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### 2018 Racing Dates

Northfield Park  
Jan. 1 - Dec. 30

Miami Valley Gaming  
Jan 5 to May 7

Scioto Downs  
May 8 - Sept. 8

Hollywood at  
Dayton Raceway  
Sept. 10 to Dec. 29

*Title photos (L) Racing at Northfield Park on December 20<sup>th</sup> by Raymond Lance, (R) Northwestern Dreams by Charlene Sharpe.*

*Looking for fun winter photos for the February issue of The Buckeye Harness Horseman. Email your favorite shots in high resolution by January 20th to rmayhugh@ohha.com for a chance to be the one on the cover!*

## OHHA to Celebrate Ohio Horses and Horsemen

*Regina Mayhugh*

The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association (OHHA) is in full swing of preparing for the upcoming OHHA Annual Banquet, Annual OHHA membership meeting and USTA District 1 Annual Meeting. All events will be held Saturday, January 13, 2018 at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Columbus-Worthington (175 Hutchinson Ave., Columbus, OH 43235).

Ten divisional horse winners will be celebrated as well as many horsemen for a great 2017 racing season! The Horse of the Year award will be revealed at the end of the banquet.

The 2017 divisional winners are as followed:

Division	Horse	Owner(s)	Breeder(s)
2-Year-Old Colt Pacer	Seeing Eye Single	Burke Racing Stable Silva, Pumel & Libby Lawrence R Karr Weaver Brusceci LLC	Shim Racing LLC
2-Year-Old Filly Pacer	Bad Girls Rule	3rd Floor Stables LLC	Spring Haven Farm
2-Year-Old Colt Trotter	Mission Accepted	Knox Services	Knox Services
2-Year-Old Filly Trotter	Looking For Zelda	Robert J Key	Robert J Key
3-Year-Old Colt Pacer	Drunk On Your Love	Mark S Ford Jason M Settlemoir	Harold Lee Bauder Harold L Bauder
3-Year-Old Filly Pacer	Pistol Packin Mama	Herres Stables LLC	Brian J Doyle
3-Year-Old Colt Trotter	Fraser Ridge	Donald E Robinson Robert A Mondillo Christopher F Beaver R.B.H. Ventures Inc	Steve H Stewart
3-Year-old Filly Trotter	Rose Run Sydney	Steven M Carter Adam Friedland RBR Racing LLC	Rose Run Farm
Aged Trotter	Sandy's Victory	Dan E Ater	Larry V Tinch
Aged Pacer	Youlookhot	Charles D Stovall	Charles D Stovall

The annual P.A.C.E.R. Ohio Stallion Service Auction will be incorporated into the weekend as in the past. New to the auction this year are Driver/Trainer cutouts. Those cutouts that were shared on the OHHA Facebook page during Delaware County Fair will be available for bidding and can be yours with the right bid! The bidding process for the cutouts is the same as for the stallions. The auction will began January 5<sup>th</sup> online with bids at wedoauctions.net/ohha. Bidding will be available by telephone also starting Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. by calling 1-800-353-6442 or 614-221-3650. Bidding both online and via telephone will close at 5:00 p.m. on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

The annual First Lady's Luncheon will be held again this year. This year instead of a gift exchange, the ladies will be sharing gifts with those who visit Haven House of Pickaway County, a domestic violence and homeless shelter in Pickaway County. A representative from the shelter will come and speak and the ladies will be decorating gift bags that they will then fill with various items that will help someone in need. The ladies also invite you to share in bringing items to the banquet to donate to the shelter. Items that the shelter is always in need of include: umbrellas, warm socks, cough drops, anti-bacterial wipes, hand sanitizer, antibacterial soap, Lysol spray, children's cough syrup, lotion, cold and flu medicine for adults and chap stick. Items can be dropped off at the Haven House table in the Atrium at the banquet. Thank you in advance to anyone who participated in the drive.

Banquet agenda can be found on page 3 of this newsletter and auction stallions and cutouts are listed on pages 6 and 7.

# From Your Executive Director, Renée Mancino

## Commentary on Non-Traditional Wagering and Payment of Fees

The OHHA has provided testimony several times on the Ohio State Racing Commission's inquiry into non-traditional forms of wagering, which includes Advanced Deposit Wagering. Attached is testimony provided to the Racing Commission December 12, 2017 in this important subject matter area.

The OHHA fully supports and welcomes a global look at wagering and fees payable in connection with horse race wagering in the State of Ohio. The advent of Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) and other emerging methods and forms of non-traditional wagering and payment of fees for the privilege of remote wagering on horse races (i.e., Exchange Wagering, Flat Fee Wagering, Fixed Odds Wagering, Pari-mutuel Pool Contest Wagers) worldwide has complicated the current wagering landscape in the Ohio horse racing industry. The current wagering landscape utilizing these new methods and forms has resulted in a significant portion of Ohio's simulcasting statutes being applied unfairly to Ohio Horsemen and to the Ohio racing industry as a whole.

Due to the rapidly changing landscape, the Ohio Harness Horsemen welcome a comprehensive study on those methods and forms of wagering on horse racing not yet codified in the State of Ohio.

Comprehensive study should in-part probe, (1) a complete Survey of the methods and forms of wagering being offered to and potentially contracting with Permit Holders in Ohio, (2) a complete breakdown of the allocation splits being used among the interested Parties, the total revenue generated by these methods, and complete distribution disclosure including of source market fees, (3) the impact these methods and forms of out-of-state wagering have on the live racing patron and racing product, (4) the number of accounts and the total dollar amounts wagered by in-state Ohio residents with out-of-state ADW providers, and (5) the effect or impact any licensing, taxation, and/or fixed fee pricing structure would have or has on the Ohio live racing product.

After conducting such a Survey, and gathering appropriate disclosures from Permit Holders and industry stakeholders, the goal should be to update the Ohio Revised Code to include these emerging methods and forms of non-traditional wagering, like ADW, Exchange Wagering, pari-mutuel based contests like Derby Wars, and flat-fee or fixed odds wagering methods. Any regulation must be thoroughly researched, fair and reasonable to all concerned, and geared towards the big picture goal of benefitting Ohio's live horseracing industry.

Currently, without legislation regulating ADW wagering as



a separate form of online wagering, Ohio's Harness Horsemen receive a paltry allocated share of the revenue from the rapidly expanding ADW handle as compared to the total amount wagered on Ohio racing. In addition, the State of Ohio receives no tax revenue from this form of wagering, which is the fastest growing segment of the pari-mutuel wagers on Ohio races, and likely by Ohio residents, but which form of wagering is handled and taxed as if there were no connection to Ohio, and instead occurred outside of Ohio.

Oregon is the largest multi-jurisdictional hub jurisdiction in the country, handling and taxing in 2016 approximately \$3.1 Billion in pari-mutuel ADW wagers from the ten largest nationwide providers pursuant to Oregon's multi-jurisdictional hub laws. Through the third quarter of 2017 Oregon reports \$2.8 Billion so far, for an average of \$900 Million per quarter. By year-end, the tally of total handle wagered through Oregon's ADWs will approach \$3.8 Billion. Aside from the revenue, in March 2017 industry experts opined that 35% to 40% of handle on American Racing is conducted through ADWs, and that is projected to reach 60-75% of all handle within a few years.<sup>1</sup>

Within Ohio the need for Revised Code modifications was reported June 29, 2016 in the Memorandum issued by Ohio Legislative Services Commission's Assistant Attorney General, Alyssa Bethel and Economist Thomas Kilbane. Directed specifically to review Advance Deposit Wagering in Ohio, the Memorandum provided detail on Attorney General Betty Montgomery's 1995 opinion (No. 1995-034), and the inability to locate a case that addresses the legality of the 1995 Opinion, and it concludes the "legality of ADW system in Ohio is uncertain."

That Memorandum's conclusion was based, in part, upon a confusing and outdated provision in Ohio's Administrative Code that authorizes Telephone Account Wagering. The authors suggest that ADW wagering is a type of Telephone Account Wagering, but if that were true, the commissions and allocations from Telephone Account Wagering in Ohio would have to be calculated and paid as if such wagers were placed live and on-track. A somewhat confusing basis for analysis exists because the revenue allocation from Telephone Account Wagering does not match that of live-on-track wager. Furthermore, a dollar wagered through an ADW typically returns less than 3%, and rarely more, to Horsemen versus approximately 8% if that same dollar were bet on live racing at the racetrack location (via Telephone Account Wagering, which must be treated as on-track wagering) .

<sup>1</sup> "Today's ADW Growth and What It Means For Our Future", March 2017, National HBPA Convention Panel, South Point Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada.

February 13, 2017 Michael Rzymek, Principal Assistant Attorney General for the Racing Commission provided a Memorandum analogous to the Legislative Services Commission's 2016 Memorandum. However, Mr. Rzymek, expanded upon the "uncertain legality" propounded in the 2016 Memorandum. Mr. Rzymek concluded, "If the Commission wishes to move forward with regulation of ADW companies, a statutory change to R. C. 3769.08 would be recommended."

The Ohio Harness Horsemen concur with Mr. Rzymek's view. R.C. 2915.02(D) prohibits any form of gambling in Ohio except that which is "expressly permitted by law." (Emphasis added). R.C. 3769.08(A) expressly establishes the "pari-mutuel method of wagering" to "not be unlawful" when such wagering occurs "upon the live racing programs and simulcast racing programs held at or conducted within [a Permit Holder's] race track." R.C. 3769.08(A), however, narrowly confines "pari-mutuel wagering" to betting that occurs on "the live racing programs and simulcast racing programs held at or conducted within such racetrack," and not at any "other place . . . except as provided in section 3769.26 of the Revised Code," which concerns only "satellite facilities." It also narrowly defines the permissible methods or system of betting to the "pari-mutuel system" only, and "[n]o . . . other method or system of betting or wagering on live racing programs and simulcast racing programs . . . shall be used or permitted by the permit holder." R.C. 3769.08(A). Simply put, Ohio authorizes "[n]o other place" than a racetrack's brick and mortar premises and its "satellite facilities" to accept wagers on horse racing, and no "other method or system of betting or wagering" than "the pari-mutuel system" of wagering. R.C. 3769.08(A).

In addition to R.C. 3769.08's narrow definition of the methods or system of pari-mutuel wagering, "[t]he commission may prescribe the forms of wagering that are permissible, . . . the procedures on wagering, and the wagering information to be provided to the public." R.C. 3769.03. This prescriptive authority goes only to forms, and does not grant the Commission power to prescribe any other methods or system of wagering since R.C. 3769.08(A) expressly confines the permissible methods of wagering to the pari-mutuel system. Furthermore, no administrative agency ever possesses the power or authority to enact taxes without express legislative authority to impose a tax. In short, the Commission's authority in the Revised Code is limited to prescribing the forms of wagering only. As such, the Commission can only expand the methods or systems of wagering through legislative enactment of the Assembly.

The Horsemen in Ohio are proponents of common sense and reasonable regulations related to a reasonable governmental interest, which do not cause an adverse business impact to the Ohio Horsemen's equine businesses. The Ohio Horsemen appreciate the ability to provide their position relative to these issues. As set forth, they would encourage a "ground up" study and Survey as outlined above in an effort to clearly understand all facets of the wagering affecting the Ohio horseracing industry, with a goal of modernizing and updating the Ohio Revised Code to include the emerging methods of non-traditional wagering in addition to pari-mutuel wagering and the pricing and fee structures that return, or could return, critical revenue to both the industry and the State of Ohio in the form of taxes.

## OHHA Banquet Agenda Saturday, January 13, 2018

10:00 a.m.	Stallion Auction Opens Via Phone and onsite (online starts January 5th)
11:30 a.m.	Ladies Luncheon
1:00 p.m.	USTA District 1 Meeting
2:30 p.m.	OHHA Annual Membership Meeting
4:30 p.m.	Cocktails Hour- Cash Bar
5:00 p.m.	Stallion Auction Closes online, phone and onsite
5:30 p.m.	Dinner Seating
6:00 p.m.	OHHA Awards Banquet
9:00 p.m.	Awards Banquet After Party. Includes Live Entertainment and Cash Bar.

### Auction website and phone numbers

Bidding January 5<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> online at [wedoauctions.net/ohha](http://wedoauctions.net/ohha)

Bidding January 13<sup>th</sup> via phone at 1-800-353-6442 or 614-221-3650.

Bidding both online and via telephone will close at 5:00 p.m. on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

### Miami Valley Anticipates Huge Meet

Gregg Keidel, Miami Valley Raceway

The Winter Racing Festival at Miami Valley Raceway kicks off Friday (Jan. 5) with the largest purses in the track's brief five-year history. A 10-15 percent purse increase to condition races positions horsemen to race for an average daily overnight purse structure of approximately \$150,000.

With close to \$14 million in anticipated purses to pay out during its 87-day meet, Miami Valley is grateful to host one of the highest purse structures in all of harness racing.

Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association President Kevin Greenfield remarks, "Miami Valley is a shining example of how Ohio horsemen understood the expansion of gaming to benefit harness racing. Amazing purses, increased earnings opportunity for our members and positive contributions to the community. The team at Miami Valley has brought the OHHA's vision of winter racing to life in Southern Ohio."

OHHA Executive Director Renee Mancino said, "Three years ago we thought Miami Valley was a diamond in the rough, so it is no surprise to the Ohio horsemen that their "can-do" skilled management team, and Ohio-centric approach to the racing program has them pacing strong to the top of the class in the industry."

Unprecedented purses are not the only reason to be excited about the harness racing tradition that continues in Lebanon, Ohio. The second annual \$25,000 North America Drivers Championship ushers in Miami Valley's Winter Festival on Jan. 7 and 8, with finals on Jan. 9.

Thirty of the continent's most accomplished drivers will go head-to-head for the title.

A variety of enhanced lucrative series will surely appeal to harness racing fans at every level. January, February and March features will include nine Claim To Fame series, four Survivor Series and nine Legends Late Closers.

Wagering opportunities include the early double, a Pick-3, Pick-4, 50-cent Lucky Pick-5 (with industry low 12 percent takeout) beginning on race 10, and a 10-cent Buckeye Hi-5 on Race 12 each program. Carryover provisions apply to the Lucky Pick-5 and Buckeye Hi-5 wagers until a winning ticket is hit.

Stay tuned for Grand Circuit, Ohio Sires Stakes, Hackett Memorial and Scarlet & Gray Invitational action during Miami Valley's upcoming Spring Festival in April and early May. For the first time ever, trotting divisions have been added to the Hackett Memorials for 3-year-old Ohio-sired horses.

Details on all of Miami Valley's special events for 2018 can be found at [www.miamivalleygaming.com](http://www.miamivalleygaming.com), using the Racing/Horsemen's Info tabs. Condition sheets for opening week are now available on the USTA website.

Miami Valley opened January 5<sup>th</sup>. Afternoon matinees will be presented every Sunday, Monday and Tuesday with a 2:05 p.m. post time. Friday and Saturday evening cards will commence at 6:05 p.m.

### Trent and Mossbacker Receive Groom Appreciation Awards



Terry (aka T.D.) Trent is the latest Groom Appreciation Award winner from Northfield Park. Trent was nominated by trainer Kent Sherman. Trent has worked for Sherman for many years. Sherman shares that Trent is dependable and he is not only a reliable part of the Kent Sherman Stable, but he is also does a great deal to help other stables.

*Terry Trent, photo by Amy Hollar*

The Dayton Raceway award winner is Gary Mossbacker. Sandy Beatty nominated Mossbacker for his dedication and consistency. He is knowledgeable about lameness and shows how much he cares for the horses through his timeless work habits.

Congratulations to both grooms! Trainers, don't forget to nominate your grooms! You can get a nomination form through Amy Hollar or Brett Merkle or print one off from the OHHA website at [www.ohha.com/groom-appreciation-award](http://www.ohha.com/groom-appreciation-award) and turn it in to them. Be as detailed as you can so we can share all the great things that these grooms do!



*Gary Mossbacker, photo by Brett Merkle*

### Congratulations To:

Aaron Merriman for his 1,000<sup>th</sup> win in 2017 after driving Official Kisser on December 4<sup>th</sup> at Northfield Park!

Brian Brown for being named Trainer of the Year and winning the Good Guy Award by the United States Harness Writers Association (USHWA).

Bruce Trogdon for being selected as Top Owner by USHWA.

All connections of Downbytheseaside for being named 3-Year-Old Pacing Colt of the Year by USHWA and of Blazin Britches for 3-Year-Old Pacing Filly of the Year by USHWA.

## Herrera Realizes A Dream at Hollywood Dayton

*Gregg Keidel, Miami Valley Raceway*

Guatemala native Edgar Herrera fell in love with race horses shortly after his family moved to Illinois when he was 14 years old. His father found regular work on the backstretches of Chicago's tracks and it wasn't long before Edgar started cleaning stalls and gradually learning the harness racing ropes too. When the affable 27-year-old got an opportunity to move to Ohio with trainer Bob Phillips two years ago, he was anxious to spread his wings.

In addition to his normal caretaker barn duties, Herrera serves as Phillips' second trainer and shipper as well. While Edgar appreciates his regularly weekly stipend for all his hard work, he is especially grateful for the chance Phillips gave him to drive enough qualifying races to earn his provisional drivers license last April.

While being a full-time catch-driver is not on his bucket list, finding his way to the winner's circle at least once has been a goal he has dreamed about often.

The dream came true on Monday afternoon (Dec. 11) at Hollywood Dayton Raceway when Herrera guided the trotter Donnas Dream to a 1:57.3 gate-to-wire triumph in a \$10,000 condition/claiming event. The 3-year-old filly from the Phillips Stable was sent directly to the front from the innermost post position and held off Bosston Tahoe (Jason Brewer) and Speed N Home (Kyle Wilfong) in the stretch, prompting a wide grin on Herrera's face that was still evident an hour later. "I may just retire from driving now," joked Edgar, "because I don't want this feeling to ever go away. I can't believe it!"

It took Herrera 52 drives to get his initial score, but the wait was well worth it. "I'm glad my parents moved us here. I love America! You can find work doing something you like, and make your dreams come true." For Donnas Dream, it was her sixth lifetime victory and boosted her career earnings to \$123,853. The daughter of Power Play is owned by the Blackfoot Farms of Illinois.

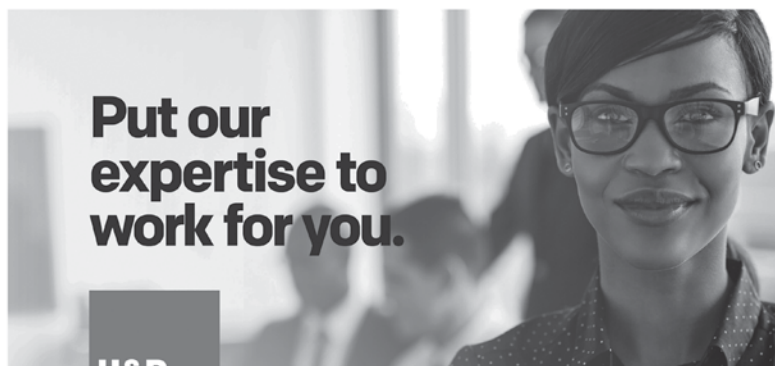


*Friends of Edgar Herrera greet the jubilant driver in the winner's circle at Hollywood Dayton Raceway after his very first career victory. (Conrad photo)*



### Are you getting ready for tax season?

See the flyer below and visit [www.hrblock.com/hrb-offers/ohioharness-horsemanassociation](http://www.hrblock.com/hrb-offers/ohioharness-horsemanassociation) to learn more to see a new member benefit being offered to OHHA members.



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- \$25 off retail tax preparation for new clients<sup>1</sup>
- Prior clients receive free Tax Identity Shield<sup>2</sup>
- 35% off H&R Block's online tax preparation at [hrblock.com](http://hrblock.com)
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#### Did you know?



**Life changes**  
(i.e. a new home, baby or inheritance) may affect your taxes?



**Letters from the IRS** generally require a response.



If you **filed an extension**, you may be accruing a penalty.

Further questions? Contact us at 614-861-8127 or [anne.billingsley@tax.hrblock.com](mailto:anne.billingsley@tax.hrblock.com)

<sup>1</sup> Valid only on purchases of tax preparation software. Offer is available to new clients only. Offer is available to individuals who do not use H&R Block's online tax preparation service for prior year's tax returns. Coupon must be presented prior to completion of initial tax office interview and may not be combined with any other offer, promotion or discount. Offer valid only with paid preparation of original 2018 tax return. Offer is available to employees of participating companies listed below. Current tax year '18. Offer good only available to H&R Block after not employment from participating company for the reporting tax year. Offer must be presented to the eligible for offer. Expires 4/30/2019.

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# Political Action Committee for Equine Racing (P.A.C.E.R.) 2018 Ohio Stallion Service Auction

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Auction closes Saturday, January 13th at 5:00 p.m.

## Pacers

<u>Stallion</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Standing At</u>	<u>Donated By</u>
Arthur Blue Chip	\$2,500	Cool Winds Farm	Dr. Ian Moore
Art Official	\$2,500	Midland Acres	Bob Muscara
Beachtrea	\$2,000	Dublin Valley Farms	Beachtrea Enterprise
Bigrisk	\$2,000	Andy Burkholder Farm	Andy Burkholder
Bring On The Beach	\$2,500	Cool Winds Farm	Moira Gunn
Cheyenne Rei	\$2,000	Cool Winds Farm	Reis Gang
Domethatagain	\$3,000	Abby Stables	Marion Beachy
Fear The Dragon	\$6,000	Midland Acres	Bruce Trogdon
If I Can Dream	\$2,000	Hagemeyer Farms	Scott Hagemeyer
Lost For Words	\$2,500	Cool Winds Farm	Country Club Acres, Inc.
McArdle	\$6,000	Hickory Lane Farm	Kevin Greenfield
Mister Big	\$2,500	Abby Stables	Robert Muscara
Mr. Apples	\$1,500	Hawks Cry Farm	Matt Rowe
Mr Wiggles	\$4,000	Sugar Valley Farm	George Teague
Nobhill High	\$2,000	Hagemeyer Farms	Scott Hagemeyer
Pet Rock	\$6,000	Midland Acres	Joe Bellino
Racing Hill	\$6,000	Hickory Lane Farm	Tom Hill
Rockin Amadeus	\$3,500	Cool Winds Farm	Susan Grange
Well Said	\$5,000	Sugar Valley Farm	Well Said Syndicate
Western Vintage	\$3,500	Abby Stables	Perry Soderberg
We Will See	\$4,000	Abby Stables	Shannon DePinto
Woodstock	\$2,000	Sugar Valley Farm	Billy Walters
Yankee Cruiser	\$3,500	Midland Acres	Jay Mossbarger

## Trotters

<u>Stallion</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Standing At</u>	<u>Donated By</u>
And Away We Go	\$3,000	Rose Run Farm	Alvin Yoder
Big Chocolate	\$1,000	Diamond Equine	Larry Mast
Break The Bank K	\$5,000	Midland Acres	Robert Key
Cash Hall	\$3,000	Cool Winds Farm	Alan Levitt
Cayenne Turbo	\$1,000	Raimonde Farms	Brian Raimonde
Coraggioso	\$2,500	Cool Winds Farm	Joe Spadaro
Creatine	\$4,000	Sugar Valley Farm	Diamond Creek LLC
Credit Fashion	\$1,500	The Ohio State Univ ATI	Aspen Adams
Deep Chip	\$3,000	Hickory Lane Farm	Kevin Greenfield
Dejarmbro	\$4,000	Hickory Lane Farm	Bradley Wallace
E L Rocket	\$2,500	Abby Stables	Marion Beachy
Long Tom	\$3,000	Midland Acres	Jay Mossbarger
Lucky Chucky	\$3,000	Cool Winds Farm	Randy Haines
My MVP	\$4,000	Sugar Valley Farm	Joe McLead
Southwind Pepino	Private	Hagemeyer Farms	Hugh Beatty, Jr.
Spring Goal	\$1,500	Abby Stables	Mike Miller
Stormin Normand	\$3,000	Abby Stables	Christina Takter

## Trotters

<u>Stallion</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Standing At</u>	<u>Donated By</u>
Team Six	\$1,500	Andy Burkholder Farm	Fred Polk
Triumphant Caviar	\$5,000	Abby Stables	James Gallagher
Uncle Peter	\$6,000	Hickory Lane Farm	Kevin Greenfield
What The Hill	\$7,000	Hickory Lane Farm	Kevin Greenfield
Winning Fireworks	\$2,500 (Min. Bid \$2,000)	Pine Grove Acres	Daniel & Wayne Schlabach
Wishing Stone	\$3,000	Sugar Valley Farm	Wishing Stone Syncate

## Driver / Trainer Cutouts

<u>Driver</u>	<u>Lifetime Starts</u>	<u>Lifetime Wins</u>	<u>Lifetime Earnings</u>
Yannick Gingras	38,125	6,662	\$157,284,794
Matt Kakaley	28,443	4,107	\$60,108,857
Kayne Kauffman	23,794	2,824	\$16,951,511
Aaron Merriman	55,215	9,815	\$61,377,779
David Miller	69,236	12,342	\$222,893,951
Dan Noble	27,605	4,906	\$26,873,808
Chris Page	23,532	4,059	\$28,852,403
Brian Sears	51,961	9,898	\$183,203,958
Ronnie Wrenn, Jr.	18,872	4,223	\$24,363,388

<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Lifetime Starts</u>	<u>Lifetime Wins</u>	<u>Lifetime Earnings</u>
Brian Brown	6,595	1,347	\$ 21,138,766

# 2018 Ohio Stallion Service Auction Rules

### Bidding Rules For Stallions

- Horsemen may bid on an unlimited number of stallions, with a \$50 minimum raise.
- All bids are confidential, and bidders are responsible to raise their bids either online or via phone.
- The winning bidder must make a deposit for 10% of the bid, with \$100 minimum. Make all checks payable to P.A.C.E.R. Checks must be on personal or LLC accounts. If a check is not received at the OHHA office by Monday, January 22, 2018 the credit card that you have on file will be charged the 10% deposit.
- The balance (90%) is due upon the birth of a live foal.
- All contracts are subject to P.A.C.E.R. and farm approval and are not transferable to another mare or individual.
- Failure to present your mare to the stallion without justifiable cause will result in forfeit of entire deposit.
- If there is no live foal, the deposit, less \$25, will be refunded upon receipt of a veterinarian certificate, or the deposit may be donated to P.A.C.E.R.

- There is no return privilege.
- No ownership change on a mare is permitted until service is paid unless a statement from a licensed veterinarian declaring the mare not in foal is provided to P.A.C.E.R.

### Bidding Rules for Driver Cutouts

- You may bid on an unlimited number of drivers, with a \$5 minimum raise.
- All bids are confidential, and bidders are responsible to raise their bids either online or via phone.
- The winning bidder must pay for their driver with a credit card that is on file at the auction site. Only personal credit cards can be used, not a business card.
- If your driver needs to be shipped, we will make every effort to ship him via friends. If he actually has to ship commercially, you will be responsible for the shipping fees.

## Upcoming Meetings, Sales, Events and Deadlines

### January 5<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>

Ohio P.A.C.E.R. Stallion Auction

Online bidding opens January 5<sup>th</sup>  
at [wedoauctions.net/ohha](http://wedoauctions.net/ohha)

Call in bids available Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>  
1-800-353-6442 or 614-221-3650

### January 12<sup>th</sup>

OHHA 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Board Meeting

1:00 p.m.

OHHA members are always encouraged  
to attend Board meetings.

### January 13<sup>th</sup>

OHHA Annual Awards Banquet,

USTA District 1 Meeting and

OHHA Annual Membership Meeting

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[www.ohha.com/annualmeetingandbanquet](http://www.ohha.com/annualmeetingandbanquet)  
or call 614-885-3334 and give Ohio  
Harness Horsemen's Association as group  
name and OHH as group code.

All events held January 12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>  
will be at

DoubleTree Hotel- Columbus Worthington  
175 Hutchinson Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio 43235

### January 15<sup>th</sup>

Deadline for ads for February issue of  
The Buckeye Harness Horseman

### January 18, 2018

OSRC Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

77 South High Street, Room 1948

### February 12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>

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Jim Perry, Sr., Pam Miller and  
John Jennings "Jack" Stockman

Full obituaries can be found on the OHHA website  
[www.ohha.com/obituaries](http://www.ohha.com/obituaries).

Stallion Southwind Pepino will be standing the 2018 season at Hagemeyer Farms.



## Ohio Fair Racing Conference Celebrated 2017

Bill Peters

The fourth annual awards banquet for the Ohio Fair Racing Conference was held on November 18th at the Ward L. Adams American Legion Post No. 54 at Ridgeville Corners. 135 people were in attendance to enjoy the evening's festivities, which began with a delicious buffet meal prepared by the American Legion Auxiliary.

The awards portion of the banquet began with a special presentation to starter Dick Roth for over thirty-five years of starting horses at the county and independent fairs in Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio. Jack Kieninger (president of the Indiana Standardbred Association), Tom Barrett (president of the Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association), and Kevin Greenfield (president of the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association) joined in making the presentation.

The champions and runners-up in the Signature Series led off the presentations to this year's outstanding horses. Randy Bond's Twinspeak was the champion on the pacing side while Krista Harmon's Rompaway Beau captured the championship for trotters. T Red, owned by Henry Gulley, was the runner-up for pacers, and Sum It Up, owned by Joseph Putnam and Cheryl O'Mara, took home the runner-up

plaque for trotters.

The Ohio Fair Racing Conference's awards portion began with the two-year-old colt pace where Joe Paver's Carmensdaleyapple garnered the champion's award. Freaky Feeling Guy, owned by Steve Novak, picked up the second-place award. Blasco, owned by Bud High, was recognized as the champion two-year-old colt trotter with the McBek Racing Stable's Rose Run Turbo gathering in the runner-up plaque. Dancin Fever, owned by Bill Webb and the D and K Stables, captured the champion's award for three-year-old colt pacers.

The second-place award went to Pearl, Joe, and Dennis Paver's Mannys Too Special. DeKeyser got the recognition as the champion three-year-old colt trotter. DeKeyser is owned by Chris Beaver, Synerco Ventures Inc., and Steven Zeehandelar. Ted Boschma's Back The Bank pulled in the runner-up award in the three-year-old colt trot.

Mike Sweeney's A Oliveinmymartini was the first filly to be recognized as she captured the first-place award for two-year-old filly pacers. Rei's Honor Roll, owned by David Pirnstill, took home the runner-up award in the two-year-old filly pace. Man The Keg, owned by Scott Altizer, won the champion's award in the two-year-old filly trot with second-place going to Here's Jolene. Here's Jolene is owned by Chris Beaver, Tim Homan, Ste-

ven Zeehandelar, and Ashley Burke. The first-place award in the three-year-old filly pace went to Won For Gigi, owned by L and L Devisser LLC and Tina Seekman. Hula Shuffle was recognized as the runner-up for three-year-old filly pacers. Hula Shuffle is owned by Bill Walters, Joe McLead, and Ron Steck. Joyfultriumphant won the first-place award in the three-year-old filly trot. Leon R. Troyer is the owner of Joyfultriumphant with Chris Beaver being the lessee. Miss Perfection, owned by Denise Dennis and Dolne Farm Services LLC, garnered the runner-up plaque for three-year-old filly trotters.

Leading driver and leading trainer presentations concluded the awards portion of the banquet. Cameron McCown took home his first leading driver award while Chris Beaver repeated as the Ohio Fair Racing Conference's leading trainer.

The evening's festivities wrapped up with the drawing for door prizes and the 50-50 drawing. Thanks to many generous sponsors, everyone went home with at least one door prize while one lucky person took home \$326.00 from the 50-50 drawing.

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## Home Talent Colt Stakes Held Annual Meeting

Elwood Woolman

Home Talent Colt Stakes held their annual meeting on October 22nd at Jake's Steak House in Wooster, Ohio. The Circuit completed its annual election with the following results: James Shipley(Knox) -President, David Staats (Crawford) -Vice President, Elwood Woolman (Mahoning) -Sec/Treas. HTCS announced the Horses with the most wins in each division.

- 2CP Bro Bro, Matt's Choice, Ucan Wait and See. 4 wins each
- 2CT Dontteasehim 4 wins
- 2FP Talented Mind 8 wins
- 2FT Dontforgettodreamit 4 wins
- 3CP Offical Delight 6 wins
- 3CT Goldfinger, Queens Ripsnort, Taddy's Count 4 wins
- 3FP Da Vinci Artist 6 wins
- 3FT Fluxcapactor Kidd 4 wins

All 15 fairs reported good crowds and purses. The circuit had a total purse amount of \$1,177,728.00, total starters of 1700 horses and raced a total of 34 race days.

Several new programs are in the works for the 2018 racing season. The HTCS is a member of the Buckeye Fair Racing Consortium.

*Watch the February issue for more circuit 2017 wrap up news.....*



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## Harness Racing Blast From the Past!

Check out this photo that photographer Brad Conrad shared on his Facebook page. How many remember watching races at the Ohio State Fairgrounds instead of watching Ohio State Fair races at Scioto Downs?

“ While looking for some other photos, Dad came across this old racing photo from the Ohio State Fair. Look at the crowd in the grandstand!! Unbelievable. Leading the field through the turn is Terry Holton. On the rail is Gene Riegle. Dad thinks that the guy on the rail (you can only see his head) is Curly Smart.. Talk about harness racing history! Wow.”

- Brad Conrad



Photo from Conrad Photo

Do you have any old Ohio State Fair racing photos? If you have any photos or historical county fair photos, please e-mail them to [rmayhugh@ohha.com](mailto:rmayhugh@ohha.com) or post them on our Ohio Harness Racing History Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/groups/OhioHarnessRacingHistory](http://www.facebook.com/groups/OhioHarnessRacingHistory).