

The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association

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January 2015

OHHA Welcomes New Executive Director

by Regina Mayhugh



The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association (OHHA) brings in the New Year by welcoming Renée Mancino as the new Executive Director. Mancino comes home to Ohio from Las Vegas, Nevada. She was born in Cleveland, Ohio and is a graduate of Cuyahoga Community College, the University of Akron and the University of Nevada Las Vegas, Boyd School of Law. While at

Boyd she was a charter class graduate, where she served on the Society of Advocates and earned honors in gaming law.

Mancino has over 35 years of horse racing experience, both personal and professional. She grew up moving around to various racetracks on the East Coast as her father Joe F. Santantonio trained both Thoroughbred and Standardbred racehorses. Her brother and husband are both trainers as well.

Mancino has practiced law as a private practice attorney with primary specialty preferences in, gaming law, equine law, Indian gaming law, racing and wagering law and she has a special interest in racino legislature. She has represented horsemen's associations throughout the country as well as represented and/or advised on cases in various states including Nevada, California, Pennsylvania, New

Jersey, Virginia, New York, Illinois, Iowa and Ohio. Besides her family ties to horse racing, Mancino describes what fascinates her about the industry and why she chose it as a career. "From the time I was old enough to toddle up to one I have been fascinated by and loved horses. I don't think anyone in the industry whether it be operations or participants would be here without a love for horses."

Mancino says what she is most looking forward to in her new position is, "actually digging into the nitty gritty to see what can be done for horsemen. Solidify what has been done, see what can still be done, and continue to advance and improve the horsemen's position within the industry."

Looking ahead at some of Mancino's goals as she joins OHHA, she says they include, "transparency, unification, and streamlining operations for electronic ease of use for participants. A big part of this is also horsemen's feedback and input. We have a Board that represents their interests, but I want to make sure we are directly receiving input from the members at large on major issues. My first goal is to use technology in any way possible to facilitate that process and improve operations. The end result will be greater transparency and unification moving forward so the Association can better represent the horsemen. Long term goals would include increasing our membership base, adding more benefits for the horsemen, and forming strategic partnerships inside and outside the industry to strengthen their position."

Saying Good-Bye to 2014, Looking Forward to 2015

by Regina Mayhugh

Where has the time gone? As we say good-bye to 2014 and hello to 2015, what have been some harness horse highlights of the year, both on the farm and within the industry?

Here are some of OHHA's highlighted moments of 2014:

- Finally racing in Ohio for super purses!
- Super Night was electric!
- The extra added monies to the Ohio Fair Stakes brought the monies up almost to where they were 10 or more years ago. A VERY big plus for Ohio fair racing and to those that dared to stay, breed and race in Ohio.
- The growing of the Ohio programs becoming what it's meant to be
- The quality of studs coming to Ohio
- Opening of new tracks

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General Manager's Report

by Jerry Knappenberger

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2015 Racing Dates

Northfield Park
Jan. 1-Dec. 30
(214 Live Days)

Miami Valley Gaming
Jan. 2-May 3
(89 live days)

Scioto Downs
May 5-Sept. 12
(95 live days)

Hollywood at
Dayton Raceway
Sept. 14-Dec. 30
(75 live days)

Important Dates

Jan. 23-24, 2015

First Quarter
OHHA Board Meeting
and OHHA Banquet
Columbus Marriott NW
Dublin, OH

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2015 Ohio Sire Stakes (OSS): The Ohio Standardbred Development Fund Commission finalized the 2015 Ohio Sires Stakes program during their December 17, public hearing in Columbus. The Sire Stakes program for two and three year olds will be conducted with four preliminary legs for a purse of \$45,000 or \$45,000 if only one division and championship races shall be \$225,000 guaranteed and will be raced September 12, at Scioto Downs.

All qualifying standards for two and three year olds remain the same. The 2015 Ohio Sire Stakes for four year olds and up will be at Hollywood at Dayton Raceway on October 23 and 24, with elimination races, if necessary, scheduled on October 16 and 17. The \$500 entry fee is due for the elimination races. There is no additional fee to start in the championship.

Requirements to start- at time of entry, a starter must show within 45 days prior to the advertised day of the race at least one performance line without a break and within these time requirements- Trotters ½ mile

track 2:01 or faster, Trotters 5/8 mile track or larger 1:59 or faster, Pacers ½ mile track 1:57 or faster and Pacers 5/8 mile track or larger 1:55 or faster.

A OSS condition change requested by OHHA concerning reporting times to **detention barns for all championship races was approved for the 2015 OSS program as follows:** all horses entered in the championships shall be required to report to the detention area at the racetrack hosting the championship at least six hours prior to the advertised post time of the championship entered. Anyone late for detention shall be scratched by the judges.

Ohio State Racing Commission (OSRC): During the December 18th regular monthly meeting of the Ohio State Racing Commission the 2015 Ohio Sires Stakes program was approved as presented by the Ohio Standardbred Development Fund Commission. The OSRC announced they would be retaining the current whipping and kicking of horses rules in 2015, hoping to have revised rules go through

the hearing and adoption procedure and in place by summer 2015.

PACER:

The end of December is the conclusion of the 2014 Political Action Committee for Equine Racing's funding campaign. The 2015 PACER Campaign begins in January and we need to continue to support our industry. See page 5 of this newsletter for details.

In addition to supporting PACER, it is also important to visit with your State legislators to let them know how Standardbred horse racing and your own participation in our sport is contributing to Ohio's agricultural industry. Your legislators are interested to know where their constituents are involved and how those interests are best served.



Advertise your Stallion, Farm & Standardbred Related Services in the February 2015 Buckeye Harness Horseman

Deadline for camera-ready ads January 15, 2015

For more information and to reserve your space contact
Regina Mayhugh at
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Keep up to date with news on the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association
website at <http://www.ohha.com>

Political Action Committee for Equine Racing (P.A.C.E.R.) 2015 Stallion Service Auction

Bidding by Phone

Friday, Jan. 23, 2015
noon to 4 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015
10 am to 5 pm

1-800-353-6442
Toll Free Both Days

1-614-221-3650
Friday Only

1-614-336-4733
Saturday Only

Pacers

Stallion	Fee	Donated By	Standing At
Allamericannative	\$2,500	Bernie Cave	Hagemeyer Farm
Art Official	\$3,000	Robert Muscara	Midland Acres
Beachtrea	\$3,000	Paul P Miller Jr./ Urie U Byler Jr.	Dublin Valley Farms
Believeinbruiser	\$2,000	Gerald L Mijal	Cool Winds Farm
Charley Barley	\$1,500	Lisa Ezzo	Abby Stables
Cheyenne Rei	\$2000 <i>Min. Bid \$1,000</i>	Barry Rubenstein	OSU ATI Equine Center
Dragon Again	\$5,000	C Ed Mullinax	Sugar Valley Farm
Feelin Friskie	\$2,500	Wayne Eric Whebby	Midland Acres
Ghee's House	\$2000 <i>Min. Bid \$1,000</i>	Karen Greengard	OSU ATI Equine Center
I'm Gorgeous	\$3,000	Elmer G Fannin	Sugar Valley Farm
McArdle	\$4,000 <i>MMD</i>	Kevin Greenfield	Hickory Lane Farm
Mister Big	\$2,500	Robert Muscara	Abby Stables
Panspacificflight	\$2,500	Jacob Miller	Schwartz Boarding Farm
Pet Rock	\$6,000	Fred Bellino	Midland Acres
Rockin Amadeus	\$3,500	Sue Grange	Cool Winds Farm
Running Book	\$2,000	John Curran	Abby Stables
Shark Gesture	\$3,000	Norman Smiley	Abby Stables
Up Front Hannahs Boy	\$1,500	C Ed Mullinax	Sugar Valley Farm
Western Vintage	\$3,500	Perry Soderberg/Marvin Katz	Abby Stables
We Will See	\$4,500	Shannon DePinto/Jerry & Theresa Silva/Earl Smith	Abby Stables
Who's Ur Boy	\$1,500	C Ed Mullinax	Sugar Valley Farm
Woodstock	\$2,000	Joe McLead / Billy Walters	Sugar Valley Farm
Yankee Cruiser	\$4,500	Tim Pinske	Sugar Valley Farm

Bidding Rules

Horsemen may bid on an unlimited number of stallions, with a \$50 minimum raise. All bids are confidential and bidders are responsible to call in to raise their bids.

All contracts are subject to P.A.C.E.R. and farm approval and are not transferable to another mare or individual. The winning bidder must make a deposit for 10% of the bid, with \$100 minimum. The balance (90%) is due upon the birth of a live foal. Make all checks payable to P.A.C.E.R.

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.

Failure to present your mare to the stallion without justifiable cause will result in forfeit of entire deposit.

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.

P.A.C.E.R.

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Trotters

And Away We Go	\$1,500 <i>Live Cover Only</i>	Bill Troyer	Rose Run Farm
Big Rigs	\$3,500	C Ed Mullinax	Sugar Valley Farm
Break the Bank K	\$3,500	Robert J Key	Midland Acres
Broadway Hall	\$5,000 <i>MMD \$4,000</i>	Truls Heslien / Hans Nelen	Midland Acres
Cash Hall	\$3,500	Allen Levitt	Cool Winds Farm
Dejarmbro	\$5,000	Leonard Ruckner	Hickory Lane Farm
Dontyouforgetit	\$4,500	Urie Byler Jr./ Robert Hersberger/Paul Miller Jr.	Dublin Valley Farms
Hard Rock N Roll	\$2000 <i>Min. Bid \$1,000</i>	Karen Greengard	OSU ATI Equine Center
Ironduke	\$1,000	Jonathan Miller	Pine Grove Acres
Jailhouse Jesse	\$2,500	Al J Libfeld	Midland Acres
Jurgen Hanover	\$2,500	Norman Smiley	Abby Stables
Lionhunter	\$2500	ACL Stuteri AB/Anette Karin Lorentzon	Midland Acres
Man of Many Missions	\$5,500	Ken Jackson	Midland Acres
My MVP	\$4,000	Joe Sbrocco	Sugar Valley Farm
Rompaway Wally	\$1,000	Krista J Harmon	Hagemeyer Farm
Southwind Spirit	\$3,500	Urie Byler Jr./Paul Miller Jr.	Dublin Valley Farms
Steven One	\$2,500	Fred C Polk	Autumn Lane Farm
Stormin Normand	\$3,000	Christina Takter	Abby Stables
Triumphant Caviar	\$3,000	Chris Beaver/Jim Gallagher/Wilbur Lang/Marion Beachy	Abby Stables
Uncle Peter	\$6,000	Kevin Greenfield	Hickory Lane Farm
Valley Victor	\$1,500	Carter Duer	Abby Stables
Winbak Yankee	Private Treaty	Ben Troyer	Royal View Farm
Wishing Stone	\$4,500	Mike J Gulotta	Sugar Valley Farm

OHHA Annual Awards Banquet

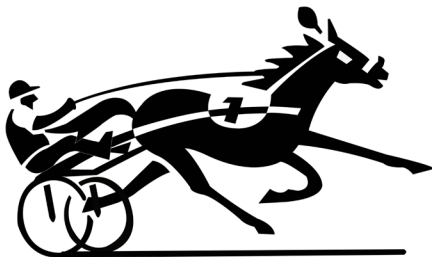
The OHHA Annual Awards Banquet & USTA District 1 Meeting will be Saturday, January 24, 2015, at the Columbus Marriott Northwest Hotel.

The Stallion Auction will conclude at 4:30 p.m. and the OHHA Banquet will begin at 6:00 p.m. Reservations for the banquet must be made by January 21, 2015, and payment for all tickets must reach the OHHA office by Wednesday, January 21, 2015. Tickets are \$45 each and can be picked up at the Banquet Reservation Table. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Banquet Reservation Form can be found on the back of this newsletter or print a form from the website at www.ohha.com/#!events/c1d3x

OHHA Banquet Timeline January 24, 2015

- 11:30 a.m. Ladies Luncheon
- 1:00 p.m. USTA District 1 Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. OHHA Annual Membership Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Cocktails & Cash Bar
- 6:00 p.m. OHHA Awards Banquet



Columbus Marriott Northwest

5606 Blazer Parkway

Dublin, OH 43017

Phone (614) 336-4705

www.columbusmarrittnorthwest.com

Please note: Columbus Marriott Northwest room reservations for January 23 and/or 24 must be made by January 10, 2015 by calling (888) 801-7133. Ask for the OHHA rate (\$116.00). Rooms and rates are not guaranteed.

Directions to Columbus Marriott Northwest

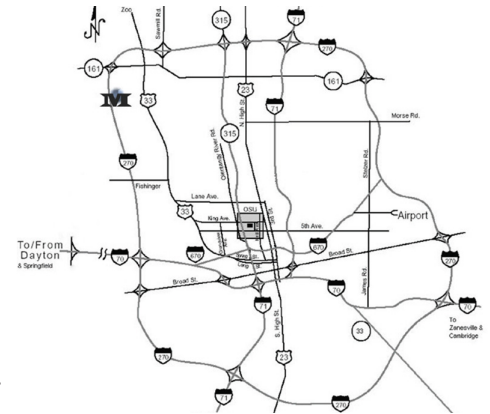
From the North:

Take I-71 South to I-270 West for 15 miles to Exit 15 (Tuttle Crossing Blvd.) and turn left. Travel two miles to Blazer Parkway and turn left.

From the East: Take I-70 West to I-270 North to Exit 15 (Tuttle Crossing Blvd.) and turn right. Travel one mile to Blazer Parkway and turn left.

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From the West: Take I-270 East to I-270 North for 5 miles to Exit 15 (Tuttle Crossing Blvd.) and turn right. Travel one mile to Blazer Parkway and turn left.



OHHA Annual Awards Banquet Reservation Form Columbus Marriott Northwest - Dublin, OH Saturday, January 24, 2015

Reserve tickets at \$45 each. Payment must be received by January 21, 2015, at the OHHA office. Anyone wanting a dinner other than beef must contact the OHHA office by **January 20, 2015**.

Mail to: 850 Michigan Ave. Columbus, OH 43215-1920

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Number of Tickets: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Saying Good-Bye to 2014
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- First year of Ohio Fair Racing Conference
- Keeping racing alive in some counties
- Prices at the Ohio select sale
- Second annual charity night
- Significant increases in purses - fairs and commercial tracks

There were various farm successes throughout the state. One farm was excited to have a trotting filly win in 56 and some change as being the fastest home bred they have raced off their farm. Success for other farms have included winning a Ohio Sire Stake Final or any other grand Ohio final. Winning the 2014, Juggette ranks up there as having a successful year as well. Having Ohio owners being a part of The Little Brown Jug was certainly a successful moment as well as an Ohio trainer being a part of its training history. There certainly have been many great success stories throughout the state this year.

As the year ends and the new one begins, it's time to think about what Ohio horsemen are looking forward to

in the coming year. With more Ohio horses being born, 2015 should prove to be another exciting year with Ohio-breds. In 2013, there were 916 Ohio sired foals born. That could result in a successful two-year old program with those numbers.

Some other excitement to look forward to in 2015 include

- OHHA organizational changes and what these changes will bring to the industry.
- Increased purses for overnights and more money in the OSS Finals
- Looking forward to even more added monies to the Fair colt stakes. The fairs are the grass roots of racing in Ohio and by making it more worthwhile to be able to race in these "learning" events, it will make racing at the upper levels in Ohio more exciting. Also, helping the Fairs by giving them operating monies derived from the VLT revenue is another great caveat.

Here's to an exciting 2015 for Ohio Harness Racing!

Thank You to our 2014 P.A.C.E.R. Contributors

Fair Circuit Champion Level (Up To \$199)

Kyle Ater	Michael & Suanne Kochilla	Dayle Roof
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as of December 23, 2014

P.A.C.E.R.: Ohio horse racing received great support from Governor Kasich and Ohio legislators with the enactment of House Bill #386 (HB386). We must support those legislators who support us.

Donate by sending a personal check or money order (*corporate checks are not acceptable for PAC donations*) to:

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Include employer information and type of business.

All P.A.C.E.R. donations go to a candidate's campaign funds.

The OHHA offices receive calls every week from state legislators asking for campaign donations as they attempt to raise campaign financing throughout the year.

Special Thank You to those who donate!



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