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in Carl Milstein



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Charlie May

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wins \$300,000 Carl Milstein Memorial



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Charlie May wins the Milstein

Ohio-sired Charlie May crossed the wire an impressive winner in the \$300,000 Carl Milstein Memorial, a Grand Circuit event against some of the best sophomore pacers in North America, at MGM Northfield Park.

Charlie May started from post seven and sat fifth through the opening :26 quarter.

“We got a little bit lucky in the first turn to find a seat,” explained Miller.

Charlie May was in the flow, third over, but still in fifth position at the :53.2 half-mile mark. Miller called upon Charlie May in the third quarter, tipping three-wide and accelerating at an amazing speed, arriving in the lead at the three-quarter pole in 1:20.4. He continued to pull away from the others, winning by 4-3/4 lengths in 1:48.4. The clocking was a track and world record for sophomore gelded pacers.

“Once he (Charlie May) made the front he kind of let up,” explained Miller. “He would have gone faster if he had someone to pass.”

Charlie May (McArdle-Stipple Hanover-Western Hanover) is owned by Don Tiger of Canonsburg, Pennsylvania. Steve Carter trains him at his farm track in Londonderry, Ohio.

“It is very sweet to win this race here in Ohio,” stated Carter. “This horse shows up

every week and always does his work.”

Saturday’s victory is the 12th score for Charlie May. The win pushes his earnings to \$728,477.

Following in succession after Charlie May were Mysweetboymax, Water Sports Teen, Rockin On Venus, Bettor Sun, Chase H Hanover, Heart Of Chewbacca, Bayfield Beach and Alilthundadownunda.

Charlie May returned \$4.60 to win.

The race was in honor of Carl Milstein, who owned and operated Northfield Park from 1984 until his death in 1999. It is the richest invitational event in harness racing for pacers.

The win was Charlie May’s third straight following his disqualification in the Meadowlands Pace.

Charlie May also added a victory in the fourth leg of the Ohio Sires Stakes at Scioto Downs on August 21. He sits at the top of the Sire Stakes standings for 3-year-old colt pacers and will race in the OSS Championships September 5 at MGM Northfield Park.



Charlie May

World Records Fall In Cleveland

Weslynn Quest, Ocean Rock, and Charlie May made it a night to remember at MGM Northfield Park when they set world records in three straight races.

Weslynn Quest won the \$100,000 Tom Aldrich President's Trot leading gate to wire from the rail, winning by ¾-length in 1:50.4. The speedy clocking is the fastest mile in history trotted on a half-mile track. Joe Bongiorno drove the five-year-old mare for trainer Per Engblom. The daughter of Manofmanymissions scored for the third time in 2021 in 18 starts raising her career earnings to \$372,326.

It was the debut of the invitation only race for four-year-old and up Ohio-sired trotters.

In the next race, Ocean Rock went gate to wire to dominate the \$100,000 Myron Charna President's Pace. Ocean Rock, the son of Rockin Amadeus, set his second world record at Northfield Park clocking the fastest mile ever by a four-year-old gelded pacer on a half-mile track.

Dan Noble took Ocean Rock to the lead and never looked back tripping the wire in 1:48.1 for his wife and Ocean Rock's trainer Christi Noble. The win was his third of the

year in nine starts and raised his lifetime earnings to \$606,122.

In 2019, Ocean Rock set a world record for freshman gelded pacers at Northfield in 1:51.1.

The night was topped off when Charlie May blazed to a victory in the \$300,000 Carl Milstein Memorial in 1:48.4 with Brett Miller for trainer Steve Carter. The clocking was a track and world record for sophomore gelded pacers.

The win was the fifth of the year for the son of McArdle.

OHIO SIRE STAKES FINALS SET

The top two- and three-year-olds are set to do battle in the Ohio Sire Stakes Championships at MGM Northfield Park Sunday September 5.

Here are the top-eight in each division that are eligible for the finals.

2-Year-Old Colt Trotters

Chris Beaver has three 2-year-old colt trotters eligible for the finals, including the top two-point getters. Caviar Gold and Gabby's Bit Coin are tied at the top of the standing with 128 points after winning two of the four legs. The third Beaver trainee to qualify for the finals is The Mighty Hill. The Mighty Hill is 6th in the standings after winning two legs.

Ron Burke has two eligible to go to the gate. Rose Run Xtra and Up Blueberry Hill each has one victory in OSS legs.

The other three eligible for the finals are Slim Jimmy for trainer Jason McGinnis, Gudio Di for trainer Steve Schoeffel and Chulo for trainer Per Engblom.

2-Year-Old Filly Trotters

Beaver has the top three 2-year-old filly trotters eligible for the finals. Gabby's C Note and Caviar Roxy Du each won three legs, while stablemate Stephanie Hill collected two wins in the legs leading to the finals.

No other trainer has more than one entry eligible. Martysmagicmoment (Danny Collins), Moments Created (Edward Miller), Be My Baby Now (Burke), and Sweet On Pete (McGinnis) each have won a leg entering the finals.

Kirsi Dream (Miles Wollam) is the only filly eligible that has not won a leg but sits fifth in the standing with three seconds and a third-place finish.

2-Year-Old Colt Pacers

Sitting at the top of the standings is Christi Noble trainee Sling Shock who has won three legs and finished second in a fourth.

Brian Brown's Guld Shores also has three wins and is second in the standings.

Ron Burke has three eligible for the finals, Terminator sits 3rd in the standings, Seaside Way is 5th and Rose Run Explosion is 6th.

The other three eligible are Tre Cruz (Steve Carter), Buckeye Seaside (Mike Polhamus), and Mr. Nuttin Nice (Roshun Trigg).

2-Year-Old Filly Pacers



Sea Silk wins all four legs

Burke has three filly pacers eligible including the top two in the standings. Sea Silk has been perfect, winning all four legs while stablemate Cape Cod Hanover has three victories. The third Burke trainee, Dragon Lady, is fourth in the standing.

The other five eligible for the finals are Hotshot Temptress (Kyle Ater), Secret Side Piece (Todd Luther), Mermaid By The Sea (Brown), Allnight Micki (Tim Twaddle) and Dragons Revenge (Noble).

3-Year-Old Colt Trotters



Winning Ticket wins all four legs
Spyder The Striker each have won a leg of the sire stakes.

Beaver has four colt trotters eligible for the finals including Winning Ticket. Winning Ticket has won all four legs leading to the finals. The other Beaver trotters are Panzano, Perron and Spyder The Striker. Panzano and

The rest of the eligible field is Peter's Royalty (Debra Garland), Lockbox (Burke), Mcstoned Again (Christ Hershberger), and Dontforgetlittlman (Debra Swartz).

3-Year-Old Filly Trotters

Burke and Virgil Morgan Jr. each have two eligible for the 3-year-old filly trot finals. Burke has the top point getter in Celebrate With Me, the winner of two legs and second in the other two, along with Merry Ann.

The Morgan Jr. trainees include Herculisa with two wins and Boujee Girl.

The others four eligible are Katie's Lucky Day (Luther), Designer Specs (Jay Weller), Swizzle Hanover (Randy Bendis), and Osma (Beaver).

3-Year-Old Colt Pacers

Burke will also have two of the top pacers eligible for the finals. Heart Of Chewbacca sits second in the standings, while I'm Sorry Man is sixth. Heart of Chewbacca has won two legs.

The top point getter in the division is Steve Carter's Charlie May. Charlie May has won three legs entering the finals.

The other 3-year-old colt pacers eligible are Four-Star Flash (Brown), Borntobeshamless (Noble), Rock N Republic (Robert Taylor), Laughagain Hanover (Jay Hock), and Truly Noble (Brian Boring).

3-Year-Old Filly Pacers



Summer Touch wins three of four legs

Eight different trainers have fillies eligible for the finals.

Summer Touch sits atop of the standings for Burke after winning three of the four legs.

Second is Dragons Lucky Lady for trainer Clarence Foulk. Dragons Lucky Lady has also won three legs.

The rest of the eligible field is Smothastenesewisky (Brian Haynes), Leave Her Wild (Danielle Snyder), She Knows It All (Jim Arledge Jr.), Lady Arthur (Dr. Ian Moore), Babs Jansen (Kayne Kauffman), and Rainy Day Chic (Dan O'Mara).

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County Fair Recap

Jackson County July 15

Three drivers and three trainers each had two wins each in the first day at the Jackson County Fair. Brandon Bartley, Brady Clemens, and John Ryan Melsheimer collected doubles while Melsheimer, Jimmy Lupton and Eric Nesselroad had training doubles. The fastest mile of the night went to Sixby Hanover, pacing in 1:59.3.

Jackson County July 16

Rain forced the cancellation of the second day of racing at the Jackson County Fair in Wellston.

Franklin County July 18

Dustin Bothman, Austin Hanners, Alex Hawk and Cameron McCown all had doubles as did trainers Steve Carter and Mark Rowe on day one at the Franklin County Fair in Hilliard. Casecon had the fastest mile of the day, pacing in 1:56.2 for Hanners and trainer Virgil Morgan Jr.

Franklin County July 19

On the second day of racing in Hilliard, Alex Hawk had three wins while 11 different trainers picked up wins. Hawk drove Ufpfortydevansgirl to the fastest time of the day in the Open Pace in 1:58.2. In the Spring Haven Ladies Pace, Jazmin Arnold drove Rocknroll Hanover to the win.



Jazmin Arnold and Rocknroll Hanover come home winners.

Warren County July 19

There were two race cards on the only day of racing at Lebanon. On the early card, Dan Noble had a big day winning four races, while ten different trainers had wins. On the late card, Ronnie Gillespie scored a triple while trainer Dan O'Mara won two races. Gillespie and O'Mara had the fastest winner of the two cards with Open My Eyes, winning in 1:56.2

Ottawa County July 19

The combination of BJ Roberts and Chris Beaver won three of the ten races on the card at Oak Harbor. Jason Merriman drove Catch Me Conrad to the win in the Signature Series Pace in 1:56. Emily Hay won the Ladies Driving Series with Santana Blue Chip.

Ottawa County July 20

The second day of racing in Oak Harbor had Don Harmon collecting a triple with trainers Marvin Craft and John Konesky III with doubles. The fastest time of the day went to Racing On Air in the 3-year-old colt pace for Skip De Mull and Kent Hess in 1:56.4.

Carroll County July 20

A doubleheader racing program was contested in Carrollton with a total of 15 races. Trainer Herman Hagerman stole the show with five training wins. Drivers Brady Clemens, Don Irvine Jr. and Hunter Myers each had two wins

Crawford County July 21

The Crawford County Fair hosted the Buckeye Stallion Series on their first night of racing. Five divisions of 2-year-old filly pacers saw Future Ex-Wife with Ryan Stahl for Bill Rhoades clocking the fastest time in 1:57.4. Stahl and Chris Page each had three winners on the night while 11 different trainers had winners.



Ryan Stahl drives Future Ex-Wife to victory in Bucyrus

Fayette County July 21

The first session in Washington Court House produced a new track record by Lane of Stone in the Signature Series for trainer driver Mark Winters. The winner trotted home in 1:59.2 which broke the 29-year-old record. The win was Lane of Stone's 25th in 54 lifetime starts.

Crawford County July 22

In the second night of racing in Bucyrus, driver Kurt Sugg picked up three wins, while trainer Cory DeyErmand had two wins. Jason Thompson guided Snappy Lady to the fastest time of the night in the 3-year-old filly pace in 1:56.2.

Fayette County July 24

Dan Noble was the big winner on the second day of racing in Washington Court House. Noble had four winners while trainers Brian Georges and Jeff Nisonger had doubles.

Knox County July 24

The first race of the night saw a new track record for 2-year-old pacers as The Mountain with Steve Schoeffel for Cory DeyErmand paced in 2:00.4. The combination of Chris Presley and Mike Medors had two wins on the card.

Union County July 25

The Burns family stole the show with a dead heat in a two-horse race. The dead heat gave Roy Burns a double as a trainer. Also collecting two training wins on the day was Hank LeVan who also had a driving double. The fastest time of the day went to 3-year-old filly pacer Rockin N Kissin who tripped the wire in 1:58.2 for trainer-driver Jeff Nisonger.

Union County July 26

It was the Chris Beaver show on the second day in Marysville. Beaver won two races in the sulky and collected three training wins as well. The two divisions of the Ladies Driving Series were won by Amy Wengerd and Mary Birkhold. Wengerd guided Speaking Out to the win, while Birkhold drove IM Imp. Calvin L with Hank LeVan set a new track record at Marysville, pacing the mile in 1:55.3.



Hank LeVan and Calvin L set new track record at Marysville.

Knox County July 26

Drivers Daren Harvey and Don Irvine Jr. had two wins apiece on the nine-race program at Mt. Vernon. Trainers Harvey and Isaiah Shrake had two training wins each. So Rockin Ravi was the fastest of the day. The 3-year-old colt pacer was a winner in 1:57.1.

Seneca County July 26

Jason Merriman was the only one to double up on the eight-race card at Tiffin. 3-year-old filly pacer Bonita Jo was the fastest winner in 1:57.2 for driver-trainer Dale Decker. Brandon Bartley was the winner in the Signature Series Trot with Let's Go Bucks.

Seneca County July 27

Jennifer Main and Ryan Stahl picked up driving doubles at the second day of racing in Tiffin. Skip De Mull had a pair of training wins. Mains won both divisions of the Ladies Driving Series, winning with Bold Decision and Imgonnacatchya.

Lake County July 27

Kurt Sugg had a big day, winning five races at Painesville. Edward Miller and Marty Wollam had training doubles. The fastest time of the day went to Blue Sonax in the Signature Series Pace in 1:57.3 for Keith Kash Jr. The other Signature Series Pace winner was Totally Kissed with Sugg, while Don Irvine Jr. drove Enforce The Law to victory in the Signatures Series Trot.

Shelby County July 27

Ronnie Gillespie and Jeff Nisonger continue their battle for the top spot on the fair driving title chase. Each scored triples in Sidney while Virgil Morgan Jr. collected a training double. Rainy Day Chic recorded the fastest time of the day in the 3-year-old filly pace, winning in 2:00.1.

Pike County July 30

Shawn Barker II picked up four wins on the nine-race card in Piketon while nine different trainers picked up wins. VH Levin scored the fastest time of the day in the 3-year-old colt pace in 1:56.3 for Derek Watiker.

Summit County July 30

Seventeen races highlighted the Summit County Fair racing card held at MGM Northfield Park. Tony Hall and Ronnie Wrenn Jr. recorded triples on the night

while trainers Brian Brown, Crist Hershberger and Miles Wollam had training doubles. Ryan Stahl drove Lovely Munro to the fastest mile of the night in the 3-year-old filly pace in 1:53.4.

Pike County July 31

Austin Hanners and Alex Hawk each carded two winners on the second day of racing in Piketon. Trainers Earl Owings and Bret Schwartz each had two training wins. The Free For All pace went to Petacular Rock and Hawk in 1:55.3.

Preble County August 1

Ronnie Gillespie continued his winning ways with three wins while trainers Christi Noble and Pasko Vucinaj had two training wins each. Imagine It was the fastest on the day, winning the 3-year-old colt pace in 1:57.2 for Cameron McCown.

Columbiana County August 2

Day one in Lisbon saw Don Irvine Jr. win three races, while trainer Rosy Weaver picked up two victories. The two combined with A Handsome Face to win the 2-year-old colt trot.

Columbiana County August 3

Don Irvine Jr. continued the hot hand in Lisbon winning three more times. Crist Hershberger and Keith Kash Jr. also collected three wins. Threes were wild as Cory DeyErmand had three training victories.

Auglaize County August 3

Ronnie Gillespie and Jeff Nisonger each had three winners at Wapakoneta, while Brett Schwartz had a training double. The Signature Series Trot was won by Windsong Patriot in 1:59.1 for Cam McCown and trainer Anthony Price.

Wood County August 3

B J Roberts and Chris Beaver made three trips to the winner's circle in Bowling Green. The two teamed up for the fastest miles in the 3-year-old filly pace and the 3-year-old filly trot. Margin Of Error was the winner in the filly pace, while Feisty Pistol was the winner in the filly trot. Bob Rowland was the winner in the Signature Series Trot with I Get It.

Wood County August 4

Jason Merriman won four races and trainer Jason McGinnis collected three wins on the

final night of racing in Bowling Green. One of Merriman's wins was in the Signature Series Trot with Catch Me Conrad.

Auglaize County August 4

Jeff Nisonger had a big night on the second night of racing in Wapakoneta. Nisonger won six times to give him nine victories in the two days. Jason Brewer and Jamal Williams had two training wins each. Case Bateson won the Signature Series Pace with Rock N Randy V. Amy Wengerd was a winner with Speaking Out in the Ladies Driving Series.

Greene County August 4

Ken Holliday had three winners and eight different trainers had wins on the first night of racing in Xenia. The Signature Series Trot went to Aftermeyourfirst and owner-trainer-driver Zach Henry, while Jazmin Arnold was a winner with Roll'em Up in the Ladies Driving Series.

Greene County August 5

Ronnie Gillespie had a pair of winners as did trainer Christi Noble in the final night of racing in Xenia. The Signature Series Pace went to Shadnwiththedragon in 1:57 for trainer-driver JD Perrin. The Chip Noble Memorial was won by Big Booty Rudy and Chris Presley.



Big Booty Rudy and Chris Presley win the Chip Noble Memorial in Xenia.

Athens County August 6

Twos were wild in Athens County. Brandon Bartley, Alex Hawk and John Ryan Melsheimer had two driving wins each while Bartley, Melsheimer and Earl Owings each had two training wins. The fastest mile of the day went to 3-year-old colt pacer So Rockin Ravi in 1:57.4. Uncle Joe set a new track record in the Free For All trot winning in 2:00.4 for Hawk and Owings.

Athens County August 7

Shawn Barker II picked up the driving double in Athens while Clarence Foulk had the training double. The two teamed for the fastest miles in the 2-year-old colt pace with N We Gone and the 3-year-old filly pace with Bearcreekhoney.

Richland County August 8

Don Irvine Jr. had three wins while trainer Vernon Beachy won a pair of races in Mansfield. Doc Holiday guided Ball Diamond to the fastest mile of the day, pacing in 2:02.1.

Ross County August 8

Jeff Nisonger rolled to five driving wins in Chillicothe while Brett Schwartz had a training double. The feature race was the Dan Ater Memorial Trot which was won by Tiger King with Nisonger driving for Jason Brewer. Nisonger also drove Toureg Seelster to victory in the Free For All Pace in 1:57.2, the best time of the day.

Richland County August 9

Justin Irvine and Wyatt Irvine each had two driving wins on the final day of racing in Mansfield. Eight different trainers had wins. Justin Irvine drove 3-year-old colt pacer Pine Grove Racer to the fastest mile of the day, 2:01.3 for trainer Tye Loy.

Champaign County August 10

The Buckeye Stallion Series took center stage in Urbana as Anthony McDonald and Dan Noble each drove three winners. Trainers Jason McGinnis and Rosy Weaver had two training wins each. The Signature Series Trot went to K'Love and Ronnie Gillespie in 1:58.

Cuyahoga County August 10

Luke Ebersole, Kurt Sugg and Jason Thompson found the winner's circle in Berea. Trainer Tyler Bates had a pair of training wins. Sugg drove Forever Missy to the fastest mile of the day in the 2-year-old filly pace in 2:02.3.

Attica Fair August 11

Cam McCown scored a triple on the eight-race card at the Attica Fair. McCown was in the bike for the fastest miles on the day. He guided Wall Said to the fastest time of the day, pacing in 2:01.3 and he drove We-gothatsright to the fastest trotting mile in 2:07.1. Brian Brown had two training wins on the card.

Champaign County August 11

Jeff Nisonger and Ronnie Gillespie squared off again in Urbana for the second night of racing. Nisonger won four races to edge Gillespie who drove three winners. Jim Arledge Jr. led the trainers with two wins. Saddle Up N Cruise and Jamaican A Bundle paced the fastest miles of the night in identical 1:56.1. Boujee Girl turned in the fastest trotting mile tripping the wire in 2:00.4 for Nisonger.

Champaign County August 12

The final evening in Urbana closed out with sixteen races on the program. Dan Noble and Jeff Nisonger won three races each,

while Sandy Beatty, Cameron McCown, and Kayne Kauffman each scored driving doubles. Kauffman also had a training double alongside Kim Dailey and Jason Brewer. The Bob Seabrook Signature Series Pace was spilt into two divisions. Case Bateson led Rock N Randy V to the finish in 1:55 while the second division went to Rose Run Ulysses and Noble in 1:55.4.

Attica Fair August 12

The final day in Attica saw driver Ryan Stahl and trainer Bill Webb each win two races. The fastest mile of the day went to Pierce Henry and Tuggin On My Heart in 1:57.1. The Signature Series Trot went to



Fans enjoy the racing action at the Champaign County Fairgrounds..

I Get It for trainer-driver Bob Rowland in 2:00.3, the fastest trotting mile of the day.

Ashtabula County August 12

Following a brief rain delay in Jefferson, filly day got underway, and Kurt Sugg recorded three wins including Fly Jesse Fly in the Free For All Trot. The fastest mile on the day went to Mae's Diamond for trainer Dee Hotton who scored a training double

Ashtabula County August 13

Jason Thompson and Kurt Sugg each recorded two wins on colt day in Jefferson. Thompson had the lines for Big Boss Hill which turned in the fastest time of the day in the 3-year-old colt pace, clocking in at 2:00.1. The final three races on the card were all timed at 2:03.2.

Hartford Fair August 13

Luke Ebersole recorded the only driving double in Croton and nine different trainers were winners on the first of two days of racing. Ebersole drove Professor Patrick to the fastest time of the day, 1:56.1 in the 3-year-old colt pace.

Hartford Fair August 14

Justine Irvine, Chris Page and Chris Presley each found the winner's circle twice as did trainers Mike Medors and John Wengerd. Irvine guided Gilas Last Call to the fastest mile of the day. The 3-year-old filly pacer was clocked in 1:57.1

Mercer County August 15

Three drivers had doubles, Pierce Henry, Cam McCown, and Jeff Nisonger, while 12 different trainers notched victories in the first night of racing in Celina. Henry drove Sophie's Candy to the fastest mile of the night in 1:58.1.

Muskingum County August 15

Brady Clemens and Eric Nesselroad combined to win two of the eight races in Zanesville on the first day of racing. Shawn Baker II also had two winners on the card. Alex Hawk drove Mj's Reflection to the fastest mile on the day in the Free For All Pace, tripping the wire in 1:57.1

Miami County August 16

Kayne Kaufman and Ken Holliday scored driving triples in Troy. Kaufman teamed with trainer Mike Polhamus to win two of his drives. The other win came on his trainee, Weekend Cash.

One of Holliday's wins was in the R.J. Brown Memorial Free For All with Favorite Uncle for trainer John Wengerd. Heather Woolums was a winner with Khan Blue Chip while Mandy Jones drove Dreaming Dragon to wins in the Spring Haven Farms Lady Driving Series.

Mercer County August 16

The combination of driver Cam McCown and Black Magic Racing trainer Todd Luther teamed to win three races on the eight-race card in Celina. The wins for Moscow Mitch and Makin Dat Scrilla were maiden victories. McCown has four victories on the night while John DeLong and Ronnie Gillespie each had driving doubles.

Muskingum County August 16

Shawn Barker II and Clarence Foulk picked up the only doubles on the card at Zanesville.

The two combined with two-year-old colt pacer Get Extreme and three-year-old filly pacer Bearcreekhoney to win two of the first three races on the eight-race card. The Free For All Trot went to Deweyknowigotit for Derek and Lionel Watiker.

Henry County August 17

Don Harmon and B J Roberts each won three races while trainer Chris Beaver had three wins on the training side. The Signature Series Trot went to Swan Leader for trainer-driver Charles Taylor in 2:03.2.

Miami Count August 17

Kayne Kauffman had another three wins in Troy, giving him six wins for the two days of racing. Brett Schwartz collected two training wins. Jason Brewer inched closer to his 4,000th career win guiding Western Rosie to victory in 1:59.3 to win the 3-year-old filly pace.

Meigs County August 18

The combination of Brady Clemens and Eric Nesselroad won three times in the first day of racing at The Rock. Clemens guides So Rockin Ravi to the fastest time in the day. The 3-year-old colt pacer was a winner in 2:02.2.

Henry County August 18

The final day of racing in Napoleon saw Jason Merriman win three races. Cam McCown and I'm Rockin It set a new record for 3-year-old colt pacers, winning in 1:58.3.

Pierce Henry was a winner in the Signature Series with Toureg Seelster in 1:57.3

Meigs County August 19

Shawn Barker II collected two wins and trainer Clarence Foulk had a pair at Rock Springs. The two teamed with 3-year-old filly pacer Bearcreekhoney to win in 2:04.1, the fastest time of the day.

County Fair Report After 37 Fairs

DRIVERS

1.	Ron Gillespie	51
2.	Cameron McCown	49
3.	Jeff Nisonger	46
4.	Don Irvine Jr	23
	Dan Noble	23
6.	Chris Presley	20
	B J Roberts	20
8.	Shawn Barker	19
	Alex Hawk	19
10.	Austin Hanners	18
	Kurt Sugg	18

TRAINERS

1.	Chris Beaver	28
2.	Dan O'Mara	16
3.	Eric Nesselroad	15
	Jeff Nisonger	15
	Rosy Weaver	15
6.	Brian Georges	14
	Bret Schwartz	14
	Mark Winters	14
9.	Virgil Morgan Jr	13
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TRACK NOTES

Case Bateson picked up his first career driving win guiding Rock N Randy V to victory in the Signature Series at the Fayette County Fair in Washington Court House. The 5-year-old Pet Rock gelding is owned by Bateson and his father Steve.

Edward Miller took the Great Lakes Amateur Driving Association Series event at Eldorado Scioto Downs on August 12 with his gelding, Bold Strategy. The 4-year-old son of Break The Bank K tripped the wire in 1:55.4.

Catch The Fire and Charlie May joined the Top 10 in the Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown poll in August. Catch The Fire

checked in at #7 with Charlie May one spot behind him.

Northfield Park had five National Season Records set in a week in August. 2-year-old Gelded Pacer Tre Cruz, 3-year-old Gelded Pacer Charlie May, 2-year-old Gelded Trotter The Mighty Hill, Aged Mare Trotter Weslynn Quest and Aged Male Trotter Winning Shadow all set national season marks. Charlie May and Weslynn Quest set World Records while The Mighty Hill set a track record.

The five or more win club saw several repeat visitors in July. Chris Page led the way with three days of five or more wins. Page collect-

ed six at Northfield on July 10th and six at Scioto Downs on the 24th. He also added five wins at Scioto Downs on the 17th. Brett Miller and Kurt Sugg had a pair of five win days. Miller got both of his at Scioto Downs on July 8th and 22nd, while Sugg's came at Northfield Park on the 22nd and the Painesville County Fair on the 27th. Trevor Smith (Scioto – July 10), Ronnie Gillespie (Wilmington – July 13), Chris Lems (Northfield – July 18) and Dan Noble (Washington Court House (4) – Scioto (1) – July 24) also had five win days.

On the training side, Chris Beaver had five wins at Scioto Downs on July 9.

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Be There!

BY ROGER E. HUSTON

It is hard to imagine that the OHHA Broadcast crew and Trot and Pace Marketing have completed over 40 fairs in the 2021 racing season.

During our fair racing we have had two serious accidents which have put two of our drivers on the shelf. I reached out to both Brendan Johnson and Ryan Holton to obtain the latest information on their recovery process.

Brendan was injured in an accident at Ottawa early in the season and has made considerable progress but still has at least another month in his recovery. Here is his statement on his current status.

"My brain bleed is totally healed but my C2 vertebrae is only showing bone growth on the right side, that means I have to wear my brace for another 4 weeks and have another CT Scan to see how it's healing. Thanks for checking on me mate."

Brendan is back jogging and training with the neck brace on plus a collar wrap as well.

As for Ryan Holton who was injured at Hilliard in July here is his latest report. "After spending a week in the Surgical Trauma Unit at Riverside Hospital, I am happy to be home and recovering. I want to say thank you to the EMTs at the Franklin County

Fairgrounds and all the horsemen that were there to help! I also want to give a huge thank you to everyone

on the Trauma Team, Doctors, Nurses and Patient Care Assistants, they were all awesome! While I was in the hospital, I had to have rib surgery and chest tubes due to a collapsed lung. I had to go back to Riverside for outpatient surgery to pin and plate my collarbone. This helped my pain big time! Now it is just time to heal and will be able to start therapy. I want to thank Holly for being there, she never left the hospital! I am very lucky to be married to someone in the medical field, not sure I could have got home as quick as I did if it weren't for her being able to help me. I want to thank everyone for all of their thoughts, prayers, texts, calls and cards. They definitely help keep my spirits up! I am looking forward to getting back to work jogging and training. Everyone stay safe, drive smart and be careful on the racetrack."

Ryan has been able to travel to a few county fairs and continues on the come back trail.

Our best wishes go out to both Brendan and Ryan for their recovery and to get back to the sport we all love, harness racing.

So far this season driver Ron Gillespie is having a great year, but Cam McCown and Jeff Nisonger will make it a battle all summer. Chris Beaver seems to have the edge on the trainers with his large stable.

Many of the fairs have added events for the entertainment of spectators such as Outhouse races and the popular wiener dog races. When tracks hold these events, the participants usually bring family and friends as well. These events draw people to the grandstand who many are seeing harness racing for the first time and hopefully become racing fans.

Fractional ownership still remains a big part of growing our sport. These are people who enjoy the experience of racing and will in time branch out to be 100% owners of horses. A few weeks back a couple from North Carolina made the trip to Scioto Downs to watch a horse that they are a part owner in a fractional partnership with Anthony MacDonald of Thestable, CA.

During our Saturday night at the races broadcast at Scioto I was approached by a gentleman who watched our Freshman Focus Broadcast this year. He was so impressed with some of the trainers who participated that he is meeting with a few for possible horse ownership.

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BE THERE!

JENNIFER BROWN

is the Lady Pace honoree for 2021

BY JAY WOLF



Jennifer and Brian Brown **Photo Credit** (USTA)

Jennifer Brown, matriarch of the Brian Brown Stable, will be honored as the 2021 Lady Pace honoree by the Delaware County Fair.

Born in Bellefontaine, Ohio, and raised on a 40-acre farm, Brown has been around horses her whole life. Her grandfather, uncle, mom, and aunt all drove and trained racehorses on a small scale at Ohio county fairs.

In 1988, Jennifer and Brian Brown married, and the couple has two children who are active in the sport – Beau, a trainer/driver and Jessica McCown a trainer.

Jennifer serves as the stable bookkeeper and overall organizer.

The Browns have conditioned many champion horses, such as Prsntpretnperfect, Lost For Words, Blazin Britches, Color's A Virgin, Candy's A Virgin, Beach Memories, Workin Ona Mystery, Fear The Dragon and Downbytheseaside.

"Jennifer is the backbone of the Brown Racing Stable," noted Tom Wright, Delaware's Director of Racing. "Their success is a direct result of her hard work."

Jennifer Brown will be honored in a winner circle ceremony on Jug Day, September 23.

MICKEY AND SYLVIA BURKE

to the Little Brown Jug Wall of Fame

BY JAY WOLF

Leading owners Mickey and Sylvia Burke have been selected as the 36th Little Brown Jug Wall of Fame honorees by the Delaware County Fair.

The Burke's are the principals of Burke Racing Stable who have owned a pair of Little Brown Jugs champs – Filibuster Hanover (2017) and Limelight Beach (2014) – and four Jugette queens - Warrawee Ubeaut (2019), Sassa Hanover (2015), Darena Hanover (2012) and Western Graduate (2007).

Mickey started driving harness horses as a hobbyist in 1956, campaigning around the fair circuits of Ohio and Pennsylvania, all while operating a successful car dealership in Western Pennsylvania for several decades.

After selling the dealership in 1981, Mickey and his wife Sylvia started 'full-time' in the harness racing business. Between 1991 and 2008, Mickey was credited with 3,167 training wins and \$35.5 million in earnings.

Mickey and Sylvia have five children, three of which are active daily in the sport. In 2009, Mickey turned his training operation over

to his son, Ron, and Mickey, Jr. and Michelle oversee the operations of their Washington, PA stable.

Coming into this year, Burke Racing Stable have entered 23 horses in the Little Brown Jug, winning \$1.2 million in purses. Their success isn't limited to the three-year-old colt classic. They have also won 10 heats of the Jugette, an Old Oaken

Bucket, three Standardbred's and seventeen Ohio Breeders Championship events.

"We are extremely excited to welcome the Burke's onto the Little Brown Jug Wall of Fame," said Chip Thomson, chair of the Wall of Fame Committee. "They have been strong



Photo: Mickey and Sylvia Burke flank the great Foiled Again at his induction into the Harness Racing Hall of Fame. The Burke's were selected as the 2021 Little Brown Jug Wall of Fame Honorees. (Chris Tully Photo)

supporters of our events and we wish them continued success."

The Burke's will be presented the Wall of Fame plaque during the 2021 Little Brown Jug week, September 19-23.

BURNS FAMILY RACES TO DEAD HEAT

BY JAY WOLF, HARNESS RACING UPDATE



The Burns Family celebrates Roy and Kacey's dead heat.

Photo: Brad Conrad

Veteran Ohio trainer Roy Burns has seen a lot in harness racing, but he was not ready for what he saw when the draw sheet came out for the opening day of his hometown Union County Fair in Marysville, OH.

Burns had entered a pair of sophomore colt trotters – Blue Jacket and Big Riffin Joe, listing his 23-year-old daughter, Kacey as the driver on each.

Lo and behold, the Burns' entries were the only two in the box, setting up a \$9,035 Burns family match race – father versus daughter.

“That was a very big shock,” said Roy. “I have been driving since the mid-1970's and is the first time that has ever happened to us.”

Kacey elected to drive Blue Jacket, who was leaving from the rail, giving the assignment behind Big Riffin Joe, a Big Rigs gelding, to her father.

“Kacey gets along really well with Blue Jacket. Big Riffin Joe is a little bull headed at times,” said Roy.

On paper, the two colts were fairly equal. Both were winless during their career (Blue Jacket was 0-for-21, Big Riffin Joe was 0-for-24). Their career earnings were within \$103 of each other (\$13,843 to \$13,740). The punters made Kacey the slight favorite at 2/5.

When the starting gate wings folded, Roy and Big Riffin Joe took the lead, allowing his daughter to sit patiently through the fractions of :34.1, 1:10.1 and 1:45.3. A sensible pace considering neither of them wanted the fun to end.

“We talked a little bit about seeing who wanted to go to the front. Whatever hap-

pened after that, we were just going to race,” said Kacey.

As the pair hit the top of the stretch, Kacey tipped Blue Jacket off the rail and started the chase after her father. The duo hit the finish line together.



Blue Jacket (#1) and Big Riffin Joe at the finish line **Photo:** Brad Conrad

The gathered crowd and those watching on the Ohio Harness Horseman's Association's Facebook broadcast debated the results and started thinking about another famous match-race dead heat – the 1989 Hambletonian Final between Probe and Park Avenue Joe.

When track announcer Ayers Ratliff provided the historic confirmation – the father and daughter had in fact dead heated for win in 2:17.3

“I was going to let his colt do all the work. I was just waiting,” joked Kacey.

“You can race or train a hundred times and try to make a dead heat and it will never happen. It was just amazing,” added her father.

In the statistical oddity, Roy was credited with two training wins and driving win and his daughter picked up an additional driving win.

“The raced helped all of our statistics,” said Roy, laughing. “The only bad thing is that I lost two maidens.”

The owner's share of the \$9,035 purse was split between Roy and his wife, Melissa, who share ownership of Blue Jacket and

Roy and his mother, Joan, who co-owned Big Riffin Joe.

Both horses paid \$2.10 to win, causing a negative pool for the Union County Agricultural Society but plenty of positive press with the record setting dead heat.

If the dead heat wasn't a good enough story, how Blue Jacket became a member of the Burns Stable is also noteworthy.

The Wishing Stone–Jessica Rayne gelding, was originally a member of the Chris Beaver Stable, but was sold in a disbursement sale after his 2-year-old season (\$12,272 in earnings). Blue Jacket may have ended up in Amish country, but the older Burns remembered the trotter and called the new owner with an offer.

“I traded a pacer by the name of WJ's Big Breeze for him,” said Roy. “We like our trotters and Kacey really likes him.”

Kacey is currently pursuing a master's degree at Ohio State University, working full-time with the OSU Extension Office and is a regular participant in the Spring Haven Farms Ladies Driving Series, an all-female driver series that crisscrosses the Buckeye State.

“I enjoy the Lady Pace series. It is an opportunity for us to race each other and show the industry we are capable,” said Kacey. “The Lady Pace races are the most competitive events I drive in. It is a drag race from the time they say 'go.' It could be a three-horse race and you might get parked.”

For the Burns family, the 2021 Union County Fair will forever be a great memory and will always be in the annals of harness racing history.



Lasix Medication Review

Kentucky and Pennsylvania both have no-Lasix policies in effect. Kentucky has a no two-year-old policy in effect since 2020 and has an added prohibition on “stakes horses” racing on Lasix in 2021. Pennsylvania prohibits Lasix at any of their fairs and prohibits use in two-year-olds. Some stakes races individually prohibit the use of Lasix (i.e., Hambletonian).

Be aware that the Ohio rules regarding Lasix use and certification are being enforced by the Racing Commission for horses leaving the state, racing in no Lasix races, and returning. The first violation was a thoroughbred trainer

that took his horse off Lasix to race in a \$500,000 stakes race in Kentucky and wanted to return to Ohio to race on Lasix in his next start. The horse wasn't permitted to race with Lasix unless he waited out 30 days and re-certified to race on Lasix. The statewide Stewards and Presiding Judges are being told to strictly enforce the Ohio rules.

The rules appear in R.C. 3769-18-01, interpreted by the OSRC as follows. If you have a horse certified for Lasix and race on Lasix, they must remain on Lasix for 90 days before being taken off. If you take a horse off of Lasix after 90

days, the removal is to be reported to the Presiding Judge at the racetrack you are entering at to race off of Lasix. If you want to put the horse back on Lasix after removal, the 30 day rule to race without Lasix remains in effect, and you must re-certify the horse for Lasix after the 30 day period. The 30 days from removal off Lasix are counted from the day after the horse raced off Lasix. If your horse raced July 1st off Lasix you must race off Lasix until July 31st. The fine for violators is a minimum of \$500 and up-to \$1,000 depending on the circumstances in play.

Ohio Gambling Revenue Strong Again

The total revenue for Ohio's seven racinos and four casinos was just short of a record amount, totaling just over \$211 million. The total was about six million short of the record, set in April of 2021.

Ohio's July VLT revenue was once again very strong. Revenue was up just over 7% from June of 2021. The year-to-year increase from July of 2020 to July 2021 was 21.3%. The two-year comparison to July of 2019 was up 21.9%.

MGM Northfield led the July revenue with a net of \$24,753,306 for the third highest revenue month in the property's history. March 2021 and May 2021 totals were just over \$25 million. Year-over-year was 31.6% higher than July 2020 and 17% higher when compared to July 2019.

Eldorado Scioto Downs posted their fourth highest month in the history of operation at \$20,987,968 with the only the months of March, April, and May in 2021 posting higher revenue numbers. Year-over year increase was 24.9% and the two-year comparison to 2019 was a 33.8% increase.

Miami Valley Gaming was third overall in revenue with \$19,458,105, which was second highest since inception to their May 2021 revenue of \$19,730,285. Year-over-year was 28.2% higher than 2020 and as compared to 2019 they were 30.9% up.

Hollywood Gaming at Dayton continues to show the highest overall increase since 2019 with \$13,554,982 in July. That total was their fourth highest revenue in the property's history following March, April, and May 2021 totals. The property had a year-over year percentage gain of 21.3% and a two-year over-year increase of 38.1%, which leads the state.

Ohio Casino Revenue shows a similar pattern with July 2021 coming in with the third highest historical revenue month in Ohio casino history.

Ohio gaming is consistent with Nationwide trends, which are also seeing record revenue. Commercial gaming revenue from traditional casino games, sports betting, and iGaming exceeded \$13.6 billion in the second quarter of 2021—smashing the previous quarterly revenue record from Q3 2019 by 22.5%.



OUTSTANDING GROOMS BY ASHLEY DAILEY

The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association would like to congratulate our Outstanding Grooms **Lisa Coder** and **Sheila Napier** for July.



Lisa Coder

Coder is one of the main grooms for trainer Ron Steck. She not only cares for seven of her own horses daily, but manages equipment, medicines and supplements, and paddocks at multiple raceways and fair tracks. Coder's father, Harold, introduced her to harness racing.

Kila Steck, who nominated Coder for this award, admires Coder for her tireless effort to provide the very best care for every horse in the barn.



Sheila Napier

Napier has over two decades of experience in the sport of harness racing. Caring for multiple Ohio Sire Stake champions and Jug winner Big Bad John, she is no stranger to the winner's circle. Napier was named the 2018 HRRNP Caretaker of the Year and is currently a groom for trainer Chris Beaver.

Outside of horses, she enjoys watching her daughter play softball, fishing, and hunting.

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KOLTIN NOBLE adds to the *Family Legacy*

BY ROGER HUSTON

It took only four starts, but Koltin Noble became the fifth Noble to take a horse to the winner's circle. The 18-year-old Noble drove Ubuntu to victory at the Preble County Fair on August 1. It was Ubuntu that gave Koltin's father Dan his 6,000th win.

The five generations of the Noble clan are Sam Noble Sr, Sam Noble Jr, Sam "Chip" Noble III, Dan Noble and Koltin Noble.

The first Noble to enter harness racing was Sam Noble Sr. "We know it was in the early 60's but we don't know or recall what the impetus was" said Chip's sister Deb Noble Shaw.

Sam Sr. had a love of horses. In the early days he drove a horse drawn ice wagon. He took up harness racing and began his career in 1962. In those days, the record keeping was not the greatest. Records show he had two wins as late as 1978.

Sam Jr. wanted to be a jockey. But as he got bigger it led to a career on the rodeo circuit in the Midwest, Texas and Oklahoma riding broncos and bull riding. That led to calf roping and winning several state championships.

As a driver his records are incomplete as well but do show at least 38 wins and earnings of \$37,806.

Both Sam Sr. and Sam Jr. considered harness racing a hobby, but as they became more successful it became a business.

The Noble breeding business began with the mare Entreat Me Not who had 12 foals with the best being Noble Fella by Most Happy Fella who earned \$236,595. Entreat Me Not's offspring earned more than \$635,000.

The Noble family is best known for the stallion Nobleland Sam. Nobleland Sam won 23 of 35 starts and earned \$451,417 in two years of racing. He won The Confederation Cup and many other stake events.



Koltin Driving Ubuntu to victory



Chip Noble



Sam Sr. and Sam Jr.



Nash Noble

As a stallion he stood from 1987-2010 and produced 1,818 registered foals with earnings of \$79,924,470.

The third Noble to make harness racing his lively hood was Sam “Chip” Noble. He began his driving career as a 12-year-old in 1966. Over the years, Chip became one of the most respected horsemen in Ohio. In his 47-year career he won 5,105 races and earned over \$28-million dollars. Chip won driving titles at Latonia and Lebanon Raceways in the 1970s.

His Universal Driving Rating System (UDRS) numbers were staggering with ten years between .400 and .499 and 27 years between .300 and .399. He was named national champion in 1978, 1981, and 1983.

Noble was chosen to represent the United States in the World Driving Contest in 2001 with races in Sweden and Finland. He then competed again in 2003 in Canada. Among his wins were classic races like the Fox Stake, Confederation Cup, International Stallion Stake, American National, Motor City, Jug Preview, Reynolds Stake, The Standardbred, and Courageous Lady.

Chip Noble was the leading driver at the Delaware County Fair until he was surpassed by John Campbell then David Miller. His final career win came at Delaware, in 2013



Dan and Chip Noble

when he drove Contessa Leigh to victory in an Ohio Breeders Championship event.

The win was special since earlier in the week doctors told him that he had cancer and there was little hope for recovery. Despite the news, Noble continued to drive, making his final drive in a qualifier in Lexington. His daughter Meredith drove him to the Red Mile to drive Moonlight Espoir for long time owner Sandra Burnett.

Noble passed away in January of 2014. He will be inducted into the Immortal Hall of Fame at the Harness Racing Museum in Goshen, New York in July of 2022.

His death left the family legacy to his son Dan who was born in 1983 to carry on with the Noble tradition in Ohio.

Dan, like his father, obtained his first license when he was 13. His career got under-

way with eight wins in 1999. In 20 years, he has won 6,395 races with earnings of \$43,400,607. To his credit he has 14-straight million-dollar seasons with a national driving title in 2011 when he won 773 races.

Behind every good man there is a good woman. The past Noble women included Mary, Jean, and Debbie. Christi Rae is the latest. She was involved in racing well before meeting Dan. They have a son named Nash who was riding with his dad on the jog cart before his first birthday.

Christi who trains the stable was the winningest female trainer in Ohio last year and finished in the top 50 of all trainers in the nation.

The fifth generation Noble to take to the track is Koltin Noble. Like his father and his grandfather, he obtained his matinee license at the age of 13. Now with a fair license, he drove once in 2020 finishing second. This year he picked up his first win driving Ubuntu.

Koltin’s dad has said he didn’t think harness racing would be a career for his son, but that may not be true. Following his win at Eaton, he was asked if racing is his career path. “It was great to win the race and I think I will continue in racing. After all there is quite a Legacy to carry on.”



4-H: Head, Heart, Hands, and Horses

BY ASHLEY DAILEY

The Champaign County Fair in Urbana hosts one of the most respected harness racing programs in the state of Ohio. More than 280 horses headed to the starting gate in three days, but the racetrack sees action beyond just fair week. The Champaign County 4-H club Pens, Pans, and Needles is the largest program for the Standardbred Horses project. All summer long, members found themselves harnessing, line driving, and jogging horses each night.

From urban neighborhoods to rural communities, the national 4-H program is the largest youth development organization in the United States. Reaching six million youth yearly, students ages 8-18 complete hands-on projects in areas like health, science, civic engagement, and agriculture to learn valuable life skills.

Beginning in May of every year, the Standardbred 4-H project introduces members to the sulky industry. Starting with basics, members learn proper daily care before climbing onto the bike. Topics vary from breeding and breaking all the way to fixing gate inference.



Jennifer Wallace (left) and Hannah Dingledine (right) with Rich and Ponderous.

Three Champaign County members took the 4-H slogan “Learn by Doing” very literal on the evening of Wednesday, August 11th. Jennifer Wallace (18), Hannah Dingledine (15), and JoJo Johnson (10) made their track debut alongside drivers Kevin Snyder and Rick Dingledine. The girls buckled their helmets and grabbed the lines to warm up in between races.

Hannah, who takes multiple other livestock and book projects said Standardbreds were her favorite because “it’s all hands-on and can actually lead to a career.” Jennifer agreed and went on to explain although they were nervous at first, nothing compares to being on the track. Outside of the fair season, each of the girls plans on staying involved by helping local trainers. JoJo, daughter of Brendan Johnson, hopes to race in the Spring Haven Farm Ladies Driving Series one day.

To learn more about 4-H and the Standardbred Horse project, contact your local extension office or visit www.ohio4h.org.



Rose Run Warner cools off after an evening jog.



Harnessing up trainer Kim Dailey’s horses



(Left to Right) Cloverbud Olivia Hurst, Jennifer Wallace, Hannah Dingledine, Caroline Nott, and JoJo Johnson. Photos by club advisor, Amy Dingledine.

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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

Foal Age	Membership Requirement
Foal Born 2020	Membership Required
Yearling 2021	No Membership Required
2 & 3-Year-Old 2022, 2023	No Membership Required

Mares registered in 2020 (Foals of 2021)
mare registration date 11/30/20

Foal Age	Membership Requirement
Foal Born 2021	Membership Required
Yearling 2022	No Membership Required
2 & 3-Year-Old 2023, 2024	No Membership Required

Registration Fee: \$20 per mare. For mares registered in 2019 forward, in addition to the \$20 registration fee per mare, registrations received from December 1st to December 31st must add a \$100 per-mare late fee. Registration will not be accepted until all fees are paid in full.

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 also required to join as Associate Members.

Mare Residency: Mare in foal to an Ohio Stallion, must foal in Ohio, and reside in Ohio for 187 consecutive days in the year of foaling.

Regularly Scheduled Meeting Recap

Held at Eldorado Scioto Downs, Wednesday, June 23, 2021 *By Renée Mancino*

Roll Call, all Commissioners attending in Person except Commissioner Patmon attending by phone.

In normal business for the Commission, Executive Director William Crawford's Report and Approval items were introduced, and the May 26, 2021, minutes were offered for ratification. There were no documents related to the Executive Director's approvals disclosed or provided to those in attendance. The discussion regarding specific submissions concerned ordinary course business requests, special event approvals, host-guest approvals, un-coupling requests. The Racing Commission unanimously ratified the Executive Director's Approval items and the May 26, 2021, Meeting Minutes.

A recap on the horse racing fatalities was provided by Racing Commission Consulting 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 training, racing, or 72 hours after a race. From last month's report catastrophic losses included seven thoroughbreds and no standardbreds. Year-to-date 2021 catastrophic losses are twenty-two thoroughbred fatalities and four Standardbred fatalities.

There was no discussion on Belterra Park's extension for closing on the real estate sale for Boyd Gaming and Gaming and Leisure Properties (GLPI).

The monthly commission financial report was provided by Fiscal Officer Sherry White. May's revenue was down \$25,000. The end of the biennial budget period saw an overall drop in revenue of \$165,000. From fiscal year 2020 revenue was down \$100,000 overall, which was in-part due to placing the casino commission into the Emergency Fund. Fiscal year tax revenue was down 14%, with an overall loss of 6%.

The Racing Commission's budget is \$70,000 ahead of projected budget numbers for this Fiscal Year. There will be higher than normal expenses for new fingerprinting equipment and operating expenses in the next quarter. The Racing Commission's Operating Fund has slightly over \$2,100,000 and continues to hold steady.

Commissioner Hansen provided a Medication and Testing Committee update. Commissioner Hansen discussed a future meeting in September to discuss neighboring state modifications and Lasix provisions.

Commissioner Simpson Chairman of the Safety Committee outlined discussion topics as the whipping rules, head numbers, and safety vests for a future meeting in September.

In the matter of hearing officer's report and recommendation for trainer Danny Bird and groom Jeffrey Hunter. Barn search at Thistledown of trainer Danny Bird led to the Racing Commission finding a loaded needle and syringe. It was found in a jacket held by Mr. Bird's groom, Jeffrey Hunter while he was in a tack room. An additional search of Mr. Bird's pickup truck uncovered a substance in an injectable bottle. Mr. Bird was initially fined \$1,000 and given a six-month suspension by the Stewards. The Stewards gave Mr. Hunter the same, a \$1,000 fine and six-month suspension. Both appealed, in both cases the Hearing Officer upheld the Stewards' initial ruling. Counsel for Mr. Bird appeared to appeal to the Racing Commission for mitigation from 180 days based upon a prior trainer's violation (Jon Cowan) where mitigation was applied to reduce the time-period on time served to 105 days. After discussion the facts in Cowan were represented as being different. In Mr. Cowan's case the initial penalty was \$1,000 and 180 days. However, in that case they provided credit for time served during the COVID-19

shut-down of 75 days, which resulted in a remaining 105-day suspension to fulfill after the shut-down. After consideration the initial Stewards' ruling and Hearing Officer's affirmation were adopted by the Racing Commission.

In a second matter of Danny Bird for the scratch of a horse, Candy Charge, the Stewards imposed a \$250 fine. The Stewards added a \$500 fine for uttering an obscenity at the Stewards. Mr. Bird appealed both rulings. The Hearing Officer ratified the Steward's decision. After discussion the Racing Commission upheld the Steward and Hearing Officer's recommendations.

In Chairman's Comments, Chairman Borgemenke discussed the formation of a Standardbred Racing sub-Committee that will be led by Chairman Thomas Winters. The Chairman also discussed the recent proposed amendment of the simulcast law by the Horsemen's Associations to mandate that a sports wagering operator apply for an off-track betting license and offer pari-mutuel horse racing wagers with sports wagering.

The Racing Commission had no need for an Executive Session. There was no further business to conduct, so the motion and vote were taken to adjourn and conclude the meeting.

For a transcript of the meeting contact the Ohio State Racing Commission. The next scheduled Racing Commission meeting date is July 21, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held online only. The Agenda and Meeting Information can be found at the Ohio State Racing Commission's website at, <http://www.racingohio.net>.

Regularly Scheduled Meeting Recap

Wednesday, July 21, 2021 By Renée Mancino

Roll Call, all Commissioners in attendance by video.

In normal business for the Commission, Executive Director William Crawford's Report and Approval items were introduced, and the June 23, 2021, minutes were offered for ratification. There were no documents related to the Executive Director's approvals disclosed or provided to those in attendance. There was no discussion regarding the Executive Director's approval requests. The Racing Commission unanimously ratified the Executive Director's Approval items and the June 23, 2021, Meeting Minutes.

The Executive Director's report items included the 2021 live racing approvals for Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway's live meet and the Delaware County Fair. Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway submitted requests to, (1) Waive their surety bond for 2021 race meets, (2) Approve listed officials, (3) Approve the number of races and wagering format, (4) Approve post times, (5) Approve their simulcasting schedule, and (6) Approve their letters to the Fire Marshall. Delaware County Fair requested, (1) Approval of their wagering format, (2) Approval of the simulcast wagering format, (3) Waiver on Administrative Rule 3769-15-31(B)(2), and (4) Approval on requirement for Little Brown Jug and Juliette horses to arrive on property by 11:00 a.m. two-days before the race. Discussion on the Administrative Rule waiver and whether an Administrative Rule change can be done to no longer require the waiver letter requests. No documents were provided to those in attendance. The Racing Commission unanimously ratified all requests.

Consideration to approve Resolution 2021-06, distributing the Casino Revenue Emergency Fund of \$5,140,251.24 established April 22, 2020, under Resolution 2020-09. Third quarter 2020 Emergency Fund revenue distributions of \$820,631.52

were made to the Thoroughbred Race Fund and Standardbred Development Fund respectively, and \$50,000 was distributed to the Ohio Horseman's Benevolent and Protective Association for backstretch reimbursement. The remaining balance was distributed, \$412,933.52 each to MGM Northfield Park, Eldorado Scioto Downs, Miami Valley Gaming, and \$416,360.35 to the Ohio State Racing Commission for support of commercial operations. \$297,232.85 to Hollywood Gaming at Mahoning Valley purse pool, \$280,798.17 to Belterra Park purse pool, \$320,241.39 to JACK Thistledown purse pool, \$354,988.99 to Miami Valley Gaming and Racing purse pool, \$1,257,017.90 to MGM Northfield Purse Pool, \$555,022.47 to Eldorado Scioto purse pool, and \$419,788.57 to Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway purse pool. The Racing Commission unanimously ratified Resolution 2021-06.

Consideration to approve Resolution 2021-07, distributing the 2nd Quarter July 15, 2021, Casino Tax of \$2,628,821.34. \$499,476.05 was distributed to the Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund and Ohio Standardbred Development Fund. \$131,441.07 each to MGM Northfield Park, Eldorado Scioto Downs, Miami Valley Gaming, and to the Ohio State Racing Commission for support of commercial operations. \$94,165.78 to Hollywood Gaming at Mahoning Valley purse pool, \$88,959.14 to Belterra Park purse pool, \$101,455.08 to JACK Thistledown purse pool, \$112,463.40 to Miami Valley Gaming and Racing purse pool, \$398,233.49 to MGM Northfield Purse Pool, \$175,835.63 to Eldorado Scioto purse pool, and \$132,992.43 to Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway purse pool. The Racing Commission unanimously ratified Resolution 2021-07.

Chairman Borgemenke discussed the riding crop rule and other state variations. In discussions the opinion was offered that

New Jersey's new rule may have gone too far, which was on display in the Haskell Stakes. Kentucky's rule seems to be a middle-ground position. The preference is not to reinvent the wheel but to find parity with neighboring states. Any new rule will also be offered with a roll-in period on enforcement with the Stewards and Judges guiding what will result in a violation.

A recap on the horse racing fatalities was provided by Racing Commission Consulting 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 training, racing, or 72 hours after a race. From last month's report catastrophic losses included four thoroughbreds and no standardbreds. Year-to-date 2021 catastrophic losses are twenty-six thoroughbred fatalities and four Standardbred fatalities.

There was no discussion on Belterra Park's extension for closing on the real estate sale for Boyd Gaming and Gaming and Leisure Properties (GLPI).

The monthly commission financial report was provided by Fiscal Officer Sherry White. June's revenue was up \$18,000. From fiscal year 2019 by comparison, June revenue was up \$40,000 overall and expenses were down \$60,000. The final look at the last biennial budget period saw an overall drop in revenue of \$147,000 for a \$240,000 biennium loss. The Racing Commission's Operating Fund has increased slightly to over \$2,119,000.

Commissioner Hansen provided a Medication and Testing Committee update. Commissioner Hansen discussed no new activity and a future meeting in September to discuss Lasix provisions in neighboring states.

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Commissioner Simpson Chairman of the Safety Committee outlined a future meeting in September. Commissioner Simpson also provided commentary regarding the commendable way the Clinton County Fair handled their recent on-track accident. He was on site when it occurred and saw two ambulances at the property, which enabled quick action and fast transport.

In Chairman's Comments, Chairman Borgemenke reiterated the formation of a Standardbred Racing sub-Committee that will be led by Chairman Thomas Winters. The Chairman also discussed statewide General Managers and Racing Operation Directors having racing's best interests at heart in Ohio. The Chairman commented that out-of-state corporate ownership does not provide agility in responding to horse racing business issues and capital expenditures on as timely a basis as possible. Oper-

ators must maintain live racing for a Video Lottery Terminal license, and a base level of responsibility needs to be addressed at racetracks to keep racing safe. Although all in-state personnel have the best of intentions, without decision making authority in-state things like the Eldorado Scioto Grandstand, the condition of the racetrack, the right personnel for backstretch operations, and for racing are not being addressed. The Racing Commission has been more than understanding and reasonable. However, there needs to be the same attention paid to the racing side of the business as paid towards the "front of the house" operations. The same standard of care should be applied, and the corporations need to be sent that message from their in-state personnel.

There was discussion concerning all Racing Commission employee pay raises for those that were not unclassified, and exempt

having gone into effect under the State's contract in April, May, and June. That left the 3% cost-of-living increase for those that are unclassified and exempt employees, which includes Greg Veit, Michael Rzymek and William Crawford. The Racing Commission unanimously ratified the increase.

The Racing Commission had no need for an Executive Session. There was no further business to conduct, so the motion and vote were taken to adjourn and conclude the meeting.

For a transcript of the meeting contact the Ohio State Racing Commission. The next scheduled Racing Commission meeting date is September 8, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held online only. The Agenda and Meeting Information can be found at the Ohio State Racing Commission's website at, <http://www.racingohio.net>.



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