

# OHHA NEWS

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## 2017 Racing Dates

Northfield Park  
Jan. 1 - Dec. 30  
(222 live days)

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Jan 6 to May 8  
(87 live days)

Scioto Downs  
May 9 - Sept. 9  
(90 live days)

Hollywood at  
Dayton Raceway  
Sept. 12 - Dec. 30  
(75 live days)

## Important Dates

**OSRC Monthly Meeting**  
August 29 at 10:00 a.m.  
Room 1948, Riffe Center,  
77 S. High St., Columbus

**OHHA Board Meetings**  
Wednesday, October 25  
at the OHHA Office

*Title photo from*  
Susan Schroeder

## Pacing For The Cure Draws a Crowd at Scioto Downs

by Jeff Gesek, *Pacing with the Cure*

Pacing For The Cure held a Multiple Sclerosis (MS) fundraiser at Scioto Downs on Saturday July 15, 2017. Highlights of the evening included a Meet and Greet with several of the drivers at the Winner's Circle, an MS walk led by the drivers behind the starting gate, and many exciting prizes; including autographed Sergei Bobrovsky Columbus Blue Jacket Jersey and Josh Sutton colors, a one night hotel stay at the Hampton Inn onsite, and other great merchandise.

Thank you to Scioto Down's Stacy Cahill, Jason Roth, track photographer Barry Conrad, all the drivers and horsemen that participated in the walk, our volunteers who helped plan and run the event, our MS honoree Edna and her family, and the great Ohio racing fans who came out to support the event for those living with MS.

Pacing For The Cure President, Janine Gesek, said "we were thrilled by the number of people who stopped by our information table to make a donation and share their personal stories of life with MS. We are proud to spend time with the generous Scioto Down's racing community who came out to support a mother living with MS and whose daughter is Emily Hay, an Ohio Lady Pacer. We look forward to being here again next year."

Next stop on the Pacing For The Cure tour is Hoosier Park. Plans are underway for a September event that is sure to draw another large crowd of support. Please mark your calendars for the Second Annual Pacing For The Cure Dinner Party at the Premier Best Western Hotel and Conference Center in Harrisburg on Tuesday November 7, 2017. For those looking for an evening of fun and entertainment after a busy day at the sale, this is the place to be! There will be great food, music and many raffle items including a 50/50, so please don't miss out as space is limited. Tickets are available for purchase online at [PacingfortheCure.org/donate](http://PacingfortheCure.org/donate).



Photos by Conrad Photo



Left to Right: Josephine (Janine's mom), Heather Wilder, Janine Gesek, Jeff Gesek and Emily Hay.  
Photo by Pacing with the Cure.

Pacing For The Cure is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization that leverages the human-horse connection to help those in need living with MS obtain necessary medical equipment and services to manage this debilitating disease of the central nervous system. A mobility aid application is available at [www.pacingfortheCure.org](http://www.pacingfortheCure.org) for individuals seeking financial assistance for medical equipment or services.

For more information about upcoming events or if you are interested in being a sponsor, please email [jeff@pacingfortheCure.org](mailto:jeff@pacingfortheCure.org).

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# From Your Executive Director

Renée Mancino



## Third Party Liability Insurance

There are explicit rules and submission requirements for claims submitted on the Markel Insurance products OHHA Members receive as part of their membership.

On the fire, mortality, and general liability side of the business the two main products offered from Markel Insurance come from the OHHA's association and membership in the Harness Horsemen International (HHI). Markel offers several products to horsemen nationwide and if you would like to see what individual products they offer for purchase outside of the OHHA products, visit their website at, <http://www.markelhorseandfarm.com/>.

The OHHA's Markel Third Party Liability Insurance has two components, a third party general liability policy and a catastrophic loss policy. For both products in the event of a loss, claim forms are available from the OHHA office or the OHHA Track Representatives.

The general liability policy is a secondary policy covering third party claims alleging bodily injury or property damage caused by a Member's standardbred racehorse in connection with the Member's standardbred business. Coverage on the third party liability policy extends to the third parties injured or with damages. The coverage follows the covered Member's Horse anywhere in the U.S. or Canada. The policy does not cover the personal injury or personal property damage for the covered Members themselves, nor does it cover claims where Worker's Compensation insurance applies. Coverage also does not extend to a Member who is sued by a horse owner for damages to a horse in the Member's care, custody, and control. It is a secondary policy and will cover claims when there is no other coverage or a primary policy limit has been reached. For eligibility the covered Member must own fewer than 20 horses. If a Member owns more than 20 horses it would be necessary to purchase your own policy.

When a claim under the general liability policy is initiated and the claims forms are filled out, one critical portion of that form to fill out is the "Primary Insurance" section, below.

2. a. My Horse liability insurance is with \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance Company.  
**OR** At the time of this loss I did **not** have any horse liability insurance (Please initial: \_\_\_\_\_)
- b. My Farm insurance policy is with \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance Company.  
**OR** At the time of this loss I did **not** have Farm Insurance. (Please initial: \_\_\_\_\_)
- c. My Homeowners/Renters insurance is with \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance Company.  
**OR** At the time of this loss I did **not** have homeowners/renters insurance. (Please initial: \_\_\_\_\_)
- d. My Mortality/Major Medical insurance policy for the involved horse(s) is with \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance Company.  
**OR** At the time of this loss I did **not** have Mortality insurance. (Please initial: \_\_\_\_\_)

This section of the claim form is often left blank by those submitting a third party claim. It is imperative that this section be completed in its entirety. As a secondary policy if this section is not completed Markel will not consider the claim complete and will not finalize or consider any claim.

Often when this section is left blank and submitted there is insurance in effect at the time of the claim. On these omissions Markel has an insurance database they cross check the claim against and if any insurance coverage was omitted they will return the claim to the OHHA for the Member to complete. These types of omissions are again always considered incomplete and Markel will not finalize or consider any claim without full disclosure.

In addition to providing the information above it is also necessary to submit an actual claim to any insurance disclosed as being in effect at the time of the claim. Failing to submit a claim to any primary insurance policy in effect has been seen often in the past two years. There have been claims pending for more than a year because the OHHA's covered Member refuses to submit that claim to their insurance carrier and receive the hard denial letter.

Since late 2015 any claim that has primary insurance in place but no hard denial letter returned on has been denied as incomplete. Markel will not finalize any claim that has not already been submitted to any of the insurance disclosed in effect. After submission of the claim to any primary insurance, if denied, that denial letter must be returned to Markel for proof of submission and denial.

This, hard denial letter is mandatory. There is no other substitute for the hard denial letter, an insurance sales agent, broker, nor any other employee where insurance is purchased can provide a letter that will be acceptable to Markel. On every occasion over the past two years when any of those forms of substantiation outside of the formal hard denial letter have been submitted to Markel, they have been rejected. Again, it is imperative that a claim be submitted to the insurance company directly as any other claim would be, with a hard denial letter returned to Markel before coverage on any claim.

The Third Party Liability Insurance operates quickly and efficiently as long as the claim is complete before consideration. Not having a complete file to submit including claim form, hard denial, and any estimates on damages will slow up the claim settlement process. In cases where everything has been submitted and a claim is considered complete, the process to final settlement has occurred rather quickly, within 10-14 days. Timely submission and a complete file are the keys to make this benefit and process operate as it should.

Hopefully few need to use this benefit, but in case it is necessary it is nice added benefit to OHHA Membership and speedy resolution is our best practice.

## Time to Celebrate!

**Sherri Holiday**, from Lebanon, Ohio reached her lifetime milestone of 1,000 wins in July! Holiday has over \$5,000,000 in lifetime earnings. What a great accomplishment! Keep it up!



Jack Dailey, from Miamisburg, Ohio took his 3,000 lifetime win at the Fayette County Fair on July 19<sup>th</sup>. Dailey won with Twinspeak, owned by Randall Bond and trained by Dailey. We look for many more wins, especially as we continue through the Ohio Fair season! Great Job, Jack!

Brent Holland, originally from Wilmington, Ohio won his 5,000<sup>th</sup> win in June at Yonkers Raceway, bringing him to over \$54 million in purse earnings. He started his career in harness racing working for Hagemeyer Farm and his first win was a Lebanon Raceway in 1989. Shortly after he moved to Chigago, IL and worked for Hall of Famer Bob Harrington. Holland may not be in Ohio currently, but he did get his start in the Buckeye State! Congratulations, Brent!

Congratulations to Brian Brown, Bruce Trogdon and all connections of Fear the Dragon for winning the \$400,000 Delvin Miller Adios at the Meadows on July 29<sup>th</sup>!

Congratulations to Ronnie Wrenn, Jr. on reaching your 4,000<sup>th</sup> career win at Northfield Park on August 7<sup>th</sup>! Wrenn started driving in 2008 and through his purse earnings his driving career is almost at \$22 million.

**Points for Ohio Buckeye Stallions and Ohio Fairs Championship** are posted on the OHHA website under the tab [Ohio Horse Nominations / Standings](#).

**Breeder Awards Reminder:** Mares due to foal in 2018 **MUST** be registered between **September 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>** to be eligible for Ohio Breeders Awards. Applications will be available on the OHHA website under tab [Breeders Awards](#) on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Upcoming Sales / Events

#### **August 28 & 29**

Blooded Horse PreJug Mixed Sale  
Delaware County Fairgrounds- Delaware, OH

#### **September 15**

Ohio Selected Jug Sale  
Brave Horse Show Park- Johnstown, OH

#### **September 26**

Buckeye Classic Yearling Sale  
Centers Center Expo - Springfield, OH

#### **November 13-16**

Blooded Horse Sales Co.



**OHHA Sends Condolences to the  
friends and families of  
Maynard Hagemeyer.**

Full obituaries can be found on the OHHA  
website [www.ohha.com/obituaries](http://www.ohha.com/obituaries).

# Ohio Fair News

## Waitin' in Dayton

by Thom Pye

It was as though the weather was saying "don't go... not just yet" as the Montgomery County Fair hosting its final two racing programs on Thursday, July 13th held in Dayton had rain delays. The races have been attended at the historic half-mile oval since 1856 and welcomed many a great Champion.

The first two contests on "Mike Woebkenberg Day" were the \$3,879 divisions of Ohio Colt Racing Association stakes for two-year-old pacing fillies and produced the fastest times for the day's card. Black Magic Racing LLC's Big Bad Filly (Big Bad John) clipped off a good mile of 2:01.4h for driver Ken Holliday and trainer Sherri Holiday in the 1st. Jetstream Mystic (Big Bad John) took the 2nd as Bruce Sturgeon piloted the Joe Essig-trained filly in her initial lifetime start in 2:02 flat for owner James Wampler of London. The 3rd race was when the rain began as Joe Essig guided - and Roger Huston will have a field day with this - Rocknroll Ruby Roo to a win in a very measured time of 2:08h. Trainer Carla Asher co-owns the daughter World of Rocknroll with co-breeder Steve McWilliams.

And then the rains came... along with the lightning and the winds. If it had not been for some very friendly and helpful folks visiting from Prebble County Fairgrounds in Eaton, the O.H.H.A. "Racing With The Stars" tent would have been launched skyward but we held our ground. After a delay of one and a half hours the track crew had brought the track surface safely back. While the times were not as fast, the miles and the smiles were just as good. The \$4,737 OCRA 2nd division for three-year-old pacing fillies went to Salt And Pepper (Big Bad John) as she won by ten in 2:04.1h. \$500,000 plus lifetime winner Rompaway Beau took the Signature Series for older trotters as driver Don Harmon coasted home by 8 in 2:04.1h for owner/trainer Krista Harmon.

With the sun out the track was drying nicely for the evening's 6:00 program to begin... and then the sky opened up again. It was only 20 minute wait until the start of the first division of the \$3,829 OCRA stake for two-year-old pacing colts and Eleven Star Stable's Starmaker (We Will See) responded with a mile in 2:03 flat for driver and trainer Jeff Brewer. Each successive race produced winners going under wire by open lengths as the old adage of "the best place to be in the the mud is on the front end" held true.

A truly impressive feat over the wet surface was the evening's \$4,918 OCRA 2nd division for three-year-old pacing colts when the Jack Daily-teamed Smokin Willie (Art Official) staged an epic head-to-head battle with Georgehbowler (Feelin Friskie) and Jeff Nisonger the entire last half. In the photo it was the Harold Ward-trained/Charles and Tracy Bower-owned Georgehbowler. His time of 2:00.2h left Colossal Casanova (McArdle) and Billy Aldrich in 3rd back 28 lengths wigglin' and jigglin' for the wire.

For the handicappers who keep their pages and charts on each horse it was a day that produced a solid list of young "off-track" trotters and pacers. And for the harness racing trivia lovers let it be noted that the very last horse and driver to win at the Dayton Fairgrounds - which in 1874 saluted Goldsmith Maid as she set a trotting World Record of 2:18 - was Micheal Myers' 8-year-old pacer Sir Howie's Z Tam, with son Hunter Myers in the sulky, winning by 9 in 2:01h.

And here's to the Days of the Trotting Horse...

## Union County Fair

by Thom Pye

The crowd was smiling in Marysville when Gotmoneymypocket and Chris Page opened the Union County Fair race program with a sizzlin' mile in 1:58.3h in the Free For All. The Steve Crist-conditioned 4-year-old altered son of Feelin Friskie, owned by Jerry Zosel and Kathy Radcliff, smoked his last quarter in 28.4 to seal the win.

In the \$4,739 OFRC three-year-old filly pace second race Bye Bye Felicia (Woodstock) and driver Beau Brown said "adieu" to the field as she won by 16 in 1:58h. The \$130,000 plus winning miss is trained by Brian Brown for his Ohio owners J. Brown, S. Davis, S. Mullett, and J. Mc Clelland.

A tight photo-finish in the 3rd race \$3,300 1st division of the OFRC three-year-old filly trot had everyone guessing until Rebecca Sugg's Cinderellas Dress win by a nose in 2:02h was posted. The daughter of Triumphant Caviar is trained and driven by hubby Kurt Sugg.

With open-length victories in the following races (by 16 in the 4th and 11 in the 5th) Clyde Perfect's Santana Blue Chip filly Zoe Ellasen with Chris Page aboard, took her \$4,664 OFRC 2nd division by 8 with a tally of 1:59.2h... pacing the last half in a jaw-dropping :57.2 over the other three-year-olds. It was Page's third "W" of the day.

Sunday July 23rd's 10-race program had a rain delay of about 40 minutes but thanks to a patient and watchful track crew it did not dampen the spirits or the times. The Joe Paver trained and Pierce Henry driven Manny's Too Special (Woodstock) ignored the wet track and stepped off a fine time of 1:58h in the \$4,867 OFRC 1st division for three-year-old pacers. The Pearl Paver, Joe Paver, Dennis Paver-owned and bred gelding bested Shooter McGavin (McArdle) and Cameron McCown - for today - in their continuing rivalry.

It was a Paver/Henry double as the 1-9 hometown favorite, the undefeated Carmensdaleyapple, jiggy-jogged by 16 in the \$4,852 OFRC two-year-old pace in 1:59h. The gelded son of Mr. Apples now sports a 6 for 6 record for owner/trainer/driver and breeder Joe Paver. And you could tell by the hoots and hollers of the crowd that they backed him.

The \$4,792 OFRC 2nd division for three-year-old pacers went to K's Boy as Scott Cisco piloted him to a 9- length triumph in 1:58.2h. The Woodstock gelding is owned by Richard Weherley.

And it was another battle in the Ohio Ladies Pace Series as Tabatha Canarr maneuvered Heza Star Cruiser through heavy traffic and posted a good time of 1:59.3 over Interactable (Pat Curtin) and Cullens Blue Jean with Devan Miller driving. The Yankee Cruiser 10-year-old is conditioned by Steve Crist for owners Jerry Zosel and Kathy Radcliff.

Tabatha would capture her second win of the day - well, sorta - as she "aired" in the Bouncing Ponies Race held after the races with all the Lady Drivers competing. The gals showed that, not only can they drive a horse, they are good sports as well.

A fun conclusion to two great days of racing, a tradition since the 1850's, in Marysville, Ohio.



## Marion County Fair Successful Comeback!

by Regina Mayhugh

Marion county shares many historic harness racing moments. When harness racing came back this summer after a nine-year absence allowed Marion county to make history again! That is exactly what they did on July 3rd and 4th at the Marion County Fair when 231 horses competed and track records were broken!

The Houghton Sulky Company, the oldest business in Marion, is part of harness racing history in Marion county. It was founded in 1904. In the beginning the building where the Houghton Sulky Company was housed was part of the Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church that was built in 1845. When the railroad came through, it was no longer a suitable place for a church and the Huber Manufacturing Company moved in, until the Houghton Sulky Company took possession of the building.

The Houghton Sulky Company was known for production of the finest open carriages, sulkies and show horse carriages in the country. Their first line of products were circus wagons and carriages for royalty. They even added self-propelled vehicles to the line-up. In 1916, they offered funeral coaches and ambulances.

When they started building sulkies, they also helped increase the excitement at the races at the Marion county fair by donating sulkies to winners of the races. These donations helped to attract more participants to race knowing such a grand prize was being raced for! It was estimated that 90% of the country's sulkies were built by Houghton Sulky Company. The company was in Marion until 2007 and the building is now being preserved as a historic site.

Other excitement in Marion related to harness racing includes movie filming. Hollywood came to Marion county in 1944 when racing scenes from "Home of Indiana" was filmed at the fairgrounds. The county also had its own matinee club that was very involved in harness racing and the county fair. Marion county was once a hot spot for racing. Harness racing at one time was known as "one of the fair's long-standing traditions". In 1993 The Marion Star newspaper described harness racing as "one of the fair's most popular events."

Horsemen were pleased with the return of harness racing at the Marion County Fair this year when racing continued July 3rd with fifteen races and July 4th with eighteen races. The pacing record that was set in 2001 by Easy Goin Guy fell on July 3rd when Da Vinci Artist (Art Official-Da Vinci Road) paced to 2:00.1 mile in the first division of 3-year-old filly pacers with her driver and trainer Kurt Sugg in the sulky. Two races following, Sugg's brother Duke drove T Red (Cams Eclipse-Al's Honey) beating Kurt's record with 1:59.4 in the free for all pace division. Margarita Man (Malabar Man-Margarita Miss) beat the trot record that was set in 2002 by Hustlin Lad when he trotted home in 2:01 in the free for all trot with Dake Lake in the sulky.

Marion county speed committee member Steve Ruth shared his thoughts about this year's fair: "The program went well. We had great feedback and attendance was good. Everyone was pleased. We can't wait until next year!" Congratulations to the Marion County Fair Board and Speed Committee for a successful year back and we look forward to joining you again next year!

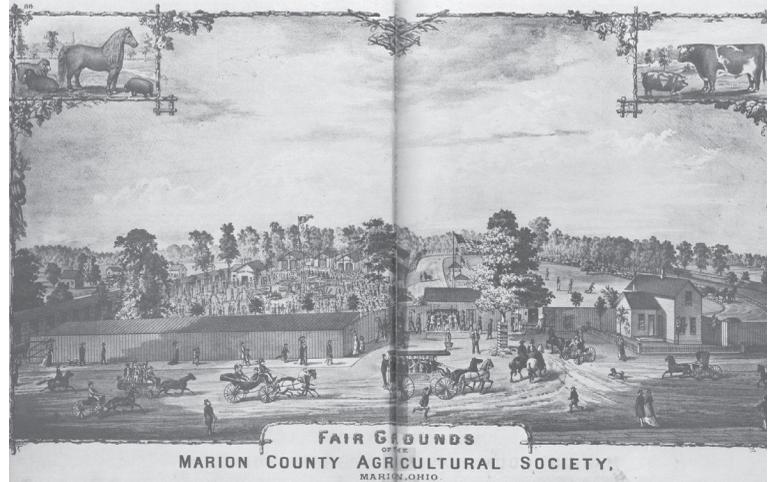


Photo from Marion County Historical Society Facebook page.



# Ohio Fair News

## Greene County Fair

by Thom Pye

If there was any doubt Greene County Fair-grounds has been proudly called home by the Noble family for generations they were erased as "Drivin' Dan" Noble firmly planted in his own footprints with 6 driving victories. Beginning with the first \$4,962 OCRA three-year-old filly pace when The Goby Girl (Feelin Friskie-Odds On Goby) and Noble smoked the Bret Schwartz trainee around the manicured oval in 1:58.1h, it was truly a Noble evening.

In the 2nd race \$3,504 OCRA three-year-old colts 1st division Jack Daily completed the Bret Schwartz-trained double in 1:58h and made it three-in-a-row with Lovey Feelin as the son of Feelin Friskie picked up his sixth win of the year. The Signature Series' Steve Phillips Memorial, held in remembrance of Xenia's eminent race official and inventor of the mobile starting gate, was taken by S&S Racing Stable LLC's He Is Risen as the Trent Tharp trained and driven 6-year-old gelding win by a neck over Chance I Might (Nisonger) in 1:58h flat and paid over \$30.

Guest announcer and Xenia native Hall of Famer Roger Huston had the crowd smiling with his noted calls and wit for this one when the photo was announced as well as the whole of two-day meet. Fiesty Jim with owner/ trainer/driver Joe Wilson captured the \$8,555 OCRA three-year-old colt trot in 2:04.1h and as the son of Triumphant caviar was heading back to the barn the skies opened.

There was a delay of over an hour but as the water drained the officials correctly determined that the track was safe. When the races began again it was McTravisty (McArdle) with Jeff Nisonger pacing to a solid victory in 2:00h flat in the OCRA 2nd division for three-year-old fillies.

Dan Noble would have his 3rd win of the evening as Steven Sexton of Xenia's Corner Con Artist three-year-old colt paced to a dominant victory by 16 in 1:56.4h.

Jack Daily's trained and driven Twinspeak (Well Said) would take the 2nd Signature Series Phillips with a mile in 1:59.4h for owner Randall Bond... that's Bond, Randall Bond... of Cedarville.

The \$9,000 Chip Noble Memorial Pace was the coup de tat for the evening as the Dan Noble

trained and driven 6-year-old Sports Sinner went down the road to win by 2 over Supreme Z Tam (Jeff Nisonger) as The Perkins Racing Stable LLC's star establish a new Xenia track record.

As the crowd in the Winners Circle, led by Chip's family with wife Debbie Noble, proudly posed for the picture it was official: a mile in 1:54.2h, the fastest ever in the long and historic history of the Greene County Fair.

Noble would take his 6th win with the Devan Miller-trained Cullens Blue Jean in 1:59.2h in the 3rd Signature Series while Jack Dailey, another "Chip" Noble protege, had a three-bagger on the night.

This year's finale was also a new beginning as owner/trainer/driver Robert Rogan would steer 11-year-old pacer McClelland to his first win of the year in 2:03h. It would also be the very first pari-mutuel win for the 52-year-old Q/F driver from Bellefontaine.

While his suit and his face wore a coating from the off-track, there was no hiding the wide smile as friends and family congratulated him in the Winners Circle. You gotta love a County Fair.

## Ohio Ladies Pace, Off to a Strong Season!

by Emily Hay

The Ohio Lady Pace has been going strong at many of the Ohio Fairs. Thank you everyone who has been supporting the race by dropping horses in the box for the ladies. "There is nothing lady about it", exclaimed a following fan. He shared that he loves to watch our races and says there is no hole giving and wire to wire endings. When ladies are on the track it's a race to the finish they are going for points. These points will get them into the final at Delaware Jug Week if they are in top 8 points earners.

The ladies professions range from, nurses, lab tech, phlebotomists, dental hygienist, college student, retired K-9 Police officer, moms, aunts, sisters, daughters grandmas and trainers. These ladies may battle it out on the track but after the race it's back to the barns where they all support each other.

The ladies have been participating in grandstand meet and greets as often as they can and recently they participated in a bouncy horse race at Marysville. It's the little things that you give back to the fans that they appreciate.

Mandy Jones picked up a catch drive at the Tiffin Fair and got to use her skills on driving a trotter. She did nice job. It's nice to see the ladies getting a few catch drives. The battle will be on for the Darke County Annie Oakley Shoot Out with its \$3000.00 purse and the top 8 points earners will take the preference at that fair for a drive!

Thanks for all the continued support to make this race keep going. The ladies appreciate all that the fairs, owners and trainers do.



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## Horsin' around with....

**Deidre (Dee) Hotton, Dee Hotton Stable  
Wooster, Ohio**

**How many horses are you currently training?** 4

**How long have you been training? Do you train full time or part time?** I have been training horses for 38 years. I am a full-time trainer. I train both pacers and trotters but prefer trotters as it takes more hands-on to develop a trotter.

**How did you get started?** I have always loved horses and found a way to make a living at it. My father owned Standardbreds when I was younger. I was in 4-H and I started taking care of the racehorses when they would come home for turnouts.

**Share any favorite horses you have had over the years and explain how they became a favorite:** I have had several. Some of my favorites are Magnificent Mel, Glory Bound, Sue's Misty, Buckeye Man and Lima Legend.

Magnificent Mel was a homebred that raced a long time and put me on the map as a trainer. Glory Bound was a bargain yearling that became a Sire Stakes trotter and eventually an open trotter. We bought Sue's Misty at the Meadowlands sale and she went on to become an open pacer and Northfield Park's Horse of the Year. Buckeye Man was another trotting homebred that became another sire stakes winner. He wasn't very big, but loved to win. Lima Legend was another horse that loved to win and responded to personal care.

**Share something about one of your current horses:** Currently I have horses with issues. I am looking to regroup and concentrate on younger horses.

**Do you have family / friends who are involved in racing?**

My father and mother are the ones who started me in the business. They are still involved today. Dad is a small partner on something every year. Mom does the videotaping at the races for my website.

**How can horsemen do a better job of promoting harness racing and help build fan numbers?**

I think series racing and horse rivalries help to keep the interest in racing. Just like in any sport, I think people like to see the same horses battle it out on a weekly basis.



**Do you also drive? Share about your experience.**

I do not drive very much anymore. I drove for a while when I was younger. It helps me as a trainer to know what goes on during a race. I started in matinees and fairs.

**Do you own or breed? Please share about some of your personally owned horses.** I am an owner and usually own a small percentage of a horse every year. Horses that have been especially fun to own include Glory Bound, Buckeye Man and Swing Anna Cash. Swing Anna Cash won the Arden during her 2-year-old year. Ace of Sharks was another nice purchase we made at the Delaware sale last fall.

**Share some facts about yourself:**

I like cats. Since I do not have kids, the cats are my kids.

**What is your favorite food?**

Snow crab and corn on the cob are my favorite summer foods and chicken noodle soup in the winter.

**Do you have any other hobbies besides harness racing?** I like baseball, football and golf.

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*Looking for horsemen to feature in the upcoming issues. Are you a trainer, groom, owner or have another profession in the industry, contact us and you could be the next featured horseman (or woman)!*



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## Regina's Equine Spotlight

Congratulations to the connections of **Like Old Times**, the 2015 Ohio Horse of the Year, for winning in 1:53 at Northfield Park on July 17<sup>th</sup>, making a new Northfield Park Track Record and a World Record for older trotting mares on a half mile track.

Trainer Don McKirgan  
Driver Pete Wrenn



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## Little Brown Jug Trivia

Everyone in harness racing, fans included, are familiar with the Little Brown Jug, but how much do you know about its history? Answers to be revealed in the September issue of The Buckeye Harness Horseman magazine.

- 1.) How many years has the annual All Horse Parade taken place to open up the Delaware County Fair?
- 2.) Why was the All Horse Parade almost canceled in its 29<sup>th</sup> year?
- 3.) What year did Roger Huston begin calling the Little Brown Jug?
- 4.) Where was the Delaware County Fair held prior to 1937?
- 5.) What year was the first Little Brown Jug?
- 6.) What was the purse for the first Little Brown Jug?
- 7.) Why do pacers race in the Little Brown Jug?
- 8.) Name the two drivers who are tied with the most Little Brown Jug wins.
- 9.) Name the trainer with the most Little Brown Jug wins.
- 10.) Every year since 1946 a clay jug is glazed with the winners listed. What year did they have to start a second jug and what is it made out of instead of clay?