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WORLD RECORDS FALL IN OHIO SIRE STAKES FINALS



Herculisa Photo: Brad Conrad

Two world records and four track records highlighted the Ohio Sire Stakes Championships at MGM Northfield Park September 5. Herculisa and Sea Silk set new world and track records while Smothastenesewisky and The Mighty Hill set new track records.

Herculisa kicked off the night dominating the 3-year-old filly trotters. Brett Miller took the daughter of My MVP to the lead off the gate, relinquishing it for a short time before retaking at the quarter pole. Miller then cruised to an easy three-length victory in 1:52.3 for trainer Virgil Morgan Jr. The clocking set a new track and world record.

Herculisa has now won ten times in 14 lifetime starts and has career earnings of \$356,862.



Sea Silk Photo: Brad Conrad

Sea Silk set the second world record of the night, going gate to wire for Chris Page and trainer Ron Burke. The 1:52.1 clocking is a new track and world record for freshman pacing fillies on a half mile track.

Sea Silk, the daughter of Downbytheseaside, is a perfect seven-for-seven and has earned \$340,000.

Smothastenesewisky also turned in a record setting performance. Nob Hill High's daughter set a new track record for 3-yearold pacing fillies stopping the timer in 1:50.2 for driver Brett Miller. Miller took Smothastenesewisky three-wide down the backstretch to grab the lead and pull away to win by seven lengths.

Owner-trainer Brian Haynes paid \$3,000 for the filly at the November sale in Springfield. "I never thought in a million years we'd have a horse like this, especially when you pay \$3,000 for one."

Smothastenesewisky pushed her career earnings to \$340,731 in 15-career wins.

The Mighty Hill also turned in a track record setting performance as Miller steered the son of What The Hill to a photo finish victory in 1:55.4, to win the 2-year-old colt and gelding trotter championship.

The win gave Miller his third OSS Championship. "These are the kind of nights you dream about," said Miller.

The Mighty Hill has now won five of seven for trainer Chris Beaver and has earned \$213,485.

Gulf Shores left no doubt who the top 2-year-old pacing colt is. The son of Downbytheseaside took the pocket trip until the three-quarter mile mark and pulled away to win by four lengths in 1:52.1 for Ronnie Wrenn Jr. and trainer Brian Brown. Gulf Shores is five-for-five and has earned \$251,500 this year.

Aaron Merriman took Gabbys C Note to the lead and never looked back guiding the daughter of Triumphant Caviar to an easy win in the 2-year-old trotting filly division in 1:56.3 for trainer Chris Beaver.

The win was Gabbys C Note's fifth win in six starts with earning s of \$227,650.

Beaver picked up this third OSS Championship of the night when Winning Ticket stayed perfect winning for the tenth time for driver Aaron Merriman to claim the 3-yearold colt trotting title.

Merriman took the son of Triumphant Caviar to the lead and held on down the stretch to win by half a length in 1:54.2. Winning Ticket has now career earnings of \$ 434,547.



Borntobeshameless Photo: Brad Conrad

The upset of the night was in the 3-year-old colt pacing division. Borntobeshameless, a 30-1 longshot, rallied down the stretch to nip favorite Charlie May by a nose. Dan Noble drove the son of Big Bad John for his wife and trainer Christi Noble to the win in 1:51.3.

Unraced as a 2-year-old, Borntobeshameless won for the third time and boosted his career earnings to \$202,086.

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COUNTY FAIR RECAP

Darke County August 20

Ronnie Gillespie collected three victories as Steve Bauder had a training double. Sectionline Twister clocked the fastest time of the day wining in 1:56 for Gillespie and Bauder.

Darke County August 21



Street Gossip Photo: Brad Conrad

Street Gossip with Randy Tharps set a track record at Greenville, winning the 3-year-old colt trot in 1:56 for trainer Virgil Morgan Jr. Tharps finished the night with three wins.

Lorain County August 22

Trainer – Driver Christ Hershberger had three winners on the card. Totally Kissed won the Signature Series pace in 1:55.2.

Lorain County August 23



Don Irvine Jr. Photo: Raymond Lance

Don Irvine Jr. won half the races on the 14race card in Wellington. Rosy Weaver won three of the four divisions in the 2-year-old colt trot.

Allen County August 23

Dan Noble had four wins while Cam Mc-Cown and Jeff Nisonger collected two wins each. Trainers Kim Dailey and Ron Steck each had two training victories.

Monroe County August 24

Seven trainers collected single wins on the card at the Monroe County Fair in Woods-

field. Driver Alex Hawk led the way with three wins.

Allen County August 24

Driver Scott Cisco and trainer Mark Winters each had three winners on the card in Lima. Heather Woolums was the winner in the Ladies Driving Series with CG's Boy Toy.

Defiance County August 24

Pierce Henry led all drivers with five wins on the 12-race program. Henry guided Draconian Terror to the victory in the 2-year-old filly pace in 2:01.2.

Monroe County August 25

Shawn Barker II picked up three wins to lead all drivers at Woodsfield. Trainer Clarence Foulk also had a triple on the day.

Darke County August 26



Bronx Seelster Photo: Brad Conrad

Bronx Seelster and Chris Page won the \$35,000 Gene Riegle Memorial Open Pace in 1:52.4 for trainer Ron Burke. The Arnie Almahurst Open Trot went to I Know My Chip with Greg Grismore for Walter Haynes Jr. in 1:56.4.

Defiance County August 26

Drivers Hank LeVan and B.J. Roberts each had a pair of winners while Chris Beaver collected two training victories at Hicksville. LeVan drove Calvin L to victory in the 3-year-old colt pace in 1:56.1.

Morrow County August 30

Jeff Nisonger won a pair of races, and eight different trainers were winners on the 8-race card. Nisonger drove McWiz to the victory in the Free For All Pace in 1:59.1.

Morrow County August 31

Don Irvine Jr and Cameron McCown each had triples while trainers Jeff Nisonger and Rosy Weaver had two training wins each. McCown drove Im Rocking It to victory in the 3-year-old-colt pace in 1:58.

Van Wert County August 31

Pierce Henry led all drivers with three wins while 12 different trainers were winners. Toureg Seelster and Vel Charlie won the Signature Series Pace divisions in 1:57.1

Noble County August 31

Rain forced the cancellation of both the August 30 and August 31 card in Caldwell.

Stark County September 1

Ken Holliday, Don Irvine Jr., and Anthony MacDonald each had two wins, while trainer Jason McGinnis had two wins on the day. Holliday drove Rockin Requiem to the Signature Series Pace victory in 1:59.4.

Hancock County September 1

Seven trainers had wins on the 7-race card in Findlay. Ryan Stahl had a driving double. Alex Hawk guided Disaronno Hill to victory in the 3-year-old filly pace in 1:59.1.

Stark County September 2

Trainer Vernon Beachy and driver Justin Irvine each collected two wins in Canton. Irvine drove 3-year-old colt pacer Pine Grove Racer to victory in 1:59.2 for trainer Tye Loy.

Van Wert County September 2

Eight drivers and eight trainers were winners on the eight-race card. The fastest time of the day was Imagine It in the 3-year-old colt pace with Cam McCown for trainer Kent Wilcox.

Hancock County September 2

Caviart Sargent won the 3-year-old colt pace in 1:58.3 for Tyler Rush and Brian Brown. Rush and Brown each had two winners on the card.

Mahoning County September 3

The first of three cards in Canfield saw Ken Holliday win four races and Herman Hagerman go three for three.

Geauga County September 3

Kurt Sugg won five of ten races at Burton while trainers Cory DeyErmand, Mike Medors and Edward Miller each had two wins.

Mahoning County September 4

Crist Hershberger had two wins driving and two as a trainer, while Justin Irvine also had two driving wins. Totally Kissed won the Signature Series Pace in 1:55.2 for Irvine and Tricia Shepard.

Fulton County September 4

Kim Pluta, Jason Merriman, and Don Harmon each won two races at Wauseon. Merriman drove Catch Me Conrad to victory in the Free For All Pace in 1:59.

Richwood Fair September 4

Chris Page won three races while Hank LeVan collected a training double in the first day at Richwood. Sir Charles Of Sky was a winner in 1:57.1 in the 3-year-old colt pace for Page and trainer Ron Burke.

Richwood Fair September 5

Cameron McCown and Kevin Snyder had two wins while trainers Kim Dailey and Hank LeVan also had two wins each.

Mahoning County September 6

Kurt Sugg won three races on the final day of racing at Canfield. Eight trainers had single wins on the card. The half mile pace went to Dirty Steve in :56.3 for Sugg and trainer Mark Rowe.

Van Wert September 6

The added program at Van Wert saw Ronnie Gillespie win three races. Gillespie also collected two training wins on the day.

Washington County September 6

Rain forced the cancellation of the September 5 program at Marietta, so a double header was held. Alex Hawk won five races while Shawn Barker II won four.

Fulton County September 7

A dead heat in the fifth race highlighted the 11-race card. Buckeye Cash and Swan Hilluva Time hit the wire together in the 2-year-old colt trot. Buckeye Cash is driven and trained by Ed Greeno Jr., while Charles Taylor drives and trains Swan Hilluva Time.

Hardin County Fair September 9

A big 22-race card was held in Kenton. Ronnie Gillespie won four races, while trainer Dan O'Mara picked up three wins. King's Cruiser won the 3-year-old colt pace in 1:58 for driver trainer Jeff Nisonger.

Morgan County September 10

Brady Clemens, Alex Hawk and Derek Watiker each had driving doubles, while trainer Eric Nesselroad picked up two training wins.

Morgan County September 11

Driver Shawn Baker II and trainer Clarence Foulk each had two winners on the final day of racing in McConnelsville. Barker and Foulk teamed up to guide 3-year-old filly pacer Bearcreekhoney to the victory in 2:00.4.

AUGUST 2021 OUTSTANDING GROOMS By Ashley Dailey

The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association would like to congratulate

our Outstanding Grooms Keely Moore and Lynda Brewer.



Keely Moore



Lynda Brewer

Moore is employed by trainer Roy Murphy, Jr. She began her career with Murphy, Sr. in 1994 with no previous experience. Today, she not only has a career but a passion for the Standardbred industry. Alongside providing daily care as a groom, Moore jogs, shoes, and does all the in between.

Her trainer explained that Moore "has a gift working with horses. She can keep young, nervous horses calm and focused." Brewer is member of her husband Jeff's team. Harness racing is generational in her family, crediting her father and grandfather for her beginnings. She "can do it all" from grooming to track maintenance.

Brewer says she values all her time in the industry. "I've seen many great horses and made lifelong friendships throughout the country."

Lynda and Jeff are also parents to Jason Brewer, a prominent Ohio driver who is quickly approaching his 4,000th career win.

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Penpaperpaige

Four former Ohio Sire Stakes Champions found glory again in the 2021 Ohio Sire Stakes Championships for veteran pacers and trotters held at Eldorado Scioto Downs September 4.

Penpaperpaige, the 2020 Ohio Sire Stakes 3-year-old filly pacing champion, collected the OSS title for veteran pacing mares as she grabbed the lead just past three quarters and held on to win for driver Tyler Smith in 1:50.4.

Trained by his father Jeff, Tyler Smith says the mare is everything to the family. "Dad has kept her sharp and this year she's done nothing wrong," said Smith.

The win was the 15th career victory. Penpaperpaige has now earned \$423,252 for owner Shirley LeVin.



Weslynn Quest

Weslynn Quest defended her title as the top aged mare trotter, winning the rain-soaked title in 1:54.1 for driver Ronnie Wrenn Jr. and trainer Per Engblom. Weslynn Quest grabbed the lead at the half mile and held on to win by three quarters of length. "She was very strong tonight and I'm happy with the way she raced," said Wrenn.

The daughter of Manofmanymissions won for the 15th time 53 career starts, raising her career earnings to \$414,826. She is owned by Buckstone Land Livestock and John Barnard.

On the colt side, Ocean Rock dominated the seven-horse field as Dan Noble took the son of Rockin Amadeus to the lead and cruised to the gate to wire win in 1:51 for wife and trainer Christi Noble.

"He's been awesome since he's come back home from racing out east," said Dan Noble.

Ocean Rock was the 2020, Ohio Sire Stakes 3-year-old colt pacing champion.

The win was the 15th in Ocean Rock's career and raised his earnings to \$659,122 for owner Sandra Burnett.

Mission Accepted

Mission Accepted collected his 13th career win as he trotted home in 1:52 to win the OSS Veteran Horse Trot Championship for Chris Page and trainer Ron Burke. Page took the son of Manofmanymissions to the front and cruised to the four-length victory.

"I felt he was up this performance as he's just a fabulous horse and will be a good stallion, said co-owner David Wills.

Mission Accepted was the 2017 Ohio Sire Stakes 2-year-old trotting champion.

Owned by Burke Racing Stable, Knox Services, Wills and Weaver Bruscemi has now earned \$1,054,007.

Photos: Brad Conrad



Ocean Rock

OHHA Hosts Charity Night At Eldorado Scioto Downs

BY ASHLEY DAILEY



The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association hosted the 9th annual Charity Night at Eldorado Scioto Downs August 28.

Twenty charities were invited to join OHHA trackside for an inside look at the Standardbred harness racing industry. OHHA board members and horsemen hosted dinner and shared their passion for the industry with the nearly 200 guests.

The organizations were coupled with horses in the 4th and 9th races to compete for a total of \$63,000. The winning charity in each race received \$ 10,000, second place was awarded \$ 5,000, with third place getting \$2,500. All other finishers received a \$2,000 donation.

Before the race, the charities visited the paddock to meet their horses and wish them luck.

As their race approached, representative of each charity donned numbered t-shirts reflecting their post position. Lining the winner's circle, the charities cheered from the start all the way to the finish line.

In the first charity race, Kiss Of Terror crossed the wire for Arthritis Foundation. Second place went to the Ronald McDonald House with the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation finishing third.

In the second charity race, Elver Hanover scored for the American Red Cross. Warrior Bags finished second and the Delaware County Foundation took third place.

The excitement didn't end after the race. Throughout the night, charities were able to ride in the starting gate, meet drivers, and were interviewed by Wendy Ross.

For many of this year's attendees it was their first time at the track. OHHA host Rachel Beatty was teamed with the Columbus City Special Olympics. CCSO's representative said she had a newfound respect for harness racing after her perceptions were changed. The charities in attendance included: American Red Cross, Arthritis Foundation, Buckeye Diamond Club, Canine Companions, Columbus Schools Special Olympics, Crohn's & Colitis Foundation, Delaware County Foundation, Dublin Youth Athletics, Girls on the Run, Haven House of Pickaway County, JDRF Diabetes Foundation, MASH Pantry of Grove City, Ohio 4-H Youth Development Foundation, Ohio FFA Foundation, PBJ Connections, Ronald McDonald House Charities, Pickaway County Special Olympics, St. Patrick School, USO, and Warrior Bags.



The OHHA would like to extend a

special thank you to the hosts, Brad Conrad, Don Marotta, Jay Hock, Wendy Ross, Jason Roth, and Eldorado Scioto Downs for their hospitality.





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Robert Burns Sr. • Gerald Burris • Harvey Hall Carter Jr. • Douglas Duber • Herbert LeVan

Be There!

BY ROGER E. HUSTON

By the time you read this the 2021 Delaware County Fair and the 76th Little Brown Jug will be over. A new champion will have won possibly the biggest race of their career.

If a poll was to be taken of horsemen as to the one race that they wanted to win, it more than likely would end in a tie between the Little Brown Jug and the Hambletonian. It probably comes down to which you prefer the pacer or the trotter. If you live in Ohio more than likely it would be the Jug. Even trotting trainers have a secret ambition to win the Jug as did trainer Jimmy Takter in 2006 with Mr Feelgood.

It must be noted that "Americas Harness Race" is also the people's number one choice with crowds more than forty thousand each year (except Covid 2020). Each year, the crowd comes to little Delaware, Ohio, for a race twenty-five miles from Columbus, on a Thursday afternoon. All other major events at other venues are held on Saturday or Sunday when people have a day off from work. Our crowd is made up of all walks of life, from near and far.

I attended my first Little Brown Jug in 1958 and witnessed Joe O'Brien win with Shadow Wave. I never dreamed that in a few short years my life would change forever. I skipped school to attend the race with Fremont Whittington of Bowersville. One of the first persons I saw that morning was Jan McPherson, a horseman but also my math teacher at Xenia High School. I asked him what his excuse for not teaching that day was and he responded, "same as yours, I am sick".

Never in my wildest dreams did I think I would call the Little Brown Jug. At the time I was doing public address work with Gerald Nash at Xenia High School basketball games. Gerald also was the photo finish operator at Lebanon Raceway.

Even when I started announcing county fairs in 1960, I never dreamed of replacing my idol, Charlie Hinkle who at the time was calling the Jug and Hambo on radio and at the fair, as an announcer. My big break came when Hinkle accepted the position of play-by-play announcer for the Los Angels team in the new ABA League. Thanks to Corwin Nixon for his recommendation to Hank Thomson, I was hired to call the first three days at Delaware and the Jug starting in 1968.

As I have said my life changed forever. From working at a radio station in Xenia and the possibility of teaching school after graduation from Wilmington College to becoming a full-time announcer of harness races world-wide.

Over the fifty-four years in Delaware, I have had the pleasure to interact with the fans. Many have become lifetime friends all with the common trait of loving the Little Brown Jug.

One of the first individuals that I have tutored in the announcing field is Doug Ballinger of Celina.

Doug helped with Kat Fish and William Henman in the 1969 Little Brown Jug. He purchased a tape of the Jug and played it till it eventually wore out. By that time, Doug had the call memorized. One morning when I was helping Marc Ferguson at Scioto Downs, I heard Doug calling qual-



ifiers on the PA system. I was so impressed that when I needed someone to help with my 17 county fairs I went to Doug. That started a fifty-year association. He eventually took over my county fairs in Ohio and I worked Pompano-Lexington and in 1976 The Meadows.

This year it has been a pleasure to work with Doug at various fairs. He has been so gracious to allow me the opportunity to call races where I got started back in 1960. I have often been referred to as a county fair announcer, a title I am quite proud of.

There are other individuals who I have met at Delaware who mean so much to me. Charlie and Judy Wingfield, Max Ginn, Dana Limbach, Ray France and 96-year-old Ralph Beckstedt.

Almost every year at Delaware on Wednesday and Thursday I make it a point to cross the track from the Grandstand to the infield Judges Stand to call the races. That walk is to speak to Ralph. He won't make the Jug this year as he is recovering from a broken hip. As I write this column, I called him to tell him that I will see him in 2022...The good Lord willin and the creek don't rise.

Be There!

TRACK NOTES



Doug Ballinger was honored at Greenville

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Lucas Myers

Prior to the racing program at Greenville, announcer Doug Ballinger was presented the Dr. H.D. Schoonover Award from the Ohio Colt Racing Association. Ballinger was honored for his dedication and passion for county fair harness racing and the promotion and preservation of the sport and the county fairs.

Seventeen-year-old Lucas Myers picked up his first driving win when he won the Free For All Pace at the Morgan County Fair in McConnelsville. Myers drove Hillbilly Fairytale to the win in 2:01.3. Hillbilly Fairytale is owned by Myers' uncle, David Myers of Logan, Ohio.

Regularly Scheduled Meeting Recap

Wednesday, July 21, 2021 By Renée Mancino

Roll Call, all Commissioners in attendance except Commissioner Patmon.

The Racing Commission went into session and adjourned into Executive Session to discuss employment and personnel matters. There would be business to conduct after the Executive Session, so the motion and vote were taken to adjourn into Executive Session and return to continue the meeting.

After reconvening Chairman Scott Borgemenke announced the retirement of Executive Director William Crawford effective September 30, 2021. Chris Dragone was named as the successor as Executive Director to commence immediately, with Mr. Crawford available for consultation going forward after his official retirement date. Chairman Borgemenke and each Commissioner provided commentary on Mr. Crawford's long-term, conscientious, and commendable service to the industry. Those in attendance provided a standing ovation to Mr. Crawford upon conclusion of the oral accolades. The Racing Commission unanimously ratified Resolution 2021-08 explaining the retirement and appointment.

In normal business for the Commission, Executive Director William Crawford's Report and Approval items were introduced, and the July 21, 2021, minutes were offered for ratification. There were no documents related to the Executive Director's approvals disclosed or provided to those in attendance. There was no discussion regarding the Executive Director's approval requests. The Racing Commission unanimously ratified the Executive Director's Approval items and the July 21, 2021, Meeting Minutes.

The Executive Director's report items included the 2021 live racing approvals for Mahoning Valley's 2021 live meet. Mahoning Valley submitted requests to, (1) Waive their surety bond for 2021 race meet, (2) Approve listed officials, (3) Approve the number of races and wagering format, (4) Approve post times, (5) Approve their simulcasting schedule, and (6) Approve their letters to the Fire Marshall. No documents were provided to those in attendance. The Racing Commission unanimously ratified the approval.

Consideration to approve the 2022 live racing dates for Thistledown, Belterra Park, Mahoning Valley, MGM Northfield Park, Caesars Scioto Downs, Miami Valley Gaming, and Hollywood Gaming at Dayton were discussed and considered. After discussion each application was not yet final, with continuing outstanding items on each to be completed or submitted before approval. There was additional discussion on not approving the 2022 permit for Eldorado Scioto Downs pending the grandstand issue and a more reliable timetable for demolition and construction. The Racing Commission unanimously tabled consideration of the live racing dates after discussion.

Agenda item about the Scioto Downs Grandstand. Bill Reeg - Regional President Caesars Entertainment, Joe Morris - Senior Vice President of Racing Caesars Entertainment, Amy Ankerson - Senior Vice President and General Manager Caesars Scioto Downs, Jason Roth - Director of Racing Caesars Scioto Downs, and Richard Hillis - Lobbyist for Caesars Enterprise Services were present for the discussion. SVP Joe Morris outlined the timeline: (1) Asbestos and Lead Paint Abatement. (2) Relocate site electrical located under the Grandstand area. (3) Demolition of the Grandstand and Penthouse structures. (4) Rebuild. The four-step plan has started with re-harnessing on the site electrical. The large-scale work will commence as soon as the live meet ends as scheduled on September 18, 2021. Mr. Morris did not provide definitive dates due to the difficulty in sourcing construction materials during COVID. Although there is "no timeline, we will do it as fast as we can", stated Morris. The "plan is to have the facility ready to go by next year's live racing meet."

The new Grandstand will offer 750 stadium seats in the main level, an additional 200 seats on the sides, and open apron area. There will be VIP rooms on the top level on each side of the announcer's and racing officials' section. The VIP rooms capacity are 80 and 50 each. The 500-seat capacity Clubhouse will remain.

The Ohio State Racing Commission comments admonished Caesars officials for the "embarrassing" state of the facility and subsequent black eye for Ohio Racing at what once was, "Ohio's Showplace of Racing". Chairman Scott Borgemenke admonished Caesars officials for not taking care of the racing patrons to the same level and degree that racino patrons enjoyed and said fines for this and any other future infractions would follow. Those fine monies would not be used to enhance the Racing Commission's coffers, but to aid participant and racehorse benevolence. The Chairman's additional comments extended from more parity in marketing and promotion to patron treatment and accommodations. Commissioner Thomas Winters added that the Commission would, "hold their feet to the fire" regarding the project and operations moving forward. Commission Winters further suggested holding any Casino Commission monies for operations in escrow until conditions are met regarding the facility. Joe Morris said he would provide full capital expenditures, marketing budgets for racing, and other items.

Chairman Borgemenke warned, "but-for racing, the racinos would not exist," and a full report of planned capital expenditures, marketing budgets, and other items will be requested from all permit holders going forward. The corporate entities must comply to take care of live racing and the live racing program. In future Racing Commission meetings, the expectation was the corporate decision-makers with actual authority be present.

Agenda item discussing the riding crop rule. In discussions the current proposed crop rule is partially based upon Kentucky's rule and New Jersey's rule. After discussion the substantive provisions appeared acceptable, but the fine provisions concerned Jeff Johnston with the Jockey's Guild. The fines were uniform with other states; however, they were high by comparison to Ohio's purses. There was no action taken. The proposal was held for additional comment and potential amendment with consideration in a future Racing Commission meeting.

A recap on the horse racing fatalities was provided by Racing Commission Consulting Veterinarian, Dr. James Robertson. It was noted that the numbers reported since 2009 are for training and racing related catastrophic breakdowns, analogous to the Jockey Club's reporting requirements for sudden deaths that occur during training, racing, or 72 hours after a race. To September the report on catastrophic losses included four thoroughbreds and one standardbred. Year-to-date 2021 catastrophic losses are thirty-one thoroughbred fatalities (28 racing and 3 training) and five racing Standardbred fatalities.

There was discussion on a concern for health safety and welfare over Puerto Rican shipment of thoroughbred racehorses from Ohio's thoroughbred racetracks. Thoroughbred horsemen comments were directed towards two main trainers, Oscar Barerra and Edwin Vizcarrondo traversing the country and claiming horses to ship to Puerto Rico's Camarero Racetrack to race. Trainer Nancy Adams claimed upwards of 30 horses had been claimed from the most recent Belterra Park live race meet, with several small stables losing their entire stable of horses to the practice. The discussion described deplorable conditions shipping via cargo ship with 20+ horses to a forty-foot shipping container with one door in the rear to access them and one caretaker on a three-day trip to Puerto Rico. The shipment was not adequately attended by caretakers, horses were not fed and watered properly, heat and temperature were issues, and that caused serious health and safety concerns for racehorses being shipped. Upon arrival in Puerto Rico many horses are foundered, show signs of laminitis, other injuries, and some had to be euthanized. The Racing Commission implored the thoroughbred permit holders to craft a policy regarding the practice. They further stated they would release a policy statement regarding the practice.

There was no discussion on Belterra Park's extension for closing on the real estate sale for Boyd Gaming and Gaming and Leisure Properties (GLPI).

The monthly commission financial report was provided by Fiscal Officer Sherry White. Fiscal year 2022 saw a revenue boost of \$547,000. The revenue was due to the recently released Casino Commission monies from the Emergency Fund. July revenue was up \$52,000 overall and expenses were up \$7,000. Commenting on the Casino Commission release, Chairman Borgemenke stressed the state of the Commission without that revenue.

Commissioner Hansen provided a Medication and Testing Committee update. Commissioner Hansen discussed a meeting in September to discuss Lasix provisions and the Association of Racing Commissioners International's models for Lasix and what would be appropriate in Ohio.

Commissioner Simpson Chairman of the Safety Committee outlined a future meeting in September.

The Standardbred Racing Sub-Committee Chairman Thomas Winters explained a meeting to occur in September, possibly the week of the Little Brown Jug.

In the Matter of Joe Kramp, the infraction occurred April 23, 2020, when an OSRC Investigator witnessed Mr. Kramp with a needle and syringe in his possession in the barn area of Northfield Park. His action was against the best interest of racing initial penalties were, O.S.R.C.-3769-18-01(B)(5) 18-07(A) 18-99 3769-12-26(A)(10) 12-99, and a \$500 fine with a 180-day full suspension. Mr. Kramp appealed the Judge's ruling. After hearing the Hearing Officer's Report and Recommendation upheld the Judge's ruling and original penalty. Mr. Kramp and his attorney appeared in mitigation of punishment to request time served as in the Cowan's case on the 180-day period. After discussion and consideration, the Racing Commission unanimously upheld the Hearing Officer's Report and Recommendations, \$500 fine and 180-day full suspension.

In the Matter of Keith J. Kash Jr., on December 14, 2019, a search was conducted of the barn area and tack rooms assigned to Mr. Kash. Eight hypodermic syringes with needles attached were found on the drop ceiling tile overhead in one tack room. His action was against the best interest of racing initial penalties were, O.S.R.C.-3769-18-07(A) 18-99 12-26(A)(10) 12-99 17-30(B) 17-33(A) 17-99, which carried a \$500 fine and a 180-day full suspension. Mr. Kash appealed the Judge's ruling. After hearing, the Hearing Officer's Report and Recommendation upheld the Judge's ruling and original penalty. Mr. Kash and his attorney appeared to provide a defense for warrantless search and custody and control. Mr. Kash provided testimony he provided open access to the tack room ceiling and offered the investigator a chair to reach up and examine the tack room ceiling

himself. He offered such open and ready access because he was confident there would be nothing found. He opined as much shock at the discovery as the investigator did when the Investigator found rusty and aged hypodermics and needles that Mr. Kash felt pre-dated his occupancy of the barn. Mr. Kash opined that the prior use of his barn as a shipin barn was the likely cause of the hypodermics being placed there. After discussion and consideration, which included that Mr. Kash was assigned the tack room and had the key to the tack room, the Racing Commission unanimously upheld the Hearing Officer's Report and Recommendations, \$500 fine and 180-day full suspension.

In the Matter of Daley Loney., at Miami Valley Gaming February 22, 2020, Bet the Moon's sample showed a concentration of TCO2 at 39.3 +/- 0.3 mpl in a post-race sample. The post-race testing threshold is 37 mmol/l. The Judges levied a return of purse, five hundred dollars fine, and fifteen-day suspension. February 25, 2020, Taragon's post-race sample came back with a TCO2 of 39.7 +/- 0.1 mpl. The Judges levied a return of purse, one thousand dollars fine, and sixty-day suspension. March 1, 2020, Taragon's post-race sample at Miami Valley Gaming showed a TCO2 of 39.0 +/- 0.6 mpl. The Judges levied a return of purse, one thousand dollar fine, and one-hundredand-eighty-day suspension. Mr. Loney appeared with his attorney to dispute the tests as positive tests because they are a naturally occurring substance in a horse. Further defense provided detail at hearing with a testifying expert on the TCO2 levels not being high. Finally, Mr. Loney's attorney set forth mitigation of punishment on notice of the first not having been received. Mr. Loney's comments went to the fact that he was going to remain silent until he saw the look Executive Director Crawford gave Mr. Kash during his testimony in the prior case which he felt was, "like a cop walking the beat and finding him immediately guilty". The Racing Commission unanimously upheld the Hearing Officer's Report and Recommendations.

There was no further business to conduct, so the motion and vote were taken to adjourn and conclude the meeting.

For a transcript of the meeting contact the Ohio State Racing Commission. The next scheduled Racing Commission meeting date is October 20, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in person only at the Riffe Building in Room 1948. The Agenda and Meeting Information can be found at the Ohio State Racing Commission's website at http://www.racingohio.net.

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Nomination for the Terry Holton Youth Award

The 21st Annual Terry Holton Youth Award, is awarded to youth between the ages of thirteen and nineteen who have actively participated in harness racing during 2021, as a driver, trainer, owner, groom, breeder, official, race office/publicity assistant, track

maintenance crew or any capacity that has provided outstanding service to harness racing. You can include up to one more sheet of additional information if needed. Please be thorough, the more comprehensive the nomination is, the better chance your nominee has of being chosen. **DEADLINE NOVEMBER 1, 2021**

I. Please fill out the following information about the person being nominated:

Name:

Location:

Age:

If in school, grade, and name of school attending:

II. Explain the role this person has had in the harness racing industry in 2021.

III. How long have they been involved in harness racing? How did they get started?

- IV. What other activities is the nominee involved in?
- V. Any additional information you would like to share:

Nomination by: Name: Email: Phone:



Nomination for the Dick Brandt, Sr. Extra Effort Award

The 20th Annual Dick Brandt, Sr. Extra Effort Award is being offered for the 2021 racing year to expand the OHHA's commitment to county fair racing. Local Ohio horsemen's associations and matinee clubs that have given the most to their county fair or local

community are encouraged to apply. The award is based on involvement with their local fair board, participation in local matinees, community involvement, improvements to track and barn areas and assistance with the racing programs during fair week. The more information you can provide for your nominee will help the committee to make a more informed decision. **DEADLINE NOVEMBER 1, 2021**

1. Please fill out the following information about the association being nominated:

Name:

Location:

How many years has the association been in existence?

2. Tell us about the association. Include activities the association participated in during 2021. Include any community involvement, harness racing promotional activities, county fair involvement, relationship with the county fair board, track and barn improvements and involvement in the county fair's racing program.

3. Any additional information about the horsemen's association.

Nomination by: Name: Email: Phone:



Nomination for the Ohio Outstanding Groom Award

Grooms are that special group of people who underpin the success of our entire sport, ever present but rarely in the spotlight. The Ohio Outstanding Groom award seeks to highlight a groom who really goes above and beyond for their horses and the sport of

harness racing in Ohio. You can include up to one more sheet of additional information if needed. Please be thorough, the more comprehensive the nomination is, the better chance your nominee has of being chosen.

DEADLINE NOVEMBER 1, 2021

I. Please fill out the following information about the person being nominated:

Name:

Location:

- II. Explain the role this person has had in the stable.
- III. How long have they been involved in harness racing? How did they get started?
- IV. What other activities is the nominee involved in?
- V. Any additional information you would like to share:

Ohio Breeders Awards Program Form

(For Mares Bred in 2021)

Initial Mare Registration: Due November 30th of Year Bred

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1. INITIAL MARE REGISTRATION: Complete 1 for Initial Registration						
Broodmare Information: One Mare Per Form. List two only if Embryo Transfer-List Recipient and Donor Mare.						
Mare's Registered Name:		USTA Registration #	Ohio Stallion N	Mare Bred to:		
(If ET notate Recipient or Donor Mare)						
2. 187 DAY RESIDENCY: Complete 1, 2, &	73	for Final Verification				
		Contact Person and Address:	s: Telephone : E-mail:			
Day: Residency (Include: Start and End Dates) (Inc		nclude: City, State, Zip Code)				
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If Mare is a Permanent Resident at this Location Check the Box >						
3. CERTIFICATION: Please read, Initial, and Sign. Each applicable section must be completed in its						
entirety by the deadline stated. Any deficiencies will be considered an incomplete submission.						
I hereby state that all information provided herein is true and correct. I further certify if the mare leaves the State for any reason,						
I will notify the OHHA within 72 hours of return, complete and return the separate "Emergency Exception Form". I understand						
that any false or fraudulent statements made by me or on my behalf may result in automatic removal from the Breeder's Awards Program and may be punishable under Ohio Law.						
For verification purposes I consent to the OHHA entering upon the property, farm, or other residence and permit them to inspect any veterinary records or breeding or billing records, validate the mare's presence at the location provided and status. I agree to						
indemnify and hold harmless in law and equity the OHHA for any action that causes any damage to the OHHA, or any agent						
acting on behalf of the OHHA.						
Failure to submit this form within the timeframe outlined in each section may result in the Mare or Breeder's automatic						
removal from the Breeder's Awards Program. The severity or frequency of any failure(s) may result in a bar and preclude future participation.						
				Initials		
The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association reserves all rights including the ability to make changes to the program or abolish the program in its entirety in their complete and unfettered discretion. Program rules for the program year are included by reference herein. All decisions made by						
the OHHA on all matters concerning the Breeder's Awards Program is Final. Upon remittance, the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association shall						
be completely held harmless and indemnified in any dispute, claim, or loss incurred by any party and specifically by the Breeder listed First on the Mare's United States Trotting Association's Registration. Any subsequent action or claim arising from the Breeder's Awards Program						
must first be arbitrated prior to initiating any claim in Court or with any Administrative Agency. At law, the Court of Common Pleas of Franklin						
County, Ohio has exclusive jurisdiction over any claims. Initials						
Authorized Signature				Date:(mm/dd/yyyy)		
Include the Initial Registration Fee - Payable to the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association						
			+\$20			
Include applicable OHHA Membership Fee for all Br Registry) \$65-Full Active Membership, \$25-Business En		Total Damitte 1				
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Attach any additional documentation as outlined in each section and a completed W-9. Return to the OHHA: Via Fax: 614-221-8726, Via E-mail:						
breedersawards@ohha.com, or via First Class Mail (Postage Pre-Paid) 2237 Sonora Drive, Grove City, Ohio 43123. The official Post Office						

Postmark or receipt time stamp at the OHHA office (whichever is earlier) will be recognized as the date of receipt.

INSTRUCTIONS: This form is intended to be used for all submissions except in the case of the mare being removed from the State of Ohio for an Emergency during the 187 day contiguous residency period. If the mare leaves the state for any reason during the 187 day contiguous residency period you must report that to the OHHA on the separate "Emergency Exception Form" within 72 hours of return. Each Section must be completely filled out by the November 30th deadline in the year the Mare was bred. The complete initial registration form and money to be paid must be postmarked or received (file stamped upon receipt) by the OHHA Office on or before the deadline date.

Section 1: This is the Initial Registration for the Mare. **ONE MARE PER FORM** unless you are breeding a mare via embryo transfer **only**. If utilizing embryo transfer, please provide **BOTH** the Donor Mare and the Recipient Mare's information in the space provided, use the Recipient Mare's information for Residency. All Membership Fees and \$20 Registration Fee shall be paid at Initial Registration. The Membership and/or Registration Fees will not be refunded or carried over to subsequent years.

Section 2: The Mare's 187 Day Residency Verification is the location the Mare will reside for the contiguous 187 Day mandatory residence in the year of foaling. If the expectation is that the Mare will split her time between two Ohio locations provide the details and expected start and end date that the Mare will reside at each location. If utilizing artificial insemination without moving the Mare back-and-forth, note that here. If the mare is a permanent resident at this location, check the box.

<u>Section 3: Certification and Signature Box</u>: Please initial each box to the right of the certifications acknowledging that you have read and accept the terms outlined in each section of the Certification. Any time a submission is made the Certifications must be initialed. The Breeder (as designated by the USTA's official Breed Registry) listed First on the Mare's United States Trotting Association's Registration shall sign the Forms each time they are submitted. Assumption of risk for signature by anyone other than the Breeder listed First on the Mare's United States Trotting Association's Registration is borne entirely by the Breeder listed First on the Mare's United States Trotting Association's Registration. Upon remittance, the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association shall be completely held harmless and indemnified in any dispute, claim, or loss incurred by any party and specifically by the Breeder listed First on the Mare's United States Trotting Association's Registration.

<u>Remittance Amount:</u> The total amount for Registration per Mare due with each form is \$20. Beginning with mares registered and bred in 2018 (foals of 2019, forward), <u>All Breeders</u> (as designated by the USTA's official Breed Registry) are required to be Members of the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association in the year of foaling only. The membership requirement applies to all Breeders and extends to any business entity or stable-Breeders and all affiliates/members of the business entity or stable as reported by the entity's United States Trotting Association's record. By way of example, Super Breeder, LLC is the Mare's United States Trotting Association's Breeder of Record for the Mare bred in 2020 that will foal in 2021. Super Breeder LLC has six affiliates/members. Super Breeder LLC must include its \$25 Membership fee and the six affiliates/members of Super Breeder, LLC must each pay the \$65 full-active Membership fee, the total remitted shall be \$435 (\$20 Mare Registration Fee + \$25 Super Breeder LLC Associate Membership + \$65 x 6 for affiliates of Super Breeder LLC).

Ohio Breeder's Award Program Complete Rules

(A.) A portion of the discretionary funds that are paid to the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association (the "OHHA") by the Standardbred permit holders from the video lottery terminal wagering will be used to pay breeder's awards to the owners of the dams of Standardbred horses that were born in 2013 and thereafter and are sired by a stallion that was registered as a Standardbred stallion with the Ohio State Racing Commission for the applicable breeding season. Breeder's awards will be paid beginning with the 2016 racing season. No Later than December 31 of each year beginning in 2016, the OHHA will establish the total sum that will be paid as breeder's awards with respect to races conducted during the next succeeding calendar year. "Breeder" is defined as any person(s), entity or entities listed as the Breeder on the registration certificate.

(B.) All horses born in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 that meet the requirements of subsection (A) will be eligible to earn breeder's awards for the Breeder(s) of the foals without their dams being registered pursuant to subsection (C). (C.) For mares bred in 2018 with foals of 2019 and thereafter, in addition to the requirements of subsection (A), the following eligibility requirements will apply:

- The horse must be born in the State of Ohio and the dam must reside in the State of Ohio during the year of foaling for a continuous period that is not less than one hundred eighty-seven (187) days. Continuous residency is subject to exceptions for acts of God, medical emergency, or participation in an out-of-state public sale for a period of up to fourteen days. Valid exceptions must be reported on an Exception Waiver Form to the OHHA no later than 48 hours after moving the mare out-of-state and must provide full details for the exception to apply.
- 2. The dam of the horse must be registered with the breeder's award program with the OHHA between September 1st and November 30th of the year or breeding. All forms necessary will be provided by the OHHA by request and will be available for download from the OHHA website. Beginning with mares bred in 2018 and thereafter, the breeder(s) of each horse must be members of the OHHA in the year of foaling. Validly executed Assignments of Interest for Breeders Awards are accepted if signed by the Breeder(s) and only if the Breeders Award and the Breeder(s) are in good standing, with active Memberships at the time of Assignment on the Interest.
- 3. The information that is provided at the time of registration of the mare shall include the name and tattoo number of the mare, the name of the Ohio-registered stallion that the mare was bred to, the location in the State of Ohio where the mare resides or will reside during the year of foaling, the date when the mare began residency or is expected to begin residency in the State of Ohio, and the names and addresses of the Breeder(s) of the mare at the time of registration with the program. The form shall include a sworn verification-certifying residency pursuant to Paragraph 1, for the mare. At the time of registration of the mare the Breeder(s) shall also provide a completed I.R.S. W9 Form and Full Waiver and Consent to enter onto the resident mare's property for residency verification purposes.

(D.) For mares bred in 2019 with foals of 2020 and thereafter, the dam of the horse must be registered with the breeder's award program with the OHHA between September 1st and November 30th of the year of breeding. Any mare registration received at the OHHA office from December 1st to midnight December 31st shall include an additional \$100 late-registration fee per mare. If not automatically accompanied by the late-registration fee you will be invoiced, non-payment of the late registrations and fees must be received by the OHHA office by midnight December 31st. All forms necessary will be provided by the OHHA by request and will be available for download from the OHHA website.

- 1. A registration fee of \$20.00 per mare will be charged, payable to the OHHA at the time of registration, together with the OHHA membership fee if not previously paid, and any late-registration fee.
- (E.) Ohio breeder's awards shall be paid only for two and three-year-olds racing in 2016 forward. Breeder's awards will be payable for the following eight categories:
 - (1) 2-year-old trotting fillies
 - (2) 2-year-old trotting colts.
 - (3) 2-year-old pacing fillies
 - (4) 2-year-old pacing colts
 - (5) 3-year-old trotting fillies
 - (6) 3-year-old trotting colts
 - (7) 3-year-old pacing fillies

- (8) 3-year-old pacing colts
- 1. The Ohio stake races that will be counted in calculating breeder's awards consist of:
 - (a) Legs, finals and consolation of the Standardbred Development Fund Races the, "Ohio Sires Stake" races,
 - (b) Legs and finals of the, "Buckeye Stallion Series" races
 - (c) The Ohio State Fair Stake races
 - (d) The Ohio Fair Championship
 - (e) The Ohio Breeders Championship Stake Races
 - (f) Any other Ohio Breeder's stake races
 - (g) All stake races conducted by county agricultural societies and independent agricultural
 - societies with purse money provided in whole or in part by the Ohio Fair Funds
 - (h) Any other Ohio stake races that are approved by the OHHA no later than December 31_{st} of each year beginning in 2016 for foals born the following year.
- 2. The award earned by each horse will be based on the purse dollars earned by that horse in Ohio stakes races each year compared to the total purse dollars earned by all of the horses in its category in Ohio stake races that year that are eligible to earn breeder's awards, expressed as a percentage. The OHHA Board will establish the total amount of breeder's awards for each category each year by December 31st. That percentage will be multiplied by the total dollars that are allocated to breeder's awards for the horses in that category, with the result rounded to the nearest whole dollar. Any breeder's award that calculates to less than \$50.00 will be treated as \$0 earned and not be paid. If there are multiple Breeders, the Breeder's Award check will be issued to the Breeder listed first on the Registration. If any or a portion of the Breeder's Award remains unpaid due to the failure of the Breeder to supply all information requested by the OHHA upon request or the OHHA is unable to ascertain the whereabouts of the Breeder or his Beneficiary after sending a registered letter, return receipt requested to the last known address, and further diligent effort to ascertain the Breeder or his Beneficiary's whereabouts, 1 year from the date the Breeder's Award was payable, the Award shall be forfeited in its entirety and revert-back to the Administrative Account used for the administrative expense of the program.

(F.) For mares that are registered with the breeder's award program as described in subsection (C), the OHHA shall be entitled to visit the farm where a mare was reported to reside on one or more occasions to confirm the mare's residency at that location during the year of foaling. If access to the farm or mare is denied, or if the mare is not residing at that farm and is not otherwise confirmed as residing in or has not resided in the State of Ohio during that time, the foal that is delivered by that mare with respect to that year of registration will not be eligible to the breeder's award program.



Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association 2237 Sonora Dr. Grove City, OH 43123

Ohio Breeders Award Requirements

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

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

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

Foal Age Bred 2017 Foal Born 2018 Yearling 2019 2 & 3-Year-Old 2020, 2021

Membership Required Membership Required No Membership Required Membership Required

Membership Requirement

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

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

Membership Requirement

No Membership Required

No Membership Required

Membership Required

Mares registered in 2019 (Foals of 2020) mare registration date 11/30/19

Foal Age Foal Born 2020 Yearling 2021 2 & 3-Year-Old 2022, 2023

Mares registered in 2020 (Foals of 2021) mare registration date 11/30/20

Foal Age Foal Born 2021 Yearling 2022 2 & 3-Year-Old 2023, 2024 Membership Requirement Membership Required No Membership Required No Membership Required **Registration Fee:** \$20 per mare. For mares registered in 2019 forward, in addition to the \$20 registration fee per mare, registrations received from December 1st to December 31st must add a \$100 per-mare late fee. Registration will not be accepted until all fees are paid in full.

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 also required to join as Associate Members.

Mare Residency: Mare in foal to an Ohio Stallion, must foal in Ohio, and reside in Ohio for 187 consecutive days in the year of foaling.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If you have recently moved, please notify the OHHA office. This will ensure that you continue to receive the Association's publications. A current address if also very important if you are eligible for any breeders awards, retirement and insurance..

Also, if a member of your family that is an OHHA member passes away, please contact our office so we can update our records.