OHHA Welcomes New Executive Director

The Ohio Harness Horsemen’s Association (OHHA) brings in the New Year by welcoming Renée Mancino as the new Executive Director. Mancino comes home to Ohio from Las Vegas, Nevada. She was born in Cleveland, Ohio and is a graduate of Cuyahoga Community College, the University of Akron and the University of Nevada Las Vegas, Boyd School of Law. While at Boyd she was a charter class graduate, where she served on the Society of Advocates and earned honors in gaming law.

Mancino has over 35 years of horse racing experience, both personal and professional. She grew up moving around to various racetracks on the East Coast as her father Joe F. Santantonio trained both Thoroughbred and Standardbred racehorses. Her brother and husband are both trainers as well.

Mancino has practiced law as a private practice attorney with primary specialty preferences in, gaming law, equine law, Indian gaming law, racing and wagering law and she has a special interest in racino legislature. She has represented horsemen’s associations throughout the country as well as represented and/or advised on cases in various states including Nevada, California, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Virginia, New York, Illinois, Iowa and Ohio. Besides her family ties to horse racing, Mancino describes what fascinates her about the industry and why she chose it as a career. “From the time I was old enough to toddle up to one I have been fascinated by and loved horses. I don’t think anyone in the industry whether it be operations or participants would be here without a love for horses.”

Mancino says what she is most looking forward to in her new position is, “actually digging into the nitty gritty to see what can be done for horsemen. Solidify what has been done, see what can still be done, and continue to advance and improve the horsemen’s position within the industry.”

Looking ahead at some of Mancino’s goals as she joins OHHA, she says they include, “transparency, unification, and streamlining operations for electronic ease of use for participants. A big part of this is also horsemen’s feedback and input. We have a Board that represents their interests, but I want to make sure we are directly receiving input from the members at large on major issues. My first goal is to use technology in any way possible to facilitate that process and improve operations. The end result will be greater transparency and unification moving forward so the Association can better represent the horsemen. Long term goals would include increasing our membership base, adding more benefits for the horsemen, and forming strategic partnerships inside and outside the industry to strengthen their position.”

Saying Good-Bye to 2014, Looking Forward to 2015

Where has the time gone? As we say good-bye to 2014 and hello to 2015, what have been some harness horse highlights of the year, both on the farm and within the industry?

Here are some of OHHA’s highlighted moments of 2014:
• Finally racing in Ohio for super purses!
• Super Night was electric!
• The extra added monies to the Ohio Fair Stakes brought the monies up almost to where they were 10 or more years ago. A VERY big plus for Ohio fair racing and to those that dared to stay, breed and race in Ohio.
• The growing of the Ohio programs becoming what it’s meant to be
• The quality of studs coming to Ohio
• Opening of new tracks

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2015 Ohio Sire Stakes (OSS): The Ohio Standardbred Development Fund Commission finalized the 2015 Ohio Sires Stakes program during their December 17, public hearing in Columbus. The Sire Stakes program for two and three year olds will be conducted with four preliminary legs for a purse of $45,000 or $45,000 if only one division and championship races shall be $225,000 guaranteed and will be raced September 12, at Scioto Downs.

All qualifying standards for two and three year olds remain the same. The 2015 Ohio Sire Stakes for four year olds and up will be at Hollywood at Dayton Raceway on October 23 and 24, with elimination races, if necessary, scheduled on October 16 and 17. The $500 entry fee is due for the elimination races. There is no additional fee to start in the championship.

Requirements to start- at time of entry, a starter must show within 45 days prior to the advertised day of the race at least one performance line without a break and within these time requirements- Trotters ½ mile track 2:01 or faster, Trotters 5/8 mile track or larger 1:59 or faster, Pacers ½ mile track 1:57 or faster and Pacers 5/8 mile track or larger 1:55 or faster.

A OSS condition change requested by OHHA concerning reporting times to detention barns for all championship races was approved for the 2015 OSS program as follows: all horses entered in the championships shall be required to report to the detention area at the racetrack hosting the championship at least six hours prior to the advertised post time of the championship entered. Anyone late for detention shall be scratched by the judges.

Ohio State Racing Commission (OSRC): During the December 18th regular monthly meeting of the Ohio State Racing Commission the 2015 Ohio Sires Stakes program was approved as presented by the Ohio Standardbred Development Fund Commission. The OSRC announced they would be retaining the current whipping and kicking of horses rules in 2015, hoping to have revised rules go through the hearing and adoption procedure and in place by summer 2015.

PACER: The end of December is the conclusion of the 2014 Political Action Committee for Equine Racing’s funding campaign. The 2015 PACER Campaign begins in January and we need to continue to support our industry. See page 5 of this newsletter for details.

In addition to supporting PACER, it is also important to visit with your State legislators to let them know how Standardbred horse racing and your own participation in our sport is contributing to Ohio’s agricultural industry. Your legislators are interested to know where their constituents are involved and how those interests are best served.
Political Action Committee for Equine Racing (P.A.C.E.R.)
2015 Stallion Service Auction

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Bidding by Phone
Friday, Jan. 23, 2015  noon to 4 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015  10 am to 5 pm
1-800-353-6442  Toll Free Both Days
1-614-221-3650  Friday Only
1-614-336-4733  Saturday Only

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850 Michigan Ave.
Columbus, OH 43215-1920
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The OHHA Annual Awards Banquet & USTA District 1 Meeting will be Saturday, January 24, 2015, at the Columbus Marriott Northwest Hotel.

The Stallion Auction will conclude at 4:30 p.m. and the OHHA Banquet will begin at 6:00 p.m. Reservations for the banquet must be made by January 21, 2015, and payment for all tickets must reach the OHHA office by Wednesday, January 21, 2015. Tickets are $45 each and can be picked up at the Banquet Reservation Table. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Banquet Reservation Form can be found on the back of this newsletter or print a form from the website at www.ohha.com/#!events/c1d3x

OHHA Banquet Timeline
January 24, 2015
11:30 a.m. Ladies Luncheon
1:00 p.m. USTA District 1 Meeting
2:30 p.m. OHHA Annual Membership Meeting
4:00 p.m. Cocktails & Cash Bar
6:00 p.m. OHHA Awards Banquet

Columbus Marriott Northwest
5606 Blazer Parkway
Dublin, OH 43017
Phone (614) 336-4705
www.columbusmarriottnorthwest.com

Please note: Columbus Marriott Northwest room reservations for January 23 and/or 24 must be made by January 10, 2015 by calling (888) 801-7133. Ask for the OHHA rate ($116.00). Rooms and rates are not guaranteed.

Directions to Columbus Marriott Northwest
From the North: Take I-71 South to I-270 West for 15 miles to Exit 15 (Tuttle Crossing Blvd.) and turn left. Travel two miles to Blazer Parkway and turn left.
From the East: Take I-70 West to I-270 North to Exit 15 (Tuttle Crossing Blvd.) and turn right. Travel one mile to Blazer Parkway and turn left.
From the South: Take I-71 North to I-270 West for 15 miles to Exit 15 (Tuttle Crossing Blvd.) and turn right. Travel one mile to Blazer Parkway and turn left.
From the West: Take I-270 East to I-270 North for 5 miles to Exit 15 (Tuttle Crossing Blvd.) and turn right. Travel one mile to Blazer Parkway and turn left.

OHHA Annual Awards Banquet Reservation Form
Columbus Marriott Northwest - Dublin, OH
Saturday, January 24, 2015

Reserve tickets at $45 each. Payment must be received by January 21, 2015, at the OHHA office. Anyone wanting a dinner other than beef must contact the OHHA office by January 20, 2015.
Mail to: 850 Michigan Ave. Columbus, OH 43215-1920

Name: ________________________________________________________________
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- John Deters
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P.A.C.E.R.: Ohio horse racing received great support from Governor Kasich and Ohio legislators with the enactment of House Bill #386 (HB386). We must support those legislators who support us.

Donate by sending a personal check or money order (corporate checks are not acceptable for PAC donations) to:

P.A.C.E.R.
850 Michigan Ave, Suite 100
Columbus, OH 43215-1920
Include employer information and type of business.

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

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

Special Thank You to those who donate!

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