



Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association

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OHHA Annual Awards Banquet & USTA District 1 Meeting



The connections for 2015, 3-Year-Old Filly Trotter and Ohio Horse of the Year celebrate, "Like Old Times".

JANUARY 20-21, 2017

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON, COLUMBUS-WORTHINGTON

175 Hutchinson Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43235

Join us for the OHHA Annual Awards Banquet & USTA District 1 Meetings on Friday and Saturday, January 20-21, 2017, at the Doubletree Worthington

- Reservations and payment for tickets for the banquet must be at the OHHA office by, January 7, 2017.

- Tickets are \$50 each and can be picked up at the Banquet Reservation Table. **No tickets will be sold at the door.**

- Table seating will not be assigned. 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, Reserved tables seat up to 10.

**OHHA Banquet Agenda:
Saturday, January 21, 2017**

11:30 a.m. Ladies Luncheon



1:00 p.m. USTA District 1 Meeting

2:30 p.m. OHHA Annual Membership Meeting

4:30 p.m. Cocktail Hour- Cash Bar

5:30 p.m. Dinner Seating

6:00 p.m. OHHA Awards Banquet & U.S.T.A. District 1 Annual Banquet

9:00 p.m. Awards Banquet After Party. Includes Live Entertainment and Cash Bar.

Room Reservations must be made by January 7, 2017, by calling (614) 885-3334 ask for the OHHA rate (from, \$109.00) with group code OHH, or book via the reservation link on the OHHA Website.

Banquet Reservation Form

Tickets are \$50 each. Reservation payment **must be** received by the OHHA office by January 7, 2017.

Name of Guest(s)

Table Reservation

Option: For 8 to 10 Guests Only Per table:

Phone Number:

Meal Selection:
For each attendee listed.

Beef:

Chicken:

Fish:

Vegan:

Total Tickets - \$50 each:

Amount Enclosed:

Annual First Lady's Social and Luncheon: Join First Lady Nancy Greenfield for a luncheon and glass painting party. (In lieu of Speaker and Gift Exchange). Luncheon is free of charge, Glass Painting \$20 Supply Cost.

Attendee(s):

Luncheon Only- \$0
Glass Painting, add \$20

Amount Enclosed:

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Hollywood at Dayton
Raceway,
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2017 Racing Dates

Northfield Park
Jan. 1 - Dec. 30
(222 Live Days)

Miami Valley Gaming
Jan 6 to May 8
(87 live days)

Scioto Downs
May 9 - Sept. 30
(90 live days)

Hollywood at
Dayton Raceway
Sept. 12 - Dec. 30
(75 live days)

Important Dates

OSRC Monthly Meeting
December TBA
Columbus Riffe Center
77 S. High St.,
Columbus, Ohio

OHHA Board Meeting

January 20, 2017
DoubleTree by Hilton
175 Hutchinson Ave.
Columbus, OH 43235

From Your Executive Director

Renée Mancino

Marketing and Advertising, “Just Do It.”

Having read Jeff Gural and Joe Faraldo’s running commentary and subsequent critiques of their individual positions over marketing the sport in several publications, one thing is clear, instead of rumbblings, and re-hashing the differences of one plan versus another the Nike tagline, “Just Do It” comes to mind. That “Just Do It” applies to marketing and promotion.

Mr. Gural’s plan envisions horsemen nationwide and in Canada agreeing to provide a set percentage from the purse pools to use for advertising. Mr. Faraldo’s position appears to be, horsemen already do things to market and advertise, but they aren’t going to use the purse pools and “discretionary money” in addition to that. Having horsemen shoulder even more costs from the purse pool would result in them paying for even more advertising than they currently do while comparatively the permit holders in most jurisdictions, receive the lions-share of the revenue share from gaming enhancements and wagering. And many horsemen aren’t interested in handing over a “percentage” of the purse pool regardless of what that is, to the custody and control of someone else to use as they see fit going forward without horsemen’s input.

I can see the basis for both perspectives and agree with Mr. Faraldo’s overall assertions. For the most part horsemen have let racetracks handle advertising, marketing and set the “host rate” upon the inception of simulcasting, and advance deposit wagering. In most jurisdictions horsemen’s associations, haven’t been involved in export negotiations (pursuant to Federal Law) or historically had the money to engage in the type of marketing and promotion that could move the needle forward for the industry.

There have been numerous short-term, targeted advertising campaigns by many Horsemen’s Associations, but few, if any comprehensive, full-scale, rebranding endeavors have been engaged in by Horsemen’s Associations or Racetracks whether separate or apart. Most of the heavy lifting has been done at the National level with the United States Trotting Association and Standardbred Canada.

On the wagering side, it appears to be all about how much one can reduce takeout, discount, rebate, or otherwise package the wagering product until it is now at the point that the margins are slim and the product cannot be discounted any further. For some wagers to/from some jurisdictions, there are many times where this system now results in a net loss to the purse pool instead of any commission at all being paid to the purse pool. Add in how racing suffers from a public relations perspective due to the complexity of handicapping and wagering and because of the general vilification and vigilantism of regulators and the popular media. Not that horsemen are completely innocent in participating in racing’s downturn. That can

be attributed to what I commonly refer to as the “Five Percent”, or those that do not feel the need to participate on a level playing field and push the envelope on moral and legal means to make money. The Five Percent have provided adequate fodder for the above factions to successfully vilify one-hundred percent of racing.

Regardless of the basis for the predicament that racing is now in, the industry is diminishing in popularity. Along with the permit holders, horsemen rely upon their respective gaming revenue shares, which were apportioned to them in exchange for support to end racing’s gaming monopoly (in most states) in favor of expanding gaming interests.

Continually and consistently that revenue share is threatened in many jurisdictions. In some areas Legislatures, have engaged in straight forward “take backs”, in other locations gaming interests that bootstrapped expanded gaming onto the horse racing monopoly have moved to cut-ties with what they now view as a loss-leader. Overall the biggest hit was from the reduction in potential customer’s disposable income due to the economic recession. Continuing to be a revenue share partner doesn’t appear to be a reliable long-term plan for Horse Racing going forward. Contrary, it is imperative that the sport do what is necessary to return to its once popular stature.

Modern critics and naysayers say this is an impossible endeavor, a hill too large to climb. But what choice do those that make racing their living have but to climb it? Continuing to turn a blind eye to the reality and hope that they can make it to retirement leaving any further demise to the next generation isn’t a fair or reliable plan forward.

To Mr. Gural’s point, the Ohio Horsemen have always apportioned a percentage of the purse pool by contract for advertising and promotion based on the gross wagering handle. As far back as 1996, coinciding with the introduction of simulcasting and off-track betting parlor legislation in Ohio, each of the four pari-mutuel harness locations in Ohio in their Horsemen’s Agreements have apportioned .25% of the total gross live handle and money wagered on import simulcasting in the building to marketing and advertising at each racetrack location. The original intent was to provide additional marketing dollars to promote live racing on-track and minimize the impact those forms of wagering would have on the live wagering and on-track patron attendance. The advertising and promotional provisions have continued in Ohio’s Horsemen’s Agreements to date.

At the onset, the Association sat down with the Ohio Permit Holders, planned and agreed upon those expenditures. That process went by the wayside at some point with some permit-holders and the Association simply providing the



details of what the advertising and promotional monies were used for and signing off on the .25% total while the permit holder engaged in the business of marketing. The Association continues to sit down, discuss and agree to advertising with some permit holders and has plans to return to the process of being an active participant in planning and approval for the purse pool advertising expenditures with all permit holders in Ohio.

However, that hasn't been and doesn't appear to be nearly enough in Ohio. Although Ohio has bucked the national trend overall with positive numbers and increases in most categories like number of mares bred. Nationwide the number of horses bred are in decline, the number of owners is in decline, the number of participants is diminishing, and the sport's reputation isn't improving. To that end the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association's Board has been proactively pursuing a comprehensive marketing and advertising campaign since April 2015. Since that time the Association's Board has been working with a northeast Ohio marketing firm on a rebranding effort. It has been a long road in the past year and a half with a lot of up-front costs, hard and heavy lifting to lay the groundwork.

Through, honest introspection, investigation, survey, market research and development that culminated in a message map session. The Association has steadfastly been plotting its course spearheaded and championed by President Kevin Greenfield and Advisory Committee Member Dr. John Mossbarger, the course of action has been ratified by the Board every step of the way.

At the Ohio Horsemen's most recent October 25th Board Meeting in response to a proposal that allocates another significant sum to produce a one-year marketing plan was approved by the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association's Board of Directors. The marketing firm has provided the detailed breakout of their plan for targeted focus group research to test the message map Tier One and Tier Two Messages produced thus far. If the marketing firm meets the timeline, that detailed breakout should have the Ohio Horsemen poised to consider and approve Media and Media Production outlets at their annual meeting in January 2016. At that time, it is hoped that the OHHA Board will ratify the marketing planned and proceed with the various forms of media recommended by the initiative in response to the research done.

The goal with any marketing is to end up with a successful marketing plan and proceed forward just as successfully as Nike did with their iconic "Just Do It" campaign. Realistically that is the magic marketing bullet every industry looks for but is tough to deliver. Optimistically at the end of the long research and development stage we will have other Horsemen's Associations interested in collaborating with Ohio in a nationwide re-branding effort, coordinating our efforts to market and advertise a sport that only those who love it can do justice to. But even-if we take our first swing and it doesn't hit for a triple grand slam in Ohio, the Ohio Horsemen are out there swinging. Ohio Horsemen are and have been engaged in putting a significant portion of their gaming revenue share money towards a forward-thinking concept to promote and present Racing as it is seen by them, in the best light possible.

Ohio Fair Racing Conference Celebrates 3rd Annual Awards Banquet

by Susan Schroeder

The 3rd annual OFRC banquet was a wonderful night to celebrate the horses and people who helped make 2016 a success. Over 120 people enjoyed a meal at the American Legion in Ridgeville Corners. It seems to be a tradition that it snows on OFRC banquet night, but it sure didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the crowd once they got inside. Bill Peters takes on the task each year of coordinating the meal, the awards, sponsorships for the trophies and sponsors for the door prizes. Having 120 people over for dinner is no easy feat, but Bill pulls it off seamlessly.

Eight divisional champions were crowned along with the runners up in each category. Many of the owners spoke on how much their horses meant to them and how lucky they felt to own them. Top driver, Duke Sugg and top trainer, Chris Beaver were also honored for their achievements on the track. To see a complete list of the top horses and pictures from the banquet go to the Ohio Fair Racing Conference Facebook Page.

Bill gave the crowd some statistics from the 2016 season and a look ahead to 2017. The Marion County Fair has not raced since 2011 but will be back for 2017. They have joined the OFRC bringing the total to 23 fairs in the conference.

We would like to thank the following sponsors for their donations for door prizes. Everyone went home with something!

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David Swaney
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**Sending you tidings of joy and peace
on this holiday season...**

From all of us at the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association

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October OSRC Meeting Recap

Regularly scheduled Racing Commission Meeting recap from Monday October 24, 2016 at the Columbus Riffe Center.

In normal business, the Executive Director's Approval Items were discussed and ratified. No documents were provided or disclosed to the public. There was no comment on items provided to the Commissioners contained in the Executive Director's Report. The Racing Commission unanimously ratified the Executive Director's Report items.

The Racing Commission unanimously passed Resolution 2016-10 the distribution of casino tax revenue. Based on the total revenue of \$1,964,277.80 for the third quarter of 2016 the breakdown was 30.2% to the Thoroughbred purse pools and Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund based on 2,336 races and 49.8% to the Standardbred purse pools and Standardbred Development Fund calculated on 6,435 total races. For Standardbred racetrack purse pools that included: Miami Valley Raceway at 5.4% for \$106,005.16, Northfield Park at 15.42% for \$302,871.88, Dayton Raceway 4.51% for \$88,510.08, and Scioto Downs 5.49% for \$107,886.35. Also, included in the revenue disbursement were 15% distributions to each of the Standardbred permit holders for commercial operations of \$73,660.42 and a \$98,213.88 (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.

Steve Zaper OSRC Investigator presented the findings from the September 22, 2016 Little Brown Jug investigation. He set forth receipt of controversial text messages on September 27, 2016 which triggered an investigation. The OSRC followed that up with an investigation of the Parties of the text messages and all participants involved with Betting Line. After investigation, they determined that the text messages concerned giving Betting Line yogurt with an oral

dose syringe and having a Veterinarian administer laser treatments. Betting Line was TCO2 tested, "special tested", and an extra vial of blood was drawn post-race for analysis. The OSRC concluded: "The contents of the text messages are not conclusive and the explanations contained in the written statements do not offer any evidence to be conclusive in regard to a plan to give the horse an illegal substance or treatment. There were no objections by security when the dose syringes and the yogurt were brought in to the Jug barn on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 by Ms. Coleman. The Jug Barn detention policies and procedures were not followed to the letter by security and this caused confusion as to what the rules were. Possession of a dose syringe is not a violation of OSRC rules. It is our opinion that yogurt is not a classified substance and can be fed on race day. This opinion is supported by Dr. Richard Sams and Dr. Mary Scollay. Both individuals are on the RMTTC advisory committee." In conclusion, the OSRC set forth that all pre- and post-race testing conducted on Betting Line tested negative for any prohibited substances. The complete Report can be found online at the OSRC's website under "Dispatches" the Report and Exhibits can be obtained from Marty Evans at the OSRC, marty.evans@racing.ohio.gov.

In the Monthly Racing Commission financial report, through the end of Fiscal Year 2016 showed the budget showed a net loss of \$40,000, which was on target with the projected revenue prediction. The revenue decrease was primarily due to the timing of various expenses for normal operations and travel, and included higher medication testing costs, increased outside legal fees for more administrative appeals and hearings, and over \$7,000 for IT hardware upgrades and Cloud Based database service costs. Revenue was commensurate with where the Racing Commission was at this same

time last year and the overall Racing Commission balance remains at \$1.6 million holding steady.

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 was provided for 2016. It was noted that the numbers reported are for training and racing related catastrophic breakdowns. In August and September there were no Standardbred fatalities, which maintained a year-to-date total of five Standardbred fatalities. Last month the reported Thoroughbred total for August had five thoroughbred fatalities, and that was amended to include a sixth fatality at Belterra Park. September saw six thoroughbred fatalities with three at Belterra Park and three at ThistleDowns. Year-to-date there have been twenty-five thoroughbred fatalities statewide. Dr. Robertson commented that starting with January's report there will be more details provided on the fatalities and data compiled on any other deaths whether training and racing related or not.

The Chairman's Comments included a comment on the live racing date approvals for 2017. The Chairman noted that this was the earliest that the dates for all racetracks in the entire state were approved as early as the September hearing date. He expressed hope that moving forward the dates approval process can be done as expeditiously in future years. The Chairman also commented on the upcoming Ohio Fairs Championship on October 8th and Aged Ohio Sires Stakes races coming up at Hollywood Gaming at Dayton on October 15th, in addition to Hollywood Gaming playing host to the Thoroughbred's Best of Ohio day of Championship races at Mahoning Valley on October 29th, noting that all the stakes racing action is with Hollywood Gaming for the remainder

of the year.

In the matter of Hearing Officer's report, the Commission considered the case of Robert Schultz. Mr. Schultz had a fifth-place finishing horse (My Immortal) special tested and that test came back with a high dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) level. Mr. Schulz did not appear at his hearing for this infraction in July. The Special Hearing Master recommended a \$1,000 fine and return of the \$300 fifth-place finish purse monies. The Commission ratified the Special Hearing Master's recommendation's unanimously.

The Racing Commission adjourned into Executive Session. 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 State Racing Commission.

Ohio Track Updates- Dayton Raceway

Miami Valley Unveils \$25,000 Drivers' Contest

Gregg Kiedel

Lebanon, OH --- Miami Valley Raceway is pleased to introduce its first-ever drivers' competition, dubbed the North America Driver's Championship. To be contested over three consecutive afternoon matinee programs beginning Sunday (Jan. 8) and ending Tuesday (Jan. 10), the contest will pit up to 30 of the continent's winningest drivers chasing prize money totaling \$25,000.

Drivers interested in participating will be asked to apply with a \$300 nomination fee by Dec. 23, 2016. If more than 30 drivers apply, the 30 with the most career victories (including a minimum of 100 in 2016) will be accepted. If more than 20 but less than 30 apply, the top 20 winners will be accepted for the contest.

The nomination fee includes not only a chance to compete against many of the continent's best known successful drivers for \$25,000 in prize money, but also up to three night's accommodations at a nearby hotel for out-of-state drivers, a complimentary dinner at Miami Valley's renowned Cin City gourmet restaurant following the races on Jan. 9, and each driver's required 2017 Ohio State Racing Commission license fees.

In the event more drivers apply than can be accommodated in the tournament, the entire nomination fee will be returned to those applicants whose number of career victories did not secure a spot.

The championship will consist of up to 12 races on both Sunday and Monday, with each driver getting four mounts each day. The top ten point-getters following the two days of preliminary races will return for the Tuesday title round, which will consist of eight races and a fresh scoreboard. Points will be awarded as follows: 30 points for a win, 20 points for a second, 14 for a show finish, then 11-9-7-5-3-1-0 for fourth through tenth. A driver whose horse is a late scratch will be awarded eight points in the two preliminary rounds only.

The \$25,000 prize money will be awarded to the ten finalists as follows: \$10,000 for first, \$5,000 for second, \$3,000 for third, then \$2,000, \$1,500, \$1,250, \$1,000, \$750 and \$500 for ninth. In addition to the prize money, all drivers will keep their customary five percent driver's commissions for all of their mounts.

Purses for the races used in the North America Driver's Championship will be enhanced by 10 percent on Sunday and Monday; with the championship races on Tuesday boosted by 20 percent. Owners of horses that finish sixth through tenth in every contest race over the three-day competition will receive \$200 for their participation.

Potential contest races will be designated on the initial Miami Valley condition sheet, which will be published approximately Dec. 15. Both post positions and driver assignments will be drawn randomly by the judges throughout the competition.

Applications to participate are available to drivers on the Miami Valley website.

Second Annual Buckeyes vs. Hoosiers Drivers Challenge

Gregg Kiedel

DAYTON, OH. – Hollywood Dayton Raceway is pleased to announce that it will host the second annual Buckeyes vs. Hoosiers Drivers Challenge on Saturday night, December 10, with the top five drivers from Hoosier Park in Anderson, Indiana, invading to compete with Hollywood Dayton's top five drivers for \$3000 in prize money and interstate bragging rights for the next year. In 2016, the drivers from Ohio were victorious in a contest that came down to the final race of the night, but the real winners were local needy children as the reinsmen from both squads graciously agreed to donate the entire prize pool to the Christmas Toys campaign conducted by the Dayton Fire Department Local 136, which also provides ambulance and emergency medical technicians to Hollywood Dayton Raceway during every racing program throughout the annual meet.

At present, the top five drivers in the dash standings at the midway point of the 75-day meet at Hollywood Dayton are Josh Sutton, Dan Noble, Kayne Kauffman, Jeremy Smith and Chris Page. The five winningest drivers at the recently concluded Hoosier Park meet were Trace Tetrick, John DeLong, Sam Widger, Ricky Macomber and Tyler Smith.

Horsemen and harness racing fans are encouraged to bring new children's toys to the track between now and December 10 for distribution to underprivileged children by the local fire department.

OHHA Sends Condolences to the friends and families of Marguerite M. Waple, Sharrey E. Kalessa, Donald R. Loy, David Mast Kauffman and Leonard Buckner.

Condolences to the connections of Ohio stallion Feelin Friskie. Full obituaries can be found on the OHHA website

<http://www.ohha.com/obituaries>.

REMINDER:

Mare Registration is due December 31st for Ohio Breeder's Awards. Forms can be found on the OHHA website.

Correction to November Buckeye Harness Horseman Fair Earnings Section

It has been brought to our attention that there were some errors in the 2016 Ohio Fairs Top 25 by Earnings section of the Buckeye Harness Horseman, November issue for the colts. To all connections of horses incorrectly noted or who were left off of the list, please accept our apology. Please find the corrections below. The entire list of those who earned \$10,000 or more at the fairs has also been included on the OHHA website.

2016 Ohio Fairs 3 Year Old Colt Trot Top 25 by Earnings

Horse	Starts	Wins	2nds	3rds	Fair Earnings
UNCLE LEROY	14	9	5	0	\$41,521
LION IMAGE	18	8	8	2	\$31,329
LETS GO BUCKS	8	5	2	1	\$30,540
SECRET TRAINER	10	8	1	1	\$25,859
TRIUMPHANT'S CHIP	11	9	1	1	\$25,399
ROUNDTOWN ROCKER	8	7	1	0	\$23,743
DEEP QUESTION	10	3	5	1	\$22,146
WEGOFERDAPRIZE	1	1	0	0	\$16,050
CHIP OR DON	13	1	8	2	\$16,028
QUICKDRAWHALL	18	1	4	5	\$15,674
TOM ADONNO	14	1	6	4	\$15,257
MOOSE MADNESS	8	4	2	2	\$15,255
NEED A WINNER	6	4	1	0	\$15,179
I GOT THIS	20	2	5	2	\$13,809
NOBLETUCKY JOE	14	2	4	2	\$13,375
NOBLE DUNN	11	3	4	3	\$13,282
THE NEXT TRIUMPH	4	2	2	0	\$12,894
SPEEDY TRANSLATION	5	4	0	1	\$12,727
POPPIN TAGS	7	4	2	0	\$11,828
BEND IN THE RIVER	12	3	3	0	\$11,187
TURBO TRAIN	10	2	2	3	\$10,746
SHANO	16	0	3	6	\$10,130
OGAPE	14	1	2	3	\$9,612
TWO DAYS DITTO	12	2	1	5	\$9,335
ONE LAST HUSTLE	10	2	0	2	\$8,800

2016 Ohio Fairs 3 Year Old Colt Pace Top 25 by Earnings

Horse	Starts	Wins	2nds	3rds	Fair Earnings
WINWOOD MAC	1	1	0	0	\$25,085
MR WIGGLE PANTS	1	1	0	0	\$25,085
UF WHOSURDARLINBOY	14	7	3	2	\$23,700
STANDING PROUD	13	7	3	1	\$23,494
WORLD OF GAMING	5	2	2	1	\$19,054
CANADIA'S BAKIN	8	8	0	0	\$18,818
OUTSTAND FOREVER	13	4	5	4	\$18,796
STRIDE OF PRIDE	10	4	4	1	\$17,369
PRINCEOFROCKNROLL	11	5	2	1	\$17,341
HAYDENSSMOOTHMOVE	12	4	2	3	\$17,312
FOREVER WORTH IT	12	5	3	1	\$17,204
SLIDE RULER	9	5	3	0	\$17,136
LUNATIC FRINGE	8	5	3	0	\$17,094
WOOD FIRED	12	3	3	5	\$16,834
BIGGIE SMALLS	16	1	6	5	\$16,474
DONALD DOC	12	4	3	1	\$15,698
DASHING DUBBY	11	3	4	1	\$14,852
ALOHA JOHN	12	2	3	6	\$13,919
MYELL'S ROCKSTAR	10	4	4	0	\$13,613
WHATABOY	1	0	1	0	\$12,542
BIG BAD BLUE	16	0	6	6	\$12,312
KING JAMES	13	2	1	6	\$12,204
LOVIN PRAYIN HARD	12	2	2	4	\$11,298
TOMSAMERICANDREAM	11	2	3	2	\$10,592
I'M SORRY CHARLIE	8	4	2	0	\$10,548

2016 Ohio Fairs 2 Year Old Colt Trot Top 25 by Earnings

Horse	Starts	Wins	2nds	3rds	Fair Earnings
DE LA CREME	13	7	2	2	\$29,416
JAILHOUSE SAM	8	6	1	0	\$24,054
HOPE IMA VICTORY	3	3	0	0	\$23,712
ROSE RUN SPENCER	9	6	1	1	\$21,994
STORMY KROMER	2	2	0	0	\$21,163
COWBOY BLUE	13	7	4	1	\$21,157
DEKEYSER	9	5	1	2	\$20,744
DARK RULER	17	4	4	4	\$20,710
BUCKEYE BOSS	1	1	0	0	\$18,773
BACK THE BANK	9	7	1	0	\$17,086
CEDAR POINT	10	4	5	0	\$16,106
SOUTHERN KID	11	3	1	3	\$16,020
DEJARBRO'S YANKEE	11	4	1	1	\$14,310
HERES WRANGLER	11	1	4	5	\$13,784
LORETTA'S LEGACY	21	0	7	4	\$13,758
CHARMING CADET	8	4	2	2	\$13,343
QUEEN'S RIPSNOT	11	5	3	1	\$12,842
STAR BUSTER	10	6	1	0	\$12,646
LONE VALLEY JESSE	12	3	3	1	\$11,883
ZERO BALANCE	10	2	3	1	\$11,218
DREAM FIELD	11	4	2	2	\$11,181
GOLDFINGER	2	1	1	0	\$11,075
ZIZZER ZAZZER ZOO	8	2	2	2	\$10,989
FIESTY JIM	10	3	2	1	\$10,891
TC CHIPS ECLIPSE	12	2	2	2	\$10,821

2016 Ohio Fairs 2 Year Old Colt Pace Top 25 by Earnings

Horse	Starts	Wins	2nds	3rds	Fair Earnings
BIG BAD BRUCE	6	5	1	0	\$27,130
HERE COMES STUBBIE	12	6	3	1	\$22,934
BIG BAD ET	12	11	0	0	\$21,660
HOW ARE YEE JOHN	9	7	1	0	\$21,555
DANCIN FEVER	10	7	3	0	\$19,879
K T WAR-BATES	13	7	1	2	\$18,318
BIG STEW E	12	5	3	2	\$18,037
SCOTCH MCEWAN	1	1	0	0	\$17,662
MCTHRILLER	1	1	0	0	\$17,662
DANCIN REBEL	1	1	0	0	\$17,662
DIRTY STEVE	9	5	3	1	\$17,602
SHARLOOKIN FINALE	12	4	6	0	\$15,397
AMAZING CHIP	12	4	5	2	\$15,170
J P OSCAR	9	4	3	0	\$15,001
LOVELY FEELIN	13	7	2	0	\$14,987
OFFICIAL STAR	9	5	3	0	\$14,238
MANNYS TOO SPECIAL	9	6	2	1	\$14,176
LUCKYWITHTHELADIES	16	3	2	4	\$11,952
REGGIE RAIDER	9	2	4	3	\$11,383
CORNER CON ARTIST	2	1	1	0	\$11,287
SIR BRADFORD	9	3	3	1	\$10,684
SHOOTER MCGAVIN	3	1	1	0	\$10,631
MEN OF MAYHEM	9	1	2	5	\$10,379
REAL WICKED	9	3	2	1	\$10,324
MCLUCKY	2	1	1	0	\$10,218

Share Your Favorite 2016 Moment...

Regina Mayhugh

It is hard to believe that 2016 is coming to an end already. It has been a busy year with Sires Stakes, Ohio fair racing as well as several events throughout the year. It has been a great year for racing in Ohio and horsemen are gearing up to prepare for 2017. I asked several folks who have been involved in racing this year, "What is your favorite memory from the 2016 racing season?"

Seeing Wiggle It Jiggleit and Always B Miki racing here at Scioto and Dayton Raceway. Mary Jane Travis

Just seeing Ohio get back on the forefront. Seeing the Stakes programs and racetracks thriving with new life and the enthusiasm at the yearling sales. Such a good feeling to see the opportunity there. Aaron Merriman

My favorite 2016 memory was when Myells Rockstar won the Ohio Fairs Championship at Dayton Raceway. He is a really cool horse and was bred, born, and raised at our farm. I also helped break him at the farm with my dad. Lyndsay Hagemeyer

My favorite memory from the 2016 racing season was WINNING THE FAIR FINAL with "Myell's Rockstar"!!!! This colt was bred, born, raised, broke to harness and trained for several months right here at Hagemeyer Farms. We watched this colt take his first breath, his first step and continue to mature into a race horse. We never missed a single race this horse was in. My daughter, Lyndsay, helped with every aspect of this colt as he was growing up. On the night of the Fair Final at Dayton, my Dad, Step-Mom, Wife, Daughter and a lot of friends came up to watch an exciting night of racing. We were all very excited to see this colt race with such a big heart. I give lots of credit to Mark Winters and his training crew for working with this colt and to Jeff Nisonger for giving him a great drive that night and most of the season. I have the trophy sitting on my desk, right below his win picture. We had lots of fun with that colt and look forward to better luck with his yearling full brother that just started training this fall. Although, a close 2nd to my favorite memory was watching "World of Gaming" win the Sire Stakes Consolation. That colt was also bred, born and raised on the farm. Both colts are sons of World of Rocknroll, who is still standing at Hagemeyer Farms. We are excited to see the Breeders' Awards finally come to reality. Scott Hagemeyer

My favorite memory from this year was getting to see Wiggle It Jiggleit and Always B Miki race each other twice! It was definitely one of the great stories of the year in all of racing. Early in the season, I was wishing that I could go to one of the tracks where they were racing to watch. Then they both came to Ohio twice and I got to photograph them. To top it off, they each one once so I got win photos of each horse! It was a lot of fun and a very neat experience. Brad Conrad.

That'd be a toss up between my son-in-law, Cameron McCown, winning his first pari--mutual race in October at Dayton Raceway and Downbytheseaside breaking the world record for 2 year old colt pacers on a half mile track in 1:50 and then breaking it on a mile track at the red mile in 1:49. Jennifer Brown

I would have to say that Bourbon St Hanover breaking the track record at several fairs that I worked at. Another moment was when my trotting colt who couldn't or wouldn't beat 2:14 when the fairs began trotted in 2:06 at Bucyrus. He finished 4th, but I was so proud of him staying flat and improving his time! Buckeye Reese, ending Fair stakes with over \$10,000 in earnings and only missed getting a check one time, at Coshoc-ton was another. I was one proud momma! Thank you to my Trainer and partner, David Morgan. Deb Rush

For me it was winning the first leg of 2yr old trotting colt Sires Stakes at Scioto after watching him train down all winter. Randy Leopard

When Hello Pilgrim won his State Fair race! He was known for running instead of trotting and somehow he managed to trot and win a big race! Shelly Johnson

My favorite memory of 2016 was at the Delaware County Fair (on Jug Day). My friends (who had never been to the races) were looking for memorabilia for their children and grandchildren. I took them back to meet Ronnie Wrenn Jr and Kurt Sugg. The two drivers gave whips and goggles for the children -- and the kids were amazed! I later heard how they were looking up Sugg and Wrenn online and doing research about them. The children talked their parents into bringing them to Northfield Park for another night at the races. These two drivers are now their favorite athletes -- they have asked for Kurt Sugg and Ronnie Wrenn Jr. Fat Heads for Christmas (lol)! Ayers Ratliff

Working with the kids at the HHYF Camp at Van Wert Fair this summer. It was amazing to see how by the end of the day the kids really took a liking to horses and to see a picture of the group I worked with, the Harness Program at the Red Mile was just great! Brandon Bates came over and brought donuts to the kids for breakfast and area horsemen bought pizza for them for lunch. Brandon also helped with the program and brought three kids with him. Emily Hay

My favorite memory would be the race at Scioto with Always B Miki and Wiggle it Jiggleit. Best race I've seen all year! Cindi Johnson

Best of luck to everyone and here's to an even better 2017!



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