



The Ohio Harness Horseman's Association

August 2010 Newsletter

Ohio Racetracks

Lebanon Raceway

665 North Broadway
Lebanon, Ohio 45036
(513) 932-4936

www.lebanonraceway.com
Feb 19-Dec 11 (50 live days)

Northfield Park

10705 Northfield Road
Northfield, Ohio 44067
(330) 367-4101

www.northfieldpark.com
Jan 1-Dec 29 (213 live days)

Raceway Park

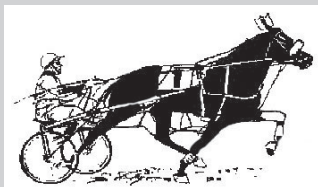
5700 Telegraph Road
Toledo, Ohio 43612

www.racewayparktoledo.com
April 17-Oct 24 (56 live days)

Scioto Downs

6000 South High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43207
(614) 491-2515

www.sciotodowns.com
May 7-Sept 17 (65 live days)



OHHA Track Reps

Tom Blankenship

Lebanon Raceway
Scioto Downs

Amy Hollar

Northfield Park

Kim Marts

Raceway Park

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Back To The Track Aug 14 & 15

"Back to the Track" is a promotion that seeks to bring fans out for an afternoon or evening at the harness races as a means of recapturing the excitement they remember from earlier visits, and to offer special incentives to those who do.

Many of the participating tracks have already announced a variety of promotional draws, including such things as free admission, free past performance programs, handicapping seminars and contests, behind the scenes tours and food and beverage specials.

Details can be found online at "Back to the Track's" website, <http://backtothetrack.ustrotting.com>. The site identifies the participating racetracks and offers pertinent links.

Ohio harness raceways participating in the promotion include Northfield Park, Scioto Downs and Raceway Park.



Raceway Park is offering

- Free admission/free live racing programs
- Free coupon books (free hot dog, admission, programs, etc.) for future visits
- Discounted food and beverage menu
- Souvenir Back to the Track cup with beverage purchase.
- Meet and greet with horsemen and track announcer
- Guided tour of the paddock and other "behind the scenes" areas
- Betting 101 with free betting vouchers
- Raffle off a chance to win \$50 cash or a \$100 bet on any horse to WIN a selected race that night
- Horse Racing Bingo
- Raffles for prizes such as a ride in the starting car and clubhouse/dinner passes



Northfield Park is offering

- Free Parking
- Free Admission
- Free Live Programs
- Drink specials with commemorative cup
- Driver meet and greet/autograph session
- \$1,000 Handicapping contest
- Drawing for starting gate rides



Scioto Downs is offering

- Free admission pass for rest of 2010 meet
- Handicapping seminar with Steve Carpenito
- Meet the drivers session 5:30-6:15
- Judges booth and announcer's booth tours
- Drawing 8/7/2010 for starting gate rides
- Drawing 8/7/2010 for free winner's circle photo
- Paddock tours
- On-track interviews with winning drivers and fans

General Manager's Report

by Jerry Knappenberger

VLТ Updates~Several things that affect the implementation of Video Lottery Terminals (VLTs) at Ohio racetracks have occurred since last month's updates. First, LetOhioVote dropped the November ballot referendum for VLTs at racetracks.

Theoretically, Governor Ted Strickland can now go forward with the plan to install VLTs at the racetracks. However, there were two lawsuits filed against the Governor's Executive Order when it was first issued in July 2009. The Ohio Supreme Court dismissed both lawsuits without prejudice, saying they did not have jurisdiction during the right of referendum period.

Therefore, those lawsuits can now be re-filed or new lawsuits could be filed. Governor Strickland has said he will ask the Ohio Lottery Commission to seek a Declaratory Judgement to determine if an Executive Order for VLTs would be constitutional.

At their July 19 regular monthly meeting, the Ohio Lottery Commission put Governor Ted Strickland's plans for VLTs at racetracks officially back on track. The Lottery Commission members voted unanimously to rescind the year-old regulations that were to have governed the operations of 17,500 VLTs at racetracks.

The commissioners began writing new rules which at this time are incomplete. The Lottery Commission also unanimously voted for state attorneys to seek the Declaratory Judgement from the court system that Governor Strickland was looking for to move forward with VLTs without being stopped by a lawsuit.

It is unclear as this is written (July 19) at what court level (Common Pleas or Supreme Court) the state attorneys would enter the request for Declaratory Judgement. We will keep you updated as this process unfolds on the OHHA web site at www.ohha.com.

P.A.C.E.R.~As the VLT process moves forward it is critical that horsemen receive a fair and equitable share of revenue for purses and breed funds. Therefore, it is critical that our Political Action Committee for Equine Racing (P.A.C.E.R.) supports all state legislators who have supported our industry. In order to do this, everyone involved in our industry must support P.A.C.E.R. Please take the time and make the effort to make whatever donation as soon as you can to P.A.C.E.R. Please help us help you by making a donation to P.A.C.E.R. to support our industry!

"Back To The Track"~OHHA Director of Public Relations Kim Rinker has detailed in this newsletter the United States Trotting Association's marketing plans for the August 14 & 15 "Back To The Track" weekend. I would like to encourage all OHHA members to not only support this nationwide initiative by attending live racing at one of our Ohio racetracks and taking friends with you, but also to consider volunteering to help us support the Ohio racetracks in putting on the "show" that weekend.

If you can help at one of our racetracks please contact me at the OHHA office at 1-800-353-6442 or jlknappaenberger@ohha.com or any of our track reps at their respective tracks. We all need to participate that weekend to help our industry put on a great show to bring people "Back To The Track."

It is reported that at this time 89% of all the money wagered on horseracing in this country is bet off-track. Therefore, very little of that revenue finds its way back into horsemen's purse accounts, breed funds and to our partner's, the racetracks. We must find a way to bring people "Back To The Track."

HHI Support~Being a member of the Board of Directors of Harness Horsemen International (HHI), I am pleased to report at our July 19 monthly board meeting that the directors voted unanimously to support the USTA's "Back To The Track" weekend and have urged all horsemen's associations to participate in and promote the "Back To The Track" program!

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OHHA General Manager



Jerry Knappenberger

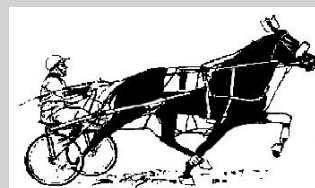
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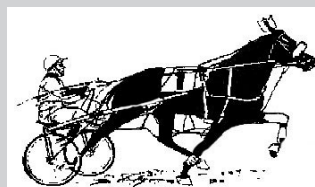
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2010 P.A.C.E.R.

The Political Action Committee for Equine Racing (P.A.C.E.R.) helps the OHHA to support legislative quests for expanding gambling and other issues that could positively impact Ohio harness racing. We encourage our members to send a personal check or money order* made out to P.A.C.E.R., 800 Michigan Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43215-1166.

***Corporate checks are unacceptable PAC donations.**

Please include your occupation and employers name on your check.*

2010 PACER Contributors

Fair Circuit Champions Up to \$199

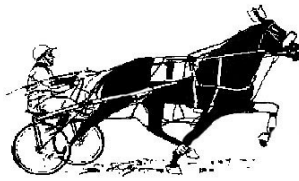
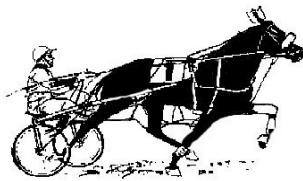
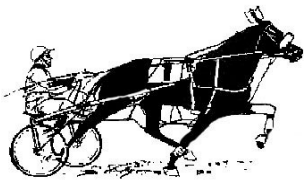
Roy Burns (\$25)

Sire Stake Champions \$200-\$499

Dr. John & Normal Hubble (\$200)

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Dr. Robert & Lisa Schwartz (\$200)



Important Dates

October 26, 2010

4th Quarter

OHHA Board Meeting

January 14, 2011

1st Quarter Board Meeting

January 15, 2011

OHHA/USTA District #1

Annual Membership Meetings

& Award Banquet

2010 August & September County Fair Harness Racing Dates

Preble County Fair
Eaton, Ohio
racing August 1, 2010

Cuyahoga County Fair
Berea, Ohio
racing August 11, 2010

Darke County Fair
Greenville, Ohio
racing August 20-21, 25-26, 2010

Columbiana County Fair
Lisbon, Ohio
racing August 2 & 3, 2010

Independent Fair
Attica, Ohio
racing August 11-12, 2010

Lake County Fair
Painesville, Ohio
racing August 21-22, 2010

Wood County Fair
Bowling Green, Ohio
racing August 3 & 4, 2010

Ashtabula County Fair
Jefferson, Ohio
racing August 12-13, 2010

Lorain County Fair
Wellington, Ohio
racing August 23-25, 2010

Auglaize County Fair
Wapakoneta, Ohio
racing August 3 & 4, 2010

Hartford Fair
Croton, Ohio
racing August 12-14, 2010

Monroe County Fair
Woodsfield, Ohio
racing August 24-25, 2010

Green County Fair
Xenia, Ohio
racing August 4 & 5, 2010

Muskingham County Fair
Zanesville, Ohio
racing August 15-16, 2010

Defiance County Fair
Hicksville, Ohio
racing August 24, 27, 2010

Athens County Fair
Athens, Ohio
racing August 6-7, 2010

Mercer County Fair
Celina, Ohio
racing August 15-17, 2010

Allen County Fair
Lima, Ohio
racing August 25-26, 2010

Ross County Fair
Chillicothe, Ohio
racing August 8, 2010

Henry County Fair
Napoleon, Ohio
racing August 16-17, 2010

Morrow County Fair
Mt. Gilead, Ohio
racing August 30-31, 2010

Champaign County Fair
Urbana, Ohio
racing August 8, 10-12, 2010

Miami County Fair
Troy, Ohio
racing August 16-17, 2010

Noble County Fair
Caldwell, Ohio
racing August 30-31, 2010

Richland County Fair
Mansfield, Ohio
racing August 8-9, 2010

Meigs County Fair
Rocksprings, Ohio
racing August 21, 2010

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2010 September & October County Fair Harness Racing Dates

Stark County Fair
Canton, Ohio
racing September 1-2, 2010

Fulton County Fair
Wauseon, Ohio
racing September 4, 6, 7, 2010

Wyandot County Fair
Upper Sandusky, Ohio
racing September 15-16, 2010

Hancock County Fair
Findlay, Ohio
racing September 1-2, 2010

Washington County Fair
Marietta, Ohio
racing September 5, 2010

Ashland County Fair
Ashland, Ohio
racing September 20, 2010

Montgomery County Fair
Dayton, Ohio
racing September 1-2, 2010

Hardin County Fair
Kenton, Ohio
racing September 9, 2010

Delaware County Fair
Delaware, Ohio
racing September 19-23, 2010

Van Wert County Fair
Van Wert, Ohio
racing September 2, 3, 6, 8, 2010

Morgan County Fair
McConnelsville, Ohio
racing September 10-11, 2010

Tuscarawas County Fair
Dover, Ohio
racing September 24-26, 2010

Richwood County Fair
Richwood, Ohio
racing September 4, 5 & 6, 2010

Williams County Fair
Montpelier, Ohio
racing September 12, 14, 2010

Coshocton County Fair
Coshocton, Ohio
racing October 2-4, 2010

Mahoning County Fair
Canfield, Ohio
racing September 4, 6, 2010

Wayne County Fair
Wooster, Ohio
racing September 14-16, 2010

Fairfield County Fair
Lancaster, Ohio
racing October 13-16, 2010

Great Geauga County Fair
Burton, Ohio
racing September 4, 2010

Guernsey County Fair
Old Washington, Ohio
racing September 15, 2010

