

Highlights from 2015 Delaware County Fair

Congratulations to all of the winners at the Delaware County Fair, and especially to the Ohio Connections! Ohio should be proud of such a grand display this year!



Classical Annie Heza Home Run Honey B Lost For Words

<u>Race</u>	Class	Winning Horse	<u>Driver</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Owners</u>
Ohio Breeders Championship	2CP	World of Gaming	Dan Noble	Dan Noble	Stephen Sexten, Mel Hagemeyer
Ohio Breeders Championship	2CP	Friskie Cruiser	Ryan Stahl	Brian Brown	Stephen Sexten
Ohio Breeders Championship	2CP	Mr. Wiggle Pants	Kayne Kauffman	Jim Mulinix	Denny Miller, James Mulinix, William Rufenacht
Ohio Breeders Championship	2CP	Winwood Mac	Chris Page	Dan O'Mara	Dawne Luce, Daniel O'Mara, Winwood Farm
Ohio Breeders Championship	2CT	The Next Triumph	Yannick Gingras	Ron Steck	Ronald Steck, Robert Smolko, Rene Allard, Second Chance Stable
Ohio Breeders Championship	2CT	Heza Home Run	Hugh Beatty	Danny Collins	Michael Lewis, Joe Sbrocco, Mary McLaughlin, Jonas Schlabach
Ohio Breeders Championship	2CT	Mickey Moose	Kurt Sugg	Kurt Sugg	Dean Davis, Ashley Dunn, Richard Mairs, Sharry Starner
Ohio Breeders Championship	2FP	John's Sunny Girl	Greg Grismore	Doug Hinklin	Parent Racing Stable LLC., Midland Acres
Ohio Breeders Championship	2FP	Big Bad Ashley	Josh Sutton	Jim Arledge Jr	Winchester Baye Acres LLC.
Ohio Breeders Championship	2FP	Miss Me Yet	Montell Teague	Brenda Teague	George Teague Jr. Inc
Ohio Breeders Championship	2FT	Kestrel	Aaron Merriman	Christopher Beaver	Wilbur Lang, Christopher Beaver
Ohio Breeders Championship	2FT	Evanora	Ryan Stahl	Christopher Beaver	Sandra Burnett
Ohio Breeders Championship	3CP	Nobles Finessee	Kurt Sugg	Kurt Sugg	Dean Davis, Joyce McClelland, Mullet Stables
Ohio Breeders Championship	3CP	Nashville Bound	Kurt Sugg	Eric Hamlet	Marvin Miller
Ohio Breeders Championship	3CT	Neely's Messenger	David Miller	Marty Wollam	Dale Sweet, Julie Ann Sweet, Albert D Yoder
Ohio Breeders Championship	3FP	Friskie Buckeye	Brett Miller	Virgil Morgan Jr	Bruce Soulsby, Virgil Morgan Jr.
Ohio Breeders Championship	3FP	Friskie Lil Devil	Ronnie Wrenn Jr	Brian Brown	Lil Devil Stable
Ohio Breeders Championship	3FT	Lisa Jane	Ryan Stahl	Scott Cox	Parent Racing Stable LLC., G Peters, Henry Burkholder
Ohio Breeders Championship	3FT	Honey B	Kyle Ater	Dan Ater	Jim Burnett, Tim Homan
Little Brown Jug 1st Div	3CP	Lost For Words	David Miller	Brian Brown	Country Club Acres Inc., William Robinson, Richard M Lombardo, Strollin
The Buckette	3FT	Classical Annie	Aaron Merriman	Jim Arledge Jr	Laura Baker, Thomas York Jr., John Schmucker, Winbak Farms
The Standardbred	2CP	Mr. Right Hanover	Dave Palone	Brian Brown	James Stambaugh, Wingfield Brothers, LLC, Alan Keith, Milton Leeman
The Standardbred	2CP	Spiderman Hanover	David Miller	Brian Brown	Country Club Acres Inc., Kenneth Vaupel, Mike Mallet, Milton Leeman
The Standardbred	2FP	Tipton Teeez	Yannick Gingras	Brian Brown	Jennifer Brown, Richard Lombardo, Goldfinger Enterprises



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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

OHHA Quarterly Board Meeting

October 20- 9:00 AM
Hilton Garden Inn
3232 Olentangy
River Rd.

Columbus, Ohio, 43202

OSRC Monthly Meeting

October 27- 10:00 AM Rife Center 77 S. High St., 31st Floor Columbus, OH 43215

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From Your Executive Director

Renée Mancino

Continuing in the same vein as last month's column we are awaiting the close-out of the Stakes Racing Season. Hollywood Gaming at Dayton hosted the Ohio Fairs Championship on October 1st and the Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Ohio Sires Stakes four-year-olds and up will be held October 23-24th at 6:35 p.m. The Ohio Fair Championship night patio party hosted by Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway was enjoyed by many.

With a few of the sales already on the books here is a basic recap of those sales and a few more dates for the last remaining sales that feature Ohio Sired Yearlings.

Concluded sales:

2015 Pre-Jug Mixed Sale was held at the Delaware County Fairgrounds, 236 Pennsylvania Avenue, Delaware, Ohio 43015, August 31st and September 1, 2015, provided by the Blooded Horse Sales Company, Dean Beachy and Associates, Auctioneers. The 2015 mixed sale had 108 mixed eligibility yearlings for sale with 77 Ohio Sired yearlings. Expectations for 2015 were high, 2014 sales results were the best in the sale's 58-year history. In 2014 Spring Haven Farm consigned the top priced Ohio yearling, at \$20,000. In 2015, the top Ohio yearling's spot went to Hickory Lane Farms' consigned, Hip No. 146, Impress the Best (Dejarmbro, Lexis Electra) for \$20,000. Strong showings were followed by Hickory Lane Farms' second inaugural year Ohio Stallion, McArdle. His highest priced yearling was Frita's Rose (McArdle, Margarita Rita) at \$17,000, followed closely by Mr. McDreamy (McArdle, Mystical Dreamer) at \$15,000 and Happy Horse Dixi M, (McArdle, Memorial Day Bunny) at \$10,000. First year Ohio Sire No Pan Intended also had strong results with No Charm Intended (No Pan Intended, CR Charisma) at \$12,000 and Intended to Please (No Pan Intended, Artistic Pleasure) at \$9,000. Perennial Midland Acres favorite stallions, Big Bad John and Feelin Friskie brought a strong showing as well. Big Bad Carly (Big Bad John, Sam's Clever Babe) at \$18,000, Lynyrd (Feelin Friskie, Perfect Easter) at \$13,000, and Suite Feelin (Feelin Friskie, Easter Lace) at \$12,000.

The 2015 Ohio Selected Jug Sale, was held at Eden Park Equestrian Complex, 2607 Blarney Rd., Sunbury, Ohio, Saturday, Sept 19, 2015 and sold a single session of 255 Ohio eligible yearlings. Total sale revenue was \$4,423,500 with the overall sales average per horse up 6.5% over 2014 at \$17,347.

The 2014 sales results were \$3,794,000 and horse average \$16,283 respectively, 19 of the yearlings sold for \$40,000 or higher. The 2015 sale toppers were Big Bad John and



Dejarmbro colts, Hip No., 218, Dancin Rebel (bc, Big Bad John, Dancewiththebest) for \$112,000 and, Hip No. 98, Stormy Kromer (brc, Dejarmbro, Benn's Riverdance) at \$100,000. Rounding out the top ten sold were; McThriller (bc, McArdle, You Thrill Me) for \$75,000, Stroke of Midnight (bc, Big Bad John, Midnight Jewel) for \$70,000, Barnabas (brc, McArdle, Panagler) for \$60,000, Big Bad Bobby B, (bc, Big Bad John, Sunshine State) for \$57,000, Kash the Winner (bf, Dejambro, Majestic Kash) for \$55,000, Lady in Purple (bf, Djarmbro, Pilgrims Stunner) for \$53,000, Air Turbulance (bc, Full Count, Royal Two) for \$50,000, and Life After Love (brc, McArdle, Slice of Life) at \$47,000.

Strong prices were also seen with first year Ohio Stallions, The Panderosa Break the Bank K, Art Official, and Big Rigs. Air Raid (bc, The Panderosa, Aromatic) for \$39,000, Can't Touch Him (bc, The Panderosa, Can't Quit Smiling) for \$30,000, Cousins Kid (bc, The Panderosa, Wisconsin Girl) for \$20,000. Spy Who Loved Me (bc, Big Rigs, Ambro Espionage) for \$32,000 and Chelsees a Winner (bf, Big Rigs, Upfront Bye Bye) for \$16,000. Magic Vacation (bf, Break the Bank K, B-L Paid Vacation) for \$24,000, Sweet Money (bc, Break the Bank K, Sugar) for \$21,000, Pricey Cupcakes (bf, Break the Bank K, Cc Cupcake) for \$17,000. First Official (bf, Art Official, Do Me First) for \$28,000, Officially American (bc, Art Official, Allamerican Abba) for \$19,000, and Cam's Valentino (bc, Art Official, Cam's Valentine) for \$15,000.

The inaugural <u>Buckeye Classic Yearling Sale</u>, offered by The Hoosier Classic Sale Company of Indiana, was held Wednesday, September 30, 2015 at the Champions Center Expo, 4122 Laybourne Rd, Springfield, OH 45505. Many in attendance praised the location, facilities, sales company, availability of materials for review, and layout of the sale. 179 yearlings passed through the sales ring for a \$1.2 million gross by early estimates and a \$7,000 average per yearling. The sale looked to be a great success with a fairly robust crowd. Midland Acres second-year Ohio Stallion Big Bad John was the sire of the two sale toppers, \$57,000 for the colt Big Ron (Big Bad John, Jamie Sue), and the top filly, Girl of Norway

(Big Bad John, Fox Valley Monika) at \$47,000. On the diagonal gaited side the colt, Dominic the Donkey (Dejarmbro, Future Talent) topped out the sale at \$32,000, filly Kim's Victory (Dejambro, Donna's Victory) \$17,000. Other notable priced yearlings included, filly McTravisty (McArdle, Mystic Player) \$27,000, colt McRaven (McArdle, Smooch) at \$27,000, colt, Peebeeandjay (Santana Blue Chip, Fava) for \$25,000, filly, Got it Good (Triumphant Caviar, Tiara Girl) for \$24,000, filly One Sweet Woman (Manhardt, Sweet Amor) \$20,000, and colt, BM Panda (The Panderosa, Gabrielle's Girl) for \$19,000.

Per publication of this issue, the 2015 Lexington Selected Yearling Sale was underway on Monday October 5th to Friday, October 9, 2015, Fasig-Tipton Sales Pavilion, 2400 Newtown Pike Lexington, KY 40511. Six Ohio eligible yearlings were cataloged all pacers by, The Panderosa, Art Official, and Big Bad John.

Upcoming sales:

2015 Fall Speed Sale at the Delaware County Fairgrounds, 236 Pennsylvania Avenue, Delaware, Ohio 43015, on November 16-19, 2015. Black type yearlings are scheduled to sell November 16, 2015. Entries close October 13, 2015 or when full. Check back for their online catalog after October 13, 2015. Live streaming video is available on the day of the sale at http://www.bloodedhorse.com/ LiveVideo.html. 2014's Fall Speed Sale's opening day featured 262 yearlings from Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania, New York, and Ontario. New York eligible Cash Dough was the sale's top priced yearling bringing \$21,000. 2013's Fall Speed Sale included 25% of Ohio's total yearling crop. Sale and top priced yearling for 2013 was Champion Color's A Virgin's full sister, Brown Virgin who sold as Hip No.

189 for \$43,000.

Though there are only two remaining sales that have public auction Ohio Yearlings, the Ohio Breeders also have yearlings they sell directly to the public. Check the Ohio Breeder's websites directly for more information and contact information. You can find a short aggregate list of the Ohio Breeding Farms at the OHHA's website under the "Ohio People and Horses" tab, by selecting "Breeding Farms".

Updates From Your

Kevin Greenfield

With the stakes season and yearling sales in Ohio coming to a close, it is important to reflect back and look forward to what we have achieved this year and what we still need to do. Ohio



the opportunity to push for completion of our goal

to raise \$100,000 for the PACER account this year as well as begin a comprehensive marketing plan for 2016 and beyond. I will also be making recommendations to the Ohio Standardbred Development Fund on ideas to make our already good Sires Stakes program even better for 2016. If any of you have any questions, concerns or ideas that you feel I should hear, I welcome your thoughts. I make it a point to connect with everyone that reaches out to me because your voice in our organization is important. Best wishes.

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stakes racing and yearling sales

Breeder's Championship. The Ohio Fair Stakes purses start. We still have work to do in increasing overnight sired horses to race in overnight or late closer events,

On the administrative front, this fall gives me

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Ohio Racing Commission Meeting Recap

Regularly scheduled Racing Commission Meeting recap from Tuesday, September 29, 2015, at the Columbus Riffe Center.

In normal business, the Commission unanimously approved the Executive Director's Report items for Northfield Park and Hollywood Gaming at Mahoning Valley Race Course. Northfield Park sought approval for October 31st, December 26th, and Dec. 27th as replacement live race days to make-up the weather related cancellation dates of March 9th and 10th and glass shards in the racetrack surface materials causing cancellation on June 22nd. Mahoning Valley Race Course sought approval for December 30, 2015, as a replacement live race day to make-up the weather related cancellation date of April 15, 2015. The Racing Commission unanimously approved all requests.

The Permit Holders submitted applications and information on 2016 Race Dates Submissions. Belterra Park, Mahoning Valley Race Course, and Thistle Downs Racino's live dates were submitted and approved final, each facility was in compliance with their Horsemen's Agreements and R.C. 3769.089(B)(2).

Miami Valley Gaming requested 86 live racing days. Northfield Park requested 221 live racing days. Hollywood at Dayton requested 75 live racing days. Scioto Downs requested 95 live racing days. The Racing Commission issued a mandate at the last monthly meeting that there be no overlap in the southern half of the state between the Hollywood at Dayton, Miami Valley, and Scioto Downs live schedules. In last month's Commission meeting overlap was disclosed in the applications for Miami Valley, Dayton, and Scioto Downs. Miami Valley and Scioto Downs had negotiated and removed the overlap as directed by the Racing Commission. Miami Valley and the OHHA negotiated over their reduction in dates below the R.C. 3769.089(B) (2) minimum and entered into a Two-party Agreement with Miami Valley, which was finalized September 21, 2015, and submitted

The OHHA Fairs Committee will be meeting this month. They want to hear from you! What are your thoughts about the purse money at Ohio Fairs this year? What are some ways the additional money sent to the fairs was used? Send in your thoughts and ideas on continued support and improvements to rmayhugh@ohha. com. Thank you!

to the Racing Commission shortly thereafter for review and ratification. At the Commission hearing that two-party was ratified and Miami Valley's dates were finalized. The Miami Valley schedule will run from January 9th to May 8, 2016 for 86 days. Live race days will be Sunday, Monday, Tuesday with post times at 2:05 p.m. and Friday, Saturday with post times at 6:05 p.m. Saturday, May 7, 2016, Kentucky Derby Day, will have a 7:05 p.m. post time. Northfield Park's submitted dates request was also finalized with 221 live days, above the R.C. 3769.089(B)(2) minimum mandate. Their live calendar runs from January 1st to Dec. 30, 2016, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday all 6 p.m. post times. Friday night 6:00 p.m. post times are added for January 1st and the months of October, November, and December 2016. Sunday night 6:00 p.m. post times are added on Holiday Weekends, May 29, July 3, and September 4, 2016. The Scioto Downs and Dayton Live Racing Dates Applications are still pending, with Dayton Raceway continuing to offer 75 live days (which is their statutory minimum necessitating no two-party), and Scioto Downs and the OHHA continuing to negotiate over a reduction in live days from the statutory minimum 125 with the two-party agreement negotiations continuing.

In the monthly status update on Permit Holder and Horsemen's Agreement Negotiations, the Racing Commission represented that Belterra Park and the Ohio Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (OHBPA) continue to request that the Racing Commission set the rate for the R.C. § 3769.087, 9-11% revenue share lottery commission division and no further progress has been made towards agreement. The Racing Commission set forth that they continue to take the request that they set the rate under consideration.

The OHHA and Penn Gaming provided an update on the Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway Agreement negotiations. The interested Parties convened for another four hour plus in-person meeting September 18, 2015, and had gone back and forth prior to that sit-down and subsequent to that in-person meeting with draft revisions, with the intent of finalizing the Agreement in advance of the Racing Commission meeting September 29th. The agreement was very close to final form and the parties represented constructive agreement on all terms. Effectively both sides presented the fact that the agreement was final in principle and were negotiating the final verbiage on a few specific provisions, with signatures to follow as soon as

that is complete. The parties represented that final agreement was expected to occur by the next scheduled Racing Commission Hearing October 27th if there were no intervening circumstances that interrupted the final stages of the process.

An update on the horse racing fatalities was provided and so far this year there have been 21 thoroughbred fatalities and 7 standardbred fatalities in 2015, for a total of 28 fatalities statewide. The number of equine fatalities for 2014 totaled 47 statewide and in 2013 was 46 statewide.

The final matters heard were the settlement agreements for licensees Gerald Brooks and Keith Kash Jr.

Mr. Brooks did not appear. Mr. Brooks dropped his appeal and entered into a settlement agreement with the OSRC. The Racing Commission represented the settlement agreement for two testosterone overages as being entered into with the licensee. The suspension levied will commence October 1, 2015, and will run for 30 days, he will pay a \$1,000 fine, and return the purse for the horses with the recorded overages. After discussion the Racing Commission unanimously approved the settlement agreement.

Mr. Kash Jr. did not appear. Mr. Kash Jr. was cited for failing to conduct himself in a professional manner after race 10 on 7/8/15. The conduct was cited as against the best interest of racing. O.S.R.C.-3769-12-26(A) (10) 12-99 17-29(A)(5)&(7) 17-99. Mr. Kash dropped his appeal of the ruling and entered into a settlement agreement with the OSRC. He will pay a fine of \$500 (must be paid by 10/15/15) and serve a 15-day driving suspension (9/30/15 through 10/14/15). He must also complete an anger management course approved by the OSRC prior to 1/1/16. The Commissioners discussed the penalty and were of the opinion in hearing that the penalty should have been more stringent. In addition to the penalty being more stringent they wanted to have Assistant Attorney General Febus make it clear in his letter to the licensee that he was being placed on Final Notice for any future infractions. That the Racing Commission would not be so lenient in the future should any additional incidents involving Mr. Kash come in front of the Racing Commission. After discussion the Racing Commission unanimously approved the Settlement Agreement.

For a transcript of the meeting contact the State Racing Commission. The next scheduled Racing Commission meeting is October 27, 2015 at 10:00 am, Room East B, 31st Floor, Riffe Center, 77 S. High St., Columbus, Ohio.

Northfield Park News

Ayers Ratliff

October begins a change in Northfield Park's racing schedule to five nights per week (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) with a 6:00 p.m. first race post time.

Congratulations to Hidden Land (Don Irvine Jr.) for breaking the track record for four year-old pacing mares on October 2. Her 1:51.4 time marks her as the fastest female ever on the Flying Turns.

Ronnie Wrenn Jr continues to lead in the local driving ranks. As of the time of this writing, Wrenn has posted 468 wins so far this year and has local purse earnings of \$2,236,636 over the Flying Turns. Following Ronnie is Aaron Merriman (383, \$2,051,526), Jason Merriman (205, \$1,223,053), Ryan Stahl (154, \$960,480) and Kurt Sugg (144, \$1,038,339).

Brian Loney has scored the most training wins so far this year. He has 93 victories to his credit and leads Sam Schillaci (64), Michael Dowdall (59), Jessica Millner (55) and John Kina (52).

Beginning October 1, Ohio law was updated and now allows Northfield Park to open early each day for full-card simulcasting. Northfield continues to promote this change heavily and is getting a positive response from patrons.

The Ohio Ladies' Pace Concludes for 2015 by Emily Hay

The Ohio Ladies' Pace Final was held at the Delaware County Fair during Jug week. Maria Howard, Ulrika Fox, Meredith Noble, Tabby Canarr, Mandy Jones, Sierra Graham, Lisa Avenatti, Mary Birkhold, and Gail Impson finished the season participating in the finale. It was an awesome event that celebrated the ladies hard work throughout the season to reach the final race. Each lady competed in races throughout the summer in various Ohio towns and cities to accumulate the points they needed to land them into the final race!



The race went fast and just as the other races

throughout the summer no one was willing to give up any holes on the track and the fight was on for the rail position as well as for the win! The girls are like a big group of sisters until race time, then it is game time and there are no friends on the race track. In the end, the congratulations goes to Maria Howard for taking the win!

It has been an amazing year of racing with the Ohio Ladies' Pace drivers and I couldn't ask for a better group of girls to do this with for they are truly an amazing group! Many thanks goes to all who have helped to make this race possible. Many thanks to the participating fairs, Annie and Ray Lufkin for keeping points, attending races and taking photos, Bill Peters for working with the fairs to have the races and for helping with points and adding in fun things for the girls to do at some of the fairs. The shopping cart races were fun too! Thank you to Tim Harless for being the originator of the idea to have a ladies driver race at the fairs. He is always looking out for the horsemen and does one heck of a job at the Darke County Fair! Appreciation to Auglaize County, Hardin County and Hancock County fairs for donations to Ohio Ladies Pace for t-shirts, flowers, candy, pullovers, plaques and all the other goodies we gave the winners of each race and the gift bags for those who made the final. Hoosier Park donated a cooler full of goodies including a gift certificate to the Homestretch Steakhouse, which I hear is a yummy place to eat. The Darke County Fair also donated the hot pink blanket for the Ohio Lady Pace Final.

I would also like to send a Thank You out to Aaron Merriman, Ronnie Wrenn Jr., Calvin Hollar Stables and Chris Page for the donations they made to get the final purse up to \$2,500.00! Conrad Photos has also been very good to us by taking few extra shots at the races! He is very much appreciated!



I am looking forward to having as many Ohio Ladies Pace races next year if not more. Any fair can have the race and if you need information please call and ask. This year's interest with fairs hosting lady drivers has now sparked Northfield into having a lady driver race October 16th and Hoosier Park hosting one October 31st.

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