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2021 Ohio Horse of the Year





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# CHARLIE MAY

# *Horse of the Year*

BY FRANK FRAAS



Charlie May - 3-Year-Old Colt Pacer of the Year \ 2021 Ohio Horse of the Year Photo: JJ Zamaiko

While Don Tiger has never sat behind his homebred Charlie May, he says the horse has taken him on the ride of a lifetime.

After being named the top 2-Year-Old Colt Pacer in Ohio, Charlie May picked up where he left off and exploded on the national scene. Charlie May won four grand circuit events, five if you count the Meadowlands Pace on the way to being named Ohio Horse of the Year.

Charlie May's sophomore season will be one that his fans and Tiger will not soon forget.

Regarded as one of the top 3-year-old pacers in the county, the son of McCardle, hit the board in 17 of 22 starts, winning ten

aces and earning \$879,400. Charlie May's lifetime earnings now top \$1.2 million.

"Not in a million years did I dream of this, to make 1.2 million dollars in two years with a diminutive Ohio bred out of a mare that nobody wanted," said Tiger.

The mare, Stipple Hanover, had produced a lightly raced filly named Nikki Bella that Tiger owned. Tiger rescued the mare and tried to breed her but had no success. "We decided to try one final time and it took," said Tiger.

Tiger considers Charlie May a miracle. "I've had two miracles in my life. One was Charlie May, and the other is my son Julian. I love Charlie's story and I think he represents Ohio very well. He came from nothing, and he has accomplished a lot."

Charlie May finished second in four of his next five starts, the only win coming in the second leg of the Ohio Sire Stakes.

Charlie's next race was one that still has fans talking, The Meadowlands Pace. Charlie May won the race, making his move in the final turn outdueling Lawless Shadow and Perfect Sting down the stretch. The judges however ruled that he impeded Rockyroad Hanover making the three-wide move heading into the stretch. Charlie May was disqualified and placed ninth. The ruling is still under appeal.

Charlie May won six of the next seven races, including the Ohio State Fair Stakes, the Carl Milstein Memorial, and the Ohio Breeders Championship.



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

The victory in 1:48.1 in the Milstein at MGM Northfield Park was a World Record for sophomore gelded pacers on a half-mile track.

The season also included a second-place finish in the Breeders Crown, a win in the

Matron Stakes and a third-place finish in the Progress Pace.

Tiger says Charlie May's versatility is what makes him special. "He can race on or off the pace. He went on the road, he stayed home. He won on a half mile track, a mile track, and a five-eighths track. That's versatility and that's what makes him so good."

A native of Pennsylvania, Tiger is thankful for the support he has received in the Buckeye State. "I love Ohio racing. It's the only place I race and I'm happy for Steve Carter, Brett Miller, Ben Lindsay, Dustin Bothman, all the people in the barn and the fans who

**CHARLIE MAY**  
2021 Ohio Horse of the Year

**2021 Three-Year-Old Pacing Colt of the Year**

MCARDLE - STIPPLE HANOVER - WESTERN HANOVER

World Champion

1:48.4H

\$879,400

**Owner\Breeder:** Don Tiger (Canonsburg, PA)

**Trainer:** Steve Carter

appreciate Charlie's story." Tiger says it is a story of having a belief in small stables and you can strike gold if you just stick to it."

“I've had two miracles in my life. One was Charlie May, and the other is my son Julian. I love Charlie's story and I think he represents Ohio very well.”

Don Tiger

## TIGER HONORED BY EQUINE INTERNATIONAL

Don Tiger, the owner of Charlie May has been awarded the Equine International "Jubilee Award" for his passion, perseverance, and passion for the sport of racing.

Equine International's Alex Hendell says the award is given in honor of the celebration of the Queen. "It is custom for us to give our most prestigious award in our own country. This year was the exception to the rule."

Hendell says the organization read stories about Charlie May and listened to interviews with Tiger and it told of a man that has a love for the sport. "The most important contributing decision in selecting Mr. Tiger as the recipient is his character. Character to stand up for what he believes in."

Hendell says Tiger is a visionary for the future of racing with a voice that is not afraid to be heard.



OHHA's Frank Fraas (right) presents Don Tiger the Equine International Jubilee Award

# Gulf Shores

## 2021 Two-Year-Old Pacing Colt of the Year



Gulf Shores - 2-Year-Old Colt Pacer of the Year Photo: JJ Zamaiko

### **GULF SHORES** 2021 Two-Year-Old Pacing Colt of the Year

DOWNBYTHESEASIDE -  
WESTERN DRAG - DRAGON  
AGAIN

Triple Crown Winner

1:51.3F

\$493,967

**Owners:** Country Club Acres, Inc. (Findlay, OH), Diamond Creek Racing (Wellsville, PA), Wingfield Bros, LLC (Kenton, OH)

**Breeder:** Joe Sbrocco (Brecks-ville, OH), Joe McLead (Delaware, OH), Bill Walters (Delaware, OH)

**Trainer:** Brian Brown



The Gulf Shores team receives their trophy for 2-Year-Old Pacing Colt of the Year Photo: Brad Conrad

Gulf Shores started his freshman year rolling off six straight wins including the \$300,000 Ohio Sires Stakes Finals on his way to winning the Ohio Triple Crown and being named the Ohio 2-Year-Old Pacing Colt of the Year.

Gulf Shores, the son of Downbytheseaside out of Western Drag, finished the campaign

winning six of ten starts and finishing second in three others. His other wins included the Ohio State Fair Stakes and the Ohio Breeders Championship, which along with the Ohio Sire Stakes comprise the Ohio Triple Crown.

Trainer Brian Brown said Gulf Shores is talented, but also has a desire to win. "He was willing to do whatever you wanted to do. You could leave or you could race him from behind." Brown says Gulf Shores was not perfect every start as he raced at times with stomach ulcers and a little bit of soreness. "When it was time to go behind the starting gate you would not know anything was wrong with the horse."

Brown said early in the year he did not have high hopes for Gulf Shores. We liked him, but he didn't do anything to overly impress me all winter. I described him as a brown paper bag in Florida. Sometimes the owners didn't like that, but by the time we got to the Breeders Crown he was a paper bag full of money."

Gulf Shores finished second by a nose. James Koehler of Country Club Acres said he was extremely proud of the horse in the Breeders Crown. "He finished second by a nose. I thought he had it won and was surprised when the photo said otherwise. He's a fantastic horse that had a great year."

Gulf Shores is eligible for the Little Brown Jug and Brown says he hopes 2022 will bring more grand circuit starts. "I'm sure we will pay him up to some of the events. We haven't had those discussion yet, but I'm sure we will pay him up to the Breeders Crown. Hopefully, you will see more of Gulf Shores out of Ohio, but we'll try to make our money in Ohio."

# The Mighty Hill

## 2021 Two-Year-Old Trotting Colt of the Year



The Mighty Hill - 2-Year-Old Colt Trotter of the Year Photo: JJ Zamaiko

### THE MIGHTY HILL 2021 Two-Year-Old Trotting Colt of the Year

WHAT THE HILL - MAXINE THE  
MIGHTY - TAGLIABUE

World Champion

1:55.4H

\$270,365

**Owners:** Chris Beaver (Radnor, OH), Donald Robinson (Cardington, OH), VIP Internet Stable LLC (Piscataway, NJ)

**Breeder:** Nathan Miller (Middlefield, OH)

**Trainer:** Chris Beaver



Left to Right: Amanda Beaver, Bella Geissman, Katrina Monte & Langston Morrison, Don Robinson, Michael Robinson, Chris Beaver Photo: Brad Conrad

From a county fair track to the winner's circle in the Ohio Sire Stakes finals, it was a long and winding road for The Mighty Hill, Ohio's 2-Year-Old Trotting Colt of the Year.

When The Mighty Hill started training for his freshman campaign, trainer Chris Beaver wasn't sure about the horse. "He seemed out of rhythm and a little bit sore all winter. He wasn't doing anything impressive."

"He started training well late, when we qualified him, I thought he would make a nice Buckeye horse," said Beaver.

In his first start, a leg of the Buckeye Stallion Series, The Mighty Hill set a track record winning in 1:56.3 to become the fastest two-year-old gelded trotter in the history of MGM Northfield Park.

After the record, Beaver said it was obvious to move him up to the Sires Stakes.

In his first Sires Stakes start, The Mighty Hill finished sixth after a couple of breaks. That sent him to the fair circuit and a start at the Union County Fair in Marysville.

After winning in Marysville and a second at the Ohio State Fair Stakes, The Mighty Hill won two legs in the Sire Stakes before setting a World Record in winning the OSS Final.

Bred by Nathan Miller of Middlefield, Ohio, the son of What The Hill earned \$ 270,375 for the ownership group that includes Beaver, James Robinson and VIP Internet Stables.

Robinson says the biggest thrill was still to come thanks to Beaver's intuition. "Even after winning the Sires Stakes final, we got to race in the Mohawk Million. It was a great honor, we finished fourth and he is surely a great horse."

# Sea Silk

## 2021 Two-Year-Old Pacing Filly of the Year



Sea Silk - 2-Year-Old Filly Pacer of the Year Photo: JJ Zamaiko

For the second straight year, Ohio's 2-Year-Old Pacing Filly of the Year made sure there was no doubt who the best freshman filly was, setting a world record and winning the Ohio Triple Crown. Sea Silk dominated her competition on the way to being named the 2021 Ohio 2-Year-Old Pacing Filly of the Year.

The daughter of Downbytheseaside out of Silk Purse, Sea Silk won nine of 11 races for trainer Ron Burke and owners Burke

Racing Stable, Knox Services, Weaver Brusceci LLC, and Hatfield Stables, earning \$584,092 in 2021.

Sea Silk captured the Ohio Triple Crown by winning the \$300,000 Ohio Sire Stakes final, the Ohio Fair Stakes, and the Ohio Breeders Championship. She set a world record at MGM Northfield Park in the Sire Stakes finals winning in 1:51.1 becoming the fastest two-year-old in history on a half-mile track.

### SEA SILK

**2021 Two-Year-Old Filly Pacer of the Year**

DOWNBYTHESEASIDE - SILK  
PURSE - BETTOR'S DELIGHT

World Champion

Triple Crown Winner

1:50.3M

\$584,092

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

**Breeder:** Steiner Stock Farm (Lima, OH)

**Trainer:** Ron Burke

Chris Page knew Sea Silk was going to be special early. "In her second qualifier, she paced the mile in :58, but she came the last half in :54.4, and she did it in hand. She kind of feels wise beyond her years. She was a two-year-old but felt like a three- or four-year-old filly."

Page, who drove Sea Silk in all her starts said her size was a big factor in her success. "She could go from zero to a hundred in two steps. She is a big horse with a big gait and that's a lethal combination against other fillies."

Burke Racing Stable's Mickey Burke says she has gotten bigger, and they are hoping for big things in 2022. "I brought her in for the first time and she has grown six inches. We are looking forward to her three-year-old season and what the year brings."



Left to Right: Chris Page, Mickey Burke Jr., Senena Esty, and Al Menke Photo: Brad Conrad

# Gabbys C Note

## 2021 Two-Year-Old Trotting Filly of the Year



Gabbys C Note - 2-Year-Old Filly Trotter of the Year Photo: JJ Zamaiko

### GABBYS C NOTE

**2021 Two-Year-Old  
Trotting Filly of the Year**

TRIUMPHANT CAVIAR - GABBY'S  
CREDITCARD - CREDIT WINNER

1:56.2F

\$243,150

**Owners:** Chris Beaver (Radnor, OH), Johanna Beaver (Deleon Springs, FL), Steven Zeehandelar (Worthington, OH)

**Breeder:** Johanna Beaver (Deleon Springs, FL)

**Trainer:** Chris Beaver



Left to Right: Steven Zeehandelar, Chris Beaver, John Konesky Photo: Brad Conrad

Trying to figure out what you have in a two-year-old can be challenging and for trainer Chris Beaver, Gabbys C Note was just that.

“She was not a good training horse,” said Beaver. “As far as April, we were having trouble getting her trained down past 2:40, she wasn’t good gaited.”

Beaver says she was a typical Triumphant Caviar and once they got past a certain point, he knew she was going to be something special. “She really had a determina-

tion the further she got into the mile. I got off the cart one day and I said she was the best two-year-old trotting filly in the barn. The further she would go the better she would get.”

She won her first start of the year in impressive fashion, topping the field in the first leg of the Ohio Sires Stakes, winning by  $5 \frac{3}{4}$  lengths.

It was the opposite in her next race as she broke stride early and finished last.

Gabbys C Note bounced back strong, winning the next four races, capping it off easily winning the Ohio Sires Stakes final by three lengths with Aaron Merriman in the bike. “It seems she was more talented and mature than the other fillies,” said Merriman. “With the training Chris Beaver does, you knew she was something special.”

Beaver is hoping Gabbys C Note can build off the success of 2021. “We have gotten pretty good at bringing them back at three. We send the good ones down to Florida and work them in sand for a couple of months. Then train them down on the big track and they learn a speed they didn’t have before as two-year-olds.”

Owned by Beaver, his mother Johanna, who is also the breeder, and Steven Zeehandelar, Gabbys C Note won five races, hitting the board in six of seven and earning \$243,150.

The story of Gabby C Note and the Beaver family goes back nearly 60 years and six generations of horses. Beaver said he remembered his father telling the story of his grandfather purchasing Success Norma when he was 14 years old because she was the horse on the top in the field.

# Winning Ticket

## 2021 Three-Year-Old Trotting Colt of the Year



Winning Ticket - 3-Year-Old Colt Trotter of the Year Photo: JJ Zamaiko

If the novice horse player was looking to pick a winner by name, then Winning Ticket would be a no-brainer. Winning Ticket lived up to his name in 2021, rolling off 10 straight wins to start the season on the way to being named the 2021 Ohio 3-Year-old Trotting Colt of the Year.

The son of Triumphant Caviar started the year by winning the Hackett Memorial and the Scarlet and Gray Invitational at Miami Valley before dominating the Ohio Sire Stakes, winning all four legs and the finals. Winning Ticket also won the Ohio Fair Stakes and the Ohio Breeders Championship to become a Triple Crown winner.

“He was dominant this year,” said Beaver. “He’s been a great experience, one of the best horses I have ever trained.”

Winning Ticket won 11 of 12 races earning \$422,213 in 2021.

The only blemish was a third-place finish in the Canadian Trotting Classic. “He really showed his class when I took him up to Mohawk,” said Beaver.

Starting from the tenth post position, Winning Ticket was first at the quarter

in :26.3. He led until the deep stretch and finished third. Beaver said the race proved Winning Ticket was a legit horse in Ohio or anywhere else. “I love the horse; he is a true professional.”

Winning Ticket was injured in his final race of the year, the Ohio Breeders Championship. Beaver says he tore a suspensory but

**WINNING TICKET**  
**2021 Three-Year-Old Trotting Colt of the Year**

Triple Crown Winner

1:53.1F

\$422,213

**Owners:** Chris Beaver (Radnor, OH), Steve Zeehandelar (Worthington, OH), Tim Homan (Maineville, OH), Jim Burnett (Wilmington, OH)

**Breeder:** James Bender (Garrettsville, OH)

**Trainer:** Chris Beaver

says the prognosis is good. “It’s not the best injury you can have for a horse, but we have some success bringing them back.” Winning Ticket has started jogging and Beaver would like to have him back racing in June.



Left to Right: Jim Burnett, Chris Beaver, Steve Zeehandelar, John Konesky Photo: Brad Conrad

# Smothastenesewisky

## 2021 Three-Year-Old Pacing Filly of the Year



Smothastenesewisky – 3-Year-Old Filly Pacer of the Year Photo: JJ Zamaiko

When the hammer fell on hip number 146 at the November Blooded Horse Sale in 2019, little did the new owners Brian and McKenzie Haynes know what was in store.

“I bid one time and bought her,” said Brian. The \$3,000 purchase, an anniversary gift for his wife has turned out to be the gift that keeps giving.

Racing mainly in the Buckeye Stallion Series as a two-year-old, Smothastenesewisky won eight of nine races including the Buckeye Stallion Series finals.

Entering her sophomore season, Haynes thought she could be competitive against top notch three-year-old filly pacers, “Her personality is basic, she doesn’t need to be pampered. She just likes to do the work.”

Smothastenesewisky battled health issues in May, and it was four starts until her first victory. She won six of her next eight races including two legs of the Ohio Sire Stakes and the Ohio State Fair Stakes.

The highlight of the year was winning the Ohio Sire Stakes finals prompting the Haynes’ to supplement Smothastenesewisky to the Jugette where she qualified for the finals.

The daughter of Nob Hill High won seven of 19 races, earning \$280,574 on the way to being named the top 3-year-old filly pacer in Ohio.

Asked what he would have told himself at the sale, Brian said it would have been to take a shot. “It’s a shot of a lifetime. Just because you only paid \$3,000 for her, doesn’t mean she can’t beat them.”

### SMOTHASTENESEWISKY

2020 Three-Year-Old  
Pacing Filly of the Year

1:48.4M

\$280,574

Owner: Brian Haynes (Washington Court House, OH)

Breeder: Robert Mondillo (Delaware, OH), Donald Robinson (Cardington, OH)

Trainer: Brian Haynes

been a dream to be part of it. “We took a win for the little guys.”

Smothastenesewisky is back in training and Brian Haynes says there is no schedule for her return to the track, “We will just play it by ear and the weather.”



Left to Right: Carrie Hess, Lane Hess, McKenzie Haynes, Brian Haynes, Brittany Ackley, Seneca Esty

# Herculisa

## 2021 Three-Year-Old Trotting Filly of the Year



Herculisa - 3-Year-Old Filly Trotter of the Year Photo: JJ Zamaiko

In 2020, Virgil Morgan Jr. trained Action Uncle, the Ohio 3-Year-Old Colt Trotter of the Year. In 2021, Morgan again trained a top 3-year-old trotter, this time it was the 3-Year-Old Filly of the Year, Herculisa.

After winning just one of her first three starts, Herculisa hit her stride at the end of June. She won seven of eight races including back-to-back legs of the Ohio Sire Stakes. She won the Ohio Fair Stakes, the Ohio Sire Stakes Finals, setting a World Record becoming the fastest 3-year-old filly on a half-mile track, and the Ohio Breeders Championship to claim the Ohio Triple Crown.

Morgan said the filly matured as a three-year-old and got to show her talent. "She wanted to go from second gear to fifth gear as a two-year-old. I thought she was the best last year, and she didn't get to prove it."

"I don't have too many favorites, but she is one of mine," said Morgan.

Owned by Jesmeral Stables, the daughter of My MVP won seven of 14 starts and earned \$410,833. "I'm so happy for Steve

Finkelstein. He is such a class act and great for the sport. He let me manage her and do my thing."

Herculisa will race as a 4-year-old. "Hopefully she will grow a little more and mature a little more," said Morgan. "She'll be staked to pretty much everything. There is plenty in Ohio plus the way the overnight purse structure is, I don't think it's as big of

deal for filly and mare pacers to race against the boys as it is for trotters. I think she can be competitive."

"Part of me thinks he guided her along this season and had a part in getting her to the winner's circle every time," Wrenn said.



Left to Right: Christine Morgan, Virgil Morgan Jr., Karen Travis, John Konesky

### HERCULISA

#### 2021 Three-Year-Old Trotting Filly of the Year

MY MVP - HERCULOTTE HANOVER - ANDOVER HALL

World Champion

Triple Crown Winner

1:52.0F

\$410,833

**Owners:** Jesmeral Stable (Scarsdale, NY)

**Breeder:** Joe McLead (Delaware, OH), Billy Walters (Delaware, OH), Up Front Racing LLC (Scottsdale, AZ)

**Trainer:** Virgil Morgan Jr.

# Ocean Rock

## 2021 Aged Pacer of the Year



Ocean Rock - Aged Pacer of the Year Photo: Brad Conrad

### SECTIONLINE BIGRY 2021 Aged Pacer of the Year

ROCKIN AMADEUS - OCEAN PEARL - ON THE ATTACK

Breeders Crown Champion

1:48.0

\$706,410

**Owner \ Breeder:** Sandra Burnett (Wilmington, OH)

**Trainer:** Christi Noble

Ocean Rock, Ohio's top 3-year-old pacing colt in 2020 did not disappoint in 2021 becoming just the fourth Ohio-bred to win a Breeders Crown on the way to being named the 2021 Aged Pacer of the Year.

Ocean Rock started the campaign slow but picked up pace as the summer went on.

The son of Rockin Amadeus won the Myron Charna President's Pace, the Ohio Sire Stakes Aged Championship, the Jim Ewart Memorial Pace, and the Dayton Pacing Derby. But the crowning jewel of Ocean Rock's wins this year was the Breeders Crown.

Sent off a 16-1 longshot, Dan Noble took Ocean Rock to the lead at the quarter pole before settling into the pocket. Around the final turn, Noble made his move to set up a stretch run battle with Allywag Hanover. Ocean Rock got up at the wire to nip the 2-5 favorite by a head to claim the Breeders Crown Open Pace.

Trainer Christi Noble said words could not describe the feeling as Ocean Rock and her husband crossed the wire. "It was an exhilarating moment. I still can't believe it. I watch the replay over and over. We were on the big stage with the best of the best and he got across the line first. He's just a special horse.

Because of Covid, owner and breeder Sandra Burnett did not make the trip to the Meadowlands, but her son Jim did. "It was a surreal moment; I couldn't stand up. I just sat there. I couldn't believe it was happening. It was just amazing," said Burnett who wasn't sure they had a chance. "You go by the bettors because it takes the emotion out of it. When they put him at 16-1 it wasn't really good. You never think you are going to win that race because it hardly ever happens."

The win was Ocean Rock's eighth of the year. He finished the year earning \$706,410 and now has lifetime earnings of over \$1.2 million dollars.

Dan Noble says they are looking forward to seeing what Ocean Rock can do in 2022. "We hope when he comes back as strong as he was last year when the season ended."



Left to Right: John Konesky, Christi Noble, Dan Noble, Jim Burnett

# Mission Accepted

## 2021 Aged Trotter of the Year



Mission Accepted – Aged Trotter of the Year Photo: Brad Conrad

If the year ends in an odd number, you can expect big things from Mission Accepted.

In 2017, Mission Accepted was named the 2-Year-Old Ohio Trotting Colt of the Year. In 2019, he took home Aged Trotter of the Year honors. Last year was no different as Mission Accepted was once again named Aged Trotter of the Year in Ohio.

After a down year in 2020 that saw the son of Manofmanymissions win just three times,

Mission Accepted bounced back to win 17 races, second most among aged trotters and the fifth most wins by any horse in 2021.

Chris Page drove Mission Accepted to 15 of his 17 wins and said last year was a redemption year. “In 2020 he tackled the grand circuit. He races well, but just couldn’t find the winner’s circle. Coming back to Ohio, I had big expectations for him.”

### MISSION ACCEPTED

#### 2021 Aged Trotter of the Year

MANOFMANYMISSIONS - WITTY GIRL - S J'S PHOTO

1:50.2M

\$306,750

**Owners:** Burke Racing Stable LLC (Fredricktown, PA), Knox Services LLC (Mt. Vernon, OH), David Wills (Newark, OH), Weaver Brussemi LLC (Canonsburg, PA)

**Breeder:** Knox Services LLC (Mt. Vernon, OH)

**Trainer:** Ron Burke

Trainer Ron Burke said Mission Accepted is flawless, “He never makes a mistake. He is better than people give him credit for. Every start he has to race from the outside, if he could start from the inside, he is probably unbeatable.”

This year, Mission Accepted will do double duty. He is standing stud at Sugar Valley Farm and will also return to the track.

“He never makes a mistake. He is better than people give him credit for.”

Ron Burke



Left to Right: Mickey Burke Jr., John Konesky

# Monte Miki and Ocean Rock Receive Special Recognition



Left to Right Mark Evers, Scott Zeron, Sylvia Norris, Matt Bax Photo By: Mark Hall USTA

The connections of Monte Miki and Ocean Rock were presented the 2021 Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association Special Recognition Award at the Annual Awards Banquet for their ties to the Breeders Crown Champions.

Velocity Standardbreds, owners and breeders of Monte Miki and trainer Mark Evers, all of Lebanon, were recognized for the extensive success the 2021 Dan Patch Two-Year-Old Colt Pacer achieved during his freshman season.

Monte Miki won six of seven starts, including the \$650,960 Metro Pace and the \$600,000 Breeders Crown Final.

"You always dream of winning the Metro and Breeders and to have one colt do it in the same year is really a dream come true," said Evers.

As a freshman, Monte Miki took a mark of 1:50.4 and earned \$665,276.

Ocean Rock, the Buckeye State's top 3-year-old pacing colt in 2020 and the 2021 Aged Pacer of the Year became just the fourth Ohio-bred to win a Breeders Crown.

Owned and bred by Sandra Burnett of Wilmington, Ocean Rock won eight of 18 races, earning \$706,410. His lifetime earnings now top \$1.2 million.



Dan and Christi Noble Photo by: Mark Hall USTA

Christi Noble trains Ocean Rock, while husband Dan drives. The husband-and-wife duo put it simply, stating "We're proud that we were able to take this Ohio-bred and fifth generation horse all the way."

## Gillespie and Beaver Tops on Fair Circuit

Ronnie Gillespie and Chris Beaver were honored at the annual Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association Banquet in January as the top driver and trainer on the Ohio county fair circuit.

Gillespie led all drivers with 75 wins, while Beaver topped the trainers with 43 wins.

Gillespie totaled 80 wins and \$331,658 in 2021, while Beaver won 141 races as a trainer and earned \$3,086,338.



Dalton Walls (left) accepts the award on behalf of Ronnie Gillespie from Bill Peters of the Ohio Fair Racing Conference



Amy Hollar presents the Top Trainer award to Chris Beaver

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# GIBSON NAMED 2021 OUTSTANDING GROOM



OHHA's Ashley Dailey presents Outstanding Groom award to Steve Gibson Photo: Brad Conrad

Loyalty is the word that best describes the 2021 Ohio Outstanding Groom.

Steve Gibson has been a fixture with the Dailey Stable since 2004. The last of the Bill Dailey Stable grooms, owner Kim Dailey is thankful for that loyalty as he has become more than an employee. "He has stuck next to our family during very uncertain times. He has seen the barn full at 80 horse and down to eight. No award can repay him for his loyalty."

Dailey says Gibson is dedicated, dependable and willing to do anything that is needed. "Steve is almost always the first person in the barn every day and the last out. He knows each of his horses on a personal level no matter their earnings."

Gibson of Mechanicsburg, Ohio was introduced to the sport of harness racing at an early age by his father and stepfather. He sat behind his first horse when he was nine years old and has made it his livelihood. The longest he has been away from racehorses has been three weeks.

Gibson says he enjoys being around the horses. "I like watching the babies grow and get to the racetrack. It doesn't matter if they are a claimer or a Sires Stakes horse, I don't treat them any differently."

Gibson received his award at the annual OHHA banquet and thanked the Dailey family for nominating him and called Kim Dailey "an outstanding boss and the greatest woman to work for."

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## Wilson, Laughbaum Honored with OHHA Special Service to Harness Racing Awards

The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association recognized Dr. Dan Wilson and Thomas Laughbaum with the 2021 Special Service to Harness Racing Awards at the Annual Awards Banquet for their lifelong contributions to Ohio harness racing.



Left to right: OHHA Executive Directory Renee Mancino, Dr. Dan Wilson

Raised on a farm in Sabina, Ohio, Dr. Wilson graduated from The Ohio State University School of Veterinary Medicine in 1975. He joined the Randall Veterinary Clinic near Cleveland and began practicing on the backstretch of Northfield Park. He spent nearly 50 years dedicating his life to Standardbreds before retiring in the spring of last year.

In his acceptance speech, Wilson thanked the horse-

men for making it a great ride, "If you have a job that you love, you'll never work a day in your life. My life was my career."

Laughbaum has been a member of Crawford County Fair Board for four decades and has served as the Speed Superintendent for over 25 years.

"I have been very fortunate in 40 years, from the first year I joined the fair board. I had some great predecessors that taught me what to do and how to do it," said Laughbaum.

During his time on the fair board, Laughbaum has spearheaded projects big and small to improve local harness racing in whatever way possible. He gathers sponsors for every race, prepares race programs and payouts, oversees draws, and is the official timer on race days. He has played a major role in advancing Bucyrus harness racing with track and barn improvements as well as helping host the annual spring matinee.



Left to right: Tom Laughbaum, David Staats

## Fayette County Horsemen Receive Brandt Award



Left to right: Amy Hollar, Rick Martindale, Mark Winters Sr.

The Fayette County Harness Horsemen's Association was presented the 2021 Dick Brandt Sr. Extra Effort Award at the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association Annual Awards Banquet in January.

The Fayette County Harness Horsemen's Association was formed in 1960 and has been active for more than 60 years. The members work closely with the county fair board to provide year-round support by providing equipment to maintain the track for the horsemen to use throughout the year. The Association also hosts an annual spring matinee and two days of racing at the Fayette County Fair in Washington Court House.

Rick Martindale and Mark Winters Sr. accepted on the organization's behalf, promising to continue their dedication to local horsemen.

## Dr. John Mossbarger Presented Hagemeyer Significant Contribution Award



Left to right: Dr. John Mossbarger, Scott Hagemeyer

Long time Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association board member and past president Dr. John Mossbarger was presented the Association's Maynard and Stella Hagemeyer Significant Contribution Award for 2021 at the annual awards banquet.

"It is an honor to be recognized to receive this award" said Mossbarger. "Maynard and Stella Hagemeyer were truly grass roots people."

Dr. Mossbarger is recognized for his professional contributions to Ohio's Standardbred breeding program as well as his involvement with the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation and United States Trotting Association.

"Along this journey, I have worked with a lot of great people, owners, drivers, trainers, and legislators. It has been very rewarding" said Mossbarger.

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

## Bateson Named 2021 Holton Youth Award



Left to right: Mary Jo Bross, Case Bateson, Ryan Holton, Representative Jim Buchy

In 2021, Case Bateson began his driving career and picked up his first win. He capped off the year being named the recipient of the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association Terry Holton Youth Award.

The Terry Holton Youth Award is awarded to a youth between the ages of 13 and 19 who has actively participated in harness racing during 2021 as a driver, trainer, groom, breeder, race office/publicity assistant, track maintenance crew, or has provided outstanding service to harness racing.

Bateson started in the industry at a young age, helping his father in the barn when he was ten years old. While in high school, Bateson spent his summers working in the Jason Brewer barn

where he now works full time as an assistant trainer and caretaker.

Bateson says he is blessed and honored to receive the award. "There have been greats that have received this award in the past

and I feel honored to have my name next to theirs."

As a first-year driver, Bateson won seven times in 42 starts. He is looking forward to a career in harness racing. "I am hoping to make a living as a driver and win many races."

The award, in its 19th year, is named for Terry Holton, a 2005 inductee into the Ohio Harness Racing Hall of Fame. Holton of Newark, Ohio, was the winner of over 1,700 races in his career. He overcame many obstacles in his life, the biggest may have been overcoming pancreatic cancer.

# Ohio Chapter of USHWA Hands Out Awards

The Ohio Chapter of the United States Harness Writers Association handed out its annual awards at the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association banquet on Saturday, January 15 at the Polaris Hilton Hotel in Columbus.



Winner's Circle Left to Right: Amy Hollar and Steve Carter

The Ohio chapter also honored Steve Carter as the recipient of the Winner's Circle Award for the Ohioan who has achieved outstanding accomplishments in the past year; Justin Irvine as the Peter Houghton Memorial Award winner as the young Ohioan who is an "up-and-coming" star among harness horsemen; Richard Neville into the Immortal Hall of Fame; Aquatic Yankee into the Standardbred Hall of Fame; and Dr. Dan Wilson as the winner of the Rambling Willie Award for the Ohioan who has done the most for harness racing over the past two decades.

Carter recorded 56 training wins and \$1.4 million in earnings this season. He was the conditioner of the world champion Charlie May, who made Ohio proud by winning the Matron, the Bluegrass, and the Milstein Memorial. He was also gracious in the narrow defeats in the Breeders Crown, Messenger Final, Ohio Sire Stake Final, and the Meadowlands Pace.



Houghton Left to Right: Don Irvine Jr., Justin Irvine, and Renee Irvine

Irvine is a 20-year-old resident of Aurora, Ohio. He enjoyed a terrific 2021 season with 118 wins and over \$650,000 in purse earnings and a .248 driver's rating.

Neville was a well-known farrier of 60 years. The list of luminaries Neville shared his skills with are long and impressive with the likes of Hall of Famers Delvin Miller, Stanley Dancer, Howard Beissinger, George Sholty, Gene Reigle and Joe O'Brien.

While the number of equine stars he shod are too numerous to list, it includes Albatross, Super Bowl, Delmonica Hanover, Most Happy Fella, Sonsam, French Chef, Happy Motoring and Western Hanover – earning a nickname of "Shoer to the Stars." He passed away at the age of 75 on March 24, 2020.



Immortal HOF Left to Right: Amy Hollar and Thom Pye (accepting for Dick Neville)



Standardbred HOF Left to Right: Amy Hollar and Aquatic Yankee owner Harold L. Bauder

Aquatic Yankee is the daughter of Cambest and Yankee Attraction. During her four-year racing career, she recorded 26 wins in her 80 career starts and earned more than \$750,000. As a broodmare, Aquatic Yankee has produced five foals that have earned \$200,000 or more. She is the dam

of Sectionline Bigry, the two-time aged pacer of the year in Ohio and earner of nearly \$700 thousand.

Dr. Wilson graduated from the Ohio State University school of Veterinary Medicine in 1975. He focused his practice on Northfield Park and the standardbred industry in Northeast Ohio. He was awarded the Ohio Veterinarian Medical Association



Rambling Willie Left to Right: Dr. Dan Wilson and Amy Hollar

Distinguished Service Award in 2002 and was enshrined into the Northfield Park Wall of Fame in 2014. Dr. Wilson retired in the summer of 2021.

# MORGAN ELECTED TO OHIO HARNESS RACING HALL OF FAME

## BY JAY WOLF



Tony Morgan

Tony Morgan, the second winningest driver in the history of harness racing, has been enshrined as the 48th member of the Ohio Harness Racing Hall of Fame. He was elected to the hall by a vote of the members of the Ohio Chapter of the United States Harness Writers Association.

Morgan, 63, finished 2021 with 16,932 career wins which is second on the all-time list to Dave Palone and with \$138.2 million in career earnings.

He was born in Troy, Ohio and began his career at the tender age of 13 when he drove in an amateur race at his hometown fairgrounds.

Morgan's first trip to the winner's circle came on May 13, 1973, when he piloted Peachakona to victory in a matinee race at Celina, Ohio.

Morgan emerged in the early '90s as one of the top drivers on the Chicago racing circuit and for three consecutive campaigns (1995-97), he was the leading dash-winning driver in North America.

In 1996, his total of 853 wins broke the all-time single season record set by Walter Case Jr.

Morgan shifted his base of operations to the state of Delaware in the fall of 2006. That year, he became the second driver in the history of the sport to pass the 1,000-win plateau for a single year and captured his fourth North American dash crown. He added a fifth victory title in 2008 when he piloted 961 winners.

He was the recipient of the Driver of the Year trophy from Harness Tracks of America four times (1996, 1997, 2002 and 2006).



Tony Morgan and Winnie Nemeth  
Photo: Brad Conrad



Tony Morgan is joined by Ohio Harness Hall of Fame members (L-to-R) Roger Huson, Gerald Bookmyer, and Virgil Morgan Jr. Photo: Brad Conrad

# BURKE, PAGE TAKE KALTENBACH AWARDS

## By Kim Rinker



Ron Burke



Chris Page

Trainer Ron Burke and driver Chris Page have captured the 2021 Kaltenbach titles for the third consecutive season.

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

Burke captured his fourth Kaltenbach training title in 2021, sending 142 youngsters postward earnings \$1,734,200.

Page captured the 2021 Kaltenbach title for the sixth time in eight years and for the third straight season. Page piloted 95 starters who scored 20 wins, 21 seconds and 13 thirds to \$1,252,900 in earnings.

In the 31 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.

## OHHA TO ADMINISTER OHIO SIRES STAKES

Administration of the Ohio Sires Stakes program is moving to the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association.

Beginning this year, the OHHA will handle all aspects of the top tier stakes program for the Ohio Standardbred Development Committee. Administration includes nominations, promotion, prizes, and publicity.

With the OHHA already handling administration on the Buckeye Stallion Series and Ohio Fair Racing Conference in-house, the change occurred primarily to streamline the staking process for horsemen in Ohio, and as a cost-saving measure for the program.

Nomination payments are due at the OHHA office by close of business March 15, 2022. If not received by that date the nomination must have a March 15, 2022 (or earlier) United States Postal Service postmark. Metered mail is not a postmark. Envelopes must be stamped with a postal imprint applied by the USPS office that accepted the mail. If the nomination is received after the deadline date, the post mark is after the deadline date, or is missing, the submission is considered late and will be returned.

If you have any questions, please call the OHHA office at 614-221-3650.

## ALL 2022 FOALS TO BE NOMINATED TO DELAWARE GRAND CIRCUIT EVENTS

The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association and the Little Brown Jug Society have announced that beginning with 2022, Ohio Sired yearlings registered by December 31, 2022, will have their yearling nomination to the Grand Circuit races at the Delaware County Fairgrounds paid.

The Grand Circuit races include the Little Brown Jug, the Jugette, the Old Oaken Bucket and the Buckette.

The goal is to make more Ohio-sired horses eligible for the races and to raise purses with the goal of a \$1,000,000 purse for the Little Brown Jug.

"This announcement is a great opportunity for the Delaware County Fair and the horsemen and horsewomen of the state of Ohio. We are excited to see these Ohio foals compete and win on a national level," noted Tom Wright, president of the Little Brown Jug Society. "A big thank you goes to the OHHA for their tireless promotion of our industry."

"Over the years there have been Ohio sired horses not eligible for these prestigious races in their home state simply because they missed the yearling nomination payment," said OHHA Executive Director Renee Mancino. "We are happy to finally bring horseman James Mulinix's suggestion forward and provide a safety net for Ohio Sired horse owners and breeders on the yearling payment. We also anticipate a boost on the overall purse money offered in these races moving forward."

The initial nomination payment for yearlings will be calculated as part of the support the OHHA provides to the Society for the races.



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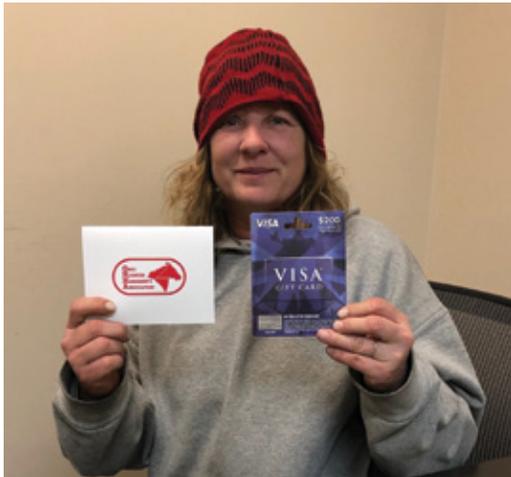
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# OUTSTANDING GROOMS

BY ASHLEY DAILEY

The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association would like to congratulate our outstanding groomers **Johnda Wilson and Brandon Curtis.**



Wilson got her start in 1998 with the late Ohio Hall of Fame trainer, Dan Ater. She returned to Ater Farm in 2020 as a full-time caretaker. Sarah Ater credits Wilson for going above and beyond in the barn. She ships and paddocks at the raceways and is always willing to come in on her day off. When she's not racing, Wilson spends her free time enjoying her grandchildren.



Curtis is from Wilmington and has worked for Brian Georges for five years. When he first started out, Curtis had no experience with horses. He began feeding in the evenings and gradually worked his way to greater responsibilities. Today, he can be found providing daily care as a groom and jogging horses on the track.

# TRACK NOTES



Adorabella hasn't let the new year stop her. The six-year-old daughter of Pet Rock has won her first four starts of 2022. Trained by Sam Schallaci, Adorabella has won her first four races this year at MGM Northfield Park and has now won nine of her last ten races at the track. Owned by Vincent Costa, Adorabella has won 25 times in 79 lifetime starts, earning \$186,651.

Mother Nature forced the cancellation of two days of racing at Miami Valley. The winter storm at the beginning of February forced the cancellation of the card on the 3rd. Freezing and thawing issues forced the cancellation of the race card on the 7th. Both race days were re-scheduled.



Clayton Pfeifer, weeks after being awarded his provisional driving license at the minimum age of 18, earned his first pari-mutuel victory in just his second start at Miami Valley Raceway on January 18. The rookie driver drove JLS Yankee Rose to victory. "I felt a lot more comfortable today than my first start," laughed the son of trainer Dustin Pfeifer. "I was pretty nervous my first race at a commercial track! I have won a couple county fair races, but this was far more exhilarating than my first victory two years ago at the Wellston Fair."

In January Aaron Merriman led drivers with five-win days. Merriman accomplished the feat five times which included winning seven races on January 26. Merriman won four times at the Meadows and three times at MGM Northfield Park. Hunter Myers won five races in a day four times in January including six on January 14. Myers won two races at the Meadows and four at Northfield. Billy Davis Jr., Chris Page, Kurt Sugg, and Ronnie Wrenn Jr. each had one five-win day. Page's big day was a six win day at Northfield Park on January 16.

## Safety Vests Required in Ohio

On March 1, 2022 anyone on track with a horse is required to wear a safety vest.

The Directive issued by the Ohio State Racing Commission in December states that safety vests must be worn when driving or warming up horses and must be worn under racing colors.

The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association has arranged discounts for members on two different safety vests certified for use in horse racing.

Tipperary Competitor vests can be purchased directly from the manufacturer for \$270 shipped. When

ordering from the Tipperary website, used Code: OHA10 for the discount. Big Dee's Tack and Vet Supplies will price match.

The OHHA will also have a limited supply of Australian manufactured VIPA II safety vests. The VIPA vests are also \$270 and are available for pick up, or from an OHHA Track Representative until sold out.

Anyone not wearing a safety vest will not be permitted on the track and will be fined. It is expected the inability to be on-track without a vest, and fines levied will make the purchase of a vest economical by comparison.

# 20 questions with Lauren Harmon



Lauren Harmon Photo: Angela Casilino

## How did you get started?

I was born into the harness racing business. I wanted to be a Thoroughbred jockey though. It wasn't until I was 15 or 16 when I started going to Hoosier Park during the summer and got into the race bike a few times that I was like "this is what I want to do."

## What originally attracted you to Thoroughbreds over Standardbreds?

There was a show called Jockeys. I knew nothing about Thoroughbreds other than watching them on TV.

## What's your first memory in the barn?

We had a horse named Tickled Pink. I don't remember if she was a trotter or a pacer, but I really liked her.

## Did your parents encourage you to stay in the industry?

They wanted me to go to school. My dad wanted me to be a veterinarian when I was little. Once they realized this was a dream, they weren't going to push me away from it. They didn't guide me into it until I was ready.

## What kind of influence does your dad have on your career?

I see him as a mentor. After each race we talk about rights and wrongs. He knows more than enough, and it's really helped me out a lot.

## You're both driving and training. Do you prefer one of the other?

Driving and training go hand in hand and they both are very tough. Neither comes easy. I think I would rather drive. It's fun to sit behind one during a race.

## What's been your favorite win so far?

The Great Lakes Amateur Drivers Association's Series Final at Northfield Park. I had just bought Emerald Chip and had driven him badly a couple times beforehand. Everything worked out in our favor.

## Do you feel different kind of pressure as a female driver?

Yes. There have been times I've been denied drives because I am a girl. You do take it to heart but at the same time, I use it to show them what I'm capable of. I recently went to Freehold Raceway and was second by a nose. I was very proud of myself.

## Do you have any tricks for calming your nerves before a race?

I try to think of it as just me and no one is watching. I know the risks, but I love the horse more than anything. I go out knowing I'm going to put myself in a good position and do my best.

## What's your favorite county fair?

Van Wert. That's the first Ohio fair I remember going to.

## Have you ever had any other jobs?

When I was in high school, I worked at Culver's for a year.

## What do you like to do outside of harness racing?

I like to go to the movies and hangout like anyone else my age. (Lauren is 21.)

## What was the last movie you watched?

The newest Spiderman. It was pretty good.

## Do you have any nicknames?

My family used to call me Larry. It stemmed from someone who used to work with us.

## Are you a dog or a cat person?

I like both, but I would say dogs.

## What's your favorite food?

Spaghetti.

## Did you play any sports in school?

Basketball.

## What's on your bucket list?

I would like to go skydiving. I think I would start with indoor skydiving and go from there.

## What's the best advice you've ever received?

Control what you can, but don't worry about all that you can't.

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

Thrilling.

# Kurt Sugg Reaches 5,000 Career Wins By Ayers Ratliff



Kurt Sugg made his 5,000th trip to the winner's circle after winning with Blue Speech in Northfield Park's sixth race on January 22.

Sugg sat in the pocket with Blue Speech, eventually rolling home in the passing lane and besting her competition by 1/2 length. The 1:57.1 clocking was the 8th career score for the five-year-old pacer.

The 52-year-old Sugg began driving in 1986. His 5,000 wins have helped him garner over \$29 million in purse earnings.

Sugg is a third-generation horseman and grew up immersed in harness racing. "I was nine when I jogged my first horse," recalled

Sugg. "I've been around horses all of my life and there was never a question what my career choice was going to be."

Sugg's richest win was a \$225,000 Ohio Sire Stakes Final in 2015 at Scioto Downs with Count On Kami.

Sugg said the best horses he has ever driving are World Champions Dunkster and Blast-away Sahbra.



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# *The Great American Harness Race*

# Be There!

BY ROGER E. HUSTON

For 44 years I served as the track announcer and TV host at The Meadows. That came to an end just over two years ago. At that time, I started a new venture as the Brand Ambassador for the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association.

This next chapter in my life had a major change after just a few short months when Covid-19 hit in February of 2020. Within a few weeks harness racing was shut down. When we were able to begin

A few months before my two-year contract was to expire, I made the decision to step back on the day-to-day activities and move back to my family in Pennsylvania. At the same time, I wanted to continue in some way with the OHHA. Thanks to everyone involved for giving me that opportunity to continue as your Brand Ambassador.

This year we will continue with the Freshmen Focus, county fair race broad-



racing without fans it was decided to broadcast qualifiers and later county fair races.

In 2021 the OHHA's coverage was expanded to every county fair in Ohio that offered harness racing. The schedule of covering 128 racing cards took its toll on this 78-year-old Ambassador along with many others who worked tirelessly to bring harness racing to those who couldn't make it to the fairs. We were able to develop new fans which made the effort even more meaningful.

casts and several Saturday Night at the Races.

As I enter my 63rd year of harness racing I continue to fill in for Barry Vicroy at Hollywood Dayton and Miami Valley. I also have called a few programs at The Meadows when Jeff Zidek was out of town. This year I have added a day at the Shenandoah County Fair in Woodstock, Virginia. I will be returning to call races at Mt. Vernon after several years absence and for the first time I will announce the fair in Athens County. These new dates will be added to those I have



announced in year's past including Hilliard, Carrollton, Lisbon, Xenia, Canfield and Delaware. As you can tell we will be quite busy this year.

With the down time this year I have spent many fun filled days and nights with the family.

I have renewed my love of high school hockey and basketball. I have even got back on the microphone at Canon McMillan High School for girls and boys basketball. When my daughter was in high school from 1998-2002, I worked her games as well.

Back in early November my daughter Nevele purchased an eight-week-old Cavapoo for her daughters. I must admit that cute dog has become a big part of my life. She has even got me now taking her for walks in the morning which is probably good for me.

It was a pleasure to come back and be a part of the OHHA-USHWA Awards Banquet this year. There was a great crowd in attendance, and it gave me the opportunity to see many lifelong friends. Congratulations to the award winners who had a great season of racing in 2021.

Ohio horsemen, breeders, owners, trainers, drivers, and caretakers should be proud of what you are accomplishing. Ohio is on the national stage, and it will become even more so in years to come. Some of you will receive awards at the upcoming Dan Patch Awards Dinner in Orlando this month. You are the best in harness racing, and you deserve every accolade.

**Until next time....Be There!**



## 2022 Breeders Crown Foreign Stallion Nomination Form



Up to 15 North American Foals of 2023 by Foreign Stallions may be made eligible to the Breeders Crown with a payment by **March 15, 2022** of a Foreign Stallion Nomination Fee equal to the amount of the North American advertised service fee for a 2022 breeding. (\$500 U.S. funds minimum)



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### Stallion Information



NAME of Stallion:	
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Stallion AGE:	North American Service Fee:
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Sire:	Dam:
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Nominator:	Sire of Dam:
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Farm & Country of Stallion:
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### Owner Information



Owner NAME:
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Owner ADDRESS:
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Owner EMAIL:	Owner PHONE:
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# PAYMENTS DUE

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## 2-YEAR-OLD TROTTING COLTS & GELDINGS

### ARDEN DOWNS No. 66

\$36,122 in 2021  
-\$200-

To be raced Friday, July 29 at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows and to remain eligible to the 3-year-old-race in 2023.

**Entrance Fee: \$400**

### BREEDERS CROWN® No. 36

\$600,000 Guaranteed in 2022  
-2nd Sustaining Payment: \$400-  
To race Friday, October 28 at Woodbine Mohawk Park  
Elimination heats, if necessary, will be raced Friday, October 21

*Schedule For Future Payments:*

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

**Entrance Fee: \$5,000**

To race as a 3-Year-Old in the 2023 BREEDERS CROWN® No. 36  
-Future Eligibility: \$500-

### CURRIER & IVES No. 48

\$99,370 in 2021  
-\$150-

Open. To remain eligible to 2023 race at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows

### DEXTER CUP STAKES 2023

\$154,112 in 2021  
-\$400-

Open. To remain eligible to 2023 race at Freehold Raceway

### HAMBLETONIAN® No. 98

A Triple Crown Event  
\$1,000,000 Guaranteed  
-\$500-

Open. To remain eligible to 2023 race at The Meadowlands

### HOOSIER STAKE No. 86

\$22,936 in 2021  
-\$50-

Colts & Geldings only. To be raced Wednesday, August 10 at the Indiana State Fair

Final Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$100

**Entrance Fee: \$200**

### HORSEMAN No. 114

\$31,560 in 2021  
-\$75-

SUPPLEMENTAL NOMINATION: \$300

Open. To remain eligible to the 2023 race at the Indiana State Fair

### KEYSTONE CLASSICS 2022 (Early Closer)

Early Closing Events For Pennsylvania-Sired 2-Year-Olds  
\$62,750 in 2021  
-\$200-

Colts & Geldings only. To be raced Wednesday, September 28 at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows

2nd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$400

**Entrance Fee: \$400**

### LANDMARK STAKE EARLY CLOSER

\$10,850 in 2021  
-\$150-

Open. To race Monday, July 4 at Goshen Historic Track  
2nd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$250

**Entrance Fee: \$300**

### LIBERTY BELL 2022 (Early Closer)

-\$75,000 Est. in 2022-  
-\$200-

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

To race Thursday, September 22 at Harrah's Philadelphia

2nd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$400

**Entrance Fee: \$400**

### MADISON COUNTY (Early Closer)

-\$100,000 Est. in 2022-  
-\$300-

Colts & Geldings only. To race Friday, September 23 at Harrah's Hoosier Park

2nd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$500

3rd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$500

**Entrance Fee: \$750**

### MATRON SERIES 2022 (Early Closer)

\$179,200 in 2021  
-\$300-

To be raced Thursday, November 3 at Dover Downs  
Top 8 format

2nd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$400

3rd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$500

**Entrance Fee: \$1,000**

### PENNSYLVANIA ALL-STARS 2022 (Early Closer)

Early Closing Events For Pennsylvania-Sired 2-Year-Olds  
-\$75,000 Est. in 2022-  
-\$200-

Colts & Geldings only. To be raced Monday, July 4 at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono

2nd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$400

**Entrance Fee: \$400**

### W.N. REYNOLDS MEMORIAL EARLY CLOSER (Judge Moore)

\$85,200 in 2021  
-\$300-

Colts & Geldings only. To be raced Friday, September 23 at Tioga Downs

Sustaining Payment Due, May 15: \$300

**Entrance Fee: \$500**

### JOHN SIMPSON SR. MEMORIAL EARLY CLOSER (Super Bowl)

\$130,000 in 2021  
-\$200-

Colts & Geldings only. To be raced Thursday, October 20 at Harrah's Philadelphia

Sustaining Payment Due, May 15: \$400

**Entrance Fee: \$400**

### TOMPKINS-GEERS EARLY CLOSER

\$48,400 in 2021  
-\$300-

Colts & Geldings only. To be raced Friday, June 17 at The Meadowlands

Sustaining Payment Due, May 15: \$300

**Entrance Fee: \$500**

### RALPH WILFONG No. 85

\$42,492 in 2021  
-\$200-

Open. To be raced Wednesday, August 10 at the Indiana State Fair

One heat only

Sustaining Payment Due, May 15: \$400

**Entrance Fee: \$600**

### MGM YONKERS TROT 2023

A Triple Crown Event  
\$500,000 in 2021  
-\$300-

Open. To remain eligible to 2023 race at Yonkers Raceway

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## 2-YEAR-OLD TROTTING FILLIES (FILLY DIVISION)

### ARDEN DOWNS No. 66

\$54,000 in 2021  
-\$200-

To be raced Friday, July 29 at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows and to remain eligible to the 3-year-old-race in 2023.

**Entrance Fee: \$400**

### BREEDERS CROWN® No. 36

\$600,000 Guaranteed in 2022

-2nd Sustaining Payment: \$400-

To race Friday, October 28 at Woodbine Mohawk Park  
Elimination heats, if necessary, will be raced Friday, October 21

*Schedule For Future Payments:*

3rd Sustaining Payment, April 15: \$500

4th Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$600

**Entrance Fee: \$5,000**

To race as a 3-Year-Old in the 2023 BREEDERS CROWN® No. 36  
-Future Eligibility: \$500-

### CURRIER & IVES No. 48

Filly Division - \$60,470 in 2021  
-\$100-

To remain eligible to 2023 race at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows

### DEXTER CUP STAKES 2023

Lady Suffolk - \$72,114 in 2021  
-\$200-

Open. To remain eligible to 2023 race at Freehold Raceway

### HAMBLETONIAN® No. 98

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

To remain eligible to 2023 race at The Meadowlands

### HOOSIER STAKE No. 86

\$24,848 in 2021  
-\$50-

To be raced Wednesday, August 10 at the Indiana State Fair  
Final Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$100  
**Entrance Fee: \$200**

### HORSEMAN No. 114

\$27,086 in 2021  
-\$75-

SUPPLEMENTAL NOMINATION: \$250  
To remain eligible to the 2023 race at the Indiana State Fair

### KENTUCKIANA STALLION MANAGEMENT TROT 2022 (Early Closer)

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

—2nd Sustaining Payment: \$500-

To race Friday, September 23 at Harrah's Hoosier Park

*Schedule for Sustaining Payments:*

3rd Sustaining Payment - \$500 -- due April 15

4th Sustaining Payment - \$1,000 -- due May 15

**Entrance Fee: \$1,500**

### KEYSTONE CLASSICS 2022 (Early Closer)

Early Closing Events For Pennsylvania-Sired 2-Year-Olds  
\$85,500 in 2021  
-\$200-

To be raced Thursday, September 29 at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows  
2nd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$400

**Entrance Fee: \$400**

### LANDMARK STAKE EARLY CLOSER

\$7,500 Est in 2022  
-\$75-

To race Monday, July 4 at Goshen Historic Track  
2nd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$125

**Entrance Fee: \$150**

### LIBERTY BELL 2022 (Early Closer)

-\$75,000 Est. in 2022-  
-\$200-

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

To race Sunday, September 18 at Harrah's Philadelphia

2nd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$400

**Entrance Fee: \$400**

### MATRON SERIES 2022 (Early Closer)

\$130,700 in 2021

-Nominating Fee: \$300-

To be raced Thursday, November 3 at Dover Downs  
Top 8 format

2nd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$400

3rd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$500

**Entrance Fee: \$1,000**

### PENNSYLVANIA ALL-STARS 2022 (Early Closer)

Early Closing Events For Pennsylvania-Sired 2-Year-Olds  
-\$75,000 Est. in 2022-  
-\$200-

To be raced Saturday, July 17 at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono  
2nd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$400

**Entrance Fee: \$400**

### W.N. REYNOLDS MEMORIAL EARLY CLOSER (The Meda)

\$71,200 in 2021

To be raced Friday, September 23 at Tioga Downs

Sustaining Payment Due, May 15: \$300

**Entrance Fee: \$500**

### JOHN SIMPSON SR. MEMORIAL EARLY CLOSER (Davidia Hanover)

\$120,900 in 2021  
-\$200-

To be raced Friday, October 28 at Harrah's Philadelphia  
Sustaining Payment Due, May 15: \$400

**Entrance Fee: \$400**

### TOMPKINS-GEERS EARLY CLOSER

\$44,600 in 2021  
-\$300-

To be raced Friday, June 17 at The Meadowlands  
Sustaining Payment Due, May 15: \$300

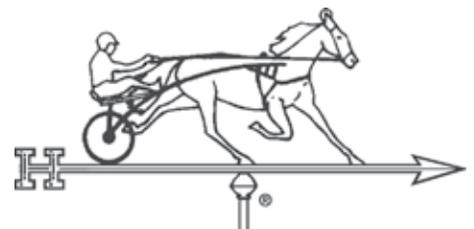
**Entrance Fee: \$500**

### YONKERS TROT 2023

New York New York Mile - \$175,000 in 2021  
-\$150-

To remain eligible to 2023 race at Yonkers Raceway

\*May transfer to open race at Declaration Time



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## 2-YEAR-OLD PACING COLTS & GELDINGS

### THE DELVIN MILLER ADIOS No. 57

\$450,000 in 2021  
-\$400-

Open. To remain eligible to the 2023 race  
at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows

### ARDEN DOWNS No. 66

\$42,070 in 2021  
-\$200-

Colts & Geldings only. To be raced Saturday, July 30  
at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows

**Entrance Fee: \$400**

### BREEDERS CROWN® No. 36

\$600,000 Guaranteed in 2022  
-2nd Sustaining Payment: \$400-  
To race Friday, October 28 at Woodbine Mohawk Park  
Elimination heats, if necessary, will be raced Friday, October 21

*Schedule For Future Payments:*  
3rd Sustaining Payment, April 15: \$500  
4th Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$600

**Entrance Fee: \$5,000**

To race as a 3-Year-Old in the 2023 BREEDERS CROWN® No. 36  
-Future Eligibility: \$500-

### CANE PACE 2023

A Triple Crown Event  
\$276,150 in 2021  
-\$400-

Open. To remain eligible to the 2023 race  
at The Meadowlands

### THE ELEVATION (Early Closer)

-\$125,000 Est. in 2022-  
-\$300-

Open. To be raced Friday, September 23  
at Harrah's Hoosier Park  
2nd Sustaining Payment - \$500 - April 15  
Final Sustaining Payment - \$500 - May 15

**Entrance Fee: \$750**

### FOX STAKE No. 96

\$60,631 in 2021  
-\$250-

Open. To be raced Wednesday, August 10  
at the Indiana State Fair  
One heat only

Final Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$450

**Entrance Fee: \$1,200**

### HOOSIER STAKE No. 86

\$22,991 in 2021  
-\$50-

Colts & Geldings only. To be raced Wednesday, August 10  
at the Indiana State Fair  
Final Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$100

**Entrance Fee: \$200**

### HORSEMAN No. 114

\$34,283 in 2021  
-\$75-

SUPPLEMENTAL NOMINATION: \$300  
Open. To remain eligible to the 2023 race  
at the Indiana State Fair

### KEYSTONE CLASSICS 2022 (Early Closer)

Early Closing Events For Pennsylvania-Sired 2-Year-Olds  
\$63,750 in 2021  
-\$200-

Colts & Geldings only. To be raced Friday, September 30  
at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows

2nd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$400

**Entrance Fee: \$400**

### LANDMARK STAKE EARLY CLOSER

\$11,350 in 2021  
-\$150-

Open. To race Monday, July 4 at Goshen Historic Track  
2nd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$250

**Entrance Fee: \$300**

### LIBERTY BELL 2022 (Early Closer)

-\$75,000 Est. in 2022-  
-\$200-

Pennsylvania-Sired Early Closing Event for  
2-Year-Old Colt & Gelding Pacers  
To race Friday, September 23 at Harrah's Philadelphia  
Sustaining Fee Due, May 15: \$400

**Entrance Fee: \$400**

### MATRON SERIES 2021 (Early Closer)

\$146,700 in 2021

-Nominating Fee: \$300-  
To be raced Thursday, November 3 at Dover Downs  
Top 8 format

2nd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$400

3rd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$500

**Entrance Fee: \$1,000**

### MGM GRAND MESSENGER STAKES 2023

A Triple Crown Event  
\$580,000 in 2021  
-\$300-

Open. To remain eligible to the 2023 race  
at Yonkers Raceway

### PENNSYLVANIA ALL-STARS 2022 (Early Closer)

Early Closing Events For Pennsylvania-Sired 2-Year-Olds  
-\$75,000 Est. in 2022-  
-\$200-

Colts & Geldings only. To be raced Sunday, July 10  
at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono  
2nd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$400

**Entrance Fee: \$400**

### PROGRESS PACE 2023

\$345,000 in 2021  
-\$300-

Open only. To remain eligible to the 2023 race  
at Dover Downs

### W.N. REYNOLDS MEMORIAL EARLY CLOSER (Solicitor)

\$87,200 in 2021  
-\$300-

Colts & Geldings only. To be raced Friday, September 23  
at Tioga Downs

Sustaining Fee Due, May 15: \$300

**Entrance Fee: \$500**

### JOHN SIMPSON SR. MEMORIAL EARLY CLOSER (Bret Hanover)

\$95,200 in 2021  
-\$200-

Colts & Geldings only. To be raced Sunday, October 16  
at Harrah's Philadelphia

Sustaining Payment Due, May 15: \$400

**Entrance Fee: \$400**

### TOMPKINS-GEERS EARLY CLOSER

\$61,300 in 2021  
-\$300-

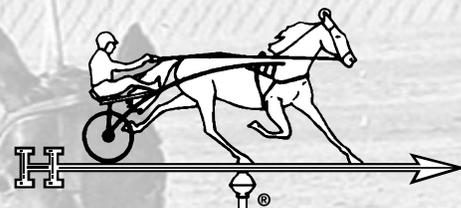
Colts & Geldings only. To be raced Friday, June 17  
at The Meadowlands

Sustaining Fee Due, May 15: \$300

**Entrance Fee: \$500**

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## 2-YEAR-OLD PACING FILLIES (FILLY DIVISION)

### THE DELVIN MILLER ADIOS No. 57

The Quinton Patterson Adioo Volo - \$106,745 in 2021  
-\$200-  
To remain eligible to the 2023 race  
at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows

### ARDEN DOWNS No. 66

\$41,270 in 2021  
-\$200-  
To be raced Saturday, July 30  
at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows  
**Entrance Fee: \$400**

### BREEDERS CROWN® No. 36

\$600,000 Guaranteed in 2022  
-2nd Sustaining Payment: \$400-  
To race Friday, October 28 at Woodbine Mohawk Park  
Elimination heats, if necessary, will be raced Friday, October 21  
*Schedule For Future Payments:*  
3rd Sustaining Payment, April 15: \$500  
4th Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$600  
**Entrance Fee: \$5,000**  
To race as a 3-Year-Old in the 2023 BREEDERS CROWN® No. 36  
-Future Eligibility: \$500-

### CANE PACE 2023

Shady Daisy - \$97,550 in 2021  
-\$200-  
To remain eligible to the 2023 race  
at The Meadowlands

### HOOSIER STAKE No. 86

\$26,498 in 2021  
-\$50-  
To be raced Wednesday, August 10  
at the Indiana State Fair  
Final Sustaining Payment, May 15: \$100  
**Entrance Fee: \$200**

### HORSEMAN No. 114

\$26,811 in 2021  
-\$75-  
SUPPLEMENTAL NOMINATION: \$250  
To remain eligible to the 2023 race at the Indiana State Fair

### KENTUCKIANA STALLION MANAGEMENT PACE 2022 (Early Closer)

2-Year-Old Filly Pace -- Open To The World  
\$200,000 Estimated  
-2nd Sustaining Payment: \$500-  
To race Friday, September 23 at Harrah's Hoosier Park  
*Schedule for Sustaining Payments:*  
3rd Sustaining payment - \$500 -- due April 15  
4th Sustaining payment - \$1,000 -- due May 15  
**Entrance Fee: \$1,500**

### KEYSTONE CLASSICS 2022 (Early Closer)

Early Closing Events For Pennsylvania-Sired 2-Year-Olds  
\$66,900 in 2021  
-\$200-  
To be raced Thursday, September 29  
at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows  
2nd & Final Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$400  
**Entrance Fee: \$400**

### LANDMARK STAKE EARLY CLOSER

\$9,525 in 2021  
-\$75-  
To be raced Monday, July 4 at Goshen Historic Track  
2nd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$125  
**Entrance Fee: \$150**

### LIBERTY BELL 2022 (Early Closer)

-\$75,000 Est. in 2022-  
-\$200-  
Pennsylvania-Sired Early Closing Event for  
2-Year-Old Filly Pacers  
To race Sunday, September 18 at Harrah's Philadelphia  
Sustaining Fee Due, May 15: \$400  
**Entrance Fee: \$400**

### MATRON SERIES 2022 (Early Closer)

\$145,100 in 2021  
- Nominating Fee: \$300-  
To be raced Thursday, November 3 at Dover Downs  
Top 8 format  
2nd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$400  
3rd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$500  
**Entrance Fee: \$1,000**

### MGM GRAND MESSENGER STAKES 2023

Park MGM Pace - \$200,000 in 2021  
-\$150-  
To remain eligible to the 2023 race  
at Yonkers Raceway

### PENNSYLVANIA ALL-STARS 2022 (Early Closer)

Early Closing Events For Pennsylvania-Sired 2-Year-Olds  
-\$75,000 Est. in 2022-  
-\$200-  
To be raced Saturday, July 16 at The Downs at  
Mohegan Sun Pocono  
2nd Sustaining Fee, May 15: \$400  
**Entrance Fee: \$400**

### W.N. REYNOLDS MEMORIAL EARLY CLOSER (Lorraine)

\$76,300 in 2021  
-\$300-  
To be raced Friday, September 23 at Tioga Downs  
Sustaining Fee Due, May 15: \$300  
**Entrance Fee: \$500**

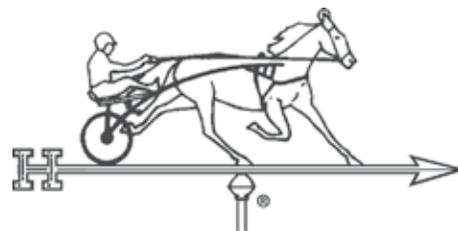
### JOHN SIMPSON SR. MEMORIAL EARLY CLOSER (Razzle)

\$97,820 in 2021  
-\$200-  
To be raced Friday, October 21 at Harrah's Philadelphia  
Sustaining Payment Due, May 15: \$400  
**Entrance Fee: \$400**

### TOMPKINS-GEERS EARLY CLOSER

-\$50,000 Est. in 2022-  
-\$300-  
To be raced Friday, June 17 at The Meadowlands  
Sustaining Fee Due, May 15: \$300  
**Entrance Fee: \$500**

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## 3-YEAR-OLD EVENTS

### BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL TROT (New Early Closer in 2022)

-\$100,000 Est. in 2022-  
-\$300-

Open. To race Monday, May 16 at Plainridge Park Casino  
**Entrance Fee: \$200**

### BREEDERS CROWN® No. 35

Each of the four 3-year-old finals will be guaranteed \$600,000 in 2022  
-\$800 (all payments in US Funds)-  
To race Saturday, October 29, at Woodbine Mohawk Park  
Elimination heats, if necessary, will be raced Saturday, October 22  
(A February 15th 3-year-old payment was necessary)  
3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$900  
For more information about supplements and regular entries,  
please contact the office  
**Entrance Fee: \$7,500**

### CIRCLE CITY (Early Closer)

-\$65,000 Est. in 2022-  
-\$300-

All divisions to be raced Friday, October 28  
at Harrah's Hoosier Park  
**Entrance Fee: \$300**

### CROSSROADS OF AMERICA 2021 (Early Closer)

Early Closer For 3-year-old Filly Trotters  
-\$100,000 Est. in 2022-  
-\$1,000-

Open. To race Friday, November 4 at Harrah's Hoosier Park  
**Entrance Fee: \$1,000**

### CARL ERSKINE 2022 (Early Closer)

-\$200,000 Est. in 2022-  
-\$1,000-

Open. To race Friday, November 4 at Harrah's Hoosier Park  
3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$1,000  
**Entrance Fee: \$2,000**

### DELMONICA HANOVER (Early Closer)

-\$250,000 Guaranteed in 2022-  
-Consolation #1: \$125,000 Guaranteed in 2022-  
-Consolation #2: \$75,000 Guaranteed in 2022-  
-\$1,000-

To race Saturday, August 20 at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono  
3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$1,500  
**Entrance Fee: \$2,000**  
Consolation #1 Entrance Fee: \$1,000  
Consolation #2 Entrance Fee: None

### EARL BEAL JR. MEMORIAL (Early Closer)

-\$300,000 Guaranteed in 2022-  
-Consolation #1: \$200,000 Guaranteed in 2022-  
-Consolation #2: \$100,000 Guaranteed in 2022-  
-\$1,250-

To race Saturday, August 20 at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono  
3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$1,500  
**Entrance Fee: \$3,000**  
Consolation #1 Entrance Fee: \$1,500  
Consolation #2 Entrance Fee: \$750

### JAMES LYNCH MEMORIAL (Early Closer)

-\$250,000 Guaranteed in 2022-  
-Consolation #1: \$125,000 Guaranteed in 2022-  
-Consolation #2: \$75,000 Guaranteed in 2022-  
-\$1,000-

To race Saturday, August 20 at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono  
3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$1,500  
**Entrance Fee: \$2,000**  
Consolation #1 Entrance Fee: \$1,000  
Consolation #2 Entrance Fee: None

### JENNA'S BEACH BOY 2022 (Early Closer)

Early Closer For 3-year-old Colt and Gelding Pacers  
-\$150,000 Est. in 2022-  
-\$750-

To race Friday, September 23 at Harrah's Hoosier Park  
3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$750  
**Entrance Fee: \$2,000**

### KEYSTONE CLASSICS 2022 (Early Closer)

For Pennsylvania-Sired 3-Year-Olds  
\$263,550 Total 3-Year-Old Purses in 2021  
-2nd & Final Sustaining Payment: \$400-  
To be raced at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows  
3-year-old Filly Trot on Wednesday, September 14  
3-year-old Colt & Gelding Trot on Thursday, September 15  
3-year-old Filly Pace on Friday, September 16  
3-year-old Colt & Gelding Pace on Saturday, September 17  
**Entrance Fee: \$400**

### LANDMARK STAKE EARLY CLOSER

\$50,000 Est. total in 2022-  
-\$250 Colts/\$125 Fillies-  
All divisions to race Monday, July 4  
at Goshen Historic Track  
**Entrance Fee - \$500 Colts/\$250 Fillies**

### LIBERTY BELL 2022 (Early Closer)

-\$75,000 Est. in 2022-  
-\$400-

Pennsylvania-Sired Early Closing Event for 3-Year-Olds  
To race be raced at Harrah's Philadelphia  
3-year-old Colt & Gelding Trot on Thursday, September 22  
3-year-old Filly Trot on Friday, September 23  
3-year-old Colt & Gelding Pace & Filly Pace on  
Sunday, September 25  
**Entrance Fee: \$400**

### MATRON SERIES 2022 (Early Closer)

\$598,600 Total 3-Year-Old Purses in 2021  
-2nd Payment: \$600-  
To be raced at Dover Downs on Thursday, November 10  
Top 8 format.  
3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$750  
**Entrance Fee: \$1,500**

### MAX HEMPT MEMORIAL (Early Closer)

-\$300,000 Guaranteed in 2022-  
-Consolation #1: \$200,000 Guaranteed in 2022-  
-Consolation #2: \$100,000 Guaranteed in 2022-  
-\$1,250-  
To race Saturday, August 20 at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono  
3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$1,500  
**Entrance Fee: \$3,000**  
Consolation #1 Entrance Fee: \$1,500  
Consolation #2 Entrance Fee: \$750

### MONUMENT CIRCLE (Early Closer)

-\$200,000 Est. in 2021-  
-\$1,000-  
Colts & Geldings only. To race Friday, November 4  
at Harrah's Hoosier Park  
3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$1,000  
**Entrance Fee: \$2,000**

### PEGASUS SERIES (Early Closer)

-\$60,000 Est. in 2022-  
-\$300-  
All divisions to be raced on Friday, October 21  
at Harrah's Hoosier Park  
**Entrance Fee: \$300**

### PENNSYLVANIA ALL-STARS 2022 (Early Closer)

-\$75,000 Est. in 2022-  
-\$400-  
Pennsylvania-Sired Early Closing Event for 3-Year-Old  
Pacers & Trotters  
To race be raced at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono:  
3-year-old Filly Pace on Sunday, May 8  
3-year-old Colt & Gelding Pace on Sunday, May 15  
3-year-old Colt & Gelding Trot on Sunday, May 22  
3-year-old Filly Trot on Sunday, June 5  
**Entrance Fee: \$400**

### PHIL LANGLEY MEMORIAL 2022

-\$100,000 Est. in 2022-  
-\$1,000-  
Open. To race Friday, September 23  
at Harrah's Hoosier Park  
**Entrance Fee: \$1,000**

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## 3-YEAR-OLD EVENTS

### PAUL REVERE PACE (New Early Closer in 2022)

-\$100,000 Est. in 2022-  
-\$300-

Open. To race Thursday, April 28 at Plainridge Park Casino

**Entrance Fee: \$200**

### W.N. REYNOLDS MEMORIAL EARLY CLOSER

-\$250,000 Estimated in Total 3-Year-Old Purses in 2022-  
-\$300-

To be raced at The Meadowlands:  
3-year-old Colt & Gelding Trot on Friday, July 1  
3-year-old Filly Trot on Friday, July 1

To be raced at Yonkers Raceway:  
3-year-old Colt & Gelding Pace on Friday, May 6  
3-year-old Filly Pace on Friday, May 6

**Entrance Fee: \$500**

### JOHN SIMPSON SR. MEMORIAL EARLY CLOSER

-\$75,000 Est. in 2022-  
-\$400-

To be raced at Harrah's Philadelphia  
3-year-old Colt & Gelding Pace on Thursday, October 27  
3-year-old Colt & Gelding Trot on Friday, October 28  
3-year-old Filly Pace & Trot on Sunday, October 30

**Entrance Fee: \$400**

### STAR DESTROYER SERIES (Early Closer)

-\$50,000 Est. in 2022-  
-\$300-

All divisions to be raced on Friday, November 18  
at Harrah's Hoosier Park

**Entrance Fee: \$300**

### THANKSGIVING CLASSIC SERIES

-\$50,000 Est. in 2022-  
-\$300-

All divisions to be raced Friday, November 25  
at Harrah's Hoosier Park

**Entrance Fee: \$300**

### TOMPKINS-GEERS EARLY CLOSER

\$330,900 Total 3-Year-Old Purses in 2021  
-\$300-

To be raced at The Meadowlands  
3-year-old Colt & Gelding Trot on Saturday, July 23  
3-year-old Filly Trot on Saturday, July 23  
3-year-old Colt & Gelding Pace on Saturday, July 30  
3-year-old Filly Pace on Saturday, July 30

**Entrance Fee: \$500**

### USS INDIANAPOLIS MEMORIAL 2022 (Early Closer)

Early Closer For 3-year-old Filly Pacers  
-\$100,000 Est. in 2022-  
-\$1,000-

Open. To race Friday, November 4 at Harrah's Hoosier Park

**Entrance Fee: \$1,000**

## 3-YEAR-OLD AND OPEN EVENTS

### BREEDERS CROWN® No. 34

For 3-Year-Old & Older Pacers & Trotters -  
\$600,000 Guaranteed

To race Saturday, October 29, at Woodbine Mohawk Park  
Elimination heats, if necessary, will be raced  
Saturday, October 22

(A February 15th open payment was necessary)

-\$1,500-

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

**Entrance Fee: \$10,000**

### BREEDERS CROWN® MARE TROT & PACE No. 34

For 3-Year-Old & Older Pacers & Trotters -  
\$350,000 Guaranteed

To race Saturday, October 29, at Woodbine Mohawk Park  
Elimination heats, if necessary, will be raced  
Saturday, October 22

-\$1,000-

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

**Entrance Fee: \$5,000**

### CAESAR'S TROTting CLASSIC 2022 (Early Closer)

For 3-Year-Old & Older Trotters  
-\$200,000 Est. in 2022-  
-\$1,500-

Open. To race Friday, September 23 at  
Harrah's Hoosier Park

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

**Entrance Fee: \$2,000**

### CLARA BARTON DISTAFF PACE (Early Closer)

For 3-Year-Old and Older Mare Pacers  
-\$100,000 Guaranteed in 2022-  
-\$1,000-

To race Sunday, July 24 at Plainridge Park Casino

**Entrance Fee: \$1,500**

### DAN PATCH 2022 (Early Closer)

For Free For All Pacers  
-\$300,000 Est. in 2022-  
-\$1,500-

Open. To race Friday, August 12 at Harrah's Hoosier Park

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

**Entrance Fee: \$2,500**

### DAYTON DISTAFF DAYTON OAKS DAYTON PACING AND TROTting DERBY 2022 (Early Closer)

For 3-Year-Old & Older Pacers & Trotters  
-\$250,000 Guaranteed each in 2022-  
-\$1,250-

To race Saturday, October 1 at Hollywood Gaming  
at Dayton Raceway

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

**Entrance Fee: \$2,500**

### HOOSIER PARK PACING DERBY 2022 (Early Closer)

For Free For All Pacers  
-\$175,000 Est. in 2022-  
-\$2,000-

Open. To race Friday, September 23  
at Harrah's Hoosier Park

**Entrance Fee: \$1,500**

### SPIRIT OF MASSACHUSETTS TROT (Early Closer)

For 3-Year-Old and Older Trotters  
-\$250,000 Guaranteed in 2022-  
-\$1,500-

To race Sunday, July 24 at Plainridge Park Casino

**Entrance Fee: \$2,500**

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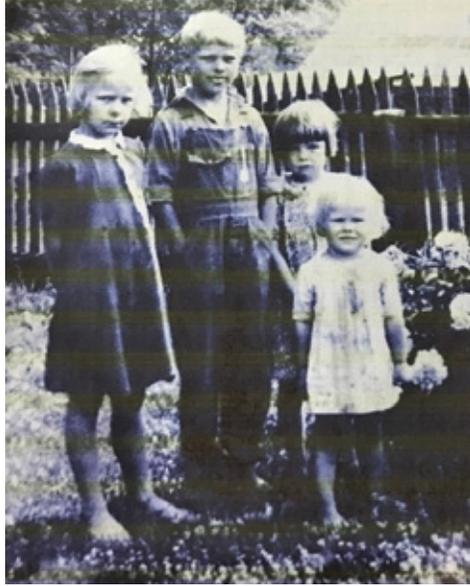
# Two Fans at a Time

By Thom Pye



and Rebecca Lynne built a new home in Tipp City five years later in 1968.

At age 35, Preston decided to take up jogging and several years later Betty - seeing the improvements in his health and wellbeing - joined him. They became gold medalists



They were both born in Pike County after America had finally emerged from the grips of the Great Depression but like many places in rural Ohio it lingered a little while longer. They did not know anything about that because of a strong support system called family. Betty had three sisters and two brothers while Preston Hopper's squad consisted of four brothers and five sisters. His earliest memories of the Fair would be rushing to get the chores done - and there were plenty of them - in time so they could pack a picnic lunch and watch the harness races. Betty's most vivid memory was going on the carousel with her aunt and holding onto the brass rail for dear life as it spun her around. This would be the same little kid who would climb every tree and barn rafter to get out onto the rooftops.

Their farms were 20 miles apart in the sparsely populated county and they each attended 4-room elementary schools with two classes in each. They did not meet until high school as sophomores and then began dating.

With graduation they found work in Columbus and began life's journey together on June 28, 1958.

The young couple moved to Dayton to start their careers, built their first house in New Lebanon and with daughters Linda Anne

in the 5k and 10k marathons for their age group numerous times and competed for three decades.

Since they were always there to cheer the girls on in their sports and other social endeavors, it was only fitting that their youngest daughter Becky would become their biggest supporter to cheer them on.



Even though they eventually retired from competitive marathon running 12 years ago they kept themselves on the go with biking, home repairs, and following the four grandchildren (Bryce, Jurney, Grace, and Trevor) sports and school stuff.

"After all," Betty would grin, "why should they have all the fun?"

In 2016 they decided to see some of Ohio's Fair. They fell in love with the excitement. Now, instead of being the competitors they could watch the horses compete. They started at Miami County and have expanded their 8,000 plus mile tour to include Clinton, Franklin, Greene, Preble, Warren, Fayette, Shelby, Auglaize, Ross, Champaign, Mercer, Darke, Allen, and Delaware counties, enjoying all of the races.

"Ohio," adds Betty, "is simply beautiful."

A couple of years ago, after being the recipients of their grandparents prizes won from the various fairs hearing all the hoopla about "Pap" always picking winners, Trevor and his girlfriend Katie accompanied Pres and Betty to the races at the Miami County Fair.

Citing the two as his "good luck charms" Pap had a day and picked the winners of the first seven races. Their enthusiasm was contagious and with each win the growing crowd would ask "Hey young fella, who does Pap pick in here?"

"Pap likes..." Trevor would announce and the group of supporters would lean in to catch the name.

After a day of 9 wins out of 11 races Pap studied the final contest and said "Nugget will win this!"



top of the stretch he had weaved his way into contention and was under a drive.

Trevor and Katie matched his stride for stride as they hopped and jumped and yelled in tandem to the wire and Nugget came from behind and won to the roar of his supporters. Everyone cheered and high-fived each other and slapped each other on the back.

"Who?" they asked questioningly as they looked at the unimpressive lines in program.

"Nugget will win," Pap assured them.

"Pap likes Nugget," called out Trevor to their followers. "Chicken nugget," he added with a laugh as the race went off.

The horse got away a nondescript seventh but then as the race unfolded, he started to pick up horses. By the time the field hit the

It was a day that would be recalled quite a few times and has since become part of the family folklore.

"It was the greatest race ever!" Betty would say. "That's what we were hoping our grandson would get to see: How beautiful race-horses are and how much fun and thrill it is to watch these wonderful, powerful creatures. Trevor and Katie just loved it!"



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# YOUNG AG PROFESSIONALS VISIT MIAMI VALLEY

BY ASHLEY DAILEY



The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association played host to over a dozen young adults at Miami Valley Raceway as part of the Young Ag Professionals 2022 Winter Leadership Experience on Friday, January 28th.

Young Agricultural Professionals (YAP) are Farm Bureau members ages 18 to 35 who work or are receiving an education in Ohio's broad agriculture industry. The Winter Leadership Experience provides an opportunity to build personal and professional skills, network, and fosters new interests.

The OHHA's extended learning session focused on Standardbred racehorses as athletes. Attendees met with local trainers to learn what it takes to get a horse to performance level. Race Secretary Gregg Keidel, Identifier Debbie Cox, and Driver Austin Hanners spoke to the group about careers and how their position protects the horse as a competitor. The afternoon concluded with an opportunity to feel the action inside the Woebkenberg Starting Gate.

The OHHA extends a sincere thank you to all those involved with the production of this program.

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## OHIO BREEDERS AWARD REQUIREMENTS

### Ohio Breeders Award Requirements

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Regularly Scheduled Meeting Recap

Wednesday, December 15, 2021 *By Renée Mancino*

*Roll Call, all Commissioners in-person attendance except Commissioner Patmon present by telephone.*

In normal business for the Commission, Executive Director Chris Dragone's Report and Approval items were introduced, and the November 17, 2021, minutes were offered for ratification. There were no documents related to the Executive Director's approvals disclosed or provided to those in attendance. The discussion regarding the Executive Director's approval request indicated normal and customary approvals. There was added discussion that the meeting minutes were noted "as amended" by Commissioner Thomas Winters. The Racing Commission unanimously ratified the Executive Director's Approval and Report items and the November 17, 2021, Meeting Minutes.

No agenda item concerning the Caesars Scio-to Downs Grandstand.

Consideration of Thistledown and Miami Valley Gaming 2022 Racing Dates was discussed and considered. Chairman Borgemenke thanked everyone for their cooperation and there were comments that Miami Valley Gaming's application required amendment due to the loss of named Associate Judges. The Associate Judges would be amended and re-submitted. The Racing Commission unanimously approved Thistledown and Miami Valley Gaming's live dates with the amendment to follow.

In the matter of Trish Shepard was removed from the agenda to the next scheduled monthly Racing Commission meeting.

The Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund for 2022 was discussed and offered for ratification. A meeting occurred December 8, 2021, to approve the 2022 Thoroughbred stakes program. A follow-up meeting would be held January 12 to finalize the program. Clarified was a change permitting a drop from seven horse fields to six horse fields without cancellation. The Thoroughbred Race Fund balance was \$100,000. The Racing Commission unanimously approved the Thoroughbred Race Fund program for 2022.

The Ohio Standardbred Development Committee Meeting held November 18, 2021, was discussed. Due to many aspects of the 2022 program remaining undecided by the Standardbred Development Fund Committee

there was no ratification of the program for 2022. The Standardbred Development Fund balance is at \$500,000. Ratification would be held over to a later date.

A recap on the horse racing fatalities was provided by Racing Commission Consulting Veterinarian, Dr. James Robertson. It was noted that the numbers reported since 2009 are for training and racing related catastrophic breakdowns, analogous to the Jockey Club's reporting requirements for sudden deaths that occur during training, racing, or 72 hours after a race. To date the report on catastrophic losses included two thoroughbreds and one standardbred. Year-to-date 2021 catastrophic losses are forty thoroughbred fatalities (thirty-five racing and six training) and seven Standardbred fatalities (all racing) for a combined total of 47. There was discussion on the total number of "sudden and catastrophic loss" as compared to nationwide statistics. There was added discussion on pre-race and post-race examinations with an opinion that they may require clear blood tests to take a horse off the vet's list and not just permit release after observation or requalification.

The monthly commission financial report was provided by Fiscal Officer Sherry White. Fiscal year 2022 overall had a year-over-year revenue increase of 47% due to the casino commission release and other tax revenue up over last year. Year-over-year expenses are up. Increased expenses were attributed mainly to audit costs of over \$15,000, payroll (up 10%), parking, and travel expenses. The Biennial Budget is \$15,000 ahead of projections. The Racing Commission Operating Fund has just over \$2.5 million through November in the fund.

Commissioner Hansen provided a Medication and Testing Committee. The prior meeting anticipated that the December Racing Commission meeting would provide a Resolution on furosemide and aminocaproic acid. That resolution was held over to at least the January 2022 monthly meeting due to the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) and their deadline date for rules promulgation of December 2, 2021. The HISA Committee has backed-off the July 1, 2022, deadline for medication and testing and is still negotiating with the United States Anti-Doping Agency for handling medication and testing nationwide. There have been multiple versions of the proposed regulations to be submitted with the

Federal Trade Commission. There hasn't been clear consensus or acceptance of the proposed regulations. The regulations that have been proposed are more expansive than the authority that has been given to the HISA legislation. The HISA Committee plans to have one-on-one meetings with state regulators in the future to determine implementation, however no timeline has been set for the meetings. Discussion regard the HISA Committee's statement that states that refuse to come to the table or opt-in will be to shut off the interstate simulcasting signal. Concern with the process that implementation suddenly will be disastrous to the industry.

Commissioner Simpson Chairman of the Safety Committee recapped the meeting held November 9, 2021. Topics of discussion were primarily head numbers, safety vests, and emergency response protocols. Directive put into effect requires safety vests March 1, 2022, vests must be able to be worn under racing colors. The rule will be like the existing thoroughbred rule and require a safety vest for anyone seated behind a horse when racing or training. Head numbers at the pari-mutuel racetracks and racing fairs were also discussed and eliminated. To retain the use of head numbers at the racing fairs they must request permission to use from the Racing Commission.

Chairman Borgemenke provided Chairman's comments and asked for a moment of silence for friends and family of Dr. Langford.

There was further business to conduct in executive session related to Racing Commission employment and personnel and ongoing litigation issues. After the executive session no further business would be conducted, so the motion and vote were taken to adjourn the general session meeting and enter executive session.

For a transcript of the meeting contact the Ohio State Racing Commission. The next scheduled Racing Commission meeting date is January 19, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in person only at the Riffe Building in Room 1948. The Agenda and Meeting Information can be found at the Ohio State Racing Commission's website at, <http://www.racingohio.net>.

# Regularly Scheduled Meeting Recap

Wednesday, January 19, 2022 *By Renée Mancino*

*Roll Call, all Commissioners in-person attendance except Commissioner Patmon present by telephone.*

In normal business for the Commission, Executive Director Chris Dragone's Report and Approval items were introduced, and the December 15, 2021, minutes were offered for ratification. There were no documents related to the Executive Director's approvals disclosed or provided to those in attendance. The discussion regarding the Executive Director's approval request indicated normal and customary approvals. There was added discussion that the meeting minutes were noted "as amended" by Commissioner Thomas Winters. The Racing Commission unanimously ratified the Executive Director's Approval and Report items and the December 15, 2021, Meeting Minutes.

No agenda item concerning the Caesars Scioto Downs Grandstand.

Consideration and approval of Resolution 2022-01 4th Quarter Casino Commission Revenue Distribution January 12, 2022, from the Casino Tax of \$2,322,888.63. \$441,348.84 was distributed each to the Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund and Ohio Standardbred Development Fund. \$116,144.43 each to MGM Northfield Park, and Miami Valley Gaming, and to the Ohio State Racing Commission for support of commercial operations. \$116,144.43 to the Ohio State Racing Commission escrow fund held at the Racing Commission's discretion on distribution to Eldorado Scioto Downs, \$83,207.11 to Hollywood Gaming at Mahoning Valley purse pool, \$78,606.40 to Belterra Park purse pool, \$89,648.10 to JACK Thistledown purse pool, \$99,375.32 to Miami Valley Gaming and Racing purse pool, \$351,888.52 to MGM Northfield Purse Pool, \$155,372.52 to Eldorado Scioto purse pool, and \$117,515.25 to Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway purse pool. Commissioner Thomas Winters questioned distribution of commercial operation monies to MGM Northfield due to the VICI transaction closure and concerns regarding safety at the facility. John Oberle with Ice Miller representing VICI Properties provided detail that closure on the MGM purchase by VICI is not expected until June 30, 2022. On this issue, Mr. Oberle appealed to continue distribution until the property sale and closure is complete. Safety issue concerns were discussed as unrelated, and consensus

was not to escrow the commercial operation monies on that basis. The Racing Commission unanimously approved Resolution 2022-01 including escrow on the commercial operation monies for Eldorado Scioto Downs.

The Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund stakes schedule for 2022 was discussed and offered for ratification after meeting January 12, 2022, to finalize the program. Racing Commission unanimously approved the Thoroughbred Race Fund stakes schedule for 2022.

A recap on the horse racing fatalities was provided by Racing Commission Consulting Veterinarian, Dr. James Robertson. It was noted that the numbers reported since 2009 are for training and racing related catastrophic breakdowns, analogous to the Jockey Club's reporting requirements for sudden deaths that occur during training, racing, or 72 hours after a race. To date in 2022 the report on catastrophic losses includes two thoroughbreds and two standardbreds, for a statewide total of four. The 2021 summary numbers on catastrophic loss included forty-one thoroughbreds (thirty-six racing, five training) and seven standardbreds (all racing). The thoroughbred loss rate was 2.25 per 1,000 starts with 16,839 racehorse starts in Ohio in 2021. There is no comparison on standardbred per-start rates, the total number of standardbred starts hasn't yet been calculated. There is no comparison data from the Jockey Club on nationwide statistics yet for 2021. In discussing trends in contributing factors on loss, higher numbers were attributed to shorter-distance races such as six-furlong races. Dr. Robertson also discussed bisphosphates and the relationship to younger thoroughbred loss statistics and indications of increased risk with age.

The monthly commission financial report was provided by Fiscal Officer Sherry White. December 2021 overall had a year-over-year revenue increase of \$22,000 due to strong year-over-year revenue. The budget is \$30,000 above revenue projections on an annual basis. Year-over-year expenses are up 15%. Increased expenses were attributed mainly to payroll, large Attorney General's expenses, rent, ARCI dues, and fine monies being paid out for horsemen's events. Under horse racing law from one year to the next, the Racing Commission's revenue cannot be 6% over the prior year or the excess is sent to the State of Ohio's general fund. With the racing shut-down in 2020 a revenue provision in the revised code is

triggered, resulting in a claw-back in revenue based on the 2021 excess over 2020. The revenue claw back occurs within the Standardbred Development Fund and Thoroughbred Race Fund. December's deposit to the Standardbred Development fund was clawed-back and January's payment will likely be the same.

Commissioner Simpson Chairman of the Safety Committee topics of discussion were post time lag, the accident at MGM Northfield, and safety protocols. Chairman Scott Borgemenke expressed gratitude for those that engaged in what was heroic action in the face of a terrible accident at MGM Northfield on January 1, 2022. Praise was given to the outrider and veterinarians for doing all they could to prevent an even larger disaster. The fact that this occurred at a backstretch facility was one reason the five horses could be tended so quickly. There were three fully licensed veterinarians on the track within 5-15 minutes of the time the accident occurred. At the ship-in only locations the ability to react is of concern if the circumstances are similar without as many veterinarians present. Chairman Borgemenke commented from COVID, to animals, to track surfaces, he wanted, "the racinos to understand we are not here so the casino side can operate, we need to be serious about safety." Evaluation, discussion, and change will require capital assessment on facilities for safety and other items to evaluate the state of safety in racing. Protocols and information pipeline need to be put in place and standardized.

Horsing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) update January 11-18, 2022, the Association of Racing Commissioners International had update meetings. December 23, 2021, United States Antidoping Agency (USADA) issued a press release formally pulling out of the negotiations with the HISA Committee to act as the regulatory medication and testing agent. No other entities outside of USADA can handle this role, Comprehensive Center for Drug Testing, Center for Drug Free Sports, United States Equestrian Federation, or the Association of Racing Commissioner's International's Racetrack Medication and Testing Committee. None are qualified or capable. The HISA Committee hired an Executive Director, Lisa Lazarus. The HISA Committee also presented a cost analysis for thoroughbred only administrative costs. Based upon a 50% number of starts and 50% cost for total purses paid out by state and racetrack the HISA Committee provided an overview of the cost per start, per

# Regularly Scheduled Safety Committee Meeting Recap

Tuesday, February 2, 2022 *By Renée Mancino*

\$1 million in HISA budget costs. For Ohio's thoroughbred racetracks per \$1M it would add \$3.03 per start to each racehorse start. The costs for medication and testing were not able to easily be calculated from the discussions and continue to be estimated at a cost prohibitive level. If the Racing Commissions opt-out, then the cost shifts to the racetracks to pay for all covered persons in that state. The only cost approximations were given for thoroughbreds. The HISA Committee is struggling with implementation with thoroughbred racing and have not discussed or considered standardbred racing. What are purported to be the final HISA regulations were released for comment with the Federal Trade Commission, 3-4,000 of the regulations covered medication and testing. Proposed regulations had significant concerns. The federal regulations would add at least six people per racing commission as federal agents (HISA Stewards) that work in tandem with the state racing commissions on location in each state. There were also practical issues with out-of-competition testing, veterinary licensing and reporting requirements, racehorse shoes and equipment provisions, and other items that were clearly advanced by those with no practical industry knowledge or scientific basis for the regulation. The HISA Committee has commented that absent a regulation being in clear violation of the law they were not going to amend any of the proposed regulations. The Racing Commission was going to contact and coordinate with the Ohio Attorney General's office considering their amicus curiae brief filing into federal Eastern District of Kentucky case 5:21-cv-00104-JMH Oklahoma v. United States.

There was further business to conduct in executive session related to Racing Commission related to employment, personnel, and legal issues. After the executive session no further business would be conducted, so the motion and vote were taken to adjourn the general session meeting and enter executive session.

For a transcript of the meeting contact the Ohio State Racing Commission. The next scheduled Racing Commission meeting date is February 23, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in person only at the Riffe Building in Room 1948. The Agenda and Meeting Information can be found at the Ohio State Racing Commission's website at, <http://www.racingohio.net>.

After a well-attended February 1, 2022, meeting and discussion on accident safety and protocol, the Ohio State Racing Commission Safety Committee put forth three main points to investigate and move forward on with a pilot program for racing safety in Ohio to be introduced by the end of the first quarter of 2022.

(1) The use of a multi-colored (green, yellow, red) light and siren system that can be put into place to warn those during warm up and racing of potential issues. Green lights indicate no known issues, yellow caution in a non-emergent incident, and red with a siren in the case of an immediate stop all activity (or declare a "no contest" race) and move off the racetrack as quickly and safely as possible.

There was no pushback during discussion on the three-light system. There was discussion that no member of racetrack management be responsible for operation of the lights. It was opined that the Presiding Judge be responsible for oversight and operation of all warning system lights, protocol, and communication. It was also stated that in the event of a "no contest" red light and siren during a race that all horses in the race evenly divide the purse money. It was suggested that specific "no contest" race stoppage rules be put into place to help Presiding Judges and inform participants of the facts that will result in an automatic no contest race.

(2) Communication and protocol for all racing officials will occur on a single channel. If not on a single channel all the time, at a minimum all officials must be on a single channel during an emergency. Hands free units will be required for all racing officials on site during racing and qualifying. Hands Free operation to include wireless earpieces. Also discussed was protocol during an accident. Presiding Judge will be in charge with hand-off and direction to other officials in the booth and on the ground depending on circumstances.

(3) There will also be a post-race accident clearance protocol implemented and put into place for drivers to return to driving after an accident. Safety Commission Chairman Greg Simpson talked about a waiting period to return to race like truck drivers after an accident, and the possibility of a specific medical assessment and release from a medical professional to clear a driver to return to drive.

It is anticipated the next step from the main discussion points brought forward will be refinement and recommendation by an Ohio State Racing Commission Subcommittee. The subcommittee will refine, recommend policies, and rule changes related to the discussion points. There were no comments at all from invited drivers except John Campbell despite several direct requests to drivers for input during the meeting.

Anticipated roll-out pending refinement and rule revision is optimistic for the Eldorado Scioto Down's May 2022 meet, but not guaranteed. Eldorado has talked to their current warning light vendor, and they have said it is a simple process to add colors to the current warning lights placed around the racetrack and include controls to operate from the Judge's booth.

We are hopefully optimistic that there will be proactive safety changes, protocols, and policies put in place that will improve the health, safety, and welfare of our equine athletes and human participants.

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