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## WINNING TICKET AND SUMMER TOUCH LEAD WAY IN OSS

Winning Ticket and Summer Touch are a perfect three for three through the first three legs of the Ohio Sires Stakes.



Winning Ticket



Summer Touch

Winning Ticket has topped all other 3-year-old colt trotters. The Chris Beaver trainee has bettered his times in each leg, with a best mark of 1:53.1 in the third leg.

On the 3-year-old filly pacing ledger, Summer Touch has rolled through the first three legs. Trained by Ron Burke, Summer Touch has also gotten better with each leg. She tripped the wire in 1:51.2 in her latest race.

Herculisa is the only 3-year-old filly trotter with multiple wins. Herculisa collected wins

in the second and third leg for trainer Virgil Morgan Jr. Her best time was 1:52 in her second leg win.

The three-year-old colt pacing division is wide open with four different winners. Charlie May has the best time of the victor with a second leg win in 1:49.3.

Through the first two legs of the Ohio Sires Stakes for two-year-olds, three of the four divisions has seen a pair of horses win both legs.

In the 2-year-old colt trot, the Chris Beaver trained duo of Caviar Gold and Gabby's Bit Coin have scored wins in the first two legs with Caviar Gold holding the best winning time of 1:58.3.

On the filly side, Beaver also has the top two, Stephanie Hill and Caviar Roxy Due have wins in both legs. Stephanie Hill holds the top mark of 1:58.

On the pacing side, Ron Burke has the top two filly pacers. Sea Silk's mark of 1:52.1 is just under a second faster than stablemate Cape Cod Hanover.

Brian Brown's Gulf Shores and Christi Nobel's Sling Shock have each collected a pair of wins for 2-year-old colt pacers. Gulf Shores owns the better mark of the two clocking in at 1:51.3 in the second leg.

## BUCKEYE STALLION SERIES HEATS UP

As the Buckeye Stallion Series heads to the dog days of summer, double winners have highlighted the early legs.



Pompatus of Love

The 3-year-olds have seen double winners in all four divisions, with each division except the filly pace sporting two double winners.

Pompatus Of Love collected her two wins in the first two legs of the pace for trainer Kim Dailey.

In the 3-year-old colt pace, Odds On Shaggy and Sleeping Single each won in the first two legs. Odds On Shaggy is trained by Virgil

Morgan Jr., while Sleeping Single is conditioned by Chris Beaver.

On the trot side for the sophomore colts, Iikedecupcakes and Dontforgetlittlman each have wins in the first two legs. Sandy Beatty trains Iikedecupcakes while Dontforgetlittlman is trained by Deborah Swartz.

Edward Miller trains Jogging Sweets while Chris Beaver trains Magic Credit Card. Both have two victories in the 3-year-old filly trot.

On the 2-year-old side, in both the filly trot and pace, three different horses have two wins.

Toes In The Water, Sweet On Pete, and Alana Hill each have two victories in the trot.

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Alana Hill

Toes In The Water is trained by Tye Loy and is a perfect three for three this year, with two of the wins in the BSS. Jason McGinnis trains Sweet On Pete who has two wins in two lifetime starts. Alana Hill is trained by Morgan Jr.

In the pace, McAngel, Future Ex Wife, and Cruzinbytheseaside each have two victories in the first two legs. McAngel is a perfect three for three this year for Beatty, while Future Ex-Wife is two for two and is currently trained by Bill Rhoades. Morgan trains Cruzinbytheseaside.

Muscle Count is the only double winner in the 2-year-old colt trot. Muscle Count has won both of his starts this year for Miles Wollam.

In the 2-year-old colt pace, only one leg has been contested and there were seven different division winners.

## OHIO ON TRACK AND AD&D INSURANCE POLICIES

The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association wants to provide a general overview of the current coverages and policy limits in place for accidents that occur incident to racing or training standardbreds. Complete coverage, information, eligibility criteria, and forms are listed at [ohha.com/insurance](http://ohha.com/insurance). The following is a coverage summary of OHHA Member Benefits for On Track Fairs, Pari-mutuel racetracks and the separate paid USTA Accidental Death and Dismemberment additions, Canadian medical policies, and other coverage. Please note that the AD&D generally pays out within 1 year of the accident, if directly related to injury from the accident.

### (1) OHHA Member Fair On-Track Policy:

It is \$10k Accidental Death and Dismemberment

\$25,000 in Medical Benefit

\$125 Weekly Disability benefit for 103 weeks

### (2) OHHA Member Pari-Mutuel On-Track Policy:

\$40,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment

\$10,000 Base Medical Benefit that is paid for by each Ohio PM racetrack

\$240,000 Medical Benefit on top of the \$10,000 base

\$75 Weekly Disability benefit for 104 weeks

### (3) USTA Active Member Driver-Trainers have as a Member Benefit.

\$5,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment

\$25 Weekly Disability for 26 weeks

### (4) USTA Member Driver-Trainer Application Based Added Plans Paid Tiers:

**Plan A** Occupational-coverage incident to training or driving.

#### Plan A Two Premium Levels

##### (1) \$328 a Year, Option 1:

\$100,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment

\$300 Weekly Disability for 26 weeks

##### (2) \$819 a Year, Option 2:

\$250,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment

\$500 Weekly Disability for 26 weeks

**Plan B** Coverage 24 hours a day, on or off the job of training-racing horses.

#### Plan B Three Premium Levels

##### (1) \$378 a Year, Option 1:

\$100,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment

\$300 Weekly Disability for 26 weeks

##### (2) \$944 a Year, Option 2:

\$250,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment

\$500 Weekly Disability for 26 weeks

##### (3) \$2,110 a Year Option 3:

\$250,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment

\$1,000 Weekly Disability for 26 weeks

(5) On a separate application and premium coverage basis, the USTA also offers Canadian Driver coverage for Medical when driving in races at Canadian racetracks.

(6) Workers' Compensation Insurance Coverage: Ohio requires all small businesses to cover employees with workers' compensation.

The Ohio State Racing Commission requires workers' compensation as a condition of licensing for anyone associated with a racing horse and their employees. However, business owners and sole proprietors self-cover if they aren't employees under the business' workers' compensation account. Business owners and sole proprietors can purchase a separate policy for workers' compensation coverage if they aren't listed as a covered employee with the state workers' compensation system.

With any work-related accident, the On-Track policy coverage will be in place first for coverage. If the On-Track policy limit is reached, workers' compensation follows for coverage.

Be aware with individual medical insurance plan contracts, if workers' compensation is required by state law, and an individual does not have workers' compensation coverage, a medical insurance provider may deny coverage for medical costs incurred incident to a work-related accident. Make sure to check your individual health insurance plan for specific details.

If workers' compensation is in effect, and the limit is reached, then most medical insurance plans will pick up for medical coverage after reaching workers' compensation coverage limits.

For coverage that would go above any of the benefit limits and to avoid high Workers' Compensation liability, an Equine Business Liability Umbrella Policy can be put in place. Insurance companies that provide equine insurance coverage, like Van Gundy can quote those separately to provide coverage over separate personal, business, equine, workers' comp, and auto coverage.

# COUNTY FAIR RECAP

## Paulding County June 14

Paulding County kicked off the 2021 Ohio County Fair racing season with a 14-race program. Drivers Ron Gillespie and Cameron McCown each won four races. Chris Beaver picked up two training wins to lead trainers. In the Free-For-All Trot, Majestic Caprice was the winner in 2:02.3. Best time of the day went to Imagine It in the three-year-old colt pace win 1:58. Heather Woolums and Jennifer Mason collected wins in the Ladies Driving Series.

## Paulding County June 15

McCown picked up four more wins on the 15-race card. McCown won eight of the 27 races he drove in over the two days. Trainers Ron Gillespie and Mike Sweeney each had two wins. In the Free-For-All Pace, Western Gun tripped the wire in 1:57.2.

## Pickaway County June 19

Brett Miller won five of the 15 races while Trevor Smith collected four victories. Brand Bartley guided Lets Go Bucks to the win in the Open Trot in 2:01.3

## Pickaway County June 20

Miller had the hot hand in the second day of racing in Circleville. He collected four more victories. Todd Luther picked up a couple of training wins with Incomeo-rexpense in the 3-year-old filly trot and Welladvertised in the 2-year-old colt trot.

## Pickaway County June 21

The final day of racing in Circleville wrapped up with Jeremy Smith picking up the driving double while Tom Blankenship had a couple of training wins. Smith steered The Dark Shadow to the win in the Open Pace in 1:58.

## Putnam County June 22

Ronnie Gillespie was the big winner, making his way to the winner's circle six times. Trainer Dan O'Mara had three winners. The Signature Series Trot was won by Shake It Off Lindy with Vernon Beachy in 2:01.2.

## Putnam County June 23



On the final day of racing in Ottawa, Cam McCown won three races on the 13-race card. Thirteen different trainers collected wins. McCown guided Western's Last Gun to the victory in the Signature Series Pace in 1:58.3.

## Marion County June 28



McCown picked up where he left off, winning three times in Marion. Rosy Weaver also collected a triple on the day. McCown was in the bike as Wall Said equaled the track record for 3-year-old trotting fillies in 2:00.1 for trainer Mike Sweeney.

## Marion County June 29

It was the McCown – Weaver show again in Marion. McCown won four more races while Weaver collected two more wins. A pair of track records were set. Weaver drove Rose Run Xalted to a new record for 2-year-old filly trotters in 2:05.3, while Hank LeVan set a new All Age record three-year-old colt pacer Professor Patrick.

## Clinton County July 12

Trevor Smith picked up four wins on the first day of racing in Wilmington. The fastest mile of the day belonged to Jeff Nisonger and King's Cruiser. The 3-year-old pacer tripped the wire in 1:56.3.

## Clinton County July 13



Rain delayed the program at Wilmington, but when things got underway, Ron Gillespie led all drivers with five wins. Brian Georges was the only trainer to double up. Amy Wengerd and Heather Woolums picked up victories in the two divisions of the Spring Haven Ladies Pace. The fastest mile of the day belonged to Apple Soozy in 1:58.2 for Gillespie and trainer Dan O'Mara.

## Trumbull County July 13

Mother Nature stole the show in Cortland. Heavy rains the night before caused the cancellation of both race cards scheduled for the Trumbull County Fair. They were the first cancellations of the year due to weather.

## 2021 OHIO COUNTY FAIR LEADERS

Through July 13, 2021

### DRIVERS - WINS

1	Ronnie Gillespie	26
2	Cameron McCown	20
T-3	Brett Miller	9
	Trevor Smith	9
T-5	Pierce Henry	7
	Jeff Nisonger	7

### TRAINERS - WINS

T-1	Chris Beaver	6
	Brian Georges	6
	Ron Gillespie	6
	Jeff Nisonger	6
	Rosy Weaver	6

# TRACK NOTES



Darren Dowler **Photo:** Brad Conrad

Darren Dowler picked up his first parimutuel win at Eldorado Scioto Downs on June 15. It was the ninth career win for Dowler, but his first at a parimutuel track.

MGM Northfield Park has raised the purses for two marquee events for Ohio-sired horses. The Myron Charna President's Pace and the Tom Aldrich President's Trot will carry purses of \$100,000 when they go to the post on August 14. The original purse was \$75,000 for both races. The two invitational only events are part of the undercard for Northfield's premier race, the \$300,000 Carl Milstein Memorial for three-year-old pacers.

The Mighty Hill set a new track record for freshmen gelding trotters at MGM Northfield Park on July 5. The Mighty Hill stopped the clock in 1:56.3 in his debut for Aaron Merriman and trainer Chris Beaver. The previous mark was 1:56.4 set by Timestorm in 2019.

Don Sherman and Eddie Miller picked up wins in the Great Lakes Amateur Driving Association races at Northfield Park on July 5. Sherman was a winner with Palmers Pride, while Miller drove Bold Strategy to the win.



Brett Miller

Beachin, broke his maiden in a big way. Ryan Stahl drove the 105-1 long shot to his first victory in 19 starts at Northfield Park on July 7. Beachin paid \$211.40 to win.

Aaron Merriman's six wins on June 2, lifted him over the career 13,000-win mark. Merriman's milestone win came at The Meadows. He added four more that night at Northfield Park.

The top driver for wins on a day belongs to Brett Miller who collected eight wins on June 19. Five wins were at Circleville and three at Scioto Downs.

Merriman had a couple of other big days. He collected seven wins on June 13, winning six at Northfield and one at The Meadows. He also won seven races at Northfield on June 28.

In the five win club for the month of June: Josh Sutton (June 5), Chris Page and Merriman (June 9), Jeremy Smith (June 15), Kurt Sugg (June 19), and Miller (June 22)

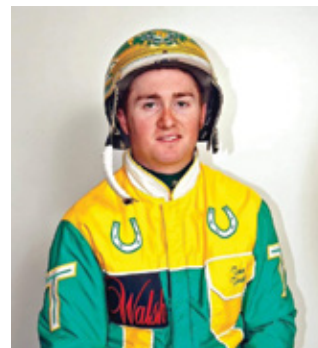
## TOP OHIO

### DRIVERS AND TRAINERS

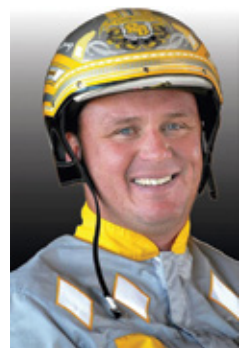
#### NATIONAL RANKINGS THROUGH JUNE 2021



Aaron Merriman



Trace Tetrick



Ron Burke

#### Drivers - Wins

1	Aaron Merriman	389
3	Trace Tetrick	282
4	Ronnie Wrenn Jr	268
5	Tony Hall	256
6	Brett Miller	216
9	Chris Page	213

#### Drivers - Earnings

2	Aaron Merriman	\$2,939,010
8	Trace Tetrick	\$2,511,657
9	Brett Miller	\$2,456,762
10	Chris Page	\$2,407,890

#### Trainers - Win

1	Ron Burke	411
6	Virgil Morgan Jr	95
7	Sam Schillaci	89
9	Scott George	80

#### Trainers - Earnings

1	Ron Burke	\$6,394,794
8	Virgil Morgan	\$ 884,726

# Been There!

BY ROGER E. HUSTON

I have been making the trip to Goshen, New York for the Hall of Fame weekend since 1985 when I drove in a Billings Amateur Trot finishing 4th in a field of eight. Since 1985, I have been serving as the Master of Ceremonies for the Hall of Fame Dinner. It has been an honor to serve on the Board of Trustees for twenty-three years. It is an important part of my life.

This year's celebration was a reunion with old friends who have not seen each other for a couple of years since last year's dinner was a victim of the pandemic. I noticed there were a lot of handshakes but many more hugs. We were all so glad to have survived Covid.

There was a large crowd of 275 under the large tent to honor the class of 2019 which included Bill Popfinger, Tim Tetrick, Tom Charters and Jeff Gural along with Communicators Phil Pikelny and Ken Weingartner. The Immortal Hall of Fame included Roy Davis, Arlene Siegle, Ken Marshall, Geoff Stein and Robert Tucker.

I want to take a moment, to write about next year ceremony when Sam "Chip" Noble III will be inducted to the Immortal Hall of Fame on Sunday, July 3rd. This is very personal to me as I had the distinct pleasure to nominate Chip earlier this year. His name was passed by the Immoral Committee and who then passed the recommendation to the Trustees who approved the award.

I have known the entire family going back to Sam Noble Sr., Sam "Bruz" Noble Jr, Chip, Dan Noble, Kolton and Nash. I have called races with the first five Noble drivers, but I doubt I will be around to call Nash since that will be 15 years down the road and I will be 94 by that time.

Chip was always special to me as I called his very first win at Xenia in 1969 and so many others at county fairs, The Meadows and Delaware where at one time he was the winningest driver with 99 wins until he was passed by John Campbell and the current leader David Miller.

I am so happy for his mother Jean, wife Debbie, Sam IV, Dan, Meredith and the grandkids. I hope they will all make it to Goshen for the celebration in 2022.

Two other Ohio connections were honored this year in Goshen as Tom Charters was inducted into the Hall of Fame and Phil Pikelny into the Communicators Hall of Fame.

Charters, a native of Springfield and most recently the retired head of the Hambletonian Society and Breeders Crown, started in harness racing as a caretaker for Dick Hackett and then Delvin Miller. Working for Delvin he took care of the World Champion mare Delmonica Hanover. Charters was quick to add "I also took care of her

at two and three and she didn't win a race." He served as Race Secretary at The Meadows and in Macau, Japan before taking the position with the Breeders Crown. He also has served as a Steward of the Grand Circuit, President of the National Race Secretaries and as a trustee of The Harness Racing Hall of Fame and Museum.

The other inductee is Phil Pikelny who started out as a publicity intern working the county fair circuit in the states of Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia for the USTA. Phil served as Director of Marketing at Scioto Downs in 1982. He also held positions at newspaper and radio-television stations in Columbus.

Pikelny is best known for being the co-author with Donald Evans for the book "Rambling Willie: The Horse God Loved." He organized the traveling road show for Rambling Willie and trainer-driver Bob Farrington. The 21-city tour began in March of 1981 and concluded with an appearance on the nationally-syndicated Merv Griffin Show in December of 1981. Along the way Rambling Willie would make stops at various bookstores. His stop in Pittsburgh was greeted by the Mayor Richard Caliguiri. Willie would autograph the book after stepping on a large ink pad and then step on a blank page in the book.

During our visit in Goshen, Phil told the unknown story around Willie and his appearance on TV show.

A couple days before the show Willie had a serious bout with colic and had to undergo surgery before the appearance. Normally it would take three days of complete stall rest and Phil was concerned about the horse. Bob Farrington reported that the day following surgery Willie was up and ready to go. If you remember the video with Merv Griffin, Willie was wearing a horse blanket to hide the incision which was bandaged on his side.

Pikelny now works for the Disney Corporation in Orlando in their marketing efforts. When he retired to Florida, Phil said he didn't go into marketing. "I told them I would take any job with Disney even if it was driving a theme park bus. I got hired to chauffeur celebrities who live on the Disney property to where-ever they wanted to go."

Be There!



# BATESON JOINS USTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The U.S. Trotting Association announced that Steve Bateson is replacing Dan Ater as director on the USTA Board of Directors until the next District 1 meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021 when there will be an election to determine who will complete the remainder of Ater's term through March 2023.

Ater, a longtime USTA director and member of the Ohio Harness Racing Hall of Fame, died at age 66 after a long battle with cancer on May 24, 2021.

District 1 represents USTA members in Ohio.

"I'm honored to be replacing Hall of Fame trainer Dan Ater, who was a well-respected member of our Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association board," said Bateson.

"Dan didn't speak out often but when he did people listened. Dan occasionally called me with concerns about the industry or the organization and I would always ask him if he had any suggestions for the situation. He always had a well thought out solution to the issue. He is greatly missed."

Bateson has been involved with Standardbred horses since 1981 and bought part of his first racehorse in 1986. He currently owns several racehorses and broodmares residing in Ohio.

A director of the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association since 2011, Bateson served as vice president of the organization for four years and is its current president, a position he has held since 2019. In his role at the OHHA, Bateson helped implement the Buckeye Stallion Series for 2- and 3-year-olds, which added another valuable classification for staking many outstanding Ohio-bred foals.

A graduate of The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Economics, Bateson has worked for 30 years in sales for both manufacturing and distribution in the agricultural chemistry industry. He is currently a strategic account sales manager for Rosen's Inc.

Bateson and his wife Terri have three sons — Case, Garret and Levi. Case, their oldest, has also begun a career in the Standardbred industry.

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## OUTSTANDING GROOMS

The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association would like to congratulate our Outstanding Grooms Gestin Delelles and Lamar Moody.

Delelles is currently working for trainer Jim Arledge, Jr. at the Winners Circle Training Center. He has been employed in the industry for four years but found his love for harness horses at the age of five when he began riding retired Standardbreds.

Delelles just recently received his Qualifying/Fair (QF) Driver's License. He looks forward to beginning his driving career and hopes to "win the Jug one day."

Moody has 40 years of experience in the harness horse industry. He began working at Lebanon Raceway for Mike Lee. Today, he jogs, ships, and is willing to do anything needed in the barn for trainer Don Williams.

Moody says his most fond memory is of Lebanon Raceway where he was leading trainer for multiple years. He admits the career he chose is hard work and takes dedication but wouldn't have it any other way. He made special note to say his favorite time of year in the business is spring and fall simply because "the flies aren't out."

Outside of racing, Moody found fun in DJ'ing. He also enjoys spending his summers cooking out with his friends, kids, and grandchildren.



Gestin Delelles



Lamar Moody

An advertisement for Bow River Fine Equestrian Jewelry. The background is black with the words "Bow River" repeated in a light, cursive font. A gold chain with a large, ornate silver and gold pendant is featured. The pendant has a stylized horse head design with a curved, diamond-encrusted element. Text on the ad includes: "Bow River Fine Equestrian Jewelry", "Visit us at the Little Brown Jug. We will be in 3 locations.", a bulleted list: "• Under the Grandstand", "• In front of Barn B", "• The VIP Tent", "Original Designs and Quality You Can Trust!", "art@bowriverjewelry.com • www.bowriverjewelry.com", "(440) 255-1222", and "Major credit cards accepted, ALL DESIGNS COPYRIGHTED BY BOW RIVER, Infringement of copyrights will be prosecuted."

# CASINO REVENUE REMAINS STRONG

Ohio's gaming revenue for June 2021 remained on the comeback trail with strong results posting for both Racinos and Casinos. Overall, casino and racino revenue was up 21.9% from the \$161.4 million that they took in during June 2019, the last comparable month that gambling facilities operated with no coronavirus restrictions that affected their hours of operation.

On the VLT revenue side, total revenue for June was \$73,184,105. Month-over-month reflects an 8.83% decline in revenue from May's total revenue of \$80,275,252. Hollywood Dayton and El Dorado Scioto continue to lead the way with the highest complete year over year increases of 159.9% and 149.3% that are above the average. Miami Valley Gaming and Northfield Park results for the comparison are 137.3% and 128.1%. The total increase in the current year on revenue is \$225,811,563 or 140.8%.

On the casino side, June 2021 produced total casino revenue of \$84,715,321 with table games revenue of \$25,440,091 and slots revenue of \$59,275,230. Month-over-month, the casino total revenue decreased (-2.45%) from \$86,840,948 in May 2021. A complete year-over-year comparison to June 2021 reflects a 17.03% increase in total revenue as-compared to June 2019's revenue total of \$70,284,569.

## EXPLORE AG CAMP BY ASHLEY DAILEY



The sport of harness racing gained 25 new fans when the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association hosted students from the ExploreAg Camp. The program, funded by Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation and coordinated by OSU Extension Franklin County, allows high school aged students to explore various careers in agriculture. This year, the OHHA became the first equine oriented curriculum to participate.

Led by Susan Schroeder and Ashley Dailey, the morning session began at Delaware County Fairgrounds where student groups spent time with trainers Brian Brown, Tim Lane, Ron Steck, Mike Sweeney and their grooms. The experience was hands-on, with campers cleaning stalls, harnessing horses, poulticing legs, and jogging in a two-seated cart.

Harness Horse Youth Foundation's Ellen Taylor shared career opportunities available in the Standardbred industry. Farrier Daniel Wengard showed direct involvement with racehorses while Steve Vaughn, Delaware's

track superintendent, offered an example of an indirect position within the industry.

In the afternoon, students visited Sugar Valley Farm with Joe McLead and Arionna Roach. Students learned about the breeding process and beginning stages of a racehorse's life. Pacing stallion Well Said posed for pictures while 2021 foals welcomed attention.

The day ended at Eldorado Scioto Downs where students had front row seats to the night's racing action. Chris Page signed autographs and Jason Roth gave paddock tours. ExploreAg then made their way to the winner's circle after San Franny's win for a picture with driver Brett Miller.

The OHHA extends a sincere thank you to all those involved with the production of this program.



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## ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

### Ohio Fair Racing Coverage

The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association is live streaming races from county fairs across the state. In 2021, the OHHA plans to cover over 125 races cards. Last year's coverage was seen in Ohio as well as 30 other states and nine countries. For more information about 2021 Ohio Fair Racing coverage email: [ffraas@ohha.com](mailto:ffraas@ohha.com)

### Saturday Night at the Races

The OHHA will cover Ohio's biggest racing nights as part of "Saturday Night at the Races." Planned coverage includes: The Ohio Sire Stakes Finals, The Buckeye Stallion Series Finals, The Ohio Fair Championships, the Ohio State Fair Finals, and the Next Generation. Sponsorship includes commercials within the live coverage. For more information e-mail [ffraas@ohha.com](mailto:ffraas@ohha.com).

### Five Days In Delaware

The OHHA will once again be covering Little Brown Jug week with several programming elements. The OHHA will cover the five days of live racing. In addition, the OHHA will offer Trackside Live, live interview shows each morning from Delaware. Trackside Live features interviews with drivers, trainers, owners, and horsemen. Countdown To Post Time is a half hour preview show each day leading into our Facebook Live and YouTube Live coverage of the daily race card from the Delaware County Fairgrounds. Plus, Little Brown Jug Lookbacks, flashing back to previous Little Brown Jugs. For more information contact Frank Fraas.

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# Regularly Scheduled Meeting Recap

Wednesday, May 26, 2021 By *Renée Mancino*

*Roll Call, all Commissioners present.*

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

Consideration to approve Resolution 2021-05, a modification of R.C. 3769-35 and O.A.C. 3769-13-35 was discussed regarding changes to Pentafecta wagering payout. Ohio had an incident related to payout under the existing rule, after review of the existing rule and discussion with the statewide permit holders, amendment was appropriate. Resolution 2021-05 as proposed mirrors the Association of Racing Commissioner's International's model rule. The Racing Commission unanimously ratified adoption of Resolution 2021-05.

Consideration and review of the protocols for the safe return to racing starting June 19, 2020. The Chairman provided commentary that Resolutions and Protocols passed during the pandemic would be rescinded as-of June 2, 2021, consistent with Governor DeWine's order rescission. The rescission applies to all resolutions and protocols relevant to the pandemic. The motion excluded the Emergency Fund established by Resolution 2020-09 on April 22, 2020, from release. The release of that Resolution and those monies would be handled in the July Racing Commission Meeting with the next quarterly distribution. The Racing Commission unanimously ratified elimination of the Protocols and Resolutions related to the pandemic, excluding Resolution 2020-09.

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

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

The monthly commission financial report was provided by Fiscal Officer Sherry White. April's revenue numbers were solid as-compared year-over-year only down \$10,000. Pari-mutuel taxes were down 21%, overall revenue was down 14%. Expenses were down 9% overall, with payroll, parking, legal costs, and Department of Administrative Services costs all down. The Racing Commission's Operating Fund has slightly over \$2,100,000 and continues to hold steady.

Commissioner Hansen provided a Medication and Testing Committee update. Commissioner Hansen discussed neighboring state medication and testing modifications in Pennsylvania and Kentucky. A future meeting will be held to discuss neighboring state modifications and scope.

Commissioner Simpson Chairman of the Safety Committee outlined use of the whip and head numbers as a discussion topic for a future meeting.

In the matter of hearing officer's report and recommendation for Michael Lauer, the matter was removed from the agenda due to final settlement.

In Chairman's Comments, Chairman Borgemenke discussed a return to in-person Racing Commission meetings and to have them rotated to racing facilities throughout the state. The Chairman included the possibility of having the additional Committee meetings for medication and testing, safety, and other relevant topics in conjunction with the monthly meetings.

In public comments Commissioner Greg Simpson discussed the potential for comparison to other state racing commissions regarding the income, costs, and expenses of operation for the Racing Commission. Ohio Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Association Director Mike Annechino provided comments on the upcoming Best of Ohio day at Belterra Park May 28, 2021, with five \$100,000 races scheduled for three-year-old and up Ohio Sired Thoroughbreds. Mr. Annechino also opined that medication and testing meetings, and discussions should be more inclusive for all horsemen's groups to participate.

The Racing Commission adjourned into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters with Executive Director William Crawford. There would be no business conducted after the Executive Session, so the motion and vote were taken to adjourn and conclude the meeting.

For a transcript of the meeting contact the Ohio State Racing Commission. The next scheduled Racing Commission meeting date is June 23, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at Eldorado Scioto at the Hampton Inn in the Connector Room. The Agenda and Meeting Information can be found at the Ohio State Racing Commission's website at [www.racingohio.net](http://www.racingohio.net).





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### 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) mare registration date 11/30/19**

Foal Age	Membership Requirement
Foal Born 2020	Membership Required
Yearling 2021	No Membership Required
2 & 3-Year-Old 2022, 2023	No Membership Required

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

Foal Age	Membership Requirement
Foal Born 2021	Membership Required
Yearling 2022	No Membership Required
2 & 3-Year-Old 2023, 2024	No Membership Required

**Registration Fee:** \$20 per mare. For mares registered in 2019 forward, in addition to the \$20 registration fee per mare, registrations received from December 1st to December 31st must add a \$100 per-mare late fee. Registration will not be accepted until all fees are paid in full.

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

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

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