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# ACTION UNCLE *Horse of the Year*

BY FRANK FRAAS



Action Uncle 2020 Ohio Horse of the Year

Action Uncle picked up in 2020 where he left off on his way to being named the Ohio Horse of the Year.

The son of Uncle Peter out of Action-Broadway won nine of 10 races in 2020, winning the Ohio Triple Crown and becoming a two-time world-record holder in the process. He finished second in his other start and earned \$351,960.

In his career, he has won 12 of 16, never finishing outside the top three. Action Uncle's lifetime earnings stands at \$577,535, averaging a little more than \$36,000 per start.

For Hall of Fame trainer Virgil Morgan Jr., it has been a thrill to train Action Uncle.

"He is a special horse, arguably the best trotter I have ever trained, and I have trained some very nice trotters, including his mother," Morgan said.

Action-Broadway earned \$1.1 million during her seven-year career, which included being named the Dan Patch Older Trotting Mare in 2011.

Morgan said he was a little biased toward Action Uncle early on because he trained his mother.

"When he came into the barn at the beginning, he was a little smaller than what I thought," Morgan said. "His mother was a medium-sized mare, feminine, but she had a big strong rear on her. He was built the same, but just smaller."

During early training as a two-year-old, Action Uncle would show signs of being excellent, but he wasn't paying attention and the slightest thing could set him off.

"He was a little ornery at first," Morgan said. "He would see a tractor and make a break. If a leaf blew the wrong way, he would make a break."

Morgan remembers the day he considered gelding the colt.

"He had an enormous amount of talent, but he wouldn't stay focused the whole mile," he said. "I remember driving in that day and saying that if he acted up, I was probably going to have to geld him,"

As luck would have it, Morgan said Action Uncle trained flawlessly.

"From that day on, he was focused and started to get really good."

Morgan knew he had something special early on, and that Action Uncle had extreme talent and was not a typical sire stakes horse.

The first start of Action Uncle's career is his worst finish of his career. In a leg of the Ohio Sire Stakes, he got off to a slow start, 12 lengths back at the half but rallied to finish third by two lengths, covering the last quarter in 27.4 seconds.

In his next race, the Ohio State Fair Championship, Action Uncle went to the lead and led the entire way, winning easily in 1:57.2.

After two second-place finishes, he finished the year winning the next two races on the way to the Ohio Triple Crown.

Action Uncle won the \$300,000 Ohio Sire Stakes in 1:55.1 and then closed out the year setting a world record in the Ohio Breeders Championships in 1:54.

Coming into his three-year-old season, Morgan said he saw a big difference.

"He was much more mature and professional," he said. "I didn't see any of the goofing around stuff that he would do as a two-year-old. He was all business."

The one change around the Action Uncle camp was a new ownership group.

Ken Sommer, who bred Action Uncle, passed away in August 2018. His children decided to sell the horse, which caught Morgan by surprise.

"I thought they would have wanted to race Action Uncle, but they came to me and told me they wanted to sell him," Morgan said.

He asked for a day to think about it and that allowed him to hand pick an ownership group. Morgan said he approached Larry Wills, who is a partner in the Winning Circle Training Center, Carl Howard, who has horses in Morgan's barn, and Joyce and Dick McClelland, who own trotters that Morgan trains.

"I thought they would make a good partnership together," Morgan said. "It's been



Action Uncle's connections celebrate winning the Ohio Sires Stakes (Left to Right) Carl Howard, Brian Southward, Dick McClelland, Larry Wills, Virgil Morgan Jr., Brett Miller, Steve Jarmuz, Senior Vice President and General Manager Eldorado Scioto Downs

an excellent partnership and I couldn't be happier for them."

Action Uncle was turned out for two-and-a-half months before returning to training for his three-year-old season.

"When I started training him, after five weeks, you could see nothing was going to fluster him," Morgan said.

In his first start of 2020, Action Uncle was tested early, winning by a neck, covering the final quarter in 27.3 seconds. Morgan said he was looking for an easy test for Action Uncle, but the non-winners of four came up tough.

"We qualified him twice in 59 and 56 and I didn't want to put him on his toes coming off the qualifiers," he said. "I knew he was up to the big mile and when he went that mile that day, I knew he had arrived and could go to the next level."



Action Uncle in the Delaware County Fairground Winner's Circle after winning the Ohio Breeders Championship

Action Uncle won his next four starts, including the Ohio State Fair Championship, which he won easily by four lengths in 1:54.2.

The only blemish on Action Uncle's three-year-old campaign was a second-place finish in a conditioned trot.

"It was a week before the sire stakes finals and I wanted to keep him mentally fresh and physically ready," Morgan said.

Action Uncle was trapped on the rail and could not find racing room.

"He was loaded," he said. "If he could have gotten out, he would have won for fun, but just racing luck he couldn't get out and ran out of real estate."

Next up was the finals of the Ohio Sire Stakes and Action Uncle bounced back in a big way. He took control at the half and won by three lengths in 1:53.0.

Action Uncle wrapped up his second Ohio Triple Crown with another world-record performance at the Delaware County Fairgrounds, setting the three-year-old mark on a half-mile track in 1:52.4.

"The world record wasn't something we were thinking about," Morgan said. "As the day went on, the weather was good, the track was good and there was an earlier world record, so we knew the track was fast."

Morgan said the main thing was to get the win first and foremost. He said he couldn't be happier for the owners since a world record is a nice accolade to have.

Following Delaware, the decision was made to supplement Action Uncle into the Breeders Crown at Hoosier Park and then race in the Matron Stake at Dover Downs and the Carl Erskine, also at Hoosier.

The week before the Breeders Crown, Action Uncle won an open race at Hoosier, but came out of the race sore.

"He was really good that night, winning in 1:53.2," Morgan said. "He took a bizarre step at the

top of the stretch. I watch my horses come back after the race and he was showing left front a little bit."

But as the night went on, it got worse and worse.

## ACTION UNCLE 2020 Horse of the Year

3-Year-Old Trotting  
Colt of the Year

UNCLE PETER - ACTION-  
BROADWAY - BROADWAY HALL

World Champion

Ohio Triple Crown

1:52.4H

\$351,960

**Owner:** Carl Howard (Powell, Ohio), Joyce McClelland (Zanesville), Larry Wills (Columbus)

**Breeder:** Kenneth A. Sommer (Sheffield)

**Trainer:** Virgil Morgan Jr.

"The next morning, we took X-rays and he had a hairline fracture of the wing tip of the coffin bone," Morgan said. "That obviously took him out of the Breeders Crown. It was very disappointing we couldn't take an Ohio bred to the Breeders Crown."

Morgan said the owners felt Action Uncle deserved a shot to race on the national scene.

Because of the injury, Action Uncle's connections have made the decision that he will not race as a four-year-old.

"We are going to do the right thing and write off the 2021 season," Morgan said. "The injury will heal. We are going to give him more than enough time off. He will be back."

So far, Morgan said Action Uncle's recovery is going extremely well. The plan is start training in December and qualify next April.

"That's the game plan, we are taking every precaution to make sure he fully heals," Morgan said. "No regrets, no excuses."

**PHOTOS:** Brad Conrad

# Charlie May

## 2020 Two-Year-Old Pacing Colt of the Year



Charlie May 2020 Ohio Two-Year-Old Colt Pacer of the Year **Photo:** Brad Conrad

It's not too often a two-year-old wins the first start of his career, let alone a \$150,000 race. But winning the Next Generation at Eldorado Scioto Downs is exactly how Charlie May started his freshman campaign on his way to being named the Ohio Two-Year-Old Pacer of the Year.

"It was a dream year," owner Don Tiger said. "I can't put it into words."

Tiger is lucky he even has Charlie May.

"It's a story of faith and belief," Tiger said.

Charlie May's dam, Stipple Hanover, is the dam of a lightly raced filly named Nikki Bella, which Tiger owned. Nikki Bella won two of her first three races but suffered some soundness problems.

"The whole world didn't know how good she was, but I did," Tiger said.

He got a call that Stipple Hanover was in a sale and he should think about buying her and breeding her.

"I never bred a horse in my life," Tiger said. "I took a leap and bought her. We bred the mare four times, and it didn't take. We gave it one last try and it took. It was amazing, kind of a miracle."

Tiger wasn't sure what he had with Charlie May.

"I sent the horse to Steve Carter and the first day he called and told me he was pretty talented, but that was way early in the game," Tiger said. "I was hoping and praying that he would just make the races."

Charlie May did more than make the races, he won seven of nine, including two legs of the Ohio Sires Stakes before capturing the finals at Scioto Downs. He also won the Ohio Breeder's Championship at the Delaware County Fairgrounds in September. For 2020, Charlie May earned \$328,627.

Tiger, a Pennsylvania native, said Charlie May has that steelworker mentality.

"Every time he goes to the racetrack, he gives it 110 percent," he said. "He has a little bit of attitude. He's gentle and playful but knows that he's good at what he does."

Looking ahead to 2021, Charlie May is not eligible for the Little Brown Jug, but Tiger says they plan to be aggressive with the hopes of qualifying for the Jug.

### **CHARLIE MAY** 2020 Two-Year-Old Pacing Colt of the Year

MCARDLE - STIPPLE HANOVER -  
WESTERN HANOVER

1:50.2F

\$328,627

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

**Trainer:** Steve Carter

"We plan to pay him into the Meadowland Pace, the Cane and the Messenger in hopes of winning one and being eligible to supplement to the Jug," Tiger said. "We'll also take advantage of everything in Ohio."

OHHA's Frank Fraas and Roger Huston present Charlie May's owner Don Tiger with Ohio Two-Year-Old Colt Pacer of the Year and Breeders Award



# Summer Touch

## 2020 Two-Year-Old Pacing Filly of the Year



Summer Touch 2020 Ohio Two-year-Old Filly Pacer of the Year **Photo:** Brad Conrad

It was a year to remember for the top two-year-old filly pacer in the state of Ohio as Summer Touch set a world record, won the Ohio Triple Crown and was named Ohio's two-year-old filly pacer of the year.

The daughter of Well Said out of Real Touch finished second in her first start then reeled off six consecutive wins, earning \$285,550 for owners Burke Racing Stable, Knox Services, Slaughter Racing and Weaver Bruscelli.

In the first race of her career, Summer Touch finished second after being parked at the half mile pole five lengths back.

Driver Chris Page said the first time out was a learning experience for Summer Touch.

"I know she lost her first race, but it wasn't by design," Page said. "We wanted to teach her a little about how to race before putting her on the front."

In her next start, the second leg of the Ohio Sire Stakes, Summer Touch showed why she was the cream of the crop, going gate to wire for her first career win.

She followed the OSS victory by winning the first jewel in Ohio's Triple Crown, the Ohio State Fair Stakes. Then she set the

world record for two-year-old fillies on a half-mile track at MGM Northfield Park, winning the third leg of the Sire Stakes in 1:51.4.

Summer Touch dominated in the OSS Final and the Ohio Breeders Championship to wrap up the Triple Crown.

Trainer Ron Burke is looking for big things from the filly in 2021.

"She was very special and next year I think she will be a grand circuit horse," Burke said.

Page had the lines for Summer Touch in each of her starts and said she has been a pleasure to work with.

"She isn't the biggest filly, but she is very slick gaited and gets over the track easily," he said.

Driving Summer Touch is special to Page because he grew up three houses down from the Brechler family, owners of Knox Services.

"I was the little kid, like Dennis the Menace, going

### SUMMER TOUCH 2020 Two-Year-Old Pacing Filly of the Year

WELL SAID - REAL TOUCH -  
REAL DESIRE

World Record

Ohio Triple Crown

1:51.4H

\$285,550

**Owner:** Burke Racing Stable, LLC (Fredericktown, PA), Knox Services Inc. (Mt. Vernon, OH), Slaughter Racing Stable LLC (Prospect, KY), and Weaver Bruscelli LLC (Canonsburg, PA)

**Breeder:** Knox Service Inc. (Mt. Vernon, OH), Slaughter Racing Stable LLC (Prospect, KY), and Raymond Tom Paver (Meadow Lands, PA)

**Trainer:** Ron Burke

down there and bugging them early, while they were still in bed, and now, I'm driving an Ohio Triple Crown winner for them."



OHHA Brand Ambassador Roger Huston presents Knox Services' Kris Brechler the Breeder's Award

# Street Gossip

## 2020 Two-Year-Old Trotting Colt of the Year



Street Gossip 2020 Ohio Two-year-Old Colt Trotter of the Year **Photo:** Brad Conrad

### **STREET GOSSIP** 2020 Two-Year-Old Trotting Colt of the Year

CASH HALL - THE YOUNG  
PRINCESS - YANKEE GLIDE

1:57F

\$171,761

**Owner:** Carl Howard  
(Powell, OH) and Jesmeral Stable  
(Scarsdale, NY)

**Breeder:** Morrisville College  
Foundation (Morrisville, NY)

**Trainer:** Virgil Morgan Jr.

The one word to describe the freshman campaign of Street Gossip is “consistency.” He started and ended the year in the winner’s circle and hit the board in every race.

The son of Cash Hall, out of the Yankee Glide mare The Young Princess, won four out of his eight races and collected a pair of second- and third-place finishes, earning \$171,761.

Street Gossip started the year with a bang, winning at Circleville by 16 lengths for owner-trainer Roger Hughes.

Next up was the first leg of the Ohio Sire Stakes at MGM Northfield Park and that effort caught the eye of trainer Virgil Morgan Jr.

“He was very competitive,” Morgan said. “He finished third but made a good first-over move for a two-year-old colt trotter, or for that matter, any two-year-old.”

Morgan turned to Carl Howard and Steve Finkelstein about buying Street Gossip.

“In this situation, it worked out that the owner wanted to sell, and it turned out to be a successful buy in purchasing him for everybody,” Morgan said.

Once Street Gossip was in Morgan’s barn, he thought the worst-case scenario for Street Gossip was an OSS consolation horse or he would fare well in the Buckeye Stallion Series.

“I was elated once we got him,” Morgan said. “To see how good gaited, he was and that we really had something to work with.”

It didn’t take long to get a return on the investment. Street Gossip cruised to an easy victory in his first start for Morgan in the second leg of the Ohio Sire Stakes. Brett Miller guided Street Gossip, going gate to wire for the win in a season-best 1:57.

“He is a tactical horse,” Morgan said. “A lot of young horses, if you stir them up, will get hot. He was hot in a feel-good way. He could leave in a quarter in 27 and change but would come back to you and get to the half in 57 or 58 if you wanted to.”

Morgan credits the horse’s consistency as the reason he was named the Ohio 2-Year-Old trotting colt of the year. “He was a model of consistency. His body of work throughout the year was the difference. A lot of horses were good at times, but he was ultra-consistent.”

Street Gossip is back in the barn and Morgan said he is looking forward to seeing what he can do in 2021. “He had a nice break and looks great and is ready to start his three-year-old campaign.”



Street Gossip in the Delaware County Fairgrounds Winner’s Circle after winning the Ohio Breeders Championship **Photo:** Brad Conrad

# Merry Ann

## 2020 Two-Year-Old Trotting Filly of the Year



Merry Ann 2020 Ohio Two-Year-Old Filly Trotter of the Year **Photo:** Brad Conrad

### MERRY ANN

**2020 Two-Year-Old  
Trotting Filly of the Year**

SOUTHWIND SPIRIT - WITTY  
GIRL - S J'S PHOTO

1:56H

\$245,200

**Owner:** Burke Racing Stable,  
LLC (Fredericktown, PA), Knox  
Services Inc. (Mt. Vernon, OH),  
Weaver BrusceMI LLC  
(Canonsburg, PA)

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

**Trainer:** Ron Burke

There were high hopes for Merry Ann as her two-year-old campaign was coming to a close. She had reeled off five consecutive wins and was the favorite entering the Ohio Breeders Championships at the Delaware County Fairgrounds in September.

Those hopes were dashed quickly when she suffered two breaks, one before the gate swung open and one before the quarter-pole.

Despite the disappointing finish, Merry Ann's body of work showed why she was named Ohio's two-year-old Trotting Filly of the Year.

Trained by Ron Burke and owned by the Burke Racing Stable, Knox Services and Weaver BrusceMI, Merry Ann won three legs of the Ohio Sire Stakes for two-year-old filly trotters as well as the \$300,000 final. She finished the season winning five of eight races with two second-place finishes and earned \$245,200.

"She had a great year," said Chris Page, who was in the bike for all eight of Merry Ann's races. "What I really liked was her look. She has the size and good gait. She's a little

headstrong and has that grit you want in a filly."

Page says her versatility makes her special. "She can win from the front; she can win first up; she can win from the back. She showed that all year."

Page acknowledged the breaks in the final race were out of character.

"It wasn't our day at Delaware," Page said. "She made a couple of mistakes; it isn't a negative, it's a learning experience. Overall, she had a good year."

A half-sister to Mission Accepted, the Ohio Aged Trotter of the Year in 2019, Burke says he looks for Merry Ann to be even better in 2021 and maybe move on to the Grand Circuit.



Merry Ann's connections celebrate winning the Ohio Sires Stakes. (Left to Right) Amy and Kris Brechler, Katie Turner, Chris Page. **Photo:** Brad Conrad

# Ocean Rock

## 2020 Three-Year-Old Pacing Colt of the Year



Ocean Rock 2020 Ohio Three-Year-Old Colt Pacer of the Year **Photo:** Brad Conrad

### OCEAN ROCK

#### 2020 Three-Year-Old Pacing Colt of the Year

ROCKIN AMADEUS - OCEAN  
PEARL - ON THE ATTACK

Ohio Triple Crown

1:48.4F

\$519,737

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

**Trainer:** Christi Noble

While the top three-year-old pacers were getting ready for the first elimination of the Little Brown Jug, Ocean Rock was making his own statement on the half-mile track at the Delaware County Fairgrounds.

The son of Rockin Amadeus was blistering the field, winning the Ohio Breeders Championship by six lengths in a near world-record time of 1:49.2. Ocean Rock's performance opened the debate of whether he was the best three-year-old pacer on the grounds that day.

Trainer Christi Noble said Ocean Rock proved to the racing world that he would have been competitive in the Jug.

"We would have liked to have had the opportunity to race him in the Jug," Noble said. "We all believed he could go with the Jug horses and would have liked to see him in the company of those caliber of horses. I just wish he could have proved it to everybody."

The win that Thursday afternoon was Ocean Rock's sixth of the year. He hit the board nine times in 10 starts and earned \$353,360 for his owner and breeder Sandra Burnett.

As a two-year-old, the connections of Ocean Rock knew he was special, but they

did not realize how special until his first start as a three-year-old.

Parked at the  $\frac{3}{4}$  pole in eighth place, Ocean Rock was seventh at the top of the stretch. Dan Noble weaved Ocean Rock through traffic to get up and win by a neck.

"We always knew training down as a two-year-old he was really special, but to come back at three even better, we didn't realize until the first qualifier and first start how good he was," Christi Noble said.

She said they are very fortunate the way the year started and ended.

"We are blessed to have him," Noble said. "He knows he is a good horse. He's kind of cocky; he has a presence about him."

Ocean Rock is back in the barn after his layoff.

"He seems rested and ready to go," Noble said. "We plan to stake him to some of the bigger dances as an aged horse so he can show us if he is one of the best."



OHHA Brand Ambassador Roger Huston presents Jim Burnett, son of owner-breeder Sandra Burnett, the Ohio Triple Crown Award.

# Penpaperpaige

## 2020 Three-Year-Old Pacing Filly of the Year



### **PENPAPERPAIGE** 2020 Three-Year-Old Pacing Filly of the Year

PET ROCK - PARK LANE PAIGE -  
ART MAJOR

1:52H

\$250,080

**Owner\Breeder:** Shirley LeVin  
(Barrington Hills, IL)

**Trainer:** Jeff Smith

Penpaperpaige 2020 Ohio Three-Year-Old Filly Pacer of the Year **Photo:** Brad Conrad

After a successful freshman campaign, Penpaperpaige's trainer Jeff Smith had high hopes entering her three-year-old campaign.

As a two-year-old, she won six of nine races and finished no worse than third capturing the Buckeye Stallion Series final.

Smith chose to take a leap of faith and step up in competition.

"I had high hopes for her coming back as a three-year-old," Smith said. "I thought she was one of the top three fillies in the division."

The daughter of Pet Rock out of Park Lane Paige did not disappoint, getting better as the year went on and capping it off with a September to remember, winning the Ohio Sires Stakes Final and the Ohio Breeders Championship on her way to being named the 2020 Ohio Three-Year-Old Pacing Filly of the Year.

Owned by Shirley LeVin, Penpaperpaige won four of her 12 starts, hitting the board nine times and earning \$250,080.

The year started off with questions for Penpaperpaige according to Smith.

"She was a little sick and a tad bit off. She just wasn't right," he said. "I took her to

Rood and Riddle. They found a couple of little things wrong with her."

She bounced back with a qualifying win and then won her first start of the year.

"She looked good qualifying," Smith said. "I knew she was nice but after that first start, Tyler said he thought we had something special."

Tyler is Smith's son, who drove Penpaperpaige all season, including the Ohio Sires

Stakes finals where she sat fifth before charging down the stretch to claim victory.

"He did an excellent job driving her and deserves all the credit," Smith said. "If it weren't for him getting her around the track, she wouldn't be where she is."



OHHA's Senena Esty presents the Ohio Sires Stakes trophy to the connections of Penpaperpaige (Left to Right) Tyler Smith, Kathy Smith and Jeff Smith **Photo:** Brad Conrad

# Guinevere Hall

## 2020 Three-Year-Old Trotting Filly of the Year



Guinevere Hall 2020 Ohio Three-year-Old Filly Trotter of the Year **Photo:** Brad Conrad

Guinevere Hall rolled off eight consecutive wins to start her 2020 campaign on the way to being named Ohio's Three-Year-Old Trotting Filly of the Year.

The daughter of Cash Hall, out of Garbo Lane by Lindy Lane, finished the year with eight wins in 13 starts, earning \$356,972 for owners MT Pocket Stables and David McDuffie. It is the second year in a row that a daughter of Cash Hall was named the top three-year-old trotting filly in Ohio. Only Take Cash took home the honor in 2019.

Guinevere Hall went off as the favorite in all eight of her wins, including all four legs of the Ohio Sires Stakes. She set a World Record in the third leg, covering the mile at MGM Northfield Park in 1:53.

"When she got to the races, she was game on," trainer Melanie Wrenn said. "She doesn't like people in general and would just as soon bite you or kick you, which was part of her grit that got her to the winner's circle."

Guinevere Hall picked up the Ohio Triple Crown, winning the Ohio State Fair Stakes, Ohio Sires Stakes and Ohio Breeders Championship.

The biggest win of 2020 for Guinevere Hall was the \$300,000 Ohio Sires Stakes at Eldorado Scioto Downs, where she charged down the stretch to win by three lengths despite starting from the eighth post position.

Wrenn credited her husband Peter for much of the filly's success.

"Peter did a great job campaigning her and getting her to the winner's circle every time," Wrenn said.

Following the win in the Ohio Breeders Championship, Guinevere Hall did not see the winner's circle again.

"She won everything in Ohio and things got tougher for her when she left the Ohio tracks," Wrenn said.

In her final five races, Guinevere Hall managed two second-place finishes, including the second in Matron at Dover Downs.

### GUINEVERE HALL

#### 2020 Three-Year-Old Trotting Filly of the Year

CASH HALL - GARBO HALL -  
LINDY LANE

World Champion

Ohio Triple Crown

1:52.3M

\$356,972

**Owner:** M T Pocket Stables  
(Pompano Beach, FL) and David  
McDuffie (Delray Beach, FL)

**Breeder:** Alan Leavitt  
(Lexington, KY)

**Trainer:** Melanie Wrenn

While Wrenn credited her husband for the great job he did. She feels there was some divine intervention as well. Gene Oldford, an original owner of Guinevere Hall, passed away before the filly's two-year-old campaign and Wrenn thinks he was there throughout the journey.



Eldorado Resorts Senior Vice President for Racing Joe Morris presented the Ohio Sire Stakes trophy to groom Danielle Copeland, driver Peter Wrenn and trainer Melanie Wrenn. **Photo:** Brad Conrad

"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.

# Sectionline Bigry

## 2020 Aged Pacer of the Year



Sectionline Bigry 2020 Ohio Aged Pacer of the Year **Photo:** Brad Conrad

For the second consecutive year, Sectionline Bigry has been named the top aged pacer in Ohio.

The son of Pet Rock out of Aquatic Yankee won eight of 19 races last year for owner Harold Lee Bauder and trainer Steve Bauder, earning \$181,000.

Sectionline Bigry is a homebred that holds a special place in owner Harold Lee Bauder's heart.

"I raised him as a baby at the farm," Bauder said. "He's really special. I wish my dad were still around; he used to own him."

His father Harold L. Bauder passed away in 2019.

In 2020, Sectionline Bigry won the Ohio Sires Stakes Aged Pacing Championship at Hollywood Gaming Dayton Raceway and the Gene Riegle Memorial Open Pace at the Great Darke County Fair. It was the second year the five-year-old gelding won both races.

Bauder said he has been fortunate with Sectionline Bigry and doesn't get too emotional watching him race.

"I've been in the business a long time," he said. "I just pray he doesn't get hurt, finishes well, and what it will be is what it will be."

Sectionline Bigry will set his sights on trying to win the award again in 2021. If he is able to accomplish that goal it would mean a lot to Bauder.

"It's a privilege to win this award two years in a row," Bauder said. "It puts Bigry in the

### SECTIONLINE BIGRY 2020 Aged Pacer of the Year

PET ROCK - AQUATIC YANKEE -  
CAMBEST

1:48.1S

\$181,000

**Owner:** Harold Lee Bauder (Delaware, OH)

**Breeders:** Harold Lee Bauder (Delaware, OH), Michael Dixon (Hilliard, OH), Harold L. Bauder (Delaware, OH)

**Trainer:** Steve Bauder

company of Dancin Yankee who won it three years in a row. He has big shoes to fill to try and win three times."

Bauder said the plan is to bring Sectionline Bigry back a little later in 2021 season.

"We won't start him as early as we have in the past," he said. "We raced him later in the Breeders Crown, so we are going to give him a little extra vacation."



Sectionline Bigry in the winner's circle at Scioto Downs. (Left to Right) Joy Hawkey, driver Tyler Smith and Doug Swineheart. **Photo:** Brad Conrad

# Pass The Vape

## 2020 Aged Trotter of the Year



Pass The Vape 2020 Ohio Aged Trotter of the Year **Photo:** Brad Conrad

### PASS THE VAPE

#### 2020 Aged Trotter of the Year

DEJARBRO - VAPOR RISES - VAPORIZE

1:52.2F

\$109,642

**Owner:** Lionel Ray Watiker  
(Zanesville, OH)

**Breeder:** Lionel Ray Watiker  
(Zanesville, OH)

**Trainer:** Derek Watiker

What started as a rough year for Pass the Vape, ended on a high note as he was named the 2020 Ohio Aged Trotter of the Year.

Trainer Derek Watiker said the horse experienced some breathing problems early on and that contributed to a slow start.

“The first sixty days of racing were really tough,” Watiker said.

The son of Dejarmbro made his first start in early June after racing resumed from the COVID-19 shutdown. He failed to hit the board in his first three starts with his best showing, a fifth-place finish at Eldorado Scioto Downs.

Following the slow start, Pass The Vape reeled off two victories in conditioned trots.

Owned and bred by Watiker’s father Lionel Watiker, Pass The Vape hit the board in half of his 24 starts, winning eight times on the way to earning \$109,642.

Six drivers picked up wins last year with Pass The Vape. In addition to training, Watiker was in the bike for one of the wins. Mike Wilder was in the bike for two wins, Dan Noble had two wins with the horse and Chris Page, Trevor Smith and Chris Shaw also found the winner’s circle.

Watiker’s win with Pass The Vape came at Zanesville.

“He made me look really good,” Watiker said. “There are not many guys that are 6-2 and 240 pounds that get to drive and do what I did.”

Pass The Vape scored his biggest win of the year in the \$85,000 Ohio Sires Stakes Aged Trotting Championship at Hollywood Gaming Dayton Raceway. Parked at the quarter pole, Pass The Vape with Dan Noble took control at the half and never looked back winning in 1:54.

Watiker said Pass The Vape always gets going late in the season.

“It’s nice having a homebred perform so well,” Watiker said. “He shows up every week and does his job. The more he puts in, the more he gives you.”

Watiker says the horse will do whatever you ask him to do.

“He likes to chase, but he likes the front as well,” Watiker said. “That’s what makes him special.”

Through the first four years, Pass The Vape made 74 starts, winning 25 times, finishing second 12 times and third eight times. He has lifetime earnings of \$460,321.

Watiker said winning the Aged Trotter of the Year award is special since it is a family operation from the top down.

“Everything is owned and goes through my dad,” Watiker said. “To be a homebred and do it for my dad who has been in this business for years, is a real honor.”



OHHA’s Roger Huston presents the Owners and Breeders awards to trainer Derek Watiker (left) and owner Lionel Watiker

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# KORAN NAMED OHHA OUTSTANDING GROOM



Tessa Koran

For Tessa Koran, there has always been a never-ending love affair with horses. It began when she was a little girl, tagging along with her grandfather at the barn.

“I started helping and learning everything about the horse when I was 7 years old,” Koran said. “The best part of the job is the one-on-one time with the horses.”

Koran works for trainer Kent Sherman and was nominated by Matt Watson, the owner of Sherman trainee Lucky King. Watson said Tessa brings positive energy to the track every day.

“It doesn’t matter if your horse is a \$5,000 claimer or an Open horse, you can rest assured that when Tessa is taking care of it, it is in great hands and is being taken care of as if it was her own child,” Watson said.

Watson said Koran may be more excited than the owners when their horse wins and is upset if the horse loses.

“If your horse finishes last, her optimistic personality is already focused on the next start,” he said.

Koran has had other career opportunities but loves working with the horses.

“I left the business, but never totally left,” Koran said. “People ask me why I keep coming back. I have a college education and have had some other opportunities, but I love it. I don’t ever get sick of it. I never dread going to work.”

Koran’s favorite horse is V-Mart Bill.

“Every time he went behind the gate, he gave you his best,” Koran said.

V-Mart Bill started 294 races, winning 73.

“He loved donuts just as much as me,” Koran said. His favorite, Blueberry Glaze.

## *Newman Awarded Terry Holton Youth Award*

As COVID-19 put a halt to many activities, including school, many kids found they had an abundance of time on their hands. The 2020 Terry Holton Youth Award winner, Noah Kenneth Newman, used that time to work in the barn, helping his father and grandfather with their horses.

Newman was nominated for the award by his grandmother Melinda Bailey.

“He would wake up at 5:30 and begin work at the barn,” Bailey said. “His dad thought he would waver, but during the year he only became more determined.”

Newman has been jogging horses since he was 10 and enjoys the experience of working with his dad and grandfather.

“I enjoy being out of the house and working with the horses,” Newman said. “I like training the horses and getting more experience.”

Newman, a sophomore at Streetsboro High School, played varsity baseball as a freshman and sees similarities between baseball and horse racing.

“Whatever it happens to be – horse racing or any sport – strength is something you

need to have,” he said. “When you’re at bat, or running with the football, you have to have strength. The same thing goes with a horse that pulls. You need to have strength to handle the horse. The horses are strong, they’re athletic and they have speed, and that’s what any athlete hopes to have.”

Newman said he is not sure about his future but knows horses will be a part of it.

“I know I would like to drive at some point in the future,” he said.

The award, in its 20th 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.

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



Noah Kenneth Newman **Photo:** Aliza Cox

## Roof Honored with OHHA Special-Service to Harness Racing Award



Dayle Roof

For more than 40 years, Dayle Roof has been an Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association board member. During 38 of those years, he has served on the OHHA Health Insurance Trust. Under Roof's guidance the OHHA has developed one of the top insurance programs for horsemen in the United States.

As a result of his dedication to Ohio horsemen, Roof was honored with the 2020 Special-Service to Harness Racing Award.

The Special-Service to Harness Racing Award is presented to an individual that has made a significant, life-long contribution to harness racing.

"I am honored to be receiving this award," Roof said. "I am proud of the insurance program that we have developed in Ohio. It gives our drivers and trainers some piece of mind. And to have a program where grooms and farmhands have funded insurance in 2020 is unheard of."

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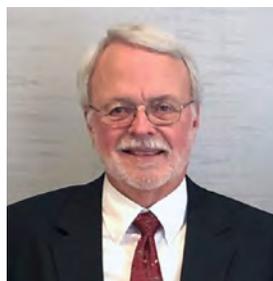
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## McCoy Honored with Hagemeyer Significant Contribution Award



Steve McCoy

for 2020 has a long history with the Hagemeyer family.

Steve McCoy's father was a large animal veterinarian and Hagemeyer Farms was one of his clients.

"I can remember going with my father as a teenager to the Hagemeyer farm and helping him," he said.

McCoy, who lives in Upper Arlington, Ohio with his wife Brenda, has been involved in harness racing since 1982. He joined the

This year's recipient of the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association Maynard and Stella Hagemeyer Significant Contribution Award

OHHA Board of Directors in 1994 and served as the association's president for seven years from 2009-2015. During his tenure as president, McCoy gave selflessly of his legal talent and acumen.

McCoy was instrumental in developing and passage of the legislation resulting in VLT's at Ohio's pari-mutuel racetracks. McCoy also led the negotiations and brought to final agreement, the four pari-mutuel harness racetracks' VLT Horsemen's Agreements from 2012-2015.

As a past president, McCoy serves on the advisory committee for the OHHA and is the vice chairman for the OHHA Breeders section. McCoy is also a member of the United States Trotting Association Board of Directors, serving for District 1, a position he has held since 2015.

"One of my guiding principles on the OHHA Board was that I always tried to

take action and make decisions I believed were in the best interest of the people and horses involved in the industry," McCoy said.

Scott Hagemeyer, the grandson of Maynard and Stella Hagemeyer, said McCoy embodies the spirit of his grandparents.

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.

# VIRGIL MORGAN JR.

## ELECTED TO OHIO HALL OF FAME

BY JAY WOLF



Hall of Fame inductee Virgil Morgan Jr.

Virgil Morgan Jr., arguably the greatest trainer in Ohio history, has been elected as the 47th member of the Ohio Harness Racing Hall of Fame by a vote of the members of the Ohio Chapter of the United States Harness Writers Association.

Morgan, 55, was the first conditioner to win 5,000 races and has now won more than 6,700 races and \$60 million in earnings. He has a career Universal Training Rating of .350 and has won the training title at Eldorado Scioto Downs for an astonishing 26 consecutive years.

“This is arguably the greatest honor that any trainer in Ohio can receive,” Morgan said. “I have been doing this a long time and anyone who trains a large number of horses realizes you have to have so much help and support and I want to thank all of the people that helped me along the way.”

Morgan was introduced to the sport of harness racing through his uncle Emory Lewis and his father Virgil Morgan Sr. He bought his first horse at the age of 17 and later started working for trainer Randy Owens before striking out on his own in the late 1980s.



Virgil Morgan Jr. with driver Brett Miller

He has trained some tremendous performers including Mister Big, Pet Rock, Allamerican Captor, Action-Broadway and this year's Ohio divisional champion's Street Gossip and Action Uncle.

He has won six Jerry Kaltenbach Memorial trophies. This award is given annually to the trainer who has earned the most dollars competing in Ohio Sires Stakes. He trained 22 Ohio Sire Stakes champions.

Despite his past success, Morgan also has his eye on the future of the sport. His daughter Kiara is an aspiring driver and his son Tre is an owner. In the spring of 2018, Morgan opened the Winner Circle Training Center, the state's premier harness facility.

“This is arguably the greatest honor that any trainer in Ohio can receive.”

Virgil Morgan Jr.

# Ohio Chapter of USHWA Selects Award Winners

BY JAY WOLF

## The Ohio Chapter of the United States Harness Writers Association has selected its 2020 award winners.

The Ohio Chapter honored Louise and Jay Weller as the recipients of the Winner's Circle Award for the Ohioan who has achieved outstanding accomplishments in the past year; Chris Presley as the Peter Haughton Memorial Award winner as the young Ohioan who is an "up-and-coming" star among harness horsemen; Jim Dailey into the Immortal Hall of Fame; Dancin Yankee into the Standardbred Hall of Fame; and Kurt Sugg as the winner of the Rambling Willie Award for the Ohioan who has done the most for harness racing during the past two decades.



Designer Specs **Photo:** Brad Conrad

The Wellers are the owners of Designer Specs, the two-year-old filly trotter, who completed her freshman season a perfect 14-for-14 and was the winningest two-year-old in all of North America. The daughter of Full Count concluded her season with a gutsy victory in the \$40,000 Ohio Fair Championship at MGM Northfield Park in a lifetime best 1:57.4.



Chris Presley

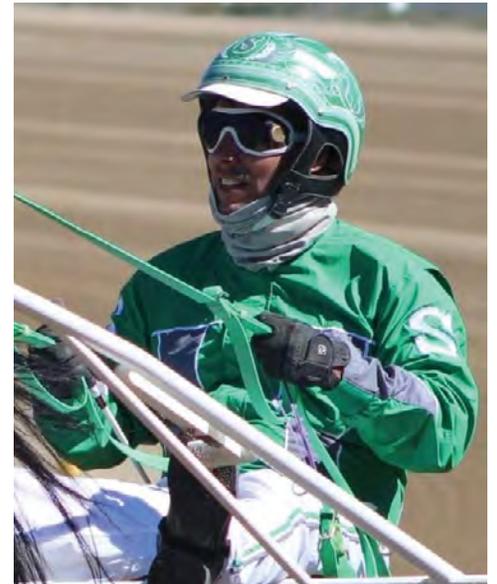
Presley is a 25-year-old native of Michigan and resident of Heath, Ohio. He enjoyed a great year with 77 driving wins and seasonal earnings approaching \$600 thousand in purse money.



James "Bill" Dailey

As a driver, James "Bill" Dailey made 2,301 trips into the winner's circle. He trained multiple Ohio Triple Crown winners and numerous Ohio and Indiana Sire Stake champions. He conditioned at least 1,200 winners and in excess of \$12.3 million in earnings. He was awarded the Jerry Kaltenbach Memorial Award as the OSS's top trainer on three occasions. Dailey passed away suddenly in 2018 at the age of 57.

Driver-trainer Kurt Sugg was born into a harness racing family – the son of Hall of Fame trainer Ivan Sugg and Patty Sugg. A veteran of 34 years, Sugg has won more than 4,600 events as a driver and has more than 1,000 victories as a conditioner. His career earnings top \$26 million. He has been supportive of all levels of Ohio racing. Sugg finished 2020 with 384 driving wins and \$2.9 million in earnings, both are career highs, despite missing a significant amount of time due to the COVID shutdown.



Kurt Sugg



Dancin Yankee **Photo:** JJ Zamaiko Photography

Dancin Yankee is a double World Champion and a three-time Ohio "Older Pacer of the Year." The son of Yankee Cruiser recorded 80 career wins and more than \$2 million in earnings. Dancin Yankee had several ownership groups and is currently owned by Burke Racing Stable, Weaver Brusceci, Melissa Patterson and Larry Karr. This spring Dancin Yankee will stand his first season at stud at Cool Winds Farm.

# Ohio Connection Honored at **DAN PATCH**

Two horses with Ohio connections were honored during the Dan Patch virtual awards show.



Bettor's Wish **Photo:** Brad Conrad

Bettor's Wish, which is partially owned by Bella Racing of Delaware, Ohio, was honored as the 2020 Older Male Pacer. Bettor's Wish won six of his 13 starts, earning \$685,432 last year. The son of Bettor's Delight also added three second-place finishes and a pair of thirds.

Bettor's Wish won the Sam McKee Memorial at the Meadowlands in July, the Dayton Derby at Hollywood Gaming Dayton Raceway in October, the Allerage at The Red Mile, also in October, and closed out the year in November with a win at the Meadowlands in the TVG Open.



Kissin In The Sand **Photo:** Brad Conrad

Breeders Crown champion Kissin In The Sand was named the Older Female Pacer of the Year. Owned in part by Hatfield Stables of Columbus, Ohio, the daughter of Somebeachsomewhere won eight of 12 races, earning \$491,984.

Kissin In The Sand won the Milton at Woodbine Mohawk Park in September. October was a big month with wins in the Dayton Distaff, the Allerage for fillies and mares and the Breeders Crown at Hoosier Park. Kissin In The Sand closed out the year winning the TVG Open at the Meadowlands.

# Burke and Page Claim **KALTENBACH AWARDS**

BY KIM RINKER

Trainer Ron Burke and driver Chris Page captured the 2020 Kaltenbach titles for the second 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 events in a single season.

Trainer Ron Burke captured his third Kaltenbach training title in 2020, sending 95 youngsters postward in the 2020 Ohio Sires Stakes (OSS) legs, championships and consolations. His total money earnings from these OSS events were \$1,392,500, surpassing his 2019 total of \$1,121,50 in OSS earnings.

Burke also captured the Kaltenbach award in 2014 and 2019. He was the runner up in 2018. This year, his impressive assortment of two- and three-year-old pacers and trotters scored 20 wins, 19 seconds and six third-place finishes in OSS competition.

Driver Chris Page captured the 2020 Kaltenbach title for the fifth time in seven years and for the second consecutive season. Page piloted 91 starters, who scored 18 wins, 17 seconds and seven thirds to \$1,179,300 in earnings. Last year, he had a 23-9-11 record from 94 starts and \$1,085,100 in earnings.

In the 30 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.

## CORRECTIONS

In the 2021 Ohio Standardbred Stallion Directory, stallions Enterprise and Lather Up did not appear on the list of stallions in the 2020 P.A.C.E.R. Auction. We apologize for the omission.

In the 2021 Staking Guide on page 3, in the Chronological Schedule, the June 19th track should be Scioto Downs.

On pages 44-45, the dates for Mt. Vernon were omitted, The dates are July 24th (2CP, 3CT, 2FP, 3FP) and July 26th (2CT, 3CP, 2FT, 3FT)

## OHHA SENDS OUR CONDOLENCES TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF

Kenneth Roebuck  
Fred Street  
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## March 15, 2021 Stakes Payments

To be raced at the Delaware County Fair  
Nomination forms available at [LittleBrownJug.com](http://LittleBrownJug.com)

<b>Little Brown Jug #77</b>	<b>Jugette #52</b>	<b>Old Oaken Bucket #70</b>	<b>Buckette #70</b>
3-year-old colt pace	3-year-old filly pace	3-year-old colt trot	3-year-old filly trot
\$500	\$400	\$300	\$200

*Two-year-olds not nominated in the May 15, 2020 yearling payment may be made eligible through a supplemental nomination fee of \$400 due on or before the March 15, 2021 payment.*

*This supplemental payment is in addition to the normal March 15, 2021 payment.*

### *To Be Raced in 2022 - Foals of 2019*

<b>Standardbred #82</b>	<b>Standardbred #82</b>	<b>Standardbred #82</b>	<b>Standardbred #82</b>
2-year-old colt pace	2-year-old filly pace	2-year-old colt trot	2-year-old filly trot
\$400	\$300	\$400	\$300

*Two-year-olds not nominated in the May 15, 2020 yearling payment may be made eligible through a supplemental nomination fee of \$200 due on or before the March 15, 2021 payment.*

*This supplemental payment is in addition to the normal March 15, 2021 payment.*

### *To Be Raced in 2021 – Foals of 2019*

## Ohio Breeders Championships

2-year-old events	3-year-old events	Aged events
\$300	\$300	\$100

*If an owner has an offspring by a stallion properly registered for service in Ohio but not subscribed to the Ohio Breeders' Championships, the owner shall have the privilege of nominating the colt, gelding or filly when the nominating comes due March 15, 2021, by paying a supplementary fee of \$300 in addition to the nominating fee. This supplementary payment will make the horse eligible to all future Ohio Breeders' Championship races. List of eligible sires are on [LittleBrownJug.com](http://LittleBrownJug.com)*

### *To Be Raced in 2021*

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# Be There!

BY ROGER E. HUSTON

The year 2020 is now in the past, but it will be thought about for generations to come. Vaccinations for COVID-19 are underway, and hopefully, we will be able to return to some normalcy in 2021.

The New Year is well underway with racing at Miami Valley Gaming and MGM Northfield Park. Planning is underway for the upcoming fair season and expanded coverage on Facebook. Hopefully, owners and fans will be able to enjoy racing in person if we continue to progress.

The Virtual Video Awards show was one on the most entertaining of the many in the sport. I, along with others of the OHHA and the USHWA, would like to personally thank those who gave of their time in recording introductions for the various awards presented.

The recipients of the awards, who in my opinion, made the show outstanding with their acceptance speeches. A few deserve mention, such as Melanie Wrenn, who drove to Hollywood Dayton for the taping; Kimberly and Ashley Dailey, who also made the trip from Urbana; owner-breeder Don Tiger, who drove to Zanesville for his taped segment; and Jim Buchy, who made the trip from Greenville to Reynoldsburg for his presentation for The Terry Holton Youth Award.

Special thanks to Dawnelle Mock of the MSOA in Pennsylvania, who sent us the acceptances of Ron Burke. Last but certainly not the least, Frank Fraas of the OHHA, who arranged our many trips around the state to Bowling Green, Dayton, Zanesville, Washington Court House, Northfield, Delaware and Clarksville.

I must relate, Frank might not want me to, but I will, that on the trip from Bowling Green we were just a mile or so from Reynoldsburg when the windshield wip-

ers on Frank's automobile stopped working. You should have seen Frank driving with his head out the window for a better view. For safety concerns, we decided to call AAA and have the auto towed. Thanks to his son who made the trip to pick us up and then took us home after a busy day which turned out to be a 13-hour workday.

Be sure to check out the stats in this publication about our drivers and trainers who are dominating the various categories early on this season. These numbers show the growth of racing in the Buckeye state. The many racing opportunities for top purses speak volumes for the health of Ohio racing.

Two drivers that are doing quite well this season are Trace Tetrick and Tony Hall. With no racing as yet in Indiana, Tetrick is putting up fantastic numbers at Miami Valley. Hall, who is a regular at The Meadows, is now doing double duty, racing both at his home track and at Northfield Park.

One thing that everybody agrees on is that the 2020 Champions in Ohio had a number that could race on the National scene. The Horse of the Year Action Uncle would have competed in the Breeders Crown until a broken bone ended his three-year-old season. The connections, along with trainer Virgil Morgan have decided to give him a full year to heal properly. Action Uncle hopefully will compete as a five-year-old.

Ocean Rock, the three-year-old Pacer of the Year, will race this year and compete



on a national front. Don Tiger, owner of the two-year-old Pacer of the Year, reports that Charlie May will be pointed to the North American Cup, The Cane and The Messenger this season. Charlie May is not eligible to race in the Little Brown Jug and must win one of those races to supplement to the Jug. The Pennsylvania owner wants to win the Jug more than anything else.

By the way, Tiger also reported that Charlie May's half-brother Shane Falco will race for trainer Steve Carter. How many know who Shane Falco was? You have to be a movie buff to know. Do you remember the movie "The Replacements," where the fictional quarterback was named Shane Falco and was a former Ohio State Buckeye quarterback. Tiger says we now have a real-to-life Shane Falco.

**BE THERE!**

# Bear Creek Stables 2021 Stallions

## CLOCKED AT EIGHTY

DONATO HANOVER - CELEBRITY SPEEDIE - MALABAR MAN

A beautiful and big unraced son of leading sire Donato Hanover. He sold for \$120,000 at the 2012 Harrisburg Yearling Sale.

His dam is stakes winner Celebrity Speedie (T, 2, 1:57.3M \$141,788) and he is a half-brother to multiple 2-year-old stakes winner Jolene Jolene (T, 2, 1:52.1M \$231,673).

Sire of eight starters, including Eightyoclockstorm (T4, 1:55.4 S \$56,188)

He stands his eighth season in 2021.

2021 FEE \$900  
Shipped Semen Available

## SCHOOLKIDS

P, 4, 1:49.3F \$1,053,826

I AM A FOOL - GAME BUNNY - PRECIOUS BUNNY

Standing fourth full season at Bear Creek Stables.

He is the richest performer ever by 2003's 2YO Pacing Colt of the Year I Am A Fool p,2,1:51.2 (\$1,168,312) and from stakes winner and multiple sub-1:55 producer Game Bunny p,4,1:53.2 (\$121,329).

Schoolkids took fast records each year he raced from age 2 through 11, while winning multiple stakes, including the Bluegrass & Matron and eliminations of the American-National & Progress Pace.

His entire family shows early speed and tremendous heart and endurance!

First crop includes Bearcreekhoney (P, 2, 2:01.4H), who hit the board in 8 of 12 starts earning \$30,963.

2021 FEE \$950  
Shipped Semen Available



## EXPRESSIVE ACTION

T, 4, 1:53.3F \$424,814

Conway Hall - Yetta's Angel - Credit Winner

Expressive Action won the Elimination and Final Empire Breeders Classic as a 3-year-old colt in New York. He also won a leg of the New York Sires Stakes.

Standing his fourth season in 2021.

2021 FEE \$950  
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## STRONG PLAYER

P, 3, 1:51.2M \$182,151

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By the great Artsplace, Strong Player took his record of 1:51.2 at three and collected \$182,151 racing from age three to six.

He is the sire of forty-five starters with seventeen winners highlighted by the trio of multiple Ohio Fair Stakes winners

Player's King (P 4, 1:55.3 F \$115,883)  
Nashville Bound (P, 5, 1:54.2H \$162,966)  
Playa Del Sol (P 3, 1:55.3 F \$82,032)

Nashville Bound also won The Ohio Breeders' Championship 3CP.

Also racing strong is  
Strong Playin King (P 7, 1:50.4 S \$190,108)

2021 FEE \$900  
Shipped Semen Available

## BULLVILLE POWERFUL

P,3,1:49.0M \$870,812

Bettor's Delight - Bullville Gabette - Matt's Scooter

As a 3-year-old he won four legs of the New York Sires Stakes and the Final.

Sire of six starters, including Bullvillekarla (P,5, 1:53.1M \$199,407) who won \$79,575 in 2018 with 29 starts. 17 of those starts she placed in the top 3.

Standing his fourth season in Ohio in 2021.

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# ADIOS WINNER *CATCH THE FIRE* SOLD



Catch The Fire

Catch The Fire, the winner of the 2020 Adios, is changing barns. CT Stables owner Charles Taylor said he has sold the four-year-old as part a plan to compete on the grand circuit.

The deal with Greg Luther and Black Magic Racing of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, which also includes Catch The Fire's 3-Year-old brother, Captains Place, is part of Luther's "million-dollar experiment."

"This was in the works for a while," Taylor said. "I had a lot of offers to sell Catch The Fire and I turned down out of state offers, but it just worked out to sell a portion of him to Black Magic Racing."

"I'm honored to be involved with a horse that won the Adios against some of the toughest competition we have ever seen in our sport," Luther said. "I'm excited to race him this summer. I own over 50 racehorses and Catch The Fire is the only one I have a partner with. I'm excited to enjoy the racing season with Charles."

Luther said his million-dollar experiment is now north of \$3 million as he was the top buyer at the Tattersalls Winter Mixed Sale in January.

Luther purchased the two highest-priced horses sold. The two four-year-olds were sired by Captaintreacherous. Captain Kirk is a winner of \$265,880 with a mark of 1:48.3 sold for \$215,000, while Chief Mate, who has won \$226,619 with a mark of 1:50, sold for \$220,000.

Last fall, Luther spent more than \$1 million to buy 22 horses at various sales, which at the time he called the "million-dollar experiment."

Of the six that he paid \$100,000 or more for, Luther said he has three yearlings that he is high on.

"One thing I learned about buying quality yearlings, is that there is a tremendous difference between a good horse and a bad horse," Luther said. "Once you start getting the better-bred horses, they look different, they act different, they are gamer."

For Taylor, this is an opportunity to compete at a higher level.

"Instead of being one guy, this allows me to compete at the grand circuit level piggy backing off of Black Magic Racing," Taylor said.

"Greg is me last year. He's an entrepreneur," Taylor continued.

"It's a good fit and by partnering with him, I am not selling out to a big stable."

Taylor said he has several other things in the works while he plans the jump to grand circuit competition.

"I have a filly that can compete on the grand circuit as well a two-year-old out of that family that will race on the grand circuit. I'm preparing myself for the future," he said.

Catch The Fire will stand stud this year at Sugar Valley Farm as originally planned and will also race under the training of Todd Luther, Greg's brother.

Luther has come along way from the first \$3,000 claimer he bought.

"I had to borrow money for my half and bring another guy in for his half."

He said he is in the business because he loves the sports, not to make money.

"I'm a hobby owner," Luther said. "I do this as a hobby. It would be great one day to have a couple of great horses and make lots of money, but I plan on losing lots of money but enjoying what I am doing."

Luther said the stable tries its best to be profitable, but they know the deal.

“Instead of being one guy, this allows me to compete at the grand circuit level piggy backing off of Black Magic Racing.”

—Charles Taylor

# TRACK NOTES



Andy Ricket (center) is congratulated by owner Beth Murdock and MGM Northfield Park Frank Spiker after his 1000th career win.

Longtime horseman Andy Rickert reached a career milestone January 26, harnessing his 1,000th training victory. Rickert picked up the milestone win when Ryan Stahl drove Keystone Chester to a 1:57.1 victory to win the evening's sixth race. Rickert's 1,000th training win was the result of 7,317 starts that also saw him finish second 972 times and third another 951. All told, his earnings have amounted to more than \$7.9 million.

Aaron Merriman had a big night at MGM Northfield Park January 13, winning seven times on the 15-race program. Merriman had four winners and then found the winner's circle in the final three races on the card.

Other drivers that had five or more wins on a card include: Ronnie Wrenn Jr., who picked up six wins at Northfield Park January 31. Six drivers picked up five wins on a card. At Northfield, Merriman (January 2), Tony Hall (January 16), Kurt Sugg (January 19) and Wrenn (January 26) each had five wins. At Miami Valley, Chirs Page won five January 8 and Trace Tetrick won five January 12.

Devon Tharps and Eric Tharps Jr. finished first and third, respectively, in the Dr. Martin Luther King Remembrance Race at the Meadowlands. The fourth edition of the race featuring African American drivers honors the memory of the slain civil rights leader. Devon, scored his first career win, coming from well off the pace with Acting Out in 1:54.4 by 1¼ lengths. Eric, driving Candell,

raced mid-pack to finish third 2½ lengths off the winner.

Lane Of Stone, with Dan Noble driving, surpassed the half-million-dollar earnings mark, winning the Open Trot at Miami Valley



Fan of Terror wins 50th race **Photo:** Brad Conrad

January 19. The five-year-old son of Wishing Stone now has 21 career wins and \$509,052 in earnings.

Fan Of Terror won for the 50th time in his career at Miami Valley on January 30. Brett Miller drove the nine-year-old gelded son of Western Terror to the win, upping his career earnings to \$530,234.

## TOP OHIO DRIVERS AND TRAINERS NATIONAL RANKINGS IN JANUARY

### Drivers - Wins

1. Aaron Merriman	76
2. Trace Tetrick	55
3. Tony Hall	48
7. Kurt Sugg	36
Chris Page	36
9. Brett Miller	35

### Drivers - Money Earned

1. Trace Tetrick	\$496,121
3. Dan Noble	\$397,484
4. Chris Page	\$396,940
5. Aaron Merriman	\$394,930
6. Brett Miller	\$389,771

### Trainers - Wins

1. Ron Burke	58
2. Bill Rhoades	22
4. Tyler George	19
8. Sam Schillaci	15
10. Jessica Roegner	14

### Trainers - Earnings

1. Ron Burke	619,617
2. Tyler George	227,038
3. Bill Rhoades	158,477
5. Christi Noble	147,001

## OHIO BREEDERS AWARD REQUIREMENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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.

# 20 questions with Bill Rhoades

BY ROGER HUSTON

The top trainer at MGM Northfield Park in 2020 was William Rhoades, who for the year, recorded 213 wins with earnings of \$1,375,339. The totals were the highest of his career for the 34-year-old trainer from Clarksville, Pa. He has a 24.3 winning percentage in nearly 2,700 starts, resulting in a lifetime UTRS of .368.

## What was your first memory of harness racing?

When I was 3 or 4 years old at the Ashland County Fairgrounds, my aunt, who was my babysitter, took me to the track and the Roy Brown Stable. Roy, my future step-dad, had a large goat and race horses. I spent my time riding the goat.

## Did you always want to be involved in racing?

When I was in school, I always wanted to be at the barn. After school each day, I went right to the barn.

## Were you involved in athletics?

No, I just wanted to get to the track as soon as I could.

## Any thoughts of attending college?

I never thought of college. I had kids at a young age and was more interested in the horses.

## Did you have any other jobs in your early years?

I joined the Carpenters Union and did concrete work. When I was at work, I was always thinking of the horses.

## Did you ever have any thoughts of being a driver?

Yes, I did, and when I was 17, I raced in the Billings and made the final at The Meadows and finished second. So, when I turned 18, I started driving and quickly realized I had no ability. I couldn't think fast enough and had no actual talent.

## Your stable has really grown in numbers.

When I remarried, my current wife and I bought a couple horses and had some luck. The stable has grown over the years to 52 horses.

## Have you always been based at Northfield?

I grew up in Ohio and we raced at Northfield and then moved to The Meadows with my step-dad. While there, I met an owner with some stake horses and he offered me a training job.

## How did the involvement with The Spa at Northfield come about?

I was always joking with Amy Hollar about buying it. I asked her if she was serious about selling it and she said yes. We have made several renovations since the purchase.

## Do you have a favorite horse?

In 2009 or 2010, I bought a horse for the first time in a long time named Crusher Foes. He was a cheap horse and won two or three races, but I fell in love with him.

## What is the biggest race you have won?

We won a Sires Stake in Indiana and few series final at The Meadows.

## How did your association with Aaron Merriman develop?

I raced a horse at The Meadows and was really upset with the drive. I really didn't know him then, but I asked him to drive the next week. Aaron won with the horse by 5 to 10 lengths. The rest is history as I list him on almost everything.

## Does he make all the decisions, or do you tell him how to drive?

I told him one time recently. He drives every day and I have won eight races lifetime. There is no advice to give.

## Have you got any two-year-olds this year?

I have seven young horses, all pacers, four Ohio breds, two New Jersey and one Indiana. The Swan For All will be trained by Chris Beaver. I am very impatient and so far, it's been nice. It is quite a release from the race horses. If you are going to make it in this business, it is with the colts. If we are successful, we will buy more in the years to come.



Bill Rhoades **Photo:** Raymond Lance

## Is your family involved in the operation?

My wife is a vet and the kids love racing. My son really loves it, but with COVID-19, it has been a lot harder this year. He will be 15 in March and we are going to get him a fair license this year. He looks really good out there, not like me.

## Your favorite sport?

Football and the Browns. This year it couldn't have been any better. Beating the Steelers twice and having a winning season.

## Your last movie that you watched?

Catch Me If You Can, but I watch more TV and my favorite show is Walking Dead.

## Your favorite food?

Cheeseburgers, no question. I really don't like fast food, even though I have to eat there often. I cook a bunch at the barn for everybody, maybe around 1,000 steaks a year, so I am kind of burned out on steaks.

## Favorite vacation spot?

Bermuda. We really love it there. We took a vacation there in 2019 and will go back again this year, COVID permitting. I want to retire at an early age and move to Bermuda. I saw someone jogging on the road with the beach and ocean in the background. That looked so cool.

## What do you do to relax?

I don't really relax much. When I do, I shut the phone off, sit on the couch, watch TV and totally ignore the world.

# A Tough Man To Winter

BY THOM PYE



32-year track veteran Steve Vaughn surveys the wet track



Cold temperatures and a slight dusting of snow has the team up greeting early joggers



Trackman Wayne Byus up early working the track



Sissy Spacechick one of 70+ horses on the grounds keeps an eye on things.

They work as a team to keep Delaware County Fairgrounds historic half-mile oval in shape and at its peak performance throughout the year, particularly during the third week of September, but it is during the winter months one sees the dedication and determination that goes with the job.

The late, great Delvin Miller (1913-1996) – the only sports professional whose career spanned eight decades – was once asked to what he attributed his long-running success.

“That’s a good question,” he admitted as he paused and thought for a minute. He cleared his throat and began, “I’d have to say that I’ve been fortunate to be associated with honest, dedicated people throughout my career who enjoyed what they were doing.”

Working outside in the fresh air is great during the warm, sunny summer months, but it takes a tough effort to keep your enthusiasm when you rise in the darkness and work through the day until dark while the temperature hovers in the low teens.

And we see it every day at the track with the trainers, grooms and track crew.

Steve Vaughn and Wayne Byus both are natives of Delaware, Ohio and both are at an age when most people are retiring. They each work 24/7 taking care of “their track” as well as a host of other duties that require attention on the fairgrounds.

“I’ve done a lot of different jobs,” Vaughn said while he paused to hook up a dumpster to empty. “Built houses, hauled water, bartended many moons ago, but I’ve been doing this for 32 years now.”

For Byus, it’s almost been a lifelong effort with his father Wray serving as the track super. After a tour in Vietnam, the younger Byus came back to Delaware, then went to work for a track equipment company in Florida. He returned to the historic oval about a dozen years ago and is also the mechanic on the grounds.

“Wayne can look at the track for 6 seconds,” Vaughn said as he surveyed it from afar, “and tell you what it needs.”

After a week of cold temps, then rain, then snow, the surface “has been a challenge,” he admits. “I’m going to put three loads of stone dust on it before I leave tonight. Wayne will be in at 6:30 a.m. so it doesn’t have chance to freeze.”

He ended up putting an additional seven truckloads on the surface, loading the dump truck himself with the frontend loader and spreading it around before calling it a day.

It’s all about going the extra mile.

And that is why in September, during Jug week, whenever the phrase “a new world record!” echoes through the 84-year-old grandstand, amongst the smiles and the cheers and applause, there’ll be two men over on the backside, one driving the tractor and the other in the water truck as they manicure the track between races, that will share a slight grin and a nod of congratulations to each other... for a job well done.



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### FEBRUARY 25TH

OSRC Monthly Meeting; Rife Center, Room 1948 Columbus, OH

### MARCH 24TH

OSRC Monthly Meeting; Rife Center, Room 1948 Columbus, OH

### APRIL 22ND

Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association  
OHHA Office, 2237 Sonora Drive Grove City, OH; 2nd Quarter Board Meeting

### JULY 15TH

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Current - December 30

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# LITTLE GIRL — BIG DREAMS

BY DOT MORGAN

Lilly has big dreams for Eastwood Crystal. **Photo:** Sherry Hilton Photography

Eastwood Crystal N was imported from New Zealand to race in the United States, thus the “N” after her name.

The daughter of McArdle had 60 starts, including 19 in the United States, earning \$135,000 before retiring to New Vocations.

Eastwood Crystal N, aka Eleanor, was adopted in January 2020 and transitioned very smoothly under saddle. After three months of trail riding, she was ready for 10-year-old Lilly Horne to climb aboard.

Lilly is a passionate rider and skilled way beyond her years. She loved Eleanor from the day she arrived but knew she was a powerful mare that needed additional training.

Lilly has been riding everything with four legs since she was 3. With the help of her uncle Scotty Horne, who is a master racking

horse trainer, he had the pair ready for the show ring.

“They made their debut at the Virginia State Show,” Sherry, Lilly’s grandmother, said. “They competed in the 12 & Under Walk and Pleasure Gait. The class had 20 in it and Lilly and Eleanor came out the winner!”

Sherry said the big beautiful bold mare walked and pleasure gaited as if she was born for it.

In August, Lilly and Eleanor bumped up to Juvenile Racking that demanded more speed. The pair finished second out of 12 entries.

“Lilly has big plans and goals for Eleanor,” Sherry said. “She is diligently working the mare with her sights set on a national title and a world championship, and they are making great strides!”



Lilly and Eastwood Crystal following their debut. **Photo:** Sherry Hilton Photography

Scotty has developed multiple world champion racking horses and it’s a good bet that Lilly and Eleanor may be his next.

# Regularly Scheduled Meeting Recap

Wednesday, January 21, 2020 *By Renée Mancino*

Roll Call, all Commissioners present.

In normal business for the Commission, Executive Director William Crawford's Report and Approval items were introduced, and the December 16, 2020 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 specific submissions concerned ordinary course business of race date changes and uncoupling requests for wagering purposes. The Racing Commission unanimously ratified the Executive Director's Approval items and the December 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

Consideration to approve Resolution 2021-01, the January 2021 distribution of casino tax revenue of \$1,995,986.82 for the 2020 fourth quarter. First quarter 2020 casino revenue was \$1,996,136.74 (reduced by \$74,855.13 disbursed to MGM Northfield Park for operational expenses) Second quarter total revenue was \$152,148.51, with \$50,000 distributed to Belterra Park for Quarter Horse Purses. Third quarter revenue was, \$2,345,682.14 with \$820,631.52 distributions made to the Thoroughbred Race Fund and Standardbred Development Fund respectively. \$50,000 was distributed to the Ohio Horseman's Benevolent and Protective Association for backstretch reimbursement. The Casino Commission Fund in total was placed into an Emergency Fund to use as benevolence to support and protect breeding and racing. The Racing Commission unanimously ratified Resolution 2021-01.

The monthly commission financial report was provided by Fiscal Officer Sherry White. December revenue was net-positive despite a 26% decline in live pari-mutuel tax and an overall decline in revenue of 20%. The cost-savings on the expense side for the net-positive with employees working remotely, and a 4% mandatory cut on exempt employees. Both contributed to an overall 19% savings on payroll costs and expenses. In addition, approximately \$210,000 from the Casino Tax was not allocated for 2020 to the Commission for operations, and some of the COVID-19 related costs are expected to be reimbursable from Cares Act Funding

programs. Generally, there is optimism with the financials well ahead of what was projected after the start of the Pandemic in the first quarter of 2020.

A recap on the horse racing fatalities to December 31, 2020 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. Year-end 2020 numbers overall were down for Thoroughbreds on dirt 22.5%. In 2020 a total of 43 thoroughbreds and 3 standardbred fatalities were reported. Thoroughbred starts were down from 17,145 in 2019 to 14,811 starts in 2020. Reporting and year-to-date catastrophic losses January 2021 are one thoroughbred fatality and no Standardbred fatalities.

There was no discussion on Belterra Park's extension for closing on the real estate sale for Boyd Gaming and Gaming and Leisure Properties (GLPI).

Commissioner Hansen provided a Medication and Testing Committee update. Going forward there will be a Committee meeting scheduled online via Webex in the third or fourth quarter of 2021 to discuss the Horse Racing Integrity and Safety Act. Commentary included the opinion that Ohio will be in very a good position due to the adoption of the Association of Racing Commissioner's International model rules throughout the medication and testing committee process.

Commissioner Simpson discussed the Safety Committee agenda, anticipated scheduling, and notification for the next meeting.

In Chairman's Comments, Chairman Borgemenke forecast a special event meeting that will be scheduled to discuss the recently passed Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act, which will include a full analysis with the opportunity to have the Attorney General weigh in.

In Public Comment, Pat Cummings Executive Director of the Thoroughbred Idea Foundation was provided an opportunity to provide follow-up comments regarding the Jackpot Pick 6 (JPk6) wager at Hollywood Mahoning Valley from the December Racing Commission meeting. Mr. Cummings appreciated the quick response to his public comment. He had answers to his concerns the day following the prior Racing Commission discussion.

In the Matter of Kent Sherman was removed from the agenda due to settlement and closure.

In the Matter of licensee O.D.L. Johnson. Following an assault and battery on a fellow participant at Dayton Raceway October 15, 2019, Mr. Johnson had a hearing due to the incident being referred to the Racing Commission for further action. The initial charge resulted in a 90 day suspension from October 21, 2019 to January 21, 2020. Mr. Johnson did not appear at the scheduled hearing in December 2020 for additional action, security video of the incident was supplied to the Hearing Officer. The Hearing Officer recommended a suspension to run from February 2, 2020 to May 5, 2020. The Racing Commission unanimously approved adoption of the Hearing Master's Order for the suspension as outlined.

No Executive Session was needed, so the motion and vote were taken to adjourn and conclude the meeting.

For a transcript of the meeting contact the Ohio State Racing Commission. The next scheduled Racing Commission meeting date is February 25, 2021 at noon. The Agenda and Meeting Information can be found at the Ohio State Racing Commission's website at, <http://www.racingohio.net>.

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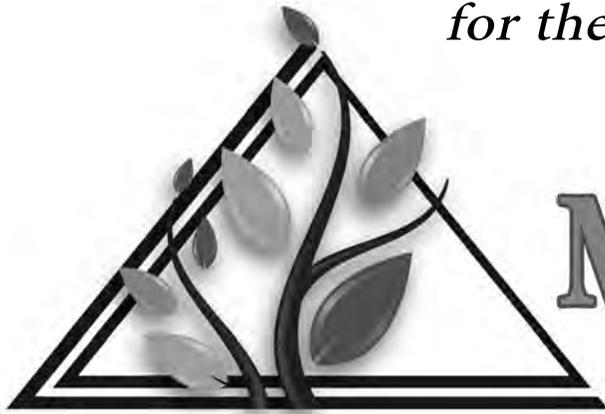
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P,2, 1:54.2; 3, 1:48.3 (\$1,164,174)

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### **PROVEN STALLION PROVEN PERFORMANCE**

- 3 Year Old Pacing Colt of the Year. Breeders Crown Winner plus multiple Grand Circuit Stakes
- Sire of 12 with earnings over \$1 Million and 277+ with earnings over \$100,000



## **NOB HILL HIGH \$3,000**

P, 2, 1:54h; 3, 1:50.1f (\$1,110,703)

Mcardle — Anniecrombie — Abercrombie

### **AVERAGE EARNINGS PER STARTER \$68,000+**

- Nob Hill High earned over \$1 Million. His Dam earned \$1,414,477 and his sire earned \$2,455,609.
- Multiple Ohio Sires Stakes Winners to his credit including Snobbytown (\$329,455), Giggles In Dreams (\$265,636), Stanford Court (\$256,240) and High on Paydaze (\$235,547)



## **FOOL ME ONCE \$3,000**

P,2, 1:51.3; 3, 1:48.1 (\$1,127,777)

Art Major — Fool That I Am — Jenna's Beach Boy

### **NEW TO OHIO. GREAT OUTCROSS OPPORTUNITY!!**

- Multiple Stakes Winner at 2 and 3, including International Stallion, Bluegrass, multiple New York Sires Stakes legs and Championship, Simcoe and North America Cup Elimination
- Millionaire son of Art Major with early speed and 48 Career Wins!



## **RODEO ROMEO \$1,500**

P,3, 1:50.3; 1:49.2f (\$366,804)

Rockroll Hanover — Southwind Vanna — Artsplace

### **NEW TO OHIO. OPEN AND INVITATIONAL PACER. 1/2 BROTHER TO MILLIONAIRE STALLION CHECK SIX.**

- Victories include multiple legs and Final of the Sagamore Hill Pacing Series and Van Rose Memorial
- Trainer Chris Ryder was quoted: "R Romeo always showed great heart every time he stepped on the track, his ability to go on any size track & gate speed are excellent attributes needed for a stallion, along with his impeccable conformation. He had perfect race manners and was an absolute gentleman to handle in the barn. I have every confidence he will breed these great qualities into his foals and eagerly await to see them perform."
- Hall of Fame Driver John Campbell commented "Rodeo Romeo was a very easy horse to drive. He had the attributes we all look for: good gait, high turn of speed, manners and a good attitude"