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Ohio's Stars at the Delaware County Fair

By Regina Mayhugh

It is hard to believe that summer has come to an end. The fair season is almost over as I write this and many of our Championship races have come and gone with a few to finish here in October. We have had another great summer of racing in the Buckeye State as so many competitive horses have traveled throughout the state.

Delaware County Fair had another great week of racing with Ohio Fair Racing Conference races, the last leg of the Buckeye Stallion Series, Ohio Breeders Championship and a variety of other big races, besides the Jugette and the Little Brown Jug. This is one fair anyone who is a fan of harness racing should always plan to attend.

New this year, the Buckeye Stallion Series raced 23 races during the week. The **3-year-old filly trotters** began the series on Sunday when **Infrontandforgetit** (Dontyouforgetit-Front End Rate) took the first division win with driver Dan Noble for trainer Jim Arledge, Jr. She is owned by Greg Buckey, William Buckey, Mary McLoughlin and Spring Mill Venture. **Cindi Hall** (Cash Hall-Colleen Hall) won the second

division for owner Marissa Russo. She is trained by David Russo and driven by Aaron Merriman.

Secret Bro (Dejarmbro-Secret Thoughts) won the first division of **3-year-old colt trotters** with driver/trainer Hugh Beatty. Secret Bro is owned by Stephen Sexton. The second division was won by **Fleet Cessna** (Manofmanymissions-Cessna Hanover), owned by Benjamin Graber, trained by Trent Stohler and driven by Dan Noble. The last division was won by **In My Dreams** (Winning Fireworks-Iam Spikes Wish), owned by Galliers Racing LLC. He is trained and driven by Brady Galliers.

Dancin Dragon (Dragon Again-McDance Desire) went to the winner's circle for the first division of **3-year-old pacing colts**. He was driven by Dan Noble for owners James Arledge and Mark Marroletti. **Dancin Dragon** is trained by Jim Arledge, Jr. **Long Train Runnin** (Big Bad John-On the Choo Choo), owned by Winchester Baye Acres LLC took the win in the second division. He is trained by Mike Conklin and driven by Chris Page. **Bambino Joe** (Dragon

Again-Virtuous Western) won the third division for owner Thomas Mucci. He is trained by Greg Wright and driven by Aaron Merriman. The last 3-year-old colt pace division was won by **Medoland Brutus** (Art Official-Jodie Lynne Tup), owned by Phillippe Belanger (who also trains him) and Jeffrey Koesters, driven by Kayne Kauffman.

The winners of the **3-year-old pacing fillies** were **Our Miss Reese** (Art Official-Brianna Joy) and **Bringhomethemail** (Dragon Again-Margin Blue Chip). **Our Miss Reese**, is owned by Sawgrass Farms LLC, trained and driven by Hugh Beatty. **Bringhomethemail** won for owners Frank Baldachino and Earl Smith, trained by Jamie Macomber and driven by Dan Noble.

Fingerinthefrostin (Stormin Normand-Action On Lavec) won the first division of **2-year-old filly trotters** for owner Norman Rae Racing LLC, trained and driven by Dan Noble. **Supreme Lady** took her supreme place in the winner's circle in the second division for First Up Racing Stable, trained by Rosy Weaver and driven by Don Irvine. The last division was won by **Feel**



Infrontandforgetit
Buckeye Stallion Series 3FT Conrad Photo



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Buckeye Stallion Series 3CP Conrad Photo



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Ohio Breeders Championship 2FP Conrad Photo

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Looking For Zelda
Buckette Filly Trot Conrad Photo

Invincible As (Broadway Hall-There's A Way), driven to the by Elliott Deaton.

Lorentzon and Deaton also had a win in the **2-year-old colt pacers, State ofmyhead As** (Broadway Hall-Yankee Jeanie). State ofmyhead As is owned by ACL Stuteri AB and Kjell Johansson. **Luckycompeter** (Uncle Peter-Lucky Billie) and driver Aaron Merriman headed to the winner's circle in the second division for owners Christopher Beaver (also trainer), Martin Yoder and Steven Zehandelar. The final 2-year-old colt pace division was won by **Frontloader** (Uncle Peter-DJ Babe) for owners Gregory Clark, Dustin Arledge and Mary Thompson. Frontloader is trained by Dustin Arledge and driven by Thomas Litt.

Officially My Way (Art Official-Eagle Way), owned by Ronald Dale Randall, won the first division of the **2-year-old filly pacers**. She is trained by Ron Randall and driven by Jason Thompson. **She Dragons** (Dragon Again-Native Flower) won the second division for owner Robert Key, trained by Rich Gillock and driven by Aaron Merriman.

The **2-year-old pacing colt Ohio Vintage** (Western Vintage-Little Betty), trained by C. Brian Loney won for owner Ribbonships with driver Aaron Merriman. Then Yannick Gingras guided **Touch of Dragon** (Dragon Again-Touch of Kathryn) to the win for the second division. **Whatawhat Ken Win** (Pine Valley-Raque Ken Win) was also in the winner's circle with David Miller in the sulky. He is owned by Laura Belt and trained by Ray Belt.

The Ohio Breeders Championships were held throughout the week at Delaware too. **Carmen Ohio** (The Panderosa-Hufflepuff) won the **2-year-old filly pace division** for owners Milton Leeman, Steve

Manning, Brent Meizlish and William Calvert. Carmen Ohio is trained by Brian Brown and was driven by Ryan Stahl.

The winners of the **2-year-old colt pace** were **Rock Candy** (Pet Rock-Cotton Candy) and **Dislocator** (Big Bad John-Eagle Yankee). Both colts are trained by Brian Brown. Rock Candy is owned by Country Club Acres Inc, Joe Sbrocco and Richard Lombardo, driven by Ronnie Wrenn, Jr. Dislocator is owned by Joelyn Ridder, Scott Davis, Sharron Sopronyi and VIP Internet Stable LLC, driven by Chris Page. Rock Candy holds a world record for a 2-year-old gelding pacer on a half mile track.

Vivi D (Broadway Hall-Fortheloveofindy) won the first division of the **2-year-old filly trot** for owners Kirk Nichols and Dan Ater. Ater also trains the filly and Kyle Ater drove her. **Only Take Cash** (Cash Hall-Armbro Affair) not only won the second division of the Ohio Breeders Championship 2-year-old filly trot, but she is now an Ohio Triple Crown winner, after winning the Ohio State Fair Stakes and Ohio Sires Stakes Championship earlier this summer. She is owned by Robert McIntosh Stables Inc, Dave Boyle and Mardon Stables. Bob McIntosh trains and she was driven by Aaron Merriman.

Pattis Main Man (Manofmanymissions-Patti Page) and **Cumberland Gap** (Wishing Stone-Battle Axe) were the **2-year-old colt trot** winners. Pattis Main Man is owned and trained by Mike Sowers, driven by David Miller. Kayne Kauffman drove Cumberland Gap, owned and trained by Renee Bauslaugh, to the winner's circle.

The **3-year-old filly pace** winners were **Baron Remy** (Yankee Cruiser-Riley Character) and **McVenus** (McArdle-Venus Killeen). Baron Remy is owned by Burke Racing

Stable LLC, Silva, Purnel & Libby, Lawrence Karr and Weaver BrusceMI LLC. She is trained by Ron Burke, driven by Chris Page. McVenus is owned by Emerald Highlands Farm, trained by Brian Brown and driven by Trace Tetrick.

Rockathon (Pet Rock-Pantathlon) and **Bounding Dragon** (Dragon Again-Bound To Rock) were the **3-year-old colt pace** winners. Rockathon, who now has \$338,615 in career earnings, is trained by Kimberly Dailey. Dailey also co-owns the colt with Carl Atley and Melanie Atley. David Miller drove him. Bounding Dragon is also co-owned by Carl Atley and Melanie Atley as well as Alan Keith. He is trained by Mike Roth, driven by Dan Noble.

In the **3-year-old filly trotters** **Risky Deal** (Break The Bank K-Photo Magic) and **Impinktoo** (Manofmanymissions-Margie Seelster) both took the wins. Risky Deal is owned by Deborah Kvermno, trained and driven by Chris Hershberger. Impinktoo is owned by William Walters, Joe McLead and RTK Racing LLC. She is trained by Ron Burke, driven by Kayne Kauffman.

Mission Accepted (Manofmanymissions-Witty Girl) and **Rising MVP** took the wins in the **3-year-old colt trot division**. Mission Accepted now has career earnings of \$314,524. In 2017 he also won his division of the Ohio Breeders Championship as well as the Ohio Sires Stakes Championship. He is owned by Knox Services Inc, Jeffrey Conger (who also trains him) and David Wills. He was driven by Ryan Stahl. Rising MVP (My MVP-Nutmegs Winner) is owned by

Susan Daugherty, trained by William Daugherty, driven by Aaron Merriman.

The **Aged Pace** in the Ohio Breeders Championship was won by 3-year-old pacing colt **Docdor Friskie** (Feelin Friskie-Lady Shuffle), owned by Miller Racing Stable Inc. He is trained by Ryan Miller, driven by Tyler Smith.

Party At The Banks (Break The Bank K-Beach Party AS) and **Jailhouse Sam** won the **aged trot** divisions. Party At The Banks is a 4-year-old mare owned by Burke Racing Stable and Weaver BrusceMI LLC. She is trained by Ron Burke, driven by Chris Page. She finished in 1:53.4, breaking the stakes record that A TcQueenie set last season when she finished in 1:54.3. Jailhouse Sam (Victory Sam-Jailhouse Broad) is a 4-year-old gelding owned by Casey Clemens. He is trained by and driven by Hugh Beatty, Jr.

Ohio-bred **Looking For Zelda** (Break The Bank K-My Winning Way K) won the Buckette Filly Trot. She is closing in on \$400,000 in lifetime earnings. Robert Key owns this 3-year-old filly who is trained by Norm Parker. Matt Kakaley drove her.

The Standardbred Filly Pace was won by Ohio-bred **Dragonfly** (Dragon Again-Win D Won). Dragonfly is trained by Chris McGuire, who also co-owns her with Brian Carsey and John McGill. She was driven by Aaron Merriman.

This year one of Ohio's own, **Lather Up** (I'm Gorgeous-Pocket Comb) won the 1st elimination in



Dragonfly
Standardbred Filly Pace Conrad Photo



Lather Up
First elimination of the Little Brown Jug Conrad Photo
the Little Brown Jug and finished third in final. This season he has won 11 of his 14 starts and now has \$842,712 in lifetime earnings. He won the North American Cup in June and the Ohio Sires Stakes Final in September. Lather Up is owned by Gary and Barbara Isles, trained by Clyde Francis and was driven by Montrell Teague.

What a great week at the Delaware County Fair! Congratulations to all connections of the winners and best of luck for the rest of the 2018 season!

Out of Competition Testing Commentary

By Renée Mancino

Out of Competition Testing in Ohio is a challenging proposition due to very specific Ohio Revised Code provisions for medication and testing that are very narrowly drafted and precise in detailing the scope and authority granted to the Ohio State Racing Commission. The authority extends to, "race day" ¹ medication and testing in Ohio and prohibits a horse entered to race from having any prohibited "foreign substance" on race day.² The Ohio Legislature has not granted authority for medication and testing regulation or enforcement outside of this very specific race day framework.

February 22, 2017 Assistant Attorney General assigned to the Ohio State Racing Commission, Michael Rzymek ³ detailed the need for Code provision revisions and provided suggested sample rules styled as R.C. 3769.09. With that background, the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association has provided detailed opinion letters on April 24, 2017 and August 22, 2017 providing recommendations in regards to this important initiative. They are incorporated into this commentary by reference.

The April 24th letter detailed the response to New York State's adoption of the Association of Racing Commission's International (ARCI) Model Rule on Out of Competition Testing.

The adopted model rule was immediately challenged for violating the separation of powers doctrine, being overly broad, unconstitutionally vague and not reasonably related to the purpose they were passed for. To date, there has been substantive change in the scope of the ARCI Model Rule since initial passage in 2016, but as applied the changes have broadened the rule even further. ⁴

Ohio Horsemen continue to have concerns regarding potential adoption of the ARCI Model Rule or a similar rule for Out of Competition Testing in Ohio with expanded scope reporting and mandatory Stewards List placement additions. The currently drafted Model Rule obviates Fourth Amendment, reasonable

search and seizure protections, the requirements necessary under the law for the issuance of a search warrant, and the proper procedure a governmental actor must follow in advance of conducting a warrantless search. Additional Constitutional questions arise under the Fifth Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment regarding self-implication, notice, and rights of due process.

In accordance with protecting an individual's Constitutional Rights requiring a narrowly tailored and reasonable search, any Rule set forth should also be clearly defined and narrowly tailored with the goal being one of reasonableness. The ARCI Model Rule is overly broad,

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ambiguous, and vague as to, (1) the Biological Sample Substances List and scope of testing, (2) the class of horse that can be tested, (3) the process for obtaining the sample, including geographical location requirements.

(1) Biological Sample Substances List

The Scope of Testing is unlimited. Although the Model Rule provides for testing of, blood and gene doping agents, it now includes the World Anti-Doping Agency's Prohibited List. If any of the following therapeutic substances⁵ have been administered they must be prescribed, and reported. The prescribing veterinarian's prescription and treatment plan must be submitted to the Commission, and with some therapeutic substance use, after reporting veterinary treatment, a horse is automatically placed on the stewards list.

- a. Furosemide (Lasix) or any other diuretic.
- b. Blood replacements
- c. Trichlormethiazide
- d. Autologous Conditioned Plasma (IRAP), or Platelet Rich Plasma (PRP).
- e. Mesenchymal Stem Cells
- f. Altrenogest
- g. Blood Replacements
- h. Nucleic Polymer Transfers. In addition to reporting requirement trainer must receive written approval for use.
- i. Thyroxine. In addition to reporting requirement trainer must receive written approval for use.
- j. Peptide Hormones, Growth Factors: Adrenocorticotrophic Hormone, Luteinizing Hormone, Chorionic Gonadotropin. Once reported horse must be placed on vet's list for sixty-days.
- k. Anabolic Agents: Albuterol, Clenbuterol, Anabolic steroids (boldenone, nandrolone, stanozolol, testosterone). Distinction between exogenous and endogenous is not clear, which is also problematic under

Ohio Law. With some, once reported horse must remain on vet's list for six-months.
 l. "Any pharmacologic substance which is not addressed by any of the subsequent sections of the List and with no current approval by any governmental regulatory health authority for human or veterinary use (e.g., drugs under preclinical or clinical development, discontinued drugs, and designer drugs) is prohibited at all times."

(2.)The Class of Horse to be tested.

A horse can be tested if, located on the grounds of any racetrack or training center, being cared for by a licensed trainer, owned by a licensed owner, nominated to a state breeder's fund or sire stakes program, is nominated to race or has raced within the last 12 months or is entered to race.

(3) The Process for Testing. The ARCI Model Rule provides for collection, on an out-of-competition sample for cause or not, (within the discretion of a commission), at any reasonable time, without advance notice, and where the horse from whom the sample is sought is located, whether on or off racetrack property. Under the Model Rule, jurisdiction off racetrack property is deemed consented-to as a condition for anyone holding any Racing Commission License.

The Horsemen provided substantive input in their April 24, 2017 and August 22, 2017 commentary submitted prior. What follows updates and enhances that input after further meetings and discussions.

- 1. A Prohibited Substance List clearly defining what is being tested for and clearly differentiating between "use" and "possession".
- m. Testing for targeted and specific blood and gene doping agents only limited to those foreign substances that have a prohibited level standard

- n. Implementation of an environmental contaminates standard.
- o. Exclusion of endogenous substances and listed Therapeutic Medications as permitted by Ohio Law below published threshold levels from the Prohibited Substances List.⁷ No pre-test reporting requirements. No automatic Steward's List placement.

2. The Class of Horse that can be tested should include only those that are training with trainers licensed in Ohio and qualified to race. Slightly different rules "bifurcating" out-of-competition testing rules among the different racing Breeds. Bifurcation would more reasonably relate the Rules to the intended purpose of detection and prevention leading to unfair performance in each racing breed.

3. The testing locations should be those specific locations that are currently licensed by the Ohio State Racing Commission, under their jurisdiction, and active with live racing at the time the test is required. That would extend to either the Northern or Southern racetrack location conducting a live racing meet.

p. Sample designation is done by the Racing Commission Veterinarian randomly. Without probable cause there should be a limit on testing number and frequency clearly set-out in the Rule.

q. Testing window notice provided should be at least 24 hours to give horsemen adequate time to comply. Provide for out of their control, "Act of God" intervening circumstance safe

harbors. If a test result comes back negative the Horseman should be reimbursed for mileage to and from the testing location.

- r. Sample collection shall be done by the Racetrack Spit Box Veterinarian in the controlled location during racing hours. A six-hour window should be provided for the horseman to deliver the horse to the testing location. The same protocols and procedures currently in place for sample collection, tagging, securing, chain of custody should be used. No Vet Techs involved in the process.

4. Test Samples should be limited to the type and scope of those permitted under race day testing, which includes blood, urine, and TCO2. Split Sample Rules and Procedures Apply

5. Horses that are tested out-of-competition should be required to be re-tested as a "special" on their next racing night if they don't finish in a position that would result in being tested.

6. All horses claimed should be tested.

The final issue is one of cost. In jurisdictions that have out-of-competition testing regulation the costs are substantial. Ohio sample testing costs are governed by O.A.C. 3769-8-01 and 3769-18-01. Specifically, under the rules, the costs for one horse in each race shall be deducted from the purse pool. There is currently no provision for deduction on the cost of any other sample. Specifically, "the cost of analysis of all other samples shall be paid by the commission." Therefore, any proposed initiative would also have to provide details on payment for out-of-competition testing and not unduly burden Ohio's Horsemen with the sole burden on cost.

¹ R.C. 3769.082(E) and 3769.01, "race day" is, the twenty-four-hour period beginning at one minute after twelve a.m. and ending at twelve midnight of a day when horse racing is scheduled".² R.C. 3769-18-01 & 18-02. Foreign substances include all classified substances except those that exist naturally in an untreated horse at normal physiological concentrations and include all narcotics, stimulants, depressants, or other drugs.³ Michael Rzymek has since resigned his position with the Attorney General's Office and is now the Deputy Executive Director of the Ohio State Racing Commission.⁴ Most current policy adopted January, 2017 can be found at <http://tharacing.com/medication/out-of-competition-testing/>. (last visited, August 24, 2018).

Ohio Ladies Pace Series Championship race

By Bill Peters

The 2018 Ohio Ladies Pace Series Championship race was contested at the Delaware County Fair in Delaware on Tuesday, September 18 with eight ladies vying for bragging rights. When the smoke had cleared, first-year driver Mariah Wright found herself in the winner's circle after guiding Make Three Wishes (Brandon's Cowboy-Make Some Noise) to a narrow victory over Alesha Binkley and Astarisontheway. Binkley is also a first-year driver. Make Three Wishes is a seven-year-old mare and is co-owned by trainer Joe Putnam and James Smith. The winning time for the mare was 1:56.4. The other six ladies who qualified for the championship race were Mary Birkhold, Mary Dawson, Amy Eubanks, Emily Hay, Mandy Jones and Rhonda Patrick.

Mandy Jones was the leading point-winner for the 2018 season. She will be honored at the Ohio Fair Racing Conference Awards Banquet on Saturday, November 17, at the Ward L. Adams American Legion Post No. 454 near Ridgeville Corners, Ohio.



Ohio Ladies Pace Championship, Make Three Wishes driven by Mariah Wright. Conrad Photo

Alesha Binkley Captures Ohio Ladies Pace Series Race

By Bill Peters

Alesha Binkley captured the Ohio Ladies Pace Series race at the Montgomery County Fair races on Sunday (Sept. 23) with Officer Jones (*Always A Virgin-Tyber Song*).

The fair's races were held at Hollywood Gaming Dayton Raceway this year since a racetrack has not been constructed on the fair's new fairgrounds.

Officer Jones is a 5-year-old gelding and is owned by Trent Stohler Stable Inc. with Trent Stohler doing the conditioning. The time for the winning mile was 1:57.1.

The points earned by the ten ladies who drove in Sunday's race will be their first points for the 2019 season since the 2018 season ended with the Ohio Ladies Pace Series final at the Delaware County Fair in Delaware on Tuesday (Sept. 18).



Alesha Binkley winning the ladies pace at Dayton Fair. Conrad Photo

2018 Ohio Fair Racing Conference Season Wrap Up

By Bill Peters

The Ohio Fair Racing Conference wrapped up its fifth season on Thursday, September 20, at the Delaware County Fair in Delaware. The champion and the runner-up for 2018 in each of the eight divisions of the two-year-old and three-year-old colt and filly stakes along with the leading driver and the leading trainer will be honored at the Conference's annual awards banquet on Saturday, November 17, at the Ward L. Adams American Legion Post No. 454 near Ridgeville Corners, Ohio.

Skyway Artistic emerged as the champion two-year-old colt pacer with R J Jetpac grabbing the runner-up honors. I Get It came out on top in the two-year-old colt trot division

with Dont Tell Luke coming in second.

The three-year-old colt pace honors go to champion Tinker Toy and runner-up Long Train Runnin. Blasco is the only repeating champion as he captured the three-year-old colt trotting championship after being the two-year-old colt trotting champion in 2017. Stormin At Dawn will gather the accolades for the runner-up spot in this year's three-year-old colt trot division.

The two-year-old filly pace championship was decided by a nose in the final race at Delaware when the champion Ambitious Lillian narrowly edged the runner-up Vintage Gal. Urban Buzz won the two-year-old filly trot division by a wide margin over the

runner-up Dejarming Lady. A "ten for ten" performance by Believe In Waco in the three-year-old filly pace category was the most outstanding achievement in the Ohio Fair Racing Conference for 2018. Connie's Desire wound up taking the second-place honors in that division. The three-year-old filly trot champion is Bugs MVP with Abequa picking up the runner-up honors.

Cameron McCown captured his second consecutive driving championship. The leading trainer award will go to Chris Beaver for the third consecutive season.

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Hollywood Gaming At Dayton Raceway Off To Fast Start

By Gregg Keidel

DAYTON, OH. – If September returns are any indication of what is to come, Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway is optimistic that the current 76-program meet will produce year-over-year increases in both handle and purses for the fifth consecutive season in 2018. Through the first two weeks, daily handle has been up significantly every day but one when compared to same-day figures a year ago. Most of the increase has come via the off-track simulcast signal, an indication that the Dayton product continues to gain popularity throughout the industry.

Horse supply has been exceptionally strong enabling the race office to produce full fields and 14 race programs most of the time. With a purse account targeted at over \$8.5 million for the meet (an average of approximately \$115,000 per day), that trend is likely to continue right through closing day on December 29.

The annual highlight of the Hollywood Dayton meet is the presentation of the Dayton Trotting Derby and Dayton Pacing Derby, each carrying a purse of \$150,000 in 2018. Both races attracted stellar fields including many of the best older horses in North America. The nine in the Trotting Derby combined for 214 career wins and over \$8.5 million in earnings; while the Pacing Derby contestants visited 215 winners circles and banked almost \$14 million in purses. A total of seven million dollar winning horses entered the Derbies, three trotters (Ariana G, Homicide Hunter and JL Cruze) and four pacers (McWicked, All Bets Off, Bit Of A Legend N and Rockin Ron). The feature races also attracted a number of nationally-acclaimed drivers to southwest Ohio, including Tim Tetrick, Brian Sears, Matt Kakaley, Brett Miller, Scott Zeron, Jordan Stratton and Daniel Dube. A number of regular Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway reinsmen also secured mounts in the big races, namely Aaron Merriman, Chris Page, Kayne Kauffman and Josh Sutton.

Live racing will continue five days a week throughout the remainder of the meet. Monday and Tuesday matinées begin at 2:15 p.m.; while evening cards each Thursday, Friday and Saturday begin at 6:15 p.m.

OHHA sends our condolences to friends and families of....

**L. Edward Fortney,
Dr. Gary Junk**



CONGRATULATIONS!



Race Secretary Jason Roth and General Manager Racing Operations Stacy Cahill present Dan Noble with the leading driver award and Virgil Morgan with leading trainer award at the 2018 meet at Scioto Downs. (Conrad photo)



Race Secretary Gregg Keidel and Vice President of Racing Mark Loewe congratulate Jeremy Smith, who scored his 2000th career win early in the current Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway meet. (Conrad photo)



Only Take Cash, 2-year-old filly trotter, earned the 2018 Ohio Triple Crown after winning at the Ohio State Fair stakes, Ohio Sires Stakes Final and the Ohio Breeders Championship Final. Owned by Robert McIntosh Stables inc, Dave Boyle and Mardon Stables. She is trained by Bob McIntosh. (Conrad photo)

George and Todaro Receive Groom Appreciation Awards

John (Joey) George was the last 2018 Groom Appreciation Award winner for Scioto Downs. He is from Washington Court House and has worked for trainer K. Dean Glispie since 2012. "Joey has been in the business his entire life and can easily make decisions on his own when I am not around," shared Glispie.

Matt Todaro was awarded the Northfield Park Groom Award. He is from Northfield and has worked for trainer Samuel Schillaci since 1996. "Matt has worked for us for 22 years. They do not get any more loyal than Matt. You never have to worry when you have Matt around. He makes sure everything is taken care of. We can go out of town and not have to worry. Matt makes sure things are done as if we are there. We are very fortunate to have Matt for all of these years," shared Schillaci.



John (Joey) George

HHYF Announces 2018 Scholarship Recipients

Submitted by Ellen Taylor

The Harness Horse Youth Foundation is pleased to announce that Hanna Darrow of Dublin, Ohio and Katie Eick of Farmingdale, New Jersey have been awarded the 2018 Curt Greene Memorial Scholarship and the Sweet Karen Scholarship respectively.

The \$2500 Curt Greene Scholarship honors an individual who has demonstrated a passion for harness racing and strives to achieve great things within the industry. Hanna Darrow, the daughter of J. Robert Darrow and Kelly Darrow, demonstrates that passion with her goal of becoming an equine veterinarian. Hanna is entering her third year at the University of Kentucky where she is pursuing degrees in Pre-Vet and Equine Science and Management. While attending school, Hanna has been involved in countless extracurricular activities and community service projects. In addition, she also works as a Veterinary Assistant at Woodland Run Equine Veterinary Facility as well as shadowing 1,500 hours with the clinic's staff of veterinarians.

"Knowing his legacy, I am honored to receive the Curt Greene Memorial Scholarship, thank you to the Harness Horse Youth Foundation!" exclaimed Hanna when she heard of her selection.



Katie Eick, the daughter of Floyd and Jennifer Eick, has been attending, volunteering and interning at HHYF camps since 2012 which cemented her selection as the 2018 Sweet Karen Scholarship. The \$1500 Sweet Karen Scholarship is awarded to students who have attended previous HHYF camps and who look to further harness racing involvement as they move forward with their education. Since attending her first camp (with no harness racing experience), Katie has developed a deep appreciation for Standardbreds and hopes to be able to dedicate her life to helping them. Katie looks to pursue a degree in Equine Science at Rutgers University-New Brunswick where she would ultimately like to become an equine sports and rehabilitation therapist. Katie is very grateful for what the experiences she has had and the people she has met through the HHYF.



Top: Hanna Darrow, Curt Greene Memorial Scholarship recipient. Bottom: Katie Eick, Sweet Karen Scholarship recipient.

"Hanna and Katie exemplify the qualities the committee looks for in the selection process. They are hard-working, dedicated, and intelligent young women and HHYF is delighted to be able to assist them with their academic goals," said Executive Director Ellen Taylor.

The Harness Horse Youth Foundation is a charitable 501(c)3 organization dedicated to providing young people and their families educational opportunities with harness horses in order to foster the next generation of participants and fans. The Foundation has been making a difference in young people's lives since 1976; its programs include interactive learning experiences with racehorses as well as offering scholarships and creating and distributing educational materials relating to harness racing.

For more information on opportunities through HHYF, or to support its mission, go to www.hhyf.org

Youth and Standardbred Fun

Meet Aubrey Schwartz, USTA Youth Delegate

By Robin Schwartz

Aubrey Schwartz, 16, of Washington Courthouse was recently named as an USTA Youth Delegate. This is the first year and she will serve a two year term until 2020. The responsibilities of the Youth Delegate are to help promote the horse industry, especially to some of the younger crowd. Their goal is to help interest the youth in the sport through social media and the tracks.

Aubrey's family is no stranger to horse racing in all stages. Her great-grandfather Ray Schwartz was a Warren County Fair Board member who promoted racing at Lebanon Raceway. He and his daughters were also a ticket takers at Lebanon, Latonia Race Track and Delaware. He was also a Standardbred owner. Aubrey's grandfather, Dr. Robert Schwartz, has been with Midland Acres as a veterinarian for over 40 yrs.

Her parents, Robin & Bret Schwartz own the Hired Guns Racing Stable in Washington Court House where Bret is a trainer and has a stable of ten horses that have been racing this year. She also has an older sister, Alexis, who attends The University of Kentucky. Alexis is majoring in Equine Science and Management and Animal Science. Alexis works for their dad during summer breaks and while at school she works for Keenland and Taylor Made Farms.

Aubrey also works in the family stable in her free time. She is very active in FFA, 4-H, owns her own rabbitry, plays varsity softball, soccer, and basketball, all while serving as class vice-president, a secretary office position in FFA and a member of the Fayette County Junior Fair Board. She is also a member of Fayette County Christian Athletes and Grace Youth Group. She has volunteered at the Rose Avenue Community Center, the Ronald McDonald House and at youth basketball and softball camps. She also umpires youth baseball and referees youth soccer.

Her favorite horse their family has owned is Cyalter. He was small but had a huge heart and always raced big. He is now enjoying retirement in the family pasture. Her favorite thing about horse racing is the excitement it brings as anything can happen. She enjoys seeing all the hard work of training paying off.

She is open to any ideas that will help draw more people to the races. She brings her friends to the races to share what happens in the barns and stands. They visit the Racing Stars tent and take rides in Mike and Becky's starting gate. These are just a few ways for them to become involved in the excitement.

Aubrey is a Junior at Miami Trace High School. After graduation she plans on attending college in the field of Agricultural.



Photos From the Delaware County Fair by Aubrey Schwartz



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