

OHHA NEWS

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BREED, BUY & RACE IN OHIO! OHIO IS FOR WINNERS!

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L-R Brenda McCoy, Steve McCoy and Betty McCoy.

McCoy Receives USTA President's Award

Steve McCoy was presented the USTA President's Award at the USTA Recognition Luncheon on March 10th at Hilton Columbus at Easton.

McCoy is a USTA Director from District 1 who was appointed in 2014. He chairs the USTA's Subcommittee on Board Protocol.

McCoy has served on the OHHA Board for over 15 years and is a former OHHA President. He has been involved in harness racing for over 30 years.

Congratulations, Steve on your award!

Spring Haven Farm Ladies Driving Series

By Emily Hay

There is a lot going on this year for the Spring Haven Farm Ladies Driving Series. Check out the Huff's Guide for the schedule.

A few of the fairs are hosting both a trot and a pace race this year. New this year, the OHHA and the ladies are partnering on a Food Bank Drive at the fairs, inviting fans to bring a canned food item that will be donated to a local charity and an oversized check will be presented in the winner's circle after the ladies' race. Spring Haven Farm Ladies Driving Series Drivers will donate a basket of goodies to go along with the check.

Currently fans are participating in a contest to design a new logo. The logo must say Spring Haven Farm Ladies Driving Series and the lettering must be script font. If

using colors, they need to be maroon and gray. The winner will be given a \$25.00 gift card and will receive items with the new logo.

As the series has grown it is time to apply some guidelines that should be followed to protect the integrity of our Sponsor as well as the Sport of Harness Racing.

- Ladies who sign up to drive must find replacement or repay entry fee and Lasix if horse had to be scratched for no driver.
- You only get points for best finish of a trot or pace race that are held on same day. Fair hosting a trot race one day and a pace race the next, you will be awarded points for both days' finishes.
- If you are under investigation or have a positive test under USTA rules please don't enter until that is cleared.
- Points will be 1st-50, 2nd-25, 3rd-12, 4th-8, 5th-5. 10 points will be given for showing up to race or drive.
- Top 8 drivers will be invited to the

Annie Oakley Shoot Out race at the Darke Co Fair in August and the Final at the Delaware County Fair in September.

- Horses racing in the Final must have 3 starts in the Spring Haven Farm Ladies Driving Series and the lady driver must have 6 starts.

Again, this year we will also team up with Pacing For The Cure. Those wishing to wear a patch for the charity are encouraged to do so. To participate in the Pacing For The Cure fundraiser, a \$1.00 donation is given to the charity for each of your driving wins. Contact Jeff Gesek for more information. Phone: 609-354-8992 or email info@pacingforthecure.org.

We plan to have a 2020 Calendar also. Any lady driver who is interested in being in it, please let me know.

The Spring Haven Farm Driving Series is looking forward to another great summer of racing!

Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association

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Jan. 1- Dec. 30

Miami Valley Gaming
Jan 4- May 6

Eldorado Scioto Downs
May 7- Sept. 7

Hollywood at Dayton
Raceway
Sept. 10- Dec. 28

Upcoming OHHA Board Meetings

April 18th

2nd Quarter OHHA Board Mtg
at OHHA Office.

July 11th

3rd Quarter OHHA Board Mtg
at OHHA Office.

Members are always welcome for lunch and to attend board meeting general session at noon. Please RSVP by calling the OHHA office at 614-221-3650

Dates to Remember

TBA

Ohio Racing Commission Meeting
See OSRC website
www.racingohio.net
Riffe Center
77 S High St.
Columbus, OH 43215

May 14th

Spring Mixed Sale
Champions Center
Springfield, OH



Governor Mike DeWine

Mike DeWine's story is a true Ohio story. Raised in Yellow Springs, Ohio, Mike DeWine and Fran (Struewing) met in the first grade and married while students at Miami University. They've been blessed with eight children and 24 grandchildren. Family is at the core of everything Mike DeWine does, and that's why he has devoted his life to fighting for Ohio's families. He knows when families are strong, Ohio communities are stronger, and our future is bright.

Vision for the Future

Mike DeWine loves Ohio and cares passionately about our state's future. He will fight for an Ohio that works for everyone – every person and every family in every corner of our state. From world class cities to some of the best small towns in America, Mike DeWine knows that to build our state into an economic powerhouse, we must have strong schools, a great quality of life, and compassion for those who need our help.

Ohio Values

Mike DeWine's family started a seed company in Yellow Springs. Working alongside his parents and grandparents, Mike learned early the value of hard work, strong leadership, and fiscal responsibility. Growing up, he loaded seed bags onto trucks and boxcars, shoveled wheat out of trucks during harvest, worked in wheat fields to help ensure the purity of the seed, and basically did whatever it took to get the job done for their customers. Inseparable to the end, his parents were married for 65 years and died within four days of each other. The values he learned from them still live within him today.

A Lifetime of Service

On November 6, 2018, Mike DeWine was elected to serve as the 70th Governor of the State of Ohio. The Governor has had a long and distinguished career in public service, focusing on protecting Ohio children and families. He was previously the 50th Attorney General of Ohio and has previously been elected to serve as Greene County Prosecutor, Ohio State Senator, U.S. Congressman, Ohio Lt. Governor, U.S. Senator.

Biography and photo courtesy of Governor Dewine's office. Have a suggestion for an Ohio legislator to feature in one of our publications? Contact the office or send an email to rmayhugh@ohha.com.



Spring Matinéés

May 11: Mercer County Fairgrounds
May 19: Darke County Fairgrounds
May 25: Defiance County Fairgrounds
May 26: Champaign County Fairgrounds

OHHA Advertising Opportunities

Stallion ads available for both the Spring and Winter issues as well as Stallion Directory. Holiday ads will also be available in the Winter issue.

Reservation forms can be found on the OHHA website www.ohha.com under News & Publications.

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All P.A.C.E.R. donations go to a candidate's campaign funds.

The OHHA offices receive calls every week from state legislators asking for campaign donations as they attempt to raise campaign financing throughout the year.

Corporate checks are not acceptable for PAC donations. Personal or LLC checks only are acceptable for PAC donations.

If donating in cash to a PAC the limit for a cash donation from a single individual on a yearly basis is \$100.

A special Thank You to those who donate!

Keeping Your Mare and Foal Healthy Takes Prevention

By Gabe Middleton DVM, Orrville Veterinary Clinic

The birth of a live foal is the culmination of a tremendous amount of preparation, management, and even some good luck. Breeding a mare, keeping her in foal, and the successful delivery of a live foal is a wonderful course of events when everything works out as it should. For the broodmare owner, important work continues when the mare delivers a live foal in a clean, straw-bedded stall. This article will give some general tips on management of the neonatal foal.

Shortly after foaling the mare should expel the placenta. If this doesn't happen within 2 hours, the owner should have oxytocin on hand and give the mare a 1-2cc dose intravenously or intramuscularly every 15-30 minutes. A larger dose of oxytocin is not indicated and often has a detrimental effect on placental detachment. If the placenta is not expelled within 3-4 hours, the veterinarian should be called to determine the next step. There are many negative consequences of retained placenta, with foal founder (laminitis) being one of the more common and detrimental issues. Closely examine the placenta to ensure it has all been expelled, especially where the placenta attached to the tips of the uterine horns, as this is a common site of placental tag retention. If you are unsure of how to confidently examine a placenta, call your veterinarian to perform the examination.

Initial processing of the foal varies greatly amongst mare owners, but should include dipping or spraying the umbilical stump with an iodine or chlorhexidine-based solution several times during the first 24 hours of life. The foal should also receive tetanus prophylaxis and an exam to check for congenital abnormalities such as hernias, entropion (eyelids rolled inward), heart defects, and cleft palate defects in the mouth. Mare owners can perform this exam themselves or opt to employ their veterinarian to give their expert opinion on the health of the foal.

The foal should stand and nurse within several hours of birth. There is wide variability in the aptitude of foals to successfully find the teat and nurse colostrum. Human intervention is sometimes needed to guide the foal to the right place. If the foal is still unable to nurse on its own after a few hours, the owner can milk the mare and try to feed the foal out of a clean bowl or bottle. There are cheap and effective systems that can be purchased to efficiently milk a mare. If the foal is still unable to nurse after several hours of assistance, the owner may consider calling the veterinarian to administer colostrum to the foal via nasogastric tube to give them an

initial dose of nutrients and immunity.

After the foal is close to 24 hours old your veterinarian can draw blood to determine the likelihood that the foal received enough colostrum to have a competent immune system (IgG test). This is a simple and cheap blood test that can be performed stall side. There are several reasons why a foal might not have received enough immunity from the colostrum, such as the foal not nursing well, or the mare leaking colostrum prior to foaling. If the foal has low IgG levels, it is unlikely to be able to fight off infection and is at greater risk for disease and death. A plasma transfusion is the therapy for inadequate passive transfer. Your veterinarian can perform this procedure. Plasma transfusions generally cost \$400 and up, depending on the plasma dose. However, it is well worth the investment to try to save the foal that the mare owner has already committed so much money and time into. A common mistake that mare owners make is that they wait until the foal is already fading to decide to IgG test and transfuse. Being proactive and testing early greatly increases the foal's chance for survival.

Despite adequate transfer of passive immunity and a clean environment, disease can still happen to foals after birth. Any kind of disease in the first few weeks of life can be devastating and should be treated aggressively. Diarrhea that is not related to foal heat, respiratory disease, and navel infection leading to joint infection are several diseases that warrant a call to your veterinarian for either examination or treatment advice. A clean environment and good ventilation, proper vaccination of your broodmare prior to foaling, and adequate IgG status of the foal are critical to prevention of these diseases.

Be ready to treat diseases in your newborn foal and postpartum mare, but work more diligently to prevent them before they arise. Your veterinarian is there to help. Don't hesitate to ask questions and inform them about the issues you might be having with your foal to ensure health and growth without the hindrance of disease.

Dr. Gabe Middleton is a partner at Orrville Veterinary Clinic in Orrville, Ohio. His equine practice focuses on reproduction and foal care as well dentistry, wellness, and lameness diagnostics and therapies. He is a 2008 graduate of The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

Foal Gallery



It's a Colt!
Well Said x Nobody's Business
Submitted by owners
Bob & Lisa Corbin



It's a Colt!
What The Hill x Dress For Success
Submitted by owner
Stacey Ruddick/Ruddick Stable

"If the other foals by this sire look as nice as ours, he's going to make a huge impact on the Ohio program," shared Ruddick.

Send photos of your Ohio-bred babies to rmayhugh@ohha.com.

Regularly Scheduled Ohio Racing Commission Meeting Recap

By Renée Mancino

From Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at the Columbus Riffe Center.

In normal business for the Commission, the Executive Director's Approval items were introduced, and the January 29, 2019 Minutes were offered for ratification. There were no documents disclosed or provided to those in attendance. The Racing Commission unanimously ratified the Executive Director's Approval items and January 29th Meeting Minutes.

Discussion regarding the 2019 Casino Revenue Distribution formula. The Ohio State Racing Commission receives approximately \$8 Million in revenue yearly from the 3% Casino Commission to allocate. That is the same dollar amount per year the Ohio Casino Control Commission receives. Since inception the Allocation Formula has been to divide 38% of

the revenue to the Thoroughbred Race Fund and Standardbred Development Funds equally. 42% goes to the purse pools at each racetrack based upon the total number of live races held. 15% to racetracks without a casino for operational support and costs. 5% (maximum percentage) to the Ohio State Racing Commission for Operational support. There was discussion related to the allocation formula. Commissioner Book weighed in on using a "foals produced" number to allocate to the Breed Funds in the same way that the purse pool allocation is apportioned. There was discussion regarding the number of Ohio Registered Thoroughbreds and Ohio Accredited Thoroughbreds for 2018. In 2018 there were 153 Registered and 198 Accredited foals. 2017 had 195 Registered and 167 Accredited foals. Dave Basler Executive Director of the Ohio Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association opined that any

status update on the Permit Holder and Horsemen's Agreement Negotiations between Belterra Park and the Ohio Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (OHBPA).

A recap on the horse racing fatalities to February 27, 2019 was provided by Racing Commission Veterinarian, Dr. James Robertson. It was noted that the numbers reported are for training and racing related catastrophic breakdowns analogous to the Jockey Club's reporting requirements, sudden deaths that occur during or after a race. From last month's report to date there were two Thoroughbreds and no Standardbred fatalities. Year-to date totals were, three Thoroughbred fatalities and one Standardbred racing related fatalities statewide.

The Monthly Racing Commission financial report was provided by Fiscal Officer Sherry White, with the Operating Fund, "making a run for it" as predicted in prior month's reporting. Licensing and testing income exceeded last January's total by \$40,000. Overall expenses were down by \$88,000 year-over-year, and attributable to lower costs in legal expenses, rent, maintenance, and equipment. Overall revenue is up 2%. The fiscal-year-end should see a break even or slight increase over the previous Fiscal Year. The overall Racing Commission revenue budget is approximately \$32-33 Million, the Operating Fund Balance is approximately \$2 Million. Fiscal Officer White also reviewed the previous month's Casino Commission Distribution of \$2,017,776.06 from Resolution 2019-03, for the fourth quarter of 2018. There was a discussion regarding the Thoroughbred Race Fund distributions to Breeders that exceed \$50,000 to an individual and Controlling Board Approval being necessary. Also, discussion related to the 2020-21 Fiscal Budget proposal and how much was allocated to the Thoroughbred Race Fund distributions on Breeder's Awards.

Chairman Schmitz had no Chairman's comments and there were no public comments.

An Executive Session was not needed and there would be no further business, so the Motion and Vote was taken to adjourn and conclude the meeting.

For a transcript of the meeting contact the State Racing Commission.

Ohio Breeders Award Requirements

Mares registered in 2016 (Foals of 2017) mare registration date 12/31/16

Foal Age	Membership Requirement
Bred 2016	Grace Period, No Membership Required
Foal Born 2017	No Membership Required
Yearling 2018	No Membership Required
2 & 3-Year-Old 2019, 2020	Membership Required

Mares registered in 2017 (Foals of 2018) mare registration date 12/31/17

Foal Age	Membership Requirement
Bred 2017	Membership Required
Foal Born 2018	Membership Required
Yearling 2019	No Membership Required
2 & 3-Year-Old 2020, 2021	Membership Required

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

Foal Age	Membership Requirement
Bred 2018	No Membership Required
Foal Born 2019	Membership Required
Yearling 2020	No Membership Required
2 & 3-Year-Old 2021, 2022	No Membership Required

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

Registrations received from 12-1-19 to 12-30-19 must be accompanied by a \$100 per-mare late fee in addition to the mare registration fee.

Foal Age	Membership Requirement
Foal Born 2020	Membership Required

Registration Fee: \$20 per mare

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 required to join as Associate Members.

Mare Residency: Mare must be resident, foal in Ohio and remain in Ohio for 187 consecutive days.

discussion on altering the Breed Fund Allocations should include discussion to permit the number of Live Race Days to be used versus the current Purse Pool allocation calculated on the number of Races by location currently. Director Basler opined because Standardbreds can race once a week versus Thoroughbreds racing once a month, the number of live race days would be a more appropriate calculation for the Purse Fund Allocation. Particularly if the Commissioners were contemplating altering the Breed Fund Allocation due to the disparity in the number of foals produced among the breeds. After discussion related to altering the formula, the Racing Commission unanimously ratified the current Allocation Formula for 2019.

There was no monthly

Young Trotters Vie In Miami Valley's Robert J. Brown Memorial Series

By Gregg Keidel, Miami Valley Gaming

Assure sign that Spring is right around the corner is the commencement of the "Lebanon Legends" late closer series for green pacers and trotters at Miami Valley Raceway. On Monday afternoon (March 18) three divisions of the first leg of the Robert J. Brown Memorial Series for non-winners of two races or \$20,000 lifetime trotters were contested. When the limestone dust settled, winners were Monday Nite (Randy Tharps), Voyage To Paris (Kayne Kauffman) and Crews Hilltopper (Trevor Smith).

Tharps sent Monday Nite, a 4-year-old daughter of Yankee Glide, directly to the front of the field and reeled off comfortable fractions when no serious challenge developed during the 2:00.1 mile. A pair of Ohio-sired fillies, My Pure Honey (Brett Miller) and Bad Babysitter (Josh Sutton) completed the trifecta in the \$10,000 contest. Zachary Miller owns Monday Nite, who is booked to the court of Indiana sire Swan For All at the conclusion of this series.

Kauffman guided Voyage To Paris to an upset (\$19.40 to win) victory in the second split, narrowly defeating Innisfallen (Brett Miller) and Oh My My My (LeWayne Miller) after a thrilling stretch drive. The 3-year-old gelding by Dontyouforgetit lowered his best-ever mark to 1:57.4 for owners Stephen Richard and Lana Pollock. Jim Pollock Jr. conditions the winner.

Crews Hilltopper is a well-seasoned county fair standout who topped Call Me Thefireman (Chris Page) and B Fluffinover (Alex Hawk) in 1:59.1. Larry Tinch trains the 4-year-old son of Break The Bank K for owners John Foster and Ray Helton. It was his 11th overall triumph, but just his second at a commercial venue. Including county fair earnings Crews Hilltopper has banked \$62,534 in his first 39 career starts.

Vatanna, Dealer's Table Quickest In Miami Valley Late Closer Splits

By Gregg Keidel, Miami Valley Gaming

Miami Valley Raceway matinée on March 19th featured both trotters and pacers in "Lebanon Legends" late closing series action. Three divisions of the first leg of the Dr. Dan Farwick Memorial trot for non-winners of six races or \$60,000 went postward, as did a trio of first leg divisions of the Omar Hiteman Memorial featuring non-winners of two or \$20,000 male pacers.

The quickest mile in the \$15,000 Farwick splits came in the first division when Vatanna (Elliott Deaton) narrowly topped Red Rose Swan (LeWayne Miller) in 1:55.3. Best of the rest was Showboat (Brett Miller). The five geldings in the seven horse field were no match for the winner and runnerup, who were the only mares in the contest. Anna Lorentzon owns Vatanna, a 5-year-old by Dejarmbro, who has now notched three wins in six tries in 2019.

Air Assault (Dan Noble) captured the second Farwick split in 1:56.1, besting Sesame (Brett Miller) and Starlight AS (Elliott Deaton). The 4-year-old son of Yankee Glide races for the partnership of Charles Kline and trainer Mike Hollenback. The clocking equaled the lifetime best for the ultra-consistent Air Assault.

Another pair of 4-year-old mares showed their heels to the field in the final Farwick division. Missprimetimemel (LeWayne Miller) took full advantage of an early miscue by heavily-favored The Lionking AS to wire the field in 1:56.2. Peggy Sue (Brady Galliers) was a close second with Mr Quaker (Brett Miller) the show finisher. The winning daughter of Pilgrims Chuckie, also trained by LeWayne Miller for owners Nathan Yoder and Stephen Stoll, surpassed the \$50,000 earnings plateau with the win.

Dealer's Table (Josh Sutton), a 3-year-old by American Ideal making just his second lifetime start, sped to a 1:52.3 score in the fastest \$10,000 Hiteman Memorial division. Injured and unraced at two, the winner made his first money start a winning one in 1:54.4 last week and followed up with a dominating effort in his second. "He's the real deal," quipped Sutton as he hung up the lines after beating Smilenmyles (Dale Hiteman) and Parklane Knight (Tyler Smith). Trainer Jeff Cullipher co-owns Dealer's Table, a New York bred, with partner Pollack Racing LLC.

The other two victors in the Hiteman heats scored identical 1:54. Triumphs. DL's Big Elvis (Brett Miller) headed Jack's Major (Trevor Smith) and Star Of Oz (Dan Noble) across the finish line. The 3-year-old son of Mister Big earned just \$5000 as a freshman, but has already doubled that amount in his first four starts of 2019. Charlie Stewart is training the winner for Rod Harness and breeder Dave Scott.

Doctor Jimmy (Cam McCown) remained undefeated by winning his division over Skyway Three Ball (Trace Tetrick) and Seattle Hanover (Chris Page). Brian Brown trains the winning son of Well Said for the partnership of Country Club Acres, Milton Leeman and Richard Lombardo. The 3-year-old colt is now four-for-four to start his promising career.



Kayne Kauffman reached over \$20 million in career purse earnings at Miami Valley Gaming on March 1st. (L-R) Kayne Kauffman, Helen Carlo and Jerry Abner. Conrad Photo.

Meet Mary Travis

Ohio Groom at Virgil Morgan Stable

Why did you become a groom? My parents were in the business. I have been involved for the past 35 years. They have been in the business even longer, I'm going to say over 50?

What horse was your first to take care of? Power Score - I took care of him when I worked for Sandy Beatty. Power Score thought that he was part human and wanted to be involved with anything that I was doing. He held the track record at Lima fair for a long time in 2:00.

What do you like the best about being a groom? I enjoy taking care of horses, especially horses with nice personalities.

Name some of your favorite horses over the years and share what makes them your favorite? Power Score, Rob Roy Mattgregor, Indian Hill Rocket, just to name a few but I had several favorites. Indian Hill Rocket was the first horse I won the Ohio Sires Stakes Championship with in 2005. Rob Roy Mattgregor was an awesome stud horse to take care of.

What are some things horsemen can do to better promote harness racing in Ohio? We can make racing more family oriented and honest. We also need to always remember to support each other. We need to congratulate each other when we do well and be positive and friendly even when we don't make it to the winner's circle. It's our job as horsemen to take care of each other.

What are some of your hobbies outside of horses? I enjoy riding roller coasters, playing miniature golf, watching movies and hanging out with friends.

What is your favorite food? Pulled pork

What is your favorite TV show? I liked watching The Middle when it was on. Now I enjoy watching American Idol and The Voice. I like the series and movies on the Hallmark channel too.



Barry Langley Memorial Trot Won By Andy Ray

By Gregg Keidel

Ohio Track
News

Andy Ray, a recent addition to the open trotters ranks at Miami Valley Raceway, captured the \$25,000 Barry Langley Memorial on March 10. The 7-year-old gelding, who banked \$175,343 racing primarily at Yonkers Raceway in 2018, was greeted in an emotional makeshift backstretch winner's circle by over 100 of Langley's family, friends and fellow horsemen still in shock over the sudden and unexpected passing of the likable trainer on March 6th at the age of 33.

Driver Elliott Deaton chose the gate-to-wire strategy for favored Andy Ray's second local start and the altered son of Crazyed responded with a 1:55.2 front-stepping triumph. 11-1 longshot Flight Of The Kiwi (Brett Miller) made a gallant first-over attempt to wear down the winner, but fell one-half length short at the finish. Pine Dream (Chris Page), the winner of the last two top weekly trots, managed a two-hole trip despite an assigned outside post position, but could find no racing room late and settled for the show dough.

Yinson Quezada owns Andy Ray, who is trained by Anette Lorentzon. He now sports 22 wins in 110 career starts good for earnings of \$545,735.

Memorial donations are suggested to the Barry Langley Fund, earmarked to benefit Barry's beloved four-year-old daughter Lucy Jean. Contributions can be mailed to: Barry Langley Fund, c/o Lebanon Citizens National Bank, P. O. Box 59, Lebanon, OH 45036.



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Equine Spotlights

Feelin Red Hot Wins: On March 1st, Feelin Red Hot (Feelin Friskie - Red Rapid Girl - Red River Hanover) won the \$25,000 Fillies and Mares Open at Miami Valley Gaming with driver Chris Page in 1:52.0. This brings her to \$280,479 in lifetime earnings. She is trained by Ron Burke (PA). Burke also co-owns the mare with Weaver Brusceci (PA).

My Hero Ron Wins: Horses and Geldings Open at Miami Valley Gaming for \$24,000 was won by My Hero Ron (Well Said - Erma La Em - Cam's Card Shark) on March 9th, owned by Brian Witt (Cedarville, OH). Driver Tyler Smith finished with the 7-year-old gelding in 1:51.1, bringing My Hero Ron to \$820,978 on his earnings. Danny Dubeansky trains.

JD's Chancey Gal Wins: The \$25,000 Open for Fillies and Mares on March

8th at Miami Valley Gaming was won by JD's Chancey Gal (Panspacificflight - Designer Gal - Cambest) in 1:52.1 for owner and trainer Pasko Vucinaj (Greenville, OH). Tyler Smith was in the sulky bringing the 5-year-old mare to \$182,346 in lifetime earnings. This was her first win in 2019.

Dancin Rebel Reaches \$100,000: Dancin Rebel (Big Bad John-Dancewiththebest-Cambest) 5-year-old gelding reached \$100,000 in career earnings when he raced at Dover Downs (Race 11) on March 11th. The race went in 1:52.2f with a fast track. Driven by Tony Morgan and trainer by Trevor Stafford for owner Allard Racing Inc (Quebec). He is the half-brother to Dancin Yankee, the Ohio Aged Pacer of the year and has over \$1 million in lifetime earnings. Both horses are bred by Elizabeth Yontz (Kentucky).

The Lionking AS Wins the Ray Paver Sr. Memorial: The Lionking AS (Lionhunter-There's A Way-Credit Winner) won the \$25,000 Ray Paver

Sr. Memorial Final at Miami Valley on March 11th. Lionking AS came home in 1:55.3 with driver Trace Tetrick, making his new lifetime mark. The 4-year-old gelding saw his largest purse win, bringing him to \$77,440 in lifetime earnings. He is trained and owned by Scott Tyler George (Sunbury, OH), who acquired him in February. Anette Lorentzon broke and trained The Lionking AS as a 2 and 3-year old. Bred by ACL Stuteri AB (Kentucky).

Big Bad Jane Wins At Miami Valley: Big Bad Jane (Big Bad John - Flower Cart - Abercrombie) won the Fillies and Mares Open that raced for \$22,500 on March 15th in Race 6 at Miami Valley Gaming. She finished in 1:53.4 with Dan Noble in the sulky. Noble also trains the 5-year-old mare. This race brought her lifetime earnings to \$221,694. Big Bad Jane is owned by Sandra Burnett (Wilmington, OH).

Herb Coven Jr Memorial Late

Closure Championship: Tura Lura Lural (The Panderosa - Tura Hanover - Dragon Again) won the Herb Coven Jr Memorial Late Closure Championship at Miami Valley on March 15th in 1:54.3. Kayne Kauffman drove and trained the 4-year-old mare for owners Natalie Kauffman (Lebanon, OH) and Douglas Millard (Ontario) and Sandra Burns (Ontario).

George Williams Memorial Late Closer - Championship Leg: Gerardo (Rockin Image - Amarillo Sky - Modern Art) was the George Williams Memorial Late Closer Champion on March 16th, at Miami Valley Gaming. Kayne Kauffman, driver and trainer of the 4-year-old gelding, drove him to the finish in 1:51.2. Gerardo is owned by Mark Bogen (Lebanon, OH). The purse was \$25,000 and this win brings Gerardo's lifetime earnings to \$127,030.

Have equine achievements you would like to share? Send email to rmayhugh@ohha.com.

A Step In Time

By Thom Pye

It is finally April and the first Rites of Spring are upon us: the ship back North with the youngsters from the warm climate of the South. It's also the beginning of the serious miles as well.

There's talk of "World Champion" already but to be truthful we've heard that from just about when they first put the bridle first on.

But sometimes "World Champion" seem to elude being mentioned with a couple of the slow learners that have not yet found their gait as they've spent the entire winter trying to get it. And every stable has one.

One such notable youngster that was almost a lost cause was a medium-sized colt by Meadow Skipper p3, 1:55.1m who could not find his timing. Although his momma had a mark of 2:02m on the pace, she was pure trotting-bred royalty being by Nevele Pride (4, 1:54.4m) out of a Florican mare and owned by the man who could only attempt such experimental breeding: Norman Woolworth (1926-2003).

Woolworth raced his horses under his Clearview Stables banner but owned and operated Stoner Creek Stud in Paris, Kentucky along with his business partner and fellow Hall-of-Famer David Johnston (1925-1982) where both Meadow Skipper and Nevele Pride stood.

In 1972 a pairing with Nevele Pride and World Champion pacer Glad Rags, p1:59.3f \$227,928 (\$1.8 million nowadays) a Greentree Adios mare that Hall-of-Famer Ivan Sugg had campaigned in the early '60s - ironically against Meadow Skipper - produced Zoot Suit 3, 1:58.1m \$375,728 (\$3.2 million in 2019) who would go on to be Sweden's leading trotting sire 10 years in a row.

The funny part was that "der Pride" was notoriously aggressive and as his caretaker Hans Nielsen would say, "a bit tough... you had to keep your eye on him."

Well, Ja (Swedish for yes)... Nevele Pride's first caretaker Andy Murphy had lost part of a finger to him but Zoot was the calmest, gentlest and nicest horse to jog you'd want.

Woolworth would breed Glad Rags - and Ivan told me just this past year at Hancock County Fair that the mare "would throw herself" - to the famously well-mannered Bret Hanover and in 1974 Saville Row appeared on the scene. Now HE was a chore (rip out water buckets, tear off bandages, stable sheets, and end up on the ground at the drop of a hat) as Saville went through a menagerie of grooms in his career,

including a 16-year-old Bobby Goldstein. Yet he did make \$236,879 before being exported Down Under... I'm just surprised the Aussies didn't sever diplomatic relations with us.

But in early 1980 Woolworth's latest attempt wasn't going along too well with the program as he hadn't hit a smooth stride and remained ill-gaited. As he was being examined by Doc Churchill, Stanley Dancer and his brother Vernon stood with

Ohio's own adopted son blacksmith Dick Neville. Neville had been shoeing horses since he was 16 and more World Champions (both horse and human) have passed through his shop than you can count... Rambling Willy, Western Hanover, Falcon Almahurst and back when they rubbed horses (quite well I might add) Tom Charters, Mark Loewe, and Jimmy Takter... just to name a few.

"Why don't you let 'the boy' take a chance," Vernon finally said after several minutes of discussion, "and see what he can do."

So, Neville led the colt over to his shop, changed his angles for timing, and shod him like an aged race horse - something that you shouldn't do to a young horse in training - but they were getting close to cutting him.

And French Chef finally began pacing without that "horrible rack" and trained down with the best of them and performed impressively in the baby races.

After several winning races Stanley discovered he had "a fourth gear" and the Chef would go on to take a mark that year of 1:54m and earn \$278,599 as he took 1980's two-year-old pacing colt of the year honors with 21 wins in 23 starts. More importantly he brought his new bloodline into the breeding shed producing Amity Chef p3, 1:51.1m (\$1,372,683) who sired Miss Easy p3, 1:51.1m, \$1,777,656. Chef's union with Sunburn p2, 1:58.3m, another one of Woolworth's fillies, produced Jug winner Beach Towel p3, 1:50m (over \$2.5 million earned) and Beach Towel would beget... who beget...

Three of the last five Little Brown Jug winners can call French Chef one of their great grandpas: Filibuster Hanover, Wiggle It Jiggleit, and Limelight Beach as well as last year's Jugette winner Alexa's Power and all because the colt took a step-in time.

Just in time.

And a one and a two and a three...



OHHA sends our condolences to friends and families of Ronald Barker, Barry Langley and Kirk Sparks.



Schwartz Donates to Ronald McDonald House

Aubrey Schwartz collected donations for her birthday to be donated to the Ronald McDonald House. She shared on Facebook that this was her birthday wish and she took her money to purchase items and friends and teachers added both money and items to her donations. She and her family then visited the house with the donations.

There are various ways to contribute to Ronald McDonald House. They accept various donated items (see the December issue of OHHA News under the First Lady's Luncheon for a list of items they are often in need of). There is a variety of volunteer positions available. They also accept pop tab donations which helps cover the electric cost.

Thank you Aubrey for your contributions to others! Aubrey is part of The Hired Guns Racing Stable and the USTA Youth Delegate.

Know a youth doing great things for the industry and/or their community? Call the office or send an email to rmayhugh@ohha.com and share.



Racing Rookies 4-H Club Prepares for 2019

By Emily Hay

Racing Rookies 4-H Club had its membership sign up March 12, 2019. Eight members are signed up. We have gained three new members since 2018.



The officers are as follows: Macy Howell-President, Josslynne Thornhill-Vice President, Brooklyn Livingston-Secretary, Grant Howell-Treasurer. Other members include Gabe Lange, Jessica Napier, Lucas Howell, and Clayton Herron.

The kids are excited for the summer racing to begin. We have a double seated jog cart we can use and will be teaching the members about racing. The members will be gaining hands-on experience as they will be learning on a horse who will be racing at the Ohio fairs this year. The members will experience grooming him and watching him race.

The members are looking forward to a variety of events this summer. They will be helping with the Darke County Harness Horsemen Matinée on May 25th. On June 7th they will help with a youth day camp that Jayme Laing is hosting at her farm. Then on June 8th they will participate in the Harness Horse Youth Foundation Camp at the Darke County Fairgrounds. We are also hoping to go back to the Seneca County Fair again this year as the kids had a blast there last year from their VIP treatment and the sulky races on the track after the races.

The club is raising money for the club's big event of the year, to take a field trip to the Adios. There are many activities for the members to enjoy. There is a bowling alley at the track, there will be a petting zoo, bouncy houses, a balloon guy, face painters and they can meet Roger Huston. This field trip will provide an opportunity for them to see another track and enjoy family fun at the same time.

If any fairs need help with small things that the kids can do, please feel free to ask. They would love to help in any way they could. Looking forward to learning and having fun this summer!



News From Harness Horse Youth Foundation

HHYF Scholarship Opportunities

The Curt Greene Memorial Scholarship

Scholarship Amount: Stipend of up to \$2,500. The Curt Greene Memorial Scholarship is for students who have demonstrated a passion for harness racing and have financial need. Applicant may or may not be pursuing a career in harness racing industry. Applicant must be at least a high school senior.

The Sweet Karen Alumni Scholarship

Scholarship Amount: Stipend of up to \$1,500. Applicants must have previously attended an HHYF youth, leadership or HRYL summer program or a family weekend event. Amount and number of scholarships issued is at the discretion of the selection committee. The scholarship honors HHYF trotter and Facebook sensation Sweet Karen. Learn more about her at www.facebook.com/HHYFSweetKaren.

To learn more about these scholarships and for an application visit the HHYF website at www.hhyf.org/hhyf-scholarships.html

HHYF To Hold Youth Camps In Ohio

This summer, June 1st - 11th, the Harness Horse Youth Foundation (HHYF) will be traveling in Ohio with 1-day youth camps. These camps will be an opportunity for youth in Ohio, and surrounding states, to learn about harness racing and enjoy hands-on experience.

Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association has become a sponsor, reducing the cost to the participant to \$25. The ages for participants are 10 - 17. If interested in participating an application is due by May 15th as camps are limited. Participants that have been selected will be contacted by phone, email or mail.

To learn more about the camps and for more information, see the HHYF website www.hhyf.org/schedule-applications.html.

There are other camp opportunities available besides the 1-day camps. The camps listed below are all 1-day and in Ohio.

June 1	Canfield, OH
June 3	Bucyrus, OH
June 5	Napoleon, OH
June 6	Paulding, OH
June 7	Van Wert, OH
June 8	Greenville, OH
June 11	Marysville, OH



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USTA Youth Delegates Attend Annual Meeting

By: Aubrey Schwartz

On the weekend of March 8th, 9th, and 10th, I had the great opportunity to attend the USTA Annual Meeting in Columbus, Ohio. I attended as one of the USTA Youth Delegates and sat in on our own delegate meeting, sub-committee meetings, and got the chance to speak at the general session on Sunday.

During our delegate meeting on Friday, we elected a president of our delegate program, created a motto and discussed ways we could involve more youth and improve use of social media. Our newly elected chairperson is Scarlett Wilder from Pennsylvania. T

The Youth Delegates that attended included Scarlett Wilder, Emma Schrock, Colin Boyle, Jared Cooper, Trevor Barnes, Katie Eick and myself. We established our motto: "Harnessing youthful vision; creating a vibrant future."

The weekend was very busy after our Friday meeting, involving numerous sub-committee meetings that myself and the other delegates sat in on and learned about. It was a great opportunity and I am so excited to see what the future holds for our new organization.



Youth delegates pictured L-R Colin Boyle, Jared Cooper, Trevor (TJ) Barnes, Emma Schrock, Katie Eick, Scarlett Wilder and Aubrey Schwartz. Adults pictured in back row L-R Marilyn Breuer-Bertera, Gabe Wand (Chair), USTA President Russell Williams and Jason Turner. Photo by Michael Carter.