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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. 9
(90 live days)

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

Important Dates

OSRC Monthly Meeting
March 30, 2017 10 am
Columbus Riffe Center
77 S. High St.,
Columbus, Ohio

OHHA Board Meetings

Thursday, April 27
Friday, July 2
Wednesday, October 25
Locations TBA

*Cover photo 2-year-old
pacing colts submitted
by Michael Polhamus II.*

Welcome Back Trumbull and Marion Counties

by Regina Mayhugh

Two Ohio county fairs have re-joined the Ohio Fairs racing scene for 2017, Trumbull and Marion counties. Neither fair is new to harness racing and Ohio is happy to have them back on track. Trumbull County will race with the Home Talent Colt Stakes Circuit and Marion County is part of the Ohio Fair Racing Conference.

Trumbull County is located in Cortland, Ohio in the upper northeast corner of the state. Elwood "Woody" Woolman, Secretary/Treasurer of Home Talent Colt Stakes shares a little background on the Trumbull County Fair:

"Harness racing had been a big part of the fair since its start in the late 1870's. The original fair was located in downtown Warren, Ohio. Then in the late 1960's the fair moved to Cortland. The new fair constructed a blazing fast 1/2 mile track with large well banked turns and wide stretches. It was a popular stop on the Northern Ohio Colts Stakes and then The Buckeye Super Stakes. As fair board directors came and went the enthusiasm for harness racing suffered. In 2006 with a state-wide decrease in racing, the board discontinued harness racing. Every year since one fair board member has tried to bring it back with no success.

This past winter with the help of the Home Talent Colt Stakes, Don Nelson was able to convince the board that it was time to bring back the races. Don is putting together a nice program and has employed Dan Ross a long-time Trumbull County horseman and race official to help. Marty Wollam has his training center just down the road from the fair and has offered his help as well. With all this help and interest, we are looking forward to a great return."

Marion County is located in Marion, Ohio in the north-central portion of Ohio. Bill Peters, one of the regional coordinators for the Ohio Fair Racing Conference shares some memories and provides insight on the returning fair:

"When I was growing up in the 1950s, I read about the pari-mutuel harness racing meet that was held on the Marion County Fairgrounds in the late 1940s. Marion hosted a three-week meet each year with the last year being 1949. Owner-driver Miles Anderson of Kenton piloted Nancy K to victory in the last race on July 23, 1949. The first time that I was ever on the fairgrounds was to attend the 1975 Ohio North-South Cage Classic in the Coliseum located on the grounds. Kevin Appel, who is currently the president of the Defiance County Area Horsemen Association and one of the owners in the D&K Stable LLC of Hicksville, was one of the players on the North squad. I followed the racing at the Marion County Fair until they ceased racing after the fair in 2011.

In August of 2015, I contacted the Marion County Fair secretary Candy Tripp about the possibility of the Marion County Fair bringing harness racing back. After making three trips to the fairgrounds and making many phone calls over the following fifteen months, the Marion County Fair Board voted to resume racing in 2017 and to join the Ohio Fair Racing Conference. I look forward to serving as their Regional Coordinator and Race Clerk and hope that they have a very successful two-day meet."

Thank you, Woody and Bill for sharing your stories about these two fairs. Ohio horsemen will benefit with these two additional racing opportunities and will now have sixty-seven racing fairs to race at. Fair racing has been and continues to be the grassroots of harness racing in Ohio. See you at the fairs!

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Get to Know Your Directors- Randy Leopard, Owner Director

by Regina Mayhugh



Randy Leopard has been an OHHA Owner Board Member since 2015. OHHA committees that Leopard has served on include Banquet, Fair and Industry Enhancement.

Leopard has been involved in harness racing for forty years. "I started in harness racing in 1976 when my father-in-law gave me a yearling to break. I had grown up with the Buxton boys, Branch and Brad, and went in partnerships with Brad in the early 80's on yearling purchases," shares Leopard. Later he went in partnership with Dick Buxton after Brad moved to the Meadows and after Dick's death,

Leopard bred and trained a few on his own. Today his horses are trained by Bill Dailey.

Besides harness racing during the past forty years Randy has been the owner of the hometown restaurant Mumford's Potato Chips and Deli in Urbana, Ohio. Mumford's Potato Chips and Deli has been open since 1932. They are known for their kettle-cooked, lightly salted potato chips. Leopard's father Frank Leopard started working for the Mumford family in 1957. The Leopard family later purchased the potato chip business in 1976 and in 1984 expanded the business by adding a deli and converting to a restaurant. Along with their deli sandwiches, they still sell the original kettle cooked potato chips as well as homemade kettle corn and peanut, cashew and coconut brittle. Leopard also operates the independent insurance agency Brand/Neer/Frantz/Stallsmith, Inc., in Urbana, Ohio where their current staff were all born and raised in Champaign County.

He has been married to Tia Leopard for thirty-seven years and they have two daughters, Kate and Allie as well as grandson Jackson. Randy's father-in-law, John Harrigan, owned Standard-breds for several decades, including Invitational pacer Wingait Champion in the early 1970's. Leopard is also actively involved in his community. He has served two terms on the Urbana Area Chamber of Commerce, has been a member of the Rotary Club of Urbana for twenty-eight years, a Champaign County Fair Board member for Twenty-five years and is on the Champaign County Extension Advisory Board.

Some of Leopard's "star" horses and/or favorite horses include trotting colt Darby Demon, pacing filly Fair Fun, pacing colt Gosemite Sam and trotting filly Striking Daylight. One of

Leopard's most memorable harness racing moments was "watching Dick Buxton win a heat of the Little Brown Jug with a 99-1 longshot with Faraway Bay after Buxton went through a barn fire in January of 1973", shared Leopard. Another memorable moment in harness racing for him was winning his first Ohio Sire Stake at Raceway Park.

Leopard's hopes for Ohio racing in the next five years includes seeing a second tier of Stake racing at the commercial races tracks and the fairs and attracting new fans to the sport to bring back the crowds that were seen in the 1960's and 1970's. "I would like to see this sport become a large audience spectator sport like major college athletics because these equine athletes perform at such a high level that most of the general public never gets to see", shares Leopard.



JOHN H. HARRIGAN
OWNER
OCT. 3, 1970

WINGAIT CHAMPION
WASHINGTON PARK
1 MILE PACE TIME 2:02-3

ROBERT SEABROOK
DRIVER-TRAINER
KUPRION PHOTO



February OSRC Meeting Recap

by Renée Mancino

Wednesday, February 22nd at the Columbus Riffe Center.

In normal business for the Commission the Executive Director's Report items for ratification were introduced. No documents relative to the approvals were provided or disclosed to those in attendance. There was no discussion on the items provided to the Commissioners. The Racing Commission unanimously ratified the Executive Director's Report items.

Casino Tax Revenue Commission allocation discussion. The formula for yearly calculations on the Casino Commission revenue share were discussed. Historically the way the Casino Commission has been calculated has been to provide revenue share money to the Standardbred Development Fund and Thoroughbred Race Funds (19% each), the pari-mutuel purse pools (42%), the Ohio State Racing Commission (OSRC) for operations (5%), and to the four Racetrack Permit Holders without a casino ownership interest for expenses and operations related to racing (15%). For the purse pool deposit, the formula applied uses the number of total live races at each location apportioning the total percentage of revenue allocated to the purse pools by ratio in accordance with the number of live races held at each location. In 2016 the Thoroughbred racetracks conducted a total of 2,361 races, 814 at Mahoning Valley, 753 at Belterra, and 794 at Thistledown. Standardbred live race totals were 6,624, Miami Valley Gaming was host to 1,208 races, Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway 956, Scioto Downs 1,159, and Northfield Park with 3,301 races. After discussion and an OSRC Staff recommend for approval, the same formula for apportionment used in 2016 was unanimously approved for 2017.

Advance Deposit Wagering (ADW) discussion. Principal Assistant Attorney General Michael Rzymek provided an overview of the status of ADW in Ohio from 1995 forward. Mr. Rzymek opined that there were no specific regulations and they were in a, "kind of a murky area".

In 1995 the Attorney General provided an opinion outlining this type of wagering as falling outside the scope of the type of pari-mutuel wagering that is permitted under the Revised Code. The Revised Code provided for pari-mutuel wagering at the brick and mortar locations, licensed off-track facilities (of which there is one-Cedar Downs), simulcast import, export, and telephone wagering. The Report concluded it was outside the scope of the Ohio State Racing Commission's authority to promulgate rules for the additional type of wager and taxation.

In 2000 another Attorney General's Opinion issued by Betty Montgomery reversed the 1995 opinion. This time the Attorney General's office said ADW was authorized, and at that time Beulah Park owned an independent self-branded ADW. However, after issuing the first opinion while Beulah Park was in operation, the Attorney General's Office issued a second opinion reversing their position and recommending that Beulah Park cease operations. Beulah Park then filed a legal action in Franklin County, Court of Common Pleas. The Court ruled that the Attorney General couldn't just immediately demand cessation of operations. That there needed to be due process procedures put into place before mandating stoppage. Due to the disagreement, Beulah Park's Owners voluntarily ceased operations in Ohio and took their company's ADW Hub to Oregon where it was licensed.

In June 2016 Senator Coley commissioned a study on the status of ADW

wagering nationwide and relative to the pari-mutuel activity that occurred in Ohio. The study outlined that all pari-mutuel racetracks in Ohio had either ownership interest in a whitelisted ADW platform (i.e., Scioto Downs, racelinebet.com) or were related by contract to an out-of-state ADW provider. The report also provided financial statistics and an economist's analysis which show that ADW wagering has surpassed both live on-track wagering and simulcast wagering revenues statewide and estimated ADW wagering by Ohio residents at \$100 million and growing. Surrounding states like Pennsylvania, Kentucky, and Minnesota have passed regulations recently for ADW wagering.

There was back-and-forth discussion among the Commissioners as-to the legalities of promulgating ADW wagering by Racing Commission Rule versus the need for a statutory amendment to R.C. 3769.089, which is the statute governing Simulcast wagering. Commissioner Winters opined that the OSRC should be able to promulgate rules due that are in the, "Best Interest of Racing". That basis provides them with the ability to pass regulations to permit, bond, and regulate ADW providers in Ohio. Commissioner Book expressed a difference of opinion on being able to enable ADW regulation by Administrative Rule pointing to Senator Coley's study as a good example of the need to legislate versus the OSRC enacting Rules on their own, particularly for any potential taxation component, which would necessitate amendment on R.C. 3769.08. The OSRC Chairman noted that these were discussions that would occur in the coming months with all industry stakeholders able to participate in the process. The First Meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Riffe Center.

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A discussion on medication and testing was led by OSRC Consulting Veterinarian Dr. James Robertson.

In April 2016, the OSRC engaged in a fact-finding endeavor to decide whether they would adopt the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium's (RMTC) Controlled Therapeutic Substances List (CTS List). Since 2013 the RMTC had made several modifications to the CTS List, adding several therapeutic substances, and amending the threshold levels and recommended out-times on several substances. It was noted that 94% of all thoroughbred racing jurisdictions have adopted the RMTC's CTS List. Two states have adopted the RMTC CTS List for their thoroughbred racing, Delaware and New York. However, in those states they have adopted a bifurcated system for Standardbreds. The Ohio Horsemen and United States Trotting Association requested a bifurcated variant in the OSRC public hearings on medication and testing held in April 2016. The primary bifurcation occurring with clenbuterol and corticosteroid administration and out-time deviations due to the differences in racing style and frequency for Standardbreds versus Thoroughbreds. The Racing Commission Chairman set forth that they will be considering amendments to the medication and testing policies with the opportunity for public comment on the process as it progresses.

A third initiative for 2017 is discussion, examination, and enactment of an out-of-competition testing program in Ohio. Currently R.C. 3769.09 prevents the OSRC from out-of-competition testing due to specific reference to testing occurring, "during a live race meet".

Assistant Attorney General Michael Rzymek outlined the two reasons for implementation. First a policy would enable OSRC investigators to enter onto the property of a facility or property that does not conduct a race meet or outside of a live race meet for investigatory

purposes. Second, would be the ability for OSRC Veterinarians to enter onto the property of a facility or property that does not conduct a race meet or outside of a live race meet to obtain blood and urine samples to test outside of competition. The goal would also be to obtain information on non-licensed trainers or trainers under suspension outside of competition. There was discussion on Kentucky's recently enacted program, which gives a six-hour window for testing and if a private property owner refuses entry onto their property the horseman can mutually agree to meet at a neutral location for the testing. The discussion culminated in adding this to the list of topics that would be discussed publicly in the coming months.

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

The Racing Commission's Consulting Veterinarian, Dr. Robertson provided the details on the horse racing related catastrophic fatalities for 2017. For the month of January there were 4 catastrophic Thoroughbred fatalities and no Standardbred fatalities. For the month of February there was 1 Thoroughbred and 1 Standardbred fatality. The 2017 year-to-date totals being 5 Thoroughbred and 1 Standardbred.

The OSRC Financial Report was provided with the January totals putting the OSRC back in line with biennial budget projections. Licensing and revenue was down for the month of January by \$20,000 as is typical with only three pari-mutuel racetracks in operation. Overall revenue is down 3% for the biennial budget reporting period. Expense are up with legal, IT, rent costs, and ARCI dues of \$16,150. Although net gain is down 54%, this year's budget projections remain in line with the projected Biennial Budget only running behind by \$133,000 for the entire biennium.

The last agenda item was a Financial Judgment case on licensee Thomas Harmer. A judgement related to Mr. Harmer's racing business was presented from an Illinois Court for \$1,000,000, which was reduced on appeal to \$350,000 and certified as a racing debt. There was commentary that Mr. Harmer did not appear for his hearing but Staff had discussions with Mr. Harmer who provided information that he was suing his attorney for malpractice related to the judgement and he had for the most part disbursed his racing business to focus on his court case. Discussion surrounding the fact that Mr. Harmer was previously licensed in 2016 and was not licensed for 2017. The Commissioners moved to suspend Mr. Harmer's 2016 license and deny licensure for 2017 until his judgement is satisfied or otherwise disposed of, passed unanimously. The Racing Commission adjourned into Executive Session to discuss employment hiring, and employee-related compensation. Upon the conclusion of the Executive Session there would be no further business 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. The next scheduled Racing Commission meeting date is March 30, 2017 at 10:00 am, Room 1960, Riffe Center, 77 S. High St., Columbus.

OHIO'S BREEDING FARMS: SUGAR VALLEY FARM

BY REGINA MAYHUGH

Delaware, Ohio is more than just the location of the Little Brown Jug. Two miles up the road is the home of Sugar Valley Farm. The farm was established in 1968 by veterinarian Dr. Dale Walters and his wife Evelyn. Dr. Walters practiced veterinary medicine for over 50 years. He was a 1952 graduate of The Ohio State University and was a resident of Delaware, Ohio for sixty years.

Dr. Walters had several top horses including Sugar Tree, Honey Cane, Sugar Valley Dudly, Fava, Beeeeyouuuuu and Sugar Valley Alley. His greatest horse was Saccharum, homebred daughter of Sugar Tree. Saccharum earned over \$805,000 and was an Ohio Sires Stakes Champion twice. Saccharum was also the Ohio Horse of the Year in 1985 and inducted into the Ohio Harness Racing Hall of Fame in 2011. |

Sugar Valley Farm started as and continues to be a family business. Dr. Walter's son Billy Walters was the farm's trainer and driver when Dr. Walters ran the farm. His grandson Joe McLead, Billy Walter's nephew, grew up intrigued with the industry. "I enjoyed going to the sales and studying the pedigrees," McLead recalls. McLead worked for his uncle and even had his own racing stable for a time but decided traveling as a trainer wasn't the career he was interested in.

McLead met his wife Patty which led to the introduction to Joe Thomson, owner of Winbak Farm in Maryland. McLead started his career in the breeding side of the Standardbred business in 2004 as General Manager of Winbak Farm. In 2008, he brought his family back to Ohio to be near family in Delaware and began working for Milburn Equine, division of Webster Veterinary, as a pharmaceutical sales representative.

The Ohio harness racing industry was going through changes as the new millennium approached and with the move of casinos to the east and racinos knocking on the doors of neighboring states, the racing industry in Ohio started to see financial challenges and competition as it was becoming harder to keep horses in Ohio. Then talk started about slots coming to Ohio.

As the talk about slots coming into the Buckeye State continued, interest in bringing studs into Ohio increased. People were coming to McLead asking if he had interest in standing studs. He discussed the opportunity with Billy Walters, who was only training a few at the time, and the two gentlemen decided to give it a try and bring Dr. Walter's Sugar Valley Farm back as a Standardbred breeding farm. They knew they were taking a chance as this discussion was a year before the slots came to Ohio, but they took that leap and today Sugar Valley Farm has proved to be a successful business in the industry.

From his experience at Winbak Farm, McLead had made many connections that proved to be valuable when starting his new adventure. He gained support from key horsemen including George Teague, Jr., David and Peter Heffering from Tara Hills Farms (Ontario) and Joe

Thomson from Winbak Farm (Maryland). These breeders were excited to help McLead and Walters get started and wanted to support them by offering some of the best bloodlines to help rebuild Ohio's Standardbred breeding program.

The first four stallions to stand at Sugar Valley Farm were Woodstock (Rocknroll Hanover-Gothic Lady-Abercrombie), Mr Wiggles (Bad-



Candemonium and her 2016 Woodstock filly - 2016 Photo by Sugar Valley Farm.

lands Hanover – Wiggle Hanover – Life Sign), I'm Gorgeous (Bettor's Delight -Joy – Andre) and Pilgrims Taj (Broadway Hall - BWT Maija – Tagliabue). George Teague, Jr. sent Mr Wiggles to Sugar Valley Farm as well as I'm Gorgeous. Pilgrims Taj, former Breeders Crown Champion, was the first trotter added to the 2012 stallion roster and came from Tara Hills in Ontario.

In the beginning, they decided to focus on stallions and determined they could add broodmares later, as the property had room for both. They wanted to have stallions that would not only appeal to Ohio Standardbred breeders but would also provide interest across the country.

"We continue to offer some of the best stallions in the state at comfortable prices that will race in Ohio, at the Grand Circuit and beyond," states McLead.

In 2016 three hundred plus mares were bred to the stallions standing at Sugar Valley Farm and there will be twenty-five to thirty mares that will foal at the farm in 2017. Seven stallions currently stand at Sugar Valley Farm for the 2017 breeding season, which opened in February. The day to day operations are managed by six employees, including McLead.

McLead shares that one of the things he loves about the breeding farm business is the connection with people. "I love being able to interact with great people in the sport. I look forward to watching the performance on the track by offspring of our stallions. I enjoy sharing the excitement with those who have bred to our stallions when their offspring do well on the track," states McLead.

The industry has seen its up and downs every day and there are still challenges as it continues to grow. Harness racing used to be a very popular sport that everyone, both horsemen and fans, wanted to be a part of. Times have changed and so has the sport. McLead says one of the challenges for him in the business is "having a love for this great sport and constantly trying to figure out how to bring the excitement back to current generations. The sport has lost some generations and trying to figure out how to bring in general awareness and how to bring the excitement back has been challenging."

This is a statement that horsemen in all facets of the industry can agree on. By continuing to work hard to produce top horses in the Buckeye state and sharing the love of the sport, Sugar Valley Farm has grown and prospered for almost 50 years.

Regina's Equine Spotlight

This month's feature horse includes a brother and sister duo from the Jim Dailey Stable in Urbana, Ohio. Gotmoneymypocket (2013, P, 3, 1:50.3F \$166,873) and Igottafeelinfran (2010, P, 4, 1:51.1F \$566,275) are both Feelin Friskie



– Fran Anna horses. They were both bred by Kathy Ratcliff (Orient, OH) and Jerry Zosel (Columbus, OH). Both breeders are also the owners of both as well as Kim Dailey (Mechanicsburg, OH) on Igottafeelinfran. They are trained by Jim Dailey.

They are currently racing at Miami Valley Gaming. In 2016, Gotmoneymypocket had seven wins, including two three-year-old colt pace division Ohio Sires Stakes wins, a Colts & Geldings 3-year-old open win, as well as winning a division and the championship of the James K Hackett Memorial. Igottafeelinfran had four wins in 2016, one being a \$25,000 Fillies and Mares Open.

Holly Powell, groom at Jim Dailey Stable, says these two are known as Frank the Tank (Gotmoneymypocket) and Fran (Igottafeelinfran). "Frank has a lot of personality. I've had him since he started as a two-year-old. He was one of my first Sire Stakes horses to take care of," shares Powell. He is quite a playful fellow and loves playing ball. "He flips it around in his stall and will rear up with it in his mouth. Most mornings I find it in the isle or in another horse's stall," notes Powell. She also shared that he is a little spoiled and when he sees her coming begins pawing at the ground until she gives him hay.

"Fran is a different horse, she is not very friendly and will try to line you up and kick at or bite you any chance she gets. Kim (Dailey) takes care of her and she has just learned to deal with her over the years," comments Powell. Dailey has had her since she was a baby and she has been a tough mare over the years. "Fran is not the best hauler either," Powell says. "She has torn up some trailers over the years. I think we all just respect her and go with the flow around her because she's been such a great race mare."

Powell says her favorite race to watch Frank was when he won at Scioto Downs as a two-year-old and set the two-year-old track record. He has also put Bill Dailey over the 1,000-win milestone during one of his races, so that was a special night for the entire team. She says she can't choose a special race for Fran because there were so many that she would consider special. "Just watching her race is special", says Powell, "I hope someday to be able to be able to say that about Frank". Frank may not have as many special races in that his big sister has, but he does have a fan base through Facebook. Powell enjoys posting pictures of Frank, "so people know who he is and why we call him Frank the Tank". He doesn't have his own Facebook page yet, but maybe someday!

Did you know?

Regina Mayhugh

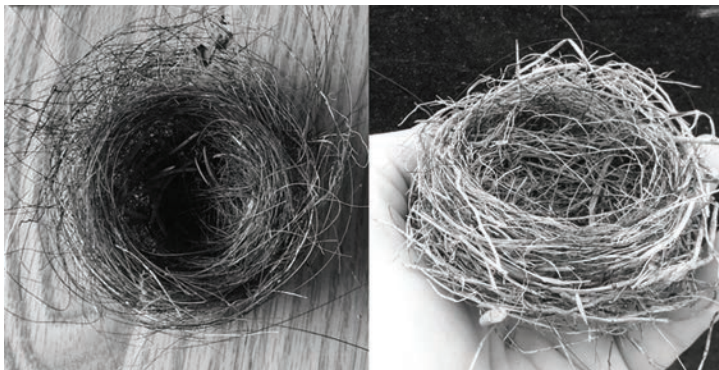
Did you know that a horse's tail has more function than just swatting at flies? Of course, that is how a horse uses his tail, but humans have found many more uses. From brush bristles to violin bows to clothing, horsehair has been a product beneficial to humans throughout the world.

Scandinavians have been known to use horsehair to spin into ropes, to make fishing line, for milk sieves, fishing mittens, outer socks, horse reins and rugs. In the 19th century horse hair became a common fiber to use as upholstery stuffing. Brushes, hats, women's undergarments and wigs were common horsehair uses as well. Horsehair plaster was once a material popular with the construction industry.

The length of the horsehair also determines its uses. Longer horsehair can be combined with other materials such as cotton to make fabric, while the shorter ones that curl are the ones used as stuffing for furniture and mattresses.

String instruments use horsehair. This hair generally comes from colder climates such as Canada, Mongolia and Siberia because hair is thicker in these regions versus the warmer countries. The black hair is preferred as it is more course. Whenever white hair is used, it comes from a white horse as bleaching horse hair will damage it.

Today horse hair can tell us about a horse. Mane and tail samples are used for DNA testing and can be used in relationship testing, genetic testing, testing for genetic diseases and determining coat color genetics. This just strengthens the fact that the horse is a versatile animal. Who knew they could be used for more than just their strength and speed?



These bird nests were found by Peg Carson on her farm. The one on the left was made exclusively of horsehair while the one on the right was half horse hair. Even birds know the importance of horsehair.

OHHA Sends Condolences to the friends and family of Charles W. 'Bill' Smith.

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

The Ladies Are Back!

by Emily Hay

The Ohio Ladies Pace is a go again in 2017, with a new twist. The hosting fair will be able to offer a NW of \$16,000.00 in 2017, AE \$5,000 claiming race or they write a straight \$5,000 claiming race, whichever condition they feel will fill better at their fair.

We are trying to make this race more of an even playing field and hoping these changes may help accomplish that. Ideas on how we do the final has been tossed around looking at making it a \$5,000 claiming race and draw for the horse. Again, looking at how to make it the more even playing field that the fans have been asking for.

The lady drivers go to many different fairs throughout the summer and some get to drive more and a variety of horses. A huge thank you to the trainers/owners who have been helping us! I would like to see more lady drivers get involved with this, so ladies if you have your license

please feel free to come on out to the races and drive with us.

We have an awesome new opportunity this year. Chris Gooden, the track photographer at the Meadows (Thanks to



Heather Wilder for helping to facilitate this with Chris), has agreed to do an Ohio Ladies Pace photo shoot for us and will make the photos into a calendar. The calendar will be for sale at the fairs. We are looking at the proceeds possibly going toward breast cancer charities and/or maybe using some towards the final.

The details are still in discussion. The fairs hosting the Ladies pace will be listed in the calendar on the day they are having the race.

Stephanie Dawn has also agreed to be the sponsor of the Lady Pace at Van Wert again this year and will have bags for fans after Ladies Pace race. Current fairs that are hosting Ladies Pace include Paulding, Circleville, London, Oak Harbor, Marysville, Tiffin, Attica, Van Wert, Montpelier and Delaware. I know there are others so be sure to watch for them in the Huff's Guide.

Anyone can enter a horse. The requirement is there must be a lady driving. If you know of any lady interested in becoming involved in Ladies Pace for 2017, have her contact me for more info (419-733-5402, purple_10_25@yahoo.com). Good Luck to everyone! See you at the fairs!

Name that Horse!

Have you ever wondered how that horse got its name? Each month we will feature horse names with a theme or story behind the name. Have a fun name to share and maybe a story behind it? Call the office or send an email to rmayhugh@ohha.com.

This month's submitted names were all named after a song....

Pistol Packin Mary- named after the song Pistol Packin Momma and **One Wing In The Fire**, also named from a song.
- both submitted by Tyler Burris (Rudolph, OH)

Wind In The Wire- named after a Randy Travis song.
- submitted by Mary Jane Travis (Galloway, OH), a huge Randy Travis fan!

Thank you ladies for sharing!

Upcoming Sales / Events

May 8th- Blooded Horse Sale
Delaware County Fairgrounds

May 21- Upper Sandusky Matinee
Wyandot County Fairgrounds

May 27- Hicksville Matinee
Defiance County Fairgrounds

**ATTENTION: The OHHA office will be relocating on April 1st to
2237 Sonora Dr., Grove City, Ohio 43213.**

Phone numbers and fax will remain the same.

More updates in the April issue of OHHA News....

Ohio Harness Racing Ambassadors Wanted

Susan Schroeder

The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association (OHHA) is seeking harness racing ambassadors to assist and represent OHHA with marketing activities and event outreach at county fairs, pari-mutuel race tracks, youth camps, driving school and other outreach programs. The ambassadors will assist in writing pre-and post-event press releases and help manage the social media initiatives of OHHA. Experience using online Social Media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.) is required. The candidate must be an outgoing self-starter, able to work on the road without direct supervision, and must enjoy interacting with the public. Candidates must be physically able and willing to bend, stoop, lift, and carry 50+ pounds and set-up a popup tent at various locations inside and outdoors at various Ohio event locations. The candidate will also assist when needed as support for the office staff and will work under the direction of the Project Coordinator.

The candidate for this position should have experience in Microsoft Office with the ability to handle e-mail, audio, and video equipment.. A high level of proficiency in grammar, punctuation, and the use of proper English are required. Knowledge of harness racing is a must and the candidates must be outgoing and able to speak fluently about racing to small groups and individuals.

This position is seasonal and will run from June 1st to September 30th. Travel is extensive and the candidate must have reliable transportation, a stipend for mileage and some expenses will be covered. This is a paid position and actual hours will vary, but will be approximately 40 hours per week. To apply for this position, please send your resume and cover letter to Susan Schroeder at sschroeder@ohha.com by April 1.

CHHA Scholarship Applications Available

The Christian Harness Horsemen's Association

Salem, NH --- The Christian Harness Horsemen's Association wants to see our harness racing youth succeed. To help the students CHHA plans to award two scholarships in 2017.

\$1,000 John and Janet Klark Memorial Scholarship

\$TBD Rambling Willie Scholarship

CHHA scholarships are available to graduating high school seniors and/or students enrolled in an educational institution of higher learning. Students who demonstrate a strong commitment to their Christian faith and are involved in harness racing are encouraged to apply. The Scholarship Committee gives special attention to how the applicant demonstrates his/her Christian faith in daily living and his/her involvement in harness racing, in addition to financial need and the course of study the applicant is undertaking. Students must be full-time and may be enrolled in degree or certificate programs.

The CHHA loves watching their scholarship recipients become all God made them to be. Matt Hess successfully completed a course at the Oklahoma Horseshoeing School and is now pursuing his career as a harness racing farrier. Ohio's Lindsay Hagemeyer will begin her studies at the Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine in the Fall.

The application is available on the CHHA website at www.chha.net. Completed applications including all attachments must be postmarked on or before April 30. Recipients will be announced no later than July 1. All applicants will be notified of their status.

Ohio Fair Racing History Puzzle

Enter the Ohio county that matches the clue.

Answers and more details on these fairs will be featured in the April issue of OHHA News.

Down

1. This Ohio fair was dropped from the program in 1954 due to low attendance and brought back in 1962.

2. During the Civil War, their fairgrounds was leased to the Ohio Militia and named Camp Goddard, in honor of General C.B. Goodard of Ohio Militia.

3. This fair is no longer racing, but at one time it was a focal point for Thoroughbred and Harness Racing after a 3,000 seat concrete grandstand (one of the first of its kind) was constructed following a fire that destroyed the wooden one in 1913.

4. After dinner was when harness

racing began at this fair.

There was a free act in the center field between races and after the races was a foot race.

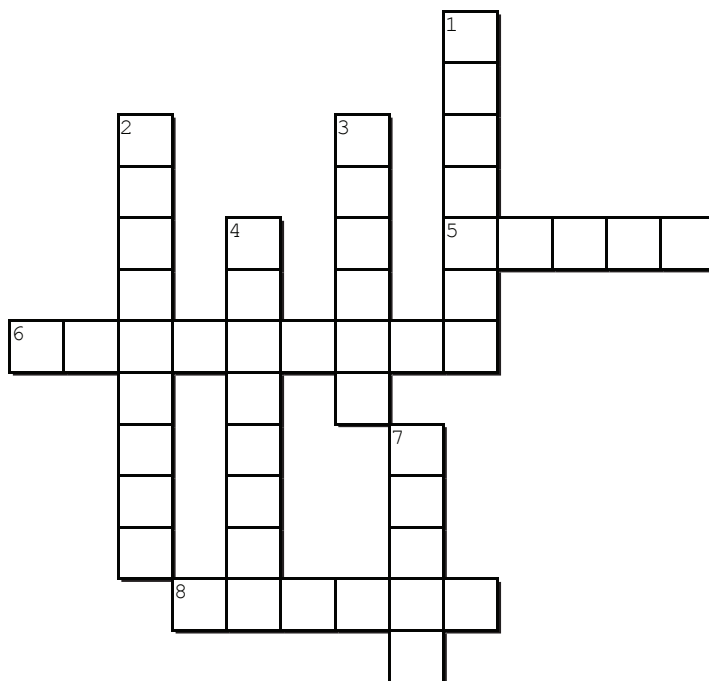
7. Twentieth Century Fox visited this county's fairgrounds in 1934, looking for a highwheeled racing sulky.

Across

5. Dan Patch raced at this county fair in 1903, setting a new track record of 2:04.

6. Harness racing has always been a popular feature at this fair. Trotting record- Bingham 2:02.4 in 2005 and Pacing record- Goin Like Sam 1:59 in 1998.

8. This fair had its first race track constructed in 1855.



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Horsin' Around With....

Trainer Kenneth Terpenning (Springboro, OH)

How long have you been training? Do you train full or part time? For the most part, part time. My business partner and friend of over 10 years Rob Zink does the training for us.

How did you get started? My mother, Barbara, 82, worked with her father who helped Sandy Levy and the Haughtons many moons ago. We used to go to Roosevelt, Monticello, Yonkers and the Big M when I was a kid. I bought my first horse in 2006 (K Cez Buddy) after I decided to leave the banking world behind. While in banking I was a branch manager. Branches I worked in in NY, FL and KY were robbed five times in fifteen years and I was pistol whipped two times. In 2005 I had a brain aneurysm as well as PTSD. After all that I wanted a career change and went back to school for my Master's Degree. Then in 2007, I went to the USTA Driving School. I was hooked ever since.

Any favorite horses over the years and what makes them a favorite? Buddy was my first and he won his first start, so he will always be one of my favorites. I love all our horses though. Hard to pick just one.

Share something about one of your current horses? Albanian Era (Albi) is the barn



Kenneth's mom Barbara "The Carrot Lady".

favorite for sure. She was a \$4500 purchase in the Fall of 2015. She rose up the conditioned ranks for the team and even won the Filly & Mare Open at Dayton. She's earned around \$80,000 in 15 months or so. Recently, she had a training incident at Lebanon where she was coming off of the track and another trainer on the track was loud and cracked a whip at his horse as he went by the draw gate then Albi dumped her driver and took off. She hit a trailer head on and eventually got hung up on a round pen gate. People watching the incident thought she was a goner. VERY SCARY! Well, less than 30 days later and she is back and was in Sunday, February 26th at MVR where she finished 3rd. She's one tough mare and Rob has done phenomenal with her!

What is your favorite food? Steak and NY style pizza!

Any other hobbies besides harness racing? Horses in general are my hobby, my passion and my therapy in life.

Do you have any family/friends involved in racing?

Most of my friends are in racing. As I mentioned my Mom earlier also. She is known at the barn as The Carrot Lady. She comes to the barn with bags of carrots and apples and talks to every single horse. She loves them!

How can horsemen do a better job of promoting harness racing and help build the number of fans in the stands? Long answer, it starts with rebooting our sport's image. We need better press and need to put our horses first



and our wallets second. I would like to see an alliance formed that helps promote the Standardbred breed for everything they offer, not just racehorses. We need to provide for their aftercare when they can no longer race. We need to do a better job educating our fans, our participants and those that have no idea what we do. This is such a hands-on sport. We need to show people how involved they can be. Then we need to provide avenues of entertainment and joy to our fan base and our potential fans. This is the best extreme sport in the world. We need to market it as such. We have lost the media attention (unless it is a bad story...we get too much of that). It starts with trust first. If we can earn peoples' trust back, then we have hope.

Share some fun facts about yourself. I just got back from my first cruise. We went zip lining and it was a blast! I also swam with the dolphins in Tortola. What an awesome feeling. I also love to sing. But my joy is being able to share the beauty and happiness my horses bring to the world and to me. I use Twitter, Instagram and Facebook to share race videos, pics and information with as many people as I can.



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MCHHA Holds Awards Banquet

by Emily Hay

Mercer County Harness Horsemen's Association (MCHHA) held its annual Awards Banquet on February 12th at the Celina Legion. A buffet style dinner was prepared by the Legion and awards were presented.

Ron Wulber of Versailles, Ohio was the recipient of four awards as he was the owner and trainer of the following winners: 2-Year-Old Filly Trot with Mov Madison, 3-Year-Old Filly Trot with Dominating Dora, 2-Year-Old Colt Trot with Motown Hall and 3-Year-Old Colt Trot with He's So High.

Bob Geist of Mendon, Ohio took home awards for 2-Year-Old-Filly Pace with Riskie Friskie and 3-Year-Old Filly Pace with Forever Friskie. Both horses are trained by Ty Bates.

Phil Belanger of Celina, Ohio received the 3-Year-Old Colt Pace award for T C Beck and Aged Pace with Regal Hope. He is also the trainer on these.

Aged Trot went to owner Larry Farley of Berkey, Ohio for Speed Hanover. Speed Hanover is trained by Steve Boroff.

The next part of the evening was the auction. Local businesses, farms, tracks, individuals and breeding farms donated items. Some of the auction items included cookies, pies, cakes, Thirty-one bags, embroidered towel sets and toys. Kessen Veterinary Clinic donated a gift certificate. There were also various horse decorations, horse feed and a Finn Tack suit. Big D's, OHHA, Northfield Park and Meadows also donated items.

MCHHA would like to send an extra thank you to the following breeding

Farms for their stallion donations: Schwartz Boarding - Jailhouse Jesse, Midland Acres- Break the Bank K, Cool Winds Farm- Ghee's House, Coraggioso and Bring on the Beach.

The MCHHA banquet is always a fun filled night and many of the horsemen look forward to the social event. The money raised goes back out for track maintenance items at the Mercer Co Fair. MCHHA has also discussed purchasing a Hoof Beats magazine subscription to display in local library and at Celina High School to help further promote the sport.

MCHHA will also be hosting a matinee this spring, date to be determined.



Top, horsemen enjoy the MCHHA Annual Banquet. Bottom: one of many auction items of the evening. Photos by Emily Hay.