Insomniac and Mr Wiggle Pants Win Signature Series Finals

By Lisa Schwartz

The Signature Series has become a popular spot in Ohio to race those 4-year-old and up horses that are a compliment to the colt stake horses in many racing stables competing in the Buckeye State. With 21 fairs participating in The Signature Series and purses growing each year, those old campaigners are earning some nice summer time wages for their owners.

Like several other events in Ohio, The Signature Series is a point based system with horsemen targeting both the $12,000 Signature Series finals for both trotters and pacers at Delaware as well as the high-point cash awards at the end of the season totaling another $7,000.

For 2019, Insomniac posted the first win in the Signature Series last September and won the trotting final at Delaware this September. The 7 year old gelding owned, driven and trained by Ohio’s own Brady Galliers, participated in 6 Signature Series events which was not quite enough to light up the cash awards tote board for him. On the trotting side those cash awards will go to RockinthePines who hit 13 of this year’s events, Mr Protab and Body Of Work who were also familiar entries at quite a number of fairs.

On the pacing side for 2019, Ohio bred Mr Wiggle Pants scored the win in the final at Delaware for owner Don Tiger but didn’t gain enough points for any of the cash awards either. Dirty Steve, Mystical Rock and Hanky L will get the bonus bucks for hitting 10 or more Signature Series events this year, thereby racking up the necessary points.

The Signature Series would like to thank our sponsors who make this a great and competitive series for older horses. Please visit our website and support our sponsors: the Ohio Harness Horsemen’s Association, the Blooded Horse Sales Company, AWS Stables, Midland Acres, D&D Ingredient Distributors, Hickory Lane Farm, MWI Animal Health, Cool Winds Farm, Hagemeyer Farm, Sugar Valley Farm and Spring Haven Farm

Any fairs that are interested in joining The Signature Series for 2019 should contact Lisa Schwartz at thesignatureseries@gmail.com, by mail at P.O. Box 505, Washington Court House, OH 43160 or simply call at 614-778-2480. Fairs need to arrange this by the first of February for the Huff’s Guide deadline. Please follow us on Facebook for all the latest in the competition and we hope to see you at the next Signature Series event.
Regularly Scheduled Ohio Racing Commission Meeting Recap

By Renée Mancino

From Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at the Columbus Riffe Center.

In normal business for the Commission, the Executive Director’s Approval items were introduced, and the July 23, 2019 Minutes were offered for ratification. There were no documents related to the Executive Director’s approvals disclosed or provided to those in attendance. The Racing Commission unanimously ratified the Executive Director’s Approval items and July 23rd Meeting Minutes.

Hollywood Gaming at Mahoning Valley. They requested a waiver of their Surety Bond for 2019 Fall Meet, approval of their Officials List, Number of Races and Wagering Format, Post Times, Simulcasting Schedule, and provided their Letter to the Fire Marshall for their Fall 2019 live race meet. There were no documents disclosed or discussion surrounding the applications. The Racing Commission unanimously approved the request.

Consideration of approval for 2020 Live Race Dates. Hollywood Gaming at Mahoning Valley requested 102 race dates from January 1 to April 18th and October 24th to December 30, 2020. Belterra Park applied for 94 live days from April 24th to October 3, 2020, with 3 Quarter Horse dates on July 19th, August 16th, and September 19, 2020. Thistledown applied for 100 live race days April 27th to October 17, 2020. Miami Valley Gaming applied for 86 race days from January 3rd to May 3, 2020. Their gross gaming revenue provides for 125 live days and they have a Horsemen’s Agreement in place for the reduction. Northfield Park applied for 221 race days from January 1st to December 30, 2020. They are required to race 125 live days, however with 221 days of racing do not need a two-party agreement with the Horsemen. Hollywood Gaming at Dayton applied for 78 race days from September 10th to December 29, 2020.

They are required to race live 100 days and have a pending agreement with the Horsemen. Eldorado Scioto Downs is required to race 125 days and applied for 90 days from May 5th to September 12, 2020 and have a final agreement with the Horsemen to reduce pending date approval. The thoroughbred live race date applications were unanimously approved by the Racing Commission. The standardbred live race dates were deferred to the September Racing Commission Meeting to discuss the overlap with Eldorado Scioto Downs and Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway on September 10, 11, 12, 2020. The Racing Commission would like no overlap in the Racing Schedules. The Racing Commission Executive Director and Commissioner Winters will coordinate and facilitate meetings to discuss the matter prior to the September Racing Commission meeting.

There was no monthly status update on the Permit Holder and Horsemen’s Agreement Negotiations between Belterra Park and the Ohio Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association (OHBPA).

A recap on the horse racing fatalities to August 23, 2019 was provided by Racing Commission 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 or 72 hours after a race. From last month’s report there were four Thoroughbred and no Standardbred fatalities. Year-to-date total catastrophic losses are, twenty-five Thoroughbred fatalities and one Standardbred racing related fatalities statewide.

The Monthly Racing Commission financial report was provided by Fiscal Officer Sherry White. The OSRC Financial Report was outlined as being slightly ahead of Fiscal Year-end Projections, due to a timing issue with fingerprinting charges. Another basis for the increase was due to taking over the horsemen’s fine accounts from the seven racetracks and the payouts on those accounts going forward.

Commissioner Hansen provided a summary of the progress with the Medication and Testing Committee. Commissioner Hansen outlined the meeting held in June and previewed the topics for the meeting scheduled to follow today’s Commission Meeting. The focus on those meetings were the therapeutic medication thresholds. Commissioner Hansen also expressed an appreciation for all the time everyone spent in discussion at the Committee’s initial meeting because it was very informative.

Commissioner Simpson provided a summary of the progress with the Safety Committee, which was awaiting scheduling for an October meeting date.

Commissioner Simpson provided commentary regarding his enjoyment of the county fairs and excellent programs he attended this year and wanted to thank the fairs for all their hard work. He noted attendance at the Darke County Fair, Clinton County Fair, and the Ohio State Fair at Scioto Downs where he represented the Racing Commission.

Commission Patmon commented regarding attendance at one of his neighboring county fairs. He was disappointed by an hour delay to start the races and the “Gentleman’s Start” that was used when the starting gate broke down.

Upon conclusion of the Regular Commission meeting, an Executive Session was not needed and there was no further business. The Motion and Vote was taken to adjourn and conclude the meeting.

For a transcript of the meeting contact the Ohio State Racing Commission.

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News from Your 
USTA Youth Delegate
By Aubrey Schwartz

This summer I have been busy with many things, including harness racing. Although I had to miss several fairs because of other activities, after they died down, I could fully enjoy the great racing season everyone had this year.

Back in March, myself, as well other USTA Youth Delegates, met in Columbus, OH at the annual USTA Conference. This may seem like a short trip from Washington Court House, OH, but some of the other delegates traveled all the way from places like Wisconsin and New Hampshire. During this time we set up plans and ideas of how to promote harness racing in our communities. This included things such as county fairs, FFA Chapters, 4-H Clubs, and just telling people about harness racing in general. We all tried to do this as best as we could and are meeting again in November to report back how everything went for each of our racing seasons.

This year I participated in numerous industry activities, whether it was cleaning race bikes, stalls, or other equipment, helping my grandpa do vet work, assisting my dad, working in the OHHA booth or just riding in the starting gate with Mike & Becky Woebkenberg. There are so many different parts of the industry that one can explore, and my goal is to see as many of them as possible.

Something that particularly stuck out to me this summer was a sign at the Little Brown Jug, which stated "Who does one racehorse employ?" Most people do not know how much effort goes into just one race horse. I believe this sign really helps show how much harness racing can impact the economy and the world. Hopefully, in the future, our racing community will continue to grow and draw more people to our great sport!

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**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.**

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**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.

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Spring Haven Ladies Driving Series 
By Emily Hay

When the Ohio Ladies Pace started, we had no idea what its future would bring. Through trial and error there has been a lot of learning and it has become a bigger and better program each year. The name was changed to Spring Haven Ladies Driving Series as Spring Haven Farm (Jeff and Senena Etsy) graciously became our sponsor.

There were a few fairs that held both a pace and a trot race. Over 42 horses dropped in the box at Ohio fairs for ladies to drive and over 20 ladies have consistently driven in the series this summer.

Ohio fairs, trainers, owners, fans and the male drivers have all showed a huge amount of support to the lady drivers. The ladies are very lucky to have this Ohio lady driver series opportunity.

Spring Haven Farm Ladies Driving Series was created for those lady trainers who had a horse they owned and trained. The Series is a good place for the ladies to get out on the track and learn to drive and sharpen some skills, as the ladies don’t drive as much as the guys who many drive for a living. Many ladies have come into the series with a fair and qualifier license and now have their P licenses.

Spring Haven Farm Ladies Driving Series was truly blessed with all the support and gifts they received for all the hard work leading to the final from the following: Aaron Merriman - Money for Finn Tack Helmet, Brady Galliers/ Galliers Racing - 1-night Hotel Stay for Dan Patch Awards, Joyce Racing Silks - set of colors, Helmets By Design (Roger Hughes) - helmet painting, Old Man River Racing - Weekend condo stay at Myrtle Beach, Hay Stable - Chest Protector and 2 tickets to Dan Patch Awards, Mandy Jones - Metal Cut Outs, Chick Saddlery - 25.00 gift cards. The ladies also received Cowboy Magic shampoo, conditioner, free samples, muck boots and a mum. The horses got goody baskets too. During the season, Spring Haven Farm donated the first five entry fees at the Ohio Fairs.

A small after party was held in the OHHA Tent at the Delaware County Fair following the final along with a small meeting about entries and conditions for 2020. Jazmin Arnold was the leading driver in the 2019 Spring Haven Farm Ladies Driving Series and that she will be honored at the Ohio Fair Racing Conference Awards Banquet on November 23rd. We are looking forward to exciting new things to come for upcoming year.
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STALLION SERIES

Delaware County Fair
$17,500 purse per division

Compiled by Regina Mayhugh

Sunday, September 15

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Racing Commando (Broadway Hall - Kelsey’s Commando) won the third division of the 2-year-old filly trot with Aaron Merriman, finishing in 2:01.1. She is trained by Christopher Beaver (Radnor) who co-owns with Joe Sbrocco (Brecksville, OH), Martin Yoder (Mt. Eaton, OH) and Steven Zehandelar (Worthington, OH).

Rose Run Vindicate (And Away We Go - Hayworth Hanover) won the fourth division of 2-year-old colt trot with Chris Page, finishing in 1:57.2. He is trained by Mike Polhamus and owned by Donald Roberts (Troy, OH).

Thursday, September 19

Escape The House (Big Bad John - Chicascope) won the first division of 2-year-old filly pace with Aaron Merriman, finishing in 1:55.4. She is trained by Jim Arledge Jr and owned by Winchester Baye Acres Inc (FL).

Shehitthehighnote (Nob Hill High - Astreas Notice) won the second division of 2-year-old filly pace with Dan Noble, finishing in 1:55.0. She is trained by Jeff Nisonger and owned by Thomas Radominski (Dayton, OH).
OHIO BREEDERS CHAMPIONSHIP
Delaware County Fair

Sunday, September 15

Dragonology (Dragon Again - La Diva) won the Aged Pace ($12,900 purse), finishing in 1:51.4 with Brett Miller. The 4-year-old gelding is trained by Nick Surick and owned by Dynesty Racing (MI).

Looksgoodinaromper (Pet Rock - Don't Blame Her) won the first division of 2-year-old filly pace ($64,700 purse) in 1:53.3 with Chris Page. She is trained by Ron Burke and owned by Burke Racing Stable LLC (PA), W J Donovan (FL), Joe Sbrocco (Brecksville, OH) and Steve Zeehandelar (Worthington, OH).

Tuesday, September 17

It's Academic (Uncle Peter - Annapolis) won the first division of 2-year-old colt trot ($58,550 purse) with Chris Page. He finished in 1:55.2. The colt is trained by Rob Burke and owned by Burke Racing Stable LLC (PA), W J Donovan (FL), Joe Sbrocco (Brecksville, OH) and Hatfield Stables (Columbus, OH).

Action Uncle (Uncle Peter - Action-Broadway) won the second division of 2-year-old colt trot ($58,550 purse) with Brett Miller, finishing in 1:54.0. He is trained by Virgil Morgan Jr and owned by Kenneth A Sommer Trust (PA), Bridgette S Jablonsky (PA), Jason V Melillo (Powell, OH) and J&T Silva- Purnel & Libby (FL).

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Guinevere Hall (Cash Hall - Garbo) won the first division of 2-year-old filly trot ($55,850 purse) with Peter Wrenn, finishing in 1:56.4. She is trained by Melanie Wrenn. Her owners are M T Pockets Stables (FL) and David McDuffee (FL).

A Tc Queenie (Triumphant Caviar - American Queen) won the Ohio Breeders Championship Aged Trot ($14,600 purse) with Chris Page, finishing in 1:53.2. She is trained by Ron Steck and owned by Trish Soulsby (Powell, OH) and Richard Schaut (FL).

Thursday, September 19

Mr Ds Rock (Pet Rock - Cotton Candy) won the first division of 2-year-old colt pace ($64,200 purse) with Aaron Merriman, finishing in 1:55.2. He is trained by Steve Carter. His owners include Tammy Carter (Londonerry, OH), Debra Carsey (IN), SCP Stable Inc (GA) and Peggy Carter (Londonerry, OH).

Mcardles Love (Mcardle - Slice Of Life) won the third division of the 2-year-old filly pace with Chris Page, finishing in 1:55.2. She is trained by Brian Brown and owned by Country Club Acres Inc (Findlay, OH), Joe Sbrocco (Brecksville, OH) and L & H Management Services (Findlay, OH).

Elver Hanover (Yankee Cruiser - Edra Hanover) won the second division of 2-year-old colt pace ($64,200 purse) with Chris Page, finishing in 1:52.3. He is trained by Ron Burke. His owners include Burke Racing Stable LLC (PA), Bridgette S Jablonsky (PA), Jason V Melillo (Powell, OH) and J&T Silva- Purnel & Libby (FL).

Gold Digger King (Pet Rock - Hope For Pot Gold) won the 3-year-old colt pace first division ($54,600 purse) with Brian Sears, finishing in 1:51.4. He is trained by Scott Oates and owned by Linda E Van Camp (Circleville, OH).

Rock Candy (Pet Rock - Cotton Candy) won the 3-year-old colt pace second division ($54,600 purse) with Ronnie Wrenn Jr, finishing in 1:51.4. He is trained by Brian Brown and owned by Country Club Acres Inc (Findlay, OH), Joe Sbrocco (Brecksville, OH) and Richard Lombardo (Solon, OH).

Twinburgsty (Mcardle - Fastidious Hanover) won the 3-year-old filly pace ($100,000 purse) with Yannick Gingras, finishing in 1:53.0. She is trained by Jim Pollock Jr and owned by Mark Ford (NY).
Miso Fast (Roll With Joe - Sakura Hanover) won the Open Pace ($20,000 purse) on August 31st at Scioto Downs with Brett Miller, finishing in 1:50.4. He is trained by Virgil Morgan Jr and owned by Winchester Baye Acres LLC (Lancaster, OH).

A True Rock Star (Rockin Image - Bikini Star) won the Horse and Gelding Claiming Pace ($20,000 purse) at Scioto Downs on August 31st. Driven by Brett Miller, they finished in 1:50.4. He is trained by Virgil Morgan Jr (Grove City, OH) who co-owns with Carl Howard (Powell, OH).

Major Trick (Art Major - Tricky) won the Claiming Pace ($20,000 purse) at Scioto Downs on September 7th with his driver and trainer Brady Galliers, finishing in 1:52.3. He is owned by Galliers Racing LLC (Defiance, OH) and Keith Pippi (PA).

My Hero Ron (Well Said - Erma La Em) won the Open Pace ($50,000 purse) at Scioto Downs with Tyler Smith on September 7th, finishing in 1:50.1. He is trained by Danny Dubiansky and owned by Brian Witt (Cedarville, OH).

Up Front Flor Id (Woodstock - Up Front Dr J) won the Ohio Sires Stakes Aged Mares Pace ($75,000 purse) at Scioto Downs on September 7th with Brett Miller, finishing in 1:51.3. She is trained by Tim McKoy and owned by Virginia McKoy (Springboro, OH) and Kevin McKinney (Springboro, OH).

Sectionline Bigry (Pet Rock - Aquatic Yankee) won the Ohio Sires Stakes Aged Colt Pace ($75,000 purse) on September 7th at Scioto Downs with Tyler Smith, finishing in 1:49.2. He is trained by Steve Bauder and owned by Harold Lee Bauder (Delaware, OH).

Ohio Sires Stakes Championships ($300,000 purses) were held at Northfield Park on September 1st.

2-Year-Old Filly Pace was won by Looksgoodinaromper (Pet Rock - Don’t Blame Her) and Chris Page, finishing in 1:52.4. She is trained by Ron Burke and owned by Burke Racing Stable LLC (PA) and Weaver Bruscemi (PA).

2-Year-Old Colt Trot was won by Action Uncle (Uncle Peter - Action Broadway) with Brett Miller, finishing in 1:55.1. He is trained by Virgil Morgan Jr and owned by Kenneth Sommer Trust (Sheffield, OH).

2-Year-Old Colt Pace was won by Elver Hanover (Yankee Cruiser - Edra Hanover) with Chris Page, finishing in 1:51.2. He is trained by Ron Burke and owned by Burke Racing Stable LLC (PA), Bridgett Jablonsky (PA), Jason Melillo (Powell, OH) and J & T Silva - Purnel & Libby (FL).

3-Year-Old Filly Trot was won by Only Take Cash (Cash Hall - Armbro Affair) with Aaron Merriman, finishing in 1:54.1. She is trained by Robert Mcintosh and owned by Robert Mcintosh Stable Inc (ON), Dave Boyle (ON) and Mardon Stables (ON).

2-Year-Old Filly Pace was won by Queen Of The Pride (Mcardle - Lionness Hanover) with Tony Hall, finishing in 1:51.3. She was driven by Kevin Lare and owned by Frank Chick (DE).

3-Year-Old Colt Trot was won by Lane Of Stone (Wishing Stone - Wisteria Lane) with Jeff Nisonger, finishing in 1:54.1. He is trained by Mark Winters Sr and owned by Harry Horowitz (NY).

3-Year-Old Colt Pace was won by Black Hole (Mr Apples - Feel The Thunder) with Tyler Smith, finishing in 1:49.4. He is trained by Clarence Foulk and owned by L&L Stables (Springfield, OH).

Ohio Sires Stakes Consolations ($75,000 purses) were held at Eldorado Scioto Downs on September 7th.

2-Year-Old Filly Trot was won by Delovely Hall (Cash Hall - Daylon Mystique) with Aaron Merriman, finishing in 1:58.1. She is trained by Christopher Beaver and owned by Renee Bercury (PA).

2-Year-Old Colt Trot was won by Buxton (Dejarmbro - Love U Overandover) with Dan Noble, finishing in 1:57.2. He is trained by Bob Stewart and owned by Carter Duer (KY).

2-Year-Old Filly Pace was won by PJ’s Legacy (Big Bad John - Walstan’s Lady) with Ryan Stahl, finishing in 1:53.0. She is trained by Brian Brown and owned by Jennifer Brown (Ostrander, OH), Hutchison Harness LLC (North Ridgeville, OH), Joelyn Ridder (Urbana, OH) and Mark Kantowitz (FL).

2-Year-Old Colt Pace was won by Stanford Court (Nob Hill High - Odds On Hemera) with Ronnie Wrenn Jr, finishing in 1:52.4. He is trained by Brian Brown. His owners include Robert Mondillo (Delaware, OH), Richard Lombardo (Solon, OH), Hen-Shaut Stable (IN) and Lightning 5 Racing Stable (NY).

3-Year-Old Filly Trot was won by Buckeye Starlet (Uncle Peter - Vitamin M) with Chris Page, finishing in 1:56.0. She is trained by Ron Burke. Her owners include Burke Racing Stable LLC (PA), W J Donovan (FL), J&T Silva-Purnel & Libby (FL) and Weaver Bruscemi LLC (PA).

3-Year-Old Colt Trot was won by Homer Hall (Broadway Hall - Cynthia Iliad) with Brett Miller, finishing in 1:54.3. He is trained by Steve Carter (Londonderry, OH) who co-owns with Jay Moosbarger (Washington C.H., OH) and Cass Gallagher (MI).

3-Year-Filly Pace was won by Bad Sammie (Big Bad John - Wal Mart) with Brett Miller, finishing in 1:53.1. She is trained by Mike Roth and owned by Patty Roth (IN) and Alan Keith (Johnstown, OH).

2-Year-Old Colt Pace was won by B Like Cruiser (Yankee Cruiser - B Mobile) with Brett Miller, finishing in 1:51.4. He is trained by Virgil Morgan Jr and owned by Michael Cimaglio (Lyndhurst, OH) and William Richardson (Aurora, OH).

Horsemens Celebrations

Tyler Smith won his 3,000th career win on September 10th.

September 11th marked Bill Peters 50th year announcing at Williams County Fair.
Congratulations to the Connections of Action Uncle

Action Uncle (Uncle Peter - Action Broadway), 2-year-old colt trotter, set a world record for 2-year-olds trotting on a half mile track on September 17th at the Delaware County Fair in the Ohio Breeders Championship. He finished in 1:54.0 with Brett Miller and is trained by Virgil Morgan Jr.

He has three wins on his 2019 record (as of 9/24/19), which are the three races that make him eligible to be named a Ohio Triple Crown Winner. He won the Ohio Breeders Championship at Delaware ($58,550 purse), Ohio Sires Stakes Championship at Northfield Park on September 1st ($300,000 purse) and Ohio State Fair ($43,000) at Scioto Downs on August 1st. He has 2019 earnings of $225,575.

He is owned by Kenneth A Sommer Trust (Sheffield, OH) and bred by Kenneth Sommer (Sheffield, OH).

Photo by Conrad Photo
Ohio Breeders Championship, September 1

Congratulations to the Connections of Baron Remy

Baron Remy, the Ohio 2018 3-year-Old Filly Pacer of the Year, set a world record on July 19th for 4-year-old pacing on a half mile track. She finished in 1:50.3 at Northfield Park with Kurt Sugg. She is trained by Ron Burke.

Baron Remy has $51,830 in earnings this year and 4 wins (as of 9/24/19). Her wins include Fillies and Mares Pace at Harrah’s Philadelphia ($18,000 purse) on August 2nd, Fillies and Mare Open Pace at Northfield ($15,000 purse) on July 19th, Fillies and Mares Pace ($18,000 purse) at Scioto Downs June 21st and Fillies and Mares Open Pace ($12,400) at Northfield on May 25th.

She is owned by Burke Racing Stable LLC (PA), J&T Sil-va-Purnel & Libby (FL), Lawrence Karr (NJ) and Weaver Bruscemi LLC (PA) and bred by Burke Racing Stable (PA).

Photo by JJ Zamaiko Photography, Inc.
Fillies & Mares Open Pace, May 25

Congratulations to the Connections of Yes

Yes (Manofmanymissions - Fantasy Yankee) set a world record for trotting on a half mile track as a 3-year-old when he finished in 1:53.1 on June 29th at Northfield Park with Ryan Stahl. He is trained by Jason McGinnis.

The colt has $110,328 in earnings this year. His three wins were in the The Gin Blossom Series at Northfield Park on May 29th, June 5th and June 29th.

He is owned by Thestable Yes Group (ON) and bred by Edward Lohmeyer (NJ).

Photo by JJ Zamaiko Photography, Inc.
The Gin Blossom Series, June 29
A Group Effort
Submitted by: Ashley Dowis, Tabatha Betts, Lee Ann M. Davenport, Tina N. Davenport

No one imagined the purchase of a yearling for $1,000 would lead to such an amazing year of tribulations, and yet triumphs to match. Cousin Louie started out as Big Louie at the beginning of his training career, only to find out the name was taken. The owners quickly re-grouped and named him Cousin Louie, quite fittingly. The owners include: Janine Conklin, Lee Ann Davenport, Stacy & Dodie Davenport, and Rocky & Carrol Matlack, all residents of Delaware, Ohio and all cousins.

Trainer Mike Conklin started working with Cousin Louie in August of 2018 and soon after in October 2018, Lee Ann Davenport joined him. Lee Ann grew up in the world of horses with her dad, Trainer & Driver Nelson Davenport. Nelson worked training and driving horses for over 30 years, until he passed away in 2009. It wasn’t until Cousin Louie came along, that Lee Ann got involved in owning again. Lee Ann has diligently worked to train Cousin Louie on the slow miles, and indulging him like a real family member.

In December 2018, Trainer Mike Conklin suffered a stroke that left him in recovery for approximately 4 months. Swiftly, Mike’s daughter Mikayla Conklin of Louisville, Kentucky stepped in and ran her Dad’s stable while he was in recovery. Mikayla put her own career of barrel racing on hold and led the group effort in supporting Conklin Stables through March 2019. The cousins were so grateful she did.

While training continued in the spring of 2019, Driver Beau Brown of Ostrander, Ohio had just returned from Florida, and the cousins were grateful he did. Beau stepped in and began training Cousin Louie on the fast miles, and from that time forward, Driver Beau Brown & Cousin Louie achieved a racing record that made the group effort, even more triumphant.

God blessed the cousins with a special gift the day he gave them Cousin Louie. He has brought not only family together, but many friends. He has his own fan club that celebrates him on social media, as well as in the stands. You can hear the roaring of the fan club cheering him on as he rounds the corners of the racetrack coming home. He has brought so much delight, cheerfulness, and excitement to family and friends, and his Driver Beau Brown has been the perfect match.

Driver Beau Brown is the son of Brian (Trainer) & Jennifer Brown of Ostrander, Ohio. Beau accomplished seven first place wins during the 2018 Fair Season, prior to Cousin Louie. Even before the end of the 2019 Fair Season Beau already had twenty-seven first place wins added to his driving career. Not to mention, he more than doubled his second place wins and exceeded his third place wins from 2018 as well. During the first six races of Cousin Louie’s career, Driver Beau Brown led him to win first place, for six in a row. Beau continued on to lead Cousin Louie to three second places, and then an additional two more first place wins after that for a combined effort of over $21,000 in winnings. Beau’s upbeat personality and infectious smile can be seen half way around the race track coming home, often leading Cousin Louie to a big win. The cousins are very grateful for Driver Beau Brown and all his work and dedication to this extraordinary group effort.

Accepting Ad Reservations Now for Stallion Directory & The Buckeye Harness Horseman Winter Issue-

Send a holiday greeting in the winter issue, which will be out in December or advertise your stallion. The Spring issue of The Buckeye Harness Horseman will also have space for stallion ads. Reservation forms can be found on the OHHA wesbite www.ohha.com under News & Publications.

October Brings Schedule Changes to Northfield Park

Northfield Park will now be racing every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with a 6:00 P.M. post time and on Saturday’s and Sunday’s beginning at 6:40 P.M.

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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
Oct 31
OHHA Office
2237 Sonora Dr.
Grove City, OH 43123
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
October 30
Room 1948 Vern Riffe Center
77 S High St.
Columbus, OH 43215

Upcoming Sales
November 19, 20 & 21
Fall Speed Sale
Champions Center in Springfield, OH

This photo of Plain City on Chillicothe Street was submitted on the Ohio Harness Racing History Facebook group page (www.facebook.com/groups/OhioHarnessRacingHistory/) by Barbara Stutzman. You can read more about this scene on the group page and learn about The Grandstand at Pastime Park. Thank you, Barbara for posting this photo and the additional information that you found.

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