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# Calendar of Events

## DECEMBER 18TH

**Ohio State Racing Commission Meeting**  
Riffe Center  
77 S. High St.  
Columbus, OH 43215  
www.racingohio.net

## JANUARY 3RD - 5TH

**Ohio Fair Managers Association Convention**  
Hyatt Regency  
350 N. High St.  
Columbus, OH 43215

## JANUARY 17TH

**Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association 1st Quarter Board of Directors Meeting**  
Marriott Columbus University Area  
3100 Olentangy River Road  
Columbus, OH 43202  
*Members are welcome to attend the Broad Meeting General Session at 1PM.*

## JANUARY 18TH

**Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association Annual Membership Meeting and Banquet and USTA District 1 Annual Meeting and Banquet**  
Marriott Columbus University Area  
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# OHHA Annual Awards Banquet & USTA District 1 Meeting

2018 Horse of the Year, Lather Up's Presentation



Join us to celebrate 2019 at the OHHA Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at the Marriott Columbus University Area. The USTA District 1, OHHA member meeting and First Lady's Luncheon are also planned for January 18<sup>th</sup>.

- Reservations and payment for tickets for the banquet must be at the OHHA office by Friday, December 27, 2019.
- Tickets are \$30 each and can be picked up at the Banquet Reservation Table. No tickets will be sold at the door.
- There will be reserved tables available. If you would like to reserve a table, please indicate that and the name to be displayed on the table on your reservation form. Minimum reservation for a reserved table is 8 and can seat up to 10.

### January 18, 2020 Agenda

- 11:30 a.m. Ladies Luncheon
- 1:00 p.m. USTA District 1 Meeting
- 2:45 p.m. OHHA Annual Membership Meeting
- 4:30 p.m. Cocktail Hour- Cash Bar
- 5:00 p.m. Stallion Auction Closes
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner Seating
- 6:00 p.m. OHHA Annual Awards Banquet
- 9:00 p.m. After Party with live entertainment and cash bar.

Room Reservations must be made by December 27, 2019, by calling (614) 447-9777. Ask for the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association Block to get discounted rate of \$125 or book via the reservation link on the OHHA Website home page or at, <https://ohha.com/annualmeetingandbanquet>

### Annual First Lady's Luncheon

All Ladies are invited to join First Lady Terri Bateson for a luncheon, charitable project, and speaker who is the driving force behind, "Do Gooder" (<http://dogoodercolumbus.com>). Join Jamie Foltz, Founder of "Do Gooder" as she provides insight and detail into the Columbus-area media company with a goal to, "inspire, motivate, and recognize the good in our community".



The Ladies will work on donation bags for the homeless and domestic violence victims in lieu of a gift exchange. If you would like to participate, bring a gift bag with items to add to the donation bags.

Items that Do Gooder identifies as high need include: Hats/gloves/scarves (all sizes), Heavy/wool socks (all sizes - especially women's and children's sizes), Re-usable thermal water bottle (metal only, NOT plastic), Anti-bacterial hand wipes.

### Banquet Reservation Form

Tickets are \$30 each. Reservation and/or payment must be received by the OHHA office by December 27, 2019.

Name of Guest(s) & Meal Preference:

(Please note beside name B- Beef, C- Chicken, F- Fish or V- Vegan)

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Reserve your own table? Y or N

Tables can be reserved for 8 to 10 guests only per table. Please let your guests know the name on the table that is reserved.

Table Reservation Name:

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Annual First Lady's Luncheon

Please RSVP if you would like to attend. The luncheon is free of charge.

Attendees:

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# Back Home in Ohio

COMPILED FROM NEWS REPORTS

Two Ohio champions are returning home to the Buckeye state. Dancin Yankee and Lather Up have raced for the final time and have officially retired.

Dancin Yankee, a three-time Ohio Older Pacer of the year will stand at Cool Winds Farm in Lima, while Lather Up, an Ohio Sires Stakes Champion, will stand at Sugar Valley Farms in Delaware.

Dancin Yankee, the 11-year-old son of Yankee Cruiser has 80 lifetime wins and has earned over two million dollars. He eclipsed the two-million-dollar mark with his 11th win in 2019.

“He’s the best blue-collar horse I’ve ever driven,” exclaimed driver Chris Page. “He shows up every single week and gives you everything he’s got every time out.”

As of late, Dancin Yankee has been owned by Burke Racing Stable, Weaver Brussemi, Melissa Patterson and Larry Karr.

“Dancin Yankee has been the perfect horse on the racetrack and he checks all the boxes as a stallion. Correct, versatile, handles any sized track and can race any way you want,” noted prominent owner Mark Weaver. “He is from an outstanding family, is a double millionaire, and is tough, durable and classy. We expect him to pass on all of those traits to his offspring and feel that Ohio is the perfect place for him, as it’s quickly becoming the most lucrative sire stakes program in the country.”

Cool Winds Farm’s Randy Haines says Dancin Yankee is an outstanding horse “Big, strong and was a very fast and gritty racehorse. Dancin Yankee is also incredibly fertile. We look forward to offering him to breeders in the Buckeye State.”

Lather Up, the four-year-old son of I’m Gorgeous, was retired due to injury. In his career, Lather Up won 23 races and earned over \$ 1.7 million dollars.

His victories include his 1:46 world record tying win in the \$250,000 Graduate Series final when he equaled the all-age record set by Always B Miki.

Lather up is owned by Gary and Barbara Iles, Taylor Made Sales and George Teague.

“When we saw the overwhelming reception on the part of Ohio breeders coupled with that of top breeders from other states who appreciate the convenience of shipped semen, Adam [Bowden] and I thought it best to stand the horse in Ohio,” said Duncan Taylor of Taylor Made Farm.

For Joe McLead of Sugar Valley Farms, it’s great to have Lather Up back in Ohio. “We could not be more excited about the addition of Lather Up, the co-fastest horse on the planet, to our stellar roster. With Ohio re-establishing itself as a top state in the industry with a top-notch stakes program and opportunities galore, it became more apparent to us at Sugar Valley to continue the full court press to bring Lather Up back to Ohio.”



Dancin Yankee



Lather Up



Photo: J Zamaiko Photography

# CALVIN HOLLAR ACHIEVES 1,000 TRAINING WINS

BY AYERS RATLIFF

Longtime Ohio horseman Calvin “Buck” Hollar reached a career milestone harnessing his 1,000th training victory. The achievement was realized when Ronnie Wrenn Jr. drove Pinkpolosocks to a 1:54 victory to the win on November 23rd.



In 2001 Hollar stepped fully out on his own and moved his stable to Northfield Park. Embryo, a F&M Open pacer, sparked Hollar’s solo training career.

Buck’s 1,000th training win was the result of 8,718 starts that also saw him finish second 1,044 times and third another 1,064. All told his earnings have amounted to just under \$4.2 million.

“It’s feels good to reach this milestone. But a trainer cannot win races without great owners supplying them fast horses that receive

good drives on the racetrack,” explained Hollar. “Also, I have had some of the best employees in the business and have received more family support than anyone could imagine, especially from my mother, who always rooted for Hollar Racing.”

Hollar’s father, Billy, sold cars for a living and happen to sell a truck to Michigan horseman Ron Bateson. That transaction sparked an interest in the Hollar family attending the races at the former Raceway Park in Toledo, Ohio. While in the grandstand Buck formed a friendship with Bateson’s sons Greg and Scott.

Buck’s interest for the horses grew and eventually he found himself working for Ronald Bateson, then Terry Buter, Bob Coberly, Dan Venier, Leonard Milburn and Brian Brown. He worked as a second trainer, while conditioning a budding stable of his own.



# PAGE WINS 5,000th

DAYTON, OH. - Always one with a flair for the dramatic, driver Chris Page captured his 5,000th career harness racing triumph on November 30th at Hollywood Dayton Raceway with a 1:51.4 come-from-behind score over a sloppy track in the featured \$17,500 Open Pace.

Behind by three lengths at the head of the lane, Page rallied 11-1 longshot Threeofthebest A to a nose advantage in the final stride over 4-5 favorite I'm A Big Deal.

I'm A Big Deal led coming down the stretch, but Page and Threeofthebest A closed the gap as the wire loomed ahead. It wasn't until the photo finish picture was evaluated that it was decided Threeofthebest A had pulled the upset, giving Page his milestone victory.

On his last night of racing in 2019, Page had suffered through an uncharacteristic bad night and was winless through ten tries before delighting his fans with the feature race win in the eleventh.

Page, who turned 36 earlier in November and was married in late September, had planned a month-long honeymoon respite

that will take he and wife Brianna to the Bahamas for a week, snow skiing in Traverse City, Michigan for a week, and then heading west to visit Yellowstone National Park.

"I've never taken a break," smiled a mud-covered Page following his memorable win, "so I'm looking forward to a little time off before returning for the Miami Valley Raceway meet in January."

Chris began driving in 2000 at the age of 17, going winless in nine starts and earning \$489 in purses at Ohio county fairs. Following another five years of honing his skills, his career took off in 2006 when he scored 85 victories. He has won over 100 each of the last 13 years, including winning over 400 in each of the last seven seasons.

Page's 5000 victories have come from 29,041 starts in which he has accumulated over \$41 million in purse earnings.

From Hollywood Dayton Raceway



Photos: Brad Conrad

# BLUE IVY SETS NEW RECORD

Blue Ivy didn't let the cold and wind of a November evening bother her as she became the fastest three-year-old filly pacer to win at Northfield Park.

Blue Ivy (Captaintreacherous – Ali Blue – American Ideal) with Aaron Merriman aboard, fired from post two to lead her competition through quarter times of :26.3, :54.1, 1:22 and 1:51.1, winning by 7 3/4-lengths.

The previous 1:51.2 record was held by sophomore filly pacer Giggles In Dreams and Shawn Barker II set earlier this year.

Blue Ivy now has eight wins in 20 starts this season for owner Renee Bercury and trainer William Bercury. The victory increased Blue Ivy's earnings to \$185,285.



Photos: JJ Zamaiko Photography

# Political Action Committee for Equine Racing (P.A.C.E.R.) 2020 Ohio Stallion Service Auction

## Bidding Online

Opens January 6, 2020  
<https://ohha.cbo.io>

## Bidding by Phone

Saturday, January 18, 2020  
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
1-800-353-6442  
or 614-221-3650

## Bidding Rules

Horsemen may bid on an unlimited number of stallions, with a \$50 minimum raise. All bids are confidential and bidders are responsible to raise their bids either online or via phone.

All contracts are subject to P.A.C.E.R. and Farm approval and are not transferable to another mare or individual, without the consent of both.

The winning bidder must be an individual, sole proprietor, or LLC and make a deposit for 10% of the bid, with \$100 minimum. The balance (90%) is due upon the birth of a live foal. Make all personal or LLC checks payable to P.A.C.E.R.

If the deposit has not been made by 9:00 a.m., January 27, 2019, the credit card on file will be charged for the deposit amount.

If there is no live foal, the deposit, less \$25, will be refunded upon receipt of a veterinarian's certification, or the deposit may be donated to P.A.C.E.R. There is no return privilege.

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

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Rockin Amadeus	\$3,500	Liothlorien Farm Group	Cool Winds Farm
Santa Fe Beachboy	\$2,000	Santafe Stables	Cool Winds Farm
Stonebridge Tonic	\$1,250	David E. Miller	Blue Bird Valley Stables
We Will See	\$2,500	Earl Smith	Abby Stables
Well Said	\$5,000	Well Said Syndicate	Sugar Valley Farm LLC
Western Terror	\$4,000	Scott Hagemeyer	Hagemeyer Farm
Western Vintage	\$3,500	Perry Soderberg	Abby Stables

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Coraggioso	\$2,500	Joe Spadaro and Tom Durkin	Cool Winds Farm
Lionhunter	\$2,000	Anette Lorentzon	Autumn Lane Farm
Long Tom	\$3,000	Jay Mossbarger	Midland Acres
Lucky Chucky	\$3,000	Perretti Farm	Cool Winds Farm
Sebastian K S	\$3,500	Knutsson Trotting, Inc.	Abby Stables
Spring Goal	\$1,500	Michael Miller	Blue Bird Valley Stables
Stormin Normand	\$3,000	Christina Takter	Abby Stables
Team Six	\$1,500	Linda Polk	Burkholder Farm
Triumphant Caviar	\$5,000	Jim Gallagher	Abby Stables
Uncle Peter	\$5,000	R. Kevin Greenfield	Hickory Lane Farm
Victory Sam	\$1,500	Autumn Lane Farm	Autumn Lane Farm
What The Hill	\$7,000	R. Kevin Greenfield	Hickory Lane Farm
Whit	\$1,000	Edwin Burkholder	Burkholder Farm
Winning Fireworks	\$2,000	Daniel Schlabach and Wayne Schlabach	Pine Grove Acres

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<https://ohha.cbo.io>

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- 2.) Next you will receive a welcome text with your personal bidding link. This will direct you to the P.A.C.E.R. page to place bids. Do not share this link unless it is with someone that will be placing bids for you under your account. All bids placed via the link are the responsibility of the registrant.
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- 4.) Once you see a horse you would like to place a bid on, click on the item name and scroll down to the blue "Bid/Info" button. From here you can place a fast bid (next current bid) or view the details. You can choose to bid by clicking the blue bid button and confirm your bid. You will receive notification in text form if you get outbid. The notification will include the link for that item to place another bid.
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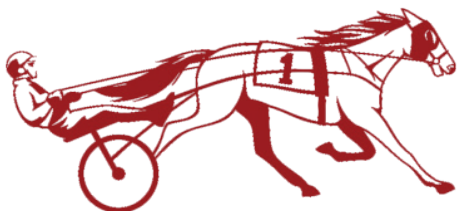
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# Addition of **Roger Huston** another cog in the OHHA marketing machine

BY KEITH GISSER

*Story originally appeared on DRF.com/Harness*

Ohio is a small state, just 220 miles long and 220 miles wide. From Conneaut in the Northeast to Cincinnati in the Southwest, it is just a 314 mile journey. But this small state lays claim to four pari-mutuel tracks and over 60 county fairs that offer harness racing, many with wagering. And when it comes to marketing harness racing, Ohio has a footprint that belies its stature.



Roger Huston (left) will continue to work the Little Brown Jug as well as work for the OHHA going forward.

The state's horsemen group, the OHHA (Ohio Harness Horseman's Association) is one of the most aggressive in the business when it comes to marketing, maintaining a presence not just at the racetracks but at those county fairs, too. In fact, during the 2019 racing schedule, the OHHA's four Racing with the Stars Ambassadors (of which your humble scribe is one) covered 13,146 miles crisscrossing the state to cover those 60-plus fairs. For perspective, that would be a round trip from Columbus to Beijing, China and back. And now the ranks

of the OHHA ambassadors have gotten bigger, with legendary Hall of Famer Roger Huston joining the organization as its Brand Ambassador.

"They came up with the title," Huston said in a phone call. "It is still evolving – the job description, but they approached me out of the blue in June and we had a couple of conversations – what would I be willing to do, what they needed me to do, what I could give up, and so on. We (OHHA Executive Director Renee Mancino and President Steve Bateson) met a few times and we finalized things in October. So I submitted my resignation to The Meadows."

Huston, who has called over 188,000 races in his storied career, continued. "I had been looking to cut back a bit. I will still do Delaware and my other county fairs – Carrollton, Xenia (his home town) and Lisbon. Maybe a couple others. And I will still go to Ireland for the Vincent Delaney Memorial – as an OHHA Representative. There is a chance to promote Ohio harness racing over there, too. I will probably call 500 races a year instead of 2500. I may not get to 200,000 races called, but I will certainly get to 190,000."

"We were looking for an outreach person with knowledge of the sport," explained OHHA President Bateson. "We have done some outreach things here and there. You can lay down all the bunt singles you want,

but sometimes you have to swing for the fences. I think we hit a home run with Roger."

Another piece of fan outreach is not an official part of an OHHA initiative, but comes from Mike Woebkenberg, the starter at Miami Valley and Dayton Raceways, and at many of the county fairs across the state. He offers rides in the starting gate, giving

fans a chance to see the action close-up. This summer, Mike and I were able to team up to provide that chance to some of the county fair goers – many of them casual fans – through the Racing with the Stars promotion.

Huston will be working closely with OHHA Outreach and P.R. Coordinator Frank Fraas, too, doing events at the state's four raceways. He began his duties repre-



sending OHHA at the Ohio Colt Racing Association (OCRA) banquet in Urbana, Ohio, and the plan is also for him to attend Fair Board meetings to

provide expertise for them to run their one or two-day race meets.

The biggest aspect of Huston's new job will be a regular podcast, scheduled for three times a week, highlighting Ohio harness racing. "It will feature race previews and recaps, profiles of personalities – drivers, trainers, owners—and other information, but with a flexible format, allowing us to discuss what is going on at any given time. It will launch in December, because I am still learning how to record and edit these segments," Huston explained.

"The podcast will evolve," said Bateson. "I think we are more concerned with quality than quantity. Some times of the year we may need to be out there more, but we don't want to just be filling air time."

While other states have put slot and casino money to good work promoting the sport, the OHHA has been particularly aggressive, with wrapped trailers, the Racing with the Stars program, billboard advertisements and a specially targeted website for new race fans. Bringing in one of the biggest names in harness racing media will give the OHHA one more tool to promote the sport. And the always gregarious Huston is excited.

"It means a lot. I am a native Ohioan. I started calling the county fairs here before going to Pompano and then to The Meadows. It's been a great 44 years there. Eighty or ninety thousand races at the Meadows. Dragon's Lair and Nihilator. It's been a good run and I am excited to see how the new position develops."



# Racing Notes

Entering the final month of racing for 2019, four Ohio drivers are in the top ten for wins this year.

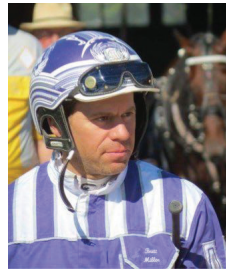
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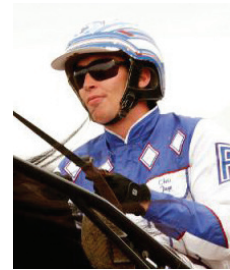
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Ohio claimed the top honors in the Wolverine – Buckeye Invitational Pace held at Northville Downs. The event had been a mainstay at the now defunct Raceway Park in Toledo. Swappportunity, trained by Ray Farmer, held on at the wire for a half length victory over the favorite Top Notch.

Dayton Raceway will conclude its racing season December 28th. The action will then shift to Miami Valley Raceway. The first day of racing at Miami Valley will be January 3rd. Northfield Park will start the year off with a New Year's Day card.

## OHHA Nominated for Proximity Award



The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association has been nominated for the annual Stan Bergstein – Proximity Dan Patch Award. The award is the highest given by the United States Harness Writers Association.

The Proximity award is presented annually to an individual, group or organization for outstanding contributions to harness racing.

The association's profile for the award was written by Jenn Daniels and is a testament to the hard work of everyone involved.

The profile outlined the OHHA's efforts to promote harness racing including: graphic wrapped trailers, an extensive marketing plan which includes billboards and digital advertising and promotions including "Racing With The Stars" tents and the harness racing fantasy league.

Also cited was the association's philanthropic contributions across the state including: support for Ohio's sixty-six racing fairs via capital improvement grants, stakes purses, signature race grants, on-track insurance and the Little Brown Jug sponsorship. Locally, the OHHA conducted their seventh annual charity night donating to 20 charities.

The OHHA also supports many organizations like Harness Horse Youth Foundation, the Ohio Farm Bureau, The Ohio State University School of Veterinary Medicine, College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and 4-H Extension.

Daniels summarized the OHHA, "Between the combination of their milestone charitable contributions and exemplary service to the sport, the OHHA is ensuring their philanthropic legacy is commensurate with the prosperity in Ohio."

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# Retired Northfield Park Veteran **Winning Accolades** beyond the Track

As a free-legged pacer, Ohio-bred Beans and Weenies stood out on the track - and gained some name recognition. Not content with his novel registered name and unique racing style, the 2005 gelding by Full of Fun set out to go even bigger. Back at the barn, the 2005 gelding by Full of Fun gained notoriety for his trademark antics.

"Beans was born on my parents' friends, Dick and Charlotte West, farm," remembers Amy. "From the first day, they not only spoiled him as much as my mother did but also followed every race he was in. Any horseman around him also knew how spoiled he was. He earned his nickname, 'Brat' honestly."

"Beans the Brat," for example, would stand in the bath stall after every race, pawing flamboyantly until he was allowed to play with the water hose. He also developed his own social media following, thanks to Amy's son, Aaron. As his primary caretaker, he shared photos of Beans with the world, understanding that the lovable bay's personality deserved a broader audience.

When it came time for retirement, Amy and her husband Calvin made sure that their charismatic warhorse would be placed through New Vocations. Adopter Susan Maddux, looking for a reliable, older trail horse to join her Andalusian, met "Beans" in May 2018. She understood his star qualities, "I'm a Dressage rider, but this horse has given me the opportunity to learn about another discipline of riding. It's been a very interesting and fun experience."

Under saddle, Beans has been an exemplary student. "This is a pretty talented horse," Maddux says. "He is four-gaited with a bold trot and a smooth single foot. He also has a lovely canter which is often hard to get in a Standardbred."

Beans trainability has made him a natural fit for trail classes. "He is a super-smart horse that works best with praise and positive reinforcement," says Maddux. "He learned the trail obstacles in 4 days following me on foot first, even the pinwheel."

Their recent entry in this class at the Ohio Standardbred and Friends show in October was a bit of a lark.

Don't ever underestimate a Standardbred war horse, used to life in the public eye! Beans entered into this new form of competition with aplomb, barely flicking an ear at the excitement of busy show grounds. "To the best of my knowledge, he had never been in an indoor arena with horses being lunged/ridden in opposite directions," says Maddux. "He handled all of the commotion at a show like a pro! I had him walking around weird stuff everywhere," she reports with delight.

The gelding departed the show with both Reserve and Championship rosettes, and perhaps a bit more swagger in his step. "I just love these Standardbreds," his owner enthuses. "This is the second one we have had, and they are so cool!"

Back home, Beans is cherished just as much as he was by his previous owners. And, he's keeping his old fan club in the loop. "We

are beyond thrilled with the training and activities his new owners have him performing," Amy said. "We've shared the pictures they send with everyone in the family. All of us agree that 'Beans the Brat' has one heck of a good life!"

"Our horses are spoiled rotten," admits Maddux. "They're part of our family and they live here until they die. We are so thankful to the racing industry for donating these old soldiers and the ones that don't make the grade to New Vocations so folks like us can enjoy them and use them for other horsey adventures!"

What's in the future for the famous Beans and Weenies, now conqueror of the show ring? Maddux expects to keep developing his gaits, and he will continue hitting the trails with her husband. "The Brat" has simply shifted his gifts from the track to the trail, this time with some appropriately flashy ribbons added to his winnings.



Beans and Weenies with proud adopter Susan Maddux sports his Trail Championship rosette.

# Solid

# GOLD

BY THOM PYE

It was an amazing feat of Dave Palone's 19,000th career win this past month at the Meadows in Pennsylvania. Palone has stated that it was "The Voice" Roger Huston's call of the 1976 Adios between Armbro Ranger (Joe O'Brien) and Keystone Ore (Stanley Dancer) that made the 14-year-old Waynesburg, Pennsylvania native want to be in the driver's seat for a living.

always referred to the sons of his longtime friend fellow Hall-Of-Famer Adelbert "Del" Cameron – that there was a diamond in the rough because Bit O Fun had taken a tab of 1:57.4m at Indianapolis that August and earned \$106,372 for the year and was regarded as one of the top juvenile pacers. So Stanley made an offer for Ore for a group of his owners.

year's charge: Nevele Thunder, Stanley's 1975 two-year-old trotter of the year.



Harness Hall of Fame, Goshen, NY

And it was the same duo battling in the Little Brown Jug a month later (in which Roger also belted out the action in the race) where a 12-year-old Reynoldsburg, Ohio youngster by the name of David S. Miller, seeing his first Jug ever, decide to begin a career in harness racing. Now, 43 plus years later and close to 13,000 career victories and \$242 million in earnings – 2nd only to John Campbell's \$299,000,000 – "The Buckeye", as well as Palone and Roger, are members of the Harness Hall of Fame in Goshen, NY.

Ironically, I've visited the Hall of Fame several times but Keystone Ore was actually the first "good" horse that I witnessed being trained down to his Championship season.

He was a foal of 1973 and the son of Bye Bye Bird-Oregons Tiny was campaigned by Walter Marks for Virginia lumberman Fermer Perry during his two-year-old season. Ore sported a record of 6 wins, 4 seconds, and a third in his twelve 1975 starts but his mark of 2:02.1f was taken at the end of October at Liberty Bell Park in a Pennsylvania Sire Stakes and he defeated Bit O Fun, Gary and Warren Cameron's good two-year-old colt by Good Time-Bit O Sugar. Stanley instinctively knew when Ore bested "the Cameron Boys" colt – as he

He was brought to Stanley and Rachel's Egyptian Acres in scenic New Egypt, New Jersey (now home of Marcus Melander et al) and turned out until the first of the year in the spacious paddocks while the new assemblage of soon-to-be two-year-olds were shipped to the Winter training headquarters in sunny Pompano, Florida.

That's where I arrived on the scene in the middle of December from the wilds of New England and was a bit awe-struck at all the glitter of the Blue and Gold. I was a "floater" for my first few days as I helped hook `em up – "two grooms on every horse when you hook them, I don't want them getting any bad habits" – and I held many a youngsters as they were bathed. After a couple of days I got to jog a yearling filly by Most Happy Fella (and observed by the watchful eye of SFD to see how I did) I guess I passed the test as I began taking care of her through the Christmas season.

"Don't get attached to her," barked my neighbor L-1-1-1-Roy, "dat's Glenvud's filly when he gets down here from da Farm vit the 3-year-olds."

Roy Penner was a longtime caretaker for Stanley. He was 24 years my senior and had rubbed many a good horse and would criticize every 'ting I did with a "you're not doing dat right!" and a "no way, baby!" whenever I asked a question but he was devoted to Stanley and his horses. Also down the shed row, right by the Office, was 59-year-old Chet Dentler who took me under his wing – primarily because he wasn't too fond of Roy – a competition type thing. Chet had rubbed the newly-retired Hambletonian winner Bonefish and was waiting on this



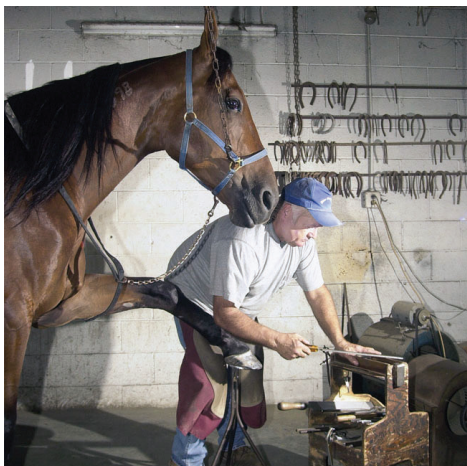
After New Year's day, the van arrived with the three-year-old Stake horses and put in their awaiting stalls. Chet got Thunder, Roy got Ore, Barb got Zoot Suit, etcetera etcetera and I got put on the backside to rub a couple of Mac Cuddy's high-priced two-year-old fillies.

The horses were jogging in earnest by mid-January and each was put on a regular shoeing schedule with blacksmith Dick Neville who had returned to Pompano from a two-year hiatus at his farm in Ohio. He was immediately sought after by his former clients – Stanley, Delvin Miller, Howard Beissinger, Castleton Farm (Glen Garnsey/Dick Baker), George Sholty – to resume his work and added "the Swedes" (Hakan Walner) and Bill Popfinger to do their shoeing. He was a busy man.

When Roy brought Ore into the shop and Neville pulled the colt's front shoes there were bruises and corns on his feet. Since Stanley was out of state and treatment was needed immediately, Neville contacted Dr. John Steele and the two concurred on what to do: put a mixture of iodine flakes and camphor and put the hot iron to them and burn them out.

L-1-1-1-1-Roy went into high C as he bounced around on the bench like a parrot squawking that he "would get fired" and "I'll be deported when da Man finds out what you did!"

Now, in defense of Roy: Stanley and Doc Churchill would almost always go with a natural remedy when it came to any type of treatment: paints, poultices, sweats etcetera and he'd always wanted to be notified of any minute changes. All those Hall Of Fame trainers are "hands on" when it comes to the blacksmith shop. Delvin Miller would be in with Delmonica Hanover: "I want a 51 and a half degree angle on her in front" to wit Neville would reply as he held out the foot angle "and where's the half degree mark?"



Dick Neville, farrier

Howard Beissinger would pick up every foot after it was trimmed particularly on Speedy Crown before he was cautioned that he'd "have to get charged twice as much" because he was "taking twice as long to shoe." And that cured Howard.

In his 22 years with Stanley, Dick Baker, who had rubbed The Widow Grattan (a foal of 1923) as a young man - and was then the guiding force behind Glen Garnsey's Abercrombie and Fan Hanover - would offer so many suggestions as to what to do.

George Sholty would bring his own foot angle to the shop along with horses such as Speedy Somali, Passing Glance, Sonsam and demand to "use mine" although they were the very same.

Stanley did throw a fit when he found out and called Neville onto the carpet in the Office. "You've just ruined the greatest three-year-old there ever was!" he roared as everyone under the shed row scrambled for cover. And when you got the riot act read you knew it.

"I threw Doc Steele under the bus," Neville would admit later. "Hell, he'd fire me but he wouldn't fire Doc."

So when Ore was heading to the mile oval to train the next time Neville came up to me in a pair of sunglasses and a large floppy straw hat and asked for a ride over to the track. I wondered "what the hell?" as he directed me over by the first turn away from all the benches.

"I want to see Ore go," he said as he peered over the roof of the yellow Chrysler, "but I don't want him (Stanley) to see me."

And the free-legged Ore was perfect.

It was a laughing and relieved blacksmith that I brought back to the shop as everyone in the barn asked me "how'd he go?"

Several days later when Neville called Stanley about a horse Stanley listened and added "You know Dick, you've been making some pretty good decisions lately... you don't have to call me with every little problem, use your judgement."

Ore was super as he worked down that winter as I studied the fast miles and learned the "classic gait" from the colt that just wore a 60" light hopple and no boots at all. The one who Stanley took over to Brandywine and trained behind the gate as Herve Filion, Jimmy Larente, and a few more watched him go in 1:57.4f BEFORE he even qualified and Herve held up his watch and cried



"Mon Asti!" Ore would compile earnings of \$539,759 thanks to his 22 wins and 9 seconds in 33 starts on his way to the 1976 Horse of the Year including those miles in the Adios and the Little Brown Jug that Dave Palone and Dave Miller so vividly remember.

Neville remembers it too with an old faded floppy straw hat that he hung on the wall with the saddle pad from the 1976 Little Brown Jug that was signed by Stanley Dancer in appreciation.

For over the years, through time and memories, it has turned into solid gold.



Stanley Dancer and Keystone Ore

# Giving Back IN DAYTON BY FRANK FRAAS

Since the Dayton area was hit by tornados in May, charities in the area are having their services stretched. The horseman at Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway made things a little easier for the St. Vincent DePaul Society of Dayton.

For the third straight year, the Ohio horsemen, Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association and Hollywood Gaming have teamed up for the annual coat drive. This year, over 100 new and gently used coats were donated and will be distributed to those in need through the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

The Society's shelter has been running at near full capacity. Diana Almanza, the head of Volunteer Services for St. Vincent DePaul of Dayton says they are thankful to the horsemen and guests at the racino for their donations. "The donated coats will go right into the clothing store inside the shelter where the guests can come and pick up clothing and especially a winter coat. This is especially important for the children going off to school."

Horseman's Bookkeeper Terri Mt. Pleasant who headed up the drive with the help of OHHA track representative Brett Merkle thanked all the horsemen "This is a very import project and this year's drive was the best ever."



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## OHIO FAIR MANAGER'S ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association will be conducting two seminars at the annual convention of the Ohio Fair Manager's Association. The seminars are scheduled for Friday January 3rd.

The first seminar will be an overview of Harness Racing in Ohio. It is highly recommended that all fairs that conduct harness racing attend this seminar. The two-hour session will begin at 9:30AM.

The second seminar, Harness Racing Money and Its Importance and Usage will take place at 4:30PM.

The OHHA will also be hosting a booth in the Tradeshow area.

The 95th annual convention, themed "Coming Together", will take place January 2nd - 5th at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Columbus.

## Ohio Breeders Award Requirements

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

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

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

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

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

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

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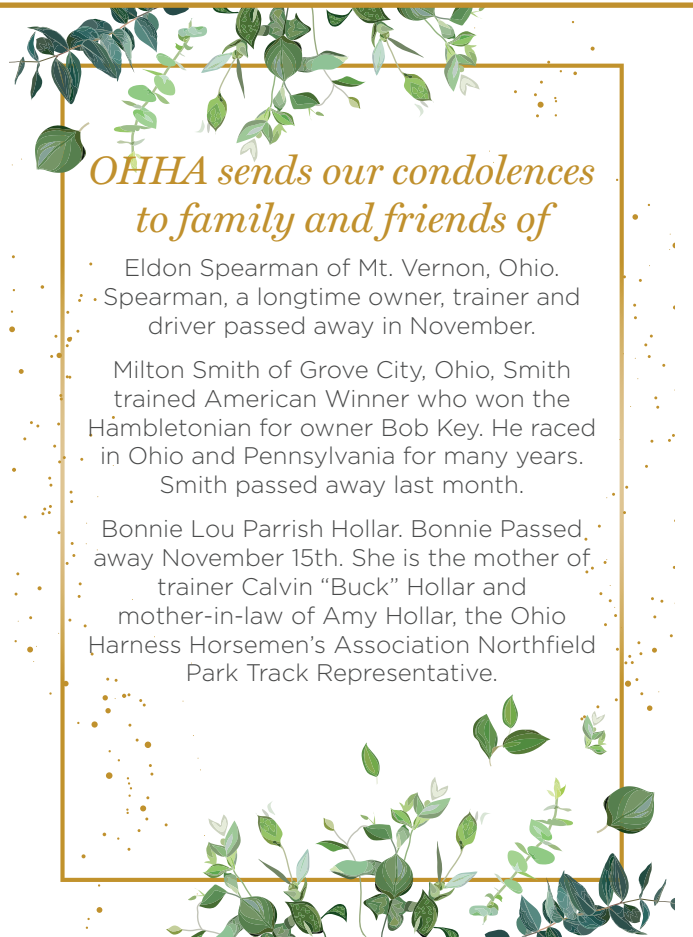
**Registrations received from 12-1-19 to 12-30-19 must be accompanied by a \$100 per-mare late fee in addition to mare registration fee.**

Foal Age	Membership Requirement
Foal Born 2020	Membership Required

**Registration Fee:** \$20 per mare

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

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



## LARRY RICHARD'S CAREER IN HARNESS

# From the sulky to the judges' stand

BY DEAN A. HOFFMAN

Larry Richard won a driving title at Scioto Downs when he was just 20 years old. Later in his career he educated young people seeking careers in harness racing. After that, he began a stint as a presiding judge at mutual tracks and countless county fairs.



Now in his 70s, Richard stays close to his home in Clinton County, collecting memorabilia and also serving as an eBay seller for others who want to turn their harness treasures into cash.

Richard has seen everything imaginable in Ohio harness racing for more than 60 years. For most of that time, his beloved wife Penny, has been at his side.

Richard grew up in Sabina in a family that was steeped in the traditions of trotting and pacing. He attended barber school and considered a career in cutting hair, but there was no question that Larry really wanted to do when he finished school: he wanted to race horses.

He learned that the racing business can teach lessons that you won't learn in the classroom.

He discovered just how quickly things can go from good to bad when he was training a pacer named Cheyenne Chief in early 1959. The youngster was going gangbusters training miles early the next spring. Cheyenne Chief turned heads among the horsemen and those kinds of horses always attract people hoping to grab a star-in-the-making.

A local car dealer who dabbled in horses watched the colt said that he'd pay Larry \$3,500 and "the pick of any car on my lot for that colt."

That was a lot of money in the 1950s to a teenage boy. He knew that was an appealing offer, and Larry and his father drove by the dealer's lot to look over the four-wheeled temptations. There was plenty of horsepower on display, but Larry still preferred four-legged horsepower.

Richard delayed and debated with himself. The colt was showing lots of promise. This horse might well jump-start his career in the sulky. Ultimately, however, he didn't accept the offer.

The next morning Larry found the Cheyenne Chief down in his stall after suffering colic all night. The veterinarian who examined the colt said it was best to euthanize the colt. Larry Richard was heartbroken. "I wound up with no car, no money, and no horse," laments Larry. It was a hard – but valuable – lesson.

In the early years of his driving career, Richard studied the driving styles of Curly Smart, Dick Buxton, George Ursitti and others to improve his skills.



The late Charlie Hil presents Larry the Driving Title Award in 1963. Larry had 50 starts with 12 wins, 5 seconds and 8 thirds with a .349 rating.



Golden Gift poses with his regular driver Larry Richard.



The video revolution did not bypass harness racing. Tapes are used in the classroom.

Certainly one of the best horses he drove was Harry's Delight, a chestnut pacing stallion whose 2:00f mark in 1966 made him one of the fastest in Ohio.

Richard was a regular driver at Scioto and the fairs in the 1960s and 70s. One horse that helped boost his reputation was Golden Gift, a pacing grandson bred by his grandfather Tilden Richard, who had been a great influence on Larry as a youngster.

Richard had been considering a career as a racing official to bring his practical knowledge to the judges stand. He knew racing, he knew the rule book, and passed the necessary exams. He began working at the fairs in Ohio and also as an associate at Northfield Park.

He credits Don Heaberlin of Lebanon as a great influence in teaching him the basics of being a racing official who was fair but went by the rule book. Heaberlin taught Richard to put horsemen at ease and what to look for in the complex situations that judges routinely encounter.

Of course, Richard's long experience in the sulky allowed him to understand the driver's perspective.

"I've been in the sulky where the drivers are," Richard says. It gives him a perspective that not all judges have. He knows that horses don't always drive like automobiles and he understands the hard decisions that drivers must make in each race.

He and Penny owned and bred horses of their own over many years and the mare Lovely Reed was special for the Richards. "We lived off selling her foals for years," Richard says. Lovely Reed lived to age 34 and she is buried on the farm where Penny and Larry live in Clinton County.

In recent years, Richard has become perhaps the foremost eBay agent for people selling Standardbred memorabilia. When people want to cash in old programs, paintings, books, or anything related to harness racing, Richard lists it on eBay in the appropriate category and monitors the bidding.

Richard Stone of Kentucky, one of the foremost collectors of Standardbred artifacts, has used Richard for many years to sell some of his eBay items.

"Larry does a great job," says Stone. "He knows what the approximate value of memorabilia is. He writes wonderful descriptions on eBay so that the seller gets the maximum price. Then when the item is sold, he takes



care of the wrapping and shipping. It's been great to do business with Larry because of his knowledge and professionalism. I don't have to do anything and I get a check in the mail from Larry."

In addition to acting as a sales agent for harness racing collectors, Richard is a collector himself and he has an outbuilding on his farm and is filled virtually to the rafters with photos, books, programs, magazines, and one-of-a-kind items.

Larry Richard has enjoyed one of the most varied careers of anyone in Ohio harness racing: trainer, driver, educator, official, and memorabilia collector and agent.

# OCRA hosts its 86th *awards banquet*

by Thom Pye



Master of Ceremonies  
Mike Woebkenberg

Urbana, Ohio – The Champaign County Fairgrounds once again was the site of the annual Ohio Colt Racing Association’s dinner and awards fete on November 17th and a fine turnout was on hand to enjoy themselves.

After the Officers of “the new and improved” OCRA, President Dr. Bob Schwartz, Vice President Dennis Fricke, Secretary Judith Foureman, and Treasurer Lisa Schwartz held the 16-strong Fair member business meeting it was time for a Social Hour. Master of Ceremonies Mike Woebkenberg started the festivities as the recently-appointed OHHA Brand Ambassador Roger Huston presented the welcome message to the crowd.

It was a great home-style dinner prepared by The Farmers Daughter of Urbana that had everyone complimenting the meal. Woebkenberg then introduced double-award winner Western’s Last Gun and his owner/trainer Kent Wilcox to start the ceremonies.

Each divisional winner received a fine engraved piece with their own horse pictured that was created by Ann & Ray Lufkin.



Roger Huston and President Dr. Bob Schwartz

The Signature Series, a late closing event that competes at all four stake circuits held at 21 Fairs across Ohio, saw top winners Matt Rowe’s pacer Dirty Steve and Rocking Meadows’ best trotter Rockintheppines being presented checks by Signature Series President Randy Haines.

The Dr. H.D. Schoonover Award, for those who love and support our business especially at the Fair level, went to Kate Meddles, the past WOCRA secretary/treasurer/teacher/mentor for a job well done.

The night sailed along and was concluded on time as Special Appreciation Award Winners Mike and Becky Woebkenberg grinned and noted “we all have to work in the morning.”



## **EIGHT DECADES OF OHIO COUNTY FAIR HARNESS RACING!**

*Xenia, Ohio - Circa 1960's*

The OCRA originally started in 1933 and was incorporated in 1981 to improve and protect the Standardbred horse racing at Ohio’s county fairs. The original incorporators of the association included Corwin Nixon, Dick Junk, Lowell Lehman and Gage VanHorn. Stella Hagemeyer served as the circuit’s secretary for many years and is still considered the matriarch of the organization.

# OFRC Crowns CHAMPS

by Thom Pye

Ridgeville Corners, Ohio – It was another fine Ohio Fair Racing Conference awards dinner held November 23rd at the American Legion Post No. 454 and a large turnout was on hand to enjoy the festivities. With the 21-member Fairs well represented, host Bill Peters beckoned to the crowd to partake the meal and then to offer their accolades to the Best of 2019.

The first to accept plaudits was Fix It Up Farm's 2019 Signature Series pacing champ Mystical Rock as the 6-year-old Mervin Schmucker trainee was 11 times first and second in 18 seasonal starts.

The 2-year-old colt pacer was the fan favorite Cousin Louie (by Big Bad John) as the Mike Conklin-conditioned gelding grabbed 9 wins in his fifteen 2019 starts and garnered \$30,969 for his four cousins and their supporters as the group really enjoyed themselves this year throughout the fair circuit.

Tommy and Andrea Householder's two-year-old filly pacer Tiny Bit of Sky (Major Stone-Skyway Hanover) took a tab of 1:55.4 at Northfield this past October and was 15 times 1-2-3 in twenty 2019 trips to the gate as the winner of \$26,995 was tops in her class.

Ted Boschma's two-year-old Stormin Norman trotting gelding Timestorm grabbed a standard of 1:56.4 at Northfield along with 11 other victories in 14 starts and earned \$47,515 as the Kent Hess-pupil dominated his fellow juveniles all year.

Winwin Sis (Wishing Stone-Grabill Amy) took home the plaque for EG Trot LLC and trainer/driver Ed Greeno Jr as she secured 9 times on the board in 16 starts while being timed in 2:01.2 at Delaware County Fair.

The three-year-old colt pacer honors went to Gerald Mijal's Tanner J and the Steve Novak-conditioned Believeinbruiser gelding pushed his lifetime winnings to over \$82,000.

Ambitious Lillian (by Big Bad John) is inching towards the \$100,000 mark in her two-year earnings for owner Mike Farquhar as the Bruce Farquhar-trained 3-year-old award winning pacing filly is now 15 for 30 lifetime with a tab of 1:54.3 at Delaware.

When it came to naming the best 3-year-old trotter owner/trainer/driver Bob Rowland's I Get It got it as the fleet-footed gelding by Don'tyouforgetit scored 12 times in his 15 starts this year and earned a mark of 1:55.2 at Northfield.

The filly counterpart went to Pat Sweeney



Owner/trainer/driver Bob Rowland of Jackson, Michigan proudly holds his award for his top OFRC 3-year-old trotter I Get It.

and Neal Oksenberg's Full Count lass Urban Buzz as the winner at Northfield in 1:57.3 was 14 times 1-2-3 in her 20 starts on the year for trainer Mike Sweeney.

The 2019 OFRC Driver and Trainer Awards went to teamster Cam McCown and conditioner Michael Medors.

After the equine awards were presented the tables were turned on our long-time dedicated and hard-working host Bill Peters as he received an award for his 60 (and counting) years of announcing as well as his untiring devotion to so many facets on the OFRC circuit. Without Bill Peters the wheels would not turn so smoothly and a warm heart-felt round of applause was given.



Host Bill Peters with his wife Trudy and cousins Phyllis and Pat, was the recipient of an award commemorating his 60 years of announcing along with a sincere "Thank you" from all of us for all his services.



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## USTA YOUTH DELEGATE **Aubrey Schwartz**

This summer I was busy with many things, including harness racing. Although I had to miss several fairs because of other activities, after they died down, I could fully enjoy the great racing season everyone had this year. Back in March, myself, as well other USTA Youth Delegates met in Columbus, Ohio at the annual USTA Conference. This may seem like a short trip from Washington Court House, Ohio, but some of the other delegates traveled all the way from places like Wisconsin and New Hampshire. During this time we set up plans and ideas of how to promote harness racing in our communities. This included things such as county fairs, FFA Chapters, 4-H Clubs, and just telling people about harness racing in general. We all tried to do this as best as we could and are meeting again in November to report back how everything went for each of our racing seasons.

This year I did numerous things in the industry, whether it was cleaning race bikes, stalls, or other equipment, helping my grandpa do vet work, assisting my dad, going to the OHHA booth, or just riding in the starting gate with Mike & Becky Wuebkenberg. There are so many different parts of the industry that one can explore, and my goal is to see as many of them as possible. Something that particularly stuck out to me was a sign at the Little Brown Jug, which stated "Who does one racehorse employ?" Most people do not know how much effort goes into just one race horse. I believe this sign really helps show how much harness racing can impact the economy and the world. Hopefully, in the future, our racing community will continue to grow and draw more people to our great sport!



Photo: Brad Conrad

Team Northfield captain Aaron Merriman

## NORTH-SOUTH DRIVERS CHALLENGE FOR CHARITY

Ten of Ohio's best drivers will compete head-to-head on Dec. 13th, in a team contest to determine, for one night at least, whether Northfield Park or Hollywood Dayton Raceway has the strongest driver's colony.

The real winner, however, will be the Dayton Disaster Relief Fund, which was created by the Dayton Foundation to aid in rebuilding infrastructure and families following two horrific local events earlier this year--a devastating tornado on Memorial Day and the Oregon District mass shootings in early August.

Hollywood Dayton Raceway, in conjunction with the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association, has earmarked \$3000 in prize money for the "Battle of the Buckeyes," and the members of both the north and south squads have agreed to donate the entire prize money pool to the Disaster Relief Fund. The winning team will donate \$2500 and the losers, although there are no losers in an event like this, will chip in their \$500 in proceeds.

Team Northfield will be captained by their dash leader, Aaron Merriman, who is also the reigning National Dash Champion. Each team will be comprised of the top five in the track's dash standings. Northfield is represented by Ronnie Wrenn Jr., Kurt Sugg, Chris Lems and Ryan Stahl in addition to Merriman.

Team Hollywood Dayton will be headed by Brett Miller and will include Tyler Smith, Jeremy Smith, Dan Noble and Kayne Kauffman.

The Buckeye Battle will feature eight races, with each team getting an equal amount of even and odd numbered post positions and each individual driver getting approximately even post positions over the course of the contest. Once the driver's post positions have been pre-decided, the horses will be drawn randomly into the races to determine their pilots.

Points will be awarded 30-20-15-13-11-9-7-5-3-1 for first through tenth place finishes in each race. At the conclusion of the competition, either Team Northfield Park or Team Hollywood Dayton will be deemed the Buckeye's Best for 2019.

# Regularly Scheduled Meeting Recap

Wednesday, October 30, 2019 at the Columbus Riffe Center

Roll Call, all Commissioners present.

**In normal business** for the Commission, the Executive Director's Approval items were introduced, and the September 23, 2019 Minutes were offered for ratification. There were no documents related to the Executive Director's approvals disclosed or provided to those in attendance. The Racing Commission unanimously ratified the Executive Director's Approval items and September 23rd Meeting Minutes.

**The Executive Director's Report** items included the 2020 Live Racing Approvals, Hollywood Gaming at Mahoning Valley, Miami Valley Gaming and Racing, and Northfield Park, submitted requests to (1) Waive their Surety Bond for 2020 race meets, (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 discussion on any submissions after enumerating the list, and no documents were provided to those in attendance. The Racing Commission unanimously ratified all requests.

**The Racing Commission unanimously passed Resolution 2019-08, the distribution of casino tax revenue.** Based on total revenue of \$2,072,410.18 for the third quarter of 2019 the breakdown was, \$393,757.93 each to the Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund and Standardbred Development Fund for the quarter. For Standardbred racetrack purse pool support that included: Miami Valley Raceway \$115,781.80 Northfield Park \$317,423.18, Dayton Raceway \$97,485.41, and Scioto Downs \$110,254.76. Also, included in the revenue disbursement were distributions to each of the Standardbred permit holders for commercial operations of \$77,715.38 and a \$103,620.51 (5%) distribution to the Ohio State Racing Commission to pay administrative staff that support the OSDF and TRF, and costs or fees associated with, Miami Valley Gaming and Racing, Northfield Park, Belterra Park and Scioto Downs.

**The Racing Commission also unanimously approved Resolution 2019-09** delegating to

and permitting the Racing Commission's Executive Director to approve ministerial tasks without the Racing Commission needing to ratify. The Resolution wasn't provided to those in attendance. Historically those tasks have included; (A) Authorizing changes of racing officials, (B) Authorizing the uncoupling of entries, (C) Authorizing special event status, (D) Authorizing post time change, (E) Authorizing changes in wagering formats, (F) Authorizing simulcasting for specific programs prior to noon, (G) Authorizing approval of Host/Guest product lists and changes, (H) Authorizing extension of jockey apprentice weight, (I) Authorizing approval of fine money expenditures, (J) Authorizing change of a live race day, (K) Authorizing approval of payments to owners from purse pool for a canceled live race day, (L) Authorizing approval for requests from an agricultural fair to waive rule 3769-15-31(B)(2). All delegated tasks have historically been summarized and submitted to the Commission at least monthly, with the authority to delegate expiring December 31, 2020.

**In other business** the Racing Commission considered the appointment of the Simulcast Collection and Settlement Agents for 2020 for Northfield Park, Eldorado Scioto Downs, Miami Valley Gaming, Hollywood Gaming Dayton, Hollywood Gaming at Mahoning Valley, Jack Thistledown, and Belterra Park. Northfield Park applied to act as Settlement Agent for themselves, Belterra Park, and Eldorado Scioto Downs. Miami Valley Gaming, Hollywood Gaming at Dayton, Jack Thistledown, and Mahoning Valley applied to continue to handle their own collection and settlement. The Racing Commission deferred on Jack Thistledown's approval pending sale and transfer of the real property to VICI Properties, Inc. The Racing Commission unanimously approved the remaining Settlement and Collection requests for 2020.

**The Racing Commission considered and unanimously approved the appointment of Mike Rone to a three-year term (2019-2021)** to replace Jim Morgan as a Trustee of the Thoroughbred Horsemen's Health Fund. In conjunction with Mr. Rone's ap-

pointment, the Racing Commission Chair recognized the stature of Mr. Morgan in the Thoroughbred Racing Community and sent condolences to the Morgan family upon his passing.

**Zach Kurt with the Auditor of the State's Office provided information regarding the Auditor's Management letter for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2018.** The Management Letters had two comments. The first concerned purse subsidies disbursed to the pari-mutuel racetracks the Auditor's office requested follow-through to make sure those monies were being tracked and used for the proper purposes. That process has been implemented as-of April 2019 as a purse subsidy quarterly reconciliation requirement. Second were policies and procedures for non-payroll and payroll revenue, which had been updated and were awaiting approval of the Executive Director and acknowledgement by Staff. The Auditor's next fiscal year review will be conducted in 2020 and 2021.

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

**A recap on the horse racing fatalities to September 30, 2019 was provided by Racing Commission 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 or 72 hours after a race. From last month's report there were two Thoroughbred and one Standardbred fatalities. Year-to date total catastrophic losses are, thirty-three Thoroughbred fatalities and three Standardbred racing related fatalities statewide.

**The Monthly Racing Commission financial report was provided by Fiscal Officer Sherry White.** The Commission saw a monthly loss for September of \$69,000, primarily due to testing costs. Testing costs are cyclically high in September due to the stakes racing and testing done at the county fairs. The total cost for testing in September was



\$229,000. Overall in the first three-months of Fiscal Year 2020, there was a small net gain compared to the year-over-year \$111,000 loss last year. Revenue shows an increase of 13% for the month, however that is due to adding the track fine account monies to the Commission's reporting, which has added approximately \$100,000 in revenue. Expenses are up 2% due to payroll costs, travel costs related to mileage, and office supply stock-up.

Commissioner Hansen provided a summary of the progress with the Medication and Testing Committee. With Resolution 2019-07 passed at the last monthly meeting, the Medication and Testing Committee's focus has been on deploying the pre-testing regime. Director Crawford provided detail on disseminating the message by press release, to the state's veterinarians, and the Associations. There was concern expressed during discussion regarding out-of-state notice to those participants, veterinarians that are using Methylprednisolone ("Depo Medrol") because that can remain in a horse's system after joint injection for 30 days or more, and quantitatively providing out-times for veterinarian reference. In the First Quarter of

2020, the Committee will review the endogenous substances, environmental, androgenic elements. Following that the Committee will be discussing pre-race exams, steward's list exams, and out-of-competition testing.

Commissioner Simpson provided information that the **Safety Committee has a meeting scheduled for November 25, 2019.**

Chairman Borgemenke welcomed John Oberle with Ice Miller, LLC, representative for VICI Properties Inc., and Gaming and Leisure Properties, LLC to discuss the most recent Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) acquisitions and announcement for Jack Thistledown. Mr. Oberle provided detail that VICI Properties Inc., was a spin-out from Caesars after their bankruptcy reorganization. VICI Properties Inc., has purchased the real-property at Thistledown with a Triple-Net leaseback to Jack Thistledown Racing, LLC, as the operator. This is VICI Properties second acquisition with Jack Cincinnati being the first with a leaseback to Hard Rock International for the gaming operations. Mr. Oberle provided added commentary regarding Gaming and Leisure Properties, Inc., owners on the Day-

ton, Mahoning Real Property. GLPI was prohibited from being the owner on more than two racing properties. GLPI amended the law through the Budget process, as-of October 1, 2019 ownership of more than one racing property is permitted, but the operations under the Permit remains at two. Boyd PropCo, LLC, the owner of the real property under Belterra Park will now sell that asset to GLPI. They will provide a revised application from Boyd Gaming on Belterra Park to the Racing Commission.

The Racing Commission adjourned into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter and pending court action. There was no further business to be conducted after the Executive Session so the motion and vote was taken to adjourn into Executive Session and conclude the meeting.

For a transcript of the meeting contact the Ohio State Racing Commission. The next scheduled Racing Commission meeting date is November 25, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Riffe Center, Room 1948, 77 S. High St., Columbus, Ohio.





Ohio State Representative J. Todd Smith and his wife Jennifer were at Dayton Raceway and received a tour of the grandstand and paddock and met with the USTA Youth Delegates. The experience also included a ride with starter Mike Woebkenberg. Smith resides in Farmersville and represents the 43rd District in Southwestern Ohio.



OSU College of Veterinary Medicine Equine Club spent the night at Dayton Raceway and visited with the horseman, track personnel and veterinarian to learn more about harness racing.

## 2019 Director Meeting Attendance

Attendance	1/18/19	1/19/19	4/18/19	7/11/19	9/10/19	10/31/19
Jim Arledge, Jr	√	Absent	√	√	√	√
Dan Ater	√	√	√	Absent	Absent	√
Steve Bateson	√	Excused	√	√	√	√
Hugh Beatty, Jr	√	√	√	√	√	√
Chris Beaver	√	√	√	√	√	Absent
MaryJo Bross	√	√	√	√	√	√
Brian Brown	√	√	Excused	√	√	√
Roy Burns	√	√	√	√	√	√
Scott Cox	√	Excused	√	Excused	Excused	Absent
Senena Esty	√	√	√	Excused	PHONE	Excused
Frank Fraas (10/1/19)						ffl
Dr. Al Gabel	√	Excused	√	Absent	Absent	Excused
R. Kevin Greenfield	√	√	√	√	PHONE	√
Scott Hagemeyer	√	√	√	√	√	√
Randy Haines	√	√	√	√	Excused	√
Emily Hay	Excused	Excused	√	Excused	PHONE	√
Amy Hollar	√	√	√	√	Excused	√
Don "Skip" Hoovler	√	√	√	√	√	√
Dr. Randy Hutchison	Excused	Absent	√	Absent	Excused	Excused
Cheri Johnson	√	√	√	√	√	√
Suanne Kochilla	√	√	√	Excused	√	√
John Konesky, III	Excused	Excused	√	Excused	√	√
Randy Leopard	√	√	√	√	√	√
Renee Mancino	√	√	√	√	√	√
Rick Martindale	√	√	√	√	√	Excused
Deborah Martinez-Morales	√	√	√	√	√	√
Regina Mayhugh	√	√	√	√	√	√
Steve McCoy	√	Excused	√	√	√	√
Joe Mclead	√	√	√	Excused	Excused	√
John Melsheimer	√	√	√	√	√	√
Brett Merkle	√	√	√	√	Excused	√
Scott Mogan	√	√	√	√	√	√
Virgil Morgan Jr.	√	Excused	√	Absent	√	√
Jacob Mossbarger	√	Excused	√	√	Excused	√
Dr. John Mossbarger	√	√	√	√	√	√
Linda Nance	√	√	√	√	√	√
Michael Polhamus	√	√	√	Excused	Absent	√
Ayers Ratliff	√	√	Excused	√	√	Absent
Dayle Roof	Excused	Excused	√	√	Excused	√
Kent Saunders (1/19)			√	√	√	√
Susan Schroeder	√	√	√	√	√	√
Robert Sidley	√	√	Absent	Excused	PHONE	√
Kurt Sugg	Excused	Excused	Excused	√	Excused	√
Brad Wallace	√	√	√	Excused	Excused	√
Mark Winters	√	√	√	√	√	√



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To: All Veterinarians and Horsemen
From: Bill Crawford, Executive Director, Ohio State Racing Commission
Re: Selective Testing Submission Form
Date: October 23, 2019

The Ohio State Racing Commission recently passed thresholds for therapeutic substances. These thresholds will become effective January 1, 2020. A copy of these thresholds is attached for your review. The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) can test a blood or urine sample from your horse for these therapeutic substances. Once submitted the turnaround time to obtain results is approximately seventy-two hours. You will have to make payment at the time the sample is submitted. ODA has updated its sample submission form which is included in this package. The sample submission form is also available on the ODA website at www.agri.ohio.gov.

If you have questions regarding the submission process to ODA, you can call ODA at (614) 728-6230.

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TEST(S) REQUESTED:

[ ] Blood Screen - Steroid (\$120 per drug) Submit 10mL Heparinized Blood

Circle: Betamethasone/Dexamethasone Boldenone Isoflupredone Methylprednisolone
Nandrolone Prednisolone Testosterone Triamcinolone Acetonide

[ ] Blood Screen - Other Drugs (\$120 per drug) Submit 10mL Heparinized Blood

Circle: Cimetidine Clenbuterol Dantrolene(S-OH) Detomidine
Diclofenac Cetirizine Firocoxib Flunixin Furosemide
Glycopyrrolate Guaifenesin Ketoprofen Lidocaine(3-01-1) Mepivacaine
Omeprazole(Sulfide) Phenylbutazone Procaine Penicillin Ranitidine Xylazine

[ ] Cobalt Screen (\$50) Submit 10mL Heparinized Blood

[ ] Urine Screen (\$120 per drug) Submit 20mL Urine

Circle: Acepromazine/HEPS Albuterol Butorphanol Isoxsuprine Mepivacaine(3-01-1) Methocarbamol

SAMPLE INFORMATION:

Sample Identity: \_\_\_\_\_ Animal Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Sample Type: [ ] Blood [ ] Urine

Payment by Certified Check or Money Order must be received prior to testing. Credit cards are not accepted.

Report via [ ] Email or [ ] Postal Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Test results are only good for the day that the sample is collected. Test results may be subject to official public records request.

Submitter Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitter Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

LAB COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

OHIO STATE RACING COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION 2019-07

**WHEREAS**, The Ohio State Racing Commission (“Commission”) has the authority under Ohio Revised Code 3769.03 to prescribe rules and conditions under which horse racing may be conducted;

**WHEREAS**, Ohio Administrative Code sections 3769-8-01 (A)(2) and 3769-18-01 (A)(2) state the Commission may, by order, establish a system of classification of prohibited foreign substances, to include methods of detection and/or regulatory thresholds recommended penalties and disciplinary measures for the presence of said substances in test samples;

**WHEREAS**, Ohio Administrative Code sections 3769-8-01 (A)(2) and 3769-18-01 (A)(2) further state in determining the substances to be classified the Commission shall give due consideration to the uniform classification guidelines of foreign substances and recommended penalties and model rules revised by the association of racing commissioners international;

**WHEREAS**, The Commission has established a medication committee which has reviewed industry therapeutic medication thresholds and the Commission’s current list of Regulatory Thresholds for Prohibited Substances;

**WHEREAS**, The medication committee received industry input regarding the misuse and/or abuse of these therapeutic medications and the detrimental effect on the equine athlete and to all of horse racing;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED**, by the Commission that the following substances are approved as the Commission’s Regulatory Thresholds for Prohibited Substances:

Substance	Threshold	Matrix
Acepromazine	HEPS 10 ng/ml	urine
Albuterol	1 ng/ml	urine
Betamethasone	10 pg/ml	blood
Butorphanol	10 ng/ml	urine
Cetirizine	6 ng/ml	blood
Cimetidine	400 ng/ml	blood
Clenbuterol	25 pg/ml	blood
Dantrolene	5-OH dantrolene 0.1 ng/ml	blood
Detomidine	1 ng/ml	blood
Dexamethasone	5 pg/ml	blood
Diclofenac	5 ng/ml	blood
DMSO	10 ug/ml	blood
Firocoxib	20 ng/ml	blood
Flunixin	20 ng/ml	blood
Furosemide	100 ng/ml	blood
Glycopyrrolate	3 pg/ml	blood
Guaifenesin	12 ng/ml	blood
Isoflupredone	100 pg/ml	blood
Isoxuprine	1 ug/ml	urine
Ketoprofen	2 ng/ml	blood
Lidocaine	20 pg/ml of total 3-OH Lidocaine	blood
Mepivacaine	10 ng/ml of 3-OH Mepivacaine urine Limit of Detection	urine blood
Methocarbamol	1 ug/ml	urine

Substance	Threshold	Matrix
Methylprednisolone	100 pg/ml	blood
Omeprazole	10 ng/ml	blood
	Omeprazole Sulfide	
Phenylbutazone	2 ug/ml	blood
Prednisolone	1 ng/ml	blood
Procaine Penicillin	25 ng/ml	blood
Ranitidine	40 ng/ml	blood
Triamcinolone Acetonide	100 pg/ml	blood
Xylazine	200 pg/ml	blood

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED**, by the Commission that the following substances are removed from the Commission’s Regulatory Thresholds for Prohibited Substances and are now prohibited substances:

Substance	Threshold	Matrix
Pentazocine	50 ng/ml	urine
Promazine	50 ng/ml	urine
	3-OH promazine	
Pyrilamine	100 pg/ml	blood
	O-desmethylpyrilamine	
Stanozolol	1 ng/ml	urine
	16 B-hydroxystanozolol	

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED**, by the Commission that the effective implementation date of the above Orders is January 1, 2020.

Adopted: September 23, 2019

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