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OHHA Board Meeting Dates

- Thursday, April 20
- Friday, July 2
- Wednesday, October 25

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2017 Ohio Sires Stakes Schedule



2-Year-Old Colt Trot

1-Northfield Park	Sat, July 8
2-Scioto Downs	Tues, July 18
3-Northfield Park	Mon, Aug 7
4-Scioto Downs	Thurs, Aug 24

2-Year-Old Colt Pace

1-Scioto Downs	Tues, July 4
2-Northfield Park	Sat, July 22
3-Northfield Park	Mon, Aug 7
4-Scioto Downs	Mon, Aug 21

2-Year-Old Filly Trot

1-Northfield Park	Mon, July 3
2-Scioto Downs	Wed, July 19
3-Scioto Downs	Thurs, Aug 10
4-Northfield Park	Wed, Aug 23

2-Year-Old Filly Pace

1-Scioto Downs	Wed, July 5
2-Northfield Park	Mon, July 17
3-Scioto Downs	Fri, Aug 11
4-Northfield Park	Tues, Aug 22

\$250,000 Championships
Saturday, September 2 at Scioto Downs

Ohio Sires Stakes

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3-Year-Old Colt Trot

1-Miami Valley	Tues, May 2
2-Scioto Downs	Mon, June 19
3-Northfield Park	Mon, July 10
4-Northfield Park	Sat, Aug 26

3-Year-Old Colt Pace

1-Miami Valley	Tues, May 2
2-Scioto Downs	Sat, June 10
3-Northfield Park	Sat, July 1
4-Scioto Downs	Fri, Aug 25

3-Year-Old Filly Trot

1-Miami Valley	Mon, May 1
2-Northfield Park	Sat, June 17
3-Scioto Downs	Fri, July 14
4-Scioto Downs	Fri, Aug 25

3-Year-Old Filly Pace

1-Miami Valley	Mon, May 1
2-Scioto Downs	Fri, June 9
3-Northfield Park	Sat, Aug 12
4-Northfield Park	Sat, Aug 26

\$50,000 Consolations
Saturday, October 14 at Northfield Park



From Your Executive Director

Reneé Mancino

Baby, It's Cold Outside....Again.

As I write this column it has been the worst weather we have seen all winter temperature-wise. In the Columbus-Dayton-Cincinnati, Ohio area we saw 68°F on December 26, 2016 and 54°F on January 3, 2017, but by January 6th we were at a high temperature of 10°F and low of 1°F with wind chill recorded at -3°F. With a nor'easter crawling up the east coast in the next two days adding snow to that area's season lows, our temperatures are predicted to remain where they were January 7th for at least another week, without the snow.

Last night was the 2017 opening night at Miami Valley Gaming, the kick-off night leading up to a three-day celebration of our nation's top drivers. A promotion Miami Valley and OHHA have spent a lot of money on and put into place to generate buzz and highlight the Drivers. An almost capacity crowd was on hand for the weekend kick-off, single race handle was reaching \$80,000 a race, and the previous year's opening night handle had been eclipsed by the seventh race on the fourteen-race card. Having attended the opening night's races, I talked with management as they excitedly and informally talked about all the small and detailed things they have done to improve the racing product for the offsite wagering crowd, patrons, and horsemen alike. Things people do not see or may not even realize are there, but make the experience much easier, more enjoyable, provide more fun, information and improve the racing product.

In between discussions, observations, and popping back and forth between the paddock and grandstand, the atmosphere was very different. The Miami Valley management team, employees, security were all bristling, happy to be back racing, and having a great time while they worked. They were doublechecking the sound,

clearing up the video broadcast signal (when to my eye and ear, neither were amiss), and tracking the handle with enthusiasm to maximize revenue while taking care not to overlap anyone else's post time and run the card off as quickly as possible. Everyone was pumped up and ready to roll through the night. The patrons looked to be having just as much fun. A happy crowd that may not have been wagering a huge amount on-track, there was nary a table or seat empty and it was most certainly a happy-party Friday night atmosphere.

By contrast when I got to the paddock, most of the horsemen were bristling with an odd pent-up anger and anxiety. Which in the first big prolonged brush with 0°F weather is to be expected. Particularly after most horsemen have already spent the afternoon outside in high temperatures that had only reached 10°F it is difficult to pack-up, ship in four hours in advance and race while those temperatures plummet to zero.

As is typical when I go into the paddock or a backside I was met by a host of different horsemen who had complaints. From race office issues, to issues with the draw and condition sheet, to the temperature and length of time they were left on the track. At one point a driver grabbed me and said, "they can't continue to have us on the track post-parading for eight minutes, which they just did, I can't feel my hands by the half mile point in the race". Unaware of the issue until pointed out because we had been busy with other things, we immediately asked management to reduce the on-track post parade time because of the cold weather. They immediately and happily obliged with post parades at two minutes and holding a race no more than two minutes after that, asking whether the drivers could let us know if they could tolerate that long on the track, if not we would adjust accordingly. Heading back over to the grandstand I sat in the pari-mutuel office as the mutual manager and staff continued to run the wagering



operations. With the size of the local crowd and bustle of opening night they were slammed busy. Obviously intent on having the horses on the track for as small a period-of-time as possible they ran the four minutes on-track before the start almost to the minute. Absent about two races where the other racetracks flipped their post times catching them off guard, with the horses already having post-paraded, resulting in a six-minute post parade. They did the best they could visually trying hard to accommodate the horsemen and horses.

When I returned to the paddock I was immediately confronted by a driver that was upset about the two longer than four-minute post parades. I understood their pain, it was cold, they were losing feeling in their hands during the race when out there a long time, they were tired, and it had been a long, cold night punctuated by zero degree cold and warming up inside the paddock between those stints.

As in most winter racing jurisdictions horsemen are a hearty breed. Racing is very physically taxing and can wear thin in optimal conditions with even the most optimistic of those participating, especially in year-round jurisdictions. However, it is in-fact winter racing so it is unpredictable and can change quickly and give rise to hazardous conditions. The most difficult thing with these factors is the lack of decorum, self-interest, and in the end pure disdain for everyone and everything that seems to bubble to the surface. At the end of the day if someone feels slighted they lash out, throw up their hands, are disrespectful and demeaning, demanding that someone immediately fix their issue. Absent instant gratification they threaten. This kind of recalcitrance as well as

horsemen taking things into their own hands are not helpful and damage our relationships and our racing opportunities.

It is the Association's job to represent the horsemen within the industry. The Association oversees every facet of racing every day, it is our full-time, plus job. We are thorough, we get into the detail, we are involved in all aspects, and we act in the best interests of those that participate and the industry every single time a decision is made. We gather all the information necessary we seek expert consult, use historical, and projected conditions when making decisions. Those decisions include whether to go forward and race in less than perfect conditions.

Make no mistake, the Association will never put horses or horsemen on an unsafe racetrack or into predicted unsafe or severely worsening weather to ship to or from the track. If the racetrack and the racing conditions are deemed safe when all factors are considered, racing will not be cancelled. That decision is not and cannot be made from the view of one person or the influence of one person over anyone else. It isn't possible to accommodate everyone's comfort level. It is made by evenhandedly weighing all factors related to the decision with the horsemen's input which means ALL the horsemen, trainers, owners, and drivers. The goal is to make sure racing is safe, when it is not safe we cancel and the horses do not race. When a cancellation decision is made, the Ohio State Racing Commission, Permit Holder and the OHHA must concur to go forward, those are the three Parties that can make the decision to cancel under the Ohio Administrative Code. When this decision is being weighed during a live racing card we give the intervening cause for potential cancellation the minimum timeframe of one hour to pass or be rectified. Beyond an hour traditionally the OSRC has stepped in due to time over on Lasix.

While that decision is being made, it is

imperative to let the process run its course so the decision can be made. If the decision is made to go forward permitting individuals to make an independent decision to race or not without penalty, that is done because racing is safe, but we acknowledge that an individual's comfort level with racing may not be there or that a trainer may not have his horse geared up for the specific conditions that night. In addition, we do not believe in voluntarily diminishing opportunities to race when it is safe. The same way I don't judge those that wrestle alligators simply because I don't feel particularly comfortable in that arena, I simply choose not to do so myself and there is no judgement for those that do.

When a decision is made to go forward and an individual owner, trainer or driver does not feel comfortable with doing so, do not. I have nothing bad to say about anyone that makes their own decision concerning their own racing business, or health and safety because I do not walk in their shoes, just please make that decision, and don't try to diminish or harass those who do feel comfortable or those that are trying to continue to have opportunities out there for those that do.

Speaking specifically to winter racing. We have no ability to increase opportunities during optimal conditions. The Racing Commission has consistently opposed any attempts to take January off and overlap in May-June, or any other month. They will only permit overlap in live schedules between the northern circuit (Northfield Park) racing year-round and the Southern Ohio Circuit (Scioto, Dayton, Miami Valley) racing consecutively. And in the optimal weather months with more popular signals it isn't as lucrative for our racetrack partners to race against higher popularity race meet signals dominating the online and simulcasting market.

The reality in Ohio is we race year-round at least two locations all winter. Trainers, Drivers, or Owners are free to go south or

manage your stables not to race in the cold. As outlined in the March 2015 column on this same topic on racing in zero or below zero weather, Veterinarians consulted opined that we tend to apply our own comfort level to horses who are more anatomically protected in harsher conditions. They cited the fact that a horse's nasal passages have a large surface area of mucous membranes and the pharynx/larynx pathway is lengthy. That enables them to handle air more efficiently as compared to humans. In the case of extreme cold, that anatomical makeup enables them to effectively warm and humidify cold air before it reaches the sensitive lower airways. Add in their tough leathery hide and full fur coat and Veterinarians say they are just fine when we were looking for shelter when it was twenty-five degrees warmer.

The OHHA policy is to evaluate cancellations on a case-by-case basis. The rule of thumb being used for cold is -25° F temperature and wind chill combined. Consecutive days below this level are a consideration as well as cumulative or forecasted snowfall in conjunction with temperature and the ability to ship to or from a racetrack. In the heat, it is a combination of the air temperature and relative humidity, the "heat index", with a 130° F benchmark. When that combined total is >130° F there is an extreme danger to humans of heat stroke or sunstroke.

Horsemen need to be informed and engaged as a part of the partnership that puts on the racing show in Ohio. Racing opportunities are year-round in Ohio unlike most neighboring states, which are dark for most of the inclement weather. Horsemen need to have their horses ready and prepared for winter racing, let any decision-making process run its course, decide on their comfort level if the choice is there, and move forward with their decision showing respect for those that may have a different opinion. It is all a part of being a partner in the endeavor.

OHHA Sends Condolences to friends and families of Joe Adamsky, Robert L Ernsthausen, Ronald Fuller, Henry "Hank" Kumler Kauffman, Mary Janet Milburn and Lee Edward Shoemaker. Full obituaries can be found on the OHHA website <http://www.ohha.com>.

Director's Corner

Vice President Steve Bateson



I'm proud to announce that Ohio has a new racing opportunity for 2 and 3-year-old Ohio Sired horses in 2017, The Buckeye Stallion Series! Several OHHA Board members, including myself, began discussions approximately ten months ago in search of ideas to create additional racing opportunities for young Ohio sired horses.

We started with objectives for expanding the Ohio Sires Racing Program:

- Provide Value for Owners of Ohio Sired Horses
- Provide additional quality racing opportunities for Ohio Sired Horses
- Provide another place to Showcase Ohio Sired Horses
- Provide space between the Sire Stakes and Fairs
- Increase the competitiveness of both the Ohio Sire Stakes and Ohio County Fair Racing
- Provide a long term sustainable program

With these objectives in mind we designed this program to have guaranteed purses for each leg and final with affordable nominations (\$200.00) and starting fees (\$200.00). Standards were set to ensure that quality horses entered for competitive races.

Limitations were put in place to ensure horses can't race in the same leg of the Ohio Sire Stakes and The Buckeye Stallion Series. The thought behind limitations on racing in the Ohio Sire Stakes and the Buckeye Stallion Series are that we hope this will give trainers and owners more choices for what best fits their horse. I foresee horses starting leg one of the Ohio Sire Stakes then maybe moving down to leg two of the Buckeye Stallion Series and versa with horses starting leg one of the Stallion Series and then moving up to the Ohio Sire Stakes for leg two. This could also help those horses that are focused on the fair stake programs with the opportunity to step up and race at one of our quality pari-mutuel racetracks.

For 2017 we will have 3 legs of each of the eight divisions of 2 and 3-year-olds. Each leg will race for a guarantee purse of \$12,500 and horses accumulate points towards the final which will be raced for \$40,000 at Northfield Park on September 30, 2017. See the conditions and 2017 schedule following this article. We hope to expand this series to four legs in future years.

I would like thank those directors that provided input and feedback for The Buckeye Stallion Series: Jim Arledge Jr., Hugh Beatty Jr., Roy Burns, Joe McLead, John Ryan Melsheimer and Scott Mogan. I would also like to extent a special thank you on behalf of the OHHA to these pari-mutuel race tracks Miami Valley Gaming & Racing, Northfield Park and Scioto Downs for agreeing to host legs of the Buckeye Stallion Series along with Northfield Park for hosting the inaugural final.

Here's to a safe successful 2017 racing season.

Breedings for sale to top sires for 2017!

I am looking for trotting mares.... call me!

Trotters:	Muscle Massive
Explosive Matter	Dejarmbro
Kadabra	Yankee Glide
Cash Hall	Muscle Mass
Conway Hall	Dontyouforgetit
My MVP	Donato Hanover
Guccio	Manofmanymissions
Trixon	Uncle Peter

Pacers:	We will see
Art Major	Western Vintage
Rockin Amadeus	Rockin Image
American Ideal	Tellitlikeitis
Real Desire	Dragon Again
Well Said	Pet Rock
Bettors Delight	Sweet Lou
Western Ideal	

Book early to avoid a shut out!

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2017 Buckeye Stallion Series

Sponsored by the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association

\$12,500 Guaranteed purse per leg, \$40,000 Final

**Nomination Payment Due: March 15, 2017 Nomination Fee \$200
Raced at Miami Valley, Northfield Park and Scioto Downs**

- Nomination fee across the board for 2-and 3-year-old Ohio Sired horses \$200. Starting Fee for any leg \$200, Starting Fee for Final \$500. All nominations and starting fees will be added to the purse by age, gait & division.
- Qualifying Standards to start: At time of ENTRY, a starter must show within 45 days prior to the advertised day of the race at least one performance line without a break and within the time requirements below to start a leg or final in the Buckeye Stallion Series.

	<u>Trotters</u> Half- Mile	<u>Trotters</u> Five-Eighths	<u>Pacers</u> Half- Mile	<u>Pacers</u> Five-Eighths
2-yr-olds	2:06 or faster	2:04 or faster	2:02 or faster	2:00 or faster
3-yr-olds	2:03 or faster	2:02 or faster	1:59 or faster	1:58 or faster

- A horse nominated at one gait may move to the other gait by advising the OHHA, providing the horse has not previously raced in a leg of the Buckeye Stallion Series.
- A minimum of seven horses entered to start one division. In any leg if fewer than seven enter the race shall be canceled and trainers notified. If more than seven enter one division, splits will occur as outlined below.
 - Splits for Half-Mile track would be as follows:
10 Entered, one division
Split on the following entries: 11, 21, 28, 37, 46, 55, 64,73, etc.
 - Splits for Five-Eighths mile track would be as follows:
11 Entered, one division
Splits on the following entries: 12, 21, 31, 41, 51, 61, 71, etc.
- Eligibility to only those foals sired by a Standardbred stallion registered with the Ohio State Racing Commission during the year of conception.
 - Any horse starting leg one of the Ohio Sire Stake is ineligible to start leg one of the Buckeye Stallion Series.
 - Any horse starting leg two of the Ohio Sire Stakes is ineligible to start leg two of the Buckeye Stallion Series.
 - Any horse starting leg three of the Ohio Sire Stakes is ineligible to start leg three of the Buckeye Stallion Series.
 - Any horse drawn into the Ohio Sire Stake Final or is in the top nine in the final point's standings will be ineligible to the Buckeye Stallion Series Final.

- All horses receiving points in the legs may enter the Buckeye Stallion Series Final.
 - The highest nine point earning horses entered will be drawn to start in the Buckeye Stallion Series Final.
 - Points will be awarded in each of the first three legs of the series as follows: Win-51, Second-26, Third-13, Fourth-9, Fifth-6 and all remaining starters-1. In the event of a dead-heat, horses shall receive the standard distribution of points for their particular order of finish.
 - Points shall be awarded according to any placing of the judges and shall be used to determine which horses shall qualify for the Buckeye Stallion Series Final.
 - Any pending appeal of a ruling issued by the judges shall not alter the placing determined by the judges. If two or more horses tied in points declare in for the last position in the Buckeye Stallion Series Final, the horse with the highest earnings in the Buckeye Stallion Series for the current year will be the last starter. If the tie is not broken by earnings, the last starter shall be drawn by lot.
- Only two (2) nominees from one (1) stable, owner or trainer may participate in any leg (unless more than 1 division can be written to accomodate uncoupled entries) or final. No refund will be given for third, fourth, etc. horses entered by the same connections.
- Two also-eligible horses may be drawn. The higher point winner shall be assigned also-eligible #1. If also-eligible horses tie in points, the horse with the higher Buckeye Stallion Series earnings, also-eligible #1 shall be drawn by lot. Also-eligible horses may move in if a scratch occurs prior to the designated scratch time at the track hosting the Buckeye Stallion Series Final.
- Cancellations. If circumstances prevent racing any leg or the Championship at the scheduled racetrack on its advertised date, the OHHA may reschedule it on another date or at another track.
- Unless otherwise specifically stated in the conditions, Ohio State Racing Commission Rules will govern. The interpretation of any of the conditions and settlement of any disputes that arise will be determined by the OHHA in their sole and complete discretion in making a final decision. The OHHA reserves the sole and exclusive right to modify, alter, amend and/ or cancel this event in its entirety.

January OSRC Meeting Recap

Regularly scheduled Racing Commission Meeting
recap from Tuesday, January 17th at the
Columbus Riffe Center

In normal business, the Executive Director's Approval Items were discussed and ratified. No documents were provided or disclosed to the public. There was no comment on items provided to the Commissioners contained in the Executive Director's Report. The Racing Commission unanimously ratified the Executive Director's Report items.

The Racing Commission unanimously passed Resolution 2017-01 the distribution of casino tax revenue. Based on the total revenue of \$1,811,639.19 for the fourth quarter of 2016 the breakdown for Standardbred racetrack purse pools included: Miami Valley Raceway \$97,767.79, Northfield Park \$279,336.55, Dayton Raceway \$81,632.20, and Scioto Downs \$99,502.80. The Thoroughbred and Standardbred Development Funds each received \$344,211.45. Also, included in the revenue disbursement were distributions to each of the Standardbred permit holders for commercial operations of \$67,936.47 and a \$90,581.95 distribution to the Ohio State Racing Commission to pay administrative staff that support the OSDF and TRF, and costs or fees associated with, Miami Valley Gaming and Racing, Northfield Park, Belterra Park, and Scioto Downs.

The Standardbred Development Fund Committee items for the 2017 Ohio Sires Stakes Program were presented by reading SDF Chairman McClelland's letter and ratified. Changes include omitting the one second two-year-old reduction in qualifying time historically given for the first leg. The Committee kept the one second allowance for qualifying intact for the first leg of the three-year-old races at Miami Valley. The "Super Night" Ohio Sires Stakes Finals will be held at Eldorado Scioto Downs on Saturday, September 2, 2017 with the Super Night final purses remaining \$250,000 each division. Scheduled Saturday, October 14, 2017 at Hard Rock Rocksino Northfield Park are a second year of Ohio Sires Stakes Consolation Races for each division offered for a \$50,000 purse. Hollywood Gaming at Dayton declined to act as host for the four \$50,000 divisional 4-year-old and up Sires Stakes Championship races for 2017. Eldorado Scioto Downs expressed an interest in hosting if the genders could be combined by gait for two races instead of four. The Standardbred Development Committee voted to eliminate them in 2017 and reconsider them for 2018. In addition to 2017 Series changes, the SDF Advertising Budget was approved for \$150,000, an Ohio State University Research Grant was approved for \$100,000, and \$100,000 was allocated for administrative costs related to Fund personnel salaries and administration. The year-end budget was projected to be \$1,058,000 at year-end to carry over into 2018.

In the Monthly Racing Commission, financial report, the fiscal budget numbers were dead on with last year and on target with the projected revenue. Expenses were up this fiscal year with increases in IT costs, legal costs, motor vehicle costs and office equipment expenses up due to a software licensing fee. Year-over-year the Commission is ahead of the biennial budget projections by \$177,000.

There was a discussion on the five cancellation days at Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway. That included December 13th, 17th, 19th, 22nd and 23rd, 2016. The December 13th live card was made-up on December 28, 2016. The OHHA requested make-up on the four remaining cancelled days in the first week of 2017, which Hollywood Gaming at Dayton declined. In conjunction with the letter requesting distribution from the purse pools for the cancelled race days, the OHHA further requested that the four days be made up in the 2017 racing year due to Hollywood Gaming not complying with Ohio Revised Code 3769.089 and racing the minimum number of live race days commensurate with their Gross Gaming Revenue. The Chairman's discussion included the interpretation of a letter sent from Hollywood Gaming at Dayton regarding this situation where it appeared they would make up the days. Via oral representation Mr. Loewe set forth that was not the way their letter read, they were not in agreement with making them up in 2017. A copy of the letter was not provided at the Commission meeting. The issue was tabled for further discussion at a future meeting.

There was no monthly 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 was provided for 2016. It was noted that the numbers typically reported in Ohio are for training and racing related catastrophic breakdowns only. Without a nationwide database for catastrophic breakdowns with Standardbreds, Dr. Robertson equalizes the reporting criteria for both breeds and will now report using the Jockey Club Criteria, which uses "racing related fatalities" versus the Ohio system. Racing related fatalities will now not only include racing related catastrophic breakdowns on track, it will also include horses that succumb to racing related injuries within 72 hours from the time of the race. If qualified using that criteria the 2016 totals include forty-one Thoroughbreds and nine Standardbred fatalities. In 2016 there were a total of 58,097 starts at the four harness racetracks in Ohio, which resulted in a .155/1,000 start fatality rate. For the Thoroughbreds, there were 18,617 starts with a 1.88/1,000 start fatality rate on dirt tracks. In 2015 the nationwide Thoroughbred fatality rates were 1.88/1,000 starts, with 2014 at 2.02/1,000 starts.

The Chairman's Comments included commentary on planned initiatives for 2017. Included will be a look at Advance Deposit Wagering. Commissioner Book commented that based on former Attorney General Betty Montgomery's opinion there was a question as-to whether ADW wagering is legal in Ohio or not. The Chairman also outlined review of recommendations by RMTTC (Racing Medication and Testing Consortium) and ARCI (Association of Racetrack Commissioners International) medication proposals and out-of-competition medication testing at training centers, farms, and county fair ovals when racing is not being conducted. The Chairman

expressed a desire to have regulations in place regarding all three subject matter areas in 2017 after industry stakeholder participation.

In other business Commissioner Winters announced rescission on draft rule 3769-2-43 which was moved forward to the Common-Sense Initiative November 29, 2016 after the Racing Commission Meeting. The intent was to have a revised Rule ready for discussion for the February Racing Commission meeting.

In the matter of Hearing Officer's report, the Commission considered the case of Richard Bracho and a Financial Judgment of Angel Stanley.

In the 5th Race on July 3, 2016 the claim stated Jockey Richard Bracho came out in the stretch and bumped another horse. An objection was filed by the trainer of a horse in the race. The jockey of the horse bumped did not lodge an objection. Mr. Bracho was suspended by Judge's Hearing on July 6, 2016, given a seven-day suspension for careless riding and the horse was placed from first to second. Mr. Bracho appealed that decision with a de novo Hearing, represented by John Izzo with McGraff and Govern. After hearing the Hearing Officer ratified the Judge's ruling placing the horse 2nd with Mr. Bracho's suspension to run seven live race days from February 2-12, 2017. Mr. Izzo requested review of the penalty and asked that it be aligned with the Collins v. Ohio State Racing Comm., (2003-Ohio-6444) decision, due to similar facts at issue. Further the recommendation included license suspension and Mr. Izzo represented his Client as not having been licensed yet for 2017 in Ohio. Consequently, Mr. Izzo outlined a restriction on the OSRC on suspending an unlicensed participant as outside the scope of their authority, and inquired as to whether the suspension would be considered served if Mr. Bracho sought licensure after February 12th or whether he would be suspended at the time of licensure. Commissioner Winters inquired as-to suspension for a seven-day period without providing definitive dates. After discussion among the Commissioners and the Racing Commission's attorney, the consensus was the suspension had to have specific dates attached. At that time the Commission ratified the Hearing Officer's ruling and Staff recommended ratification.

In Angel Stanley's financial judgement, a claim was brought by Alan George who had received a judgement in another state against the Ohio licensee for \$3,890. The judgment specifically outlined that it was for borrowed funds to purchase a truck and trailer for Mr. Stanley's racing business. Staff recommendation was suspension of Mr. Stanley's license effective February 15, 2017 unless or until the financial obligation is paid in full. The Commission adopted the Staff recommendation unanimously.

The Racing Commission adjourned into Executive Session to consider employee hiring and employee compensation. There was no further business to be conducted after the Executive Session so the motion and vote was taken to adjourn into Executive Session and conclude the meeting.

For a transcript of the meeting contact the State Racing Commission. The next scheduled Racing Commission meeting date is Wednesday February 22, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in room 1960. The meeting will be held at the Riffe Center, 77 S. High St., Columbus, Ohio.

OHHA Board of Directors

(Board and Term Expiring Dates)

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2018

Breeders

Senena Esty
Brad Wallace
(Open)

2020

Breeders

Joe McLead
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Ayers Ratliff, Sr.

Owners By District

(2) John Ryan
Melsheimer
(5) Dayle Roof
(8) Emily Hay

Owners By District

(1) Scott Cox
(4) Suanne Kochilla
(7) Steve Bateson

Trainer / Driver

Rick Martindale
Virgil Morgan, Jr.
Mark Winters, Sr.

Trainer / Driver

Dan Ater
Brian Brown
Scott Mogan

2019

Breeders

Jacob Mossbarger
Scott Hagemeyer
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Miami Valley Gaming

Dan Noble

Hard Rock Rocksino

Northfield Park

Kurt Sugg

Hollywood Gaming

Dayton Raceway

Mike Polhamus

Eldorado Gaming at

Scioto Downs

Hugh "Sandy" Beatty, Jr.

Owners By District

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(6) Randy Leopard
(9) Steve Sexton

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DEJARMBO

Credit Winner-Armbro Deja Vu-Donerail
T, 2, 1:55; 3, 1:55.2f (\$1,137,285)
Brown Horse foaled 2008
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New Beginnings: Stakes Placed Filly Transforms into Stakes Placed Show Horse

by Dot Morgan

Southern Secret was bred to be a racehorse. The daughter of Sand Shooter was purchased as a yearling by Fred Fahrion, Don Robinson, and Jerald and Delvin Criswell. The partners all lived in Marion, Ohio and Delvin Criswell trained the pacing filly just down the road at the Delaware County fairgrounds. "We're all good friends," said Fred. "We enjoyed watching Secret develop into a racehorse. She was easy to work with, and everyone liked her."

Secret trained down without a hitch and was stakes placed at two in the Indiana Sires Stakes. She raced for the partnership in Ohio and Indiana for four years, spending winters at Fred and Jane Fahrion's farm and training at Delaware. "We had a lot of fun with Secret," Fred said. "We were fortunate that she was quite sound. I don't recall her ever being sidelined with an injury, but by age five she'd raced through her conditions and wasn't very competitive. We decided it was time to send her to New Vocations where we hoped she would find a family that would love her like we did."

Southern Secret arrived at New Vocations Laurelville facility in June of 2016 and immediately endeared herself to trainer Jennifer Daniels. "She was a beautiful mare, inside and out," Jennifer said. "She was healthy and sound and always wanted to please. It was easy to transition her to riding."

About a month into Secret's under saddle training, approved adopter Lisa Gee contacted Jennifer seeking a very specific kind of horse. She wanted one that was confident on trails and quiet enough for her young children to ride. In addition, the horse needed to be smart and athletic so she could develop it as a hunter and eventually jump. That's a tall order, but Jennifer told Lisa she had the perfect candidate in Southern Secret.

Lisa made the trip from Washington, Pennsylvania, to meet the 6-year old mare. She was everything Jennifer described, and Lisa was thrilled to take her home. "Southern Secret is the most amazing horse," Lisa said. "She's such a quick learner and completely trusting. I didn't have an arena when I got her last summer, so I was working her in an open field. Most horses have a difficult time focusing in that environment, but not Secret. Everything I throw at her she handles, and once she learns something, she is rock solid."

Lisa schooled Secret on collection and consistency of her gaits and also took her on trails at state parks. By early fall, Secret was working so well that Lisa took her to the Standardbred World Show at Eden Park in Sunbury, OH. "She placed well in all of her classes," Lisa said, "garnering many 1st and 2nd place ribbons. More impressively, she was named the Reserve World Champion 2-gait pleasure horse and also won Reserve Fresh from the Track horse! However, the most heartwarming thrill was when trainer David Criswell's wife Lori, who was Secret's caretaker for four years, came to the show to visit her. You could tell that Secret remembered her. It was the sweetest reunion."

Southern Secret and three other horses live on a farm with Lisa, her husband and four children. Not surprisingly, Secret quickly bonded with the only other Standardbred. Lisa and her husband enjoy riding the pair together, and, just as Lisa had hoped, Secret is quiet enough that even their 7-year old daughter can ride her.



Photo by Lisa Gee



Photo by Hillary Lunn

Regina's Equine Spotlight

A J Cress began racing as a 3-year old year and continued to be a consistent race horse until his retirement in December. Owned by Mark Headworth, AJ Cress won his 60th race on December 14th, at Northfield Park. Headworth claimed the gelding as a 5-year old. "He was a nice horse to have around and I had my 3,000th driving win with him," stated Headworth.

A J Cress will be starting his new career soon as a riding horse. Headworth shared that in December while he was having A J Cress's teeth floated the conversation came up about his retirement. He told his equine dentist they would keep him around unless they found someone who wanted him for a riding horse. She was interested and picked him up in February. He is now getting ready to start his saddle lessons. He told her if it didn't work out, bring him

back to him and he'd retire A J Cress at his place. Headworth shared he already has a 30-year old retired horse and joked "he will probably out live me".



Headworth, along with River Roubaix, also owns Glass Pack who is approaching retirement soon as well. Headworth had seen him race and in 2016 and when the opportunity to purchase him became available he decided to take a chance with him. At the time, he saw he was approaching his million

dollar earnings and thought it would be neat to have a horse to reach that milestone. On January 4, 2017, Glass Pack did just that at Northfield Park with Aaron Merriman in the sulky and now has over \$1,000,000 in lifetime earnings.

Headworth said "he is nice to have around the barn and does well when turned out with others." He plans to continue racing Glass Pack until retirement providing can stay competitive.



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Ohio Track Updates

Northfield Park - Ayers Ratliff

Wrenn and Loney Repeat in 2016 for Northfield Park Dash Titles

Ronnie Wrenn Jr. again topped the local driving ranks in 2016, winning 612 races over the Flying Turns. His nearest competitor, Aaron Merriman, drove 533 winners. Kurt Sugg (305), Jason Merriman (291) and Ryan Stahl (275) completed the top five reinsmen.

Wrenn, 30, resides in Stow, Ohio and now has five driving titles under his belt. He won the dash titles at Northfield Park in 2013, 2014 and 2015. He also won the Northville Downs title in 2013.

Ronnie's 2016 total victory tally was 690, which ranked him second among all drivers in North America. Only Aaron Merriman (891) had more

total wins in 2016 than Wrenn.

Wrenn began driving in 2008 and has since won 3,658 races and purses in excess of \$19 million. Wrenn's fastest win ever came in the 2015 edition of the \$225,000 Jim Ewart Memorial at Scioto Downs aboard Doo Wop Hanover in 1:49.2. His richest was with Whataboy in last year's \$250,000 Ohio Sires Stake Final for sophomore colt pacers at Northfield Park in 1:51.3.

Northfield Park's 2016 leading trainer Brian Loney won 30 more races than any other local conditioner. He garnered 136 victories throughout last year. Michael Dowdall finished second with 106 wins. Sam Schillaci (105), Jessica Millner (85) and Sue Stockwell (69) rounded out the top five Northfield Park trainers for 2016.

Brian, originally from Hager Hill, Kentucky, now

lives in Northfield, Ohio. He and wife Harla Renae have three children: 16 year-old son Gannun, 12 year-old son Payton and seven year-old daughter Polly.

Loney, 38, scored his first training win with the gelding pacer Stealth Fighter at Fairmount Park in 1996. To date, he has 1,476 career victories and purse earnings over \$4 million. The 2016 Northfield title is the fifth local dash victory for Brian. He has also won titles at Bluegrass Downs, Fairmount Park, The Red Mile and Thunder Ridge.

Wrenn and Loney each was presented with a plaque and dining gift certificate to the Hard Rock Rocksino Northfield Park in a winner's circle ceremony later in January.

Ohio Track Updates

Miami Valley Gaming - Gregg Keidel

Mild upsets in Miami Valley Championships

A pair of 7-1 shots captured championships of two "Claim To Fame" series finals at Miami Valley Raceway on the Monday, Jan. 30th matinee.

In the division for \$8000 trotters Vicki All (Jason Brewer) proved the girls can beat the boys by grinding down Ima Gold Digger N (Jeremy Smith) and El Lobo Hall (Tyler Smith) in 1:59.1 over a moist track rated good. Three races later, when the finalists among the \$8000 pacing mares went postward, As Seely Promised (Tyler Smith) used a similar overland journey to best Prosper (Simon Allard) and Another Temptation (Kayne Kauffman) by less than a length in 1:56.3.

Vicki All, who had finished second and third in two preliminary legs, trotted away in fifth through the :29 opening quarter, then launched a prolonged

first-over attack the rest of the mile. Lapped on to leader Without A Clue at the :58.4 halfway point, Brewer kept his charge on even terms through a 1:27.2 third quarter clocking.

When the tiring track and high winds began to take their toll, it was Vicki All who had the most left in the tank, managing to hold off closers Ima Gold Digger N and El Lobo Hall by 1-1/4 lengths in the stretch.

Jessica Markle purchase the 5-year-old daughter of Valley Victor in November and entrusted the training to Jeff Johnson Jr. It was Vicki All's 16th lifetime win and the winner's share of the \$13,400 purse increased her career earnings to \$85,511. She paid \$16.40 to win.

When the \$8,000 distaff pacers went post-ward, As Seely Promised was also 7-1 on the toteboard. Driver Tyler Smith elected to float from the gate despite drawing the rail and was satisfied to get away fifth on the pylons. After a quarter was passed

in :28, however, he decided to send the 9-year-old mare on her way. Still fifth, but in the outer flow at the 57.3 half, As Seely Promised stepped up her game and was second by just a nose at the 1:26.3 three-quarters.

It took until the final strides to determine the winner of the stretch duel between As Seely Promised, Prosper and Another Temptation.

It was the 31st win for As Seely Promised and her half of the \$14,000 purse booster her lifetime earnings to \$172,336. She is owned by Keith Pippi and trained by Barry Langley.

With four wins on the program, Tyler Smith rocketed into fourth place in the local dash derby after 19 programs of the current 87-day meet. Kayne Kauffman, who had a 'grand slam' on Sunday afternoon, remains the leader followed by Trace Tetric in second and Chris Page in third.

Ohio Track Updates

Scioto Downs - Jason Roth

Scioto Downs stall applications are due March 15th

Scioto Downs will kick off the 90 day, 2017 season on Tuesday, May 9 with a 2 p.m. post time. Live racing will be held every Tuesday through Saturday until September 9th. Post time will be the traditional 6:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday while Tuesday's post time and all holiday cards will start 2 p.m.

Stall applications are available on-line here. All trainers that would like stalls are asked to submit a workers compensation waiver, along with the stall application, by March 15. Stalls will be assigned by April 1.

Ohio Track Updates

Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway - Gregg Kiedel

Sutton and Morgan Jr. Capture Titles as Hollywood Dayton Wraps Up Third Successful Season

by Hollywood Dayton Raceway

Hollywood Dayton Raceway wrapped up its third season of live racing on Friday night (Dec. 30) with an increase in daily overall handle, a record purse distribution of just under \$7 million and a handful of new divisional track speed records. Josh Sutton retained his badge as dash champion, winning the title for the third straight year with 175 triumphs over 71 racing programs. Virgil Morgan Jr. recaptured the trainer's crown he won the first year Dayton opened in 2014, but lost to Jeff Brewer in 2015. The dominant Ohio conditioner sent 43 from his stable to the Hollywood winner's circle, including two on closing night, to just edge Tyler George.

The final \$15,000 Open I Pace was won by Mykindachip (Chris Page), who bested Hickory Icon (Josh Sutton) and My Buddy Ninkster (Trevor Smith) in 1:52.2. Page opted for the "catch me if you can" strategy with the odds-on favorite, setting fractions of :27, :56.3 and 1:24.4 before coasting to victory by just better than a length. It was the ninth 2016 tally for the 7-year-old son of Art's Chip, who increased his seasonal bounty to \$116,425 and his career bankroll to \$634,292. He hails from the Ron Burke stable.

A \$12,500 Open II went to Prince Bayard (Sutton) in 1:53, a neck better than Royale Rose (Eric Goodell) and Mystical Rock (Andy Shetler) in a blanket finish.

Adam Short owns and trains the 4-year-old Cam's Card Shark gelding, who was stepping into open company off an impressive 1:51 win in a \$20,000 claimer.

Between the two opens, a new track speed standard was set by Meadowbrookthunder (Trace Tetrick), who became the fastest sophomore pacing filly at Hollywood Dayton with an impressive 1:51.1 score in a \$9,500 condition/claiming race for non-winners of 10 races that carried a \$30,000 price tag. Trainer Steve Carter shares ownership on the Rockin Image lass with Peggy Carter. It was just the third start for the Carters since they acquired the filly in late October.

There were 11 more successful claims on the closing night card, bringing the meet total to 242 claims for a total of \$2,534,150. Both figures are records by wide margins for the relatively new track, which is an indication of the growing enthusiasm owners and trainers have for southwest Ohio racing since the VLT-infused racing renaissance began three years ago.



Mark Loewe (2nd From Right), Vice President of Ohio Racing for Penn National, Presents The 2016 Leading Trainer Award to three Of Virgil Morgan Jr.'s loyal long time employees—Mary Jane Travis, Robert Feinberg and Mike Proctor. *Conrad Photo*



Race Secretary Gregg Keidel Presents Josh Sutton With His Third Consecutive Dash Title At Hollywood Dayton Raceway On Closing Night. *Conrad Photo*



Mykindachip Cruises To A 1:52.2 Victory For Chris Page in the Closing Night \$15,000 Open I. *Conrad Photo*

Ohio County Fair Updates

OFRC Upcoming Dates

by Bill Peters

There will be matinees at Upper Sandusky, Ohio on Sunday, May 21 and at Hicksville, Ohio on Saturday, May 27. Keep those dates in mind to get your colts some good schooling behind the starting gate. They will be closely followed by the beginning of the fair season at the Paulding County Fair at Paulding on June 12, 13, and 14. The second fair of the season for the Ohio Fair Racing Conference will see the return of harness racing to the Marion County Fair at Marion on July 3 and 4. That fits in nicely before the Madison County Fair at London on July 8 and 9. After that, there will be at least one fair in the Ohio Fair Racing Conference every week thru the Delaware County Fair at Delaware during the third week in September. Plan to attend or participate in the matinee and fair racing in the Ohio Fair Racing Conference during 2017.

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Jeff Nisonger won his 3,000th career win at Miami Valley on January 6th with Brookletssugarland for owner Janie Hartley in 1:56.4.

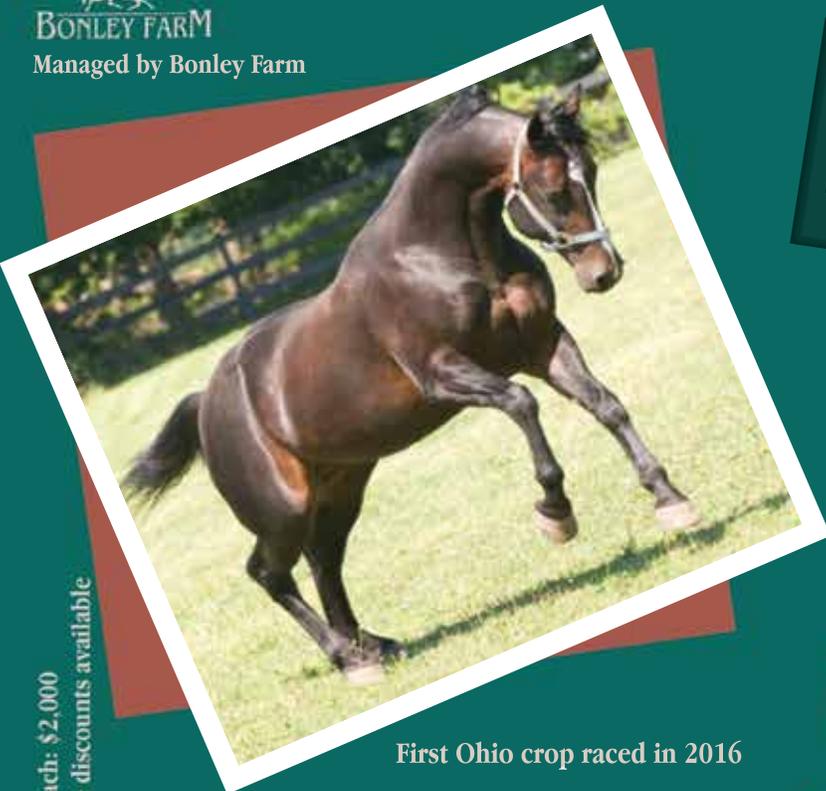
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p2, 1:56.2f; 3, 1:55.1b (\$300,747) by Big Towner

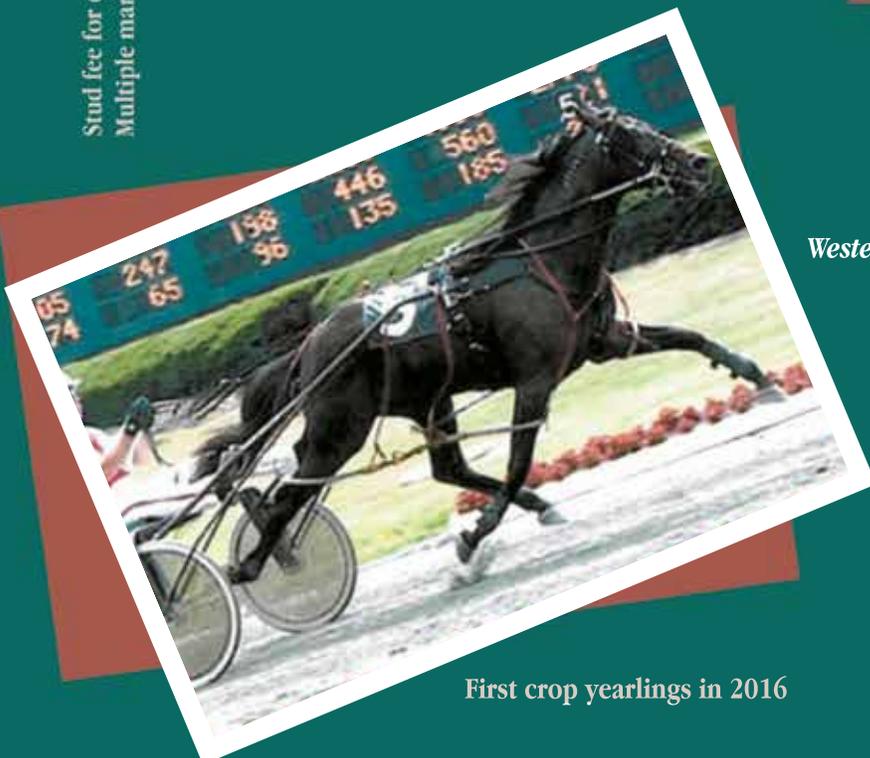
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p,3, 1:50.4f (\$893,663)

Western Ideal • Pedoozle p3, 1:56.1 (35,180) by Artsplace

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Deborah Lawrence Joins the OHHA Team as Senior Accountant

by Regina Mayhugh

A new face has been added to the office at the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association, Deborah Lawrence. Deborah joined the team on February 1st as the OHHA Senior Accountant, bringing over ten years of experience in accounting and finance. OHHA Executive Director, Renee Mancino, commented, "We are thrilled to add Deborah to the team, she has a diverse background, excellent accounting experience and skills with time spent at Penn Gaming's Hollywood Casino Columbus, she is a welcome addition to the Association and the Racing side of the gaming industry."

Deborah will have the primary responsibility for the Association's financial transactions and creating financial reports from that information. Her duties will include the administrative, financial and risk management operations of the Association. Including the development of a financial and operational strategy, metrics tied to that strategy and the ongoing development and monitoring of control systems designed to preserve company assets and accurate financial reporting.

Deborah and her family (two daughters and son) live in Groveport, Ohio. Deborah is a graduate of the Ohio University with a BS in Applied Management with a concentration in Accounting and from Ohio Christian University with BA in Business Management. When she isn't computing figures, some of the things Deborah enjoys doing include CrossFit training, reading books on various business and leadership topics and teaching ESL. She is also a youth group leader at Vineyard Church in Westerville.

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Get to Know Your Directors

Mary Jo Bross, Owner Director



How long have you been on the OHHA Board? Since 2010

How long have you been in harness racing? All of my life

What Committees you have served on while on the OHHA Board: Industry Enhancement, Banquet, Sires Stakes, Insurance

Tell us a little about yourself: I grew up going to the races with my Dad. He was owner in Mac Jay Stables back in the 60-70s. I became an owner of a race horse in 1992. In 2000 I married Doyle Bross. We started training a few horses together in 1999.

Name your stable's star(s) or favorite horses: I have three very special horses: Ratajack, Parson Brown and MJ's Victory Wish.

Describe your favorite or most memorable horse, race or personal achievement, whether as a participant or a spectator:

I have two that are special. Ratajack at the WV State Fair. I entered him twice for that day to fill a race. In the first race, he finished 4th. When he went out for the 2nd race I decided we were retiring him and that would be his last race. They announced it. It seemed like he knew. He pricked up his ears and won the race. He beat some good horses that race. We had a celebration cake for him the next day. My second one was my 1st Sires Stakes win with MJ's Victory Wish.

What are your hopes for racing in Ohio in the next five years? I would love to see people going back to the races like it was years ago, I would like to change and educate some peoples' misconception about racing horses.

Describe any community development / volunteer work you participate in that is not harness racing related: I used to do some volunteering at our hospital but since my parents have needed my help I have put that on hold.

Share a dream you have about harness racing (can be personal or something you would like to see happen in the industry, or both): My dream was always to win a Sire Stakes and that came true. I would love to see the crowds again at the races.

Any racing statistics and/or awards that you would like to include: Sires Stakes and I won many awards showing Standardbreds in the 80's.

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As a 3-year-old, he took his mark of 1:51.4 by winning an elimination of the Earl Beal Memorial, finishing second in the Final. He also won a PASS leg, and finished second (timed in 1:54.2h) in the \$445,594 Yonkers Trot Final to Archangel in his 1:54.1h world record-setting win.

STORMIN NORMAND'S first crop are 2-year-olds in 2017. Pictured below is one of his progeny, CALIFORNIA LOVE, who was bred and raised at Abby Stables. She is out of the proven mare, FRANNIE'S RIDGE, and half sister to the standout 2-year-old colt trotter, BUCKEYE BOSS.



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OHIO'S BREEDING FARMS: SPRING HAVEN FARM

BY REGINA MAYHUGH

Standardbred breeding farms are an important part of the harness racing industry as well as an important Ohio agricultural commodity. Did you know that more Standardbred broodmares reside in Ohio than in any other state? For the past two years Ohio has also been number one in Standardbred foals born and more Standardbred horses are registered in Ohio than any other state. Besides production, Ohio also has the highest number of owners. These are all examples of the importance of Ohio breeders.

Ohio has a wide diversity of breeding farms, from large full scale farms with hired employees to smaller family farms. Regardless of the farm size, they are all important in contributing to the large numbers of foals born in the state, keeping us number one.

Just like racing stables, Ohio breeding farms all have their own unique story to share. Some were established because they were passed down through the generations while others were started just because of their love for horses. This year we will be reaching out to breeding farms to highlight in upcoming issues. If you would like to share your story please contact the OHHA office or send an email to rmayhugh@ohha.com.

Spring Haven Farm, located in Utica, Ohio is one of those farms that was established just from the love of horses. The farm is owned by Senena and Jeff Esty. Senena Esty's love for horses began in her youth when she was in 4-H. That love continued throughout her college years and as she attended college at OSU / ATI her internship moved her to the "Quarter Horse Capital of the World" - Pilot Point, Texas. "I learned the business, decided it wasn't my right path. I went back to school, changed my major to breeding and graduated," shares Esty. She moved back to Utica and worked as a groom for Terry Holton Stables, which was located at Stoney Creek Farm. She wasn't too excited about the travel that was involved with being a groom so she chose to stay at the farm to work and began working with the non-racing horses. She became the broodmare / yearling manager which led her to become the Farm Manager at Stoney Creek Farm. "I had made a connection with the Standardbred world, so when Stoney Creek sold out, it was a natural transition to Spring Haven Farm. I had fallen in love with the breed and of course that's why we chose to raise them ourselves," shares Esty.

Spring Haven Farm was established in 1988. "We did not name the farm however until around 1996. Jeff and I purchased our original 40-acre farm in 1988. At that time, I was employed at Stoney Creek Farm Standardbreds in Newark, Ohio. Jeff was a custom home builder. I worked at that farm for 10 years until the owner sold out," explains Esty. "Meanwhile at our own farm, we just had cattle, sheep and a couple mares. One mare that we still have in our retirement field is Good Ms Arrow. She is 35 years old and was one of our very first mares." In 1995 the couple purchased more land and built the site of what is now their main farm and named it Spring Haven Farm after the many natural springs located on the farm.

Today the farm consists of only breeding mares. They breed with shipped semen, mainly in Ohio, Ontario, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. This year they are expecting approximately sixty farm foals

and about twelve year-round client foals. Their 2017 foal season began in January. They will also get a few that ship in for the breeding season. Taking care of the day to day chores takes manpower and Spring Haven Farm has six full time employees that are counted on to keep the farm running. There are also three part-timers as well as Esty and Jeff who take on the roles as farm owners/managers.



Photo by Spring Haven Farm

Business has changed over the years. Many Standardbred farms have seen both good and bad times with the finances of the industry. When Ohio brought in the VLTs, the breeders were affected just as much as other areas of the industry. The VLTs have mostly affected Spring Haven Farms by keeping the money in Ohio and allowing the farm to focus more on Ohio stallions. "Now we don't have to breed all our mares out of state and in Ontario, we can breed in Ohio to better caliber stallions compared to a few years ago. The Sires Stakes and fair purses have definitely improved, which in turn drives the yearling prices. We finally have Breeders Awards too," shares Esty.

As with any horse owner, there are those select special favorites that will always hold a place in your heart. Esty's first horse Sadie was one of those as she was a gift from her parents for Christmas one year. There have been several that have become favorites at Spring Haven Farm: Western Grin, Art Professor, Rebel Jet, White Liar, Mr. Wiggle Pants, Shadow Moon, Magic Presto and Kadillac, and those are just some of the yearlings they have sold. Her mare favorites include Stormy Pursuit, Heart of the Matter, All American Toffee and Lightning Flower. "We have a pretty good size retirement field," shared Esty.

One of the horses mentioned above had a great year in 2016 and even took the honors of OHHA 2016 3-year-old pacing colt of the year. Esty says "this horse was very easy to work with, very smart and conformationally correct." She groomed him most of the time for sale preps herself. His dam, Shani Pants, was named after her youngest sister Shani. Spring Haven Farm had another offspring win. In 2016 My Tweed Heart was the Ohio 3-year-old pacing filly of the year. Senena shared that this was a fun purchase for the owners who purchased her as a yearling for \$2,500. Quite a nice investment for a horse who has made \$378,611 in her short three years of racing.

Spring Haven Farm is just one of the many Ohio Standardbred breeding farms keeping Ohio the number one state in foal numbers. Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association thanks Spring Haven and all Ohio breeders for the hard work and dedication they put into the breed to keep Ohio horses available to owners across the country.

Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association Hosts Annual Meeting and Banquet

Regina Mayhugh



On Saturday, January 21, the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association (OHHA) honored horsemen, horsewomen, and equines throughout the state for their accomplishments during the 2016 racing season at the OHHA and USTA District 1 Annual Banquet held at DoubleTree by Hilton Columbus/Worthington in Columbus, Ohio.

The day's activities included the annual P.A.C.E.R. Stallion Service Auction, HHRP Trustees Meeting, Ladies Luncheon, USTA Directors Luncheon, USTA District 1 Annual Membership Meeting, and the Annual OHHA Membership Meeting. The day wrapped up with the Annual Awards Banquet.

The P.A.C.E.R. auction was moved online, which was highly efficient and enabled the auction to raise over \$100,000 in bids for 2017 Ohio Stallion bookings. This new format allowed better promotion of the auction as well. The Ladies who attended the Ladies Luncheon enjoyed participating in a painting activity led by Elements Art Studio following their lunch. They held their annual secret gift exchange and a few lucky ladies took home a special gift, small horse related paintings, donated by Ann Lufkin. Thank you, Ann for this addition!

In the annual membership meeting, members were informed of updates on issues and projects that the organization has been working on throughout the year. Also highlighted were projects for the upcoming year, anchored by the full-scale marketing plan approved to commence with the Richard's Group and Marcus-Thomas firms and the inaugural Buckeye Stallion Series, Second-Tier Stakes program for 2017. The nomination committee finalized the Board's election results with Directors for Breeder, Owner, and Driver/Trainer election confirmed as follows: Breeders Randy Haines, Joe McLead, Ayers Ratliff, Jacob Mossbarger; Owner Directors, District 1 Scott Cox, District 4 Suanne Kochilla, District 7 Steve Bateson, Northfield Park Track Director Kurt Sugg; President Kevin Greenfield and Vice President Steve Bateson.

Members enjoyed the pre-banquet cocktail hour socializing with each other, legislators and other industry members while enjoying a slideshow of Ohio fair racing activities. Dinner began at 6:00 p.m. when OHHA Executive Director Renée Mancino welcomed guests, dinner was served and the awards presentation began. Then the legendary Roger Huston, the MC of the evening, started the festivities and the celebrations began.

Various businesses, organizations and individuals donated items for the banquet drawings that were announced throughout the evening. If you have not seen the photos already, be sure to check out the various prizes being modeled by the winners on the OHHA Facebook page in the photo album titled 2017 OHHA Banquet Door Prize Winners.

A special Thank You to everyone who donated these fun gifts. Again this year, the centerpieces were given away as the final prize of the evening. This year the centerpieces were boxes with mason jar lights. The boxes were made and decorated by Mercer County Girl Scouts. Special thank you to them and OHHA Board Member Emily Hay for coordinating this project. Always great when youth groups are involved.

The award winners of the evening are highlighted on the following pages of this magazine. Congratulations to all the winners! OHHA would also like to thank all the sponsors and volunteers who made the evening a success!

Thank You to everyone who donated raffle items....

- Ray & Ann Lufkin
- Big Dee's Tack & Vet Supplies
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- Emily Hay Stable
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- S F Johnson Photography
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- Standardbred Pleasure Horse
- USTA
- Xtreme Harness



Ladies painting activity during the Ladies Luncheon....



Mercer County Girl Scout Troops Contribute to OHHA Banquet

Regina Mayhugh

For the second year, the OHHA Banquet centerpieces have been created by youth. OHHA Board member Emily Hay has taken on this project as a way to get youth involved and to provide something unique for our banquet. Emily contacted area Girl Scout Troops about the project. They made the wooden boxes that the lights sat in on the banquet tables. There were over 150 Mercer County area girls, Brownie age up to high school age Girl Scouts, who attended their annual Cookie Kick-off where they made the boxes as one of their service projects. Emily jokes, "I now have ordered way too many cookies too, ha ha."

The OHHA sends a special thank you to those Girl Scouts and to Emily for the work she did to make it happen!



Contact Information Missing in Ohio Stallion Directory:

After the printing of the 2017 Ohio Stallion Directory an error was noticed on a few of the pedigree pages in the trotter section. There were some phone numbers and addresses cut off of the bottom of the pedigree pages. Here is the updated information. We apologize for the error.

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2017 STUD FEE \$5,000
(\$4,000 Multiple Mare Discount)

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FLEX THE MUSCLE

2017 STUD FEE \$2,000
(Shipped Semen Available)

Standing at
CRYSTAL SPRINGS FARM
Ray Yoder
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Millersburg, Ohio 44654
(330) 231-2776 Fax (330) 893-1914
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HIS HIGHNESS

2017 STUD FEE \$1,000

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JITTERBUG

2017 STUD FEE \$2,000
(Multiple Mare Discount)

Standing at
PINE GROVE ACRES
6354 State Route 39
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SOUTHWIND WRANGLER

2017 STUD FEE \$1,000

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HENRY BURKHOLDER FARM
8030 County Road 189
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WINNING FIREWORKS

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Shark Gesture



p,1:48.1s (\$2,818,021)

CAM'S CARD SHARK ~ SIMPLE GESTURE ~ WESTERN HANOVER

Richest son of Cam's Card Shark!!

SHARK GESTURE was a multiple stakes winner at 2 and 3, and an overall incredible racehorse at all ages with 31 sub-1:50 miles, four in sub-1:49, while defeating some of the best including Foiled Again, Mister Big, Art Official, Artistic Fella, Won The West, Shadow Play and many more.

He bred his first crop in 2008 (Ontario) which includes the pair of sub-1:50 winners, Piston Broke, p,1:48.3s and Best Ears, p,1:49.4f, plus the tough racing mare Set Me Up, p, 1:50.4f. After one season at stud he returned to the track as the injury that forced his retirement was no longer a factor.

He went on to shine as an aged horse winning the William R. Haughton Memorial two years in a row, Canadian Pacing Derby, Dan Patch Invitational Pace, the New Hampshire Sweepstakes, and he set the track record pf 1:48.3 at Tioga Downs in the Bettor's Delight.

**First OH crop are 2-year-olds in 2017.
STUD FEE: \$3,000**



OHHA Award Winners

OHHA Special Award Presented to Cindi Johnson & Aaron Merriman



Hugh "Sandy" Beatty, Jr. presents an OHHA Special Award to Cindi Johnson. Photo by Conrad Photo.

Two Ohioans were presented the OHHA Special Award at the OHHA Banquet. The first award was presented to Cindi Johnson for her outstanding service on the track as outrider.

Johnson has been an outrider for 20 years and her horse Beau has been with her for 17. Her career as an outrider began in 1997 at Pompano Park in Florida. She has been in Ohio since 2003, where she started at Lebanon Raceway in Lebanon, Ohio and in 2007 began outriding at Scioto Downs and at The Little Brown Jug. She has also ridden at Miami Valley Gaming and Hollywood at Dayton Raceway.

Johnson has been around horses all of her life. "I grew up in harness racing with my mom, sister, both uncles and my grandfather. I started riding with my mom before I could walk. My grandfather was a big influence on my riding. I started grooming horses in Pompano and became friends with the outrider, Mina LaRue then decided I would try it with her encouragement. I really enjoyed helping the drivers and keeping them safe. I never dreamed I would be doing this for 20 years, but have enjoyed every year," explained Johnson.

In 2010, Johnson received the Unsung Hero Award from both the United States Harness Writers Association (USHWA) and Scioto Downs for her dedication and service on the track. The OHHA appreciates all that Cindi does to keep the horsemen and horses safe.

The second OHHA Special Award of the evening was presented to Aaron Merriman in recognition of his outstanding service and achievements as a harness racing driver in North America and beyond, as well as his service in promoting the sport of harness racing. Merriman is known as the winningest driver of the decade. He has taken home over 800 wins each year for the past three years, an accomplishment only one other driver has accomplished. He had 841 wins in 2014, 874 wins in 2015 and 891 wins in 2016. He has also been the winner of the Nationwide Dash title two years in a row, both 2015 and 2016. Merriman's lifetime purse earnings are over \$53 million and he has well over 8,000 career wins.

"I am blessed to be part of such a great sport. It's a privilege to be able to drive horses and do it for a living. Any success goes to those who entrust me and the equine athlete," commented Merriman. Merriman has driving in his blood. "My father has been a driver / trainer since as long as I remember. It wasn't my first passion but once you interact with the animal you are hooked. My late uncle Gary bought me a race horse named Knolls Vandelier and made me do all of the work with him. I started driving late, I was 20, but once the speed got to me I was hooked. I can't thank my father Lanny enough for his guidance throughout my career and Uncle Gary enough for giving me a chance to enjoy the sport owning a horse. I can't thank my mother Sheri Leafgren, a college professor, enough for standing behind me as I pursued a career in driving horses instead of using my brain," shares Merriman. The OHHA appreciates all that Aaron does for the sport.



Stacy Cahill presents an OHHA Special Award to Aaron Merriman (not pictured), accepted by Richard Stillings. Photo by Conrad Photo.

OHHA Outstanding Groom Award Presented to Dawn Hamman

The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association presented Dawn Hamman with the 2016 Outstanding Groom Award. Grooms are that special group of people who underpin the success of our entire sport, ever present but rarely in the spotlight.

Hamman is of that special group. She has been a groom in Ohio for over 30 years. She assumes almost all responsibility of the six to eight horses she cares for. She has been very involved in the industry beyond being a groom. She has also been an owner and has some training experience.

When Hamman was in 4-H she was introduced to harness racing when a local trainer gave a demonstration to her 4-H club. She asked a lot of questions and was told she could get her questions answered if she wanted a summer job working for the trainer. "I was 15 and have been working with the Standardbreds since. This was a way to make a living at something I loved, to work around horses. I've worked for a few different trainers since I started but have 32 yrs. in working for John Konesky, III. I love working with the young horses and getting them ready to race. Trotters have become my favorite," shared Hamman.

Hamman not only cares for those currently racing, she also began re-purposing race horses for trail riding years ago. She is described as "hard working, loyal, dedicated and very knowledgeable about the health and well-being of the horse".



John Konesky III presents the Outstanding Groom Award to Dawn Hamman. Photo by Conrad Photo.

SPRING GOAL

2,1:56; 3,1:56.3f; 4,1:54.1; 1:53.1
(\$225,530)

Yankee Glide-Maragoal Miss-Malabar Man



Standing his first season in 2017

In nine starts at two, Spring Goal went 3-2-2 while earning nearly \$90,000 with wins in the Bluegrass 2YO Colt Trot (taking his record of 1:56) and a second place finish in the International Stallion Stakes. As an aged performer he took a career record of 1:53.1 and retired to stud with over \$225,000 in lifetime earnings.

By Yankee Glide, he is a half-brother to JJ ALEX 1:53.4f-'16 (\$189,313) and MISSY GOLDFIRE 4,1:54.1f (\$135,867) and to the dam of World Champion MUSCLE UP THE GOAL 4,1:52f-'16 (\$348,858). 2017 FEE: \$1,500

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OHHA Award Winners

OHHA Terry Holton Youth Award Presented to Ashley Dunn

The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association presented Ashley Dunn with the 2016 Terry Holton Youth Award in recognition of her hard work, dedication and passion for harness racing.

This is the 16th Terry Holton Youth Award to be presented. This award is awarded to youth between the ages of thirteen and nineteen who have actively participated in harness racing during the year nominated as a driver, trainer, owner, groom, breeder, official, race office/publicity assistant, track maintenance crew or any other capacity that has provided outstanding service to harness racing.

Dunn, age 18, is a student at Northwestern High School and enrolled at Ashley University in their post-secondary education program. Ashley has been involved in harness racing extensively for the past eight years. She travels to Northfield Park, Scioto Downs and Ohio County Fairs. She is a groom and owner of many horses trained by Kurt Sugg, her father, and is pursuing her trainer's license. Dunn also shows horses. She actively shows her Quarter Horse and retired Standardbred "Mr. Taurus" that she trained to ride. She has been involved in various community service projects including setting up an apple recycling program with a local elementary school to recycle uneaten apples and cores from the cafeteria to the feed to the horses.

OHHA congratulates Ashley on this award and looks forward to her future contributions and achievements in the industry.

Annual Dick Brandt, Sr. Extra Effort Award Presented to the Darke County Harness Horsemen's Association

The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association presented the 15th Annual Dick Brandt, Sr. Extra Effort Award to the Darke County Harness Horsemen's Association (DCHHA). The Dick Brandt, Sr. Extra Effort Award is presented to local Ohio Horsemen's Associations and Matinee Clubs that have given the most to their county fair or local community during the year nominated. The award is based on current and new membership, involvement with their local fair board, participation in local matinees, community involvement, improvement to the track and barn areas and assistance with the racing programs during the week.

DCHHA is very active in their county fair racing program and their community. Located in Greenville, Ohio the association began in 1972 and in 2016 had 147 members. Early in 2016, DCHHA hosted a group of approximately eighty agricultural students from Wilmington College for a field day at the Darke County Fairgrounds. The group provided educational stations including horse shoeing, pacers and trotters, harnessing, equipment, horse classes and entries and some students took a ride on the track. During

the Darke County Fair a blanket was given out in honor of Wilmington College.

A matinee is held annually sponsored by the DCHHA in May. This year there were 21 races with 76 horses participating. Fly sheets were purchased for each winner. The DCHHA works hard to offer races during the fair and in 2016 was able to maintain 4 days of racing with 5 racing sessions. Each year the association works to bring the Gene Riegler Memorial Race to the Darke County Fair. This is not only a great race for the horsemen and community, but an honor to an historic legend in Ohio's harness racing history. The association works to receive grants and sponsorships and in 2016 offered a purse of \$35,000. DCHHA also added a \$10,000 race, the Arnie Almahurst Trot, in honor of one of Gene Riegler's best trotters.

During the last night of the fair the DCHHA hosts a fan appreciation night with give aways. This year was the 4th in a series of glass mugs that are distributed to fans. Each year is alternated between red or green (Riegler colors) and the past winners of the Gene Riegler Memorial



Jim Buchy presents Ashley Dunn with the Terry Holton Youth Award. Pictured L-R Kurt Sugg - Becky Sugg - Ashley Dunn - Jim Buchy. Photo by Conrad Photo.



Richard Brandt, Jr. presents the Dick Brandt, Sr. Extra Effort Award to the Darke County Harness Horsemen's Association. Pictured L-R Brian Jones - Mandy Jones - Richard Brandt, Jr. - Jim Buchy. Photo by Conrad Photo.

names are listed on the back of the mug.

The Ohio Ladies Pace is hosted at the Darke County Fair. In 2016 there were three Ladies Pace races. The DCHHA also donated the silver tea set that was presented to the winner of the final at the Delaware County Fair.

The DCHHA also provides community support to their county. Each year the DCHHA continues their tradition of raising money for the Shriner's hospital during the Darke County Fair. This was the 10th year they participated in this fundraiser and so far have helped raise over \$12,000 for the Shriners.

They also aided the Darke County Fairgrounds in replacing a cattle barn that was destroyed by a devastating fire. The fairgrounds was able to get a matching grant fund and the horsemen donated \$10,000 to make sure that the fair board would get the entire amount of the grant.

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stallion of all time.*

I'VE BEEN CALLED
FAST

Paced 18 miles in 1:49 or faster.

I'VE BEEN CALLED A
**LEADING
STALLION**

*Sire of the winners of more than
\$4.8 million worldwide.*

**BUT YOU CAN CALL ME
MISTER...**

**MISTER
BIG**

STANDING IN OHIO

First Ohio-eligible crop are
yearlings in 2017

p.2, 1:53s, 3, 1:49.2, 4, 1:47.4 (\$4,008,257)

Bh 2003 (16h) Grinfromeartoear-World's Sweetheart, by Jate Lobell
Fee: \$2,500

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OHHA Horse of the Year Award Winners



SCOTCH MCEWAN 2-Year-Old Pacing Colt

1:52.3F \$213,462
MCARDLE - FOREVER IVY - STAND FOREVER

Owner: Carl L Atley
Breeder: Rebecca L Ewing

2016 Major Ohio Wins

9/22/16 Ohio Breeders Championship
9/3/16 Ohio Sires Stakes Championship
8/16/16 Ohio Sires Stakes
7/28/16 Ohio State Fair
7/4/16 Ohio Sires Stakes



John Konesky, III presents 2-Year-Old Pacing Colt Owner Award
Pictured L-R John Konesky, III - Holly Powell - Kim Dailey - Melanie Atley - Carl Atley

Photo by Conrad Photo.

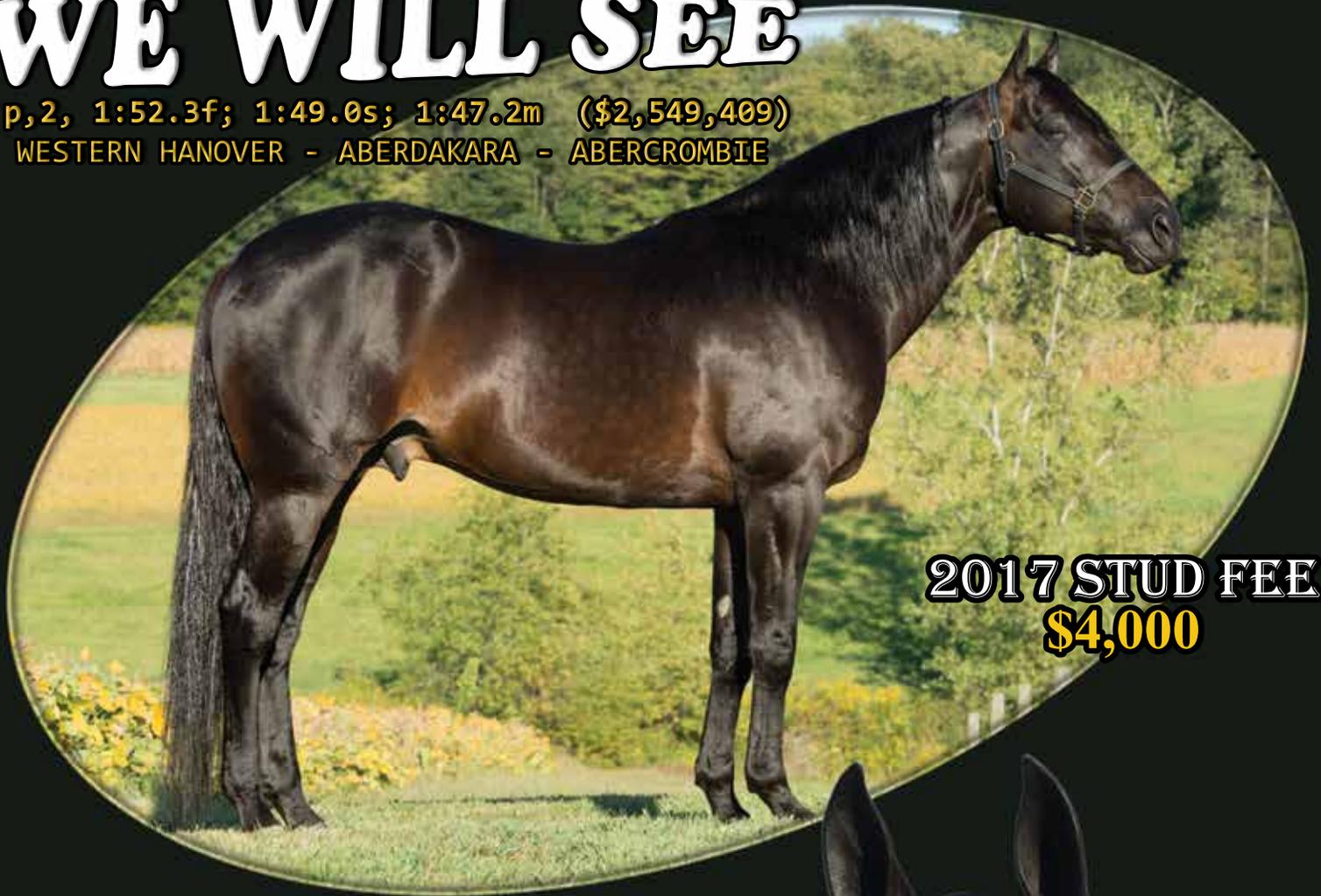


John Konesky, III presents 2-Year-Old Pacing Colt Breeder Award
Pictured L-R John Konesky, III - Rebecca Buckner - Brad Wallace.

Photo by Conrad Photo.

WE WILL SEE

p,2, 1:52.3f; 1:49.0s; 1:47.2m (\$2,549,409)
WESTERN HANOVER - ABERDAKARA - ABERCROMBIE



2017 STUD FEE
\$4,000

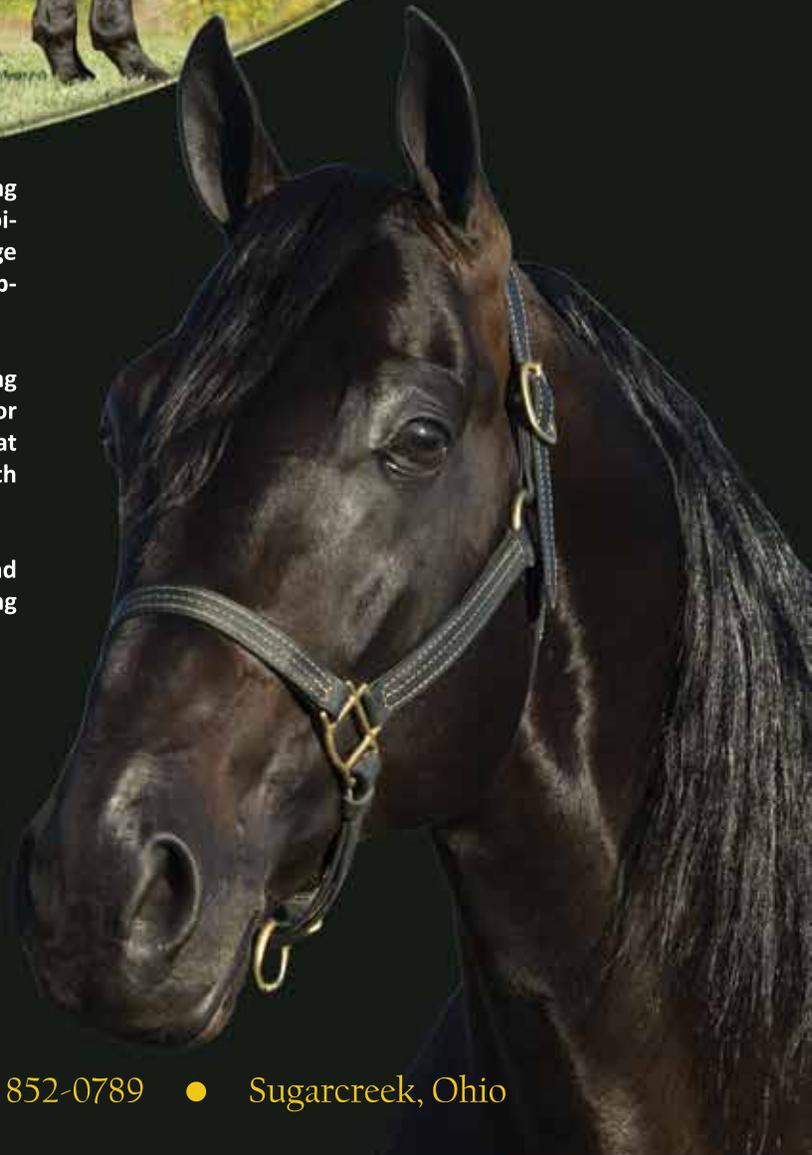
WE WILL SEE has many notable wins which include The Canadian Pacing Derby at Mohawk, where he set a stakes record, The US Pacing Championship at the Meadowlands, where he set a world record, The Allerage at The Red Mile, the Ben Franklin at Harrah's Chester, the PASS Championship, and the Mohawk Gold Cup.

In 2011, at 4, WE WILL SEE earned his lifetime mark of 1:47.2 by winning the US Pacing Championship and equaled the world record for 4-year-olds on a mile track. He also set a world record of 1:48.0 at Pocono Downs. WE WILL SEE was declared the fastest pacer in North America in 2011 at 1:47.2.

Pictured below is one of his progeny, CLASSY KATE, who was bred and raised at Abby Stables. In 2017, WE WILL SEE'S first crop will be racing 2-year-olds.



CLASSY KATE



OHHA Horse of the Year Award Winners



BERAZZLED

2-Year-Old Pacing Filly

1:53.3F \$196,265

**CHARLEY BARLEY - RAZMATAZ HANOVER -
CAM'S CARD SHARK**

Owner: Marion Beachy

Breeder: Lisa C Ezzo

2016 Major Ohio Wins

9/3/16 Ohio Sires Stakes Championship

8/23/16 Ohio Sires Stakes

8/15/16 Ohio Sires Stakes



Senena Esty presents the 2-Year-Old Pacing Filly Owner Award to (L-R) Matt Beachy - Senena Esty - Kerry O'Keef - Danny Collins - Deborah Collins - Annelie Gronquist.

Photo by Conrad Photo.



Senena Esty presents the 2-Year-Old Pacing Filly Breeder Award to Danny Collins.

Photo by Conrad Photo.

TRIUMPHANT CAVIAR

2,1:59.1f; 3,1:54.2h; 4,1:51.4 (\$796,794)

SJ'S CAVIAR - ENS TAG SESSION

World Champion producing Champions

2017 Fee: \$5,000

See pedigree page for
detailed stud analysis



KESTREL

3, 1:54.3F \$350,400

OH Breeders Champ, 5 legs OHSS, OH State Fair



CONSOLIDATOR

3, 1:54.4 \$349,153

OHSS Champ, OHSS 6 legs, OH Breeders Champ, OH State Fair



KANTHAKA

3, 1:53.4F \$270,362

5 legs OHSS, OH State Fair



FRASER RIDGE

2, 1:56.4H \$138,031

3 legs OHSS, OH State Fair



BUCKEYE BOSS

2, 1:56.2H \$137,335

OH Breeders Champ, 4 legs OHSS, OH State Fair

OHHA Horse of the Year Award Winners



Conrad Photo

ROSE RUN SPANKY 2-Year-Old Trotting Colt

1:57.0H \$191,914
**AND AWAY WE GO - BONYOLDKNEESOFHER -
DONERAIL**

Owners: Kimberly A Dailey,
Kevin D Snyder & Shane G Hines
Breeder: Rose Run Farm

2016 Major Ohio Wins

- 9/3/16 Ohio Sires Stakes Championship
- 8/16/16 Ohio Sires Stakes
- 8/10/16 Ohio Fair Stakes (Urbana)
- 7/28/16 Ohio State Fair
- 7/24/16 Ohio Fair Stakes (Marysville)



John Konesky III, presents the 2-Year-Old Trotting Colt Owner Award to
(L-R front) Kim Dailey - Jill Hines - Kim Snyder
(L-R Back) Shane Hines - Kevin Snyder - Steve Gibson.

Photo by Conrad Photo.



John Konesky, III (R) presents the 2-Year-Old Trotting Colt Breeder
Award to Alvin and Laura Yoder.

Photo by Conrad Photo.

INTERNATIONAL WORLD CHAMPION SIRE STANDING 2017 AT HAGEMEYER FARMS

WESTERN TERROR

p,2, 1:54.2; 3, 1:48.3 (\$1,164,174)
Western Hanover—Arterra—Artsplace



Consistently in the Top 10 Leading Money Winning Sires in North America

* At 3, Winner Breeders Crown Final, Windy City Pace Final, Cane Pace Final, Tattersalls Pace, Bluegrass Stakes, Little Brown Jug Heat, Progress Pace elim, North America Cup elim. O'Brien Award Winner, 3YO Pacing Colt of the Year.

* By Western Hanover p,2, 1:52; 3, 1:50.4 (\$2,541,647), he is out of the Artsplace Dam, Arterra p,2, 1:53.4 (\$161,976) that has produced multiple sub 1:50 horses including World Champion and full brother, If I Can Dream p,2, 1:54.1, 3, 1:49.4 (\$1,990, 276) and Cinderella Guy p,3, 1:49.1 (\$844,470).

* Sire of multiple millionaires & World Champions, including: Economy Terror p,2, 1:50.3f; 3, 1:49f (\$1,638,534) Dan Patch 2 Year Old Pacing Filly of the Year in 2011; Drop the Ball p,2, 1:50.4; 3, 1:49; 1:48.2f (\$1,427,265) World Champion; Up the Credit p,2,1:51.4; 3,1:49; 1:48.3 (\$1,344,603) O'Brien 3 Year Old Pacing Colt of the Year in 2011; Yellow Diamond p,3, 1:49.4f (\$1,335,881) Dan Patch 3 Year Old Pacing Filly of the Year in 2009.

* Sire of 360 in 1:55, 27 in 1:50 with lifetime earnings \$ 68,910,128. Average earnings per U.S. starter is \$87,449.

2017 Stud Fee: \$4,500

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OHHA Horse of the Year Award Winners



LET'S GET STARTED 2-Year-Old Trotting Filly

1:56.3F \$243,910

DEJARMBRO - TORI ANN - S J'S PHOTO

Owner & Breeder:

Richard & Joyce McClelland

2016 Major Ohio Wins

- 9/21/16 Ohio Breeders Championship
- 9/3/16 Ohio Sires Stakes Championship
- 8/23/16 Ohio Sires Stakes
- 7/15/16 Ohio Sires Stakes
- 7/27/16 Ohio State Fair
- 7/19/16 Ohio Sires Stakes



Senena Esty presents the 2-Year-Old Trotting Filly Owner and Breeder Award to Richard McClelland (L) and Bobby Brower (R).

Photo by Conrad Photo.

BREED TO RACE.....RACE TO WIN

WORLD OF ROCKNROLL

p,2, 1:54.1; 3, 1:50.3 (\$338,561)

Rocknroll Hanover--Worldly Beauty--Artsplace

Winner of the \$500,000 Hoosier Cup at 3

His Dam, Worldly Beauty was Pacing Filly of the Year at 2 and 3 with earnings of \$1,900,255.

Full brother to Rock N Roll World p,3, 1:50.3f (\$531,625)

Proven Success from his 1st crop
of Ohio eligible 3 year olds



WORLD OF GAMING p,3, 1:50.3F (\$159,487)

Winner 2016 3 Year Old Colt Pace Sire Stake s Consolation at Sciota

Nominated as Ohio 3CP Horse of the Year



CLAREBEAR p,3, 1:54.0F (\$74,218)

Winner 2 legs & 2nd 1 leg...

3FP Sire Stake s 2016



MYELL'S ROCKSTAR p,3 1:55.1F (\$68,969)

Winner 2016 3CP Fair Final at Day on Raceway

2017 Stud Fee: \$2,250

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MR WIGGLE PANTS

3-Year-Old Pacing Colt

1:51.2F \$302,378

**MR WIGGLES - SHANI PANTS -
ON THE ATTACK**

Owners: James D Mulinix,
Denny Miller, William J Rufenacht
& DM Stables LLC

Breeder: Spring Haven Farm

2016 Major Ohio Wins

9/22/16 Ohio Breeders Championship

7/30/16 Ohio State Fair

7/2/16 Colts & Geldings 3 Yr Old Open

6/11/16 Ohio Sires Stakes

5/21/16 Horses & Geldings Series Final

5/7/16 Ohio Sires Stakes



Senena Esty presents the 3-Year-Old Pacing Colt Breeder & Owner Awards. She accepts the Breeder Award for Spring Haven Farm and Rick Martindale accepts the owner award on behalf of James D Mulinix, Denny Miller, William J Rufenacht & DM Stables LLC. Photo by Conrad Photo.

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THE PANDEROSA

p,2,1:51.3; 3,1:49.3 (\$1,452,418)
Western Hanover-Daisy Harbor

With total progeny earnings of over \$109-million, The Panderosa ranks among the leading pacing sires in all-time money-earnings! He is the sire of 9 millionaires, 319 \$100,000+ winners, 513 in 1:55 and 40 sub-1:50 winners, including:

World Champion Racehorse & Sub-1:49 Sire
SHADOW PLAY p,4,1:47.4 (\$1,549,881)

World Champion Racehorse & Sire
PONDER p,1:48.1 (\$1,522,936)

World Champion
MYPANMAR p,1:48.3 (\$1,490,996)
YAGONNAKISSMEORNOT p,1:49.3 (\$1,458,850)
METROPOLITAN p,3,1:50.1 (\$1,175,630)
LEADING X AMPLE p,4,1:48.2 (\$1,149,279)

World Champion
ALSACE HANOVER p,3,1:48.3f (\$1,138,401)
TWILIGHT BONFIRE p,3,1:50.1f (\$1,049,959)

His first crop of Ohio-eligibles raced in 2016 and were led by multiple Ohio Sire Stakes winner
RON'S PRO p,2,1:54.4h-'16 (\$80,000)

Ohio State Fair winner
ROSA'S TOUCH p,2,1:55.4f-'16 (\$51,125)

Ohio Sire Stakes winner
AIR RAID p,2,1:57f-'16 (\$35,760)

Ohio Sire Stakes winner
CLASSY BUT SASSY p,2,1:55f-'16 (\$21,735)

2017 Fee: \$3,000



FULL COUNT

2,1:59f; 3,1:57.2f; 4,1:55.4f (\$238,692)
Striking Sahbra-Sibyl Score-Final Score

From eight small crops to race (131 foals), Full Count is the sire of 99 starters (76%) and 73 winners (74%). He has 41 in 2:00 and 15 \$100,000+ winners, with average earnings per starter of nearly \$50,000! His top performers include these multiple Ohio Sire Stakes winners:

Ohio Sire Stakes Champion
COUNT ME IN 4,1:53.2f (\$439,319)

2-time Ohio "Triple Crown" winner
CONTESSA LEIGH 3,1:56.4f (\$300,442)
ANASTASIA WHINNIE 1:56.1f (\$259,123)
STUDENT OF LIFE 3,1:56.4f (\$213,073)
ANNIESBLUEJEANBABY 3,1:58.1f (\$202,991)

And these 2016 winners:
COUNT ON KAMI 3,1:57.3h-'16 (\$210,464)
OVERDRESSED 3,1:55.3h-'16 (\$136,979)
DARK ROAST 4,1:57h-'16 (\$176,508)
CODY COY 1:55.2f-'16 (\$187,153)

Ohio Sire Stakes 2YO winner
FULL SURGE 2,1:59.4f-'16 (\$43,501)

Multiple Ohio Sire Stakes-placed 2YO
MAJOR COUNT r.t. 2,1:57.2h-'16 (\$42,857)

At his reasonable fee of \$2,000 Full Count provides a great return on your investment!

2017 Fee: \$2,000

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MY TWEED HEART 3-Year-Old Pacing Filly

1:52.2F \$378,611

MANHARDT - TWEEDLE D - TOWN-
ER'S BIG GUY

Owner: W J Donovan
Breeder: Spring Haven Farm &
Stacie McDaniel

Note: At the close of voting W. J. Donovan was the owner on record. Carl Atley, Melanie Atley and Alan P. Keith owned and campaigned My Tweed Heart from July 20, 2015 to November 11, 2016. Congratulations to all of her connections. Awards at banquet are awarded to those listed at close of voting.

2016 Major Ohio Wins

9/14/16 Ohio Fair Stakes
(Upper Sandusky)

9/3/16 Ohio Sires Stakes Championship

8/10/16 Ohio Fair Stakes (Urbana)

7/29/16 Ohio State Fair

7/2/16 Ohio Sires Stakes

6/17/16 Open

5/6/16 Ohio Sires Stakes

4/22/16 James K Hackett Memorial



Senena Esty presents the 3-Year-Old Pacing Filly Breeder & Owner Award.
(L-R) Kim Dailey - Senena Esty - Melanie Atley - Carl Atley. Photo by Conrad Photo.

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WEGOFERDAPRIZE 3-Year-Old Trotting Colt

1:55.2F \$215,075
AND AWAY WE GO - PARTY PRIZE -
PARTY PARTY

Owner: Curran Racing LLC
Breeder: Bill D Troyer

2016 Major Ohio Wins

9/21/16 Ohio Breeders Championship
9/3/16 Ohio Sires Stakes Championship
8/12/16 Ohio Sires Stakes
7/15/16 Ohio Sires Stakes
6/22/16 The Iron Maiden Series



John Konesky, III presents the 3-Year-Old Trotting Colt Owner Award.
(L-R) John Konesky, III - Benjamin Curran - Jessica Millner - Amanda Martin -
Bobbie Jo Martin - John Martin.

Photo by Conrad Photo.



John Konesky, III presents the 3-Year-Old Trotting Colt
Breeder Award to Alvin Yoder.

Photo by Conrad Photo.

OHHA Horse of the Year Award Winners



CONSOLIDATOR 3-Year-Old Trotting Filly

1:54.4S \$349,153

**TRIUMPHANT CAVIAR - MUSCLE TOY -
MUSCLES YANKEE**

Owner: Green Acquisition Corp
Breeder: Rose Run Farm

2016 Major Ohio Wins

- 9/19/16 Ohio Breeders Championship
- 9/3/16 Ohio Sires Stakes Championship
- 8/19/16 Ohio Sires Stakes
- 7/1/16 Ohio Sires Stakes
- 5/29/16 Ohio Sires Stakes
- 5/6/16 Ohio Sires Stakes



Senena Esty presents the 3-Year-Old Trotting Filly Owner Award.
(L-R) Jim Arledge, Jr - Senena Esty - Renee Poteat - John Green -
Rachel Green.

Photo by Conrad Photo.



Senena Esty presents the 3-Year-Old Trotting Filly Breeder Award to
Laura (middle) and Alvin Yoder.

Photo by Conrad Photo.

Standing in the Buckeye State



HARLEY D HANOVER

Western Ideal - Hawaiian Jenna p,2,1:55.2f; 3,1:50.4 (\$202,806)

From 32 starters: Eleven in 2:00, six in 1:55, earnings of more than \$467,000
Standouts include early track stars: BB'S HARLEY p,2,1:54z; 3,1:52.1 (\$98,176)
• INCREDIBLE JOEY p,2,1:53.4; 3,1:53.1 • HARLOT'S DREAM p,3,1:55.3.

2017 Fee: \$1,500

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I KNOW MY CHIP Aged Trotter of the Year

1:53.4F \$488,248

DEEP CHIP - MADELINE'S CROWN -
PEGASUS SPUR

Owners: Burke Racing Stable LLC,
Weaver BrusceMI LLC, Phillip Collura

Breeder: Kimberly A Dailey

2016 Major Ohio Wins

10/31/16 OPEN II HCP

9/3/16 OPEN HANDICAP

8/1/16 OPEN HANDICAP

7/25/16 OPEN HANDICAP

7/15/16 NW9000L4

5/27/16 NW13000L4



John Konesky, III presents the Aged Trotter Owner Award to Mickey Burke, Jr.

Photo by Conrad Photo.



John Konesky, III presents the Aged Trotter Breeder Award to Kim Dailey.

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BIG RIGS

2008 , T, 4, 1:52.1F \$662,826
ANDOVER HALL - FILLY AT BIGS - DONERAIL

2017 Fee \$2,500

Multiple Mare Discounts

Shipped semen available

No Collection or Shipping Fee on
first shipment of each mare

Good fertility.
43 mares were bred to big rigs in
2016 with 80% infoal.



2014 Leading Foals out of 6 Starters

GOLDFINGER

2014 , T, 2, 1:56.3 \$55,897

BIG RIGS - ARMBRO ESPIONAGE - MR LAVEC

[2015 Winner of Ohio Sires Stakes Consolation 2 Year Old Colts & Geldings](#)

CHELSEES A WINNER 2014 , T, 2, 2:01 \$32,978

BIG RIGS - UPFRONT BYE BYE - CANTAB HALL

[2015 Winner of Ohio Fairs Final 2 Year Old Fillies](#)

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DANCIN YANKEE

Aged Pacer of the Year

1:47.2F \$1,525,000

YANKEE CRUISER - DANCEWITHTHEBEST
- CAMBEST

Owners: Richard M Lombardo
& L & J Racing LLC

Breeder: Elizabeth C Yontz

2016 Major Ohio Wins

- 10/15/16 Ohio Sires Stakes
- 8/13/16 Myron Charna President`S Pace
- 5/9/16 Open at Northfield Park
- 4/25/16 Open at Northfield Park



Senena Esty (L-R) presents Aged Pacer of the Year Owner Award to Sasha Moczulski - Josh Green - Josie Green.

Photo by Conrad Photo.



Senena Esty presents the Aged Pacer Breeder Award to Elizabeth Yontz.

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Art Official

p,3, 1:47 (\$2,082,885)

Art Major – Naughty Shady Lady by Falcon Seelster

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2 in sub-1:50

13 in 1:53

48 in 1:55

\$26,734 average earnings per starter

FEE \$2,500

**The sire of 2 - \$100,000 winning
2 year olds in 2016, including**

CORNER CON ARTIST p,2, 1:55.2f-'16 (\$108,987)

OSS winner in a life best. 2 wins and
3 seconds in 8 starts.

TYPE A GREY p,2, 1:54.3f-'16 (\$102,772)

5 OSS wins in 7 starts

Top performers include:

LETS DRINK ON IT p,4, 1:48.3 (\$769,142)

CINAMONY p,4, 1:49.3f (\$519,404)

WICKED BUSINESS p,4, 1:51.4f (\$177,955)

ARTS JEM p,4, 1:51.4f-'16 (\$144,008)

SISTER STROLL p,2, 1:54.1f (\$124,246)

SUPERFICIAL p,3, 1:51.4f (\$137,764)

MISTER CHAOS p,3, 1:53.1f-'16 (\$128,945)

GOOD CITATIONS p,1:53.1-'16 (\$125,125)

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2016 Triple Crown Winners

SCOTCH MCEWAN 2-Year-Old Pacing Colt

LET'S GET STARTED 2-Year-Old Trotting Filly



Senena Esty presents a Triple Crown Award to the connections of Scotch McEwan. (L-R) Holly Powell - Senena Esty - Rebecca Buckner - Melanie Atley - Carl Atley. Photo by Conrad Photo.



Kevin Greenfield presents a Triple Crown Award to the connections of Let's Get Started. (L-R) Richard McClelland - Kevin Greenfield - Bobby Brower. Photo by Conrad Photo.

2016 Horse of the Year



Kevin Greenfield presents the 2016 Horse of the Year Award, a custom oil painting by Ann Lufkin depicting a Conrad Photo win photo, to the connections of Let's Get Started. (L-R) Richard McClelland - Kevin Greenfield - Bobby Brower. Photo by Conrad Photo.

USHWA Award Winners

Ohio Chapter USHWA Announces 2016 Awards

Jay Wolf

The Ohio Chapter of the United States Harness Writers Association will hand out its annual awards at the Ohio Harness Horseman's Association banquet on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Columbus (Worthington).

The Ohio Chapter has voted Aaron Merriman as the recipient of the Winner's Circle Award for the Ohioan who has achieved outstanding accomplishments in the past year; named Eric Tharps, Jr. as the Peter Houghton Memorial Award as the young Ohioan who is an "up-and-coming" star among harness horsemen; elected Joe Marsh, Jr. into the Immortal Hall of Fame; selected Dunkster into the Standardbred Hall of Fame; and will honor Jim Buchy as the winner of the Rambling Willie Award for the Ohioan who has done the most for harness racing over the past two decades.

Merriman, 38, will win his second straight national dash title in 2016. Through December 17, he is 147 wins ahead of second place George Napolitano, Jr. His \$7.3 million in earnings ranks 10th in North America. The native of Northfield, Ohio has driven nearly 8,700 career winners and earned \$52.3 million.

Eric Tharps, Jr., a 24-year-old resident of Kettering, Ohio. Tharps had 35 wins and his drives earned \$236,489 in purse money. Tharps has been driving at regularly at Northfield Park this season.

Marsh was one of the Midwest's greatest drivers. The native of Findlay, Ohio, drove 5,882 winners, earning \$36,401,271. He has the longest streak (35 years) of driving at least 100 winners per season, from 1960 through 1994. He was the first American driver to win the World Driving Championship in 1974.

Dunkster earned \$894,320 during his 11 year career on the track. The gelded son of Striking Shabra won 89 of 287 career starts and took his lifetime mark of 1:53.3 during his eight year old season. He was owned by Dean Davis, conditioned by Kurt Sugg and bred by Jack Tramonte and Paul H. Bailey.

Ohio State Representative Jim Buchy, a former horse owner and a longtime friend of harness racing at the track and in state government, has served in the Ohio House from 1983 until he was term-limited in 2000. He was re-appointed to the Ohio House in 2011. He is a native of Greenville, Ohio, has supported the sport on several occasions including full card simulcasting legislation in the 1980s and was a tireless supporter of the efforts to bring the Video Lottery Terminals (VLTs) to Ohio's racetracks.

Marty Wollam to Enter Ohio Hall of Fame

Jay Wolf

Martin "Marty" Wollam, one of the top trainers in the state of Ohio, has been elected as the newest member of the Ohio Harness Racing Hall of Fame. He was elected by a vote of the Ohio chapter of the U.S. Harness Writers Association.

Wollam, 67, has amassed 1,783 training wins, winning 12 Ohio Sire Stakes Championships with such standouts as Full Count, Count Me In, Doink N Doni, Contessa Leigh and Neely's Messenger. He also campaigned Striking Sahbra, the 2008 inductee into the Ohio Horse Hall of Fame, and Caviar Forthe Lady, a Pennsylvania Sire Stake champion and winner of \$567,306. As a driver, Wollam made 1,139 trips to the winner's circle. A resident of Vienna, Ohio, Wollam was selected as a 2011 Wall of Fame honoree by his home track, Northfield Park.



Left:
Stacy Cahill presents the USHWA Winner's Circle Award to Aaron Merriman, accepted by Richard Stillings on his behalf.



Right:
Winnie Nemeth presents the USHWA Peter Houghton Memorial Award to Eric Tharps, Jr.

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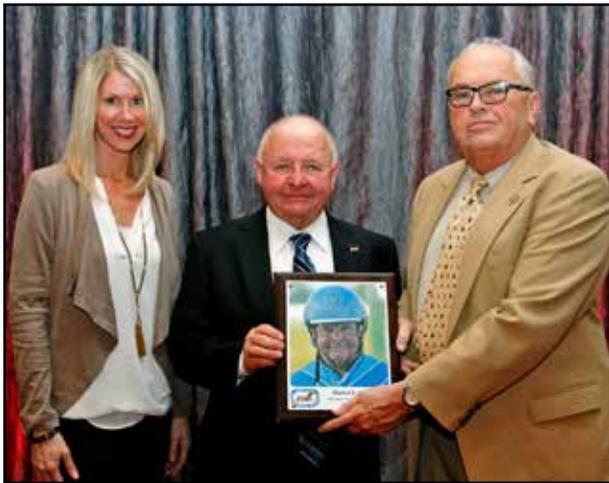


Left:
Joe Marsh, Jr. was inducted into the Immortal Hall of Fame. Phil Terry (R) presents the award that is being accepted by Jerry Knappenberger on behalf of the Marsh family.



Right:
Winnie Nemeth presents the Standardbred Hall of Fame Award, awarded to Dunkster. Kurt Sugg, Dunkster's primary trainer/driver, accepts on behalf of the late Dean Davis, owner.

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Winnie Nemeth (L) and Phil Terry (R) present the Ohio Hall of Fame Award to Martin "Marty" Wollam. Conrad Photo



Winnie Nemeth (R) and Phil Terry (L) present the Rambling Willie Award to Jim Buchy. Conrad Photos

Signature Series & Dr. H.M. Parshall Futurity Award Winners

Left: Wade Flory presents the Signature Series Trot and Pace honors. Amy Hollar accepts the awards on behalf of Phillip Groves (owner of both) for trotter Rompaway Beau and pacer Harvards Z Tam.

Right: Ann Lufkin (M) presents the Dr. H.M. Parshall Futurity Award, a custom oil painting depicting a Conrad Photo win photo. Brian Jones and Mandy Jones (R) accept the awards on behalf of Merrill Murray, owner of trotter Cheslees a Winner and S&S Racing/LeanderSchwartz, owners of pacer Always A Shark.



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Ohio Sires Stakes Affirm Healthy Numbers in 2016

~Dailey & Page take Kaltenbach Honors~

by Kimberly Rinker, Ohio Standardbred Development Fund Administrator

The 2016 Ohio Sires Stakes (OSS) program revealed a healthy upswing in nominations, starters and divisions, with Ohio-sired trotters and pacers racing for \$8.190 million this year compared with \$5.8 million in 2015, an increase of 41%.

Participation in OSS events increased 49% in 2016, with 1,339 Ohio-breds vying in the 2- and 3-year-old divisions, compared with 894 starters in 2015.

In the OSS freshmen ranks, 802 neophyte trotters and pacers lined up behind the starting gate in 2016, a 35% increase when compared with 593 starters in 2015.

Among the OSS 2-year-old contestants in 2016, the greatest increase (56%) was seen in the colt pacing division, which had 178 starters in 2015 compared with 277 in 2016. The freshman fillies saw an increase of 43% in 2016, up 215 starters from 151 in 2015. The 2-year-old trotting fillies jumped 29% in participation—from 125 starters in 2015 to 161 starters in 2016, while the freshman trotting colts saw just a 7% increase from 2015 (139 starters) to 2016 (149 starters).

In the sophomore divisions, 2016 numbers increased by 78% over last year, with 537 starters this season, compared to 301 in 2015.

The 3-year-old colt pacing division saw the greatest spike in starters—from 68 in 2015 to 141 in 2016, a 108% increase. Likewise, the sophomore pacing fillies increased to 151 starters in 2016, up 101% from 2015 with 75 contestants. The 3-year-old trotting colts had 63 starters in 2015 which increased by 105% to 129 in 2016; while the sophomore trotting fillies increased their numbers by 23%—up 116 starters in 2016 from 95 in 2015.

OSS aged divisions—contested for the second time since 2009—were stagnant in 2016, with 25 programmed starters, necessitating three divisions (trot, mare trot, and pace). The mare pace division did not race due to lack of entries.

A total of 80 drivers and 194 trainers participated in OSS contests in 2016, with **Chris Page** at the top of the helm—besting 14 talented reinsmen who garnered \$100,000 or more in OSS tests—and awarding him the 2016 Jerry Kaltenbach Memorial Trophy. It is the second crown for Page, who captured the title in 2014.

The 33-year-old Page amassed \$1,482,300 from 127 starts, with 40 wins, 14 seconds and 20 thirds in OSS action. As of Nov. 1, 2016, (*via USTA stats*) Page has amassed \$5,421,648 from 499 winners, 330 second-place finishers and 324 third-place honorees, from 2,689 starts for a UDRS of 0.294, and currently sits in fifth place nationally in wins and 13th in earnings for the season.

Josh Sutton took the bridesmaid role among OSS drivers with 18 wins, eight seconds and 12 thirds from 92 starts, steering earners of \$986,800. **Ronnie Wrenn, Jr.**, who captured the 2015 Kaltenbach Trophy, finished third with stats of 21-22-16 from 130 OSS starters who earned \$935,500. **Peter Wrenn** finished in fourth with \$692,500 in earnings from 10 wins, 13 seconds and 10 thirds in 89 starts, while North America's leading driver—**Aaron Merriman**, finished fifth with a 15-13-17 record from 99 trips postward and \$686,100 earned in OSS contests.

In the training ranks, conditioner **Jim "Bill" Dailey** grabbed the Kaltenbach trophy for the fourth time in his career, amassing \$908,300 in earnings from 71 starters, with 17 wins, 17 seconds and nine thirds in 2016 OSS action. Dailey nabbed the coveted award previously in 2008, 2009 and 2013.

Trainer **Brian Brown** took second-place honors for the second straight year, with 25 winners and \$833,500 in OSS earnings, while **Chris Beaver** snagged third for the second straight year as well with 16 triumphs and \$667,400. Finishing fourth in the Kaltenbach standings was **Ronnie Burke**, who conditioned nine Ohio-breds to finish first in OSS competition, earning \$355,200; while **Jim Arledge, Jr.**, garnered fifth place with \$312,900 from five OSS victories.

Seventeen trainers conditioned Ohio-bred trotters and pacers to earn \$100,000 or more in 2016 OSS tests, while nine horsemen saw their charges earn \$200,000 or better, with five conditioners' horses earning \$300,000 or more.

In the 29 years the Kaltenbachs have been awarded, David Miller leads all drivers with seven trophies. In the training ranks, Virgil Morgan, Jr., has captured the title six times. Only two horsemen have won the Kaltenbachs in both the training and driving categories—Sam "Chip" Noble, III and Dave Rankin.

The Jerry Kaltenbach Memorial Trophies were established in 1988—named in honor of one of the Ohio Sires Stakes founding fathers—and are awarded annually to the driver and trainer who have earned the most dollars competing in OSS events.

Kaltenbach Memorial Award Winners 1988 -2016

Driver	Earnings	Year	Trainer	Earnings
Chris Page	\$1,482,300	2016	Jim Dailey	\$908,300
Ronnie Wrenn, Jr.	\$858,350	2015	Martin Wollam	\$490,500
Chris Page	\$743,650	2014	Ron Burke	\$428,750
Dan Noble	416,500	2013	Jim Dailey	319,850
Kayne Kauffman	204,268	2012	Martin Wollam	205,413
Ryan Stahl	300,532	2011	Martin Wollam	149,997
Ryan Stahl	219,647	2010	Jim Arledge Jr.	160,240
Dan Noble	238,173	2009	Jim Dailey	247,380
Sam Noble III	255,500	2008	Jim Dailey	205,400
Ryan Stahl	383,311	2007	Michael Medors	209,025
Brett Miller	584,800	2006	Virgil Morgan Jr.	332,700
Brett Miller	667,800	2005	Virgil Morgan Jr.	416,600
Brett Miller	629,140	2004	Virgil Morgan Jr.	310,255
David Hawk	399,011	2003	Virgil Morgan Jr.	318,167
Brett Miller	565,802	2002	Michael Medors	315,369
David Hawk	655,600	2001	Michael Medors	283,225
David Hawk	643,650	2000	Virgil Morgan Jr.	266,225
David Hawk	459,100	1999	Virgil Morgan Jr.	213,495
David Miller	543,869	1998	Sam Noble III	174,257
David Miller	463,002	1997	Jeff Cox	138,597
David Miller	401,277	1996	Jim Arledge Jr.	140,437
David Miller	466,335	1995	Tom Brinkerhoff	162,605
David Miller	537,739	1994	Ron Potter	132,431
David Miller	339,179	1993	Sam Noble III	164,139
David Miller	288,852	1992	Doug Hinklin	194,168
Ray Paver Jr.	293,334	1991	Debbie Paver	154,726
Dave Rankin	264,384	1990	Dave Rankin	172,972
Sam Noble III	223,955	1989	Steve Brannan	156,136
Joe Adamsky	185,303	1988	Beth Dailey	135,230



Richard McClelland announced the 2016 Kaltenbach Memorial Award winners at the OHHA Banquet.

Pictured are (L-R) Richard McClelland, Kim Dailey and Ashley Dailey representing 2016 Trainer Winner Jim "Bill" Dailey.

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FUN WITH STANDARDBREDS!

Darke County Horsemen visited Oakley Place in Greenville, Ohio. Horsemen talked with residents, showed harness racing related movies, passed out OHHA publications and shared information about harness racing. The residents also enjoyed time with a mini pony named Rainbow.

Photos submitted by Emily Hay



Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association Facebook Fun

If you are not an OHHA on Facebook fan, you should be! Not only keeping up with news, but new this year on Fridays there will be an poll that you are invited to participate called "Favorite Friday". Every Friday a new topic will be posted and you are invited to interact.

The first Favorite Friday was Favorite Trainers. Here are the names the Ohio trainers fans of the page nominated as their Favorite Trainer. Watch for any of these to be featured in future OHHA publications or other media this year. Your favorite trainer didn't make the list, go to the OHHA Facebook page and find the Feb. 3rd thread and add to it. Stay tuned for more....

Facebook Page:
OhioHarnessHorsemenAssociation

Hugh Beatty, Jr.	Scott Mogan
Ron Steck	Tyler George
Brian Loney	Don Fister
Jessica Millner	Ryan Holton
Jeff Amann	Chad Moore



First 2017 Foal at Hagemeyer Farms

Filly

If I Can Dream x Late Nite Arrival

Photo by Lyndsay Hagemeyer



A Girl and Her Horse

Emma Ackley with Lex Vegas

Photo by Brett Merkle

Lyndsay Hagemeyer has been accepted into OSU College of Veterinary Medicine starting August 2017. The Hagemeyer family is very proud of her and greatly appreciate all the support of their friends in the industry that have supported the cause. Congratulations, Lyndsay!

Have photos and/or announcements you want to share?

Send them to rmayhugh@ohha.com

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WESTERN TERROR \$4,500

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

Western Hanover--Arterra--Artsplace

New to Ohio...International World Champion Proven Sire!!!
At 3, Winner Breeders Crown Final and many other Grand Circuit Stakes
Top 10 Money Winning Sire in North America
Sire of 360 in 1:55, 27 in 1:50 with earnings nearly \$69 million



ALLAMERICAN NATIVE \$2,500

p,2, 1:51.1m; 3, 1:49.4m (\$1,296,304)

Presidential Ball--Armbro Nashville--Big Towner

Dan Patch, Nova 2002 Pacing Colt of the Year
Well known as a great Broodmare Sire
Sire of more than 75 \$100,000+ Winners
Sire of 207 in 1:55, 13 in 1:50 with earnings \$31,160,576



WORLD OF ROCKNROLL \$2,250

p,2, 1:54.1; 3, 1:50.3 (\$338,561)

Rocknroll Hanover--Wordly Beauty--Artsplace

3 year old Winner of the \$500,000 Hoosier Cup
His Dam, Wordly Beauty was Pacing Filly of the Year at 2 and 3 earning \$1,900,255
Sire of 2016 3CP Sire Stakes Cons. Winner World of Gaming in 1:50.3f
Sire of 2016 3CP Fair Final Winner Myell's Rockstar



IF I CAN DREAM \$2,000

p,2, 1:50.4f; 3, 1:49.4f (\$1,990,276)

Western Hanover--Arterra--Artsplace

World Champion at 2 and 3
His Dam, Arterra produced multiple millionaire Champions
Full Brother to Western Terror and 1/2 Brother to Cinderella Guy p,3, 1:49.1 (\$844,470)
Sire of Every Way Out (P, 2, 1:51.1F \$181,805)...2016 NJ Sire Stakes 2 YO Colt of the Year



NOB HILL HIGH \$2,000

p,2, 1:54h; 3, 1:50.1f (\$1,104,203)

Mcardle--Anniecrombie--Abercrombie

Millionaire Racehorse from a millionaire Sire and Dam
His Dam, Anniecrombie was 3 Year Old Pacing Filly of the Year...1:52.3 (\$1,414,477)
1st Crop was born in 2016. Good size, strong looking foals.