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BYTHEMISSAL *Horse of the Year*

BY FRANK FRAAS



2023 Ohio Aged Pacer \ 2023 Ohio Horse of the Year Bythemissal Photo: Dean Gillette Photography

For the first time in nearly 30 years, Ohio has a back-to-back Horse of the Year. Bythemissal, the reigning Ohio Horse of the Year, turned in another dominating season winning the Breeders Crown on his way to being named the 2023 Ohio Horse of the Year.

Bythemissal becomes the first horse to earn the award in back-to-back years since Crisp Sahbra took home the honor in 1995 and 1996.

Before being named the Horse of the Year, Bythemissal was named the 2023 Aged Pacer of the Year. It marks the third year in a row that Ohio's sophomore pacing champion repeated as an Ohio horse of the year with Ocean Rock repeating in 2020-2021 and Charlie May in 2021-2022.

Owned by Burke Racing Stable, Eric Good, Rich Lombardo Racing, and Weaver Brusconi and bred by Stephen Dey III, Bythemissal picked up in 2023 where he left off after his sophomore campaign. The son of Downbytheseaside won six of his last seven races as a two-year-old. He started 2023 by winning the first three races of the year.

He closed out his four-year-old campaign by winning four of the last five races including the Breeders Crown at Hoosier Park.

In between winning the Little Brown Jug in 2022 and the Breeders Crown in 2023, Bythemissal won the Sam McKee Memorial, the Myron Charna President's Pace at MGM Northfield Park, the Aria Invitational Pace, the Allerage Open Pace, and the Potomac Pack International. He earned \$984,666 in 2023 as he won 11 of 16 races.

In his career, Bythemissal has hit the board in 31 of 33 starts, winning 25 races. He has earned \$2,153,591, crossing the two-million-dollar mark faster than any Ohio-bred.

He reached the plateau with his win in the Breeders Crown.

"I know I am biased, but I think he is the best Ohio-sired horse ever," said trainer Ron Burke. "He just has a different way to him. He can do things that other horses can't."

Burke began training Bythemissal as a three-year-old. "Eric (Good) asked me to train him. I told Eric this is the best horse I have sat behind in a long time and we bought into him."

Bythemissal reminds Burke of a couple of great horses: Foiled Again and Sweet Lou.

"He reminds me of Foiled Again. He wants to win. I have never seen a horse with a will to win like Bythemissal." Burke says Bythemissal may be a little more talented than Foiled Again but has the same will to win.

As for the comparison with Sweet Lou, Burke says Bythemissal does anything you want him to do. "This is one of the best horses I have ever trained and the best since Sweet Lou and that says a lot."



Burke says it is a team effort when it comes to Bythemissal. “It’s a credit to the breeder, the trainer before me, Chris (Page) driving him as a three-year-old, and Yannick (Gin-gras) driving him as a four-year-old.”

But the real credit according to Burke goes to the horse. “It doesn’t matter who trains him or drives him. This is a great horse and all of Ohio should be proud.”

The plan for Bythemissal is to push him for every big stakes race. “I honestly think as a five-year-old he will be the best horse in America,” said Burke.

“There is no bottom to this horse! He is incredible and will do things before the end of his career that will cause people to say, ‘Wow, this is incredible!’ and we will talk about him for years to come.”

“He wants to win. I have never seen a horse with a will to win like Bythemissal.”
— Ron Burke

BYTHEMISSAL
2023 Ohio Horse of the Year
2023 Aged Pacer of the Year

DOWNBYTHESEASIDE -
 DISMISSAL - WESTERN TERROR

World Champion

1:47.1M

\$984,666

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



Bythemissal - 2023 Breeders Crown Champion



Left to Right: Steve Bates, Ron Burke, Ann Lufkin

Clever Cody

2023 Two-Year-Old Colt Pacer of the Year



2023 Two-Year-old Colt Pacer of the Year – Clever Cody Photo: Conrad Photo

Clever Cody 2023 Two-Year-Old Colt Pacer of the Year

THE PANDEROSA – CAMS VAN
GO – REAL ARTIST

1:50.45

\$383,372

Owner: Clever Cody Stable
(Cambridge, Ontario)

Breeder: Marvin Raber (Baltic,
OH)

Trainer: Dr. Ian Moore



Left to Right: Joe Tulino, Joanne McComb, Gordon McComb, Senena Esty

For many trainers, it doesn't take long to know what you have in a two-year-old. Some get it and some don't. It took Dr. Ian Moore a little longer to know what he had in Clever Cody.

"With most two-year-olds, you can tell early. It is just going to come down to how fast they can go," said Moore. "They have all the tools. They have the gait, they have the attitude, but he was different from most of them."

Moore was training three sets of colts and Cody was always in the third set. "I always rate them by ability. If I have three top colts, they train together. Clever Cody was in the third set."

It was in the first part of April that things began to click. Moore says he experimented with an equipment change and a few days later things were different. "I brought him back and he went around horses like they were standing still. He never looked back after that."

There were high hopes when Clever Cody made his first career start in The Next Generation at Eldorado Scioto Downs. The fourth-place finish was not what the connections had in mind. "We were a little disappointed," said Moore. "I thought he might have done better, but it was a learning experience, and it didn't take long for him to catch on what to do."

It was the only race in which Clever Cody did not hit the board. Following a third-place finish in Sires Stakes action, the son of The Panderosa hit his stride and reeled off four straight wins. When the year was over, he had won six of ten starts including three legs of the Ohio Sires Stakes, the Ohio State Fair Stakes, and the Ohio Sires Stakes Scarlet Championship, earning \$383,372.

"He is such a pleasure to train. He was fantastic for us and the classiest of our two-year-olds," said Moore.

Coming off a long break, Moore says Clever Cody is growing up to be a gorgeous horse and he is looking forward to training him back this year. "I'm hoping as a three-year-old he can be a monster."

Eligible for the Little Brown Jug in 2024, Clever Cody's connections are looking forward to returning to Ohio as often as they can.

Tennessee Tom

2023 Two-Year-Old Colt Trotter of the Year



Tennessee Tom - 2023 Two-Year-Old Colt Trotter of the Year Photo: Conrad Photo

TENNESSEE TOM

2023 Two-Year-Old Colt Trotter of the Year

LONG TOM - MISSIVE - MUSCLE
MASSIVE

1:55.1 F

\$456,350

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

Breeder: Albert Miller (Fredericksburg, OH)

Trainer: Ron Burke



Left to Right: Chase McCown, Carter Page, Chris Page, Leon Miller, Albert Miller, Ron Burke, Senena Esty

At the start of the 2023 year, Ron Burke thought he had the best two-year-old trotting colt in the country. But like the television commercial says, “Things can change in a moment.” That’s what happened when the colt broke down.

In need of an Ohio-bred freshman trotting colt, Burke turned to Mark Weaver. Weaver purchased two horses, including Tennessee Tom.

“The horse was ready to go when we got him. He turned out to be a killer,” said Burke.

Trained and owned by Allen Miller of Millersburg, Ohio, Tennessee Tom won a qualifier on June 15th at Northfield Park. A day later he was in the Burke Racing Stable.

Burke said, “Miller had him ready to go. He did a better job than we ever could have done.”

Two weeks after the purchase, Tennessee Tom finished second in The Next Generation and then won three of the next four races. The son of Long Tom won five of nine races and hit the board in three others. He won three legs of the Ohio Sires Stakes, the Ohio State Fair Stakes, and the Ohio Sires Stakes Scarlet Championship.

“He was outstanding. We couldn’t have been more surprised or happy with him,” Burke says. “Looking forward, Tennessee Tom is going to be a very good three-year-old!”

Burke says Tennessee Tom is ready to go for 2024 and targeting the Hackett Memorial at Miami Valley. “That will be the first start of the year and then every Ohio Stakes after that.”

Seaside Diva

2023 Two-Year-Old Filly Pacer of the Year



Seaside Diva - Two-Year-Old Filly Pacer of the Year Photo: Conrad Photo

When it comes to the top freshman filly pacers in Ohio, Ron Burke continues to maintain his stronghold on the division. For the fifth straight year, the Two-Year-Old Filly Pacer of the Year in Ohio is part of his stable.

Seaside Diva followed in the footsteps of Looksgoodinaromper (2019), Summer Touch (2020), Sea Silk (2021), and McSeaside (2022) to claim the 2023 award.

It was not an easy year for the Downbytheseaside filly, as she overcame a near-catastrophic injury during the summer.

While turned out Seaside Diva got caught in a fence, according to Burke. "She was in the field; we came out and she was down and

badly cut. It was one of the worst injuries I have seen to a two-year-old," said Burke. "The fact that she came back and made the Sires Stakes final is a testament to her and the people who took care of her."

Seaside Diva finished second in the Ohio Sires Stakes finals. She ended the year hitting the board in eight of 11 races, winning four. The four wins included three legs of the Sires Stakes and the Ohio State Fair Stakes.

SEASIDE DIVA

2023 Two-Year-Old Filly Pacer of the Year

DOWNBYTHESEASIDE - REAL DIVA - REAL DESIRE

1:51.2 F

\$239,805

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

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

Trainer: Ron Burke



Left to Right: Chase McCown, Carter Page, Chris Page, Ron Burke, Senena Esty

"She was gritty all season long," said Chris Page, who drove her in all her races. "She overcame adversity and went to the big dances and competed."

For the past two years, the freshman filly pacer of the year has followed up by winning the divisional honor as a three-year-old. It will be up to Seaside Diva to keep the streak alive for the Burke Racing Stable. Burke says things look positive for the filly in 2024 and they are setting their sights on the James Hackett Memorial at Miami Valley for her first race. "She is in Pennsylvania and everything is good, I don't see any problems."

Sugar Instead

2023 Two-Year-Old Filly Trotter of the Year



Sugar Instead - 2023 Two-Year-Old Filly Trotter of the Year Photo: Conrad Photo

SUGAR INSTEAD 2023 Two-Year-Old Filly Trotter of the Year

VOLSTEAD - SUGAR POP -
WINDSONG'S LEGACY

1:55 F

\$373,925

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

Breeder: Elmer Dean Miller (Goshen, IN)

Trainer: Virgil Morgan Jr.



Left to Right: John Konesky, Tre Morgan, Virgil Morgan Jr., Larry Wills, Dick McClelland

The story of Sugar Instead is one that dreams are made of, from a relatively inexpensive purchase at a yearling auction to an Ohio county fair track to Ohio Sires Stakes Champion. If not for a bad step around the final turn in the Breeders Crown, the connections of the Volstead filly can only dream of what might have been.

Sugar Instead was purchased at the Blooded Horse sale for \$11,000 by Susan Sickle. She was the cheapest of the first crop foals sold at auction in 2022. Sickle sent the filly to Ronnie Gillespie to train and drive.

While in training at the Muskingum County Fairground in Zanesville, others began to take notice of Sugar Instead. "Ronnie would tell me he had a nice filly," said Dick McClelland. "I didn't think she was that nice, but the more I talked with Ronnie, the more he sold me on her."

After a couple of qualifiers, the decision was made to purchase the filly. "We couldn't be happier with the year she had. She exceeded our expectations," said trainer Virgil Morgan, Jr.

Morgan says Sugar Instead is special. "She doesn't have much of a pedigree. I looked for it and it's just not there on the dam side. Not much money made, not many lifetime marks."

As the year went on Morgan says Sugar Instead continued to get better and thrived on the training routine. "She is extremely intelligent and that is huge for any horse, let alone a two-year-old trotting filly.

Sugar Instead won all five legs of the Ohio Sires Stakes and dominated in Ohio Sires Stakes Scarlet Final, winning by nearly five lengths with an Eldorado Scioto Downs track record.

After winning the Ohio Breeders' Championship, she was pointed to the Breeders Crown.

The glass slipper of Sugar Instead's Cinderella year cracked around the final turn at Hoosier Park when, for the first time in her career, she made a break.

Morgan wonders what might have been. "I thought she had a shot in the Breeders Crown. She had trot, the earplugs were in. The other horses seemed like they were struggling and getting tired. You wanted her to get out to see what would have happened."

Sugar Instead is back in training and Morgan says the goal is to have her ready for the James Hackett Memorial at Miami Valley. "We will get her ready for all the Ohio races. She is staked to four or five races outside of Ohio because she looked so competitive on the national scene when we raced her in the Breeders Crown."

Wicked Character

2023 Three-Year-Old Colt Pacer of the Year



Wicked Character - Three-year-Old Colt Pacer of the Year Photo: Conrad Photo

WICKED CHARACTER

2023 Three-Year-Old
Colt Pacer of the Year

YANKEE CRUISER - RILEY CHARACTER - SHADY CHARACTER

1:49.4 F

\$230,320

Owner: Winterwood Farm (Bellville, OH), Timothy Sullivan (Bellville, OH), Robert Jackson (Bay Village, OH), Tom Wilson (Cleveland, OH)

Breeder: Cornerstone Stock Farm (Astor, FL)

Trainer: Ron Burke

As the field made the final turn in the 2023 Ohio Sires Stakes Scarlet Championship for three-year-old male pacers, emotions were starting to stir for Winterwood Farms' Mark Adams. Adams, part owner of Wicked Character, started to reflect on his father, Albert, and his years in the standardbred business.

Wicked Character had started to make his move heading up the back stretch. Fourth at the three-quarter pole, Yannick Gingras went three wide with Wicked Character as the field hit the top of the stretch.

"It was surreal. We were sitting in the stands and I saw him turn for home," said Adams. "I said to my wife, 'He's going to get close.' I'm thinking maybe second or third."

It was better than that, as Wicked Character dug deep and blew by the leader, Burnout, mid-stretch and won by two lengths.

Adams said the emotions hit as Wicked Character crossed the wire. "My Dad has been at this for such a long time. He had the gray pacer Laag. I thought back to when Laag was racing and, as a kid, how I didn't really get the gravity of it." Adams said it was an overpowering feeling. "I hope I get to experience it again, but if I don't, I understand why Dad was so elated and happy."

"I owe a debt of gratitude to my father, Albert. He laid the foundation for me to have any success," said Adams.

The trip to the winner's circle is a blur for Adams. "I don't think I touched the ground all the way to the winner's circle. I was walking on air."

Adams says Wicked Character has grit and showed amazing resilience. "He is a tough animal with a big heart and always gives his best. What a thrill to watch him all year. I'm so proud of the horse."

Wicked Character is trained by Ron Burke. Adams credits the Burke Brigade for the horse's success. "They have a way of peaking the horse at the right time. They did a tremendous job."

Burke says that even though they don't own Wicked Character, the win in the Ohio Sires Stakes Finals was gratifying. "That was one of the great wins of the year. The happiness it brought Mark was incredible."



Left to Right: Mark Adams, Bella Shaffer, Ron Burke, Seazon Turley, Senena Esty

Jet Hill

2023 Three-Year-Old Colt Trotter of the Year



JET HILL

2023 Three-Year-Old Colt Trotter of the Year

WHAT THE HILL - SCHLIM
SCHLAMMA - LEAR JETTA

1:51.4F

\$393,400

Owner: Serenity Racing Sta-
bles (Fredericksburg, OH)

Breeder: Martz Creek Farm
(Monroe, IN)

Trainer: Edward Miller

Jet Hill - Three-Year-Old Colt Trotter of the Year Photo: Conrad Photo

One look into the eyes of Jet Hill told Ian Yoder all he needed to know about the horse. “The eyes tell you a lot, his sparkled,” said Yoder of Serenity Stables, owner of Jet Hill. “They tell you if the horse has heart and he’s got a big heart.”

Purchased at the Ohio Selected Jug Sale for \$20,000, Jet Hill was lightly raced as a two-year-old. He hit the board in all six starts, winning two and finishing no worse than second.

Heading into his sophomore season, hopes were high for Jet Hill and he did not disappoint. The son of What The Hill won ten of his 15 starts including the James K. Hackett Memorial at Miami Valley Raceway, three legs of the Ohio Sires Stakes, the Ohio Fair Stakes, and the Ohio Breeders’ Championship.

The highlight of the year was a record-setting performance in Cleveland when Jet Hill set the world mark for three-year-old gelded trotters on a half-mile track. With Ronnie Wrenn Jr. in the bike, Jet Hill blistered MGM Northfield Park’s flying turns in 1:52.2. “It was shocking,” said trainer Edward Miller. “I couldn’t breathe.”

“It was a great night.
It got us fired up.”
— Ian Yoder

Yoder says setting the record was special. “It was a great night. It got us fired up.”

As the year wore on, soundness issues caught up to Jet Hill according to Yoder. Jet Hill finished second in the Ohio Sires Stakes finals. “We were disappointed, but he wasn’t 100% sound for the race,” said Yoder. “He has a lot of heart and that’s what pushed him.”

Yoder said Jet Hill had a partially torn suspensory and had surgery to remove an OCD. “He will be off until February. We will have the vet go over everything and he will not start back until the vet says he is good to go.”



Left to Right: John Konesky III, Karin Yoder, Ian Yoder

McSeaside

2023 Three-Year-Old Filly Pacer of the Year



McSeaside - 2023 Three-Year-Old Filly Pacer of the Year Photo Credit: Conrad Photo

MCSEASIDE

2023 Three-Year-Old Filly Pacer of the Year

DOWNBYPHSEASIDE - MCGIBSON - MCARDLE

1:48.4M

\$299,887

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

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

Trainer: Ron Burke

For the third time in five years, the reigning freshman filly pacing champion has once again risen to claim the title in her sophomore year. McSeaside continued the legacy established by Sea Silk in 2022 and Queen Of The Pride in 2019, repeating as the divisional champion.

A three-time winner as a two-year-old, McSeaside won seven times in 2023, earning nearly \$300,000. She kicked off the year win-

ning the James Hackett Memorial. She added wins in four legs of the Ohio Sires Stakes, the Ohio State Fairs Stakes, and the Ohio Breeders' Championship.

Describing McSeaside as "absolutely one of the nicest horses" and "truly a pleasure to train," McSeaside's trainer, Ron Burke, expressed admiration for her remarkable qualities. "You could not ask for anything else, she did everything we asked of her."



Left to Right: Ron Burke, Brianna Page, Chris Page, Senena Esty, Randy Haines

Chris Page was in the bike for six of McSeaside's wins and says the filly showed up every week. "I can't say enough about her. She was extremely tough."

Page said. "McSeaside is a good-looking filly, she is sneaky fast, and when driven correctly she has a big move which she carried over as a three-year-old from her two-year-old season."

After the 2023 campaign, McSeaside's breeder, Sergent Stables purchased the filly and will breed her. In her career, McSeaside won ten races, earned \$595,501, and took a mark of 1:48.4 as a three-year-old.

Burke says McSeaside comes from a great family and he is looking forward to buying her babies.

Rose Run Yolanda

2023 Three-Year-Old Filly Trotter of the Year



Rose Run Yolanda - 2023 Three-Year-Old Filly Trotter of the Year Photo: Conrad Photo

ROSE RUN YOLANDA

2023 Three-Year-Old Filly Trotter of the Year

TRIUMPHANT CAVIAR - ROSE RUN KEEPSAKE - ARMBRO LASER

1:53 F

\$421,780

Owner: Greg Luther Racing (Blacklick, OH)

Breeder: Rose Run Farm (Sugar creek, OH)

Trainer: Todd Luther

Just like the sophomore filly pacer, for the third time in five years the reigning two-year-old trotting filly of the year in Ohio has repeated to win divisional honors as a three-year-old.

In 2019, Only Take Cash repeated as the top filly trotter. Last year it was Gabbys C Note and in 2023, Rose Run Yolanda followed up her divisional championship claiming the top honor as a sophomore.

Repeating was no easy feat for Rose Run Yolanda as the Luther brothers tested her with a challenging schedule. "We put her in some of the big races this year. We had some good luck and some bad luck," said owner Greg Luther. "She has been a phenomenal filly. She has dominated Ohio and has been a lot of fun."

Greg's brother, Todd, trains Rose Run Yolanda and said that the challenge was keeping her fresh. "She tired at the end of last year. I thought we had a chance at the big races at the end of last year, but she got a little tired on us."

Yolanda's journey took her to eight tracks in five states and two countries. "It can be exhausting with 8-to-10-hour trips on the trailer," said Greg. "Keeping

them at full tilt the entire summer is tough. She kept her weight on despite how much we hauled her around."

The Luthers expect Yolanda to make a big name for herself in 2024, but not before breeding the mare. "We were going to sell her, but we decided we are keeping her and will breed her and race her," said Greg. "We had offers from some of the big stallions nationwide, but I want an Ohio bred."

Rose Run Yolanda is booked to Ready For Moni and will be bred via embryo transfer before heading to the track.



Left to Right: John Konesky, Maverick Butler, Archie Yoder, Nolan Butler, Rypkin Yoder, Maddox Butler, Todd Luther, Greg Luther

It's Academic

2023 Aged Trotter of the Year



2023 Aged Trotter of the Year - It's Academic Photo: Lisa Photo

Like a fine wine, It's Academic continues to get better with age. As a six-year-old, It's Academic won the most races of his career and earned more money than the previous two years combined. He is on the doorstep of becoming the highest-earning Ohio-bred of all time.

For his career, It's Academic has 30 career wins. His \$2,311,223 in lifetime earnings is second only to Buck I St Pat, trailing the two-time horse of the year by less than \$10,000.

In 2023, the son of Uncle Peter hit the board in 16 of 18 races, winning eight and earning \$951,911. He won five races in a row during one stretch which included the Crawford Farms Trot, the Spirit of Massachusetts Trot, the John Cashman Memorial, and the Tom



Left to Right: Ron Burke, R. Kevin Greenfield, Brad Wallace

IT'S ACADEMIC

2023 Aged Trotter of the Year

UNCLE PETER - ANNAPOLIS -
MUSCLE HILL

1:50.2M

\$951,911

Owner: Bradley Grant (Milton,
Ontario)

Breeder: GBW Breeding Farm
(Findlay, OH)

Trainer: Ron Burke

Aldrich President's Trot at MGM Northfield Park. He also finished second in the Breeders Crown Open Trot.

Originally owned in part by the Burke Racing Stable, It's Academic was sold near the end of his sophomore season. "We underestimated him when we sold him," said Ron Burke.

After three races with new owner Bradley Grant, the horse was sent back to Burke. "He far exceeded what we thought he would be. He never does anything wrong."

Burke says they are now being rewarded as It's Academic's trainer. "He is one of the best horses I've ever trained. I love this horse."

Burke says the plan is to race It's Academic one more year. "We are going to try and put it all together and have one more great year."

“ He is one of the best horses I've ever trained. I love this horse. ”
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Page and Burke Take 2023 Kaltenbach Honors



Left to Right: Chris Page, Dick McClelland (Ohio Standardbred Development Fund), Ron Burke

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

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

It is the eighth Kaltenbach title for Page, who, with this award, passed David Miller for the most titles won. Page started 98 OSS events, winning 27 races, finishing second 10 times, and adding 11 third-place finishes, earning \$1,365,200.

The Kaltenbach title was the sixth for Burke who had 108 starts in the 2023 Ohio Sires Stakes legs, Championships, and consolations. His total money earned from these OSS events was \$1,555,000. Burke finished with 29 wins, 10 second-place finishes, and nine third-place finishes.

The duo of Page and Burke have been together for many years. “Chris is the standard bearer for teaching babies to go the right way. That’s what we are doing,” said Burke. They have to be good two-year-olds, good three-year-olds, and good four-year-olds. Nobody is doing it better than Chris.”

Page says the relationship is a case of the right place at the right time. “A few guys kept choosing off. I got put up and I’m loyal like an old dog. It worked out that I was loyal to the right people.”

On the driving side, Aaron Merriman finished second and Brett Miller was third for the second year in a row. Merriman had earnings of \$1,015,800 while Miller earned \$913,150 in earnings.

A total of 58 drivers participated in the 2023 OSS events with 47 garnering at least one purse check. Sixteen had earnings over \$100,000 or more, with eight amassing earnings over \$250,000.

For the fifth straight year Chris Beaver finished second in the Kaltenbach standings with \$626,900 in earnings while Virgil Morgan Jr, was third with earnings of \$460,850.

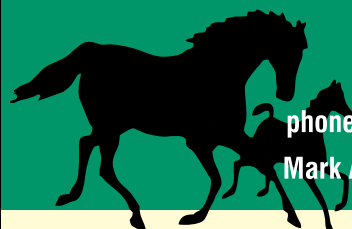
A total of 113 trainers participated in 2023 OSS events with 17 earning over \$100,000 and six with earnings over \$250,000.

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

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Farmer Awarded Terry Holton Youth Award



Left to Right Troy Holton, Wyatt Farmer, State Representative Jim Buchy

From the time he was a little boy, Wyatt Farmer has been hanging around the horses. A third-generation horseman, he was destined for the industry from an early age. “It’s been in my blood. It started with my grandfather and my dad followed along,” said Farmer. “I have been working around the horses my entire life. I just love it!”

Farmer is the recipient of the 2023 Terry Holton Youth Award, which is given to an Ohio horseman between the ages of 13 and

19 who has actively participated in harness racing during 2023 as a driver, trainer, groom, breeder, race office/publicity assistant, track maintenance crew, or has provided outstanding service to harness racing.

The 18-year-old farmer is honored to win the award. “People my age don’t get many opportunities to drive, so I am very thankful to my parents and owner Jerry Hargraves for giving me these opportunities.”

Farmer began driving in 2021 and won his first race in just his second start, driving Jumping Jillybean to victory at the Allegan County Fair in Michigan. He remembers taking a little extra time to get to the winner’s circle. “I had to. My dad had to run to the winner’s circle and it was just us two, so I gave him a little extra time. It was a good feeling.”

In 2023, Farmer won 24 races including his first pari-mutuel win at Eldorado Scioto Downs with Delishka N.

He says he wants to make a career of driving. “This my plan and I have to stick with it. I haven’t planned on college. I’m not sure if that is a good idea or not. It is going to take time, but I’m in no rush.”

The award, in its 21st 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.

DiMatteo Named OHHA Outstanding Groom

Every morning, when Gina DiMatteo walks into the barn, she has a smile on her face because the best part of her job is being around the horses. DiMatteo’s dedication to the industry and the horse is why she is Ohio’s Outstanding Groom for 2023.

Trainer Bill Rhoades nominated DiMatteo and says she is selfless when it comes to the needs of the horses. “She tends to the needs of every horse that she is in contact with on an individual basis. If every trainer were lucky enough to have someone half as hard-working, caring, and dedicated as Gina, this business would be a whole lot easier.”

DiMatteo has been a groom for about 37 years. She says she was hooked early on when she went to the track with her father and brother. “You go to the grandstand and you start meeting people from the backstretch. They bring you to the backside and it’s over. You never leave.”

DiMatteo says the best part of her job is being around the horses. “It is work, but it is relaxing. The horses bring a smile to my face every day with the things they do.”

She says it is a thrill to see her horses win. “You work hard on the horses; you take care of them and they reward you. The horses know it too.”





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Robert and Paulann Sidley Honored with Hagemeyer Award



Scott Hagemeyer, Todd Brown, Rob Sidley, Cassandra Sidley

The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association has awarded the late Robert and Paulann Sidley the Association's prestigious Maynard and Stella Hagemeyer Significant Contribution Award.

The Sidleys were pillars of Ohio's standardbred industry. Robert is a member of both the Ohio Harness Racing Hall of Fame and the Northfield Park Wall of Fame. He served on the United States Trotting Association Board of Directors, where he was the organization's treasurer from 1993 to 2008 and is a past president of both Harness Horsemen International and the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association. In 2009, Paulann was the Lady Pace honoree at the Delaware County Fair.

The Sidleys owned R.W. Sidley Inc., a construction supply firm founded by Robert's father, Robert W. Sidley, as a mining and manufacturing company in 1933. The couple bred or raced more than 1,000 horses. They took great pride in the harness racing program at their home fair, the Lake County Fair located in Painesville, Ohio.

Sidley's son Rob accepted the honor for his late parents. "They loved the industry, they loved the people, they loved their horses, and they loved the Lake County Fair," said Sidley. "They had a passion to make Ohio better for the harness racing industry." Sidley said his parents had a dream to make Ohio the best racing state in the country.

The Sidleys passed away just minutes apart in November 2022.

Their first-class hospitality to the harness racing participants made the Lake County fair a must-race event for numerous horsemen for decades, according to Ohio Fair Racing Conference Regional Coordinator Todd Brown. "Every year there would be a big food fest. Bob would give tickets to everyone who wanted to go. I asked him why he gave away tickets when anybody could just walk in. He said, "Todd, I just like to hear people say thank you."

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

Harless Receives Brandt Award



Left to Right: Tim Harless, OHHA Director Randy Leopard

For over 40 years, Tim Harless has been involved with racing and the Great Darke County Fair. His commitment to producing a quality race program year after year is one of the reasons he was honored as the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association 2023 recipient of the Dick Brandt Sr. Extra Effort Award.

"There is no Darke County Fair horse racing at the current quality without Tim Harless," explained Ohio trainer Dalton Walls, who nominated Harless. "He is vital to the program and his impact is immeasurable."

Harless serves as the fair's Director of Racing, Race Secretary, Track Director, horsemen's representative on the fair board, and raises funds through sponsorships for the fair's marquee events, the Gene Riegler Memorial and Arnie Almahurst Trot.

"Growing up in Greenville with Gene Riegler training there is like shagging flyballs in Yankee Stadium," said Harless. "That's what fairs are about. The kids are there, and you have a captive audience."

In 2023, the fair offered four evenings of racing featuring nearly \$275,000 in purses. Harless says it is a team effort. "The fair board is always supportive, and it is a great place to race a horse."

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

The Dick Brandt Sr. Extra Effort Award is awarded to individuals, local horsemen's associations, and matinee clubs who have made a commitment to county fair racing. The award is based on involvement with local fair board, local matinees, within the community, improvements to racing and barn areas, and assistance with racing programs during the fair week.

Clegg and Nisonger Honored as Top Fair Trainer and Driver



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



Jeff Nisonger

Betty Clegg and Jeff Nisonger were honored at the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association annual banquet as the top trainer and driver on the Ohio County fair circuit.

Clegg led all trainers with 61 fair wins last summer. In 2023 Clegg had the best season of her 20-year career as she had 92 winners overall with earnings of \$934,953.

Nisonger had one of the best years of his driving career. He won 90 Ohio fair races in 2023. Overall, he won 108 races and earned \$842,790. Nisonger also won 26 races as a trainer.

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OHHA Hands Out Special Recognition Awards

Former Race Secretary Gregg Keidel, longtime veterinarian Dr. Robert Schwartz, harness racing supporter and clerk Lisa Schwartz, and the connections of Breeders Crown champion Tactical Approach were presented with Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association Special Recognition Awards for service and accomplishments in the harness racing industry.



Left to Right: Gregg Keidel, Roger Huston

After graduating from Ohio University with a degree in Journalism, Keidel started a chain of weekly newspapers. After selling his businesses, Keidel, a harness racing fan, decided to invest in racehorses, purchasing his first two horses in 1979. He was licensed as a trainer and grew his stable to over 20 horses before being recruited to work at Northfield Park as the track's publicist.

He was promoted two years later to Racing Secretary and Director of Racing, a position he held for 26 years. The crafty race secretary began races such as The Battle of Lake Erie, Cleveland Classic, and Courageous Lady which helped place Northfield Park in national prominence.

Keidel also changed racing in the Buckeye State with his idea of Ohio Super Night versus spreading the championships between the four racetracks.

After retiring from Northfield Park, Keidel took positions with Running Aces and Pompano Park before returning to Ohio to be the Director of Racing at both Dayton Raceway and Miami Valley. He remained at both Ohio locations for a decade.

During his career, Keidel estimates that throughout his career he assembled 6,650

racing programs, consisting of 93,100 races and 791,350 starters.

Now retired, Keidel says is planning to get back in the industry as an owner. "I think I am going to buy a horse or two and get back into the business the way it started.

Spouses Dr. Robert and Lisa Schwartz were also honored for their work in Ohio's Standardbred industry.



Left to Right: OHHA Director Randy Leopard, Dr. Robert Schwartz

Dr. Schwartz began his career in 1971 working for Ohio Harness Racing Hall of Famer Dr. Don Mossbarger. Mossbarger started Midland Acres, where Schwartz has been a veterinarian since the farm's inception. Schwartz is a former Chairman of the Ohio Standardbred Development Fund and served on the Board of Directors at Scioto Downs. He currently serves as President of both the Ohio Colt Racing Association and the Fayette County Fair Board.



Left to right: Lisa Schwartz, OHHA Randy Leopard

Among his countless contributions, he worked with his wife, Lisa, as driving forces behind the VLT initiative in Ohio, which

allowed the Buckeye State's commercial racetracks to be transformed into racinos. The couple led a group of over 2,000 people for a rally at the Statehouse. They also organized a writing campaign to former Governor Strickland, who opened the door for VLTs in Ohio.

Lisa grew up with her grandparents on both sides owning racehorses. She maintained her interest and passion for harness racing throughout her career while a project manager at Jay-Car Construction, where she coordinated multi-million-dollar projects. Upon Lisa's retirement from the construction industry, she was handed the reins of a fair racing conference by Katie Meddles.

Schwartz helped merge the Western Ohio Colt Racing Association and the Ohio Colt Racing Association. She became the Secretary/Treasurer of Ohio's Signature Series in 2017 and has grown the series from 14 to 34 fairs. In 2023, Schwartz worked at 18 county fairs as the clerk, charter, or both, including at the historic Delaware County Fair.



Left to right: R. Kevin Greenfield, Roger Huston

Ohioans Joe Sbrocco and R. Kevin Greenfield were recognized for their part in the success of the 3-year-old trotter Tactical Approach. Sbrocco is part owner and Greenfield is the Syndicate Manager for sire Tactical Landing. Tactical Approach hit the board in 17 of 19 races in 2023, winning 10 including the Hambletonian and the Breeders Crown. He was named the 2023 3-Year-Old Colt Trotter of the Year by the U.S. Harness Writers Association.

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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 in January. The Ohio Chapter honored Ronnie Gillespie as the recipient of the Winner's Circle Award for outstanding achievement during the past year; Edward Miller as the Peter Haughton Memorial Award winner for being the young Ohioan who is an "up-and-coming" star among harness horsemen; Earl Bowman into the Immortal Hall of Fame; Overcomer into the Standardbred Hall of Fame.



Ronnie Gillespie

The 51-year-old Gillespie is a native of Mississippi. He came to Ohio in 2020 and has established himself on the Buckeye fair and sire stakes circuits. Gillespie was the regular driver for Sugar Instead, who swept the five legs of the OSS and the \$300,000 final on her way to \$373,925 in season earnings. In 2023 as a driver, Gillespie owned a UDRS of 0.370 and earned a career-best \$786,934 in purses. As a conditioner, he had a 0.430 UTRS.

Edward Miller, the 26-year-old resident of Polk, Ohio, is excelling in the jog cart as well as on the race bike. He finished seventh in the 2023 trainer's standings at MGM Northfield Park. Miller began training in 2020. Last year he conditioned 113 winners



Edward Miller

earning a career-best \$1.6 million. He is the trainer of the World Champion, Jet Hill. As an amateur driver, Miller has a lifetime UDRS of 0.397 with 51 wins and nearly \$300,000 in career earnings.



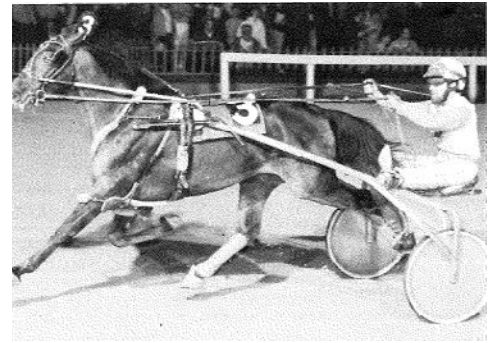
Left to Right: Keith Gisser, Diana Spring, Joann Bowman, Roger Huston

Well-respected driver and trainer Earl Bowman was enshrined in the Ohio Immortal Hall of Fame. Bowman trained many fine horses during his 50+ year career. Bang The Door (\$257,844), Ruff Door (\$213,212), Perfect Door (\$203,353), Cervantes Osborne (\$123,553) and Sweet Potato Chips (\$129,993) were among his many trainees.

Bowman was inducted into the Medina County Sports Hall of Fame in 1988 and placed on the Northfield Park Wall of Fame in 1993.

Bowman's widow, Joann, accepted the honor for her late husband. "I'm sure Earl would have enjoyed this," said Bowman. Bowman said her husband loved harness racing. "He worked from morning until night, and it didn't matter what time of the night. He'd get home at three o'clock and up at five."

Bowman passed away on March 18, 2006, just a couple of days short of his 81st birthday.



Overcomer

The stallion Overcomer is the 43rd inductee into the Standardbred Hall of Fame. Overcomer stood for 14 seasons at Success Acres in Berlin, Ohio. He had 1,017 registered foals, 162 who hit the 2:00 mark and 65 who earned \$100,000 or more.

As a racehorse, the son of Speed In Action raced from 1985 to 1988. He finished on the board in 45 of 53 career starts winning 26 races and earning more than \$400,000. He was a three-time Ohio Sire Stakes Champion trotter, winning the titles as a three-, four-, and five-year-old.



Left to Right: Matt Murphy, Roger Huston

Overcomer was a horse with a lot of personality according to Matt Murphy, the former farm manager at Success Acres. "There is nobody that worked at the farm that didn't have an Overcome story to tell.

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Steve Bateson Received the Rambling Willie Award



Steve Bateson and Roger Huston



Entered to Win **Photo:** Brad Conrad

Steve Bateson received the Rambling Willie Award at the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association Awards Banquet in January 2024. The prestigious award is given annually to the Ohioan who has done the most for harness racing over the past two decades.

Bateson, who hails from Bowling Green, became involved in the Ohio Standardbred scene in 1981 and purchased his first racehorse in 1986. A director of the OHHA since 2011, Bateson served as the organization's vice president for four years (2015 – 2018), preparing him to become the OHHA president, a position he held for five years (2019 – 2023).

"When I was told I won this award, I had to take a step back and think about it," said Bateson. "To be considered in the same category as Rambling Willie is kind of mind boggling."

Among the initiatives under Bateson's leadership was the implementation of the Buckeye Stallion Series events for 2- and 3-year-olds. Bateson was the driving force behind this series, which added another valuable classification for staking many outstanding Ohio-breds and forever changed the landscape of racing youngsters in the Buckeye State.

Although giving up the gavel of being the association's president and handing it Scott Mogan, Bateson made it clear that he still intends on being an active OHHA director and participant.

"I am retired as president," reiterated Bateson. "I am still going to be active in the OHHA."

Bateson was selected for the award by a vote of the Ohio Chapter of the United States Harness Writers Association. The award was

presented by USHWA member and OHHA director Keith Gisser.

"I had the opportunity to see Rambling Willie once, and what a class horse he was," recalled Bateson. "I couldn't even think to be in that same category with the longevity he had. Hopefully, I can have that same longevity to help this industry in the State of Ohio."

2023 was a successful year for Steve Bateson. Not only is he the year's Rambling Willie Award recipient, but in November he accepted the award for having the Ohio Fair Racing Conference's 3-Year-Old Colt Trotting Champion, Entered To Win. The Enterprise son was conditioned and co-owned last year by Bateson.

“ I am retired as president...I am still going to be active in the OHHA. ”
— Steve Bateson

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Dr. John C. Mossbarger

Elected to Ohio Harness Racing Hall of Fame By Jay Wolf



Dr. John Mossbarger, a veterinarian and president of Midland Acres, Inc., has been elected as the 50th 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.

When the call came notifying Dr. Mossbarger that he was being inducted into the Hall of Fame, he wasn't sure what he heard.

"Ayers (Ratliff Jr., President of the Ohio Chapter of USHWA) mentioned something about the Hall of Fame and I asked if I was supposed to present it, and he said 'No,'" said Dr. Mossbarger. "I put the phone on speaker and asked him to repeat it for my wife. She heard the same thing. She got emotional, and I got a little emotional. When it finally set in, I was truly honored to follow the footsteps of the other 49 inductees in front of me."

Dr. John Mossbarger and his family have bred horses in the Buckeye State for half a century at Midland Acres, which was established by Mossbarger's father, Dr. Don Mossbarger, who was a 1994 Ohio Harness Hall of Fame honoree.



The younger graduated from The Ohio State University with a B.S. degree in 1972 and a D.V.M. degree in 1977.

Dr. Mossbarger's gift is more than as a breeder. His service to the industry has been extensive. He has served as a past president of the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association and the Ohio Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association. He is a member of the Hambletonian Society and Fayette County Harness Horsemen's Association, a Director of the United States Trotting Association, and serves

as a state trustee on the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation.

"I have always been a believer in relationships; we build relationships in business and politics," said Mossbarger. He said the advice he received years ago, that if you are not at the table, you are not on the menu, is important today. "I took that as we have to work with our legislators and build relationships."

Mossbarger was honored in 2021 with the Maynard and Stella Hagemeyer Significant Contribution Award by the OHHA and as the 2005 Rambling Willie Achievement Award winner by the Ohio Chapter of the United States Harness Writers Association.

He is a believer in hard work. "Hard work doesn't guarantee you anything, but without it you have nothing."

Mossbarger's wife, Kyle, is retired from the Madison County Schools. They have two daughters, Jamie Lee (Kyle) Butts and Jill Ann (Chris) Cottrill, and are blessed with six grandchildren.

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-\$400,000 Est. in 2024-

2-Year-Old Colt & Gelding Trot

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

To race Friday, September 13 at Harrah's Hoosier Park

Top Dollar Format

2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$400

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

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

Entrance Fee: \$2,500

HOOSIER STAKE No. 88

\$26,001 in 2023

-\$50-

Colts & Geldings only. To be raced Wednesday, August 7 at the Indiana State Fair

Final Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$100

Entrance Fee: \$200

HORSEMAN No. 116

\$32,913 in 2023

-\$75-

SUPPLEMENTAL NOMINATION: \$300

Open. To remain eligible to the 2025 race at the Indiana State Fair

KEYSTONE CLASSICS 2024 (Early Closer)

\$80,500 in 2023

-\$200-

Pennsylvania-Sired Early Closing Event for

2-Year-Old Colt & Gelding Trotters

To be raced Wednesday, October 2 at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows

2nd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$400

Entrance Fee: \$400

LANDMARK STAKE 2024 (Early Closer)

\$9,050 in 2023

-\$150-

Open. To race Sunday, July 7 at Goshen Historic Track

2nd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$250

Entrance Fee: \$300

LIBERTY BELL (Early Closer)

-\$70,000 Est. in 2024-

-\$200-

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

To race Friday, November 1 at Harrah's Philadelphia

2nd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$400

Entrance Fee: \$400

MADISON COUNTY (Early Closer)

-\$100,000 Est. in 2024-

-\$300-

Colts & Geldings only. To race Friday, September 20 at Harrah's Hoosier Park

Top Dollar Format

2nd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$500

3rd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$500

Entrance Fee: \$750

MATRON SERIES 2024 (Early Closer)

\$133,000 Est. in 2024

-\$300-

To be raced Tuesday, November 12 at Bally's Dover Downs
Top Dollar Format

2nd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$400

3rd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$500

Entrance Fee: \$1,000

PENNSYLVANIA ALL-STARS (Early Closer)

-\$75,000 Est. in 2024-

-\$200-

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

Colts & Geldings only. To be raced Sunday, June 30 at Pocono Downs at Mohegan Pennsylvania

2nd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$400

Entrance Fee: \$200

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

\$78,200 in 2023

-\$300-

Colts & Geldings only. To be raced Friday, September 20 at Tioga Downs

Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$300

Entrance Fee: \$500

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

\$75,000 Est. in 2024

-\$200-

Colts & Geldings only. To be raced Tuesday, October 22 at Pocono Downs at Mohegan Pennsylvania

2nd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$400

Entrance Fee: \$400

TOMPKINS-GEERS (Early Closer)

-\$30,000 USD Est. in 2024-

-\$300-

Colts & Geldings only. To be raced Friday, June 28 at Woodbine Mohawk Park (Canada) **Moved!**

2nd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$300 USD

Entrance Fee: \$500 USD

RALPH WILFONG No. 87

\$42,679 in 2023

-\$200-

Open. To be raced Wednesday, August 7 at the Indiana State Fair

One heat only

2nd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$400

Entrance Fee: \$600

MGM YONKERS TROT 2025

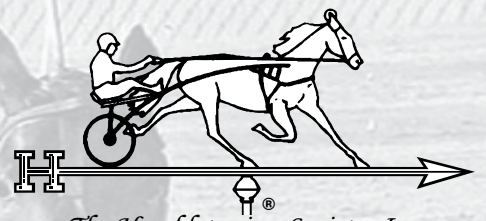
\$380,000 in 2023

-\$300-

Open. To remain eligible to 2025 race at Yonkers Raceway

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eligible to these top events.



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2-YEAR-OLD TROTTING FILLIES (FILLY DIVISION)

ARDEN DOWNS No. 68

\$40,000 in 2023
-\$200-

To be raced Friday, July 26 at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows and to remain eligible to the 3-year-old-race in 2025.

Entrance Fee: \$400

BREEDERS CROWN® No. 38

\$700,000 Guaranteed in 2024

-2nd Sustaining Fee: \$400-

To race Friday, October 25 at The Meadowlands
Elimination heats, if necessary, will be raced Friday, October 18

Schedule For Future Payments:

3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$500

4th Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$600

Entrance Fee: \$5,000

To race as a 3-Year-Old in the 2025 BREEDERS CROWN® No. 38

-Future Eligibility: \$500-

CURRIER & IVES No. 51

Filly Division - \$58,390 in 2023
-\$100-

To remain eligible to 2025 race at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows

DEXTER CUP STAKES 2025

Lady Suffolk - \$56,450 in 2023
-\$200-

To remain eligible to 2025 race at Freehold Raceway

JIM DOHERTY MEMORIAL

-\$400,000 Est. in 2024-

2-Year-Old Filly Trot

A Breeders Crown *Win & You're In* Event
To race Friday, September 13 at Harrah's Hoosier Park
Top Dollar Format

2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$400

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

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

Entrance Fee: \$2,500

HAMBLETONIAN® No. 100

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

To remain eligible to 2025 race at The Meadowlands

HOOSIER STAKE No. 88

\$23,196 in 2023
-\$50-

To be raced Wednesday, August 7 at the Indiana State Fair

Final Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$100

Entrance Fee: \$200

HORSEMAN No. 116

\$32,803 in 2023
-\$75-

SUPPLEMENTAL NOMINATION: \$250

To remain eligible to the 2025 race at the Indiana State Fair

KENTUCKIANA STALLION MANAGEMENT TROT 2024 (Early Closer)

2-Year-Old Filly Trot
-\$200,000 Est. in 2024-
-\$500-

To race Friday, September 20 at Harrah's Hoosier Park
Top Dollar Format

Schedule for Sustaining Payments:

3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$500

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

Entrance Fee: \$1,500

KEYSTONE CLASSICS 2024 (Early Closer)

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

\$69,900 in 2023
-\$200-

To be raced Wednesday, October 2 at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows

2nd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$400

Entrance Fee: \$400

LANDMARK STAKE (Early Closer)

\$7,450 in 2023
-\$75-

To race Sunday, July 7 at Goshen Historic Track

2nd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$125

Entrance Fee: \$150

LIBERTY BELL (Early Closer)

-\$70,000 Est. in 2024-
-\$200-

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

To race Friday, October 18 at Harrah's Philadelphia

2nd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$400

Entrance Fee: \$400

MATRON SERIES 2024 (Early Closer)

\$138,000 Est. in 2024
-\$300-

To be raced Monday, November 11 at Bally's Dover Downs
Top Dollar Format

2nd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$400

3rd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$500

Entrance Fee: \$1,000

PENNSYLVANIA ALL-STARS 2024 (Early Closer)

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

-\$75,000 Est. in 2024-
-\$200-

To be raced Tuesday, July 9 at Pocono Downs at Mohegan Pennsylvania

2nd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$400

Entrance Fee: \$200

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

\$77,800 in 2023
-\$300-

To be raced Friday, September 20 at Tioga Downs

Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$300

Entrance Fee: \$500

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

-\$75,000 Est. in 2024-
-\$200-

To be raced Saturday, October 26 at Pocono Downs at Mohegan Pennsylvania

Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$400

Entrance Fee: \$400

TOMPKINS-GEERS (Early Closer)

-\$30,000 USD Est. in 2024-
-\$300-

To be raced Thursday, June 27 at Woodbine Mohawk Park (Canada) **Moved!**

Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$300 USD

Entrance Fee: \$500 USD

YONKERS TROT 2025

New York New York Mile - \$100,000 in 2023
-\$150-

To remain eligible to 2025 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. 59

\$400,000 in 2023
-\$400-

Open. To remain eligible to the 2025 race at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows

ARDEN DOWNS No. 68

\$40,696 in 2023
-\$200-

Colts & Geldings only. To be raced Saturday, July 27 at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows
Entrance Fee: \$400

BREEDERS CROWN® No. 38

\$700,000 Guaranteed in 2024
-2nd Sustaining Fee: \$400-
To race Friday, October 25 at The Meadowlands
Elimination heats, if necessary, will be raced Friday, October 18
Schedule For Future Payments:
3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$500
4th Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$600
Entrance Fee: \$5,000
To race as a 3-Year-Old in the 2025 BREEDERS CROWN® No. 38
-Future Eligibility: \$500-

CANE PACE 2025

\$315,700 in 2023
-\$400-

Open. To remain eligible to the 2025 race at The Meadowlands

THE ELEVATION (Early Closer)

-\$125,000 Est. in 2024-
-\$300-

Open. To be raced Friday, September 20 at Harrah's Hoosier Park
Top Dollar Format

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

FOX STAKE No. 98

\$50,780 in 2023
-\$250-

Open. To be raced Wednesday, August 7 at the Indiana State Fair
One heat only

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

HOOSIER STAKE No. 88

\$21,857 in 2023
-\$50-

Colts & Geldings only. To be raced Wednesday, August 7 at the Indiana State Fair

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

HORSEMAN No. 116

\$31,280 in 2023
-\$75-

SUPPLEMENTAL NOMINATION: \$300
Open. To remain eligible to the 2025 race at the Indiana State Fair

KEYSTONE CLASSICS 2024 (Early Closer)

Pennsylvania-Sired Early Closing Event
For 2-Year-Old Colt Pacers
\$82,700 in 2023
-\$200-

Colts & Geldings only. To be raced Friday, October 4 at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows

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

LANDMARK STAKE (Early Closer)

\$14,150 in 2023
-\$150-

Open. To race Sunday, July 7 at Goshen Historic Track

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

LIBERTY BELL (Early Closer)

-\$70,000 Est. in 2024-
-\$200-

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

To race Friday, November 1 at Harrah's Philadelphia
Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$400
Entrance Fee: \$400

MATRON SERIES 2024 (Early Closer)

\$145,000 Est. in 2024
-\$300-

To be raced Thursday, November 14 at Bally's Dover Downs
Top Dollar Format

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

MGM GRAND MESSENGER STAKES 2025

\$250,000 in 2023
-\$300-

Open. To remain eligible to the 2025 race at Yonkers Raceway

PENNSYLVANIA ALL-STARS 2024 (Early Closer)

Pennsylvania-Sired Early Closing Event For 2-Year-Old Colt & Gelding Pacers
-\$75,000 Est. in 2024-
-\$200-

Colts & Geldings only. To be raced Monday, July 8 at Pocono Downs at Mohegan Pennsylvania

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

PROGRESS PACE 2025

\$330,000 in 2023
-\$300-

Open only. To remain eligible to the 2025 race at Bally's Dover Downs

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

\$77,500 in 2023
-\$300-

Colts & Geldings only. To be raced Friday, September 20 at Tioga Downs

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

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

\$75,000 Est. in 2024
-\$200-

Colts & Geldings only. To be raced Monday, October 21 at Pocono Downs at Mohegan Pennsylvania

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

TOMPKINS-GEERS (Early Closer)

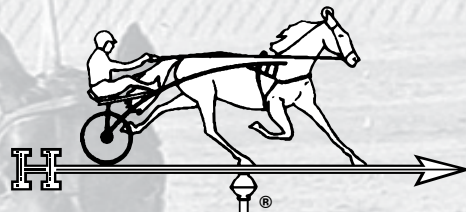
-\$30,000 USD Est. in 2024-
-\$300 USD-

Colts & Geldings only. To be raced Friday, June 28 at Woodbine Mohawk Park (Canada) **Moved!**

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

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2-YEAR-OLD PACING FILLIES (FILLY DIVISION)

THE DELVIN MILLER ADIOS No. 59

The Quinton Patterson Adioo Volo - \$114,770 in 2023
-\$200-

To remain eligible to the 2025 race
at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows

ARDEN DOWNS No. 68

\$42,496 in 2023
-\$200-

To be raced Saturday, July 27
at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows
Entrance Fee: \$400

BREEDERS CROWN® No. 38

\$700,000 Guaranteed in 2024

-2nd Sustaining Fee: \$400-

To race Friday, October 25 at The Meadows
Elimination heats, if necessary, will be raced Friday, October 18

Schedule For Future Payments:

3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$500

4th Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$600

Entrance Fee: \$5,000

To race as a 3-Year-Old in the 2025 BREEDERS CROWN® No. 38

-Future Eligibility: \$500-

CANE PACE 2025

Shady Daisy - \$100,000 in 2023
-\$200-

To remain eligible to the 2025 race
at The Meadowlands

HOOSIER STAKE No. 88

\$26,697 in 2023
-\$50-

To be raced Wednesday, August 7
at the Indiana State Fair
Final Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$100
Entrance Fee: \$200

HORSEMAN No. 116

\$29,217 in 2023
-\$75-

SUPPLEMENTAL NOMINATION: \$250

To remain eligible to the 2025 race at the Indiana State Fair

KENTUCKIANA STALLION MANAGEMENT PACE 2024 (Early Closer)

2-Year-Old Filly Pace

\$200,000 Est. in 2024

-\$500-

Top Dollar Format

To race Friday, September 20 at Harrah's Hoosier Park

Schedule for Future Payments:

3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$500

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

Entrance Fee: \$1,500

KEYSTONE CLASSICS 2024 (Early Closer)

Pennsylvania-Sired Early Closing Event

for 2-Year-Old Filly Pacers

\$78,700 in 2023

-\$200-

To be raced Thursday, October 3

at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows

2nd & Final Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$400

Entrance Fee: \$400

LANDMARK STAKE (Early Closer)

\$7,350 in 2023

-\$75-

To be raced Sunday, July 7 at Goshen Historic Track

2nd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$125

Entrance Fee: \$150

LIBERTY BELL (Early Closer)

-\$70,000 Est. in 2024-

-\$200-

Pennsylvania-Sired Early Closing Event for

2-Year-Old Filly Pacers

To be raced Sunday, October 20 at Harrah's Philadelphia

Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$400

Entrance Fee: \$400

MATRON SERIES 2024 (Early Closer)

\$114,000 Est. in 2024

-\$300-

To be raced Wednesday, November 13

at Bally's Dover Downs

Top Dollar Format

2nd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$400

3rd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$500

Entrance Fee: \$1,000

MGM GRAND MESSENGER STAKES 2025

Park MGM Pace - \$155,000 in 2023

-\$150-

To remain eligible to the 2025 race

at Yonkers Raceway

PENNSYLVANIA ALL-STARS 2024 (Early Closer)

Pennsylvania-Sired Early Closing Event

For 2-Year-Old Filly Pacers

-\$75,000 Est. in 2024-

-\$200-

To be raced Sunday, July 14 at Pocono Downs

at Mohegan Pennsylvania

2nd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$400

Entrance Fee: \$200

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

\$70,500 in 2023

-\$300-

To be raced Friday, September 20 at Tioga Downs

Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$300

Entrance Fee: \$500

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

\$107,300 in 2023

-\$200-

To be raced Monday, October 28 at Pocono Downs

at Mohegan Pennsylvania

Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$400

Entrance Fee: \$400

TOMPKINS-GEERS (Early Closer)

-\$30,000 USD Est. in 2024-

-\$300 USD-

To be raced Thursday, June 27 at

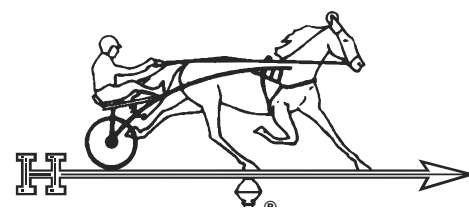
Woodbine Mohawk Park (Canada) Moved!

Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$300 USD

Entrance Fee: \$500 USD

NOTICE U.S.T.A. Rule 12.04 provides: "Failure to make any payment required by the conditions constitutes an automatic withdrawal from the event."

The Hambletonian Society, Inc. will construe payment to require that cash or check duly honored upon presentation be received at the time specified in U.S.T.A. Rule 12.02



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3-YEAR-OLD EVENTS

****NEW** BALLY'S RANDY **NEW**
(Early Closer)**
-\$50,000 Est. in 2024-
-\$300-
All divisions to race Friday, November 22
at Harrah's Hoosier Park
Entrance Fee: \$300

**BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL TROT
(Early Closer)**
-\$100,000 Est. in 2024-
-\$300-
To race Thursday, May 16
at Plainridge Park Casino
Entrance Fee: \$200

BREEDERS CROWN® No. 37
Each of the four 3-year-old finals will be
guaranteed \$600,000 in 2024
-\$800 (all payments in US Funds)-
To race Saturday, October 26, at The Meadows
Elimination heats, if necessary, will be raced
Saturday, October 19
(A February 15th 3-year-old payment was necessary)
3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$900
For more information about supplements and
regular entries, please contact the office
Entrance Fee: \$7,500

CIRCLE CITY (Early Closer)
-\$60,000 Est. in 2024-
-\$300-
All divisions to be raced Friday, October 25
at Harrah's Hoosier Park
Entrance Fee: \$300

**COLONIAL TROT/COLONIAL OAKS
(Early Closer)**
-\$40,000 Est. in 2024-
-\$300-
To race Monday, October 7 at Plainridge Park Casino
2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$300
Entrance Fee: \$500

**CROSSROADS OF AMERICA 2024
(Early Closer)**
For 3-Year-Old Filly Trotters
-\$100,000 Est. in 2024-
-\$1,000-
To race Friday, November 1 at
Harrah's Hoosier Park
Entrance Fee: \$1,000

CARL ERSKINE 2024 (Early Closer)
For 3-Year-Old Trotters
-\$200,000 Est. in 2024-
-\$1,000-
Top Dollar Format
Open. To race Friday, November 1 at
Harrah's Hoosier Park
3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$1,000
Entrance Fee: \$2,000

DELMONICA HANOVER (Early Closer)
Top Dollar Format
-\$250,000 Guaranteed in 2024-
-Consolation #1: \$125,000 Guaranteed in 2024-
-Consolation #2: \$75,000 Guaranteed in 2024-
-\$1,000-
To race Saturday, August 17 at Pocono Downs
at Mohegan Pennsylvania
3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$1,500
Entrance Fee: \$2,000
Consolation #1 Entrance Fee: \$1,000
Consolation #2 Entrance Fee: None

EARL BEAL JR. MEMORIAL (Early Closer)
Top Dollar Format
-\$300,000 Guaranteed in 2024-
-Consolation #1: \$200,000 Guaranteed in 2024-
-Consolation #2: \$100,000 Guaranteed in 2024-
-\$1,250-
To race Saturday, August 17 at Pocono Downs at Mohegan Pennsylvania
3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$1,500
Entrance Fee: \$3,000
Consolation #1 Entrance Fee: \$1,500
Consolation #2 Entrance Fee: \$750

JAMES LYNCH MEMORIAL (Early Closer)
Top Dollar Format
-\$250,000 Guaranteed in 2024-
-Consolation #1: \$125,000 Guaranteed in 2024-
-Consolation #2: \$75,000 Guaranteed in 2024-
-\$1,000-
To race Saturday, August 17 at Pocono Downs at Mohegan Pennsylvania
3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$1,500
Entrance Fee: \$2,000
Consolation #1 Entrance Fee: \$1,000
Consolation #2 Entrance Fee: None

JENNA'S BEACH BOY 2024 (Early Closer)
Top Dollar Format
For 3-Year-Old Colt & Gelding Pacers
-\$150,000 Est. in 2024-
-\$750-
To race Friday, September 20 at Harrah's Hoosier Park
3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$750
Entrance Fee: \$1,500

KEYSTONE CLASSICS 2024 (Early Closer)
For Pennsylvania-Sired 3-Year-Olds
\$248,900 Total 3-Year-Old Purses in 2023
-2nd & Final Sustaining Fee: \$400-
To be raced at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows
3-year-old Filly Trot on Wednesday, September 25
3-year-old Colt & Gelding Trot on Thursday, September 26
3-year-old Filly Pace on Friday, September 27
3-year-old Colt & Gelding Pace on Saturday, September 28
Entrance Fee: \$400

LANDMARK STAKE (Early Closer)
\$35,000 Est. total in 2024-
-\$250 Colts/\$125 Fillies-
All divisions to race Saturday, July 6
at Goshen Historic Track
Entrance Fee - \$500 Colts/\$250 Fillies

LIBERTY BELL 2024 (Early Closer)
-\$70,000 Est. in 2024-
-\$400-
Pennsylvania-Sired Early Closing Event for 3-Year-Olds
To be raced at Harrah's Philadelphia
3-year-old Colt & Gelding Trot on Sunday, October 20
3-year-old Filly Trot on Sunday, November 3
3-year-old Colt & Gelding Pace on Friday, October 18
3-year-old Filly Pace on Sunday, November 3
Entrance Fee: \$400

MATRON SERIES 2024 (Early Closer)
\$520,250 Total 3-Year-Old Purses in 2023
-\$600-
To be raced at Bally's Dover Downs on Thursday, November 7
Top Dollar Format
3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$750
Entrance Fee: \$1,500

MAX HEMPT MEMORIAL (Early Closer)
Top Dollar Format
-\$300,000 Guaranteed in 2024-
-Consolation #1: \$200,000 Guaranteed in 2024-
-Consolation #2: \$100,000 Guaranteed in 2024-
-\$1,250-
To race Saturday, August 17 at Pocono Downs at Mohegan Pennsylvania
3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$1,500
Entrance Fee: \$3,000
Consolation #1 Entrance Fee: \$1,500
Consolation #2 Entrance Fee: \$750

MONUMENT CIRCLE (Early Closer)
For 3-Year-Old Colt & Gelding Pacers
Top Dollar Format
-\$200,000 Est. in 2024-
-\$1,000-
Colts & Geldings only. To race Friday, November 1
at Harrah's Hoosier Park
3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$1,000
Entrance Fee: \$2,000

**PAUL REVERE PACE
(Early Closer)**
-\$100,000 Est. in 2024-
-\$300-
Open. To race Thursday, May 2
at Plainridge Park Casino
Entrance Fee: \$200

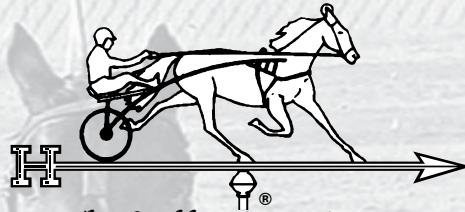
**PEGASUS SERIES
(Early Closer)**
-\$60,000 Est. in 2024-
-\$300-
All divisions to be raced Friday, October 18
at Harrah's Hoosier Park
Entrance Fee: \$300

**PENNSYLVANIA ALL-STARS 2024
(Early Closer)**
-\$75,000 Est. in 2024-
-\$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 5
3-year-old Colt & Gelding Pace on Saturday, May 11
3-year-old Colt & Gelding Trot on Sunday, May 19
3-year-old Filly Trot on Monday, May 27
Entrance Fee: \$200

PHIL LANGLEY MEMORIAL 2024
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3-year-old Colt & Gelding Trot on Saturday, June 29

3-year-old Filly Trot on Saturday, June 29

To be raced at Plainridge Park Casino:

3-year-old Colt & Gelding Pace on Monday, October 7

3-year-old Filly Pace on Monday, October 7

Entrance Fee: \$500

JOHN SIMPSON SR. MEMORIAL (Early Closer)

-\$75,000 Est. in 2024-
-\$400-

To be raced at Pocono Downs at Mohegan Pennsylvania

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

3-year-old Colt & Gelding Trot on Monday, October 28

3-year-old Filly Trot on Monday, October 21

3-year-old Filly Pace on Tuesday, October 22

Entrance Fee: \$400

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All divisions to be raced on Friday, November 15
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Entrance Fee: \$300

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All divisions to be raced Friday, November 29

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To be raced at The Meadowslands

3-year-old Colt & Gelding Trot on Saturday, July 20

3-year-old Filly Trot on Saturday, July 20

3-year-old Colt & Gelding Pace on Saturday, July 27

3-year-old Filly Pace on Saturday, July 27

Entrance Fee: \$500

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Top Dollar Format

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(A February 15th open payment was necessary)

-\$1,500-

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

Entrance Fee: \$10,000

BREEDERS CROWN® MARE TROT & PACE No. 36

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Elimination heats, if necessary, will be raced

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-\$1,000-

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

Entrance Fee: \$5,000

CAESAR'S TROTTING CLASSIC 2024 (Early Closer)

For 3-Year-Old & Older Trotters

Top Dollar Format

-\$200,000 Est. in 2024-

-\$1,500-

Open. To race Friday, September 20 at

Harrah's Hoosier Park

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

Entrance Fee: \$2,000

CLARA BARTON DISTAFF PACE (Early Closer)

For 3-Year-Old and Older Mare Pacers

Top Dollar Format

-\$100,000 Guaranteed in 2024-

-\$1,000-

To race Sunday, July 21 at Plainridge Park Casino

Entrance Fee: \$1,500

DAN PATCH 2024 (Early Closer)

For Free For All Pacers

Top Dollar Format

-\$300,000 Est. in 2024-

-\$1,500-

Open. To race Friday, August 9 at Harrah's Hoosier Park

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

Entrance Fee: \$2,500

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For 3-Year-Old & Older Pacers & Trotters

Top Dollar Format

-\$250,000 Guaranteed each in 2024-

-\$1,250-

To race Saturday, September 28 at Hollywood Gaming

at Dayton Raceway

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

Entrance Fee: \$2,500

Consolation Entrance Fee: \$750

HOOSIER PARK PACING DERBY 2024 (Early Closer)

For Free For All Pacers

Top Dollar Format

-\$175,000 Est. in 2024-

-\$2,000-

Open. To race Friday, September 20

at Harrah's Hoosier Park

Entrance Fee: \$1,500

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For 3-Year-Old and Older Trotters

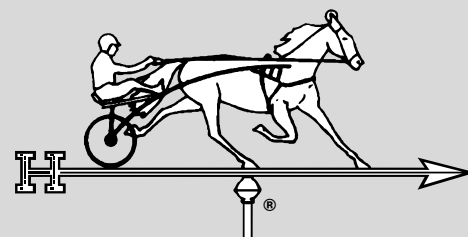
Top Dollar Format

-\$250,000 Guaranteed in 2024-

-\$1,500-

To race Sunday, July 21 at Plainridge Park Casino

Entrance Fee: \$2,500



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Mogan Elected OHHA President

By Ayers Ratliff Jr.



Scott Mogan has been tabbed as the new President of the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association. He was elected in January and takes over for

Steve Bateson, who held the association gavel for five years. Bateson did not seek reelection. Mogan plans to use experience gained as an 11-year member of the OHHA Board of Directors (most recently serving as vice-president) and his experience in the business that spans nearly five decades to lead Ohio's industry forward.

"I know the horses like the back of my hand," said Mogan. "I am looking forward to keeping the ball rolling here in Ohio."

The 64-year-old resident of Lockbourne, Ohio holds a license to both train and drive. Mogan began his career in racing at the age of 15, working for Jim Pollock, Sr. He established a stable on his own in 1983 after holding the title of assistant trainer for Ohio Harness Immortal Hall of Famer Joe Adamsky for four years. Currently, Mogan has 18 horses in his stable.

Mogan has sent nearly 4,500 starters to the gate. Those starters have amassed \$6.25 million in purse earnings. He has conditioned six Ohio Sire Stake Champions and two Ohio Horse of the Year titles with K F Pro Sam and J J Hall.

In 2019 Mogan, was named the Rambling Willie Award recipient by the Ohio Chapter of United States Harness Writers Association for being the Ohioan who has done the most for harness racing over the two decades prior.

Mogan has a history of being a very active director of the OHHA and understands that his new role will be even more taxing on his schedule.

"I try to make every board meeting and there have been times I have had to get up and start work early or even have to take the day off to do things for the OHHA, but I have a great staff and they pick-up the slack," explained Mogan. "Before I got on the board, there had been a couple of guys, mainly Dan Ater, that had been after me to step-up and get on. I had to wait till Zach (Mogan's son) was out of sports before I could commit the time to be as involved as I am."

Mogan takes the reins of the organization during a time when the harness racing industry in Ohio is robust and flourishing.

"I don't know of another state that has the racing opportunities for horses that we do

in Ohio," offered Mogan. "I hope we can maintain this pace. With our stakes program and purse structure I would say that Ohio is second to none."

Mogan will be assisted by Randy Haines who was just elected as Vice President of the Association, replacing Mogan in that role.

Mogan wants Ohio to continue to prosper and has set his presidential goals on fans, getting younger harness participants involved in leadership roles, and strengthening relationships.

"I'd love to see more people in the stands, and I'd like the younger drivers and trainers to be more involved with the OHHA and decision making," explained Mogan. "We have to come together and work as a team with our track management teams and we need to keep good relationships with our legislators."

Mogan said he has received a lot of support from previous presidents, and they have made it clear to him that their phones are available to call for advice. Mogan respects the previous leaders and appreciates their passion and willingness to help.

"I just hope to fill the shoes of the previous presidents. As long as we keep doing what we are doing, Ohio will continue to be a great place to race," Mogan shared.

Merriman, Aged Horses Honored at Dan Patch

Aaron Merriman, Bythemissal, and It's Academic were honored at the annual Dan Patch Awards in Orlando, Florida.

Merriman, the top driver in the country, was honored after winning his 9th straight national dash title. Merriman won 829 races last year in 4,237 starts. He had a UDRS of 0.342. Merriman earned \$9,374,227 in 2023. In his career, he has over 15,000 wins and ranks third all-time.

The two Ohio aged divisional winners were also honored.

Bythemissal was named the 2023 Dan Patch Older Male Pacer. Bythemissal hit the board in 14 of his 16 starts, winning 11 races, and earned \$984,666 in 2023. The son of Downbytheseaside won the Breeders Crown, the Sam McKee Memorial, the Myron Charna President's Pace at MGM Northfield Park, the Aria Invitational Pace, the Allerage Open Pace, and the Potomac Pace International.

It's Academic was named the 2023 Dan Patch Older Male Trotter. The son of Uncle Peter hit the board in 16 of his 18 starts, winning half and earning \$951,911. It's Academic won five races in a row during one stretch which included the Crawford Farms Trot, the Spirit of Massachusetts Trot, the John Cashman Memorial, and the Tom Aldrich President's Trot at MGM Northfield Park. He also finished second in the Breeders Crown Open Trot.



Track Notes



Chris Lems

Chris Lems collected his 3,000th career win when he drove Bars Open to victory at The Meadows on February 2nd. Lems is a third-generation horseman from South Dakota. He recorded his first win in 2003 in Oskaloosa on the Iowa Fair Circuit. "I always wanted to do this growing up," he said. "I didn't think much about any other career."

John DeLong reached the \$40-million mark for career earnings in January. DeLong drove



John DeLong and Dover in Motion **Photo:** Conrad Photo

New Guy In Town to victory at Miami Valley on January 29th. DeLong began his driving career in 2005 and has collected over 3,700 wins. He had his best year in 2023 when he earned over \$4.8 million in purse earnings.

DeLong has also been driving Dover In Motion, who picked up in 2024 where he left off in 2023. The five-year-old son of Dover Dan has won eight races in a row. He won his first three starts of the year at Miami Valley

after winning his last four last year at Hollywood Dayton and Hoosier Park. The Jamie Macomber trainee has earned \$66,000 this year.

In January, Aaron Merriman led all drivers with 50 wins. He was followed by Ronnie Wrenn Jr. with 45. Seven of Wrenn's wins

came on January 12th when he won four at The Meadows and three at MGM Northfield Park. Two other drivers had seven-win days. Billy Davis accomplished seven on the 16th at Northfield Park, while Brett Miller hit the mark at Miami Valley on the 25th.

Brett Miller led all drivers nationally with \$537,235 in purse earnings during January.

On the training side, Michael Burke led all trainers with 47 wins.

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20 Questions with the Wingfield Brothers: Bob, Tom, and Charlie



Left to Right: Bob, Tom, Roger Huston, and Charlie Wingfield

What is your first memory of horses?

Tom: That would be when I was probably about ten and Uncle Charles used to race at Scioto Downs.

Bob: I remember going to the races at the Cham-paign County Fair to watch my Uncle Charles race.

Charlie: Going to the races with my father. We went to a lot of fairs because my uncle had horses.

Does harness racing go back farther than your father and Uncle Charlie?

Charlie: Not that I know of. My uncle was in it a long time and then I got involved and then my dad got in with me.

How did you get involved in harness racing?

Tom: Dad owned horses with Charlie, and it wasn't until Dad passed away that Bob, Bill (our other brother who has since passed away), and I got interested. We stepped in and took ownership of some of the horses that Dad had and then kept buying.

When did you start the Wingfield Brothers Stable?

Tom: It was around 2012. We had Storm The Beach and Limelight Beach and we did everything in our brother Charlie's name. Then we had success with Limelight so we formed Wingfield Brothers to get all of our names on there.

What is it like owning horses with your brothers?

Bob: That's the best part. Just being able to call them about what is going on and discuss the horses. Then when we go to the races, we spend a lot of good time together.

Tom: It's great. Especially before Covid, we would just go together and make a trip out of it if we had a horse in.

When everyone gets together is harness racing the principal topic?

Charlie: It sure is.

Bob: That's one of them. We talk about it quite a bit.

Is there one particular race that stands out?

Charlie: The 2014 Little Brown Jug with Limelight Beach was the biggest thrill ever.

Bob: Definitely the Little Brown Jug. It's a local race we had a chance to be in. We had so many friends and family there. It was a wonderful time – a great day in every way.

Tom: For our ownership, number one has to be the 2014 Little Brown Jug. If I could put a number two in there, it would be Dorsoduro Hanover during the pandemic. He raced in Canada and was second to last around the final turn and beat all those superstars in the Canadian Pacing Derby. We watched it from home because of the pandemic, but it was quite a race.

Bob: We've won some nice races. The Canadian Pacing Derby with Dosoduro Hanover was a lot of fun. We had to watch it on TV because we couldn't get into Canada. That was exciting, but it isn't the same when you don't have everybody around.

You've owned a lot of horses, but who was your favorite horse?

Tom: It would have to be Limelight Beach.

Charlie: I have a lot of favorites, but Limelight stands out.

Bob: When you win the Jug with Limelight Beach is just something that is hard to match.

When Limelight Beach finished racing you took him to your farm. What's that like having him around?

Charlie: He's in the field across from the house. It's neat to watch the 2014 jug and see him win it and then look out the window and there he is in the field.

You won the Little Brown Jug. Do you have any other ultimate goal in harness racing?

Tom: Not really. We are enjoying the moment, doing it together. It's a hobby for us.

Charlie: Not above the Jug, just win all the big races we can. We've been very fortunate.

Bob: I'd like to win the Jug again.

Who makes the decisions in the partnerships?

Charlie: It's a group thing. The trainers make most of the decisions.

Tom: With the brothers, if two of the three are good usually the third one says that's what the others want so that's fine. It doesn't happen too often.

Has there ever been an occasion where you were offered a part of a horse and turned it down and regretted it?

Bob: Yes, last year. We had an offer to buy in on a filly. We said no because we didn't think we wanted a filly. The one we turned down was the Dan Patch winner Geocentric. We could have been part of that if we just said yes. We blame it on Charlie. You have to blame it on somebody.

Any other regrets in racing?

Bob: One of my biggest regrets was when Limelight Beach raced in the Gold Cup and Saucer at Prince Edward Island and we didn't get up there for it. We didn't find out until later that he was going up and it was such a long drive. We should have just gone ahead and done it.

How many trips do you think you have taken to see the horses race?

Charlie: I'd say it has slowed down since Covid, but we used to go a lot. I remember a trip to Mohawk first, then Tioga, then Pocono. That was a two-day trip; we made three tracks.

How did you become involved with the Hardin County Fair?

Tom: All three of the brothers live in Hardin County. After the success with Limelight Beach, they were looking for some sponsorships, so we were happy to help out.

Bob: We support it by sponsoring the race program. We give blankets for Mom and Dad and Bill. Anything we can do to help the fair, we do.

Outside of harness racing, do you have a favorite sport?

Tom: Basketball was my favorite when I played, but to watch on television it is football.

Charlie: I would have to say basketball because I played it. I watch basketball and football.

Bob: Football. I liked to play basketball more, but I was better at football.

What is your favorite food?

Tom: Chicken, off the grill

Charlie: Seafood. When I get to Florida, I eat that fresh seafood.

Bob: It's kind of hard to beat fresh lobster.

Do you have a favorite TV show?

Tom: Yellowstone.

Bob: Yellowstone, I enjoy that.

Charlie: Not really, I watch it, but I watch the races more often.

Do you have a favorite vacation spot?

Tom: Aruba.

Bob: I used to like to go to Aruba, but anymore, I like to go places I haven't been to before.

Charlie: Florida is kind of the vacation spot for retired people to live the life. Outside of Florida it would be following the horses to different racetracks.

What's on your bucket list?

Tom: I don't have anything special that I have on that list. Life's been good to me.

Charlie: I'd like to win more races; that's always a thrill.

Bob: I would like to win the North America Cup. That trophy is just a beautiful trophy. But I would take another Jug trophy over that.



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\$500 Little Brown Jug Sustaining Payment

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To Be Raced in 2025 - Foals of 2022

Old Oaken Bucket & Bucketette #73

3-year-old colt & filly trot

\$300 Old Oaken Bucket Sustaining Payment

\$200 Bucketette Sustaining Payment

To Be Raced in 2025 - Foals of 2022

Standardbred #85

2-year-old colt & filly trot & pace

\$400 Colt Events Sustaining Payment

\$300 Filly Events Sustaining Payment

To Be Raced in 2024 - Foals of 2022

Due May 15, 2024

Little Brown Jug #81 & Jugette #56

3-year-old colt & filly pace

\$50 Nomination Payment

To Be Raced in 2026 - Foals of 2023

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3-year-old colt & filly trot

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Be There!

BY ROGER E. HUSTON



I have always felt that a person will come to many forks in the road of life. The decision to go left or right will determine life's future.

As I was growing up, I traveled to the county fairs and Lebanon Raceway with my uncle, Don Huston. Uncle Don had purchased a racehorse and I spent the summer grooming the horse. That was my early introduction to harness racing.

In 1957, I wanted to purchase a motorcycle. This was a teenage idea that didn't sit well with my Mom and Dad. My father had the idea of contacting a family friend, Mike Moran, about getting me a racehorse instead of a motorcycle.

Mike arranged with his trainer, Johnny Bush, to purchase a 15-year-old mare, Emilie Martin. The trotter was in foal to Moran's stallion Way Bloom by Dean Hanover.

That summer my days were spent at the Greene County Fairgrounds. I treated Emilie Martin just like a racehorse with a schedule of jogging and training. When school was in session, my late afternoons were at the fairgrounds.

It was a great experience for me, but not the best for Emilie who was in foal and didn't get the proper amount of exercise resulting in a very small foal. We named the foal Midgeway and sold her to folks in Northern Ohio who raced ponies. She was the perfect size.

Upon graduation from Xenia High School in 1960 and with the start of my announcing career, thanks to Uncle Don, the horse ownership experience concluded.

Unbeknownst to me, Mike Moran had kept track of how much I paid him over the years for stall rent, equipment, feed, hay, and straw. Amazingly, he reimbursed me with a check for all of it, which I used to pay tuition while I attended Wilmington College.

Those days of jogging and training horses led to my driving career in The Delvin Miller Amateur Driving Series from 1984 to 1995 and racing at county fairs in Pennsylvania. I did well with 97-15-18-20, UDRS of 0.326, and earnings of \$63,155.

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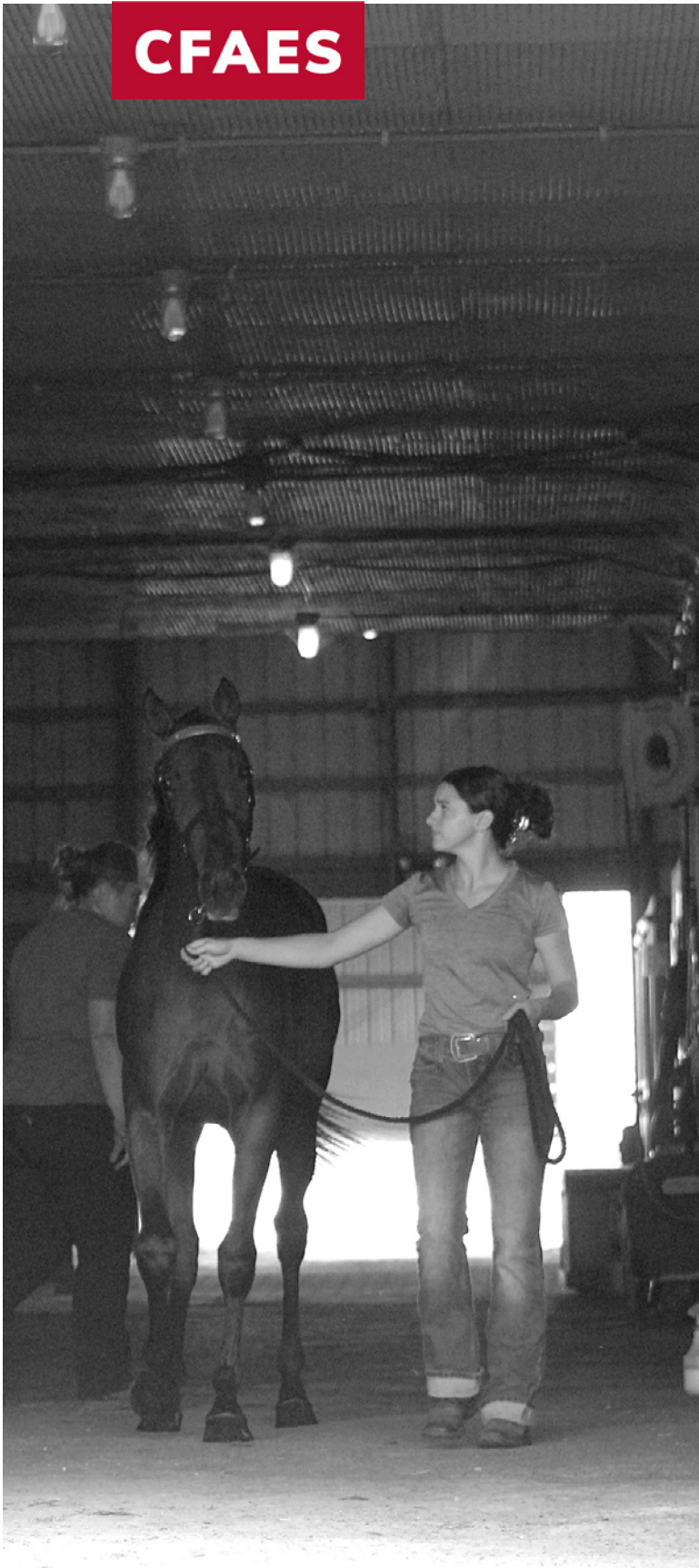
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Mare Serves Up Twin Fillies

By Frank Fraas



As Call Them Over was approaching her due date, the thought running through the barn at the Andy Burkholder Farm was whether she could be pregnant with twins. “She was big, and we were hoping she wasn’t having twins,” said Edwin Burkholder. “We thought she was just going to have one big foal. It ended up being two.”

Call Them Over was covered by Long Tom and after an initial pregnancy check, Burkholder says the vet wrote down twins, but later it was thought that the second embryo was a cyst. “We never thought about twins again until she had the foals,” said Burkholder.

It was January 30th when Call Them Over started to deliver the first foal. “My brother-in-law was with her when she delivered,” said Burkholder. “He said the first foal came out but didn’t know what was coming next because the mare was still pushing.” The surprise

came when Burkholder’s brother-in-law saw another hoof.

It was quite a shock for Call Them Over’s owner Jerry Welch. “I was on the way to a doctor’s appointment when I got the call from Andy Burkholder. He said, ‘The mare had her baby,’ and I asked if it was a big filly because she was super big. He said, ‘No--two fillies.’”

Welch said the first thing that went through his mind was the concern that the foals and mare were OK. “He said the two were doing great and they both were nursing, and I was thinking, ‘Oh no, double trouble!’”

To have an outcome where both foals are born naturally without assistance and thrive is rare according to Dr. Marco Coutinho da Silva, the Clinical Theriogenology and Reproductive Medicine Section Head at The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medical. “Having a normal delivery of two foals is rare and to have the two foals healthy and thrive is not the norm. Only about two percent of twin pregnancies end up having that outcome.”

Dr. Coutinho da Silva says normally when twin foals are born, they are small, weak, and show signs of being premature and will need assistance in terms of care.

That is not the case with Call Them Over’s foals.

Edwin Burkholder says the foals are a little small, but they are healthy, “They are fully developed, feeling good, and running around.”

The first couple of days the foals were slow getting up according to Burkholder. “We gave one a bottle the first day and the other started feeding from the mare. By the second day they were getting up on their own,” said Burkholder.

Burkholder says he is excited to see them grow. The two foals are celebrities as people have been stopping at the farm to see them.

Welch can’t wait to get the two to his farm where he can see them every day.

As for naming the foals, Welch says he thought about including the numbers one and two in their names, but his son had another idea. “He said they’re twins, and they are going to be champions. So, I think we are going to call them Jurassic Venus and Jurassic Serena.”

Welch’s grandson is the force behind including Jurassic in the naming process. “Years ago, we were looking for a name for one of our horses and he wanted to name her Jurassic Hattie. We stuck with that name, Jurassic, as a prefix for all our names.”

Welch is hoping the two have the success that some of the other offspring from the 19-year-old mare have achieved. She has delivered nine previous times, with four making it to the track. All four have at least five wins and marks under two minutes. Two have earned over \$100,000.

The plan is to breed her back to Volstead, but for now, Welch gets to have twice the fun watching the babies grow.

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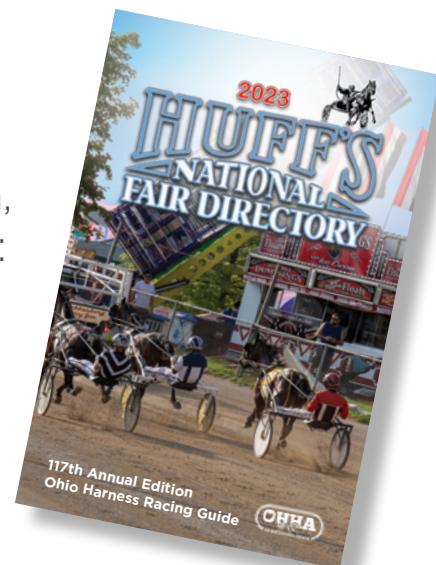
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mare registration date 11/30/19

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Regularly Scheduled OSRC Meeting Recap Wednesday, December 13, 2023 *By Renée Mancino*

The meeting was held at the Riffe Center, Columbus, Ohio. Roll Call, all Commissioners in-person.

Meeting commenced at 10:54 a.m. after Executive Session. In normal business for the Commission, Executive Director Chris Dragone's Report and Approval items were introduced, and the Wednesday, November 15, 2023, minutes were offered for ratification and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Thoroughbred Horsemen's Health Insurance Fund request to re-approve Mike Rone as a Trustee was discussed and considered. Commissioner Thomas Winters requested the Trust's 990 filings. Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (HBPA) Executive Director Dave Basler relayed they would be forwarded as with prior years. After discussion Mike Rone was unanimously ratified as a Trustee.

Thoroughbred Race Fund budget, rules, conditions, and stakes race monies for 2024 were introduced and discussed. There was discussion on thoroughbred VLT supplement monies being added to the Thoroughbred Race Fund to finance the Fund's initiatives. HBPA's Dave Basler stated the need for supplementation with Fund revenues in decline. The Racing Commission unanimously ratified the 2024 program.

Resolution 2023-12 five-year no change rules in Chapters 4 Permit holders and officials, Chapter 8 Drugs and death of a horse, Chapter 17 Safety reins, Chapter 18 Drugs and death of horse, Chapter 20 Relocation of Racetracks eligible for VLTs. Rules were represented as being submitted as they exist. The Racing Commission unanimously approved the Chapters.

Resolution 2023-13 Deputy Director Tanya Boulmetis discussed the Senate Bill 9 requirements to reduce regulation by 10%. Resolution 2023-06 was final filed November 17, 2023. Resolution 2023-10 covered Chapters 2 and 12. Chapter 2 will remain after approval with Chapter 12 being merged into it, then rescinded. The Racing Commission unanimously approved the Resolution.

Agenda item 9 Resolution 2023-14 Adoption of ARCI Guidelines was removed from consideration and the agenda without discussion.

Update on Senate Bill 9 Rule status. Deputy Director Tanya Boulmetis outlined with Resolution 2023-13, which included removal of an additional 306 restrictions, by January 26, 2024, they will have complied with the 10% threshold required. An additional 10% must be completed by June 3, 2024. They are on-target for the requirements set in Senate Bill 9.

2024 Permit and Meet Requests for Miami Valley Gaming and Hollywood Gaming at Dayton.

Permits were approved by unanimous vote of the Racing Commission. The Live meet requests included (1) Waive their surety bond for 2024 live race meets, (2) Approve listed officials, (3) Approve the number of races and wagering format, (4) Approve post times, (5) Approve their simulcasting schedule, and (6) Approve their letters to the Fire Marshall. Executive Director Chris Dragone discussed Miami Valley Gaming and Hollywood Dayton have final two-party agreements in place with the OHHA and the fences being required to be constructed are in process at both facilities. The live meet requests were approved by unanimous vote of the Racing Commission.

A recap on the horse racing fatalities was provided by Racing Commission Consulting Veterinarian, Dr. James Robertson. Dr. Robertson 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 forward records are kept following a horse post injury, with post-injury tracking of up to ten days from the race date. To December 13, 2023, the monthly report on catastrophic losses includes two thoroughbreds and no standardbred catastrophic losses. The 2023 year-to-date thoroughbred catastrophic losses were thirty-four (twenty-four racing, ten training with 2 sudden deaths racing) and one standardbred (training). In discussing the thoroughbred fatality totals Chairman Scott Borgemenke said they will go to the Governor's office to discuss the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act.

Monthly financial Report by Fiscal Officer Sheri White reported monthly revenue for November down \$74,000 with year-over-year comparable loss in November 2022 of \$68,000. Fiscal Year revenue is down 21% yearover-

year. Expenses are down with payroll, veterinary expenses, down overall 26%. Net is below projections with a modest net-income projected for the year. Director Chris Dragone detailed a savings being reflected due to the thoroughbred testing with HISA, but harness racing veterinarians have increased their pricing four-times the prior cost. We will be losing a long-time State Veterinarian to HISA in Dr. Jennifer McQuinn after the Hollywood Dayton meet concludes. Chairman Borgemenke stated a continuation on operating with under \$1mm. He stated a review of policies in place for the casino commission allocations would be a future agenda item. Also, he wanted to advise that he has had legislators coming to him with the representation that they're "flowing in money" he issued a directive to whomever is spreading that narrative and said he wants it to stop. Further comments on revenue being down for the live pari-mutuel tax over 20%, which is a

"dangerous situation" for them. The Racing Commission's operating fund balance is over \$2.7mm.

Agenda item 16 Recreational Marijuana clarification. Director Chris Dragone said saliva swab tests would be implemented at the racetracks. If a positive swab is returned the participant will be scratched from racing and be asked to leave the facility. They continue with a zero-tolerance drug policy and prohibit use.

The Medication and Testing Committee, Safety Committee and Standardbred Committee did not report.

Safety Committee Chairman Gregg Simpson said he attended the live meet at Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway. He expressed concern that during pre-race card warm-ups that the outrider and ambulance were not in place and ready to respond twenty-minutes before post time. Director Chris Dragone replied that whenever training, warmups or racing occurs the outrider and ambulance must be present and ready to act.

Chairman Scott Borgemenke discussed the Ohio Gaming Commission he sits on to meet in February, which will commence discussions regarding gaming and expansions in Ohio in 2024. Chairman Borgemenke stated a review of policies in place for the casino commission allocations would be a future agenda item. In modifying the formula that underlies the casino commission distribution he favors an idea similar to what was put in play during COVID, which was to escrow a portion of the funds in an "emergency fund" or an escrowed fund to get the bad people in racing with additional enforcement monies from the Casino Commission. The Chairman said her would discuss severe declines in live pari-mutuel revenue on live product. He will comment on racing not surviving without the revenue-share and how it is more linked every day. Commissioner Thomas Winters commented on Advance Deposit Wagering and having "missed the boat" on that. The Chairman said they can bring that up in the Gaming Study Committee, but his opinion is with seven full-time employees, even if he wants to legalize and regulate it, the Racing Commission does not have the capacity to regulate ADW with the current staff size and funding.

For a transcript of the meeting contact the Ohio State Racing Commission. The next scheduled Racing Commission meeting date is January 16, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in person only at the Riffe Center 77 South High Street, 19th Floor, Room 1948. The Agenda and Meeting Information can be found at the Ohio State Racing Commission's website at www.racingohio.net.

Regularly Scheduled OSRC Meeting Recap Tuesday, January 16, 2023 By Renée Mancino

The meeting was held at the Riffe Center, Columbus, Ohio. Roll Call, all Commissioners in-person.

Meeting commenced at 11:03 a.m. after Executive Session. In normal business for the Commission, Executive Director Chris Dragone's Report and Approval items were introduced, and the Wednesday, December 13, 2023, minutes were offered for ratification. There was discussion regarding a Horseman's Benevolent and Protective Association's fine request approval in the pipeline before placing a hold on the fine money requests and expenditures. All items were ratified and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Monthly financial Report by Fiscal Officer Sheri White reported year-over-year revenue down \$15,000 with year-over-year comparable loss. Fiscal Year revenue was down \$22,000 below predictions for the fiscal year. Tax revenues are down 19% with an overall 20% decline in revenue. Expenses are down 18% with lower volumes on testing costs due to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) testing on thoroughbreds but significantly more difficult and expensive for harness racing veterinarians. The Racing Commission's operating fund balance is over \$2.6mm.

Chairman Scott Borgemenke requested Renée Mancino and Dave Basler from the HBPA speak to the casino commission fund formula historically speaking and how that was initially set-up. Mr. Basler discussed live race days as the initial suggestion with live races added into the final formula later. Renée added that the live races were added to her understanding because harness racing had more racing to support with an additional racetrack as compared to the thoroughbreds. Adding there was only ever one formula applied from 2015 forward, it had never changed. There was discussion regarding the permit holders without a casino interest receiving administrative support monies. The distribution was 15% and four properties received a distribution, Northfield Park, Scioto Downs, Miami Valley Gaming, and Belterra Park. After real estate investment trusts (REITs) purchased the land under Northfield Park and Belterra Park, only Scioto and Miami Valley remain on the 15% distribution alone. Hollywood Gaming and Jack Entertainment properties never received a share. Chairman Scott Borgemenke commented they must actively regulate the sport and the pari-mutuel tax can no longer fund their eight full-time staff members, which is one-third the size of the staff when the casino commission formula was put into place. Stated a discussion with harness racing interests to fund fair veterinarians and find a solution for the cost of veterinarians with an oligopoly. A review of policies in place for the casino commission allocations would be a future agenda item with the standardbred side of the equation taking a bigger cut.

Resolution 2024-2 amending Chapter 1 Definitions and Administrative Rule 3769-18-01. Agenda Item Issue 7(a), Administrative Code Rule 3769-18-01 amendment to remove "by order of" from 3769-18-01(A)(1). The current language is: *"(A)(1) Except for regulatory thresholds of such non-steroidal antiinflammatory drugs and therapeutic substances authorized*

for use by order of the commission, and except for those horses eligible for the use of furosemide as permitted by paragraph (A)(1)(b) of this rule, no horse entered to race can carry in its body on race day any prohibited foreign substance." During discussion Renée Mancino was asked to come forward and discuss the amendment. The horsemen's concerns were two-fold. That Ohio would become a zero-tolerance state with everything prohibited without adoption of an Ohio-specific permitted therapeutics list and second, that veterinarians and horsemen have adequate notice of what is permitted and what is prohibited in advance to ensure compliance. In addition to notice, veterinarians and horsemen should have notice of what the penalties would be for an infraction to permit consistency in enforcement statewide. Consistent enforcement necessitated adoption of an Ohio penalty chart, which would provide guidelines for Judges and Stewards. After discussion the Racing Commission voted unanimously to table the amendment in 7(a).

Agenda Item Issue 7(b), Administrative Code Rule 3769-01-01 Definition modification on Section (X) to remove "classification" and "by order" from the definition of foreign substance. The amendment to 3769-01-01 was unanimously approved by the Racing Commission.

Update on Senate Bill 9 Rule status. Deputy Director Tanya Boulmetis outlined with Resolution 2023-13, which included removal of an additional 306 restrictions, by January 26, 2024, they will have complied with the 10% threshold required. An additional 10% must be completed by June 3, 2024, and they will be 20% compliant by June 9, 2024. They are on-target for the requirements set in Senate Bill 9. Commissioner Dan McCarthy requested a letter be sent to Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review summarizing the Racing Commission's update.

A recap on the horse racing fatalities was provided by Racing Commission Consulting Veterinarian, Dr. James Robertson. Dr. Robertson 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 forward records are kept following a horse post injury, with post-injury tracking of up to ten days from the race date. To January 16, 2024, the monthly report on catastrophic losses includes no thoroughbreds and no standardbred catastrophic losses from the last report December 13, 2023, to date. The 2023 thoroughbred catastrophic losses were thirty-four (twenty-four racing 23 on dirt and 1 on the turf, ten training with 2 sudden deaths racing) and one standardbred (training). Jockey Club nationwide data is 1.44 per thousand starts on dirt and .99 per thousand starts on turf. Ohio thoroughbreds had 14,797 starts (1.55 per thousand starts) with 1,372 starts (.75 per thousand starts) on the turf. Ohio had a significant drop from 2022 at 1.95 per thousand starts on dirt and 2.6 per thousand starts on turf. Dr. Robertson spoke highly about the positive statistics for harness racing. In 57,744 starts to have one catastrophic loss training and zero racing for

the year was a testament to the multiple factors at play in a catastrophic loss. The breed, the horse's gait including weight-bearing on two legs versus one in a thoroughbred, the racing surfaces, and the horsemen's care and management.

In discussing the thoroughbred fatality totals Chairman Scott Borgemenke and Commissioner Dan McCarthy met with the Governor's office to discuss the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act and catastrophic loss statistics in Ohio racing. The Commissioners asked Dr. Robertson to draw up a letter to be sent as a follow-up to Governor DeWine.

Agenda item eleven. In the matters of Doyle Bross (MJ's Livertyvalence), Bret Schwartz (Fluff Yeahh), Julie Miller (Sunny Crockett), Brian Brown (Gulf Shores), and Ake Svanstedt (Captain Cowboy). All infractions were for Dexamethasone (Class 4 therapeutic) September 2021 at Delaware County Fair. Attorney Kevin Shook appeared on behalf of all Defendants. There was discussion of the Hearing Officer's Report and Recommendation completely dismissing Bross, Schwartz, and Miller's cases, but a partial dismissal for Brown and Svanstedt. In Brown and Svanstedt's cases the Hearing Officer recommended the infraction be dismissed but stipulated a return of the purse, the placing violation to stand and the fines remain in place in the two cases. There was discussion with Mr. Shook and the Racing Commission. Mr. Shook requested the Racing Commission order all Judges rulings vacated. After discussion the Commission voted unanimously not to accept the report and recommendation of the hearing officer and voted to rescind the Judge's rulings in all cases.

The Medication and Testing Committee had no report.

Safety Committee Chairman Gregg Simpson attended opening day at Miami Valley Gaming. He was happy to observe the horsemen's pre-meet meeting with the Judges and Racing Officials. He also relayed that the Racing Commission required perimeter fences were in place at both Hollywood Dayton and Miami Valley Gaming.

Commissioner McCarthy requested Dr. Robertson's letter regarding catastrophic loss be amended to include the details on the fences.

The Standardbred Committee reported on the Ohio Standardbred Development Commission's meeting January 13, 2024. In the meeting the 2024 Ohio Sires Stakes Program was finalized including dates, all were approved by the Development Commission during their meeting. The Commission also made good progress on Stallion registration, breeding rules, and are on the road to finalizing those items.

For a transcript of the meeting contact the Ohio State Racing Commission. The next scheduled Racing Commission meeting date is February 20, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in person only at the Riffe Center 77 South High Street, 19th Floor, Room 1948. The Agenda and Meeting Information can be found at the Ohio State Racing Commission's website at www.racingohio.net.

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