

OHHA NEWS

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BREED, BUY & RACE IN OHIO! OHIO IS FOR WINNERS!

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James K Hackett Memorial Races Held at Miami Valley Gaming

By Regina Mayhugh

Miami Valley hosted the James K Hackett Memorial Race for 3-year-olds in April.

The driver-trainer combination of Aaron Merriman and Christopher Beaver started the series with wins in both 3-year-old trotting filly eliminations on April 8th.

Pure Chance (Triumphant Caviar - Jewell Creek) won the first elimination and earned her new lifetime mark of 1:57.2. She is owned by Christopher F Beaver (Radnor, OH) and Steven J Zeehandelaar (Worthington, OH). She went on to win the 3-Year-Old trotting filly Championship when Jason Thompson glided her to the winner's circle in 1:55.1 on April 15th.



Pure Chance
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Bella's Rose Power (Triumphant Caviar - Rose Power) was the winner of the second division, finishing in 1:55.0. Her owners include Christopher F Beaver (Radnor, OH), James R Gallagher (Columbus, OH), Marion Beachy (Sugar Creek, OH) and Steven J Zeehandelaar (Worthington, OH).

The 3-year-old trotting colts raced on April 9th. Both eliminations winners were driven by Chris Page and trained by Ron Burke. **Wittyville** (Manofmanymissions - Witty Girl) finished in 1:57.4. He is owned by Burke Racing Stable (PA), Weaver Brussemi LLC (PA) and Knox Services Inc. (Mt. Vernon, OH). He was back in the winner's circle for the 3-year-old trotting colt Championship on April 16th.



Wittyville
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Dylan The Great (Break The Bank K - Montauk Point) won the second elimination in 1:57.2 and is owned by Burke Racing Stable LLC (PA), Lawrence R Karr (NJ), J&T Silva- Purnel & Libby (FL) and Weaver Brussemi LLC (PA).

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Congratulations to the 2019 James K Hackett Memorial Winner Connections!

3-Year-Old Filly Trot

1st Elimination Pure Chance
2nd Elimination Bella's Rose Power
Final Pure Chance

3-Year-Old Colt Trot

1st Elimination Wittyville
2nd Elimination Dylan The Great
Final Wittyville

3-Year-Old Filly Trot

1st Elimination Queen Of The Pride
2nd Elimination High Reward
Final Rylee Roo

3-Year-Old Colt Pace

1st Elimination Dislocator
2nd Elimination Seattle Hanover
Final Dislocator

Dates to Remember

2019 Racing Dates

Northfield Park
Jan. 1 - Dec. 30

Miami Valley Gaming
Jan 4 - May 6

Eldorado Scioto Downs
May 7 - Sept. 7

Hollywood at Dayton Raceway
Sept. 10 - Dec. 28

OHHA Board Meetings

July 11th

OHHA Office
2237 Sonora Dr.
Grove City, OH 43123

Members are always welcome for lunch and to attend board meeting general session at noon. Please RSVP by calling the OHHA office at (614) 221-3650

Monthly OSRC Meeting

May 22
Riffe Center
77 S High St.
Columbus, OH 43215

Upcoming Sales

May 14th
Spring Mixed Sale
Champions Center
Springfield, OH

Spring Matinées

May 11: Mercer Co. Fairgrounds
May 19: Darke Co. Fairgrounds
May 25: Defiance Co. Fairgrounds
May 26: Champaign Co. Fairgrounds
June 13 & 20: Delaware Co. Fairgrounds
Details can be found at ohha.com.

Executive Director's Report

By Renée Mancino

Ohio's Commentary in Support of the Harness Racing Medication Collaborative's Proposed Model Rules

The United States Trotting Association's Harness Racing Medication Collaborative (HRMC) proposed model rules for adoption by the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI) at their annual regulatory meeting in April in Arcadia, California. The model rules recommended standardbred-specific rules for clenbuterol and betamethasone based off standardbred specific research. Prior to the USTA presentation they reached out nationwide to the Harness Horsemen's Associations for comment. What follows is the OHHA's comment presented to ARCI by the USTA in conjunction with the other standardbred racing Associations' Comments.

Ohio's Standardbred horsemen are proponents of common sense, reasonable regulation to maintain public confidence in wagering, while ensuring the integrity of racing, and above all protecting the health and welfare of racehorses. Reasonable regulation should be geared to a rational purpose related to a legitimate government interest. Reasonable regulation for the health, safety, and welfare of our equine athletes, and participants, public confidence in wagering, and the integrity of the sport.

Ohio is the nationwide leader in Standardbred Racing (or, "Harness Racing"). Ohio is number one for breeding Standardbreds with 119 Registered Standardbred Stallions standing in Ohio at 71 Breeding Farms in 33 Counties in 2019. Ohio has been the number one state for mares bred to Ohio stallions and Standardbred foals produced from 2014-2018, and number one for the number of registered Standardbred owners. In 2018, Ohio's four pari-mutuel racetracks hosted 473 live days of harness racing at extended meets with 6,653 live races, or 57,739 Standardbred starts. In 2017 Ohio's County Fairs offered 142 live race days with 1,569 live races at 66 County Fairs in 88 Counties.

The OHHA supports regulation that results in greater integrity, but regulation should

also reflect an appropriate standard of care for the health of a horse. Since 2015, the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association has been a consistent advocate for "bifurcated" medication and testing regulations with out-times and threshold levels tailored to the Standardbred breed and Standardbred racing industry.

Standardbred Racehorses' Conditioning, Aerobic Capacity, Physiology, Gait, Racing Style, and Career Longevity are Distinctly Different from the Thoroughbred Racehorse.

Standardbred foundation bloodlines originated with a Thoroughbred-Morgan cross. A Standardbred's relation to the Thoroughbred breed diverged significantly from there. Standardbreds have significant physiological differences, are durable, more muscular and longer bodied. They are bred to maintain either a trot or pace over a standard one-mile distance, pulling a fulcrum-balanced graphite race bike, to mitigate the weight and wind resistance of a seated Driver. Standardbreds are conditioned like a mid-distance human runner, long slow miles on a jog four days a week. Standardbreds on average race every ten days, thirty times a year from two-years-old on and must retire when they turn fifteen-years-old. Their gaited racing style results in never having their entire weight borne by one leg or having to balance the weight of a moving human on their backs. Standardbreds are sturdy middle distance cross country runners as-compared to fine boned Thoroughbred sprinters. Human athletes in different athletic endeavors do not have identical training programs or therapeutic needs. Logically racing equine athletes of different breeds require distinct therapeutic maintenance and compatible testing specific for that breed's health, safety, and welfare concerns.

Ohio's Standardbred Catastrophic Loss Statistics Reflect the Breed's Durability and Support the Need for Therapeutic Maintenance by Veterinarians During a Racing Season and Over Long Racing Careers.

Ohio's Standardbred catastrophic loss¹ ten

year average is .009% per start as compared to the Ohio Thoroughbred average of .212% per start. That is less than one-thousandth of one percent for racing Standardbreds per start. From 2016-2018, Ohio's Standardbred racing start totals were, 58,097, 58,667, and 57,739 respectively, with identical catastrophic loss numbers of 5 horses per year. The numbers are steady and consistent over ten years which showcases the Breed's durability. The iconic pacer Foiled Again raced at two-years-old until mandatory retirement at fifteen-years-old in 2019 after 331 Purse Race Starts, a record of 109-70-46, and earnings over \$7.5 million.

Standardbred racing longevity, health, and welfare support a bifurcated therapeutic medication and testing environment tailored for the Breed. The removal of therapeutic tools from a Veterinarian's toolbox, the use of less than a manufacturer's recommended dosage for treatment, or the elimination of and longer out-times for therapeutic medications like Corticosteroids, and Bronchodilators occur without regard to the Breed or Industry racing specifics. The system should be refined accounting for Breed distinctions, durability, and racing styles between Standardbreds and Thoroughbreds. These factors weigh heavily against a, "one size fits all" system.

Artificial Control and Removal of Therapeutic Tools from a Veterinarian's Toolbox are Detrimental to a Horse's Health

Used in the proper amounts and in the proper way corticosteroids (i.e., Betamethasone) have a beneficial effect on cartilage and are beneficial to the joint. The current dose approved by the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium can be used in a single small joint more conducive to a Thoroughbred's anatomy and need for treatment. That dose is inadequate for treating a larger boned-horse that needs bilateral treatment or has a larger joint like a Standardbred. Joint health and maintenance are critical to the health and welfare of a Standardbred. Reasonable bilateral injection preserves joint health, prolongs their athletic career, and a horse's quality of life.

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

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The Elimination of Unrealistic Threshold Levels and Longer Out-Times for Therapeutic Medications are Necessary for Standardbreds and the Standardbred Industry.

Bronchodilators (i.e., Clenbuterol) with long withdrawal times of five or more days or threshold levels set at less than 25 pg./ml don't permit a minimum manufacturer's recommended four day course of medication for proper treatment of a Standardbred with airway disease or as an aid to clear pulmonary secretions or inhaled pollutants. Thoroughbred's race an average of once a month, Thoroughbreds have no issue with a longer out-time (i.e., 14 days) and a corresponding lower threshold level. To properly treat a racing Standardbred, the horse must be removed from competition. If a Standardbred is not removed from competition and instead foregoes treatment, that is not in the equine athlete's best interest. If an alternate therapeutic like Albuterol is used, it will require more frequent administration and with a half-life of two hours it will be a more invasive, less effective treatment. Therapeutic treatment with the appropriate substance and permitting the horse to continue racing are best for that horse's health and welfare. Unreasonable threshold levels and out-times virtually eliminate a beneficial therapeutic medication like Clenbuterol's use in Standardbreds.

The overriding concern is the integrity of racing and the health and safety of racehorses. There are significant differences among the breeds. Racehorse fatality statistics have held static in Ohio for Standardbreds for the last ten years with an overall average of .009%. A breed-specific system to manage therapeutics, provide proper thresholds, and accurate out-times for practicing Standardbred Veterinarians will permit Racing Commissions to devote their limited resources to catching the serious and deliberate Class 1 and Class 2 positives and attempt to stay ahead of the curve. The 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 their Standardbred equine business. The Harness Racing Medication Collaborative Proposals are common sense, reasonable regulations that consider the significant differences in the Breeds and Racing Industries. The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association fully supports the Harness Racing Medication Collaborative Proposals, and urges bifurcation and inclusion of those proposals into the Association of Racing Commissioner's Model Rules upon the United States Trotting Association's recommendation.

Outstanding Groom Awards

Mike Swartz and Makala Pollock were awarded the Ohio Outstanding Groom Award.

Swartz is from Spring Valley, Ohio and has been a groom for trainer Jeff Brewer since 2016. "Mike is our 'fix it man' and on a farm that means a lot," shared Brewer. Swartz is a reliable employee and has not missed a day of work since he started. "He loves to jog and train, regardless of the weather and stays at the farm even after everyone else has left for the day," continued Brewer.

Pollock is from Ashville, Ohio and grooms for Jim Pollock Jr. at the Winner's Circle Training Center. She grew up in the business and began working as a groom in 2012. Pollock's duties include anything from stall cleaning to taking the horses to the races. She is a third-generation trainer as well. "She gets the job done without any problem. She is very dependable and knowledgeable about the business," shared Jim Pollock, Jr.

Besides working with the horses, Pollock also assists her mother as a girls' softball coach in the summer and is a home health provider to her handicapped brother.

Congratulations to Swartz and Pollock for receiving the award and thank you for the hard work you do and your dedication to the industry!



Mike Swartz



Makala Pollock

2019 Buckeye Stallion Series Schedule

2-Year-Old Colt Trot

- 1- Scioto Downs: Tuesday, July 2
- 2- Northfield Park: Wednesday, July 10
- 3- Champaign Co Fair: Tuesday, August 6
- 4- Delaware Co Fair: Wednesday, September 18
- Final- Dayton Raceway: Sunday, September 29

2-Year-Old Colt Pace

- 1- Northfield Park: Saturday, July 6
- 2- Scioto Downs: Tuesday, July 16
- 3- Champaign Co Fair: Tuesday, August 6
- 4- Delaware Co Fair: Thursday, September 19
- Final- Dayton Raceway: Sunday, September 29

3-Year-Old Colt Trot

- 1- Miami Valley: Saturday, May 4
- 2- Scioto Downs: Friday, June 21
- 3- Northfield Park: Saturday, July 20
- 4- Delaware Co Fair: Sunday, September 15
- Final- Dayton Raceway: Sunday, September 29

3-Year-Old Colt Pace

- 1- Miami Valley: Saturday, May 4
- 2- Scioto Downs: Friday, June 28
- 3- Northfield Park: Monday, July 22
- 4- Delaware Co Fair: Monday, September 16
- Final- Dayton Raceway: Sunday, September 29

2-Year-Old Filly Trot

- 1- Northfield Park: Monday, July 1
- 2- Crawford Co Fair: Wednesday, July 17
- 3- Scioto Downs: Tuesday, August 13
- 4- Delaware Co Fair: Wednesday, September 18
- Final- Dayton Raceway: Sunday, September 29

2-Year-Old Filly Pace

- 1- Scioto Downs: Tuesday, July 9
- 2- Northfield Park: Wednesday, July 17
- 3- Champaign Co Fair: Tuesday, August 6
- 4- Delaware Co Fair: Thursday, September 19
- Final- Dayton Raceway: Sunday, September 29

3-Year-Old Filly Trot

- 1- Miami Valley: Wednesday, May 1
- 2- Scioto Downs: Friday, June 7
- 3- Northfield Park: Monday, July 22
- 4- Delaware Co Fair: Sunday, September 15
- Final- Dayton Raceway: Sunday, September 29

3-Year-Old Filly Pace

- 1- Miami Valley: Wednesday, May 1
- 2- Northfield Park: Saturday, June 15
- 3- Scioto Downs: Thursday, July 18
- 4- Delaware Co Fair: Monday, September 16
- Final- Dayton Raceway: Sunday, September 29

Nominations have been posted for the 2019 Buckeye Stallion Series, Ohio Fair Championship and Ohio Fair Racing Conference (OFRC) on the OHHA website <https://ohha.com> under Nominations/Standings. Please look over the lists and if you see any corrections that need to be made please contact Susan Schroeder at sschroeder@ohha.com or phone the OHHA office at 614-221-3650.

April Spotlights

Congratulations to the connections of these horses on a great month!

Pittsburgh Hanover (Yankee Glide - Phaeton), 7-year-old trotting gelding, won 3 races in a row at Miami Valley: March 4th, 12th and 24th for Galliers Racing Stable & Wendy Ross. He is trained by Brady Galliers.

The Robert J Brown Memorial Championship was raced on April 11th with a purse of \$20,000. **Voyage To Paris** (Dontyouforgetit - Paris Hall), 3-year-old colt trotter was the winner. He is owned by Stephen P Richard (MA) and Lana J Pollock (Ashville, OH). He finished in 1:57.1 with Kayne Kauffman in the sulky. Jim Pollock Jr. is his trainer.

Big Bad Jane (Big Bad John - Flower Cart) won three races in a row on March 8th, 15th and 29th with purses ranging \$18,000-\$22,500. The 5-year-old mare was driven and trained by Dan Noble and owned by Sandra S Burnett.

Sectionline Bigry (Pet Rock - Aquatic Yankee) won the Horses & Geldings Open II- Pace on March 30th with a \$20,000 purse. The 4-year-old pacing gelding crossed the finish line in 1:52.3 with Tyler Smith driving. He is trained by Steve Bauder for owners Harold Lee Bauder & Harold L Bauder.

Mission Accepted (Manofmanymissions - Witty Girl) has three starts so far this year, March 31st, April 14th and April 22nd, all in the Open HCP and has won all three with the purse for each race being \$25,000. The 4-year-old trotting colt was driven by Chris Page the first two races and Brett Miller the third. He is trained Ron Burke and owned by Knox Services Inc (Mt. Vernon, OH) & David B Wills (Newark, OH).

April 2nd was the Omar Hiteman Memorial Late Closure Championship with a \$20,000 purse. **Dealer's Table** (American Ideal - Hasty Pulse) took the win. The 3-year-old pacing gelding and driver Josh Sutton crossed the finish in 1:51.1. Dealer's Table is trained by Jeff Cullipher who also co-owns the gelding with Pollack Racing Stable LLC. Dealer's Table was undefeated in first 4 starts, which includes all 3 legs of the Hiteman Memorial Series.

Fillies and Mares Open on April 5th with a \$22,500 purse was won by **Up Front Flor Ida** (Woodstock - Up Front Dr J). Brett Miller drove the 4-year-old Woodstock mare in 1:51.0. **Up Front Flor Ida** found her way back to the winner's circle on April 12th and 26th. Her 2019 earnings are at \$62,750 bringing her lifetime earnings to \$175,750. She is trained by Tim McKoy and owned by Kevin McKinney (Carlisle, OH) and Virginia McKoy (Springboro, OH).

Insomniac (Crazed - Catch Some Zs), 7-year-old gelding in the Galliers Racing Stable, broke the trotting record in a claiming trot on April 5th and took the record for the fastest trot in the history of Miami Valley Gaming when driven to the winner's circle by Brady Gallier. The record was set in 2016 by Ladys Dude and in 2017 Kestrel tied it. He is owned by Galliers Racing Stable LLC.

The Tom Tharps Memorial Late Closure Championship was won by **Gerardo** (Rockin Image - Amarillo Sky) on April 6th. The purse was \$27,500 and the 4-year-old pacing gelding finished in 1:50.0 with his driver and trainer Kayne Kauffman. Gerardo is owned by Mark R Bogen (Lebanon, OH).

The Open HCP with a \$25,000 purse on April 7th was won by **No Whip Chip** (Victory Sam - Merediths Hope). The 7-year-old trotting gelding set his new lifetime mark at 1:54.0. As of 4/29, he has 13 starts so far in 2019 with 4 wins, 3 seconds and 1 third and earnings just shy of \$52,000 and lifetime earnings just under \$200,000. No Whip Chip is a Noble Family horse. Dan Noble drove the gelding for his sister Meredith who trains and co-owns with their mother Deborah and he was bred by the late Sam "Chip" Noble.

Big Pink (Woodstock - Rhiannon) made his new lifetime record of 1:54.4 with driver Trevor Smith in the Horses & Geldings Condition Claimer on April 15th. The 4-year-old gelding is owned and trained by Michael Polhamus II (Troy, OH).

On April 19th **Golden Paradise** (Allthatgltrsisgold - Paradise Island) won the pacing Fillies and Mares Open with a \$25,000 purse in 1:53.3. Ronnie Wrenn Jr. drove the 5-year-old mare, trained by Tyler George (Sunbury, OH) who also co-owns with Samuel J Schillaci (Macedonia, OH), Wrenn Jr. Racing LLC (Stow, OH).

Have equine achievements you would like to share? Send email to rmayhugh@ohha.com.

Meet Ohio Driver Luke Hanners

Luke Hanners is 18-years-old driver from Sabina, Ohio. Hanners, the son of the late Brad Hanners, began driving at age 16. He wanted to follow in his Dad's footsteps. "It's what my dad has always done and ever since I can remember I have always wanted to drive and be like my dad," shared Hanners.

His goal is to make a career out of driving harness race horses. So far, he has had a pretty good start. His first year driving he has 14 starts, 2 wins and earnings of \$2,203. This number increased astronomically in 2018 with 148 starts and \$53,903 in earnings. He is off to a great start in 2019 with 74 drives, 15 in the top three and over \$26,000 in earnings. He has two wins this year, February 23rd

with Rock Is Sweet (Rockin Image) and March 13th with John Jay (Dali-Ruby Delight), both at Northfield Park.

Hanners began driving at the fairs then started driving at Dayton, Northfield and Miami Valley. His hopes to drive someday at the Meadowlands and The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono.

Two drivers that Hanners admires are his dad and Ron Pierce. "I have learned a lot from talking to them both and watching them drive," shared Hanners.

One of the horses that has been a favorite of his to drive was Light Up The Sky. "Light Up The Sky is just an easy horse to drive and to have fun with! He races from anywhere and tries hard every time he's on the track," shared Hanners.

His most exciting drive was his

first win which was at the Champaign County Fair on August 9, 2017, with Save Me A Place (Artsplace - Singin For Supper).

Harness racing is a family affair. His mom, Alicia Hanners is a trainer. His brother Austin Hanners and cousins Tyler and Trevor Smith also drive.

If Hanners wasn't driving horses, he says he would try to establish a good stable of horses to train. He has started to train, but his mom is the main trainer of the stable. "She's a hard worker when it comes to the barn."

If Hanners could drive any horse of the past or present, he would choose Paco Labrook and Sweet Lou. "Paco Labrook because he was the fastest horse my dad ever trained. Sweet Lou because he was



one of my favorite horses to watch race when I was younger," shared Hanners.

He believes the industry could get people more familiar and excited about harness racing with increased advertising and have the race tracks become more kid friendly.

Scioto Downs Draw Schedule

From Eldorado Scioto
Downs

The 2019 racing season is fastly approaching at Eldorado Scioto Downs. The racing schedule will have a change in schedule compared to prior years. Scioto Downs will host matinée races on Tuesday with a post time of 2:00pm and continue with the traditional 6:30pm post time on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturdays. Qualifiers will be regularly scheduled on Tuesday starting on May 7 at 12:00pm until

further notice. Horsemen are reminded that any horse that is entered must have a current Coggins within one year.

The condition sheets are available online for the first full week of racing. Horsemen should also pay close attention to the draw schedule as it has changed from recent years. The entry box will close on Wednesday, May 1 at 9:00am for the Tuesday, May 7 racing card. The Draw schedule for the 2019 racing schedule will be as follows:

Tuesday for Friday and Saturday:
Box Closes at 9am (Board Clears on Wednes-

day for both Friday and Saturday)

Wednesday for Tuesday: Box Closes at 9am (Board Clears on Thursday for Tuesday)

Thursday for Wednesday: Box Closes at 9am (Board Clears on Friday for Wednesday)

Friday for Thursday: Box Closes at 9am (Board Clears on Tuesday for Thursday)

Scioto Downs will be racing for over \$15-million in purses for the 2019 racing season. For a complete race schedule, visit the Scioto Downs website. <https://www.sciotodowns.com/racing>

James K Hackett Memorial Races Continued from Cover

The first elimination of the 3-year-old pacing fillies was won by **Queen Of The Pride** (McArdle - Lionness Hanover) on April 12th. The McArdle filly finished in 1:51.4 with driver Tony Hall. She is trained by Kevin Lare and owned by Frank Chick (DE).

Brian Brown trains the second elimination winner **High Reward** (Yankee Cruiser -

Enhance The Night). She paced to the winner's circle in 1:52.4 with Ronnie Wrenn Jr in the sulky. High Reward is owned by Country Club Acres Inc (Findlay, OH), Joe Sbrocco (Brecksville, OH) and L & H Management Services (Findlay, OH).

Rylee Roo (Pet Rock - Moonlite Delite) won the 3-year-old filly pace Championship on April 19th in 1:54.1 with driver Aaron Merriman. She is trained by Steve Carter. Steven Price (GA) is the owner and breeder. This win brings Rylee Roo just shy of \$100,000 in lifetime earnings.

Dislocator (Big Bad John - Eagle Yankee) was the first division winner of the 3-year-old pacing colts on April 13th. Chris Page guided her to the finish line in 1:51.1. The Big Bad John colt is trained by Brian Brown for owners Joelyn Ridder (Urbana, OH), Scott Davis (Belle Valley, OH), Sharron Sopronyi (Miamisburg, OH) and VIP Internet Stable LLC (Piscataway,

NJ). On April 20th he also won the 3-year-old pacing colt Championship.

Seattle Hanover (Dragon Again - Scarlet's Western) won the second elimination of 3-year-old pacing colts in 1:51.3, driven by Chris Page and trained by Ron Burke. The colt is owned by Burke Racing Stable LLC (PA), Lawrence Karr (NJ), J&T Silva- Purnel & Libby (FL) and Weaver Brusceci LLC (PA).



Rylee Roo
Conrad Photo



Dislocator
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Charity Night at the Races

June 22, 2019
at Eldorado Scioto Downs

Racing to make a difference



one hoofbeat at a time...

Volunteers Needed For Charity Night

Looking for a fun night out while sharing your favorite sport with others? Join us for Charity Night at the Races as a host! The host sits at the table with a charity, directs them to their evening activities and educates the group about harness racing. Plus there is a free meal! Contact us today by calling the OHHA office or sending an email to rmayhugh@ohha.com. Hope to see you there!

Foal Gallery



It's a Colt!
Uncle Peter x Loire
Submitted by Steve Bateson
who co-owns with Jeff Shafer.

Regularly Scheduled Ohio Racing Commission Meeting Recap

By Renée Mancino

From Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at the Columbus Riffe Center.

In normal business for the Commission, the **Executive Director's Approval** items were introduced, and the February 27, 2019 Minutes were offered for ratification. There were no documents disclosed or provided to those in attendance. The Racing Commission unanimously ratified the Executive Director's Approval items and February 27th Meeting Minutes.

The **Executive Director's Report** items included three and all concerned 2019 Live Racing Approvals. Belterra Park, Thistledown, and Scioto Downs, submitted requests to (1) Waive their Surety Bond for 2019 race meets, (2) Approve listed Officials, (3) Approve the

number of races and wagering format, (4) Approve Post Times, and (5) Approve their Letters to the Fire Marshall. No discussion on any submissions after enumerating the list, and no documents were provided to those in attendance. The Racing Commission unanimously ratified all requests.

There was no monthly status update on the Permit Holder and Horsemen's Agreement Negotiations between Belterra Park and the Ohio Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (OHBPA).

A recap on the horse racing fatalities to March 3, 2019 was provided by Racing Commission Veterinarian, Dr. James Robertson. It was noted that the numbers reported are for training and racing related catastrophic

horse made it into the water feature there. The conclusion being this was a shocking and very unfortunate, "freak accident". Year-to date total catastrophic losses were, six Thoroughbred fatalities and two Standardbred racing related fatalities statewide.

Dr. Robertson was asked to comment on the Santa Anita fatalities. Dr. Robertson succinctly explained that as with any injury it is difficult to narrow a catastrophic breakdown to one specific cause. Often the case is multifactorial and not readily quantifiable even after a post-mortem exam. There was concern about Santa Anita's racing surface, personnel changeovers, extreme wet weather, and it was very unlikely that a single factor was responsible.

The **Monthly Racing Commission financial report** was provided by Fiscal Officer Sherry White, described as likely to, "trot through the remaining fiscal year" with an overall net increase of \$39,000 last year and \$63,000 this year. Licensing and testing income exceeded last January's total by \$40,000. IT and Medication and Testing expenses were down slightly with overall expenses up 2%. Overall revenue was up 3% due to increased licensing, lower medication and testing costs, and more fine money. The fiscal-year-end should see a break even or slight increase over the previous Fiscal Year. The overall Racing Commission budget is approximately \$30.6 Million. The high dollar amount budget was attributed to administering passthrough Funds like the Combined Simulcast Purse Fund, Thoroughbred Race Fund, and Standardbred Development Fund.

Chairman Schmitz had no Chairman's comments and there were no public comments.

An Executive Session was not needed and there would be no further business, so the Motion and Vote was taken to adjourn and conclude the meeting.

For a transcript of the meeting contact the State Racing Commission.

Ohio Breeders Award Requirements

Mares registered in 2016 (Foals of 2017) mare registration date 12/31/16

Foal Age	Membership Requirement
Bred 2016	Grace Period, No Membership Required
Foal Born 2017	No Membership Required
Yearling 2018	No Membership Required
2 & 3-Year-Old 2019, 2020	Membership Required

Mares registered in 2017 (Foals of 2018) mare registration date 12/31/17

Foal Age	Membership Requirement
Bred 2017	Membership Required
Foal Born 2018	Membership Required
Yearling 2019	No Membership Required
2 & 3-Year-Old 2020, 2021	Membership Required

Mares registered in 2018 (Foals of 2019) mare registration date 11/30/18

Foal Age	Membership Requirement
Bred 2018	No Membership Required
Foal Born 2019	Membership Required
Yearling 2020	No Membership Required
2 & 3-Year-Old 2021, 2022	No Membership Required

Mares registered in 2019 (Foals of 2020) mare registration date 11/30/19 Registrations received from 12-1-19 to 12-30-19 must be accompanied by a \$100 per-mare late fee in addition to the mare registration fee.

Foal Age	Membership Requirement
Foal Born 2020	Membership Required

Registration Fee: \$20 per mare

Membership Requirements: All owners of the mare (including those in businesses or stables) are required to join as Active OHHA Members. All business entities or stables listed as owners are required to join as Associate Members.

Mare Residency: Mare must be resident, foal in Ohio and remain in Ohio for 187 consecutive days.

Meet Your Commissioners

Ohio State Racing Commission Members



Chairman Scott Borgemenke was appointed by Gov. Mike DeWine in April 2019 to a four-year term ending on March 31, 2023. Commissioner Borgemenke is a former Chief Policy Adviser to former Gov. Bob Taft, Chief of Staff for the Ohio Senate, CFO at University of Akron, Executive Director of the Cincinnati Business Committee and former Director of Racing for Magna Entertainment. He holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Ohio University. He currently serves as The Ohio Hospital Association's Senior Vice President of advocacy. He is the son of retired jockey Ralph Borgemenke. He served as Chairman of the OSRC from 2002 to 2004.

Commissioner Beth Hansen was reappointed by Gov. Mike DeWine in April 2019 to a four-year term ending on March 31, 2023. Commissioner Hansen most recently served as Chief of Staff for Governor John Kasich, and managed his 2010 race for Governor. Prior to her state service, Commissioner Hansen worked for eleven years as State Director and Senior Advisor to U.S. Senator George Voinovich. A graduate of the University of Michigan, Hansen was the Political Director for the Michigan's Republican National Party and worked on George H.W. Bush's 1988 presidential campaign. She and her family reside in Bexley, Ohio.



Commissioner William W. Patmon, Jr., was appointed by Gov. Mike DeWine in April 2019 to a four-year term ending on March 31, 2023. Commissioner Patmon, Jr., is a former member of the Ohio House of Representatives who represented the Tenth District. Patmon was a member of Cleveland City Council from 1990 to 2001, and served as the Chairman of its Finance Committee from 1999 to 2001. In 2012, Patmon was re-elected to his seat and currently sits on the House Transportation, Public Safety, Homeland Security Committee, Ways and Means Committee, and the State and Local Government Committee. He is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University.

Gregory H. Simpson was appointed by Gov. Kasich in April 2017 to a four-year term ending on March 31, 2021. The Milford, Ohio resident owns and operates Key Transportation Services, a business he began in Clermont County more than four decades ago. He is no stranger to the horse racing community, growing up on a farm in the Cincinnati area, and his father once raced harness horses. Simpson served in the Army in Vietnam from 1969-70 before graduating from Wilmington College in 1974 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. He has served as a member of the Ohio Expositions Commission since 2013, representing the dairy farmers.



Commissioner Thomas R. Winters of Columbus was appointed by Gov. Kasich in 2013 to a four-year term ending in 2017. He was reappointed in 2017 and will serve through March 31, 2021. The former First Assistant Ohio Attorney General currently teaches Business Law, Public Administration and Public Policy in the Graduate Studies School at Ohio Dominican University. In private practice Winters became a partner of Vorys, Slater, Seymour and Pease. He graduated from Capital University Law School in 1984. Winters served terms as Clerk of the House and Executive Assistant to the Speaker of the House.



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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.

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If donating in "cash" to a PAC the limit for a cash donation from a single individual on a yearly basis is \$100. This does not include checks, only physical cash bills.

A special Thank You to those who donate!

OHHA sends our condolences to friends and family of Frances Pauline (Smith) Arledge-Junk.

OHHA Advertising Opportunities:

Stallion ads available for both the Spring and Winter issues as well as Stallion Directory. Holiday ads will also be available in the Winter issue. Reservation forms can be found on the OHHA website www.ohha.com under News & Publications.

2019 Publication Schedule and Advertising Deadlines:

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

ISC And HTA Now Accepting Applications For Harold Snyder Scholarships

News Release from International Sound Corporation, and Harness Tracks of America,

David Snyder, President of International Sound Corporation, and Harness Tracks of America, are proud to announce the renewal of the Harold Snyder Memorial Scholarships for the 2019-2020 academic year. The annual program offers \$15,000 in scholarships for post-secondary education to daughters and sons of licensed trainers, drivers, caretakers, management personnel, or young people themselves who are actively engaged in the harness racing industry. Grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 are customarily awarded to three to six individuals annually.

Interested candidates can retrieve brief instructions and an official application form by accessing the HTA website at www.harnesstracks.com, or by contacting Scholarship Committee Coordinator Heather McColloch, [hmccolloch@mgnorthfieldpark.com], c/o Northfield Park, 10705 Northfield Road, Northfield, OH 44067, 330-467-4101, ext. 2204. Deadline for application submissions is **June 24, 2019**.

Since being inaugurated in 1973 by the late HTA Executive Vice President Stan Bergstein, 223 grants totaling \$840,950 have been awarded to 151 college and advanced degree students. The Snyder Family and International Sound, providers of racetrack and sport facility video, graphics and audio services to over 100 U.S. and international clients, have been the primary benefactors of the fund. Patriarch Harold Snyder, who died at 91 in 2015, started his career as a television repairman, founding ISC with his wife Marcia. Today, the business is the largest of its kind in the racing industry.

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OHHA Scholarship Applications Available

The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association (OHHA) is proud to offer the Ohio Harness Horseman's Association Scholarship Fund Program.

The total value of scholarship funds will be \$10,000 which may be divided among multiple winners with the minimum amount being \$2,500.

The applicant or a family member must be a member of the OHHA. Completed applications are due June 15.

Visit the OHHA website for complete details and an application ohha.com.

Five Training Rosters from Northwestern Ohio Farms

By Bill Peters

This is the first installment on training sites in Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan.

The Webb Stables in Defiance County, the Konesky Farm, the Ivan Sugg and Son's Stables in Wood County, the Bates Stable and the Venier Farm in Sandusky County are five hot spots for training this spring in Northwestern Ohio.

Bill Webb is prepping 16 horses at his farm, John Konesky III is schooling four at his farm, Duke Sugg (assisted by Brooke and Brett Sugg) is training two and Steve Maas is also preparing two at the Sugg Stable, Tyler Bates (assisted by Sean McGhee and Zac Bauman) is readying nine at his stable, and Dan Venier has a two-horse stable at his farm.

The rosters of horses in each of their stables is as follows:

Bill Webb

Western Fella,p,8g,Artistic Fella-Western Kisser
Diamondtequilashot,p,6m,Palone Ranger-Straitequilanite
Dancin Fever,p,5g,Indian Fever-First To Cruise
DP Spoofee,p,5g,Dontgetinmyway-Northern Anne
Panoramic View,p,5g,Artist's View-Parapanalia
Shady Madam,p,3f,Shadyshark Hanover-Metro Madam
Tequilas Jet,p,3f,Jereme's Jet-Straitequilanite
A Stud Named Sam,p,3g,A Stud Named Sue-We Call Her Sam
Fourpeat,p,3g,Tellitlikeitis-Queen Caroline
Lanas Desire,p,3g,Real Desire-G D Lana
Madelines Beach,p,3g,Real Desire-T B Beach Girl
Madelines Miracle,p,3g,Real Desire-Sand Feathers
DP Sputnik,p,3c,He's Gorgeous-Northern Anne
Friendly Confines,t,2c,Guccio-Off The Wall
Lizz Can Win,p,2f,Canyon Wind-Impressive Lizz
Metro Mystery,p,2f,Net Ten EOM-Metro Madam

John Konesky III

Onemorebro,t,4g,Dejambro-Onemorelap
Dont Forget Denise,t,3f,Dontyouforgetit-Just Plain Denise
Cell Service,t,2f,Dejambro-Fire In The Cell
Onemorebrosif,t,2c,Dejambro-Onemorelap

Duke Sugg

Dontyousayit,t,2c,Dontyouforgetit-Mystic Magician
Yanks Dugout,t,2c,Triumphant Caviar

Steve Maas

Zoom On Romeo,p,6g,Beach Romeo-Winbak Zoom
Cowboy Country,t,4g,Break The Bank-Smith Hall

Tyler Bates

KT War-Bates,p,5g,Stand Forever-Ken's Mystifier
Wild Eyed Yankee,p,4g,Yankee Cruiser-Bolero Toki
Wrap And A Hoey,t,3g,Dontyouforgetit-Flanery Hall
I M McCited,p,3f,McArdle-Exciting Deal
Skyway Artistic,p,3g,McArdle-All Over You
Valparaiso Hanover,p,3g,Dragon Again-Vasmajorty Hanover
Bubbysbrother,p,2g,Feelin Friskie-Forever Your Lady
McWrecked,p,2g,McArdle-Home Wrecker
My Name Is Hairy,p,2g,World Of Rockroll-Handsoffmymunchkin

Dan Venier

Pretty Bubbles,p,3f,The Panderosa-Randy's Girl
Herecomescharlie,t,2c,Full Count-Jetterbug

Check out the June issue of The Buckeye Harness Horseman to see more.



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2019 Ohio Fair Racing Dates Listed by County

JUNE FAIRS		JULY / AUGUST FAIRS		Defiance	Aug 20, 22	Ashland	Sept 16
Paulding	June 10, 11, 12	Preble	July 28	Allen	Aug 22, 23	Tuscarawas	Sept 20, 21, 22
Pickaway	June 15, 16, 17	Columbiana	July 29, 30	Noble	Aug 26, 27	Montgomery	Sept 22*
Putnam	June 25, 26	Wood	July 29, 30	Morrow	Aug 26, 27	Coshocton	Sept 28, 29, 30
		Auglaize	July 30, 31	Van Wert	Aug 27, 29		
		Greene	July 31, Aug 1	Stark	Aug 28, 29		
				Hancock	Aug 28, 29	OCTOBER FAIRS	
JULY FAIRS		AUGUST FAIRS		Geauga	Aug 31	Fairfield	Oct 9, 10
Marion	July 1, 2	Athens	Aug 2, 3	Richwood Ind	Aug 31		
Trumbull	July 7, 8	Ross	Aug 3, 4			OHIO STATE FAIR RACES	
Clinton	July 8, 9	Richland	Aug 4, 5			Held at Eldorado Scioto	
Logan	July 9, 10	Cuyahoga	Aug 6	AUGUST / SEPTEMBER FAIRS		Downs	August 1, 2 & 3
Jackson	July 12, 13	Attica Ind	Aug 7, 8	Mahoning	Aug 30, 31		
Franklin	July 13, 14	Champaign	Aug 6, 7, 8		Sept 2		
Warren	July 15	Ashtabula	Aug 8, 9	Fulton	Aug 31, Sept 3		
Ottawa	July 15, 16	Hartford Ind	Aug 9, 10				
Carroll	July 16	Mercer	Aug 11, 12	SEPTEMBER FAIRS			
Crawford	July 17, 18	Muskingum	Aug 11, 12	Washington	Sept 1, 2		
Fayette	July 17, 20	Miami	Aug 12, 13	Hardin	Sept 5		
Union	July 20, 21	Henry	Aug 13, 14	Morgan	Sept 6, 7		
Knox	July 22, 23	Meigs	Aug 15, 16	Wayne	Sept 10, 11, 12		
Seneca	July 22, 23	Darke	Aug 16, 17, 21, 22	Williams	Sept 11		
Shelby	July 23, 24	Lorain	Aug 19, 20	Wyandot	Sept 11, 12		
Lake	July 23, 24	Monroe	Aug 20, 21	Guernsey	Sept 12		
Summit	July 26*			Delaware	Sept 15 thru 19		
Pike	July 26, 27						

OHHA Positions Available

Harness Racing Ambassadors: Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association is preparing for the 2019 Fair season and is now accepting applications for summer internships from students and harness racing ambassadors from anyone who has a passion for harness racing.

Our interns will enjoy assisting in a variety of promotional events throughout the 5-month long season as they will get hands on experience in marketing, writing press releases and recaps, interviews with owners, officials, and drivers, as well as capturing the excitement of grassroots harness racing for social media all while interacting with Ohio's diverse and interesting racing fans at our 66 Fairs.

Applicants will be expected to travel throughout Ohio, must have reliable transportation, and are willing to work weekends and evenings.

This position requires a self-starter who is energetic and has strong communication skills and loves working with people. Experience in harness racing and with some social media is required.

For more info or to submit our resume send an email to info@ohha.com.

Outreach and PR Coordinator: The Outreach and Public Relations Coordinator will be a full-time, at will integrated position. Primary responsibility for creating and developing public relations activities, marketing, and outreach strategies. The Outreach and Public Relations Coordinator will also work closely with the Association's Team participating in marketing, charity, and outreach events to promote harness racing in Ohio. Full description of position can be found at www.ohha.com. Please send resume, including salary requirements, by 5:00 p.m. June 1, 2019 to rmancino@ohha.com. Incomplete resumes or resumes submitted without salary requirements will be discarded and not considered.

*Summit County Fair races will be held at Northfield Park and Montgomery County Fair races will be at Hollywood at Dayton Raceway.

Dates are subject to change. Always check the fair schedule for dates and time.