



# The Ohio Harness Horseman's Association

April 2010 Newsletter

## 2010 Harness Racing Dates

### Lebanon Raceway

Feb 19-Dec 11  
(50 live days)

### Northfield Park

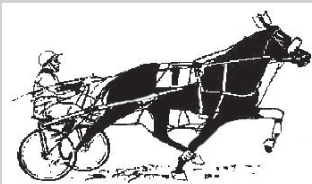
Jan 1-Dec 29  
(213 live days)

### Raceway Park

April 17-Oct 24  
(56 live days)

### Scioto Downs

May 7-Sept 18  
(65 live days)



## OHHa Track Reps

### Tom Blankenship

Lebanon Raceway  
Scioto Downs

### Amy Hollar

Northfield Park

### Kim Marts

Raceway Park

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## Standardbreds Can Do It All!

Bionic Woman, shown here at Santa Anita racetrack in the late 1970s, was a 1974 daughter of Addio Byrd--BonBon Lobell--Overtrick, who gained international attention as a top show jumper. Rank at the track, she was initially traded for a farrier bill, and went on to jump as high as 6'9".



**May 15 Deadline for Five HTA Scholarships Offered**—The Harness Tracks of America College Scholarship Fund is offering five, \$5,000 scholarships for post-secondary education to students actively involved in the sport of harness racing, or to the children of harness racing professionals (living or deceased), including licensed drivers, trainers, caretakers or management officials. The scholarship program, begun in 1973, has made 186 grants to 127 worthy students involved in harness racing since its inception with the scholarships totaling \$687,950.

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic merit, financial need and active harness racing involvement. Applications are available now by contacting Harness Tracks of America, 520-529-2525, or [info@harnesstracks.com](mailto:info@harnesstracks.com). The deadline for returning all application materials is May 15, 2010.

**June 1 Deadline for HHI Scholarship Applications**—The Harness Horsemen International Foundation announces that applications for the 22nd annual Jerome L. Hauck Scholarship are now being accepted. The \$4,000 award is granted to a son or daughter of a full-time Standardbred groom or of a member of an HHI-affiliated association. The HHI Foundation was organized in 1986 in memory of Jerome L. Hauck, an HHI founder who served as its president for 12 years.

The award is given to a student who has demonstrated exceptional scholarship, citizenship, and leadership, who has completed high school or its equivalent and is entering college for the first time. Character and personality traits are also reviewed in the selection process, and financial need is a consideration as well.

Applications must be received in the HHI office by June 1, 2010. For more information or an application, contact the OHHa office or HHI, 319 High Street, Suite 2, Burlington, NJ 08016 or phone (609) 747-1000 or e-mail [dhartmannhi@verizon.net](mailto:dhartmannhi@verizon.net).

# General Manager's Report

by Jerry Knappenberger

**Legislative Update**—As this newsletter goes to the printer March 24, we just received word that Ohio Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner will certify, for the November ballot, the language contained in House Bill (HB1), the “Budget Bill.”

The language in HB1 allows Governor Ted Strickland's Executive Order for VLTs at Ohio racetracks to go forward. LetOhioVote.org was short by 27,000 valid signatures from their first submission but by Ohio Code, received an extra ten days and submitted 155,000 additional signatures for validation. The validation process is now complete and the certification for the ballot should be announced this week.

It was hoped that LetOhioVote.org would not obtain the required signatures for the November ballot, thus, the Governor's Executive Order could be implemented. With signatures now certified, the HB1 language will be on the November ballot and the Ohio horse racing community must work together to pass the Referendum in November. A campaign to win in November will be devised by racetrack operators and horsemen's groups with those details released when available.

At this time, House Bill 250 (HB250), sponsored by State Representative Louis Blessing, Jr. (R-Cincinnati) and Todd Book (D-McDermott), has had several hearings in the state government committee. HB250, which mirrors the Governor's Executive Order for VLTs at racetracks has not been voted out of committee as this is written.

Please continue to contact your state legislators and ask them to support HB250 and/or the referendum vote to provide the necessary means that the agricultural-based Ohio horse racing industry can be put on a level playing field with surrounding states and provide revenue to the state government which it so desperately needs! If you have any questions, contact me at 1-800-353-6442 or 1-614-224-3650 or e-mail me at [Jlknappenberger@ohha.com](mailto:Jlknappenberger@ohha.com).

**Ohio Stallion Directory**—OHHA regrets there were errors which occurred in the 2010 Ohio Stallion Directory on the pages listing the Ohio registered stallions foal crop eligibles.

The following stallions, who are registered for 2010, were listed, but 2010 was omitted beside their names: George Scooter, Leblon Flat, Opus, Poplar Laag, Presidential Pride, Sadies Dreamboat, Slugger Four, Softys Smarty, SS Knight Raider, Superstar Sahbra and Whole Lot Of Fun.

The following stallions, who are registered, were not listed: B Mail (2009 & 2010), Beauregard (2010), Camcoder (2010), Confirmed Winner (2010), Dreamfair Titan (2010), Fly Fly Buckeye (2010), Forbidden (2010), His Highness (2010), Iron Duke (2010), Magic Decoder (2010) Neely Dunn (2010) and Striking Photo (2010).

In addition, Trainforthefuture was listed as having Ohio eligible foals of 2010, which is correct, but this stallion is back in Ohio at Hickory Lane Farm and will have a crop for the foaling year 2011. A complete corrected listing of Ohio registered stallions and their foaling years will be available, very soon, on the OHHA web site ([www.ohha.com](http://www.ohha.com)).

**OHHA Insurance Programs**—OHHA provides members two very important insurance coverages with their OHHA membership. First, the third-party liability insurance provides up to one million dollars of coverage for a member-owned horse, which is racing or in training, doing damage to the person or property of an outside third party.

The Fire and Disaster Insurance, which is in place at all four pari-mutuel tracks

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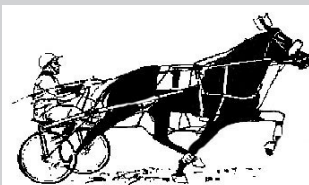
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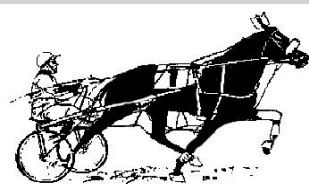
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through OHHA's contracts with the tracks, provides up to \$250,000 coverage per incident for several named perils, such as fire, tornado and other disasters. This coverage provides up to \$15,000 per horse, based on the market value, for horses racing and up to \$5,000 per horse, current market value, for horses in training, including yearlings.

There is also coverage for tack and equipment of up to \$3,000 per horse with a maximum of \$10,000 for any one individual. The Fire and Disaster Insurance is also available for purchase for all other training centers and farms. Both the Third Party Liability Insurance and the Fire and Disaster Insurance are available to OHHA as a member of Harness Horseman International (HHI).

The Fire and Disaster Insurance coverage, which was in place at Lebanon Raceway, will provide checks for almost \$200,000 to the OHHA member horsemen who lost horses and equipment in the tragic barn fire on Dec. 4, 2009. These checks will be in addition to the over \$113,000 which OHHA received as donations to the Lebanon Horsemen's Relief Fund and distributed to owners and trainers who suffered losses relating to the fire.

Anyone racing horses in Ohio truly cannot afford to not become an OHHA member. For any questions or more information on the training center Fire and Disaster Insurance, please contact me at the OHHA office at 1-800-353-6442 or at [Jlknappenberger@ohha.com](mailto:Jlknappenberger@ohha.com).

**OHHA Regional Meetings**—Our nine OHHA regional meetings for 2010 have begun, with several more to be held after you have received this newsletter. Please check the OHHA website for the complete listing of the dates, times and locations of these regional meetings, and please plan to attend the one in your area. These meetings are open to everyone interested in harness racing and we will be discussing everything pertaining to Standardbred racing. The meetings will afford everyone the opportunity to ask any and all questions. We also invite fair board members to attend to discuss county fair harness racing.

**2010 OHHA Membership Dues**—If you haven't done so yet, please renew your OHHA membership for 2010. Dues are \$65.00 for the year for an active or associate membership. It's easy to become an OHHA Member: See an OHHA representative at the racetrack, fill out an application and pay your fees, or download our Membership Application online. 2009 OHHA memberships expired on January 31, 2010.

**2010 P.A.C.E.R. Contributions**—We encourage members to continue to contribute to our PACER Fund (Political Action Committee for Equine Racing). These monies go to help fund our legislative efforts in order to garner industry-wide support for expanded gaming at Ohio's seven racetracks that would positively affect the Ohio horse racing industry. Please donate today by sending a personal check or money order (corporate checks are unacceptable for PAC fund donations) to: P.A.C.E.R., 800 Michigan Ave., Columbus, OH 43215-1166. Please include your employer and nature of business information as well.

**HHI 2009 Award Winners**—Harness Horseman International, made up of harness horsemen's associations from throughout the United States and Canada, presented their annual awards at their March 3, HHI Banquet, held at the Embassy Suites Resort in Deerfield Beach, Fla.

W.Kenny Wood, of Denton, MD, was selected to receive the Dominic Frinzi HHI Person of the Year Award for his unselfish work to bring fresh water to Ghana, Africa. Wood, a longtime racehorse owner and operator of Lifetime Well Drilling, has made more than a dozen trips to Ghana and drilled hundreds of wells, bringing fresh water to thousands of the locals. Wood has financed most of these costs with the earnings of his horses.

The 2009 HHI Appreciation Award goes to Franci Azur for his dedication to the Orleans County Fair in Barton, Vermont. Azur, at his own expense, sent two of his best pacers, Blue Ridge Western and Noble Falcon, along with trainer Kevin McDermott and drivers Tim Tetrick and Brian Sears, to Barton for the fair, exposing this small Vermont Fair to world class racing.

The 2009 Clyde Hirt Media Award goes to Bob Jordan of the Asbury Park Press, NJ. Jordan has written exclusively on the plight of NJ harness racing and NJ horsemen.

**HHI Elections**—The following people were elected to the 2010 HHI Board of Directors: President, Gene Oldford, Michigan; 1st VP, Tom Luchento, New Jersey; 2nd VP, Chandler Woodcock, Maine; Secretary, Sal DiMario, Delaware; Treasurer, Mike Izzo, Pennsylvania; At-Large, Don Amos, Ontario; At-Large, Ron Battoni, Pennsylvania; At-Large, Jerry Knappenberger, Ohio; At-Large, Tony Somone, Illinois.



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### *Important Dates*

*2nd Quarter*  
*OHHA Board Meeting*  
**April 20, 2010**

*3rd Quarter*  
*OHHA Board Meeting*  
**June 22, 2010**

*4th Quarter*  
*OHHA Board Meeting*  
**October 26, 2010**

### **April 15 Matinee Deadline**

The OHHA is requesting that all information regarding this year's matinees be sent to our office no later than April 15, 2010. Information should include: date (with rain date, if possible); location; sponsor; post time; entry fee; photo finish; charted lines; trophies; call-in dates and phone numbers. Please call or e-mail Linda Nance at the OHHA office at 1-800-353-6442 or [lnance@ohha.com](mailto:lnance@ohha.com).

### *Ohio Racetracks*

#### **Lebanon Raceway**

665 North Broadway  
Lebanon, Ohio 45036  
(513) 932-4936  
[www.lebanonraceway.com](http://www.lebanonraceway.com)

#### **Northfield Park**

10705 Northfield Road  
Northfield, Ohio 44067  
(330) 367-4101  
[www.northfieldpark.com](http://www.northfieldpark.com)

#### **Raceway Park**

5700 Telegraph Road  
Toledo, Ohio 43612  
[www.racewaypark.com](http://www.racewaypark.com)

#### **Scioto Downs**

6000 South High Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43207  
(614) 491-2515  
[www.sciotodowns.com](http://www.sciotodowns.com)

### *2010 Ohio Fair Stakes Racing Purses*

\$ 500.00	Ohio Fairs Fund base per stake race
\$ 880.00	Ohio Fairs Fund added purse per stake race
\$1,380.00	Total from Ohio Fairs Fund per stake race
\$ 500.00	Mandated fair's contribution per stake race
\$1,880.00	Total mandated minimum purse money per stake race at Ohio Fairs