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BREED, BUY & RACE IN OHIO! OHIO IS FOR WINNERS!

Thom Pye photo

Successful Charity Night at the Races

By Regina Mayhugh

It was an exciting Saturday evening on June 22nd when twenty charities participated in the 7th annual Charity Night at the Races, held at Eldorado Scioto Downs hosted by the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association (OHHA).

The participants of each charity were invited to join OHHA trackside for a meal and enjoy an evening of racing. Ohio horsemen and many OHHA Board members hosted each charity, explaining harness racing, sharing about the industry and guiding the participants through their evening events.

Following the meal, participants took turns touring the paddock where they had their photo taken with the horse they were paired with. USTA's Wendy Ross interviewed each charity in the winner's circle. One participant from each group also had the opportunity to ride in the starting gate. Drivers Brett Miller, Josh Sutton and Chris Page also visited the charities.

The charities that attended include: ALS Association Central & Southern Ohio Chapter, Alzheimers Association Central Ohio Chapter, Canine Companions For Independence, Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, Crohn's & Colitis Foundation

of Central Ohio, Girls on the Run of Central Ohio, Haven House of Pickaway County Inc., JDRF Central Ohio, Mid-Ohio Foodbank, Ohio 4-H Youth Development, Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation, Ohio FFA Foundation Inc., Pacing For the Cure, PBJ Connections Inc., Pickaway County Special Olympics, St. Vincent dePaul Society- St. Denis/Holy Family/Immaculate, St. Patrick School, American Red Cross, Tread Lightly

The charities were coupled with horses in either the 6th or 8th race. Depending on the placing the horse came in determined the amount each charity would take home. Two charities, Haven House of Pickaway County with Coal Hanover and Ohio 4-H with Wondrous Sport each took home a donation of \$10,000 as their horses crossed the finish line first. The next big winners were St. Vincent DePaul

Society with Indiana Cam and Ohio FFA with Bottom Deals, who each took home a donation of \$5,000 for placing 2nd. Alzheimer's Association with Arch Hanover and the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium with Shakerattlenrock each took the 3rd place donation of \$2,500. The charities that

placed below 3rd each received a \$2,000 donation. A total of \$63,000 was donated by Ohio horsemen.

For many who attended this was their first experience at a racetrack, while others have watched harness racing before or were veterans to this event, such as Tim McCarthy. He has attended

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The excitement as the charities cheer on their horses. Thom Pye Photo

and USO of Central and Southern Ohio.

This year the event was held under a tent which allowed the groups to be all together as well as giving them a full view of the track. A teller was also stationed in the tent, which was convenient for the participants to place wagers.



The first charity night win was Haven House of Pickaway County when Coal Hanover won with driver Brett Miller. Thom Pye Photo

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Executive Director's Report

By Renée Mancino

Racing Commission Workers' Compensation Rule Amendment Leads to an Association Partnership-Solution.

As a condition of licensure since January 1995, racehorse owners have been required to carry workers' compensation coverage for all employees connected with racing under O.A.C. § 3769-17-01. In March 2019 the Ohio State Racing Commission (OSRC) filed an Amendment to § 3769-17-01, which extended the obligation to provide workers' compensation coverage to trainers. Under the Amended Rule, trainers must provide coverage for all employees connected with racing. In both cases the Ohio State Racing Commission can ask for, and must be provided with, satisfactory proof of that workers' compensation coverage in effect. Not providing proof that workers' compensation coverage is in effect may jeopardize an owner or trainer's Racing Commission license. The effective date for enactment, and the addition of this as a condition of licensure is, August 1, 2019. While this is not a new concept under the law in Ohio for employers, this is a revision that was necessary to align with the existing requirements under Ohio's Workers' Compensation law for Ohio's racing participants.

In many states Workers' Compensation is an expensive proposition and often a small racing stable or company like a sole-proprietorship or sole member LLC, opts out of coverage completely, or fails to include themselves in the coverage with their employees. Coverage is typically seen as expensive in racing because rates are calculated based

upon the risk level of an industry and a business's gross payroll. Racing is a high-risk endeavor, which results in higher rates.

In addition to the cost, a sole proprietor or employer opts out of coverage or fails to include themselves with their covered employees due to common misconceptions. One misconception is the belief that a business owner is not required to have coverage and can rely upon their health insurance to cover any injuries that occur on-the-job. Although sole-proprietors and other single member business entities are permitted to "opt-out" on coverage for workers compensation purposes, opting-out is effectively a certification that the business owner can afford to self-cover for any injuries they may incur while working. An opt-out doesn't shift liability to a healthcare insurance provider. In-fact many health insurance provider's coverage agreements will flag on-the-job injuries at the treatment level and decline payment on any medical claims for injuries that resulted during work. The health insurance provider expects workers' compensation to pick up the tab for those costs, without that coverage the injured individual must pay those costs themselves. This system is analogous to a car accident. If an individual is in a car accident that results in injury, the health insurance provider may cover treatment for those injuries, however later they, "subrogate" or get paid back by the insurance company that covered the liable party's vehicle because the injury was due to an accident. If the liable party has no insurance, the injured party (or their insurance via "no

fault") would be responsible for the medical costs due to the accident.

In addition to the misconceptions, many racing businesses rely heavily upon "independent contractors" or 1099 issue-employees, that do not have payroll or payroll taxes applied. In categorizing 1099 workers, the common belief is workers' compensation coverage is not required. Relying on a theory that 1099'd employees are independent contractors and not subject to coverage for worker's compensation is often misplaced. The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) does not always conclude that a 1099'd worker is in-fact an independent contractor. In a case where there is a 1099'd worker, the BWC looks at more than eight factors related to their work (hours, work processes and procedures, etc.) to determine if someone is an independent contractor or an employee. Once they analyze those factors, their determination may be that a 1099'd worker is in-fact an employee for workers' compensation purposes, and despite the nature and form of payment or categorization by an employer. That employer is the responsible for workers' compensation on the 1099'd worker if the BWC determines otherwise.

With the Racing Commission's effective date of August 1, 2019, to aid in the sign-up process, and to mitigate costs for horsemen, the Association has partnered with a Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program administered by CompManagement. This new membership benefit and partnership is designed to simplify the

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process and reduce costs for our horsemen, who typically see higher rates on their own. Workers' compensation coverage premiums are based in-part on total gross payroll. As a sole proprietor for coverage you must report a minimum of \$24,700 in payroll for yourself for the policy period of 7-1-2019 to 7-1-2020. If in-fact that was your covered payroll amount, the premium cost per year would be \$558 with the CompManagement partnership. Without the partnership discount, the premium would be \$1,187 for the year. The goal with this partnership is to save time, money, and ensure horsemen have coverage for themselves and their workers as required under the law.

If you need coverage for the first time you may be eligible for even more significant savings through a legislative Ohio-based initiative, Group Grow Ohio. The Grow Ohio initiative offers the ability to enroll and if accepted receive a group-based rating discount immediately, instead of having to wait to build up a favorable history on your own as an employer. The Grow Ohio Rating offers a 25% discount immediately on Workers' Compensation Premiums with the ability to save up-to 53% (maximum discount allowed for a group) on traditional initial coverage costs.

For those that have existing workers' compensation accounts, with the Association's CompManagement partnership, the program can save you up to 53% on the premiums you would normally pay to the BWC. Even if you are participating in another program, you can be evaluated (at no obligation) for

the group's additional savings by filling out an AC-3 form, *Temporary Authorization to Review*.

For potential enrollees give Kathy Redmond at CompManagement a call at 614-376-5409. For those with existing accounts, which need the free evaluation, see one of our on-track representatives or visit our website at <https://ohha.com> for the AC-3 form. After completing the AC-3 form, return it to CompManagement via e-mail at kathy.redmond@sedgwick.com or fax to 614-932-1869. If you have any additional questions, give our office a call and whether you take advantage of this Member-Benefit or not, make sure to get your Workers' Compensation strategy in place by August 1, 2019.



Member Benefit Workers' Compensation

Reduce your workers' compensation premium with our partner, CompManagement, Ohio's leading third party administrator.

CompManagement is the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association's workers' compensation program administrator and represents over 25,000 Ohio employers in virtually every industry classification from large corporations to small family-owned businesses.

As a state funded employer, it is recommended that your organization annually review the alternative rating/premium discount programs available through the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) and administered by CompManagement on behalf of the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association.

Through the expertise of CompManagement's colleagues, your policy is reviewed to determine the programs that may garner the most savings while keeping in mind your organization's risk tolerance. Enrollment for participating in alternative rating/premium discount programs occurs annually. Ensure that your organization is maximizing savings as well as meeting eligibility requirements and enrollment deadlines by contacting CompManagement today.

EMPLOYER PREMIUM SIZE

\$0 - \$10,000	\$10,000 - \$50,000	\$50,000 - \$150,000	\$150,000 - \$300,000	\$300,000 - \$500,000	\$500,000 & above
Group Rating					
Group Retrospective Rating					Individual Retro ¹
Destination Excellence					
Drug Free Safety Program					
Grow Ohio Incentive					
Safety Council					

*Other requirements needed

Ohio Premium Savings Programs for Employers

- Group Rating
- Group Retrospective
- Individual Retro¹
- Self Insurance¹

- Destination Excellence
- Drug Free Safety Program
- Grow Ohio Incentive
- Safety Council

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What discounts are available to apply to my workers' compensation premium rate?

CompManagement will provide information in order for your organization to see how participation in an alternative rating program will impact your costs as well as how these programs can be stacked together to achieve the maximum savings available for your organization. For example:

- **GROUP RATING** features discounts that typically range between 15 - 53%, which is the maximum discount allowed by the BWC.
- **GROUP RETROSPECTIVE RATING** refunds typically range between 25 - 50%; this program may be a good alternative discount program for companies that may not be eligible for Group Rating but have a focus on safety, emphasis on transitional duty and other cost containment strategies.
- **STACKING OPTIONS** include the Drug Free Safety Program (4 - 7%), Industry Specific Safety Program (3%), Transitional Work Bonus (up to 10%) and Safety Council performance rebate (2%) when participating in Group Rating. If participating in Group Retrospective Rating, add on Lapse Free (1%), Go Green (1%) and Safety Council participation rebate (2%).

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Q: How can my organization participate in a program?

To see how much your company can save through an alternative rating program, simply complete the Temporary Authorization to Review Information (AC-3) form on the reverse side of this document.

Please return the form to CompManagement at the address or toll-free fax number listed or email the form to: ohio.group@sedgwickcms.com.

CompManagement will then prepare a cost savings analysis for your review and consideration. Please contact CompManagement's Customer Support Unit at (800) 825-6755, option 3 for any questions regarding your workers' compensation coverage and program participation.

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June Spotlights

Congratulations to the connections of these horses on a great month at Eldorado Scioto Downs!

No Whip Chip (Victory Sam - Meredith's Hope) won the Open Trot (\$25,000) on May 31. He finished in 1:52.2, driven by Dan Noble. The 7-year-old gelding is trained by Meredith Noble and owned by Deborah Noble (Xenia, OH). He won the Open Trot (\$25,000) again June 14, in 1:53.4.

Lucky Lime (Rocknroll Hanover - Cupcakeswhipcream) took the win in the Open II (\$20,000) on June 1. He finished in 1:51.0 with driver Kyle Ater. Dan Ater is his trainer and he is owned by Kirk L Nichols (London, OH). Miso Fast also won June 1. He finished first in the Open I Pace (\$22,000) with driver Brett Miller, 1:50.1. He is trained by Virgil Morgan, Jr. and owned by Winchester Baye Acres LLC (Lancaster, OH).

On June 7, **Sass** (Kadabra - Armbrro Equinox) won the Open II Trot (\$22,000) in 1:54.1. He was driven by Aaron Merriman and trained by Jessica Roegher. His owners are Paul and Patricia O'Neil (NY). The Open Trot (\$25,000) was won by **Full Surge** (Full Count - Super Katrina) in 1:53.1 with driver Tony Hall. Miles Wollam (Brookfield, OH) trains and co-owns along with Ashley N Fusco (Vienna, OH), Renna Wollam (Vienna, OH) and Rhett Roll (Ostrander, OH).

June 8, saw **Nvestment Bluechip** (Shadow Play - Haze's Zure Bet) in the winner's circle for the Open Pace (\$25,000). He finished 1:50.4 with driver Jeremy Smith. He is trained by Christopher Burt and owned by Greg Pearson (Hamilton, OH).

Ask Me If I Care (Manhardt - Johnny Made Her) won Fillies and Mares NW of \$12,500 in Last 4 Starts (\$20,000) on June 14, finishing in 1:52.0. She was driven and trained by Mike Micallef (Thornville, OH), who also co-owns with Libby Myers (Napoleon, MI). **Rosemary Rose** (Foreclosure N - Pantathlon) won the Fillies and Mares Open Pace (\$25,000) later on June 14. Chris Page drove her home in 1:52.2. She is trained by Ron Burke and owned by Burke Racing Stable LLC (PA), Jason V Melillo

(Powell, OH) and Weaver Brusceci LLC (PA)

June 15, saw **Indiana Cam** (Majestic Blue - One Fine Cam) in the winner's circle for the Horses and Geldings Claiming Handicap Pace (\$20,000). He was driven by Dan Noble and finished in 1:51.3. Adam Short (Xenia, OH) trains and owns the gelding. **Full On RocknRoll** (Rocknroll Hanover - Full Dance Card) finished 1:52.2 in the Horse and Geldings Claiming Handicap (\$20,000) with driver Jeremy Smith. He is trained by Virgil Morgan, Jr. and owned by Carl Howard (Powell, OH) and Virgil Morgan, Jr. (Grove City, OH). **Sectionline Bigry** (Pet Rock - Aquatic Yankee) won the Open Pace in 1:50.4 with Tyler Smith in the Sulky. He is trained by Steve Bauder and owned by Harold Lee Bauder (Delaware, OH) and Harold L Bauder (Delaware, OH).

On June 21, Whats The Word (Donato Hanover - Your Word Is) won the Open Trot in 1:54.0. Dan Noble drove and trained him. His owners are Go Fast Stable (Powell, OH), Kapildeo Singh (NY) and Earl Hill Jr. (ON). **Big Bad Jane** (Big Bad John - Flower Cart) was in the winner's circle winning for Fillies and Mares Open Pace (\$25,000). She finished in 1:50.4. She was driven and trained by Dan Noble and is owned by Sandra Burnett (Wilmington, OH).

Owners Carl Howard (Powell, OH) and Virgil Morgan, Jr. (Grove City, OH) had a good day on June 22, when two of their horses **Full On Rocknroll** (Rocknroll Hanover - Full Dance Card) and **Coal Hanover** (Dragon Again - Calgary Hanover) won. Full On Hanover won the Horses and Geldings Claiming Handicap Pace (\$20,000). He finished in 1:51.1 with driver Dan Noble. He is trained by Adam Short. Then Coal Hanover won another Horses and Geldings Claiming Handicap Pace (\$20,000). He finished in 1:51.0 with driver Brett Miller. He is trained by Virgil Morgan Jr. Later that evening **Sectionline Bigry** (Pet Rock - Aquatic Yankee) won the Open Pace (\$25,000) with driver Tyler Smith. He is owned by Harold Lee Bauder (Delaware, OH) and Harold L Bauder (Delaware, OH).

Have equine achievements you would like to share?

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Stallion ads available for both the Spring and Winter issues as well as Stallion Directory. Holiday ads will also be available in the Winter issue. Reservation forms can be found on the OHHA website www.ohha.com under News & Publications.

2019 Publication Schedule and Advertising Deadlines:

Fall- September: Ads due July 30th

Winter- December: Ads due October 30th

Stallion Directory: Ads due November 15th

Summer- June: Ads due April 30th

Congratulations to the connections of Rock Candy (Pet Rock - Cotton Candy)!

He has had 6 starts so far in 2019 and won all 6 in Ohio!

April 20 at Miami Valley Gaming

April 27 Scarlet and Gray at Miami Valley

May 5 Ohio Sire Stakes at Miami Valley

June 8 and 22 at Scioto Downs

June 29 Ohio Sire Stakes at Northfield Park

"He is an overall nice horse both in the barn and on the track," shared his groom Toni Hollar.

Rock Candy is owned by County Club Acres (Findlay, OH), Joe Sbrocco (Brecksville, OH) and Richard Lombardo (Solon, OH).

Best of Luck for the rest of the season!



None Bettor A Wins the \$200,000 Battle of Lake Erie

By Ayers Ratliff

None Bettor A (\$6.60), A newcomer from Down Under continues to take the U.S. by storm, winning the \$200,000 Battle of Lake Erie in 1:49. The 1:49 clocking tied the all-age track record at Northfield Park.

Saturday's victory marks the sixth straight sub-1:50 victory for the six year-old Bettor's Delight gelding. Bettor's Delight had a great racing career in North America and is the dominant sire in Australia.

Joe Bongiorno drove None Bettor A for his sister Jennifer Bongiorno, who trains the pacer for co-owners and long-time Billings Amateur Drivers, Joe P Racing LLC (Joe Pennachio) of Florida and Steve Oldford of Michigan.

None Bettor A started from post six and fired to the lead from the gate and remained in control the entire mile through fractions of :26.4, :55, 1:22 and 1:49, besting his closest rival by 1 ¼-lengths.

"He (None Bettor A) feels good and does everything on his own," explained Joe Bongiorno. "He puts his head down and really has fun out there."

None Bettor A (Bettor's Delight-Limerick Star-Christian Cullen) increased his career bankroll to \$229,245 by taking home the lion's share of the healthy \$200,000 purse.

Completing the 2019 Battle field were Jimmy Freight, Southwind Amazon, The Wall, Filibuster Hanover, Bully Pulpit, Rodeo Rock and Always A Prince.

Fans looking to follow the Aussie Phenom need to keep their ears open.

"I'm not sure where we go from here. He is not staked at all," stated Joe Bongiorno. "Hopefully he continues to get invited to races like this one, and I'm not even sure how many of these Invites there are."

Until they figure out their next move Joe will be happy with Saturday's Battle win.

"We work very hard and this horse is giving us a shot that I feel we deserve," said Bongiorno. "This is going to be a special horse."

Buckeye Stallion Series Winners with Purse of \$17,500

June 7, 2019 - Eldorado Scioto Downs 3-Year-Old Filly Trot

Gayla Kaye (Dejarmbro - Ticket to Glide) finished in 1:56.4 with driver Dan Noble. She is trained by John Ryan Melsheimer and owned by Joyce A McClelland (Zanesville, OH).

Twentyfour K Magic (Dontyouforgetit - Magic Memory) finished in 1:56.3 with driver Aaron Merriman. Tye Loy (Columbia Station, OH) trains and owns.

Heidi's Heart (Uncle Peter - Luvyaformiles) finished in 1:56.2 with driver Aaron Merriman. She is trained by Christopher Beaver and owned by Judy L Roegner (MI).

Majestic Lexi (Uncle Peter - Majestic Taglet) finished 1:52.2. Ken Holliday was her driver and trainer. She is owned by Black Magic Racing, LLC (New Albany, OH).

June 15, 2019- MGM Northfield Park 3-Year-Old Filly Pace

Gypsy Merlot (Feelin Friskie - Bronwen Seelster) finished in 1:54.2 with driver Ronnie Wrenn Jr. Al Tomlinson trains and she is owned by Allen Tomlinson (MI).

Rock Me Cristal (Rockin Amadeus - Cristal Daddy Girl) finished in 1:56.0 with driver Cameron McCown. Jessica McCown (Ostrander, OH) trains and co-owns him with Wingfield Brothers LLC (Kenton, OH), Adam Browning (Ridgeway, OH) and Chad Howell (New Madison, OH).

Heythere Lisamarie (Pet Rock - Sunshine State) finished in 1:54.4 with driver Aaron Merriman. She is trained by Steve Carter (Londonderry, OH) who co-owns her with Richard P Paltani (Sagamore Hills, OH).

Best Place to Rock (Rockin Amadeus - Best Place) finished in 1:57.0 with driver Chris Page. John Ryan Melsheimer trains him. He is owned by William J Rufenacht (Archbold, OH) and Dm Stables Llc (Archbold, OH).

June 21, 2019 - Eldorado Scioto Downs

3-Year-Old Colt Trot

Homer Hall (Broadway Hall - Cynthia Iliad) finished in 1:55.0 with Brett Miller in the sulky. Steve Carter trains and co-owns with Jay E Mossbarger (Washington Court House, OH) and Cass P Gallagher (MI).

Morally Flexible (Break The Bank K - Toot Sweet) finished in 1:54.3, driven and trained by Dan Noble. He is owned by Bruce A Soulsby (Powell, OH) and Dalton L Walls (Greenville, OH).

Opportunist (Dejarmbro - Abc Easter) finished 1:56.4, driven and trained by Dan Shetler. He is owned by Dan Shetler Jr (IN), David M Yoder (SC), Steve Mullet (Millersburg, OH) and Gal Racing LLC (CA).

Workintonbroadway (Broadway Hall - Working Girl) finished in 1:57.1, driven by Josh Sutton. He is trained by Jim Arledge Jr. His owners include Jude T Jacobs (NY), Paul Phillips (AZ) and Mary McLoughlin (Lancaster, OH).

Bridge Works (Dejarmbro - Bridge To Nowhere) finished in 1:56.2 with driver Chris Page. He is trained by Sophie Desroches and owned by Don Tiger (PA).



Majestic Lexi on June 7 at Eldorado Scioto Downs, Conrad Photo



Workintonbroadway on June 21 at Eldorado Scioto Downs, Conrad Photo



ALS met their horse Blooming Genius in the paddock (Conrad Photo)

with Big Brothers Big Sisters for many years. This year he attended with Tread Lightly, a new charity to the event.

Debbie Adamdzak, the principal of St. Patrick School attended Charity Night in 2018. She commented, "The St. Patrick staff and parents who attend this charitable event absolutely love every aspect: Visiting the paddock and seeing our horse, riding in the starting gate, the wonderful table hosts and food and of course the exciting horse races. The proceeds we are given help our students give back to others with our service-learning projects".

Allan Helber, Haven House of Pickaway County Board President shared about his evening experience. "Thank you so much for allowing Haven House to participate in Charity Night at the Races. My wife and I really enjoyed the evening. The dinner, host, backstage tour and the race itself was all very well done. Of course, we didn't mind winning the \$10,000. I can assure you it will make a huge impact on our shelter this year," commented Helber.

The Columbus Zoo has been a part of the event for a few years now. Colby Falconer, the Zoo's Annual Giving Manager shared "We were delighted to be a part of such an informative and educational evening with other organizations in Ohio. Not only did we learn about the great work other organizations do for our state, we were able to learn about OHHA and what they do in serving all things associated with harness racing. We hope to participate again next year – it has become a highlight of our philanthropic events!"

Jason Abady, from Alzheimer's Association shared, "Thank you to the OHHA for including us in Charity Night at the Races. The hospitality was through the roof-phenomenal hosts, great food, VIP treatment, and of course a generous donation. The Alzheimer's Association is proud to be involved with OHHA and are so thankful for all of their support to charities in Ohio. Thank you, OHHA!"

OHHA would like to thank the many horsemen and OHHA Board members who volunteered their time to help make the evening a success. Thank you to Eldorado Scioto Downs for their hospitality and service.

Due to the generosity of Ohio horsemen, this has become an annual event that the OHHA looks forward to offering. Any charity interested in participating next year, send an email to rmayhugh@ohha.com with your contact information or call the OHHA office at 614-221-3650.



The charities enjoyed watching races even prior to their race. Thom Pye Photo

Meet the Charities!

Learn more about the charities that joined us for Charity Night at the Races on June 22. The charities shared the information below.

ALS Association Central & Southern Ohio Chapter (ALSA Ohio) serves 56 counties in Ohio. They provide service to over 30 patients and families yearly. Their mission is to lead the fight to cure and treat ALS through global, cutting-edge research, and to empower people with Lou Gehrig's disease and their families to live fuller lives by providing them with compassionate care and support.

Alzheimer's Association of Central Ohio is committed to helping meet needs of those affected by Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. They provide family and clinical support, education, advocacy and research. Their mission is to eliminate the disease through research, strive to provide and enhance care and support to those affected and reduce the risk of dementia through promotion of brain health.

American Red Cross of Central Ohio provides disaster relief and respond to emergencies in Franklin and adjoining counties. They provide health and safety courses. They help military members, families and veterans prepare for, cope with and respond to challenges of the military service. They respond to international crisis from disaster relief to measles and rubella vaccination programs. They are the largest single supplier of blood and blood products in the U.S.

Canine Companions For Independence is the largest provider of assistance dogs in the world. They have been providing assistant dogs to children, adults and veterans with disabilities free of charge. The North Central Regional Training Center of Canine Companions, located in Delaware Ohio, serves 14 states.

The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium began in 1927 with a small collection of animals that were donated. Today the zoo cares for over 10,000 animals that are enjoyed by over two million guests each year. They provide animal care, conservation and education. They reach over 300,000 visitors through field trips, activities and outreach programming for schools and community organizations. The zoo's mission is to lead and inspire by connecting people to wildlife.

Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of Central Ohio is dedicated to finding the cure for Crohn's Disease and ulcerative colitis, known as inflammatory bowel disease (IBD). They strive to improve the quality of life of children and adults affected by these diseases. They fund research and work with healthcare providers to improve IBD quality of care. They support, educate and empower patients and caregivers through their patient-centric education and advocacy programs.

Girls on the Run of Central Ohio is an after school program that inspires girls to be confident, healthy and joyful using a fun, experience-based curriculum which

integrates running. This organization is the only youth development program that uses physical activity to enhance girls' social, psychological and physical skills and behaviors to navigate through life experiences successfully. Each season the girls complete a celebratory 5K event, which gives the girls a tangible sense of achievement and a framework for setting and achieving life goals.

Haven House of Pickaway County Inc. provides services and shelter to victims of domestic violence. They also provide counseling, court and victim advocacy, crisis intervention and other services to assist families that are seeking to escape and prevent family violence. They touch lives of approximately 600 households each year with their goal for these families and individuals to seek permanent housing allowing them to live a productive and violence free life.

JDRF Central Ohio leads in funding for type one diabetes (T1D) research. They fund research, advocate for government support, and fund new therapies. They ensure that the new therapies come to the market. They connect and engage with the T1D community. They have funded nearly \$2 billion in research. They have also made significant progress in understanding and fighting the disease.

Mid-Ohio Foodbank provides food to half million people each year by partnering with over 650 communities across central and eastern Ohio. They work with food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, produce markets, senior centers and after-school programs making food accessible to those in the communities needing food. They have distributed nearly 60 million pounds of food in the past year, allowing their partner charities to provide over 140,000 meals per day. They are also a member of Feeding America.

Ohio 4-H Youth Development provides opportunities to youth through a variety of development activities, allowing 4-Hers to grow as they learn by doing and teaching them lifelong skills. There were over 184,000 youth in Ohio who participated in 4-H in 2018. 4-H provides youth with a variety of experiences through their 4-H projects, contests, traveling, camps and more.

Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation is committed to driving community change, stimulating new ideas and engaging audiences in conversations about sustainable agriculture. The foundation builds unique partnerships by investing in local programs committed to addressing Ohio's agricultural challenges. They provide scholarships and professional development opportunities. They strive to support the next

generation of agriculture producers, scientists, and business and community leaders.

Ohio Future Farmers of America (FFA) teaches agricultural education to students through realistic and hands-on applications. They generate more than \$650,000 annually to support FFA programs and awards in Ohio. They support and inspire 25,000 Ohio FFA members through yearlong programs such as Ohio FFA Convention, chapter engagement, the State FFA Officer program, award programs and more.

Pacing For the Cure raises awareness about Multiple Sclerosis (MS) while highlighting the healing power of the human-horse connection. They host several events throughout the year to raise money and to provide awareness about MS as well as assist those who battle the disease. They obtain financial assistance for medical equipment and services to help manage the disease as well as fund research.

PBJ Connections Inc. provides professional behavioral health therapy for children, adults and families through horses, counseling and nature. They offer mental health treatment to anyone in need, regardless of their ability to pay. They have witnessed the impact horses can have on humans and continue to see transformations in their clients through their work with the horses and their treatment teams. In 2018 they served over 600 clients. They offer 9 programs including Equine based individual and family sessions, psychoeducational groups for schools, wellness workshops, groups for veterans, seniors and those receiving treatment at substance abuse facilities. They also offer expressive art groups, office counseling and collaborate with The Ohio State University on research projects related to several of their programs.

Pickaway County Special Olympics is an organization that focuses on the strengths of their athletes, showcasing what they can do rather than what they cannot. They hold various events throughout the year giving these athletes an opportunity to use their skills and have fun. The events help strengthen the individuals allowing them to participate, learn and work as a team. They depend on local donations and fundraisers to pay for uniforms, sports equipment, tournament fees, travel, lodging and medals/awards.

St. Vincent de Paul Society- St. Denis/Holy Family/Immaculate is a local chapter of the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Their mission is to feed, clothe, house and heal individuals and families in their community who have no where to turn for help. They form relationships with those who seek help and assist them in

becoming more self-sufficient. They help with food, school supplies, utility costs and home furnishing. They have helped pay for prescriptions, rent and other necessities when crisis has arrived.

St. Patrick School focuses on the entire child through academics, social, emotional and spiritual growth. They also conduct service projects. They offer tuition to those in need. They teach the students to serve those in need as well. The school serves meals at Holy Family Soup Kitchen, donate to food pantry as well as other organizations throughout the year.

Tread Lightly leads a national incentive to protect and enhance recreation access and opportunities by promoting outdoor ethics. They have partnered with the US Forest Service in Ohio to heighten individuals' sense of good stewardship with the goal of balancing the needs of the people who enjoy outdoor recreation while maintaining a healthy ecosystem. They also promote safe and responsible use of motorized and mechanized vehicles in the outdoors. They offer programs, trainings and educational materials to help educate recreationist on the importance of treading lightly.

USO of Central and Southern Ohio serves America's military service members and their families in 65 counties in central/southern Ohio, West Virginia and Northern Kentucky. Their mission is to take care of military from the time they enter until they are back into civilian life. They are there for both the individuals and their families. They support various unit events and provide lunches to the units as they drill. In 2017, they served over 150,000 service members and their families.

Foal Gallery



It's a girl!

Well Said x Upfront Miss Major
Owned by Phil Brummel & Aaron Brummel
Submitted by Pam Litz



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A special Thank You to those who donate!



OHHA sends our condolences to friends and family of Helen Mekara, Tony Raber & John "Buzz" Rhoads.



Marion County Fair- Thom Pye Photo

Summer Fair Racing Update

Regina Mayhugh

Did you know we have 66 county fairs that are hosting harness racing this year? That creates more opportunity for horses to race in Ohio and a great time to share harness racing with fans. A special thank you goes out to all those fair boards, horsemen's associations, fair circuits, volunteers, fans and horsemen for making it an exciting season!

The 2019 fair season has had a great kick-off so far with races at Paulding, Pickaway, Putnam and Marion county fairs.

Have you noticed the Racing with the Stars tent? The OHHA will be traveling to most fairs with it. OHHA has four ambassadors that will travel the fairs and provide fan involvement. Thom Pye and Keith Gisser are returning. David Staats and Gregory Smith have also joined the team. Be sure to stop by the tent and say Hello. Text trivia was a big hit last year and has returned, along with the Racing with the Stars Fan contest. These contests have been a hit for fans of all ages across the state. They enjoy the prize packs they receive too including the I love harness racing tote bag and gift cards.

The first fair race of the season was won by T

Degengold (Pet Rock - Goldies Cam) in 2:08.4 at the Paulding County Fair (Paulding, OH) on June 10. She was driven by Jeff Nisonger, who also trains the 2-year-old filly, owned by Johnny Kearns (Cardington, OH). She then continued her winning streak when she won at Pickaway County Fair (Circleville, OH) on June 17, and Putnam County Fair (Ottawa, OH) on June 25.

At the Putnam County Fair (Ottawa, OH) Jazmin Arnold won both divisions of the Spring Haven Ladies Driving Series on June 25. Arnold is from Xenia, Ohio and has been driving since 2013 and training since 2018. The summer has started out great for her as she has her highest year of lifetime earnings as both a driver (with 4 starts) and a trainer (with 7 starts).

Speaking of Spring Haven Ladies Driving Series, this year the OHHA has partnered up with the ladies and are sponsoring food drives at most of the fairs that host the Ladies Driving Series. The OHHA is also donating \$100 to the charity that the county is donating the food to. The donation presentation occurs in the winner's circle. If you are heading to a fair that hosts the series, be sure to drop by the tent and leave a non-perishable food item. One item donated will get you a can koozie, but five items will get you a t-shirt.

Marion County hosted a total of 27 races between July 1 and 2. Cameron McCown drove the winner of the first race with

Lipstickin Lies (Don'tyouforgetit - Reichers), the 2-year-old filly trotter owned by Sweiger Stables LLC (Perrysville, OH).

McCown won four more as the two days went on: **TK's Lexi Lee** (Dejrambo - TK's Lizziebeth), 3-year-old filly trotter owned by Theresa Todd Millhoan (Delaware, OH) and Heather Wilder (PA); **Cruisinatmidnight** (Big Bad John - Cruise On Ashley), 2-year-old filly pacer owned by Winchester Baye Acres Inc (FL); **Setit And Forgetit** (Dontyouforgetit - Carscot Review), 3-year-old colt trotter owned by Calvin Lamb (Marion, OH) and **Trump's Wall** (Mcardle - Ashland Blue), 3-year-old colt pacer owned by Ronald Steck (Marengo, OH), Wall Bros Stable (Marion, OH), John Miller (Dublin, OH) and Rocky Miller (Groveport, OH).

July will be a busy month for fair racing. Remember, this is a great time to invite friends and family to participate in the excitement of Ohio harness racing! Best of luck for continued success as summer fairs continue.

Ohio Fair News

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

Registrations received from 12-1-19 to 12-30-19 must be accompanied by a \$100 per-mare late fee in addition to the mare registration fee.

Foal Age	Membership Requirement
Foal Born 2020	Membership Required

Registration Fee: \$20 per mare

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 required to join as Associate Members.

Mare Residency: Mare must be resident, foal in Ohio and remain in Ohio for 187 consecutive days.

Upcoming Buckeye Stallion Series Race Dates

2-Year-Old Colt Trot

Leg 3- Champaign Co Fair: Tuesday, 8/6
Leg 4- Delaware Co Fair: Wednesday, 9/18
Final- Dayton Raceway: Sunday, 9/29

2-Year-Old Filly Pace

Leg 2- Northfield Park: Wednesday, 7/17
Leg 3- Champaign Co Fair: Tuesday, 8/6
Leg 4- Delaware Co Fair: Thursday, 9/19
Final- Dayton Raceway: Sunday, 9/29

2-Year-Old Colt Pace

Leg 2- Scioto Downs: Tuesday, 7/16
Leg 3- Champaign Co Fair: Tuesday, 8/6
Leg 4- Delaware Co Fair: Thursday, 9/19
Final- Dayton Raceway: Sunday, 9/29

3-Year-Old Filly Trot

Leg 3- Northfield Park: Monday, 7/22
Leg 4- Delaware Co Fair: Sunday, 9/15
Final- Dayton Raceway: Sunday, 9/29

3-Year-Old Colt Trot

Leg 3- Northfield Park: Saturday, 7/20
Leg 4- Delaware Co Fair: Sunday, 9/15
Final- Dayton Raceway: Sunday, 9/29

3-Year-Old Filly Pace

Leg 3- Scioto Downs: Thursday, 7/18
Leg 4- Delaware Co Fair: Monday, 9/16
Final- Dayton Raceway: Sunday, 9/29

3-Year-Old Colt Pace

Leg 3- Northfield Park: Monday, 7/22
Leg 4- Delaware Co Fair: Monday, 9/16
Final- Dayton Raceway: Sunday, 9/29

2-Year-Old Filly Trot

Leg 2- Crawford Co Fair: Wednesday, 7/17
Leg 3- Scioto Downs: Tuesday, 8/13
Leg 4- Delaware Co Fair: Wednesday, 9/18
Final- Dayton Raceway: Sunday, 9/29



Nominations have been posted for the 2019 Buckeye Stallion Series, Ohio Fair Championship and Ohio Fair Racing Conference (OFRC) on the OHHA website <https://ohha.com> under Nominations/Standings. Please look over the lists and if you see any corrections that need to be made please contact Susan Schroeder at sschroeder@ohha.com or phone the OHHA office at 614-221-3650.



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2019 Ohio Fair Racing Dates Listed by County

JULY FAIRS		AUGUST FAIRS		OCTOBER FAIRS	
Warren	July 15	Athens	Aug 2, 3	Hancock	Aug 28, 29
Ottawa	July 15, 16	Ross	Aug 3, 4	Geauga	Aug 31
Carroll	July 16	Richland	Aug 4, 5	Richwood Ind	Aug 31
Crawford	July 17, 18	Cuyahoga	Aug 6	AUGUST / SEPTEMBER FAIRS	
Fayette	July 17, 20	Attica Ind	Aug 7, 8	Mahoning	Aug 30, 31
Union	July 20, 21	Champaign	Aug 6, 7, 8	Fulton	Sept 2
Knox	July 22, 23	Ashtabula	Aug 8, 9	*Summit County Fair races will be held at Northfield Park and Montgomery County Fair races will be at Hollywood at Dayton Raceway.	
Seneca	July 22, 23	Hartford Ind	Aug 9, 10	SEPTEMBER FAIRS	
Shelby	July 23, 24	Mercer	Aug 11, 12	Washington	Sept 1, 2
Lake	July 23, 24	Muskingum	Aug 11, 12	Hardin	Sept 5
Summit	July 26 *	Miami	Aug 12, 13	Morgan	Sept 6, 7
Pike	July 26, 27	Henry	Aug 13, 14	Wayne	Sept 10, 11, 12
JULY / AUGUST FAIRS		Meigs	Aug 15, 16	Williams	Sept 11
Preble	July 28	Darke	Aug 16, 17, 21, 22	Wyandot	Sept 11, 12
Columbiana	July 29, 30	Lorain	Aug 19, 20	Guernsey	Sept 12
Wood	July 29, 30	Monroe	Aug 20, 21	Delaware	Sept 15 thru 19
Auglaize	July 30, 31	Defiance	Aug 20, 22	Ashland	Sept 16
Greene	July 31, Aug 1	Allen	Aug 22, 23	Tuscarawas	Sept 20, 21, 22
		Noble	Aug 26, 27	Montgomery	Sept 22 *
		Morrow	Aug 26, 27	Coshocton	Sept 28, 29, 30
		Van Wert	Aug 27, 29		
		Stark	Aug 28, 29		

Dates to Remember

2019 Racing Dates

Northfield Park
 Jan. 1 - Dec. 30

Miami Valley Gaming
 Jan 4 - May 6

Eldorado Scioto Downs
 May 7 - Sept. 7

Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway
 Sept. 10 - Dec. 28

OHHA Board Meetings

July 11th & Oct 31st

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Members are always welcome for lunch and to attend board meeting general session at noon. Please RSVP by calling the OHHA office at (614) 221-3650

Monthly OSRC Meeting

July 23

Room 1952 Vern Riffe Center
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Upcoming Sales

August 28 - 28

Summer Mixed Sale
 Champions Center
 Springfield, OH