James K Hackett Memorial Races Held at Miami Valley Gaming

By Regina Mayhugh

Miami Valley hosted the James K Hackett Memorial Race for 3-year-olds in April.

The driver-trainer combination of Aaron Merriman and Christopher Beaver started the series with wins in both 3-year-old trotting filly eliminations on April 8th. Pure Chance (Triumphant Caviar - Jewell Creek) won the first elimination and earned her new lifetime mark of 1:57.2. She is owned by Christopher F Beaver (Radnor, OH) and Steven J Zeehandelar (Worthington, OH). She went on to win the 3-Year-Old trotting filly Championship when Jason Thompson glided her to the winner’s circle in 1:55.1 on April 15th.

Bella’s Rose Power (Triumphant Caviar - Rose Power) was the winner of the second division, finishing in 1:55.0. Her owners include Christopher F Beaver (Radnor, OH), James R Gallagher (Columbus, OH), Marion Beachy (Sugarcreek, OH) and Steven J Zeehandelar (Worthington, OH).

The 3-year-old trotting colts raced on April 9th. Both eliminations winners were driven by Chris Page and trained by Ron Burke. Wittyville (Manofmanymissions - Witty Girl) finished in 1:57.4. He is owned by Burke Racing Stable (PA), Weaver Bruscemi LLC (PA) and Knox Services Inc. (Mt. Vernon, OH). He was back in the winner’s circle for the 3-year-old trotting colt Championship on April 16th.

Dylan The Great (Break The Bank K - Montauk Point) won the second elimination in 1:57.2 and is owned by Burke Racing Stable LLC (PA), Lawrence R Karr (NJ), J&T Silva- Purnel & Libby (FL) and Weaver Bruscemi LLC (PA).
Executive Director's Report
By Renée Mancino

Ohio's Commentary in Support of the Harness Racing Medication Collaborative's Proposed Model Rules

The United States Trotting Association’s Harness Racing Medication Collaborative (HRMC) proposed model rules for adoption by the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI) at their annual regulatory meeting in April in Arcadia, California. The model rules recommended standardbred-specific rules for clenbuterol and betamethasone based off standardbred specific research. Prior to the USTA presentation they reached out nationwide to the Harness Horsemens’s Associations for comment. What follows is the OHHA’s comment presented to ARCI by the USTA in conjunction with the other standardbred racing Associations’ Comments.

Ohio’s Standardbred horsemen are proponents of common sense, reasonable regulation to maintain public confidence in wagering, while ensuring the integrity of racing, and above all protecting the health and welfare of racehorses. Reasonable regulation should be geared to a rational purpose related to a legitimate government interest. Reasonable regulation for the health, safety, and welfare of our equine athletes, and participants, public confidence in wagering, and the integrity of the sport.

Ohio is the nationwide leader in Standardbred Racing (or, “Harness Racing”). Ohio is number one for breeding Standardbreds with 119 Registered Standardbred Stallions standing in Ohio at 71 Breeding Farms in 33 Counties in 2019. Ohio has been the number one state for mares bred to Ohio stallions and Standardbred foals produced from 2014-2018, and number one for the number of registered Standardbred owners. In 2018, Ohio’s four pari-mutuel racetracks hosted 473 live days of harness racing at extended meets with 6,653 live races, or 57,739 Standardbred starts. In 2017 Ohio’s County Fairs offered 142 live race days with 1,569 live races at 66 County Fairs in 88 Counties.

The OHHA supports regulation that results in greater integrity, but regulation should also reflect an appropriate standard of care for the health of a horse. Since 2015, the Ohio Harness Horsemens’s Association has been a consistent advocate for “bifurcated” medication and testing regulations with outcomes and threshold levels tailored to the Standardbred breed and Standardbred racing industry.

Standardbred Racehorses’ Conditioning, Aerobic Capacity, Physiology, Gait, Racing Style, and Career Longevity are Distinctly Different from the Thoroughbred Racehorse.

Standardbred foundation bloodlines originated with a Thoroughbred-Morgan cross. A Standardbred’s relation to the Thoroughbred breed diverged significantly from there. Standardbreds have significant physiological differences, are durable, more muscular and longer bodied. They are bred to maintain either a trot or pace over a standard one-mile distance, pulling a fulcrum-balanced graphite race bike, to mitigate the weight and wind resistance of a seated Driver. Standardbreds are conditioned like a mid-distance human runner, long slow miles on a jog four days a week. Standardbreds on average race every ten days, thirty times a year from two-years-old on and must retire when they turn fifteen-years-old. Their gaited racing style results in never having their entire weight borne by one leg or having to balance the weight of a moving human on their backs. Standardbreds are sturdy middle distance cross country runners as-compared to fine boned Thoroughbred sprinters. Human athletes in different athletic endeavors do not have identical training programs or therapeutic needs. Logically racing equine athletes of different breeds require distinct therapeutic maintenance and compatible testing specific for that breed’s health, safety, and welfare concerns.

Ohio’s Standardbred Catastrophic Loss Statistics Reflect the Breed’s Durability and Support the Need for Therapeutic Maintenance by Veterinarians During a Racing Season and Over Long Racing Careers.

Ohio’s Standardbred catastrophic loss1 ten year average is .009% per start as compared to the Ohio Thoroughbred average of .212% per start. That is less than one-thousandth of one percent for racing Standardbreds per start. From 2016-2018, Ohio’s Standardbred racing start totals were, 58,097, 58,667, and 57,739 respectively, with identical catastrophic loss numbers of 5 horses per year. The numbers are steady and consistent over ten years which showcases the Breed’s durability. The iconic pacer Foiled Again raced at two-years-old until mandatory retirement at fifteen-years-old in 2019 after 331 Purse Race Starts, a record of 109-70-46, and earnings over $7.5 million.

Standardbred racing longevity, health, and welfare support a bifurcated therapeutic medication and testing environment tailored for the Breed. The removal of therapeutic tools from a Veterinarian’s toolbox, the use of less than a manufacturer’s recommended dosage for treatment, or the elimination of and longer out-times for therapeutic medications like Corticosteroids, and Bronchodilators occur without regard to the Breed or Industry racing specifics. The system should be refined accounting for Breed distinctions, durability, and racing styles between Standardbreds and Thoroughbreds. These factors weigh heavily against a, “one size fits all” system.

Artificial Control and Removal of Therapeutic Tools from a Veterinarian’s Toolbox are Detrimental to a Horse’s Health

Used in the proper amounts and in the proper way corticosteroids (i.e., Betamethasone) have a beneficial effect on cartilage and are beneficial to the joint. The current dose approved by the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium can be used in a single small joint more conducive to a Thoroughbred’s anatomy and need for treatment. That dose is inadequate for treating a larger boned-horse that needs bilateral treatment or has a larger joint like a Standardbred. Joint health and maintenance are critical to the health and welfare of a Standardbred. Reasonable bilateral injection preserves joint health, prolongs their athletic career, and a horse’s quality of life.

1 Ohio follows the Thoroughbred Jockey Club’s database reporting criteria for any racing or training related catastrophic fatality.

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Bronchodilators (i.e., Clenbuterol) with long withdrawal times of five or more days or threshold levels set at less than 25 pg./ml don’t permit a minimum manufacturer’s recommended four day course of medication for proper treatment of a Standardbred with airway disease or as an aid to clear pulmonary secretions or inhaled pollutants. Thoroughbred’s race an average of once a month, Thoroughbreds have no issue with a longer out-time (i.e., 14 days) and a corresponding lower threshold level. To properly treat a racing Standardbred, the horse must be removed from competition. If a Standardbred is not removed from competition and instead foregoes treatment, that is not in the equine athlete’s best interest. If an alternate therapeutic like Albuterol is used, it will require more frequent administration and with a half-life of two hours it will be a more invasive, less effective treatment. Therapeutic treatment with the appropriate substance and permitting the horse to continue racing are best for that horse’s health and welfare. Unreasonable threshold levels and out-times virtually eliminate a beneficial therapeutic medication like Clenbuterol’s use in Standardbreds.

The overriding concern is the integrity of racing and the health and safety of racehorses. There are significant differences among the breeds. Racehorse fatality statistics have held static in Ohio for Standardbreds for the last ten years with an overall average of .009%. A breed-specific system to manage therapeutics, provide proper thresholds, and accurate out-times for practising Standardbred Veterinarians will permit Racing Commissions to devote their limited resources to catching the serious and deliberate Class 1 and Class 2 positives and attempt to stay ahead of the curve. The Horsemens in Ohio are proponents of common sense and reasonable regulations related to a reasonable governmental interest, which do not cause an adverse business impact to their Standardbred equine business. The Harness Racing Medication Collaborative Proposals are common sense, reasonable regulations that consider the significant differences in the Breeds and Racing Industries. The Ohio Harness Horsemen’s Association fully supports the Harness Racing Medication Collaborative Proposals, and urges bifurcation and inclusion of those proposals into the Association of Racing Commissioner’s Model Rules upon the United States Trotting Association’s recommendation.

### Outstanding Groom Awards

Mike Swartz and Makala Pollock were awarded the Ohio Outstanding Groom Award.

Swartz is from Spring Valley, Ohio and has been a groom for trainer Jeff Brewer since 2016. “Mike is our ‘fix it man’ and on a farm that means a lot,” shared Brewer. Swartz is a reliable employee and has not missed a day of work since he started. “He loves to jog and train, regardless of the weather and stays at the farm even after everyone else has left for the day,” continued Brewer.

Pollock is from Ashville, Ohio and grooms for Jim Pollock Jr. at the Winner’s Circle Training Center. She grew up in the business and began working as a groom in 2012. Pollock’s duties include anything from stall cleaning to taking the horses to the races. She is a third-generation trainer as well. “She gets the job done without any problem. She is very dependable and knowledgeable about the business,” shared Jim Pollock, Jr.

Besides working with the horses, Pollock also assists her mother as a girls’ softball coach in the summer and is a home health provider to her handicapped brother.

Congratulations to Swartz and Pollock for receiving the award and thank you for the hard work you do and your dedication to the industry!

### 2019 Buckeye Stallion Series Schedule

**2-Year-Old Colt Trot**

1- Scioto Downs: Tuesday, July 2
2- Northfield Park: Wednesday, July 10
3- Champaign Co Fair: Tuesday, August 6
4- Delaware Co Fair: Wednesday, September 18

Final- Dayton Raceway: Sunday, September 29

**2-Year-Old Colt Pace**

1- Northfield Park: Saturday, July 6
2- Scioto Downs: Tuesday, July 16
3- Champaign Co Fair: Tuesday, August 6
4- Delaware Co Fair: Thursday, September 19

Final- Dayton Raceway: Sunday, September 29

**3-Year-Old Colt Trot**

1- Miami Valley: Saturday, May 4
2- Scioto Downs: Friday, June 21
3- Northfield Park: Saturday, July 20
4- Delaware Co Fair: Sunday, September 15

Final- Dayton Raceway: Sunday, September 29

**3-Year-Old Colt Pace**

1- Miami Valley: Saturday, May 4
2- Scioto Downs: Friday, June 28
3- Northfield Park: Monday, July 22
4- Delaware Co Fair: Monday, September 16

Final- Dayton Raceway: Sunday, September 29

**2-Year-Old Filly Trot**

1- Northfield Park: Monday, July 1
2- Crawford Co Fair: Wednesday, July 17
3- Scioto Downs: Tuesday, August 13
4- Delaware Co Fair: Wednesday, September 18

Final- Dayton Raceway: Sunday, September 29

**2-Year-Old Filly Pace**

1- Scioto Downs: Tuesday, July 9
2- Northfield Park: Wednesday, July 17
3- Champaign Co Fair: Tuesday, August 6
4- Delaware Co Fair: Thursday, September 19

Final- Dayton Raceway: Sunday, September 29

**3-Year-Old Filly Trot**

1- Miami Valley: Wednesday, May 1
2- Scioto Downs: Friday, June 7
3- Northfield Park: Monday, July 22
4- Delaware Co Fair: Sunday, September 15

Final- Dayton Raceway: Sunday, September 29

**3-Year-Old Filly Pace**

1- Miami Valley: Wednesday, May 1
2- Northfield Park: Saturday, June 15
3- Scioto Downs: Thursday, July 18
4- Delaware Co Fair: Monday, September 16

Final- Dayton Raceway: Sunday, September 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.
Meet Ohio Driver
Luke Hanners

Luke Hanners is 18-years-old driver from Sabina, Ohio. Hanners, the son of the late Brad Hanners, began driving at age 16. He wanted to follow in his Dad’s footsteps. “It’s what my dad has always done and ever since I can remember I have always wanted to drive and be like my dad,” shared Hanners.

His goal is to make a career out of driving harness race horses. So far, he has had a pretty good start. His first year driving he has 14 starts, 2 wins and earnings of $2,203. This number increased astronomically in 2018 with 148 starts and $53,903 in earnings. He is off to a great start in 2019 with 74 drives, 15 in the top three and over $26,000 in earnings. He has two wins this year, February 23rd with Rock Is Sweet (Rockin Image) and March 13th with John Jay (Dali-Ruby Delight), both at Northfield Park.

Hanners began driving at the fairs then started driving at Dayton, Northfield and Miami Valley. His hopes to drive someday at the Meadowlands and The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono.

Two drivers that Hanners admires are his dad and Ron Pierce. “I have learned a lot from talking to them both and watching them drive,” shared Hanners.

One of the horses that has been a favorite of his to drive was Light Up The Sky. “Light Up The Sky is just an easy horse to drive and to have fun with! He races from anywhere and tries hard every time he’s on the track,” shared Hanners.

His most exciting drive was his first win which was at the Champaign County Fair on August 9, 2017, with Save Me A Place (Artsplace - Singin For Supper).

Harness racing is a family affair. His mom, Alicia Hanners is a trainer. His brother Austin Hanners and cousins Tyler and Trevor Smith also drive.

If Hanners wasn’t driving horses, he says he would try to establish a good stable of horses to train. He has started to train, but his mom is the main trainer of the stable. “She’s a hard worker when it comes to the barn.”

If Hanners could drive any horse of the past or present, he would choose Paco Labrook and Sweet Lou. “Paco Labrook because he was the fastest horse my dad ever trained. Sweet Lou because he was one of my favorite horses to watch race when I was younger,” shared Hanners.

He believes the industry could get people more familiar and excited about harness racing with increased advertising and have the race tracks become more kid friendly.
**Ohio Track News**

**Scioto Downs Draw Schedule**
From Eldorado Scioto Downs

The 2019 racing season is fastly approaching at Eldorado Scioto Downs. The racing schedule will have a change in schedule compared to prior years. Scioto Downs will host matinée races on Tuesday with a post time of 2:00pm and continue with the traditional 6:30pm post time on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturdays. Qualifiers will be regularly scheduled on Tuesday starting on May 7 at 12:00pm until further notice. Horsemen are reminded that any horse that is entered must have a current Coggins within one year.

The condition sheets are available online for the first full week of racing. Horsemen should also pay close attention to the draw schedule as it has changed from recent years. The entry box will close on Wednesday, May 1 at 9:00am for the Tuesday, May 7 racing card. The Draw schedule for the 2019 racing schedule will be as follows:

**Tuesday for Friday and Saturday:**
Box Closes at 9am (Board Clears on Wednesday for both Friday and Saturday)

**Wednesday for Tuesday:**
Box Closes at 9am (Board Clears on Thursday for Tuesday)

**Thursday for Wednesday:**
Box Closes at 9am (Board Clears on Friday for Wednesday)

**Friday for Thursday:**
Box Closes at 9am (Board Clears on Tuesday for Thursday)

Scioto Downs will be racing for over $15-million in purses for the 2019 racing season. For a complete race schedule, visit the Scioto Downs website. https://www.sciotodowns.com/racing

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**James K Hackett Memorial Races**
Continued from Cover

The first elimination of the 3-year-old pacing fillies was won by **Queen Of The Pride** (Mcardle - Lionness Hanover) on April 12th. The McArdle filly finished in 1:51.4 with driver Tony Hall. She is trained by Kevin Lare and owned by Frank Chick (DE).

Brian Brown trains the second elimination winner **High Reward** (Yankee Cruiser - Enhance The Night). She paced to the winner’s circle in 1:52.4 with Ronnie Wrenn Jr in the sulky. High Reward is owned by Country Club Acres Inc (Findlay, OH), Joe Sbrocco (Brecksville, OH) and L & H Management Services (Findlay, OH).

**Rylee Roo** (Pet Rock - Moonlite Delite) won the 3-year-old filly pace Championship on April 19th in 1:54.1 with driver Aaron Merriman. She is trained by Steve Carter. Steven Price (GA) is the owner and breeder. This win brings Rylee Roo just shy of $100,000 in lifetime earnings.

**Dislocator** (Big Bad John - Eagle Yankee) was the first division winner of the 3-year-old pacing colts on April 13th. Chris Page guided her to the finish line in 1:51.1. The Big Bad John colt is trained by Brian Brown for owners Joelyn Ridder (Urbana, OH), Scott Davis (Belle Valley, OH), Sharron Sopronyi (Miamisburg, OH) and VIP Internet Stable LLC (Piscataway, NJ). On April 20th he also won the 3-year-old pacing colt Championship.

**Seattle Hanover** (Dragon Again - Scarlet’s Western) won the second elimination of 3-year-old pacing colts in 1:51.3, driven by Chris Page and trained by Ron Burke. The colt is owned by Burke Racing Stable LLC (PA), Lawrence Karr (NJ), J&T Silva- Purnel & Libby (FL) and Weaver Bruscemi LLC (PA).

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**Charity Night at the Races**
June 22, 2019 at Eldorado Scioto Downs

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Regularly Scheduled Ohio Racing Commission Meeting Recap

By Renée Mancino

From Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at the Columbus Riffe Center.

In normal business for the Commission, the Executive Director’s Approval items were introduced, and the February 27, 2019 Minutes were offered for ratification. There were no documents disclosed or provided to those in attendance. The Racing Commission unanimously ratified the Executive Director’s Approval items and February 27th Meeting Minutes.

The Executive Director’s Report items included three and all concerned 2019 Live Racing Approvals. Belterra Park, Thistledown, and Scioto Downs, submitted requests to (1) Waive their Surety Bond for 2019 race meets, (2) Approve listed Officials, (3) Approve the number of races and wagering format, (4) Approve Post Times, and (5) Approve their Letters to the Fire Marshall. No discussion on any submissions after enumerating the list, and no documents were provided to those in attendance. The Racing Commission unanimously ratified all requests.

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 March 3, 2019 was provided by Racing Commission Veterinarian, Dr. James Robertson. It was noted that the numbers reported are for training and racing related catastrophic breakdowns analogous to the Jockey Club’s reporting requirements, for sudden deaths that occur during or after a race. From last month’s report there were three Thoroughbreds and one Standardbred fatality. The one Standardbred fatality was discussed because it was not the result of a breakdown, but was due to a sudden series of events that resulted in a loose horse plunging into the infield pond. There were comments whether a hub rail or fence would have made a difference in this instance. There was a case discussed at Pompano Park, which had a hub rail and a fence around their water feature and that made no difference to the horse. Despite those barriers the horse made it into the water feature there. The conclusion being this was a shocking and very unfortunate, “freak accident”. Year-to date total catastrophic losses were, six Thoroughbred fatalities and two Standardbred racing related fatalities statewide.

Dr. Robertson was asked to comment on the Santa Anita fatalities. Dr. Robertson succinctly explained that as with any injury it is difficult to narrow a catastrophic breakdown to one specific cause. Often the case is multifactorial and not readily quantifiable even after a post-mortem exam. There was concern about Santa Anita’s racing surface, personnel changeovers, extreme wet weather, and it was very unlikely that a single factor was responsible.

The Monthly Racing Commission financial report was provided by Fiscal Officer Sherry White, described as likely to, “trot through the remaining fiscal year” with an overall net increase of $39,000 last year and $63,000 this year. Licensing and testing income exceeded last January’s total by $40,000. IT and Medication and Testing expenses were down slightly with overall expenses up 2%. Overall revenue was up 3% due to increased licensing, lower medication and testing costs, and more fine money. The fiscal-year-end should see a break even or slight increase over the previous Fiscal Year. The overall Racing Commission budget is approximately $30.6 Million. The high dollar amount budget was attributed to administering passthrough Funds like the Combined Simulcast Purse Fund, Thoroughbred Race Fund, and Standardbred Development Fund.

Chairman Schmitz had no Chairman’s comments and there were no public comments.

An Executive Session was not needed and there would be no further business, so the Motion and Vote was taken to adjourn and conclude the meeting.

For a transcript of the meeting contact the State Racing Commission.
Meet Your Commissioners

Ohio State Racing Commission Members

Chairman Scott Borgemenke was appointed by Gov. Mike DeWine in April 2019 to a four-year term ending on March 31, 2023. Commissioner Borgemenke is a former Chief Policy Adviser to former Gov. Bob Taft, Chief of Staff for the Ohio Senate, CFO at University of Akron, Executive Director of the Cincinnati Business Committee and former Director of Racing for Magna Entertainment. He holds a bachelor’s degree in economics from Ohio University. He currently serves as The Ohio Hospital Association’s Senior Vice President of advocacy. He is the son of retired jockey Ralph Borgemenke. He served as Chairman of the OSRC from 2002 to 2004.

Commissioner Beth Hansen was reappointed by Gov. Mike DeWine in April 2019 to a four-year term ending on March 31, 2023. Commissioner Hansen most recently served as Chief of Staff for Governor John Kasich, and managed his 2010 race for Governor. Prior to her state service, Commissioner Hansen worked for eleven years as State Director and Senior Advisor to U.S. Senator George Voinovich. A graduate of the University of Michigan, Hansen was the Political Director for the Michigan’s Republican National Party and worked on George H.W. Bush’s 1988 presidential campaign. She and her family reside in Bexley, Ohio.

Commissioner William W. Patmon, Jr., was appointed by Gov. Mike DeWine in April 2019 to a four-year term ending on March 31, 2023. Commissioner Patmon, Jr., is a former member of the Ohio House of Representatives who represented the Tenth District. Patmon was a member of Cleveland City Council from 1990 to 2001, and served as the Chairman of its Finance Committee from 1999 to 2001. In 2012, Patmon was re-elected to his seat and currently sits on the House Transportation, Public Safety, Homeland Security Committee, Ways and Means Committee, and the State and Local Government Committee. He is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University.

Gregory H. Simpson was appointed by Gov. Kasich in April 2017 to a four-year term ending on March 31, 2021. The Milford, Ohio resident owns and operates Key Transportation Services, a business he began in Clermont County more than four decades ago. He is no stranger to the horse racing community, growing up on a farm in the Cincinnati area, and his father once raced harness horses. Simpson served in the Army in Vietnam from 1969-70 before graduating from Wilmington College in 1974 with a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration. He has served as a member of the Ohio Expositions Commission since 2013, representing the dairy farmers.

Commissioner Thomas R. Winters of Columbus was appointed by Gov. Kasich in 2013 to a four-year term ending in 2017. He was reappointed in 2017 and will serve through March 31, 2021. The former First Assistant Ohio Attorney General currently teaches Business Law, Public Administration and Public Policy in the Graduate Studies School at Ohio Dominican University. In private practice Winters became a partner of Vorys, Slater, Seymour and Pease. He graduated from Capital University Law School in 1984. Winters served terms as Clerk of the House and Executive Assistant to the Speaker of the House.
OHHA Advertising Opportunities:
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:
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Winter- December: Ads due October 30th
Stallion Directory: Ads due November 15th
Summer- June: Ads due April 30th

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A special Thank You to those who donate!

OHHA sends our condolences to friends and family of Frances Pauline (Smith) Arledge-Junk.
ISC And HTA Now Accepting Applications For Harold Snyder Scholarships

News Release from International Sound Corporation, and Harness Tracks of America,

David Snyder, President of International Sound Corporation, and Harness Tracks of America, are proud to announce the renewal of the Harold Snyder Memorial Scholarships for the 2019-2020 academic year. The annual program offers $15,000 in scholarships for post-secondary education to daughters and sons of licensed trainers, drivers, caretakers, management personnel, or young people themselves who are actively engaged in the harness racing industry. Grants ranging from $1,000 to $5,000 are customarily awarded to three to six individuals annually.

Interested candidates can retrieve brief instructions and an official application form by accessing the HTA website at www.harnesstracks.com, or by contacting Scholarship Committee Coordinator Heather McColloch, [hmccolloch@mgmnorthfieldpark.com], c/o Northfield Park, 10705 Northfield Road, Northfield, OH 44067, 330-467-4101, ext. 2204. Deadline for application submissions is June 24, 2019.

Since being inaugurated in 1973 by the late HTA Executive Vice President Stan Bergstein, 223 grants totaling $840,950 have been awarded to 151 college and advanced degree students. The Snyder Family and International Sound, providers of racetrack and sport facility video, graphics and audio services to over 100 U.S. and international clients, have been the primary benefactors of the fund. Patriarch Harold Snyder, who died at 91 in 2015, started his career as a television repairman, founding ISC with his wife Marcia. Today, the business is the largest of its kind in the racing industry.

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Five Training Rosters from Northwestern Ohio Farms

By Bill Peters

This is the first installment on training sites in Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan.

The Webb Stables in Defiance County, the Konesky Farm, the Ivan Sugg and Son’s Stables in Wood County, the Bates Stable and the Venier Farm in Sandusky County are five hot spots for training this spring in Northwestern Ohio.

Bill Webb is prepping 16 horses at his farm, John Konesky III is schooling four at his farm, Duke Sugg (assisted by Brooke and Brett Sugg) is training two and Steve Maas is also preparing two at the Sugg Stable, Tyler Bates (assisted by Sean McGhee and Zac Bauman) is readying nine at his stable, and Dan Venier has a two-horse stable at his farm.

The rosters of horses in each of their stables is as follows:

**Bill Webb**
Western Fella,p,8g,Artistic Fella-Western Kisser
Diamondtequilashot,p,6m,Palone Ranger-Straitequilanite
Dancin Fever,p,5g,Indian Fever-First To Cruise
DP Spoofee,p,5g,Dontgetinmyway-Northern Anne
Panoramic View,p,5g,Artist’s View-Parapanalia
Shady Madam,p,3f,Shadyshark Hanover-Metro Madam
Tequilas Jet,p,3f,Jereme’s Jet-Straitequilanite
A Stud Named Sam,p,3g,A Stud Named Sue-We Call Her Sam
Fourpeat,p,3g,Telllitlikeitis-Queen Caroline
Lanas Desire,p,3g,Real Desire-G D Lana
Madelines Beach,p,3g,Real Desire-T B Beach Girl
Madelines Miracle,p,3g,Real Desire-Sand Feathers
DP Sputnik,p,3c,He’s Gorgeous-Northern Anne
Friendy Confines,t,2c,Guccio-Off The Wall
Lizz Can Win,p,2f,Canyon Wind-Impressive Lizz
Metro Mystery,p,2f,Net Ten EOM-Metro Madam

**John Konesky III**
Onemorebro,t,4g,Dejarmbro-Onemorelap
Dont Forget Denise,t,3f,Dontyouforgetit-Just Plain Denise
Cell Service,t,2f,Dejarmbro-Fire In The Cell
Onemorebrosif,t,2c,Dejarmbro-Onemorelap

**Duke Sugg**
Dontyousayit,t,2c,Dontyouforgetit-Mystic Magician
Yanks Dugout,t,2c,Triumphant Caviar

**Steve Maas**
Zoom On Romeo,p,6g,Beach Romeo-Winbak Zoom
Cowboy Country,t,4g,Break The Bank-Smith Hall

**Tyler Bates**
KT War-Bates,p,5g,Stand Forever-Ken’s Mystifier
Wild Eyed Yankee,p,4g,Yankee Cruiser-Bolero Toki
Wrap And A Hooey,t,3g,Dontyouforgetit-Flanery Hall
I M McCited,p,3f,McArdle-Exciting Deal
Skyway Artistic,p,3g,McArdle-All Over You
Valparaiso Hanover,p,3g,Dragon Again-Vasmajorty Hanover
Bubbysbrother,p,2g,Feelin Friskie-Forever Your Lady
McWrecked,p,2g,McArdle-Home Wrecker
My Name Is Hairy,p,2g,World Of Rocknroll-Handsoffmymunchkin

**Dan Venier**
Pretty Bubbles,p,3f,Th Panderosa-Randy’s Girl
Herecomescharlie,t,2c,Full Count-Jetterbug

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OHHA Scholarship Applications Available

The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association (OHHA) is proud to offer the Ohio Harness Horseman’s Association Scholarship Fund Program.

The total value of scholarship funds will be $10,000 which may be divided among multiple winners with the minimum amount being $2,500.

The applicant or a family member must be a member of the OHHA. Completed applications are due June 15.

Visit the OHHA website for complete details and an application ohha.com.
OHHA Positions Available

Harness Racing Ambassadors: Ohio Harness Horsemen’s Association is preparing for the 2019 Fair season and is now accepting applications for summer internships from students and harness racing ambassadors from anyone who has a passion for harness racing.

Our interns will enjoy assisting in a variety of promotional events throughout the 5-month long season as they will get hands on experience in marketing, writing press releases and recaps, interviews with owners, officials, and drivers, as well as capturing the excitement of grassroots harness racing for social media all while interacting with Ohio’s diverse and interesting racing fans at our 66 Fairs.

Applicants will be expected to travel throughout Ohio, must have reliable transportation, and are willing to work weekends and evenings.

This position requires a self-starter who is energetic and has strong communication skills and loves working with people. Experience in harness racing and with some social media is required.

For more info or to submit our resume send an email to info@ohha.com.

Outreach and PR Coordinator: The Outreach and Public Relations Coordinator will be a full-time, at will integrated position. Primary responsibility for creating and developing public relations activities, marketing, and outreach strategies. The Outreach and Public Relations Coordinator will also work closely with the Association’s Team participating in marketing, charity, and outreach events to promote harness racing in Ohio. Full description of position can be found at www.ohha.com. Please send resume, including salary requirements, by 5:00 p.m. June 1, 2019 to rmancino@ohha.com. Incomplete resumes or resumes submitted without salary requirements will be discarded and not considered.