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Defining Greatness Among Horsemen

by Charlene Barry, a blogger from Alberta, Canada

After spending a bit of time in the horse industry, whether at the race track, on the trails, chasing cows, or in the show ring you will surely find there are 101 ways to do anything and everything. One method that works for one person may not make sense to another, and a method that worked with the last 100 horses might not work with the next.

Everyone knows someone who's naturally good with horses, or has been around horses so long they've simply learned how to be good at what they do. That go-to person in the barn, ringside or in the backstretch you can go to with any questions you have, or when you're struggling to figure something out. Regardless if it's lameness, diet, conditioning, or getting that pesky left lead, they always have a suggestion or an idea, and more often than not – it works. Every barn has at least one. Some are even lucky enough to have two or three. While there are plenty of good horsemen out there – the horse people who just 'get' it – what makes a good horseman great?

Surprisingly, success in the show ring, or at the finish line does not solely define a great horseman. Instead, the great horsemen and women are defined by their love for the process. That is, the process of working in the barn, with their horses, day in and day out. What they consider success is the progress they can make with each and every horse day by day, and their ability to create continual positive changes in their barns and in the tack. Like pieces of a puzzle they recognize that it's all about these little wins along the way in order to reach the big wins down the road.

They face that 24/7 kind of grind with excitement. They love it. They recognize the lows are just as important as the highs, and

the losses just as important as the wins. They love to learn, and the more they can learn the better. Anything they can get their hands on to make their horse's lives easier – they want it and will pursue that knowledge with everything they've got. They're the kind of people that leave the barn 10 hours after they got there, get home, and still want to talk about their horses, how they're doing, and the new ideas they want to try tomorrow.

But that's not all. Great horsemen also have an innate self-awareness. Despite their successes and their skills, they are able to recognize their own faults and mistakes. Not only that, they work endlessly to alleviate them. Where many trainers/riders would simply blame the horse or shrug it off, great horsemen look to see how they can improve their skill set to make things clearer or simply easier for the horse. Like a top competitor adding a neck strap to aid with their releases, or a trainer taking a course to increase their base knowledge. They are not above admitting they aren't always right and they know there's always more to learn. Furthermore, they've accumulated enough education and experience to know when a horse requires a different approach or when it simply would be better suited for another job. Both of these calls can be difficult to make and often stump the most fanatic horse lovers.

Great horsemen aren't happy with blindly following one method or theory regardless of its alleged success. They have a strong respect for other great horsemen, but they do not worship them. Great horsemen appreciate that knowing what doesn't work is equally

as important as knowing what does – being able to combine the two is an absolute game changer and necessary for achieving each of those little wins. Thus, they can be found seeking out knowledge from different disciplines and all over the horse industry.

The great horsemen above everything else despite their wins, losses and ups and downs, have a recognition that no matter what, the horses always come first. Their needs will always be met first whether they be financial or a time commitment. The great horsemen all often share a common experience of losing relationships over time spent in the barn, or living off of peanut butter and jam sandwiches while their horses ate like kings. Many of them would be hesitant to consider the time, the relationships, and the peanut butter and jam sandwiches a sacrifice, or something to even consider as a 'loss'.

To the great horsemen there is no question about it. They're all about their passion and it's all they need to fuel themselves through life and its many obstacles. They wake up every day ready for the grind and are excited by new challenges. They live it, they breathe it, they love it. It's their trump card. Great horsemen embrace and endure for their passion. That passion is horses.

If you have any questions, or suggestions for future topics you'd like to see me cover feel free to message me on Facebook, or send me an email, theinsidetrackblog@gmail.com!

For more articles by Charlene, check out her blog **Inside Track** <https://insidetrackblog.com>. She has some blog posts that would be great to share to not only horsemen, but to non-horsemen. Enjoy her blog!

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Youth and Standardbreds

Meet Joshua & Studs Hooligan

- Submitted by Amanda Munson

My son Joshua Munson, who just turned 6 this past January, is proud to be showing my OTSTB Studs Hooligan! So far, he has competed in Intro A in Dressage and ground pole in the hunters! I adopted Studs Hooligan (nicknamed Strider) in August of 2000 from New Vocations. We never have raced ourselves, but we love the track and always have! I knew before the age of 10 that I would be involved in off the track horses. When we adopted Studs Hooligan he was fresh off the track as a 4-year-old. He was originally from Indiana and raced from age 2 to 4.

He was intended at that time to be the "family trail Horse", but he took to loving the workouts and jumping early in his transition. Through the many years, Studs Hooligan trained and competed successfully in hunters, jumpers, eventing, dressage and endurance.

Joshua was nearly born on a horse, especially on this horse! The day before I went into labor we were doing trot poles and cavalletti on Strider. (In all honesty, riding Strider was one of the few things that seemed to calm Joshua while in utero!) Joshua first met Strider nose to nose at 4 days old and was sitting and enjoying his first ride (with me) at 6 months old. By the time he turned 19 months, Joshua was showing this currently active jumper and dressage horse in leadline classes. Joshua and Strider's story really takes off as he learned to take care of Strider from the ground up. Strider was (and still is) so watchful and careful with him, always keeping an eye on him and so cautious! They showed in their first ground poles class and dressage test in 2017, Joshua at 5 years old, Strider at 21. At each show, Strider also showed with me at first level dressage and 3' jumpers

Strider is semi-retired due to age, just no longer doing the high-stress and impact jumps and workouts. He's enjoying staying in the show ring. I am hoping to get back to 2nd level "for fun" with him while he teaches Joshua the ropes of dressage and jumpers.

I look forward to watching this duo play in the show ring for years to come! Strider shows little signs of losing his abilities or spark for showing while he is so careful and holds back for young Joshua!



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Meet Polly Ann Loney

Polly Ann Loney, the daughter of C. Brian & Harla Renae Loney (Loney Racing Stable) is from Northfield, Ohio. Polly Ann is a third grader at Rushwood Elementary. She is and has been involved her entire life.

"Harness racing is the family business. I help my family by jogging our race horses, grooming and I also ride them," shared Polly Ann about her role in the business. Her favorite part of being involved is that she can help to get them ready to race and the part that she can ride them.

Loney Racing Stable races at the fairs and pari-mutuel tracks. Her favorite time at a race track was when her family raced at Thunder Ridge in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. "While I was there we not only raced horses but were able to be with all of my family and attend my uncle's horse shows," shared Polly Ann.

Polly Ann's goals are to become an outrider and to get more girls involved in racing. She invites friends to go to the races and believes that inviting friends can be a way to attract more youth to the sport. She thinks people need to be aware that anyone can be a part of harness racing.

Even though Polly Ann's main hobby is harness racing, she also loves her goats, cows, chickens and dogs!



Polly Ann Loney, bathing Americhi after he's done jogging.
Photo submitted by Harla Renae Loney

Join the Youth in Ohio Harness Racing Facebook group and tell us about youth involved in harness racing or retired Standardbreds. They could be featured next!
www.facebook.com/groups/YouthInOhioHarnessRacing



Breyerfest 2018 to be invaded with Standardbreds!

by Debbie Schiff, Ohio Standardbreds & Friends

July 12th Ohio Standardbreds & Friends will arrive at the beautiful Kentucky Horse Park for Breyerfest 2018 – Off To The Races! We are excited to have the one and only Foiled Again joining us for demos and activities.

Standardbreds that have been selected to go are Allamerican Legacy, Combak Fox, Silver Match, Power Lifter, No Damage A, C Me Shine, Bang, Beware Of Our Party, Joe Dirt, Queen of Hearts, Lace N Ribbons, Moonlight Fantasy, Cohiba, Metro's Escape, Stud's Hooligan and Investor.

The group will perform in demos each day in front of thousands sharing the versatility and power of the Standardbred. Disciplines exhibited will be in Harness, Jumping, Classical Dressage, Western Dressage, Ranch Pleasure, Trail, Parade, Saddleseat, Racking, County Pleasure, Showmanship, Sidesaddle, Gaited Western and English Pleasure.

The group is looking forward to the many opportunities to promote the breed as a pleasure and competitive partner after their racing careers. Please join us at the park for our demos and find us at our stalls to visit with all of our beautiful and talented horses.

We thank New Vocations for their continued support of our promotion of the breed and look forward to them being at the park this year with information on how you can change your life and that of a new best friend through adoption. Remember – Adopt, don't shop.

Scholarship Opportunities

Edward Weiner & Edward Yarock Equine Scholarship Fund, Jean Weiner Equine Scholarship Fund and Muriel Yarock Life Enhancement Fund are scholarship opportunities. Visit their website for more information and to print applications: www.equinescholarship.com/index.php. Deadline is May 31, 2018.

Applications Sought for Harold Snyder Scholarships

From ISC and HTA

Northfield, OH --- David Snyder, president of International Sound Corporation, and Harness Tracks of America, are pleased to announce the renewal of the Harold Snyder Memorial Scholarships for the 2018-2019 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. Three \$5,000 grants are customarily awarded every year.

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 at hmccolloch@northfield-park.com or c/o Northfield Park, 10705 Northfield Road, Northfield, OH 44067. Phone: 330-467-4101, ext. 2204. Deadline for application submissions is June 25, 2018.

Charity Night at the Races

2018

Join Us June 23rd
at Eldorado Scioto Downs!



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one hoofbeat at a time....**

Be a part of this great event! Want to join us as a host to one of the charities? Enjoy dinner, meeting charity representatives and a night at the races! Send an email to rmayhugh@ohha.com or call the office 614-221-3650. Join us and invite your friends to attend the races at Eldorado Scioto Downs n June 23rd!

Ohio State Fair Volunteers Wanted July 25 – August 5!

Join us in the OHHA booth at the Ohio State Fair located in the Land and Living exhibit in the Nationwide Ohio Farm Bureau building to promote harness racing in a fun environment.

Connect with fairgoers from all over the state and even out of state! There are children's activities and trivia for the bigger kids!

To learn more, call the office or send an email to rmayhugh@ohha.com.

Since being inaugurated in 1973 by late HTA Executive Vice President Stan Bergstein, 219 grants totaling \$825,950 have been awarded to 149 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 in 1959 with his wife and surviving widow, Marcia. Today, the business is the largest of its kind in the racing industry.

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2018 Racing Dates

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Jan. 1- Dec. 30

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Jan 5- May 7

Eldorado Scioto Downs
May 8- Sept. 8

Hollywood at Dayton
Raceway
Sept. 10- Dec. 29

Dates to Remember

May 15- Blooded Horse Sale
Champions Center Expo
4122 Laybourne Road,
Springfield, Ohio 45505

May 22- OSRC Meeting
Riffe Center Room 1932 at
10:00 a.m.

June 23- Charity Night at
the Races at Scioto Downs

Upcoming OHHA Board Meetings

Held at the OHHA Office
2237 Sonora Dr.
Grove City, OH

Thursday, 7/12/18
Wednesday, 10/24/18

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to attend, RSVP by
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From Your Executive Director- René Mancino

Ohio is Number One!

Horse racing is not just about racing and racino gaming. Although those facets of the racing world garner a lot of publicity, on the horse racing side of the equation it is also about supporting agriculture in Ohio. In total Ohio ranks **Number One** in several areas that directly feed and support statewide agriculture and related ancillary spending.

Ohio's horse racing industry overall plays host to racing at four pari-mutuel Standardbred racetracks and three Thoroughbred racetracks (Belterra Park, Jack Thistledown, and Hollywood Gaming at Mahoning Valley).

At the four Standardbred pari-mutuel racetracks there were 472 live days of Standardbred racing in 2017 with horsemen competing for more than \$53 million in purse money. Eldorado Scioto Downs featured 90 live racing days, Hard Rock Rocksino Northfield Park offered 221 live racing days, Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway held 75 live, and Miami Valley Gaming offered 86 live days.

Out of ninety-four counties, Ohio has Standardbred horse racing at sixty-seven racing Ohio County Fairs. Most of those fairground facilities house Standardbred racehorses year-round. Ohio is the **Number One** State for County Fair racing with more County Fairs that race horses than any other State in the Country by a wide margin, almost three-fold.

The sixty-seven racing fairs played host to 142 live race days with 1,569 purse races. The total stakes purse money paid out at the Fairs was \$6,369,878. Single race purse high and low in the Ohio Sired Fair Stakes races were, \$2,934 to \$9,536 respectively, with an all-races average of \$5,702 for the stakes races in the Five Circuits statewide.

Whether racing at the pari-mutuel racetracks, in sixty-seven counties, or breeding Standardbred racehorses, all provide a basis for the grass roots agricultural impact Standardbred racing has statewide. For a racehorse trainer with one horse in training that equates to an average of \$3,500 per horse a month in billable charges to that racehorse owner for training costs, stall rent, feed, bedding, shipping costs, shoeing, and veterinary care. For every 5-7 racehorses there is a groom hired to oversee their care. And trainers purchase trucks, trailers, implements and equipment necessary to run a racing stable. With three of the four pari-mutuel racetracks ship-in only facilities as-of 2018,

Standardbred trainers are also stabled at private farms and training centers in addition to the county fairground locations. With Standardbreds being shipped up and down the highway to race, the costs of food, lodging, gasoline, tolls, and maintenance add to the ancillary spending of horsemen throughout the State.

Aside from the direct impact of racing stables, in Ohio there are 143 registered Standardbred Stallions standing at 72 farm locations statewide in 42 Ohio Counties. One single Standardbred breeding farm purchases the entire alfalfa production of the largest hay producer in that county every year, and that is in a county that saw over 7,000 tons of alfalfa produced in 2017.

For the fourth straight year Ohio was **Number One** on the list for number of mares bred to Ohio Registered Stallions as reported by the 2018 United States Trotting Association's official Registrar's Report. Ohio has now been **Number One** in mares bred to Ohio stallions nationwide in 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017. In 2014, 2,615 mares were bred to Ohio Stallions, 2015 saw 2,478 mares bred, and 2016 mares bred was 2,537. In 2017 2,639 mares were bred to Ohio Stallions. In 2013 Ohio was in second place behind Pennsylvania by 364 mares bred and ahead of Indiana by 236 mares bred and in 2017 Ohio was 447 mares above Pennsylvania's total bred in-state and 426 above Indiana's in-state-sired total. In 2017 the top four states for Breeding Standardbred racehorses behind Ohio were, Indiana with 2,213, Pennsylvania with 2,192, and New York at 1,195. Aside from being **Number One** in mares bred, it follows that Ohio is also **Number One** for Standardbred foals born and **Number One** for the total number of registered owners of Standardbreds.

Number One in the Country for County Fair racing.
Number One for Registered Stallions and Breeding Farms.
Number One for Standardbred Mares Bred.
Number One producer of Standardbred foals.
Number One for registered Standardbred Owners.

Standardbred racing in Ohio is **Number One** and the **Number One** benefactor is statewide agriculture. Well done Ohio Horsemen!

Ohio Breeding Farms- Ashberry Acres

By Regina Mayhugh

Ashberry Acres, owned by Travis Amos, is a breeding farm in Navarre, Ohio and has been breeding Standardbreds since 1975.

The farm consists of two employees who manage 20 mares, ten that will foal this year. "We breed to any stallion that we or our clients feel work best with our mares," said Amos. Ashberry Acres prides themselves on the care they give the horses, "We try to give each horse that walks in the barn as much individual attention and care as possible."

Amos grew up on the farm. "It has been in my blood since I was born," Amos shared. His father Leroy started the farm in the 1970's. "He built up a nice broodmare band that through the years served our family well with some nice stakes wins here in Ohio and some nice older raceway horses. After I got out of the Marine Corps in 2007, I went to college and received a bachelor's degree in Exercise Science, but I came back to the farm and have been running it since," Amos explained.

The VLTs were the turning point on whether the farm continued. "Before they came we were debating whether breeding or racing Standardbreds was a viable path," shared Amos. "Since then yearling prices have shown a nice increase, it pushed us more into breeding. Purse increases at the raceways and stakes races have allowed for more trainers to give horses a break when they need it. They will hold two-year-olds over, in the way of turnouts, when they would've probably moved them on before the slots money came in."

Amos shared his thought on promoting the industry, "I hear stories of the raceway grandstands, back in the day, being filled to capacity and big races being a spectacle. Anymore people want instant gratification. Our world moves so fast that people don't want to wait thirty minutes between races to see if they win \$5. Social media has taken over every aspect of our lives, yet our industry has fallen behind; at no fault to anyone we have not come up with a great way to promote to a younger generation that expects high intensity and attention grabbing entertainment."

Amos has had many horses over the years, but one of his favorite horses was Willmania. "He was a homebred that never really won any stakes races to speak of, but he made close to a quarter million for us by banging away in overnights. He raced until he was 13 and has a permanent home here at the farm," shared Amos. Like all horsemen, there are challenges you encounter in the business. Amos shares that his biggest challenge is being able to predict the future. "If there was a crystal ball that you could look into to see which horse, whether a broodmare, stallion or race horse, would be the next big thing, it would make things a lot easier!" He also shared the best thing about not having a crystal ball, every horse in your pasture could be that next big thing, so you can get surprises that are worth the suspense. "That's why we're all in this, because the next one is going to be 'The One,'" Amos chuckles.

*Mr Wiggles colt out of Truffle Shuffle.
Owned by Rebecca Thomas*



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Tips For Ohio Fairs Hosting Harness Racing

The month's tips are from: The U.S. Trotting Association County Fair Publicity and Promotion Guide, produced by The USTA and Garnering Publicity & County Fair Promotions, produced by the USTA Fairs Department.

Promotional Activities

Guest Outriders- Arrange for kids or adults who are active in pleasure horse riding organizations like the 4-H, FFA, Standardbred Pleasure Clubs, etc. to be guest outriders. Maybe there's one person for race 1-3, another for 4-6 and a third for 7-9. They ride alongside your outrider, get their name in the program, get an announcement made about them and their horse and hopefully lots of their friends come to see them at the races.

Handicapping Seminars- If your fair offers betting, you want to get people at the windows. Offer a free handicapping seminar before the races. Hand over the mike to an astute handicapper who'll review the card and make selections. Give out free "tip sheets". Give a lifetime pass to anyone who cashes a very big bet and get that person down to the winners circle to make the presentation. Let your fans see people winning big!

Retail trade-outs: Is there a mall near you? How about a mall shopping spree won in a drawing at the track?

County Fair Harness Racing Logo: The USTA has created a county fair harness racing logo that any fair, colt circuit, horsemen's association or individual may use to help promote harness racing. Advertisements are also available to promote the logo, it's slogan "Where It All Begins" and participation in county fair harness racing. *Side note: You can also have your own personalized logo created!*

Race for Charity: In-between or after the races, have a race with people pulling jog carts down the stretch. You could also use calm racehorses or ex-racehorses with double-seated jog carts that a "celebrity" and horseman can sit in together to race. Each person in the cart should designate a charity they are racing for.

Door Prizes: Have a designated volunteer(s) head up grandstand promotions. Offer periodic drawings throughout the card for donated gift cards from local businesses, rides in the starting gate or a \$5 betting voucher if you have wagering. Then you can use these entry blanks as your mailing list to promote the races next year! Be sure to get email addresses, no postage required.

Pick-A-Winner: For those fairs that do not have wagering, Pick-A-Winner has been a great incentive to get people involved in the races. Sheets are provided (USTA has a template) in the program and fans select the horse they think will win. Get the children of your local horsemen to run up and down the grandstand with five gallon ice cream buckets to pick up tickets. After the race is "official", a winning ticket is drawn and the winner receives \$5.

Parades: Join in your local 4th of July parade and toss out fair admission passes with candy. Have a quiet ex-racehorse or pony dressed up as a racehorse to walk in the parade. Kids can carry a banner reminding folks that harness racing is at the fair August 2, 3 and 4.

Dollar Days: Especially workable if you are hosting a race meet outside of the fair dates. Dollar programs, hot dogs and drinks are an easy way to not only keep the public around when they're hungry but could help raise funds for your matinée club.

T-Shirt Toss: After each race have the winning driver throw a couple t-shirts into the grandstand. Or if you have a "half time" or break for warm-ups, have some drivers/trainers come down and do a toss (use a t-shirt launcher to get the far ends or up top).

Involve the Press

Inviting the sports reporter, weather guy or newspaper reporter out to either learn to drive a horse, ride in the starting gate or bringing them all together in a match race for charity is a good idea. Many times weather person will do a remote broadcast for the evening or early news from a location outside the studio.

Often a newspaper will do a feature on something like a family who've had many generations competing at the fair, especially when it's something as traditional and historic as harness racing. Many media outlets have community bulletin boards or places to go type segments where they rely on your releases.

Plan some sort of fan-participation promotion each day. Some of these types of things might also be of interest to local TV stations.

Have other tips and promotion ideas? Send them to rmayhugh@ohha.com so they can be shared in the June issue of OHHA News!

Spring Matinées

Wyandot County Fairgrounds,
Upper Sandusky - Saturday May 19th

Darke County Fairgrounds
Greenville - Sunday May 20th

Defiance County Fairgrounds
Hicksville - Saturday, May 26th

More information can be found on the OHHA website www.ohha.com or in the April issue of OHHA News.

Nomination lists for Buckeye Stallion Series, Ohio Fairs Championship and Ohio Fair Racing Conference can be found on the OHHA Website. www.ohha.com (click Ohio Horse Nominations / Standings).

Please check to make sure your horses are listed correctly, contact the OHHA office or send an email to sschroeder@ohha.com with any corrections. Thank you and Good Luck in 2018!

Equine Spotlight



Justzipit, owned and trained by Keith Crawford. She placed 3rd in her elimination in the Hackett Memorial. "She's a nice three-year-old pacing filly", commented Olivia Bennett.

Time to Celebrate!

Chris Page Hits 30,000,000 at Miami Valley

By Gregg Keidel

Chris Page surpassed the \$30 million earnings plateau when he won with Clarksville Boy in the second race Tuesday, April 10th. The 34-year-old Mt. Vernon, Ohio native went winless in his first nine lifetime starts in 2000, earning \$489. After five more years of limited success, primarily at county fairs, his career blossomed in 2006 at age 22 and has been consistently excellent every campaign since. Page has won over 150 races a year the past 12 seasons, including the last five years in which he has topped 400 victories. Chris has totaled over 1,000 wins in 2016-17 alone and earned over \$10 million with horses he has driven in the last two years. 2018 looks like another stellar season for Page. He currently ranks third in the Miami Valley dash standings and has accumulated over 100 wins and over \$1.1 million in purse earnings in the first 100 days of this calendar year.



Driver Chris Page is greeted by MVG Racing Operations Manager Helen Carlo and Race Secretary Gregg Keidel after eclipsing the \$30 million earnings plateau.

(Conrad photo)



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OHA sends our condolences to friends and families of June Crawford and Don William Huston.

2018 Foals of the Month!



It's a filly!

Southwind Pepino - Katla
1st foal of Southwind Pepino!
Submitted by Rachel Beatty



It's a colt!

McCardle - You're Too Funny
Submitted by Kathy Grose



It's a filly!

Western Terror - She's a Ball
Submitted by Brad DeLaney



It's a colt!

Dejarmbro - ML Cupcake
Submitted by Shelley Johnson

Send your 2018 foal pictures to rmayhugh@ohha.com.
Each month will showcase one or more foals. Next month's photo could be yours!

Horsin' Around With....



Chris Beaver

Ohio Trainer at Beaver Stables in Delaware, Ohio

How many horses are you currently training? 63

How long have you been training? 30 years

How did you get started? I grew up in the business. I finished undergraduate school and was planning to go to veterinary school. I bought a yearling who ended up making \$500,000 and was sold for \$500,000. That made me decide to continue being a horse trainer instead of going to veterinary school.

Share with us a favorite horse: Ranging Samantha. She was the first horse I purchased and she is the one who changed my course. Selling her was the toughest decision I have ever made. Another favorite is Triumphant Caviar. There were many great experiences with him on the track and he has been an amazing stud for me in Ohio.

Share something about your current horses.

I like to train my 3-year-old and older horses in Florida during the winter. We work them on heavy sand and they are turned out all of the time. They come back strong and rested.

Do you have any family and/or friends involved in harness racing? My parents are involved. They also help oversee the training in Florida over the winter.

How can horsemen do a better job of promoting harness racing?

I think the fans in our business come from involvement. We can help them own a small piece of a horse. We need to take care of our owners. Give them a positive experience. New owners often enjoy racing at the fairs if the horse performs well. If the horse does not perform well, move it along. New owners will bring people to the races with them to enjoy watching together.

Do you drive any? I have driven a little and started driving when I was in high school. These days I mostly just drive in qualifiers and if a horse is having problems on the track.

What are some fun facts about yourself? When I was 25, I took three months off to backpack around Europe. I would travel all the time if I could. I hate the cold weather but

will continue training in the winter in Ohio until my youngest graduates from high school, which will be in six years. (I train in both Ohio and Florida during the winter months.) I lived in Canada for three years when things were rough in Ohio. My first Ohio Sires Stakes champion (Sunrise Nibbles) cost \$4,200. One of my favorite things to do is go to yearling sales and buy nice horses that are selling way too cheap.

What is your favorite food? Pasta, except that it makes me fat, so I am trying to stay away from it.

Do you have any other hobbies besides harness racing? Playing poker when I am not too busy. I also love to go on vacations!



Tim Deaton

Ohio Driver from Lebanon, Ohio

How long have you been driving horses? 5 years.

What made you decide to become a driver? The late Brad Hanners was a big inspiration in my decision to start driving. I've been in the business my entire life with my parents-Elliott and Dawn Deaton, but spending a few summers with Brad and his family in Indiana and Kentucky made my decision of wanting to become a driver an easy one.

Do you drive as a career or hobby? I would like to make it a career, but as of now I groom horses in the mornings and drive horses at night.

If you were not driving horses, what do you think you would be doing? I would have something to do with the horses, either grooming or training.

Where do you drive? The southern Ohio circuit, at fairs and the pari-mutuel tracks.

Is there a location that you would like to race at? The Meadowlands. It's everyone's dream to make it there one day.

What driver (past or present) do you admire and why? Brad Hanners and of course my father, Elliott. He is a very good driver. They both show(ed) patience and care(d) for the horses they drove as though they were their own.

What is your favorite bike style? The Tornado. It fits about everything and it's always been the most comfortable bike for me to ride.

Do you own or train horses too? Not at this time.

Tell me about some of your most exciting driving moments. A recent horse that I have been driving, Real Gorgeous, has been unbelievably good and I'm excited every time I get the chance to drive him. He made a break one start at Dayton but came back to win the race five wide in the last turn.

What horse(s) have been your favorite to drive and why? Real Gorgeous for his quick step when you asked him to go. A filly named Rockin Peggy because she could leave out of the gate.

Is there a horse past or present that you would like to (or wish you could) drive? Somebeachsomewhere. He was the best horse I have ever seen.

Name some ways to get people more familiar and excited about the harness racing sport. More advertising.

What is your favorite movie and favorite food? American Sniper / Macaroni and Cheese.



Red Storm is First-ever Hackett Memorial Trot Winner

Red Storm, dispatched as the betting favorite based on an impressive elimination win and an inside post draw, prevailed in the first-ever \$40,000 James K. Hackett Memorial championship for Ohio-sired 3-year-old trotting fillies held at Miami Valley Raceway on April 16.

Although the Hackett Memorial is one of the longest continuous events in Ohio harness racing, pre-dating even the Ohio Sires Stakes when it started in 1971, it has always featured pacers only until this year.

Red Storm withstood not only the challenge of a talented field of finalists -- the top four finishers all got the identical time with a scant neck separating each one at the wire -- but also the elements as a sudden snow squall accompanied by high winds descended on the track minutes before post time. Impinktoo, last year's 2-year-old Ohio Sires Stakes champion, was first away from the gate for driver Peter Wrenn, reaching the quarter-mile station in :28.3. After she got a relative breather to the :57.4 halfway point, Red Storm (Aaron Merriman) made a bold brush to the front before the three-quarters was reached in 1:26.2. As the field fanned out coming off the final bend, a thrilling cavalry charge ensued to the finish line.

Longshot Spunky Bottom Girl (Tyler Smith) got up for second followed by Non Smoker (Dan Noble) and California Love (Trace Tetrick). All four fillies were timed in 1:57.4.

Sandra Burnett bred and is still the owner of Red Storm, who banked \$109,975 in 2017 on the basis of a 3-2-1 scorecard in just seven starts. The chestnut daughter of Stormin Normand has learned all her early lessons from highly regarded trotting trainer Chris Beaver.

Hackett Memorial Goes to Pass The Vape

Pass The Vape passed his first major test of his sophomore season on April 17th capturing the \$40,000 championship leg of the first-ever James K. Hackett Memorial for Ohio-sired 3-year-old colt trotters.

Up Front Flor Ida sets track record in Hackett Triumph at Miami Valley

Miami Valley Raceway's April 20th night co-features did not disappoint. Up Front Flor Ida (Kayne Kauffman) set a new track record for 3-year-old pacing fillies in the \$40,000 James K. Hackett Memorial final and Zoe Ellasen (Tyler Smith) established a new lifetime mark winning the \$25,000 Mares Open Pace.

As the winner of one of the two Hackett eliminations, Up Front Flor Ida entered the championship tilt full of confidence. Rather than coming from way back like she did in the elimination, Kauffman sent her sailing from the outset with the big money on the line. Despite heavy pressure from Just Zip It (Keith Crawford)

for the first five-eighths of the mile and then runner-up Kay Again (Chris Page) the rest of the way, the winner was able to rebuff all challenges enroute to a 1:52.4 score. It established a new track standard, lowering the previous 1:53 clockings by both Rose Run Skyler and Rosemary Rose in 2017.

Up Front Flor Ida has now notched four wins in her first 10 lifetime starts, banking \$75,901 for owners Kevin McKinney and Virginia McKoy. With the triumph, trainer Tim McKoy's standout filly earned an instant invitation to the \$50,000 Scarlet & Gray Invitational for sophomore fillies. Runner-up Kay Again and show finisher Big Bad Goldie (Mike Wilder) also earned automatic bids to the next big dance.

Zoe Ellasen, who competed in last September's Jugette at the Delaware (Ohio) county fairgrounds where her trainer Ron Potter is stabled, won her first open class race in 1:52, a personal best. Although Zoe Ellasen has 14 career victories and \$268,605 in earnings, it came largely in juvenile stakes competition. The 4-year-old daughter of Santanna Blue Chip has consistently been in-the-money since joining the older open ranks, but had not won until now.

Smith, realizing that front-end speed was holding up well on this evening, put Zoe Ellasen on the point from the get-go and showed her heels to the field at every pole, reaching them in :27, :54.2 and 1:22.3 before reaching the wire in 1:52.

Clyde Perfect owns the winner, who bested longshot Cas Art Apparel (Josh Sutton) and Juslikeaqueen (Jeremy Smith). Zoe Ellasen paid \$8.00 to win.

Hackett champ off to strong sophomore start at Miami Valley

Sectionline Bigry continued his winning ways April 21st at Miami Valley by capturing the \$40,000 James K. Hackett Memorial championship for sophomore Ohio-sired pacing colts in a quick 1:51.1. The son of Pet Rock has now triumphed in four of his first five seasonal starts following a freshman campaign in which he won just one of 10 while earning \$41,479.

"He had some bad posts, some bad luck and minor sickness problems that plagued him last year," said trainer Steve Bauder. "But he has filled out nicely while turned out and been razor sharp since we brought him back in. There's obviously going to be a lot of real nice Ohio 3-year-olds this year, but he is the sixth good horse his dam (Aquatic Yankee) has produced so he has a pedigree to continue improving."

With the win, Sectionline Bigry got an automatic invitation to the \$50,000 Scarlet & Gray Invitational at Miami Valley, then he plans to return for the first leg of the Ohio Sires Stakes series at MVG on May 6th.

Runner-up Bounding Dragon (Josh Sutton) and show finisher Dragonology (Chris Page) are expected to follow a similar path. Rockathon (Dan Noble), last year's O.S.S. runner-up who made

an unfortunate break in stride during his Hackett elimination, recovered nicely on Saturday night as well, winning a conditioned race in 1:51.4 and could be Scarlet & Gray bound.

Bauder trains the Hackett champion for his uncle and cousin, Harold Lee and Harold L. Bauder.

A \$23,000 Open I Pace on the same program produced a major upset when My Buddy Ninkster (Josh Sutton) topped odds-on favorite My Hero Ron (Tyler Smith) in 1:50.2. Bob Phillips, who recorded his 1,000th training win since 1996 (when the USA began keeping trainer statistics) on April 20th at MVG, conditions the 6-year-old son of Dali for John Jr. and Mary Krasnican. Nuclear Dragon (Chris Page) made his first jump into Open company a creditable one with a third place finish.

The \$20,000 Open II Pace went to Escape The News (Tyler Smith), who topped Totally Kissed (Peter Wrenn) and Dalhousie Dave (Kyle Ater) in 1:50. Tyler George trains the 9-year-old winner for Clifford Grundy. The son of Artiscapae is approaching \$900,000 in career earnings.



Top to bottom: Red Storm, Pass the Vape, Up Front Flor Ida and Sectionline Bigry. Conrad Photo.



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Remember When???- 1971

Richard J. Buxton - Top Driver In 71

From The Buckeye Harness Horseman Feb-Mar 1972 issue

Ohio harness horsemen ran away with top honors during the 1971 harness racing season, placing champs in the three Universal Driver Rating System categories.

OHHA congratulates three drivers, all of whom belong and support the Association's work in bringing a more exciting sport to the harness tracks of Ohio.

Dick Buxton of Urbana, took top honors in the major (300 or more starts) category, barely edging out Gene Riegle of Greenville. Buxton, a popular young OHHA Director had a category average of .483. Riegle came on strong with a close .461.

Howard Beissinger of Hamilton, swept the 200-299 division with a .423 percentage. Robert Cheney of Richwood completed the Ohio harness racing "hat trick" by winning the 100-199 class with a winning UDRS percentage of .512.

Buxton capped the finest racing season of his 23 year harness career. The 43 year old owner-driver-trainer won 102 races, had 43 seconds and 40 thirds in 300 starts. He drove in races throughout Ohio, Chicago and Lexington, Kentucky.

Howard Beissinger won the Hambletonian title, behind Speedy Crown, his second win of this event. He also had a new world record of 1:56 4/5 run by his pacing colt Entrepreneur, the fastest mile ever covered by a two year old.

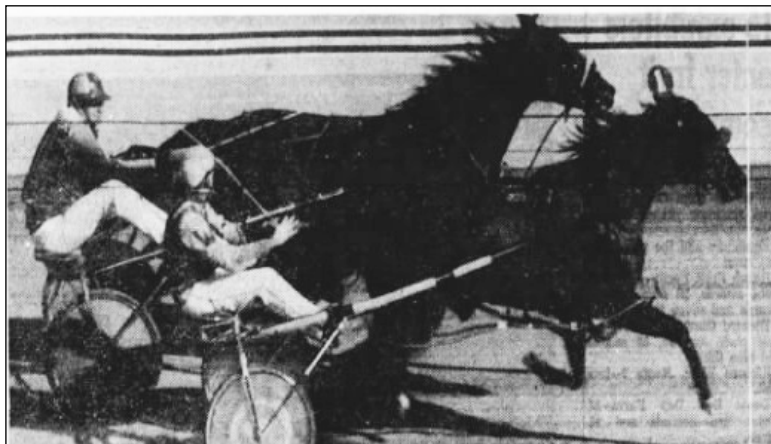
OHHA is indeed proud of these fine horsemen who have contributed greatly to the enjoyment of the popular sport of harness racing.

Speedy Crown

From Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame website

Speedy Crown was a great race-horse and a great sire. Trained by Hall of Famer Howard Beissinger, the Speedy Scot colt out of Missile Toe by Florican was bred by wife Ann Beissinger of Hamilton, Ohio. In the spring of his two-year-old year, Speedy Crown was purchased by Thomas and Frank Antonacci's Crown Stable. Beissinger continued to train and drive him. That year he was raced lightly, winning four of his eight starts, earning \$2,025.

In 1971 he dominated the major three-year-old stakes, winning fifteen of twenty-four starts. Speedy Crown's finest victory was a straight heat win in the Hambletonian. He set a world record of 1:59.2 at Delaware, Ohio in the Old Oaken Bucket and went on to set a 1:57.1 mark at the Red Mile in Lexington, Kentucky. These performances earned him Trotter of the Year honors.



From Chillicothe Gazette August 14, 1971

Record-setting photo finish- Thimble (right) comes down to the wire for a new Ross County Fair harness racing record Thursday with Fantasy Girl making a bid. Thimble cut three records off the 2:04 4/5 record set in 1953 by Air Pilot driven by

Porter Martin. In Thimble's sulky was Dick Williams of Centerville, Ind., who was driving in place of Appalachian Farm trainer Fred Hess. Fantasy Girl, owned by Jack and Earl Ater of Clarksburg, was driven by Jack Ater in the bid for the win and the record.

Did you know the answer to last month's trivia question? Name the first Hamilton County Agricultural Society President. Hint- he later became a US President! The answer is William Henry Harrison.

"The Hamilton County Agricultural Society was founded in 1819. Its first president was a future United States President: William Henry Harrison. Harrison was very active in establishing the Society and laying the groundwork for an organization that was so important in teaching farmers the technology of the day."

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