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# From Your Executive Director

Reneé Mancino

## Benefits for Ohio's Racehorse Grooms

One of the most demanding jobs in horse racing is that of a racehorse groom. In short supply, no matter what state you race in or discipline (Thoroughbred versus Standardbred racing) grooms toil long hours and for most it is a labor of love with an overwhelming love for the horses in their care. This is particularly true in Ohio where half the standardbred racetracks are ship-in facilities with no backstretch and a quote often heard is, "in Ohio, if you don't like the weather, wait a few minutes, it will change." With mandatory Racing Commission Rules requiring horses to be on property four hours out with Lasix, three hours out without, and 90-minute post-race TC02 testing, a race day can run more than ten hours from home to racetrack round-trip. The OHHA Board has long been a proponent of providing perks for full time grooms that work for Ohio Trainers.

The Association has a comprehensive fully Obama Care compliant medical benefits program through Cigna Healthcare <https://www.cigna.com> for racehorse grooms employed by Ohio based trainers. The Grooms insurance for full-time grooms employed by Ohio trainers comes without a premium cost, those costs are paid by Ohio's Purse Pools. Eligibility is based upon a groom working for an Ohio Resident Trainer that earns 75% of his income from training horses with at least 40% of their programmed starts or a minimum number of programmed starts in Ohio at County Fairs and Commercial Racetracks. The groom must certify that they work for an Ohio Trainer, earn 75% of their earned income from grooming harness horses, be an Ohio resident, and OHHA Member.

In addition to health insurance the benefits plan provides a \$25,000 term life insurance policy and eyecare through EyeMed Vision Care <http://portal.eyemedvisioncare.com>.

Aside from health benefits the OHHA Board also provides a Retirement Contribution upon application for Grooms enrolled in the Cigna plan from two sources of revenue. Eligibility occurs when they have completed six months of service as a standardbred groom, are a permanent Ohio resident, derive 75% of their earned income from the Ohio harness racing industry, are licensed as a groom by the Ohio State Racing

Commission, and employed by their Ohio Trainer as of the last day of the Plan Year. For the 2016 Plan Year the contribution from the statutory share of the pari-mutuel breakage for a groom was \$200, an added supplement from VLT Discretionary revenue was \$1,000.

The most recently approved perk for grooms approved by the OHHA Board is the "Groom Appreciation Award". A quarterly award given to two grooms in the State of Ohio that are nominated for the Award. The Award was first proposed by Sugar Valley Farm's Joe McLead in an OHHA Board Meeting in July 2016. It was subsequently passed and implemented to commence in the first quarter of 2017. To-date Dawn Cunmulaj, Logan Ebersole, Kato Young, Courtney Blodgett, Tracy Reed, and Kristen Reese have all been recognized with a Groom Appreciation Award for their outstanding work as grooms.

The Groom Appreciation Award was implemented as an additional thank-you in recognition of those hardworking men and women that are hard at work behind the scenes. Anyone can nominate a groom for an Appreciation Award. Each quarter those two grooms selected in appreciation will be honored with a VISA Gift Card for \$200, a Winner's Circle Presentation (schedule permitting), with publication in our newsletter, on our Facebook Page, and on the OHHA website. The Form to nominate is available at the OHHA website under the "Ohio Horsemen" tab's "Groom Appreciation Award" link, or from an OHHA Track Representative. Fill-out, sign, and return the Form to an OHHA Track Representative or the OHHA Office directly by e-mail, mail, or fax.

A summary of these benefits for those grooms that have chosen to reside and work in Ohio are indicative of the importance of grooms to our industry in Ohio. These initiatives and incentives that the OHHA Board has provided are small ways to show appreciation and recognize those that toil day and night, in all types of weather for those they love the most, their Standardbred Racehorse partners.



**OHHA Sends Condolences** to friends and families of Jeanne Marie Staffre & John Hubbell.

Full obituaries can be found on the OHHA website <http://www.ohha.com>.

# From Your President Kevin Greenfield



With the summer racing and stakes season in full swing, I am happy to announce that our state-wide marketing campaign designed to promote harness racing at Ohio's four tracks is now underway. The advertising consists of on-line ads, banners, posters and radio spots in the markets where the race tracks are located. You may come across these ads while using your computer. This is a major effort on OHHA's part to supplement our race track partners' advertising in our ongoing effort to boost on track attendance and handle, which is critical to our long term survival.

At the end of this year, we will analyze the data our marketing team collects to determine what part of our efforts have been effective and what areas we may need to tweak or improve. The OHHA is committed to this long term marketing effort in association with our race tracks. While objective results will take some time, we believe a continued commitment to this effort will eventually raise awareness of our great sport to those who have never had any contact with it in the past.

I welcome any feedback from our members regarding our efforts and the effectiveness of our advertisements. In the meantime, best wishes for a successful summer racing season!



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# Regina's Equine Spotlight

## Beans and Weenies

Full Of Fun - Phyllis's Candy - Artie's Dream  
P, 9, 1:52.2H \$167,434, 35 wins  
Owner: Calvin Hollar & Daniel Swartz  
Breeder: Wind River Standardbreds (Cardington, OH)  
12 years old gelding trained by the Hollar Stable.

"He has a forever home with me when he retires. I foaled and broke him. He could not beat a fat hog and did not care about being a racehorse because I spoiled him rotten! Finally, after training him and being disgusted, I talked to another trainer. He suggested I qualify him without the hobbles since I could train him free legged in 2:00. I did that and he has been a racehorse ever since! He is a big pet. Amy says he is a spoiled brat, and that he is, but I love him and he has a forever home with me!"

- Melanie Williams



## Herbie L Posts 50th Career Win at Northfield Park

*Ayers Ratliff, Northfield Park*

Herbie L trotted home for his 50th career victory, winning the 4th race at Northfield Park on Tuesday, June 6. The nine year-old veteran, with 248 career starts, also has 30 seconds and 29 third place finishes.

Herbie L (Pegasus Spur-Phar Khan-Rule The Wind) has career earnings of \$220,983 with a lifetime mark of 1:55.3 at Woodbine Racetrack at age four. The trotter's richest win was in a \$16,160 Conditioned Trot at Woodbine Racetrack in 2012. Herbie L is a well-traveled campaigner -- his 50 wins have been spread across 26 different racing surfaces.

Herbie L started from post-2 and led his competition at every call through fraction of :28.1, :58.2, 1:27.3 and 1:58.2. Despite a late rush from the runner-up, Herbie L bested his competition by a neck. He returned \$18.60 to win.

Calvin Hollar trains Herbie L for owner Le Van Stables of Woodstock, Ohio. Robin Miller was aboard for the winning drive.

*Know a horse with Ohio connections that we should spotlight? Contact OHHA either by phone or send an email with info and photos to [rmayhugh@ohha.com](mailto:rmayhugh@ohha.com).*



*JJ Zamaiko Photography*

## David Miller to Little Brown Jug Wall of Fame

by Jay Wolf

Four-time Little Brown Jug champion driver, David Miller has been selected as the 33rd Little Brown Jug Wall of Fame Honoree by the Delaware County Fair.

Miller, 52, is the all-time leading driver at the Delaware County Fair. Among his 218 career wins are a pair of Jugette titles, four Old Oak-en Buckets, two Buckettes and twenty Standardbred events. The native of Columbus, Ohio won his first Little Brown Jug title in 2003 with No Pan Intended, capping a 10-win day at the Delaware County Fairgrounds. Miller other Jug titles include Shadow Play (2008), Big Bad John (2011) and Betting Line (2016).

Miller is only the third driver in history of the sport to pass \$200 million in career earnings (currently at \$214.7 million) and ranks fifth in career wins with 12,170.

He was inducted into Harness Racing's Hall of Fame in 2014 and was enshrined into the Ohio Harness Racing Hall of Fame in 2010. Miller will be presented the Wall of Fame jacket and wall plaque during the 2017 Little Brown Jug week (September 17 – 21).



*Photo credit USTA.*

# Ohio Connections Represent the Buckeye State at the 34<sup>th</sup> Pepsi North American Cup

by Regina Mayhugh

The 34th Pepsi North American Cup at Mohawk Raceway that went for \$1 million dollars (Canadian) on Saturday, June 17th was an exciting win for all the connections of Fear the Dragon, many of which are from the Buckeye State! Fear the Dragon (Dragon Again – Ambro Cinnamon – Western Ideal), though he is not an Ohio-bred horse, was born on Ohio soil as his dam was purchased while in foal and moved to Emerald Highlands Farm in Mt. Vernon, Ohio where he was foaled April 2014. Emerald Highland Farms is owned by Bruce Trogdon.

Each year the farm purchases a couple of new mares to expand on the bloodlines, which is how Ambro Cinnamon made her way to the farm. This \$15,000 investment from the Harrisburg Sale from the Peretti Farms dispersal in 2013 proved to be a great deal when her foal would grow up to earn \$690,000 plus so far in just two racing seasons, with his 3-year-old season just beginning. “He was just a medium sized good standing baby from the day he was born, but he always had a cocky attitude,” Trogdon shared. “He always thought he was the man. I guess he was right!”

“Until recent years we sold almost all of our colts we raised at the yearling sales and mostly just trained fillies to be future broodmares,” shared Trogdon. “Dragon’s crop was the first that we decided to keep a few of our favorite colts and they all did well.”

Trogdon shared his excitement of the farm’s success with this latest win by Fear the Dragon, “Over my 35 years of raising horses at my farm, I have bred, raised and sold many champions. They are like my kids. But when you also keep one like Dragon or Colors a Virgin for yourself, it is just extra special. When Color’s A Virgin won the Dan Patch Horse of the Year, I didn’t think I would ever top that, until Dragon.”

Fear the Dragon was raised and broke to jog on the farm track before he began his training with Brian Brown Stable in Delaware, Ohio. “It was a lot of fun and a dream come true to win the North American Cup with one that you raised yourself. It was a very special moment for all of us at Emerald Highlands,” Trogdon said.

Dragon Again, the sire of Fear the Dragon, is also no stranger to Ohio. In 2014, Dragon Again’s final owner would be Sugar Valley Farms when he moved to Delaware, Ohio, his final resting ground. C.Ed Mullinax from Amherst, Ohio has also been a previous owner of Dragon Again.



The Brian Brown Stable and Bruce Trogdon had not only one, but two horses compete in the North American Cup! Downbytheseaside (Somebeachsomewhere – Sprig Hanover – All American Native) was also a competitor and finished 3rd for his connections, including his Buckeye connections, in the North American Cup. Other Ohio members of

*Fear the Dragon as foal.*  
Photo submitted by Trogdon

the ownership include Country Club Acres (with affiliate Always B Magic Stable that Trogdon is part of and Lil Devil Stable), Joe Sbrocco and Richard Lombardo.

Joe Sbrocco shared, “being in the horse business for almost 50 years, I have had some other great

horses such as Artspeak (now standing at Hanover Shoe Farms) and My MVP (standing in Ohio at Sugar Valley Farms). These are just a few of my good ones, not to mention all the not so good ones in the past. As to Downbytheseaside, I think he is one of the best pacers I have had the pleasure of having. I give all the credit to Brian Brown and the Brown Team.”

Downbytheseaside’s original name was Beach Blue Chip. James Koehler II of Country Club Acres shared about how the group acquired the colt. “We purchased Beach Blue Chip at the 2015 Lexington Selected Yearlings Sale. The first night of the sale is known for crazy high prices so we concentrated on the remaining consignment as we tend to purchase on set budgets. Brian Brown (our trainer) and I looked over this colt a number of times and he had a tremendous video and confirmation. His biggest weakness was his pedigree as he was the 4th offspring (second colt) and his sisters and brother had not produced any substantial times or earnings,” shared Koehler II. “On the positive side his mother (Sprig Hanover) was a good race mare with lifetime mark of 1:52.1 and lifetime earnings over \$438,000. The second dam had also produced good speed with Steelhead Hanover (1:48.3f). So, based mainly on his confirmation we decided he was a horse we would pursue. Fortunately, the bidding process was within our budget and we were able to acquire him for \$65,000.” Country Club Acres purchased the colt and asked their partners who wanted to buy in. Joe Sbrocco and Rich Lombardo took 25% ownership and Country Club Acres the remaining 50%. “We like to change names so we wanted something related to the ocean but without a



*Fear the Dragon as foal.* Photo submitted by Trogdon



*Fear the Dragon jogging on farm track at Emerald Highland Farms.*  
Photo submitted by Trogdon

beach in the name. I was looking through a list of Led Zeppelin songs when I spotted "Down By the Seaside" and I knew right then what his name would be," shared Koehler.

"Hope is eternal during winter conditioning in Florida, it's like the Cleveland Browns draft every year," commented Koehler. "Brian thought Seaside had talent but we had several Somebeachsomewhere colts that were training well and no one stood out at that time. It wasn't until the horses returned to Delaware, Ohio in the spring that Seaside began to emerge as one of the top horses in the stable."

Koehler describes the beginning of Downbytheseasides's career. "After his qualifiers in Delaware, his racing career started out well but not great. Seaside only won 3 out of his first 7 races but was competitive in all of them. We knew we had something but not sure quite what. He showed great speed but was very unmanageable to drive and David Miller even back then preferred Fear the Dragon as a better horse to drive."

"It wasn't until the Standardbred in Delaware in September that Seaside

**"We always dreamed of having nice horses and winning good races but we never dreamed this big!"**

**- Jennifer Brown**

showed he was really special," continued Koehler. "He went on that day to set a new world's record for two-year-old pacers on a half mile track. His time of 1:50.0 bested the previous mark of 1:51.4 by almost 2 seconds (that mark was held by another horse we owned part of - Spider Man Hanover). After that he went on to tie

Sweet Lou's record for a two-year-old on a mile track of 1:49.0 and to win 4 out of his next 5 races including the Bluegrass, International Stallion, Breeders Crown Elimination and Governor's Cup with his only loss being a second to Huntsville in the Breeders Crown. For the season, he earned over \$588,000. As far as two-year-old years go, this is about as good as it gets and was the best two-year-old season we had experienced," explained Koehler.

Over the winter, Diamond Creek Farm contacted the group asking about the availability to purchase interest in Downbytheseaside. Diamond Creek saw potential in the colt and inquired about standing him after his career. "We felt this was a great fit for the horse and saw Diamond Creek as a top-flight breeding operation that was assembling a great lineup of new pacing stallions including Sweet Lou, A Rocknroll Dance and Always B Miki. So, a deal was struck and Diamond Creek Racing joined the ownership group for the 2017 season," shared Koehler.

Koehler shared his thoughts about the North America Cup performance. "While the horse won his elimination, he didn't do it with style. Something wasn't quite right but we weren't able to determine then or now what it was. Seaside's performance gave David Miller pause for concern and so he decided to drive Fear the Dragon in the NA Cup final. Obviously, we had to

*Seaside being Seaside.  
Photo submitted by Koehler II.*



*Downbytheseaside winning the Art Rooney. Photo submitted by Koehler II.*

find another driver and quick. After much discussion, the decision was made to go with Brian Sears who had won the race twice before and would soon be announced as a living hall of famer. Many racing pundits cheered this as the perfect choice and we agreed. Of course, the race didn't work out in our favor. While Seaside set new track records for Mohawk for the half (52.1 breaking the record of 52.4 previously held by Warawee Needy) and tying the fastest mark ever at the three quarters of 1:19.3 (held by our own Won the West) he was not able to sustain that pace and was overtaken by Huntsville and the eventual winner Fear the Dragon in deep stretch."

Koehler continued, "We felt that while the NA Cup final didn't work out the way we liked we were still very proud of Seaside's effort in the race. I don't know if the trips with Huntsville or Fear the Dragon were swapped and they had to go the fractions that Seaside did that they would have fared as well as he did. According to the NA Cup archives the race in which Warawee Needy set the half mile track record he eventually finished 10th in that race and he is a great race horse so to say that third place was an embarrassment would be a mistake. Only time will tell if Seaside is a great horse or not but we are very happy that he is in our stable. He certainly is very, very fast."

Sbrocco described Downbytheseaside as a total monster. "He has the World Record on a half mile track for 2-year-olds at Delaware and tied the world record on a mile track at Lexington last year. My partners, Brian and I think he can do the same this year if we can only control him in the race and slow him down so he has enough steam to come home." Sbrocco stated, "He is very fast as you saw in Canada when he went the fastest half in Mohawk history and just didn't have enough to finish the mile so he was third. Any horse to go that fast would usually finish last in that situation."

Sbrocco shared that if Downbytheseaside's took third or better in the elimination of the Max Hempt at Pocono on Saturday, June 24 then he will be in the final for \$500,000 on July 1st. "Bottom line is, if he stays sound, we think he will be a great Champion," stated Sbrocco. Well he took 1st coming in 1:49.2 with Brian Sears driving, so it looks like he is finals bound right with Fear the Dragon!

The North American Cup was certainly an exciting event for the Brian Brown Stable going for the "Million Dollar" purse. "We always dreamed of having nice horses and winning good races but we never dreamed this big!", shared Jennifer Brown.

Congratulations to all connections of both Fear the Dragon and Downbytheseaside and good luck on their next upcoming races.



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# Mid-Year Standings Driver, Trainer and Horse 1/1/2017 thru 6/20/2017

## Drivers with 100+ wins in Ohio

<u>Name</u>	<u># of Wins</u>
Aaron Edward Merriman	369
Ronnie H Wrenn, Jr.	272
Joshua Sutton	205
Chris L Page	194
Ryan R Stahl	168
Trace A Tetrick	154
Daniel N Noble	135
Kayne K Kauffman	133
Jason Russell Merriman	125
Kurt D Sugg	118

## Top 10 drivers at Ohio Track by Earnings

<u>Name</u>	<u>Money Won</u>
Aaron Edward Merriman	\$2,388,232
Chris L Page	\$2,095,985
Ronnie H Wrenn Jr.	\$1,894,433
Joshua Sutton	\$1,597,358
Daniel N Noble	\$1,396,154
Kayne K Kauffman	\$1,389,959
Trace A Tetrick	\$1,301,492
Ryan R Stahl	\$1,122,201
Jason J Brewer	\$1,112,531
Kyle Ater	\$1,026,520

## Top 10 Ohio Trainers at Ohio Tracks

<u>Name</u>	<u>Money Won</u>
Dan E Ater	\$672,527
Virgil V Morgan Jr.	\$617,383
Scott Tyler George	\$555,482
Jeffrey Brewer	\$502,283
Timothy S Hall	\$405,666
C Brian Loney	\$394,102
James Dailey	\$382,768
Christopher F Beaver	\$364,682
Herman Hagerman	\$340,986
Doug Hinklin	\$340,700

## Top 10 Ohio Sired Horses by Earnings at OH Tracks

<u>Name</u>	<u># Starts</u>	<u>Money Won</u>
SANDYS VICTORY	23	\$80,100
ROSE RUN SKYLER	7	\$79,375
ROSE RUN SYDNEY	5	\$72,150
LETS GO BUCKS	14	\$65,850
HONEY B	19	\$62,180
YOULOOKHOT	16	\$57,130
PISTOL PACKIN MAMA	4	\$56,250
STAR BUSTER	7	\$55,950
LORD OF THE REIGNS	5	\$55,380
DRUNK ON YOUR LOVE	6	\$53,500

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# Ohio County Fair Updates

## Paulding County Fair Completes Successful Meet

by Bill Peters, Regional Coordinator for the Ohio Fair Racing Conference

The Paulding County Fair at Paulding, Ohio opened up the 2017 Ohio Fair Racing Conference season with a successful three-day meet on Wednesday (June 14) with their second straight eleven-race card. The first session on Monday (June 12) consisted of thirteen races. Good weather and a good track prevailed on Monday and Wednesday, but Tuesday's program was contested on a sloppy track after a late-afternoon thunderstorm hit the Paulding County Fairgrounds.

The fastest pacing time of the week was shared by Dancin Fever (Indian Fever-First To Cruise) and Senator Charlie (Well Said-Ciela Hanover) as both stopped the timer at 1:57. Dancin Fever's win came in the fourth division of the three-year-old colt pace. The gelding is co-owned by Bill Webb and the D and K Stables, LLC. Webb also does the training with Jason Brewer picking up the winning catch-drive. Senator Charlie picked up his victory in capturing the inaugural Paulding County Pace for free-for-all pacers. The four-year-old gelding is owned by Hayter Stables LLC with Greg Bateson doing both the training and driving.

Tori's Chip (Deep Chip-I'm A Ridge Girl) toured the Paulding twice-around in 2:03.4 for the fastest trotting mile of the meet. Her win came in the third division of the three-year-old filly trot. Tori's Chip is owned by Phil Groves with his father Harry providing the training services and Pierce Henry doing the driving.

Greg Bateson was the leading driver for the week with six trips to the winner's circle. Herb LeVan had the most training wins with four.

The Ohio Ladies Pace Series opened up its third season with five ladies competing in Race 9 on Wednesday. Trainer-driver Jamie Coffy steered John Geaghan, Jr.'s Pow Chicka Pow Pow (Real Desire) to a winning mile in 1:59.4 to gain the early lead in points for the Ohio Ladies Pace Series which culminates with a final at the Delaware County Fair at Delaware during Grand Circuit week in September.

Congratulations to Speed Superintendent Gus Davis on doing a great job in his first year in that role. Also, a big thanks to many other Paulding County Fair Board members who pitched in to help out in many different capacities. It was definitely a team effort by the Fair Board to put on the successful meet.

Susan Schroeder, the Project Coordinator for the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association, was on hand during Tuesday's races with the OHHA's "Racing with the Stars" exhibit. The exhibit provides information and entertainment for racing fans, both young and old. The Bouncy Pony races that were planned for that evening had to be canceled due to the sloppy track.

Trot and Pace Marketing videotaped the races all three evenings. Replays of the races are available to be viewed at [www.trotandpacemarketing.com](http://www.trotandpacemarketing.com).

Harness racing will resume in the Ohio Fair Racing Conference when the Marion County Fair at Marion brings back racing in 2017 after dropping it from their fair's program several years ago. Racing at Marion will take place on Monday, July 3 and Tuesday, July 4.

## Ohio Ladies Pace Series Visits Circleville & Ottawa

by Bill Peters, Committee Member for Ohio Ladies Pace Series

The Ohio Ladies Pace Series continued with stops at the Pickaway County Fair in Circleville on June 19 and at the Putnam County Fair in Ottawa on June 20.

Mary Birkhold guided Sharp Shuttle (Space Shuttle - I Love Diamonds) to a mile in 2:04.4 to capture the leg at Circleville. The eleven-year-old gelding is owned by James Sparkes and Scott Murphy and is conditioned by Dan Conkright.

Emily Hay moved into first place in the point standings for the Series by picking up a win behind Mr I Am (Western Spirit - Swift Passion) at Ottawa. The eight-year-old gelding toured the Putnam County oval in 2:00 for his 46th lifetime win for owner Thomas Phillips and trainer Tricia Shepard.

The next stop in the Ohio Ladies Pace Series will be at the Madison County Fair in London on Saturday, July 8. That will be closely followed by a leg at the Clinton County Fair in Wilmington on Monday, July 10.

Any female drivers who may be interested in participating in the Series should contact Emily Hay at (419) 733-5402 or Bill Peters at (419) 298-7408.

## Paulding County Fair



## Putnam County Fair



# Ohio County Fair Updates

## 162nd Annual Putnam County Fair Hosts Harness Racing

by Thom Pye

The 162nd annual Putnam County Fair opened on Tuesday, June 20th, 2017 as the scenic city of Ottawa, Ohio hosted its 156th consecutive showcase. Harness racing has been offered at the Fair since 1855 - when the races were originally "held on the Angling Road" - and with the relocation of the Fairgrounds "one of the first things placed on the grounds was a racetrack" which was built in 1873. The present Grandstand was constructed in 1892 and on this year's Opening night an appreciative and enthusiastic crowd filled the historic structure as harness racing returned once more to Putnam County.

The 15-race program was dedicated in Memory of Fair Official James Heiing (1938-2017) and the first contest went to Down The Lane Stable and Kim Daileys' McArdle two-year-old filly Merciless. Scott Cisco steered the Kimberly Dailey-trained lass to a first lifetime start victory in 2:04.3h while taking the 1st division of the \$4,455 WOCRA early closer. The fastest of the three divisions was in the evening's 6th race when Poppe Lane Farm's JP Silver (McArdle) would pace in 2:03.2h for driver Jeff Nisonger and trainer Chris Hope.

Owner/Trainer Clem Lee's Handsome Caviar had the fastest division of the \$3,700 WOCRA for 3-year-old trotters. The gelded son of Triumphant Caviar stepped off to a new lifetime mark of 2:05.1h with Tyler Rush in the sulky.

Three-year-old filly pacers had three \$3,820 divisions which produced two equally as fast winners with R Unofficial Girl (Art Official) pacing in 2:01.3h for her owners Tracey Russell and Rosemary Young of Marysville. It would also be the combo of Scott Cisco and Kim Dailey's efforts that brought Kim Dailey and Leslie Stewart's B N A Littlesleepy into the 12th race Winners Circle. The daughter of I'm Gorgeous - Our Sleep N Beauty posted a mile in 2:01.3h as well.

Sultan of Cash, a two-year-old old gelded son of Cash Hall, remained undefeated in his two starts as he trotted - under wraps - in a mile in 2:05h for his Owner/Trainer/Driver Roger Hughes Jr. as he captured his \$4,065 WOCRA division.

Hughes, a 44-year-old native of Jamestown, holds a QF license and guided his youngster around the oval like a pro ...it don't get any better than this, does it Roger?

Race 14 was The Ladies Pace as Emily Hay teamed the Tricia Shepard-trained 8-year-old Mr I Am to victory in 2:00 flat over Bruno Micheal (Mandy Jones) and Sonic Raider driven by Ulrika Fox.

The evening's finale was the most impressive mile on the card as the WOCRA \$1,500 Signature Series 4-year & up Trot produced a 1:59.3h score with Rompaway Beau. The \$500,000 plus winning 11-year-old gelded son of Chip Chip Hooray was driven by 21-year-old Trevor Smith for Owner/Trainer Krista Harmon of Jackson, Michigan. It was a fine finish to the day.

## Successful Weekend at the Pickaway County Fair

by Regina Mayhugh

Harness racing at the Pickaway County Fair was another successful event June 17, 18 and 19 when 215 horses traveled to Circleville, Ohio to compete in the three-day racing event. This year marked the first year in over 25 years that racing was held for three days with one of those days during the fair. Fans were treated to a T-shirt toss by the drivers before the races on Monday and as always each and every year with a second chance to win prizes by participating in the door prize drawings after each race, winning a variety of goodies from homemade cookies to tickets to the Cincinnati Reds baseball game.

Throughout the weekend, various local horsemen who have passed on were celebrated by having a memorial race named after them. On Sunday, a memorial was dedicated to three horsemen (Michael Levernire, T.D. VanCamp II and David Abbott) who passed away over the past year when their families joined in the winners' circle to be recognized.

With collaboration with the 4-H, the harness racing was able to bring some extra excitement to the races on Monday Night with the Pickaway County Fair Queen, King and court attended as Honorary Starters of the fourth and fifth races, and the Ohio Fair Managers Queen being the Honorary Starter for the Ohio Ladies Pace. Fans were also treated to some good old fun with Outhouse Races. Three local 4-H clubs built outhouses and with a rider inside had to race each other in front of the grandstand. This was quite a lead up to the feature race and enjoyed by the crowd as they cheered on their favorite outhouse!

The last race of the fair was the feature race in its second year of running the \$8,000 Steamin' Demon for aged pacers, won by Chance I Might with driver Dan Noble in 1:59.1h, trained by Jim Daily for owner Rebecca Dwyer. The Pickaway County Fair Speed Committee is already looking forward to the 2018 fair, with all the possibilities that can be incorporated into the fair and harness racing.

## Pickaway County Fair



### Returned as Dangerous, Ten Questions Excels in His New Home

It's always disappointing when an adoption doesn't work out, especially if it's due to bad behavior. Standardbred trotter Ten Questions was returned after 7 months and dubbed "extremely dangerous" by his adopter. The adopter said he would have a sudden panic attack when he got scared on trails and leap into the air off all four feet. He would also panic, leap and buck when asked to move into a trot to follow the other horses.

The 2008 trotter by Broadway Hall was donated by long-time owner and New Vocations supporter, Dan Kennedy, trained by Clair Umholtz and raced at Northfield Park. Ten Questions was not a problem at the track either. Horses that go through New Vocations can always come back into the program, so the gelding came back to us.

Trainer Jennifer Daniels tried to recreate this scenario to figure out what was triggering the behavior but could not find a situation where the gelding acted up. Ten Questions was kind and quiet for Jennifer, just as he'd been when he left the first time.

Leah Guidry was given full disclosure about Ten Questions, aka Louie, when she adopted him sight unseen. A year later, she said, "I still cannot believe how lucky I am to have found Louie! He is the kindest, most playful, hardest-working horse. I really couldn't ask for a better partner. We have finally gotten the canter down pat! He picks up both leads right on cue and can hold the canter for multiple laps in each direction. We're also schooling over crossrails. He is such a lovely mover; I'm really looking forward to showing him soon."

And what about those panic attacks on the trail? "I took him on a trail ride and he was the quietest horse in the bunch," Leah said. "I can't thank Jennifer and New Vocations enough for helping me find this sweet boy!"



Photo by Shelley Johnson



**Mares due to foal in 2018 must be registered between September 1st and December 31st, 2017!**

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[www.ohha.com/breeders-award](http://www.ohha.com/breeders-award)

#### Eligibility for Breeder's Awards

- Mares must be bred to an Ohio Standardbred stallion.
- Mares must foal in Ohio and remain in Ohio for 187 consecutive days in the year of foaling.
- All owners of the mare must be OHHA members.

## Name That Horse!

**Sam Hill:** He sold at the Lexington Yearling Sales in 2007, \$120,000. He was an outstanding yearling by all measures, thus I needed a name to fit this colt. My grandfather, Harley Roscoe Bennett was one of a kind. Hard worker, smart farmer, had many friends, very competitive. When I was young I would on occasion raise "cane" which my grandfather did not approve of. His favorite saying was "Benny, why in the SAM HILL did you do that"? Thus the name. My grandfather would be very proud of Sam Hill as his owner and breeder are. Sam is still racing competitively at eleven, four wins in 2017 most in open company.

- Ben Wilt, Breeder

**Knockemstiff Nicki:** because even as a baby she knocked people out and hurt a few. I knew this filly personally.

- Amanda Sams

**Lookingforadventure:** it fit him when he was younger.

- Kim Carothers

Send us your fun Name That Horse stories! [rmayhugh@ohha.com](mailto:rmayhugh@ohha.com)

# Groom Appreciation Awards

**Congratulations to Tracy Reed and Kristen Reese for winning the June Groom Appreciation Awards! Thank you for your hard work!**



Tracy Reed lives in Washington Court House, Ohio and is a groom for the Dean Glispie Racing Stable, where she has been employed since 2011.

Reed was born and raised in harness racing. "My dad Dennis Reed was an owner, driver, trainer. My grandpa Lamar Taylor was an owner. After my dad sold his horses I went to office work and factory work and hated it. When I got the opportunity to work for Dean Glispie I took it. I have been with his stable 5 years now. I love being around the horses and my family and friends everyday. There is nothing else I want to do," shared Reed.



K. Dean Glispie shared, "Tracy grew up helping her father and learned how to do things the old school way. She is a great asset. Tracy goes above and beyond to do extra things around the barn."

Kristen Reese lives in Jamestown, Ohio and is a groom for Jeff Brewer. She has been employed with Brewer since January 2016.

"Kristen shows up all the time and she loves her horses. She ships horses whenever we need her too and is a good employee," stated Jeff Brewer.

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## Fun With Standardbreds!



My son Will evaluating a My MVP filly out of Hostesswithmostess.

- Joe McLead, Sugar Valley Farm



Colton Hay harnessing Delta at the Pickaway County Fair.

- Emily Hay, Hay Stable

# Youth Gives Standardbred a Second Chance

Regina Mayhugh

Game Walter (Expensive Scooter - Game Xoxa - Billy Dart) is a retired Standardbred who was given a second chance because a little girl came into his life and showed him love. He was owned by Brian Haynes, of Washington Court House and was retired due to lameness. He had bad feet, arthritis and an old fracture in his ankle. He also had health problems and feared many things. He had never been ridden in his life, like many harness race horses, but one day, everything for him changed when he met his new best friend!

Taylor Mahaffey Arnett, a member of the Trail Blazers Horse and Harness 4-H club in Licking county had an old Quarter Horse that she rode for her 4-H project. She wasn't raised around Standardbred race horses and she did not have experience training horse. Two years ago, Taylor started taking riding lessons at Mackenzie Haynes's (Brian's wife) mother's farm, where Game Walters had been living out his retirement. These lessons were to improve Taylor's riding skills with her old Quarter Horse. Game Walters had retired to this farm because Brian did not want to part with this horse and with all his issues, no one would buy him anyway, so he was to retire at Brian's mother-in-law's farm. Walter was the last horse Brian and his father worked with prior to his dad passing in January of 2010.



Taylor made a deal to clean stalls on the farm in exchange for the riding lessons, and this is how she met Game Walters. She fell in love with him. She worked on him every day that she came to the barn. She would bathe him, brush him and care for him in any way she could. One day MacKenzie received a call from Taylor asking if she could have Walter. MacKenzie spoke to Brian about it, who said no because the horse had so many problems that he did not want to put a child into the position of making a life or death choice for the animal if it came to that. They figured Taylor would never get to ride him either.

MacKenzie told Taylor she could not have him but any time she was at the barn she could do whatever she wanted to with him. Approximately a month later, Taylor sent MacKenzie a message saying, "I rode my Baby Pig Pen".



Taylor and Game Walter have qualified for the Ohio State Fair in all the easy gaited classes. This picture is with all the Trail Blazer kids who qualified!!

Baby Pig Pen is Game Walter's nickname. This horse had never been ridden in the past and had not been trained or broke to a saddle prior. Mackenzie was shocked by Taylor's message and after a long discussion, she and Brian decided to let Taylor have Game Walters. "It was the best decision we have ever made. She not only rehabilitated a horse that stood no chance, but she has won just about everything with him," shared MacKenzie. Walter did stay in the family though, as Taylor is McKenzie's cousin. This year Taylor plans to show him at the Ohio State Fair. Best of luck to Walter and Taylor!

Thank you Carry Hess, MacKenzie Haynes and Sue Mahaffey for the information and photos!

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At Ohio Fairs this year you will see Ohio Ladies Pace race horses wearing orange ribbons. This is in support of Pace For The Cure. We as drivers will also be asked to take part in the Pace For The Cure Pledge and donate back 1.00 for each win we get. Fans help show your support too by wearing an orange shirt to the races.

- Emily Hay, Ohio Ladies Pace



*Pickaway County Fair Pace for the Cure.*

## Pacing for the Cure Harness Driver and Trainer Challenge



*Jeff Gesek*

Pacing for the Cure is proud to introduce a new program, beginning in 2017 called the Harness Driver and Trainer Challenge. All drivers and trainers from across the country are welcome to participate.

Pacing for the Cure is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to INSPIRE others to join our cause, create HOPE for Multiple Sclerosis (MS) survivors, and BELIEVE that a cure will be found. Pacing for the Cure raises funds to support MS survivors' medical equipment and service needs as well as necessary research to find a cure.

Here's how the program works. Interested drivers and trainers complete a pledge form to donate \$1 to Pacing for the Cure for each of their wins. The challenge began on January 1, 2017 and will end November 30, 2017. Wins will be counted during this time frame regardless of when a driver or trainer signs up.

By December 15, please submit your payment to  
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You will receive a tax deductible letter upon payment for your tax records. Fellow drivers, trainers, harness racing fans and MS survivors can join in on the fun and watch for periodic updates on the standings.

If you would like to join the challenge and receive a pledge form or learn more about the program please call Jeff Gesek at 609-354-8992 or email him at [jeff@pacingforthecure.org](mailto:jeff@pacingforthecure.org).

Together we can make a difference in the lives of those suffering from this debilitating disease of the central nervous system. Thank you for helping us to create a community of support within the harness racing industry for MS survivors!





## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Pacing For The Cure is pleased to announce the next stop in the 2017 Tour Date schedule at the Scioto Downs Racetrack on Saturday July 15, 2017 from 3pm -11pm. The event will include a walk around the racetrack before the races for a ten dollar donation. You can make your donation online at [www.pacingforthecure.org/donate](http://www.pacingforthecure.org/donate) and can bring your email receipt to the event. We are inviting the surrounding local community, our network of supporters, and all harness racing enthusiasts to join us for an evening of fun while raising awareness about Multiple Sclerosis (MS). Once again this year, Pacing For The Cure will be honoring a special MS Survivor guest – this time Edna (Emily Hay’s mother) from Ohio.

Pacing For The Cure is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization that is dedicated to helping MS survivors obtain necessary medical equipment and services to manage this debilitating disease of the central nervous system. Elaine, an MS survivor from Pennsylvania, is a recent recipient of a scooter through Pacing For The Cure and had this to say, “Thank you Janine and Jeff. My scooter provides me greater freedom to get around in my space constrained apartment and makes it easier to get to my medical appointments.”

Shannon, another MS survivor from Ohio and an avid harness racing fan, recently received assistance for medical services and said, “Pacing for Cure was able to help me financially by covering some of the costs that my insurance did not pay.” A mobility aid application is available at [www.pacingforthecure.org](http://www.pacingforthecure.org) for individuals seeking financial assistance for medical equipment or services.

Pacing For The Cure also provides funding to the Multiple Sclerosis Research Institute (MSRI) founded by Dr. Jeffrey Greenstein, renowned MS researcher and practitioner. Dr. Greenstein is actively involved in cutting edge human immunology research to find a cure.

Please start organizing your walk teams for this fun event. Pledge forms can be obtained by emailing [events@pacingforthecure.org](mailto:events@pacingforthecure.org). The Pacing For The Cure walk and evening at the races is a great way to socialize with your team, meet new friends, and enjoy the sport of harness racing while raising money to help MS survivors in need.

For more information about this event or if you are interested in being a sponsor, please email [info@pacingforthecure.org](mailto:info@pacingforthecure.org).

We look forward to seeing you at the event!



# Meet 3 Tribes Farm

by Regina Mayhugh

3 Tribes Farm is located in Oregonian, Ohio (near Lebanon) and owned by Kimberly and Jim Caplinger. The farm consists of Standardbreds, Quarter Horses and Paints. Racing is the name of the game for 3 Tribes Farm as the Standardbreds harness race while the Quarter Horses and Paints barrel race.

The couple started the farm approximately ten years ago. "Our youngest son and Dee and Kris Justice's son met playing baseball. I started riding again and we decided to get a place so I could get a few horses. Their daughter Courtney and I rode Quarter Horses and Paints," shared Kimberly. "A couple years back my husband decided he would like a couple of harness race horses. Since the Justice family already had experience in the harness racing world, they helped with the transition." The group works together with the horses. Kris Justice and his son Kyle care for and train the Standardbreds. Courtney and Kimberly work with the barrel horses. Jim Caplinger and Dee Justice tend to the business side of the farm.



Kimberly & Jim Caplinger

3 Tribes Farm does not raise their own Standardbreds, but purchase their horses. The farm currently owns three Standardbreds. Sugartime Sweetie was purchased as a 2-year-old. They also own No Foreign Xchange and Waiting For This One. "We are a small operation so this is a good number for us right now," shared Kimberly. They also have several young Paint and Quarter Horses, bred by Wendy Malone of Spotted Farm Paint and Quarter Horse Ranch in Victor, Montana. "Once the babies are weaned and ready to travel, they are shipped to us. Courtney and I enjoy developing the young barrel horses," commented Kimberly.



Cash, Kris and Kyle Justice with driver Jason Brewer.

They are relatively new to harness racing, being in the business just 2 ½ years. They have raced at all four Ohio tracks. "We don't have many horses, and we've not usually the fastest, but that makes getting to the winners' circle even more exciting," shared Kimberly. No Foreign Xchange is one of Kimberly's favorites. "He was one of the first harness horses we purchased and he is still with us. He has an easy way about himself and he will try for us," Kimberly shared.

"It's an honor to get to work and train these animals every day. We love the excitement of watching them grow. Having a clean barrel run or a good day on the track feels great, but turning these guys out onto a green field and watching them run and play is something I think we all enjoy regardless of the breed or discipline", Kimberly concluded.



Cash, Theo (Waitingforthisone) and Boo (Seboomook Katahdin). 3 Tribes Farm no longer own Theo and Boo.

## John Perrin Memorial Golf Outing

The second annual John Perrin Memorial Golf Outing will be held Sunday July 30th at Fox Den Golf Course in Stow, Ohio. All licensed Ohio horsemen are invited to attend. Those who do not golf can enjoy a complimentary steak dinner after rounds slated for a 1:30 pm shot gun start.

\$100 hole sponsorships are being sought. Please contact Amy Hollar on Facebook or at 614-778-5905 for more information and to sign up your teams. You will also need to reserve a spot if just attending the dinner.

Deadline to register is **July 24th**.

# Meet Toni Dale Hollar

by Emily Hay

Toni Dale Hollar has been in the harness racing industry her entire life, being a 4th generation horseman. Her great grandpa Kenneth Harvey was the first family member in the business. Hollar grew up in the business and has only worked for stables in her family. She grew up in her parents' stable, the Calvin Hollar Stable (Calvin and Amy), and in 2014 she moved to Florida to work for her uncle Brian Brown, where she has been working since.

One of her favorite horses while working for the Calvin Hollar Stable was Passing Lane Penny. She loved Passing Lane Penny's personality and how she'd race against the boys and beat them. "Who wouldn't love a mare like that," said Hollar. Another favorite horse of hers, and a favorite for many fans, is Lost for Words. He was in the first group of horses she took care of when she moved to the Brian Brown Stable. She instantly fell in love with Lost for Words. "He always had his tongue out of his mouth and wasn't a mean stud colt", shared Hollar. Lost for Words is also known as "Lucy" to Hollar. "He was making me mad one day and kept biting. Lucy was the first thing to come out of my mouth. Everyone in the barn and others know him by Lucy," shared Hollar.

We can all recall the 2014 Little Brown Jug race that will never be forgotten. It was a great race right up to the wire! I can only imagine what a rush that moment was for Hollar. Lost for Words will always hold a special place in her heart. Hollar's dream is to have a Little Brown Jug winner, and Lost for Words almost did that for her. With the nice crop of horses she is currently caring for, hopefully her dreams can come true soon.

Hollar loves the traveling that comes with her job. She enjoys meeting new people and visiting new places. It can get exhausting with the long hours on the road. She tends to travel alone and does not get many homemade meals so she looks forward to those meals at the end of the year. I asked Hollar to share a fun fact about herself. She said there are not many who know that she played softball for twelve years and that she isn't into riding horses.

Many horsemen are superstitious and believe in things such as making sure there is no straw left in the pitchfork or peanuts are not eaten in the barn on race day. Hollar doesn't really have any. One that she always heard was to not give a horse a haircut on race day but she did that once and it won!

Hollar does tend to have a little OCD personality. She says things like Brown touching the Murphy blind or if there is something on the bridle it annoys her. When she gets a horse ready to race, she likes things done a specific way and if Brown doesn't put it on that way, she will go back and change it. She shared one example was how the tongue tie is placed.

Hollar has had some great opportunities working for the Brian Brown Stable. What a great group to work for. The family is humble and fun to be around. I personally hope to see Hollar in a lot of winners' circles this summer as she certainly deserves it!



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# OHHA Hosted Fifth Charity Night at the Races

by Regina Mayhugh

Eldorado Gaming Scioto Downs was a busy venue on June 3rd, when twenty excited charities filled the patio as they participated in the fifth annual Charity Night at the Races sponsored by the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association (OHHA).

The charities' representatives were exposed to harness racing throughout the evening, starting with a meal on the patio near the track with an excellent view to enjoy the races. OHHA representatives hosted each group and educated them about harness racing. Each group participated in a random draw to see which horse they would be cheering on. After the horses were assigned, each charity was given the opportunity to visit the paddock and have a photo taken with the horse they were paired with. The crowd learned about the charities as Clark Donley of Sunny 95 radio interviewed them and many fans visited their tables. Many tables even had interactive activities for fans. Throughout the evening, one representative from each charity also had the opportunity to ride in the starting gate with Starter Bob Mount. A total of \$31,500 was donated to these charities throughout Ohio.

The designated charity races were races 6 and 8.

The following lists were the combinations drawn:

## Race 6

1	Dash Point Hanover	Chron's and Colitis foundation- Central Ohio
2	Hokuri Handrail N	Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Central Ohio
3	Sentosa Island	Columbus Zoo
4	Crusoe Hanover	The ALS Association- Central & Southern OH Chapter
5	Fixthedeficit	Canine Companions for Independence
6	King Harvest	Haven House of Pickaway county
7	Lancaster Park	Arthritis Foundation- Central Ohio
8	Abner The Great	Alzheimer's Association
9	Get Around Town	American Red Cross
10	Sunday Poker	Children's Hunger Alliance

## Race 8

1	No Excuse Please	Ohio FFA Foundation
2	Major Adonis	New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program
3	Marco De Vie	Parkinson Foundation Ohio
4	Starlite Kid	Make A Wish Foundation
5	No Habla	Ohio 4-H Youth Development
6	I'm Gorgeous	JDRF Diabetes Foundation- Central Ohio
7	Caution Signs	Touching Little Lives, Inc.
8	Orion's Belt	St Denis Holy Family Immaculate Conception Chapter of St. Vincent DePaul
9	Feelin Lika Winner	Mid- Ohio Foodbank
10	Finnish First	Ronald McDonald House

In race 6, the first charity race Canine Companion for Independence took home the winning prize of \$5,000 when Fixthedeficit was the first to cross the wire with Chris Page in the sulky. The second-place charity was ALS, Central and Southern Ohio Chapter won \$2,500 with Crusoe Hanover, driven by Kyle Ater. Driver Josh Sutton and Hokuri Handrail earned \$1,250 for Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Central Ohio. The remainder of the charities in race 6 took home \$1,000 each.

New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program took the \$5,000 grand prize in race 8 when Major Adonis crossed the wire with Jeremy Smith in the sulky and St. Denis Holy Family Immaculate Conception Chapter of St. Vincent DePaul came in second winning \$2,500 with Kayne Kauffman driving Orion's Belt. Starlite Kid and Chris Page finished third for Make A Wish Foundation winning them \$1,250. The rest of the charities in that race also took home \$1,000 each.

The OHHA would like to thank the charities for participating, OHHA representatives who hosted the groups, Bob Mount for the starting gate rides, Brad Conrad for photographing our moments and Eldorado Scioto Downs Racino staff and management team for hosting the event and everything they did to host such a great evening at the races!

If you know of a charity that we should invite for future events, please forward us their contact info, or share the Charity Night at the Races webpage <http://www.ohha.com/charitynightattheraces> where they can fill out an application.



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# Competition is Heating up in the Ohio Sires Stakes!

*Saturday, July 1*  
*3-Year-Old Colt Pace*  
*Northfield Park*

*Monday, July 3*  
*2-Year-Old Filly Trot*  
*Northfield Park*

*Tuesday, July 4*  
*2-Year-Old Colt Pace*  
*Scioto Downs Matinee*

*Wednesday, July 5*  
*2-Year-Old Filly Pace*  
*Scioto Downs*

*Saturday, July 8*  
*2-Year-Old Colt Trot*  
*Northfield Park*

*Monday, July 10*  
*3-Year-Old Colt Trot*  
*Northfield Park*

*Friday, July 14*  
*3-Year-Old Filly Trot*  
*Scioto Downs*

*Monday, July 17*  
*2-Year-Old Filly Pace*  
*Northfield Park*

*Tuesday, July 18*  
*2-Year-Old Colt Trot*  
*Scioto Downs Matinee*

*Wednesday, July 19*  
*2-Year-Old Filly Trot*  
*Scioto Downs*

*Saturday, July 22*  
*2-Year-Old Colt Pace*  
*Northfield Park*



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