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Thom Pye Photo

Ohio Fair Championship Held in Dayton

By Thom Pye

The eight \$40,000 divisions of the Ohio Fair Championship, held at Hollywood Gaming Dayton Raceway on October 13th, showcased the talent from the 65 Ohio County Fairs, both horse and human, and many of the equine stars stepped up to new lifetime tabs.

It was breeder/owner Michael Soehlen's **Fatimas Secret** who took the 2-year-old trotting fillies showdown as the daughter of Southwind Spirit came out at the head of the lane from a two-hole trip to trot away by three lengths from Laurels Dream (Jeff Nisonger) and Lipstickin Lies (Cam McCown) in a new standard of 2:00.4. It was the Jeff Cox trainee's sixth win of her freshman year as she pushed her 2019 earnings to \$40,610.

A fine field of nine 2-year-old pacing fillies were the next group to go behind the Mike Wuebkenberg starting gate. Brett Miller would get away second from

the seven position with Johnny Kearns' **T Degengold**, the Jeff Nisonger-conditioned distaff by Pet Rock, then took command past the three-quarters and drew away by 6-1/2 lengths in 1:54.2 to best stablemate Shehitthehigh-note (Dan Noble) and Jessica Smith's Crosswind Layla with Brady Galliers in the bike. T Degengold is now 10-1-2 in her 13 seasonal starts and climbed to \$58,702 in purse monies.

In the 2-year-old colt trot co-owner and trainer Steve Carter put Dan Noble in the driver's seat on breeder/co-owner George Smith's **Sundancediamond** and the gelding by Break The Bank K got the perfect two-hole trip before grasping victory by a nose over Handsome Pete (Alex Hawk) as Tyler Smith and Blazintothe front took third, only three-quarters of a length behind them. In his eighth winning tally of his juvenile year, Sundancediamond took a new lifetime mark of 1:59.3 to compliment her year-to-date bank account of \$49,954.

Dan Noble sent his own student **Bar-gain Shopper** to the front of the class in the 2-year-old colt pace and clipped off a near-track record mile of 1:53.3 with Chuck Grubbs' altered son of Big Bad John as Elite Machine (Brady Brown) a half-length back and Big Bad Whamo (Kurt Sugg) gave a game chase in the final panel of :28.3. It was the seventh win for the \$81,802 winning speedster as well as a new lifetime mark. He also sports four second place



T Degengold



Sundancediamond



Bargain Shopper

finishes in his 12 2019 starts.

The two top 3-year-old trotting fillies squared off as Paul Thiesing and trainer Kimberly Dailey's Shake It Mary with Scott Cisco ruled the fractions and tossed a :28.3 backside panel when Joyce McClelland's **Aunt Marilynn** challenged them to the three-quarters in 1:26. John Melsheimer's star pupil

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Fatimas Secret



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Regularly Scheduled Ohio Racing Commission

Meeting Recap

By Renée Mancino

Regularly scheduled Racing Commission Meeting recap from Monday, September 23, 2019 at the Columbus Riffe Center.

Roll Call, all Commissioners present except Commissioner Patmon who was out ill.

In normal business for the Commission, the Executive Director's Approval items were introduced, and the August 27, 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 August 27th Meeting Minutes.

Consideration of approval for 2020 Live Race Dates for Standardbred Racing. 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 and were approved in the August Meeting. The remaining racetracks were held over to resolve a date-overlap. 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. 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 an Agreement in place 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 an Agreement in place with the Horsemen to reduce pending date approval. Eldorado Scioto Downs and Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway had an overlap on September 10, 11, 12, 2020. The Racing Commission requested no overlap in the Racing Schedules. The overlap was removed by Eldorado Scioto Downs retaining a five-day weekly schedule in August instead of dropping back to four-days a week and concluding their meet on September 5, 2020. Commissioner Winters noted appreciation to Eldorado Scioto's Stacy Cahill for

modification of their 2020 schedule to remove the overlap. The Racing Commission unanimously ratified the approvals.

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 September 27, 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 six Thoroughbred and one Standardbred fatalities. Year-to date total catastrophic losses are, thirty-one Thoroughbred fatalities and two Standardbred racing related fatalities statewide. There was discussion related to the Thistledown racing surface and rocks coming up through the material. Director of Racing Patrick Ellsworth and HBPA Executive Director Dave Basler provided detail on the issue and praised trackman Johnny Vano for his efforts to correct issue and in working the track. The Chairman requested a written report from the track superintendent regarding this issue in the next thirty-days.

The Monthly Racing Commission financial report was provided by Fiscal Officer Sherry White. The OSRC Financial Report was outlined and \$40,000 ahead of Fiscal Year-end Projections, due to taking over the horsemen's fine accounts for roughly \$84,000 from the seven racetracks and the payouts on those accounts going forward. The positive fiscal-year report is also due to level expenses year-over-year with an expected one-quarter of one percent decrease in rent for Riffe Center Occupants. Reflecting a decrease of approximately \$3,500 per quarter. Overall revenue is over \$2,400,000 for operating expenses. The Chairman provided commentary on continuing concerns over being properly

funded to oversee the racetracks.

Resolution 2019-07, "Commission's Regulatory Thresholds for Prohibited Substances" was introduced by the Chairman. Commissioner Hansen motioned to approve the Resolution with Chairman Borgemenke second. Comments were requested from those in attendance at the meeting. Chairman Hansen gave an overview of the Medication and Testing Committee process.

Dr. Clara Fenger and Mike Tanner appeared on behalf of the United States Trotting Association to present the Harness Racing Medication Committee's (HRMC) position in regards to Standardbred Therapeutic Medication thresholds. The focus being one of an alternate business model and racing style, which requires different therapeutic maintenance from thoroughbreds. One area of focus for the USTA has been research on the intervertebral use corticosteroids, methylprednisolone or "Depo-Medrol", betamethasone or "Betavet", triamcinolone or "Vetalog", and isoflupredone, also known as "Predef". Of those therapeutics, the discussion focused on the most recent research done with methylprednisolone, betamethasone, and ancillary comments on dexamethasone.

Dr. Fenger pointed out one of the deficits in the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium's (RMTC) published thresholds for betamethasone. The threshold is viewed as inadequate because their research is based on testing after one ankle joint was injected. That threshold prohibits use in a horse's stifles and only permits use in one joint at a time without threat of being over the therapeutic limit for the ARCI recommended out-time. With historical issues that the intervertebral corticosteroid methylprednisolone could cause damage to a joint, the USTA focused their research on Betamethasone. Betamethasone has not been shown over time to damage joints, mask lameness, act like a blocking agent, nor is it performance enhancing. Betamethasone is therapeutic. Based upon those factors, the USTA HRMC recommendations taken

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to the Association of Racing Commissioner's International in April were for a 100 ng/ml threshold level. That level would prohibit use in stifles, but would permit bilateral treatment of a smaller joint by veterinarians at six days, which is a common treatment schedule for practicing veterinarians in Standardbreds. Stifles would be 10 days or more out for treatment at that dose. However, at this time, the HRMC is awaiting further detailed statistical analysis to provide a detailed recommendation to the RMTC this fall. They are hopeful to have the data complete by the end of the year, which would enable a definitive recommendation.

Pending completion of the statistical analysis, Dr. Fenger provided detail on the RMTC/ARCI betamethasone threshold at 10 ng/ml as too low and not an adequate threshold level. The primary basis is the number of positive tests that have resulted in other states that have adopted that threshold level. In California there were 30 positive tests, in New Mexico there were 30 in three weeks, and nationwide overall since 2014 there are at least 150 violations with that threshold level in place. In Pennsylvania after a reduction from 100 ng/ml to 10 ng/ml, pending are at least 15 standardbred and 30 thoroughbred betamethasone positive test violations that haven't been adjudicated after the reduction in the betamethasone threshold level. Dexamethasone is equally problematic because the 5 pg/ml threshold for that has resulted in approximately 300 violations nationwide above that threshold level.

Dr. Mary Scollay, Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of the Racing and Medication Testing Consortium appeared to discuss Resolution 2019-07. Dr. Scollay detailed when the RMTC discusses medication regulation, they first have a "philosophical discussion" before going to the science underlying regulation. Commenting specifically, "[s]o before we do any science to decide how we want to regulate that substance in terms of drug testing, we decide what we think is appropriate for the health and

welfare of the horse and the integrity of competition". With the primary focus a philosophical discussion, "we will then see if there is existing science that will allow us to make recommendations for thresholds corresponding to that withdrawal interval." If not, an "administration study" is done, subjected to the 95/95 tolerance interval or laboratory limited detection, and set the threshold. Dr. Scollay represented the RMTC is willing to review their data recommending the 9 mg dose with a six day withdrawal. She noted they are not, "willing to contemplate" injecting multiple joints in proximity to a race or "interested in contemplating higher doses". In response to the high betamethasone and dexamethasone positive test numbers due to the RMTC moving the therapeutic medication thresholds lower in 2014, Dr. Scollay followed-up, "philosophically setting a more permissive threshold to medication to make laboratory results sort of go away doesn't mean that you've established control of the medication."

The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association provided commentary and requested reconsideration of adoption on 2019-07 subject to ongoing study, research, and examination as applied by the Harness Racing Medication Committee for Standardbred racehorses. The Association is a proponent of commonsense, reasonable regulation to maintain the public's confidence in wagering and ensuring the integrity of racing and above all protecting the horses' health, safety, and welfare. (*Formal comments provided in this newsletter as the Executive Director's Report*).

Mark Loewe Vice President of Racing with Penn Gaming commented on the change as being significant, which will lead to a significant impact on the racehorse trainers and ability for racetracks to have full fields for the minimum number of live race days required in Ohio. Mr. Loewe expressed concern about effectively eliminating the ability to use therapeutics, which would push treatment options into the black

market.

HBPA Executive Director Dave Basler added comments specific to the unrealistic dosage on therapeutic medications and the significant impact this will have on the thoroughbred industry.

Chairman Borgemenke volunteered his time going forward to aid in trying to get other states to the table to adopt the HRMC offered scientific standards. Between now and the first of the year to aid in unifying the states with Standardbred racing and Standardbred specific medication and testing rules.

After discussion the Motion and Vote was taken on Resolution 2019-07, which will have an effective date of January 1, 2020. The Racing Commission unanimously approved Resolution 2019-07.

Commissioner Simpson provided a summary of the progress with the Safety Committee.

Commissioner Simpson discussed his trips to Belterra Park to participate in General Manager Joe DeLuca's weekly summary updates. Commissioner Simpson was concerned with the Turf Course condition and races being moved off the Turf Course. Chris Corrado, Vice President and General Manager and Tony Brzinski Director of Facilities at Belterra Park provided detail on the Turf Course. They explained the weather with a very wet spring, extremely dry summer, and prevalence of Nutsedge weed, they have had a hard time with maintenance. HBPA Executive Director Dave Basler and Jockey's Guild Director Jeff Johnson added the horsemen's and jockey's detail to concerns.

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.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By Renée Mancino

Ohio State Racing Commission 9.23.19 Meeting 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.

We are first and foremost an advocate for the horse. Therapeutic medications must be preserved for what they are manufactured for. They are not performance enhancing, they are for athletic maintenance. They are necessary for competition horses regardless of breed or discipline to enable performance and protect their health. As applied the RMTC and ARCI agenda will end racing, as the extremist animal rights activists would prefer. The RMTC and ARCI "Model Rules" are so restrictive that veterinarians have no professional discretion to treat horses with the most appropriate and beneficial therapeutic medications.

If regulators continue this path of enforcement, which criminalizes a veterinarian's use of therapeutic medications, the impact on racing will *Continued on page 4*

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continue to be detrimental. With the commentary discussed today by Dr. Mary Scollay the Executive Director, COO of the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium regarding the administration out-time for the Betamethasone being set not based upon science, but upon the RMTC's "philosophical decision" to use seven days versus a six-day scientific standard, on Interarticular Corticosteroids. In addition, that organization's intent to push forward with an agenda to criminalize "stacking" of Interarticular Corticosteroids. We are informed and believe that there is at least one Corticosteroid that is endogenous to a horse and are alarmed that a horseman could potentially be subjected to a violation for what is a substance that a horse naturally produces systemically. These give us even greater pause as-to reliance upon the RMTC's thresholds in Ohio for therapeutics.

Not permitting Veterinarians to use FDA approved Therapeutic Medications in the way the manufacturers have outlined and subject to their veterinary discretion, there will be no reason for racing or State Racing Commissions. Threshold levels and screening limits need to be set to accommodate the racing veterinarians and protect our equine athletes. Troubling are facts that the Ohio thresholds set for 2019-07 on Betamethasone and Dexamethasone have resulted in an extremely high number of positive tests in all other RMTC/ARCI jurisdictions with those adopted thresholds. Under those RMTC thresholds the RMTC database reflects approximately 150 therapeutic overages for Betamethasone in neighboring states and likely 300 therapeutic overages for Dexamethasone in neighboring states. Those are real, individual horsemen and owners that are having horses disqualified, having to return thousands of dollars in purse money, have trainers that are being fined and/or serving suspension days (which also costs money when they can't work and must cover for their absence), which equates to significant money lost to them. Owners will not buy horses, breed horses, or race horses if they cannot be treated as any elite athlete competing therapeutically.

Ohio's Standardbred Horsemen have more to lose than anyone in the nation. We are number 1 for the fifth year in a row with the number of standardbred stallions that stand in our State. Widespread modification of therapeutic medication and screening limits or thresholds in any form will have an impact on not only the health and longevity of our standardbred partners, but also on our agricultural business spread statewide. As adopted today these thresholds will decimate Ohio's racing business.

Ohio there are 143 registered Standardbred Stallions standing at 72 farm locations statewide in 42 Ohio Counties.

For the fourth straight year Ohio was Number One on the list for number of mares bred to Ohio Registered Stallions as reported by the 2018 United States Trotting Association's official Registrar's Report released in March 2019. Ohio has now been Number-One in mares bred to Ohio stallions for the fifth year, nationwide in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018.

Aside from the being, Number One in mares bred, Ohio is;

Number One for standardbred foals born

Number One for the total number of registered owners of Standardbreds.

Number One in the Country for County Fair racing with 66 Fairs

Standardbred racing in Ohio is Number One and the Number One benefactor is statewide agriculture!

With Fair Racing there were 606 Live days (475 + 131 Fairs) of standardbred racing in Ohio

Total number of races in 2018 was: 8,089, the County Fairs hosted 1,436 races, Miami Valley Gaming was host to 1,185 races, Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway 999, Scioto Downs 1,104, and Northfield Park with 3,365 races Total number of standardbred horse starts in 2018: 8,138 starts at the County Fairs, 57,739 starts at the four harness racetracks in Ohio.

The reasons primarily cited as the basis for added or stricter regulation are racehorse medication test positives and catastrophic breakdowns. 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.

Standardbred medication positive test numbers for 2018 with 20,413 tests were performed at the seven commercial racetracks and 67 County Fairs, 10,543 blood tests, 7,259 urine tests, and 2,611 serum TCO2 tests. In 2018, 144 of those were considered positive tests with 55 Thoroughbred and 89 Standardbred positive tests, or a rate of 5 per 1,000 tests for racing Standardbreds. Therapeutic overages for Class 4 regulated therapeutics like Bute or Banamine were responsible for most of the total, and Ohio has no environmental contaminant thresholds, which would exclude human to horse contaminates as false-positives. In May 2019, Director Tang opined in the OSRC Monthly Meeting that new laboratory equipment has provided an opportunity to identify new previously undetectable

medications and refined testing procedures have resulted in more accuracy. These numbers are steady and consistent over ten years which showcases the Breed's durability.

The Ohio Horsemen encourage prudent consideration before widespread changes are made to therapeutic medications in Ohio. There must be a rational basis for widespread and extensive change, with the lack of catastrophic deaths and no significant change in medication and testing violations, there is none. The Ohio Standardbred Horsemen welcome the opportunity to continue to provide support in providing funding for research and initiative to further the cause for reasonable regulation based on science. A breed-specific system to manage therapeutics, provide proper thresholds, and accurate out-times for practicing 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 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 Ohio law. With Directive 2019-07's adoption today, at a minimum we respectfully request reconsideration of the thresholds on the two therapeutics addressed today in detail, Betamethasone and Dexamethasone subject to ongoing research and examination to determine a reasonable threshold.

Release from the Ohio State Racing Commission

From Bill Crawford, Executive Director Ohio State Racing Commission

The Ohio State Racing Commission recently passed thresholds for therapeutic substances. These thresholds will become effective **January 1, 2020**. The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) can test a blood or urine sample from your horse for these therapeutic substances. Once submitted the turnaround time to obtain results is approximately seventy-two hours. You will have to make payment at the time the sample is submitted. ODA has updated its sample submission form which is included in this package. The sample submission form is also available on the ODA website at www.agri.ohio.gov.

If you have questions regarding the submission process to ODA, you can call ODA at (614) 728-6230.

A copy of these thresholds and submission form can be found on the OHHA Website, www.ohha.com

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



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Ohio Fair Championship continued from cover

and Aaron Merriman were on top up by 3-3/4 lengths when the homebred daughter of Uncle Peter stopped the timer in 1:57.3 for her new lifetime mark. Aunt Marilyn has a record of 9-7-3 in her 22 starts in 2019 and has earned \$68,918 this year.

The 3-year-old filly pace featured North America's winningest sophomore, 18-race winner Heythere Lisamarie, co-owned by Richard Paltani and trainer Steve Carter. She was saddled with the eight hole and gunned for the top. Officially My Way carried her a bit as Vintage Gal pressed on the outside before taking the seat in :26.3. New Number Who Dis tried to ring in as Ambitious Lillian followed cover. There was a cavalry charge coming to the wire before a photo print was ordered. When announcer Barry Vicroy called Michael Farquhar's **Ambitious Lillian** in 1:55 it would give driver Dan Noble his third winning effort on the day and bring the daughter of Big Bad John's lifetime earnings to \$97,282 for conditioner Bruce Farquhar. Officially My

Way was second, a nose back, as a game Heythere Lisamarie hung on for third, beaten only a half-length.

Tammy Carter, Jay Mossbarger, Cass Gallagher and Breana Carsey's 3-year-old Broadway Hall trotting gelding **Homer Hall** trotted to an explosive 11-3/4 length win in 1:53.3 over Don't Front Me (Dan Noble) and Setit And Forgetit (Jeff Nisonger) and give the Steve Carter-trained/Brett Miller-driven 1-5 favorite his 12th win of 2019. Homer Hall has earned \$186,138 so far this season.

Driver Brett Miller would get a four-bagger on the day when he stayed back in the field in the 3-year-old colt pace with owner/trainer/breeder Daniel Hale's **Aeroblast** and watched front-running Rock N Randy V (Chris Presley) and Friday Night Blues (Cam McCown) stage an epic head-to-head battle before Miller pushed a last quarter of :29 to win in 1:52.2 by 1-3/4 lengths over McCown and Friday Night Blues. It would give the Feelin Friskie 3-year-old gelding a new career high water mark, put his two-year total earnings at \$76,318, and have the day's highest payoff for the players with a tidy \$55.20 to win.

For each division the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association awarded Fair Championship shirts and jackets as well as a Fair Championship chair and a glass vase etched by Ann and Ray Lufkin filled with carrots for the equine star. Throughout the crowd were many familiar faces from each of the Fairs: directors, horsemen, track announcers, and photographers as they made



Ambitious Lillian



Homer Hall



Aeroblast



Aunt Marilyn

the pilgrimage to Montgomery County to watch their horses compete.

Thanks to our host, Hollywood Gaming at Dayton and Director of Racing Jason Bluhm, for their accommodations as they provided fans — both young and old — with food vendors, bouncy tents, door prizes, and T-shirt giveaways.

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Equine Spotlights

October Spotlights

Compiled By Regina Mayhugh

Party at the Banks (Break The Bank K - Beach Party As) won the Ohio Sires Stakes 4-year-olds and up Mares Championship at Northfield Park on October 12th. She finished in 1:54.3 with Chris Page. The 5-year-old mare is trained by Ron Burke and owned by Burke Racing Stable LLC (PA) and Weaver Bruscelli LLC (PA).

Pass The Vape (Dejarmbro - Vapor Rises) won the Ohio Sires Stakes 4-year-old and up Geldings Championship on October 12th at Northfield Park, finishing in 1:54.1 with Mike Wilder. Lionel Ray Watiker (Zanesville, OH) owns and trains the 4-year-old gelding.

Lady Driver Recognition-

Congratulations to Jazmin Arnold for winning the Billings Amateur Trot at Northfield Park on October 6th and 20th. She drove Buddy Hally (Angus Hall - Credibility) in both races. The 9-year-old gelding is trained by Herman Hagerman and owned by Joseph Varga (Sugar Creek, OH).

Mary Birkholder and Jayme Weller won the Ladies Pace for the Cure races at Northfield Park on October 12th. Birkholder drove Bestinthebusiness (Another Mile - Tendin To Business), 11-year-old gelding trained by Brett Body and owned by Brett Boyd Racing Inc. (MI). Weller drove Blue Spanx (Santanna Blue Chip - Spanx), 8-year-old gelding owned by Joseph Boza (Brunswick, OH).

Fair Capital Improvements, 2020 Feature Race Grant Applications Due Nov. 29 and 2019 Feature Grant Final Report Due Nov. 30. Forms can be found on OHHA website at <https://www.ohha.com/ohio-fair-racing.html>.

Dick Brandt, Sr. Extra Effort Award- Deadline Extended

Know a horsemen's association, matinée club or an individual who has gone above and beyond for their county fair race program who should be awarded for their hard work in 2019? Nominate them for the Dick Brandt, Sr. Extra Effort Award. Fill out the nomination form below return by email to rmayhugh@ohha.com or mail to 2237 Sonora Dr. Grove City, OH 43123 by **November 22, 2019**.



Nomination for the Dick Brandt, Sr. Extra Effort Award

The 18th Annual Dick Brandt, Sr. Extra Effort Award is being offered for the 2019 racing year in order to expand the OHHA's commitment to county fair racing. Local Ohio horsemen's associations, matinée clubs and individuals who have have given the most to their county fair or local community are encouraged to apply. The award is based on involvement with their local fair board, participation in local matinées, community involvement, improvements to track and barn areas and assistance with the racing programs during fair week. You can include up to one more sheet of additional information if needed. The more information you can provide for your nominee will help the committee to make a more informed decision. **DEADLINE NOVEMBER 22, 2019**

I. Please fill out the following information about the association being nominated:

Name:

Location:

How many years has the association been in existence?

II. Tell us about the association, club or individual. Include activities participated in during 2019. Include any community involvement, harness racing promotional activities, county fair involvement, relationship with the county fair board, track and barn improvements and involvement in the county fair's racing program.

III. Any additional information about the horsemen's association, club or individual.

Nomination by:

Name:

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Ohio Outstanding Groom Award- Deadline Extended

Know a groom who should be awarded for their hard work in 2019? Nominate them for the Ohio Outstanding Groom Award. Fill out the nomination form below return by email to rmayhugh@ohha.com or mail to 2237 Sonora Dr. Grove City, OH 43123 by **November 22, 2019**.



2019 Ohio Outstanding Groom Award

Attention Trainers, Nominate Your Grooms! The OHHA Outstanding Groom Award is meant to highlight a groom that really goes above and beyond for their horses and the sport of harness racing in Ohio. You can include up to one more sheet of additional information if needed. Please be thorough, the more comprehensive the nomination is, the better chance your nominee has of being chosen.

Each month a groom will be chosen based on the merits of the application. In addition, this application will also be used to determine the Outstanding Groom Award that will be presented at the 2020 OHHA Annual Banquet (those received by **NOVEMBER 22, 2019** are eligible). Please use one form for each groom and turn forms into your OHHA track representative.

Monthly winners will receive a \$200 Visa gift card. Hollywood Dayton, Miami Valley Gaming and Scioto Downs will award 2 at each track. Northfield Park will award 6 throughout the year. Fair groom applications can be taken to the nearest track.

Applicant Information

Groom Name	_____	Groom Location	_____
Dates of Employment	_____	Trainer Name	_____
Trainer Phone	_____	Trainer Email	_____

Explain the role this person has in the stable:

How long have they been involved in harness racing? How did they get started?

What other activities are they involved in?

Any additional information you would like to share:

Terry Holton Youth Award- Deadline Extended

Know a youth who has been actively involved in harness racing in 2019? Nominate them for the Terry Holton Youth Award. Fill out the nomination form below return by email to rmayhugh@ohha.com or mail to 2237 Sonora Dr. Grove City, OH 43123 by **November 22, 2019**.



Nomination for the Terry Holton Youth Award

The 19th Annual Terry Holton Youth Award, is awarded to youth between the ages of thirteen and nineteen who have actively participated in harness racing during 2019, as a driver, trainer, owner, groom, breeder, official, race office/publicity assistant, track maintenance crew or any capacity that has provided outstanding service to harness racing. You can include up to one more sheet of additional information if needed. The more information you can provide for your nominee will help the committee to make a more informed decision. **DEADLINE NOVEMBER 22, 2019**

I. Please fill out the following information about the person being nominated:

Name:

Location:

Age:

If in school, grade and name of school attending:

II. Explain the role this person has had in the harness racing industry in 2019.

III. How long have they been involved in harness racing? How did they get started?

IV. What other activities is the nominee involved in?

V. Any additional information you would like to share:

Nomination by:

Name:

Email:

Phone:



Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association
2237 Sonora Dr.
Grove City, OH 43213

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.

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 website www.ohha.com under News & Publications.**

Publication Schedule and Advertising Deadlines:

Stallion Directory:	Ads due November 15 th
Winter - December:	Ads due October 30 th
Spring - March:	Ads due January 30 th
Summer - June:	Ads due April 30 th
Fall - September:	Ads due July 30 th

Dates to Remember

2019 Racing Dates

Northfield Park
Jan. 1 - Dec. 30

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

2020 Racing Dates

Northfield Park
Jan. 1 - Dec. 30

Miami Valley Gaming
Jan. 3 - May 3

Eldorado Scioto Downs
May 5 - Sept. 5

Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway
Sept. 10 - Dec. 29

Fair Feature Grant Report
Due Nov. 29

Fair Capital Improvements and Feature Race Grant Applications
Due Nov. 30

P.A.C.E.R. Stallion Auction
January 5 - 18, 2020
Details in Winter issue of The Buckeye Harness Horseman magazine (Dec)

1st Quarter OHHA Board Meeting

Jan. 17, 2020
Marriott Columbus University Area

OHHA & USTA District 1 Awards Banquet

Jan. 18, 2020
Marriott Columbus University Area

Upcoming Sales

Fall Speed Sale
Nov. 19 - 21
Champions Center Expo
Springfield, Ohio