Fair and realized I held my breath the entire time. If the adrenaline ever goes away, it probably means I need to stop.

Have you ever had any other jobs?

I'm actually a registered veterinarian technician and I have an agriculture degree. Most people don't know that I worked for Woodland Run Equine for about six years. That's how I came to live in Ohio. We

worked every day with Standardbreds, but I missed training.

You said that's how you ended up in Ohio. Where are you originally from?

I'm from a small-town in southern Illinois. I went to college near Chicago where Balmoral and Maywood Park were.

Which has been your most thrilling driving win?

Greenville Fair in 2019 when I drove Mr Coolie in the Spring Haven Farm Ladies Driving Series. My grandpa was there for the first time. He got to come into the winner's circle and had a tear in his eye.

Whom would you say is your biggest fan?

My mom. She lives over six hours away and still finds a way to support me.

Do you have a favorite fair?

Delaware. To win there is different.

Do you have plans to expand your driving career more to pari-mutuel raceways?

I don't see myself driving a 14-race card every day. The amateurs are fun, and I'll qualify or sit behind one that needs me. I take it day by day.

What's your first memory in the barn?

Setting feed. My family had a stable of five or so at our local county fairgrounds. After school, my best friend and I would always walk to the barn. Every day my dad would say, "school's over so now it's time to get to work."

What was your dream job as a kid?

Flight Attendant.

Favorite food?

A nice juicy steak.

Last TV show you watched?

The newest season of Yellowstone.

What are your hobbies outside of horses?

It still pertains to horses, but I like to watch rodeos. That and shopping.

Favorite vacation spot?

We like to go on cruises, so my favorite spot is a private island called CocoCay. It's amazing.

What's the biggest goal on your bucket list?

To be successful in my own terms. I'm not looking to be the President or become an astronaut. I just want to do well for myself.

Finish the sentence. "I would absolutely never ..."

Eat seafood. I'm a daredevil so I would jump out of a plane but not eat seafood.

What's one phrase you would use to describe harness racing?

A game of ups and downs.



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Be There!

BY ROGER E. HUSTON



Over my 64 years of involvement in harness racing, I have been fortunate to travel all over the world. With those travels, I have met many individuals who have become parts of stories worthy of mention.

One such trip was to Cumberland, Maine in 2000. It was track number 113 in a list of 156 present-day. At the time it was a chance meeting with Bethany Graffam, an eleven-year-old girl, who was part of a family involved in harness racing.

Fast forward to 2018 when making a similar trip to Maine to call races at Fryeburg and Plainridge at the request of amateur driver, Todd Whitney. Todd had raced at The Meadows, Goshen, New York, and Delaware, Ohio. He had been after me for some time to make another trip to Maine and it was time to add track numbers 143 and 144.

On that trip to Fryeburg, I noticed a young lady with her son in her arms dancing to the country music played by the entertainers between races. It was a joy to watch as they danced in the infield.

Little did I expect that when I was in the announcer's booth with Mike Cushing, I was tapped on the shoulder by the young lady with her son Evan. She said, "You don't remember me, do you?" It was Bethany Graffam. She went on to say how she had met me at Cumberland 18 years earlier.

That meeting led me to invite her and a friend, Natalie Michaud, to the Dan Patch Dinner in 2019. At the dinner, we were seated with Mike and Heather Wilder and their daughters Lauren and Scarlett. Also at the table were Jeff Gesek and his wife Janine, owners of horses in the Altmeyer Wilder Stable.

Because of that dinner, Bethany learned about Gesek's "Pacing With The Cure" charity and now is possibly the hardest-working member of that organization.

Beth has been my guest every year since. A chance to get away for a few days from the busy schedule of caring for and racing horses in Maine. This year her mother Lori will also make the trip.

This year the trip has much more meaning, since that 11-year-old girl I first met in 2000 is now the Caretaker Of The Year.

If I can steal a line from the great newscaster Paul Harvey's "That's The Rest Of The Story."

Beth is not just a caretaker but stable manager of Team Graffam which consists of her father Mike and brother Nick.

So many meetings with individuals over the years, whether fans or horsemen, have come to be big parts of my life during my 64 years in this sport.

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Finally... Cannon Lane Hits The Track

By Cheyenne Christman



A racehorse's career typically starts when it is a two- or three-year-old, occasionally as a four-year-old. Rarely does that career begin as a five-year-old and just three days from turning another year older.

Cannon Lane has beaten the odds and is showing that a Standardbred recovering from an injury can start its career at any age. After recovering from a cannon bone injury, Cannon Lane wasted no time getting to the winner's circle as he won by a nose in his first-lifetime start last December 28 at MGM Northfield Park.

Kerry Merriman and her husband Jason Thompson purchased Maple Lane Jarmbro as a yearling out of the Blooded Horse sale in August of 2018 for \$4,000. "We were actually looking at a different yearling, but she went too high," said Merriman. "He was the next one in the chute and when Jason saw him, he thought he was a very big, good-looking yearling, so we bought him."

Merriman says they broke and jogged him a few times. Although he had natural talent and covered the ground so easily, they decided it would be better to wait another year before they try to race him. "His joints were very large because he was such a big 2-year-old we decided to break him, and then just turn him out to let him mature," said Merriman.

When they started to train the colt down as a three-year-old he struggled with soreness. Since he was not progressing the way Merriman and Thompson thought he should be, they decided to have a vet look at him. "We x-rayed his left hind leg and they found a line



Merriman's daughter, Elle, has developed a close relationship with Cannon Lane.



Jason Thompson jogging Cannon Lane at Northfield Park.



Elle loves helping at the barn with Cannon Lane

in his cannon bone.” The vet said it would heal naturally if given stall rest.

While laid up, Merriman decided to change the horse’s name. Maple Lane Jambro became Arcane Lane and then underwent another name change to Cannon Lane to reflect the horse’s injury.

After months of rest, more x-rays were taken and it was decided that the injury had healed and Cannon Lane could begin training. To keep the horse off the track and maintain a steady course of recovery, they used the swimming pool at Northfield Park for training. Despite the efforts to get Cannon Lane to the track, his three-year-old season came and went.

As Cannon Lane started training as a four-year-old, Merriman noticed something else. “When we turned his fan on for the first time, his reaction was to kick at the wall.”

Merriman said he would also react when a trailer would drive by the barn just outside his window. “He would fire at the wall, so even though it looked like his cannon bone was healing he was reinjuring it by kicking the wall.”

It was decided to move the horse to the other side of the barn away from the window, add padding to his stall as a cushion and give him some more time off.

Despite the continued setbacks, Merriman thought Cannon Lane would make it to the racetrack. “I always thought he was going to eventually make it. He has such a strong gait and covers so much ground.”

Merriman also noticed something else going on with Cannon Lane. He was developing a friendship with Kerry’s four-year-old daughter Elle. “She absolutely adores Cannon Lane. She would help give him a bath, grease his feet help put his wraps on, and he stood there like a statue.”

Another year came and went but Merriman still held out hope that Cannon Lane would make it to the racetrack. He started training again and was getting close to qualifying.

“For the welfare of the horse we would periodically x-ray the leg just to make sure everything was fine,” said Merriman. “We had a newer vet come in and she suggested putting a screw in the leg.” The vet thought he would be able to qualify and race, but there could be issues with the leg in the future.

Hoping that Cannon Lane would finally race and for the long-term prognosis, Merriman decided to have the surgery. That meant more time off and more rehabilitation.

As the pages of the calendar flipped last year, Cannon Lane was slowly getting ready to give it a try on the track.

With high hopes, Cannon Lane was finally ready to qualify. That first time behind the gate did not go well as Cannon Lane made a break. “He’s kind of like a big baby and just doesn’t have a lot of racing experience yet. He gets scared over little things. Like he was scared of a guy’s helmet because it was too shiny,” said Merriman.

A week later, Cannon Lane was able to qualify, finishing fourth in 2:01.4.

With just three days before the new year, Cannon Lane was set to make his first start in a \$15,000 claiming race for non-winners of one.

Cannon Lane, with Thompson in the bike, got away in the back of the pack, but slowly made up ground. Parked at the quarter and the half, he moved up to third at the three-quarter pole three lengths back of the leader. As the field turned for home, Cannon Lane kicked it into another gear and caught the leaders down the stretch to win by a nose.

“Jason and I thought he had a chance to win,” said Merriman. “He’s really good-gaited and moved over the ground with ease. We always thought he was going to be a good racehorse.”

Cannon Lane made it two-for-two in his career as he started off 2023 with a bang winning by over 15 lengths. Merriman says it was like a light bulb went off. “Jason said he just wanted to go. If your horse doesn’t want to do it, you can’t make them do it.”

Merriman says after waiting so long for him to get to the track, they are going to take their time with him. “A lot of people push when they’re young because that is when you can make the most money. The purses are good enough now that you can still make money if the horse starts later.”

She says the plan is to ship him to some other tracks like Miami Valley or the Meadows. “It will be a new experience for him, I’m sure it will be interesting!”

HHYF Offers Scholarships For Horsewomen

The Harness Horse Youth Foundation has announced a new financial assistance program specifically for women seeking to further an equine-centered education. The new program was created to honor the late Lynn Fortna and is available to any young-at-heart female in harness racing to continue her education and expand her knowledge about horses. The recipient(s) will receive funding to cover a conference, class, certificate program, or other educational experience related to horses with approval from the selection committee.

According to Tom Aldrich, Lynn's widower, "Our family is pleased to partner with HHYF to honor Lynn. She was active in many aspects of harness racing and among her proudest achievement was being one of the pioneer women who both trained and drove competitively at pari-mutuel tracks in the 1970s. In addition, she was a stall superintendent, held frontside positions as race office and publicity assistant and served as a licensed paddock/patrol/presiding/associate judge. Born into a harness racing family, she was a passionate advocate and supporter of the industry she loved so much. To be able to assist other young women who are like-minded about harness racing makes my family very happy. We know Lynn would be excited too."

In addition to the Lynn Fortna Financial Assistance Program, other HHYF scholarships are available to individuals with collegiate plans. These scholarships include the Harold & Marcia Snyder Memorial Scholarship for students from harness racing families, the Curt Greene Memorial Scholarship for students with a passion for harness racing, and the Sweet Karen Memorial Scholarship for students who have participated in one or more HHYF summer programs.

Complete information regarding eligibility requirements, selection criteria, and applications for all four scholarships may be found on hhfy.org. For further information, contact Ellen Taylor at ellen@hhfy.org.

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Record Purse Expected for the 78th Little Brown Jug

By Jay Wolf

Officials with the Little Brown Jug expect the purse for the 78th edition of the pacing classic to be a record and may approach \$1 Million.

The record Jug purse was \$677,000 won by Wiggle It Jiggleit in 2015.

"It has been our goal and mission to bring the purse to the \$1 million mark," noted Tom Wright, president of the Little Brown Jug Society. "Thanks to the support of our sponsors, industry partners and the Delaware County Agricultural Society, we are close to realizing that dream."

The Little Brown Jug and Old Oaken Bucket will be raced Thursday, September 21 and the Jugette and Buckette on Wednesday, September 20.

The 2023 Delaware Grand Circuit meet will continue to feature five days of racing (Sunday, September 17 through Thursday, September 21). The Sunday through Tuesday cards will go postward at 1:00 PM. The Jugette and Jug cards will start at 12:00 PM.



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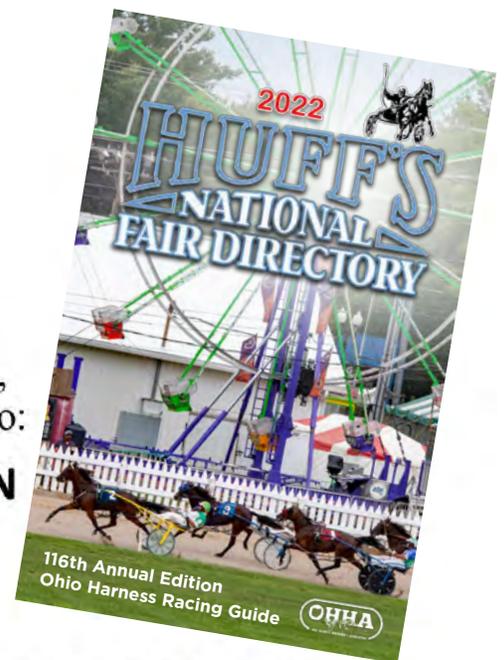
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Foal Age	Membership Requirement
Foal Born 2019	Membership Required
Yearling 2020	No Membership Required
2 & 3-Year-Old 2021, 2022	No Membership Required

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.



Photo: Aspen Adams

Regularly Scheduled OSRC Meeting Recap Wednesday, November 16, 2022 By Renée Mancino

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

In normal business for the Commission, Executive Director Chris Dragone's Report and Approval items were introduced, and the October 19, 2022, minutes were offered for ratification. The Executive Director's approvals included the live date approvals for Miami Valley Gaming and MGM Northfield for their 2023 live racing dates. No documents related to the Executive Director's approvals disclosed or provided to those in attendance. There was commentary on Thistledown live dates being on hold until a two-party agreement is reached, their submission was for 125 days which would reduce to 100 if agreement is reached. Mahoning Valley also had no final two-party agreement. The discussion included commentary that not all Standardbred racetracks had reached final agreement on their two-party agreements, but final agreement was expected. Miami Valley Gaming was final consistent with their application. MGM Northfield Park does not require a two-party agreement. The Racing Commission unanimously ratified the amended October 19, 2022, meeting minutes, the Executive Director's Approval Items, Miami Valley Gaming and MGM Northfield Park's live 2023 dates. Approval for Jack Thistledown and Hollywood Mahoning Valley were pending final two-party agreement.

A recap on the horse racing fatalities was provided by Racing Commission Consulting Veterinarian, Dr. James Robertson. It was noted that the numbers reported since 2009 are for training and racing related catastrophic breakdowns, analogous to the Jockey Club's reporting requirements for sudden deaths that occur during training, racing, or 72 hours after a race. From April 2022 records are kept following a horse post injury, with post-injury tracking of up to ten days from the race date. October 2022 the monthly report on catastrophic losses includes five thoroughbreds and no standardbreds, with one thoroughbred and two standardbred fatalities in September. To bring the year-to-date total thoroughbred catastrophic losses to forty-two (thirty-three racing, nine training) and 11 standardbreds (all racing, four sudden deaths). Standardbred fatalities were discussed. Renée Mancino represented that one death is too many, and everyone grieves the loss of each horse. However, statistically the yearly catastrophic loss is .0058% per start for the past three years, .0065% per start for the last five years with an average of 59,000 racehorse starts for the last ten years, per-year in Ohio. These statistics represent the actual loss Ohio has because there are more Ohio standardbred starts here than any other state. Dr. Robertson provided detail that necropsy doesn't always tell you what the cause of death is, one catastrophic loss in September was due to a horse falling and fracturing its skull after it fell, with that being the cause-of-death. This year starting with the MGM Northfield accident has been an outlier for catastrophic loss and one we are hopeful to leave behind us in 2023.

Consideration and approval of Resolution 2022-11, the 3rd Quarter Casino Commission distributing the Casino Tax of \$2,516,134.14. \$478,065.49 was distributed to the Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund and Ohio Standardbred Development Fund. \$125,806.71 each to MGM Northfield Park, Eldo-

rado Scioto Downs, Miami Valley Gaming, and to the Ohio State Racing Commission for support of commercial operations. \$97,115.52 to Hollywood Gaming at Mahoning Valley purse pool, \$87,966.95 to Belterra Park purse pool, \$94,183.29 to JACK Thistledown purse pool, \$140,277.97 to Miami Valley Gaming and Racing purse pool, \$377,319.59 to MGM Northfield Purse Pool, \$147,784.48 to Eldorado Scioto purse pool, and \$112,128.54 to Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway purse pool. The Racing Commission clarified that Caesars Scioto's commercial operations payment continues to be held in escrow; the prior quarter's payment was released from escrow November 4th. They also clarified that as of the first quarter of 2023 MGM Northfield will not share in the commercial operations distributions with the REIT purchase of the property underlying the racetrack having an ownership interest in more than one Ohio Casino. The Racing Commission unanimously ratified Resolution 2022-11.

The monthly commission financial report was provided by Fiscal Officer Sherry White. Year-over-year October revenue was up \$1,800. Year-over-year revenue is up \$115,000 with an added \$78,000 in revenue in this fiscal year. Expenses were down mainly due to payroll and the thoroughbred racetracks, but the overall budget is in better shape due to a \$26,000 fingerprinting machine purchase last September that skewed those expenses higher.

Agenda item updating the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA). Chairman Borgemenke clarified November 17, 2022, was the deadline for signature for opt-in via the voluntary agreement for thoroughbred racing. The representation was Ohio would not be a HISA opt-in state for several reasons. The primary reason is transparency and confidentiality, which is directly against state law requirements for that. On January 1, 2023, the Ohio State Racing Commission will no longer be involved in medication and testing for thoroughbreds if all pending medication and testing regulations pass the Federal Trade Commission. HISA continues to negotiate to use the existing Ohio Department of Agriculture's lab going forward for medication and testing. Part of the HISA contract with the testing lab requires confidentiality and non-disclosure, which would prevent public access to their records. Next month the Racing Commission will provide a breakdown sheet of regulatory authority for the HISA Authority and the Racing Commission for thoroughbred racing. It was noted by Director Chris Dragone that none of this applies to harness racing, medication and testing would not change, including the lab's testing methodology.

In the matter of Mark Tomczak. Mr. Tomczak's matter was held over from the August and October agendas, Mr. Tomczak did not appear and had no representative present on his behalf. Mr. Tomczak had his vehicle searched at Jack Thistledown in August 2021. The search uncovered two injectable therapeutic medication bottles in a paper bag. The bottles were still manufacturer's sealed and contained Estradiol and Methocarbamol. There were no needles or syringes found with the bottles. Mr. Tomczak represented that he obtained the bottles by prescription from his veterinarian for use on another horse at his private farm. Mr. Tomczak represented just having shipped-in from his farm

with a racing horse after picking-up the items from the veterinarian. The Stewards levied a \$1,000 fine and 180-day suspension. The horse racing was scratched and special-tested. The horse's tests came back clean. Mr. Tomczak represented no intent to use except under the prescription for the other horse at his farm under the veterinarian's care. After discussion the Racing Commission unanimously voted to ratify the Hearing Officer's Report and Recommendation upholding the Stewards ruling.

In the matter of Ricardo Bailey at Jack Thistledown on August 9, 2021, which was held over from the October agenda. A search of Mr. Bailey's car resulted in finding an 18" x 1.5" needle (versus a syringe as reported last month) in a glove in the trunk of his car. Mr. Bailey appeared with his attorney Serge Kats of Kats Law. The representation was the needle belonged to his girlfriend, the caregiver for her critically ill father. That it was placed in the glove in the trunk to hide it from children that had access to the vehicle. Mr. Bailey's attorney analogized the case to other possession cases where other horsemen were given more lenient suspensions and in addition to the same arguments made last month, argued that Mr. Bailey as an African American was being discriminated against. Chairman Borgemenke asked Mr. Kats if the needle was approved for human use by the Ohio Medical Board, Mr. Kats represented that it was. Commissioner Thomas Winters provided detail that mitigation in other cases had to do with circumstances related to the COVID-19 shut-down and were not due to an individual's race. Mr. Kats sought mitigation on the six-month, \$1,000 fine. After discussion Commissioner Winters moved to amend the original Stewards ruling to a sixty-day suspension and \$1,000 fine. The Racing Commission voted 3-1 in support of the amended ruling.

Commissioner Hansen Chairwoman of the Medication and Testing Committee set forth no report.

Commissioner Greg Simpson as Chairman had no report on the Safety Committee.

Commissioner Thomas Winters discussed a meeting to discuss County Fair racing prior to the 2023 racing season, which would look at safety priorities.

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

For a transcript of the meeting contact the Ohio State Racing Commission. The next scheduled Racing Commission meeting date is December 14, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in person only at the Riffe Center. The Agenda and Meeting Information can be found at the Ohio State Racing Commission's website at, <http://www.racingohio.net>.

Regularly Scheduled OSRC Meeting Recap Wednesday, December 14, 2022 *By Renée Mancino*

Roll Call, all Commissioners in-person, Commissioner Simpson out ill, Commissioner Patmon present by telephone, counts as present, but will not vote.

In normal business for the Commission, Executive Director Chris Dragone's Report and Approval items were introduced, and the November 16, 2022, minutes were offered for ratification. No documents related to the Executive Director's approvals were disclosed or provided to those in attendance. There was commentary on simulcast approvals deadline being turned in future years by the end of November. Also, commentary about ADW's and taking a deeper dive on affiliated entities. The Racing Commission unanimously ratified the November 16, 2022, meeting minutes and the Executive Director's Approval Items.

The 2023 Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund program was discussed and considered. It was noted that on Rule #7 that was pending VLT agreement for 2023 with Jack Thistledown. It was moved to ratify the Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund program for 2023, tabling item 7 pending final agreement with the Ohio Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association on a new Horsemen's Agreement.

The Racing Commission also approved Resolution 2022-13 delegating to and permitting the Racing

Commission's Executive Director to approve independent action with Racing Commission Ratification. In 2023 those delegations will include, (A) Cancellation on live race days and (B) Delegating authority to the Deputy Directors in the Executive Director's absence. Delegations carried over from the prior year included, (C) Authorizing racing official changes, (D) Authorizing the uncoupling of entries, (E) Authorizing special event status, (F) Authorizing post time change, (G) Authorizing changes in wagering formats, (H) Authorizing simulcasting for specific programs prior to noon, (I) Authorizing approval of Host/Guest product lists and changes, (J) Authorizing extension of jockey apprentice weight, (K) Authorizing approval of fine money expenditures, (L) Authorizing change of a live race day, (M) Authorizing approval of payments to owners from purse pool for a cancelled live race day, (N) Authorizing approval for requests from an agricultural fair to waive rule 3769-15-31(B)(2). All delegated tasks are to be summarized and submitted to the Commission at least monthly and the

authority to delegate expires December 31, 2023.

A recap on the horse racing fatalities was provided by Racing Commission Consulting Veterinarian, Dr. James Robertson. It was noted that the numbers reported since 2009 are for training and racing related catastrophic breakdowns, analogous to the Jockey Club's reporting requirements for sudden deaths that occur during training, racing, or 72 hours after a race. From April 2022 records are kept following a horse post injury, with post-injury tracking of up to ten days from the race date. To November 16, 2022, the monthly report on catastrophic losses includes no thoroughbred or standardbred fatalities in November. To bring the year-to-date total thoroughbred catastrophic losses to forty-two (thirty-three racing, nine training) and 11 standardbreds (all racing, four sudden deaths). Standardbred fatalities were discussed. Dr. Robertson discussed standardbred statistical numbers with pari-mutuel wagering only reported on his report, on average 57,500 pari-mutuel racehorse starts per year in Ohio with a .1 to .16 per 1,000 starts catastrophic loss rate. Comparing to the thoroughbred's average of 17,500 pari-mutuel starts per-year there is a significant difference among breeds. Dr. Robertson provided detail on New York and Pennsylvania Standardbred statistics noting there was no nationwide database for standardbreds. From the period ending April 1st to September 30th there were seven catastrophic losses reported in Pennsylvania in 2022. New York reported five racing and three training catastrophic losses to date in 2022.

The monthly commission financial report was provided by Fiscal Officer Sherry White. Year-over-year November revenue was down for the month \$68,000. Revenue was higher in December by \$22,000 over December 2021 due to the 6% nursing home reduction on the tax code. Revenue is down \$71,000 for this fiscal year. Expenses were down 3%. The Racing Commission is operating close to projected fiscal year budget numbers with a little over \$2.5 million in the operating fund.

Agenda item updating the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA). Chairman Borgemenke discussed the Federal Trade Commission's rejection of the medication, testing, and enforcement regulations submitted for approval by the HISA Authority. The Chairman reiterated part of the HISA contract with the testing lab requires confidentiality

and non-disclosure, which would prevent public access to their records. Chairman Borgemenke set out HISA remains in place for safety and welfare, so the crop rule, and void claim rule remain intact. However, medication and testing will remain with the Ohio State Racing Commission after January 1, 2023, for thoroughbreds.

In the matter of settlement for Chris McGuire. February 8, 2022, at Miami Valley Gaming Rockin Airway's post-race test returned positive for Fen-tanyl. The original infraction levied by the judges included a \$1,000 fine, return of the \$7,750 purse, and a one-year suspension. During hearing there were mitigating circumstances present with facts reported regarding the groom responsible for the care of Rockin Airway. The groom was dismissed prior to the positive test being reported, however, quantitatively contamination was likely. After noting Mr. McGuire's prior clean record, he was offered a settlement compromise. The suspension would be reduced due to mitigating circumstances to sixty-days (January 1, 2023, to March 2, 2023), a \$1,000 fine, and a return of the purse of \$7,750. After discussion the Racing Commission unanimously voted to ratify the Settlement Agreement.

Commissioner Hansen Chairwoman of the Medication and Testing Committee set forth no report.

Commissioner Thomas Winters discussed the Standardbred Development Committee meetings to discuss the 2023 top tier stakes racing changes.

No Executive Session was needed, so the motion and vote were taken to adjourn and conclude the meeting.

For a transcript of the meeting contact the Ohio State Racing Commission. The next scheduled Racing

Commission meeting date is January 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in person only at the Riffe Center. The Agenda and Meeting Information can be found at the Ohio State Racing Commission's website at, <http://www.racingohio.net>.

Regularly Scheduled OSRC Meeting Recap Wednesday, January 18, 2023 *By Renée Mancino*

Roll Call, all Commissioners in-person, Commissioner Simpson out ill, Commissioner Patmon not present.

In normal business for the Commission, Executive Director Chris Dragone's Report and Approval items were introduced, and the December 14, 2022, minutes were offered for ratification. The Racing Commission unanimously ratified the December 14, 2022, meeting minutes and the Executive Director's Approval Items.

Consideration and approval of Resolution 2023-01, the 4th Quarter Casino Commission distributing the Casino Tax of \$2,351,069.39. \$446,703.18 was distributed to the Ohio Thoroughbred Race

Fund and Ohio Standardbred Development Fund. \$176,330.21 each to Eldorado Scioto Downs and Miami Valley Gaming for support of commercial operations at non-Ohio casino interest owned properties. \$117,553.47 to the Ohio State

Racing Commission for support of commercial operations. \$90,744.49 to Hollywood Gaming at Mahoning Valley purse pool, \$82,196.10 to Belterra Park purse pool, \$88,004.62 to JACK Thistledown purse pool, \$131,075.38 to Miami Valley Gaming and Racing purse pool, \$352,566.47 to MGM Northfield Purse Pool, \$138,089.45 to Eldorado Scioto purse pool, and \$104,772.63 to Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway purse pool. The Rac-

ing Commission unanimously ratified Resolution 2023-01.

In the matter of settlement for Steven J. Cross. July 4, 2022, Black Magic's post-race sample contained 141 pg./ml of triamcinolone, a class 4 therapeutic medication. That exceeds the 100 pg./ml threshold regulatory threshold. The original infraction levied by the judges included a \$1,000 fine, return of the \$75,000 purse. In settlement Mr. Cross agreed to pay a \$500 fine and return of the \$75,000 purse. After discussion the Racing Commission unanimously voted to ratify the Settlement Agreement.

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In the matter of settlement for Virgil V. Morgan Jr. June 20, 2019, at Scioto Downs Miso Fast's post-race sample contained the common human therapeutic medication, gabapentin. The Judges issued a \$500 fine and a 15-day suspension, with a redistribution of the \$7,500 purse. After appeal Mr. Morgan agreed to settlement on this case and a second case. October 2, 2021, at Dayton Raceway Street Gossip's post-race sample revealed the presence of Diphenhydramine, an antihistamine and Class 3 therapeutic. The Judges ordered a \$500 fine, 15day suspension, and return of the \$37,500 purse. In settlement of both cases Mr. Morgan agreed to a \$3,000 fine and purse redistributions, with the 15-day suspension held pending no further medication violations within the next 365 days. After discussion the Racing Commission unanimously voted to ratify the Settlement Agreement.

In the matter of settlement for Tom O'Donnell at Northfield Park on May 4, 2021, Indiana Anamego's sample post-race sample contained dexamethasone a Class 4 therapeutic at a concentration of 89 pg./ml (+/- 9 pg/ml), which is above the regulatory threshold of 5 pg./ml. The Judges issued a \$1,000 fine and purse redistribution. In settlement Mr. O'Donnell agreed to a \$500 fine and return of the \$2,100 purse. After discussion the Racing Commission unanimously voted to ratify the Settlement Agreement.

In the matter of settlement for Alesha Marie Binkley at Scioto Downs on July 27, 2022, Grand Ole Party's postrace sample contained 3-Methoxytyramine (3-MT) of the class 2 regulated therapeutic at a level of 7.2 mg/ml in urine. This exceeds the regulatory threshold of 4 mg/ml. The Judges issued a 1-year suspension, \$1,000 fine, and purse redistribution. In settlement Ms. Binkley agreed to pay a \$2,500 fine, 305 days stayed of the initial suspension, and serving a 60-day suspension provided there is no further violation within the next 365-day period.

In the matter of Chris Short at Scioto Downs August 23, 2021, Meadowbranch Memo's post-race sample contained 255 ng/ml (+/- 14 ng/ml) of flunixin, the regulated class 4 therapeutic, with a regulatory threshold of 20 ng/ml. The Judges issued a \$1,000 fine and purse redistribution. The matter was discussed and held over to the February meeting.

In the matter of Nancy Johansson Takter at Scioto Downs September 7, 2019, Manchego's post-race sample contained the common human therapeutic medication categorized as a class 3, gabapentin. The sample was quantified at 263 pg./ml when tested September 27, 2019, by the Ohio Department of Agriculture's lab. The Judges issued a \$500 fine, 15-day suspension, and \$25,000 purse redistribution. Ms. Takter appealed. A split sample test was sent to Texas November 21, 2019, and they reported 273 pg./ml. A hearing was held, the Hearing Officer's recommendation affirmed the Judge's ruling. Attorney James Gallagher with Gallagher, Gams, Tallan, Barnes, and Littrell appeared at hearing and the racing commission meeting on behalf of Ms. Takter. Mr. Gallagher provided portions of the evidence from the underlying hearing to the commission. The main concern was the timing of a change in policy regarding the screening limit on gabapentin. August 2, 2019, Dr. Richard Sams was consulted by former Executive Director Crawford to discuss an issue with gabapentin tests being reported. Septem-

ber 5, 2019, Dr. Sams was hired to consult regarding a proper threshold sufficient to account for contamination. Dr. Sams returned an opinion that 32,000 pg./ml is an irrelevant pharmacological level in a horse's bloodstream relative to performance. Consequently Dr. Sams recommended using one-fourth that level, or 8,000 pg./ml as a screening limit in plasma, and if tested in urine it must be tested for in the plasma sample. In response to Dr. Sam's report on October 30, 2019, former Executive Director Crawford sent an email to the Ohio Department of Agriculture's testing lab to set the screening limit at 8,000 pg./ml, he said tests under 8,000 pg./ml weren't to be reported back as an infraction. Attorney Gallagher pointed out that the split sample test was returned after the October 30, 2019, screening limit was returned. On the e-mail sent modifying the screening limit, the language used in the e-mail was pointed out, that nothing that came back after October 30, 2019, under the 8,000 pg./ml screening limit would be an infraction, that was an environmental contaminant. There was a discussion regarding the hearing, where Dr. Thomas Tobin testified that 263 pg./ml was the equivalent of 1 trillionth of a gram, which is like 1 second of your life if you lived to be 32,000 years old. Dr. Tobin also testified the result was an environmental contaminant and not specifically tied to anything the horse ate or any intentional administration. Dr. Tobin testified Gabapentin is a medication that leaves the human body unaltered and is excreted 100% intact from a human taking the therapeutic medication. Dr. Tobin also opined that the quantity found was not performance enhancing. Additional testimony was gathered that Franklin County's drinking water supply contains 2 million grams of gabapentin in it. After discussion of the specific facts, Assistant Attorney General Todd DeBoe represented the decision after hearing as being based on the Absolute Insurer rule, whether it was performance enhancing or not was irrelevant, it was found. Commissioners questioned what would happen if a split sample came back and did not confirm the original test result. In that circumstance the original infraction would be reversed. After discussion the Racing Commission unanimously voted to uphold the hearing officer's report and recommendation.

In the matter of Robert Boggs at Hollywood Dayton October 2, 2021, Saintfrances Irene's post-race sample contained 1,4-androstadiene-2-17dione, or boldione a class 3 substance, which is naturally occurring in a horse's body. The Judges issued a \$500 fine, 15-day suspension, and \$9,000 purse redistribution. After hearing the Hearing Officer recommended upholding the Judge's ruling. Attorney Alison Boggs appeared on behalf of Robert Boggs. Attorney Boggs described the infraction as an improper violation when O.A.C. 3769-18-01 and 3769-19-02(B) were read together and 3769-18-01(B) gives a defense to the absolute insurer rule because the rule provides for foreign substances only, not naturally occurring, which is enumerated under 3769-18-02(B). Boldione in its naturally occurring state is in a horse's system and is elevated when a horse ingests moldy hay or if a mare has ovarian cysts. Credible evidence was provided during hearing that both applied in this case via veterinary and feed records. Attorney Boggs presented further evidence regarding an opposition to returning the purse and the statutory basis for that. After discussion the Racing Commission unanimously voted to uphold the hearing officer's report and recommendation.

A recap on the horse racing fatalities was provided by Racing Commission Consulting Veterinarian, Dr. James Robertson. It was noted that the numbers reported since 2009 are for training and racing related catastrophic breakdowns, analogous to the Jockey Club's reporting requirements for sudden deaths that occur during training, racing, or 72 hours after a race. From April 2022 records are kept following a horse post injury, with post-injury tracking of up to ten days from the race date. To date, the monthly report on catastrophic losses includes one thoroughbred fatality in December, none in January, and no standardbred fatalities in December or January. The 2022 year-to-date thoroughbred catastrophic losses were forty-three (thirty-three racing, eleven training) and 11 standardbreds (all racing, four sudden deaths). Thoroughbred fatalities were discussed. Dr. Robertson discussed statistical numbers of 1.95 on dirt per 1,000 starts catastrophic loss rate. Mahoning Valley was commended with a lower rate at .75 per 1,000 start catastrophic loss rate. Dr. Robertson also reported on the thoroughbreds that had blood samples taken when required to work off the vet's list. Of the 132 samples processed 107 were reported clear with 14 suspect tests. The 14 suspected thoroughbreds were re-worked and tested clear upon re-work. The suspect tests submitted for testing reported albuterol, corticosteroids, or clenbuterol.

Commissioner Hansen Chairwoman of the Medication and Testing Committee set forth no report.

Commissioner Simpson Chairman of the Safety Committee set forth affirmation and installations being completed on the three-light warning system at all the standardbred tracks. Commissioner Simpson is also looking at consistent rules for pylon types, sizes, and styles. There will be another meeting soon.

In the comment section Executive Director Dragone set forth stringent oversight on ambulances and that all personnel operating ambulances are required to be racing commission licensed. Also, that the Racing Commission will be working on the number of veterinary assistants in the test barns and obtaining samples properly.

No Executive Session was needed, so the motion and vote were taken to adjourn and conclude the meeting.

For a transcript of the meeting contact the Ohio State Racing Commission. The next scheduled Racing

Commission meeting date is February 15, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in person only at the Riffe Center. The Agenda and Meeting Information can be found at the Ohio State Racing Commission's website at, <http://www.racingohio.net>.



Delaware County Fair Stakes Payments



Due March 15, 2023

Little Brown Jug #79 & Jugette #54

3-year-old colt & filly pace

\$500 Little Brown Jug Sustaining Payment

\$400 Jugette Sustaining Payment

To Be Raced in 2024 - Foals of 2021

Old Oaken Bucket & Buckette #72

3-year-old colt & filly trot

\$300 Old Oaken Bucket Sustaining Payment

\$200 Buckette Sustaining Payment

To Be Raced in 2024 - Foals of 2021

Standardbred #84

2-year-old colt & filly trot & pace

\$400 Colt Events Sustaining Payment

\$300 Filly Events Sustaining Payment

To Be Raced in 2023 - Foals of 2021

Due May 15, 2023

Little Brown Jug #80 & Jugette #55

3-year-old colt & filly pace

\$50 Nomination Payment

To Be Raced in 2025 - Foals of 2022

Old Oaken Bucket & Buckette #73

3-year-old colt & filly trot

\$25 Nomination Payment

To Be Raced in 2025 - Foals of 2022

Thanks to support of the Ohio Harness Horseman's Association, all Ohio sired foals registered by May 15, 2023, will have their yearling nomination paid to the above Grand Circuit races.

Standardbred #85

2-year-old colt & filly trot & pace

\$25 Nomination Payment

To Be Raced in 2024 - Foals of 2022

Due April 15, 2023

Stallion Nomination – Ohio Breeders Championships #9

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

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2,1:58.2f; 3,1:53.1f; 4,1:53.2h (\$643,142)

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

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Rodeo Romeo

p,3,1:50.3 (\$366,804)

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