



The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association

December 2010

2011 Harness Racing Dates

Lebanon Raceway

March 4-June 11
Sept. 23-Dec.30
(50 live days)

Northfield Park

Jan 1-Dec 30
(214 live days)

Raceway Park

April 30-Sept. 18
(46 live days)

Scioto Downs

May 11-Sept 11
(57 live days)



OHHA Track Reps

Tom Blankenship

Lebanon Raceway
Scioto Downs

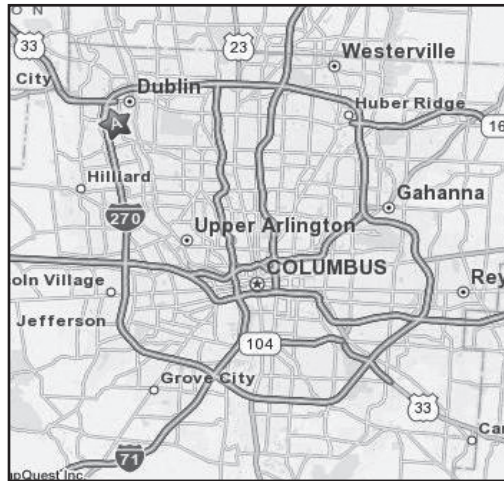
Amy Hollar

Northfield Park

TBA

Raceway Park

The OHHA Annual Awards Banquet & USTA District 1 Annual Meeting are Saturday, Jan. 15 at the Columbus Marriott Northwest Hotel. The OHHA Banquet begins at 5:30 pm, where Horse of the Year honors will be announced. Reservations for the Banquet must be made by Jan. 7th, and payment must reach the OHHA office by Jan 12th. Tickets are \$45 each. All tickets must be paid for by Jan. 12, 2011 and can be picked up at the Banquet Reservation Table. **Please note that no tickets will be sold at the door.**



Directions to Columbus Marriott Northwest

From the North: Take I-71 south to I-270 West for 15 miles to Exit 15 (Tuttle Crossing Blvd.), and turn left. Travel two miles to Blazer Parkway, turn left.

From the East: Take I-70 west through downtown Columbus to I-270 North to Exit 15 (Tuttle Crossing Blvd.) and turn right. Travel one mile to Blazer Parkway, turn left.

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From the West: Take I-70 east to I-270 north for five miles to Exit 15 (Tuttle Crossing Blvd.) and turn right. Travel one mile to Blazer Parkway, turn left.

Columbus Marriott Northwest
5605 Blazer Pkwy Dublin, Ohio 43017
Phone: 1-614-336-4705
www.columbusmarriottnorthwest.com

Columbus Marriott Northwest room reservations for Jan. 14 or 15 must be made by Jan. 4, 2010 by calling 888-801-7133. Be sure to ask for the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association rate (\$110.00). Rooms or rates are not guaranteed after that date.

January 15, 2011 Timeline

1:00 pm USTA District 1 Meeting
2:30 pm OHHA Membership Meeting
4:00 pm Cocktails Cash Bar
5:30 pm OHHA Awards Banquet

OHHA
Annual Awards
Banquet Reservation Form
Saturday, January 15, 2011
Dublin, Ohio

Reserve tickets at \$45 each. Payment must be received by January 12th at the OHHA office.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

of Tickets _____

Amount Enclosed _____

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General Manager's Report...

by Jerry Knappenberger

Expanded Gaming/Legislative Update.....The November election of John Kasich as Ohio's next governor did not change the opinions of everyone involved in leadership positions of the Ohio horse racing industry; that expanded gaming in the form of video lottery terminals (VLTs) will come to Ohio racetracks.

Governor Kasich inherits at least an eight billion dollar state budget deficit, therefore the governor and legislature will be pursuing all possible new revenue streams to reduce the budget deficit to avoid raising state taxes. The state will receive no tax revenue from the four stand-alone casinos, except the one-time up-front license fee of \$50 million before they open—which is not expected until mid to late 2012.

The state budget must be passed by the legislature and signed by the governor before July 1, 2011 to run through June 30, 2013. Therefore, VLTs at Ohio racetracks are a viable source of new tax revenue for the state!

All Ohio horsemen and others involved with Ohio horseracing are urged to contact their re-elected or newly elected state Senators and Representatives to discuss our industry! Explain the economic impact of the agricultural-based horse racing industry to the state and the over 16,000 jobs created by the industry.

Another important point is that more than 60 county fairgrounds receive revenue in the form of stall rent from owners and trainers who stable their horses at those fairgrounds the year 'round, thereby creating agricultural economic centers as a result of hay, straw, corn, and mixed feed being purchased locally from farmers and feed suppliers, and, the need for veterinary services, blacksmiths, tack and equipment, hardware, and sales of trucks and horse trailers.

While I have the opportunity to talk to our state legislators every week, if not daily, about our industry and they listen, all state legislators form their own policy opinions by listening more closely to the folks who can actually vote for them! They all want to be re-elected! We must continue to work to get a fair share of the VLT revenue to be used by horsemen for the Ohio Sire Stakes program, the Ohio Fairs Fund Races at the fairs and for the overnight races at the pari-mutuel raceways.

If you have any questions please contact me at the OHHA office at 1-800-353-6442 or e-mail me at JLKnappenberger@ohha.com. Please keep working to contact legislators and discuss our industry! We will continue to do so until we have won this nearly ten-year quest for enhancing revenue for Ohio horse racing!

2011 Ohio Sires Stakes.....The Ohio Standardbred Development Fund Commission held their first public meeting on Monday, November 22 to discuss the 2011 Ohio Sire Stakes program. The OSDF Commission will hold their second and probably final public meeting on Friday, December 10 at 1 pm in Room 1932 of the Riffe Center at 88 South High Street, Columbus.

All horsemen who participate in the Ohio Sire Stakes program are urged to attend. If you are unable to attend and have an issue you would like to have discussed by the OSDF Commission, please contact me or the OHHA Ohio Sire Stakes Commission Committee Chairman Hugh Beatty, Jr., before the meeting.

***The OHHA Staff wishes everyone Happy Holidays
& Best Wishes for a very prosperous New Year!***

OHHA General Manager



Jerry Knappenberger

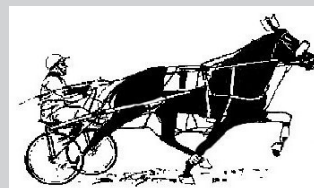
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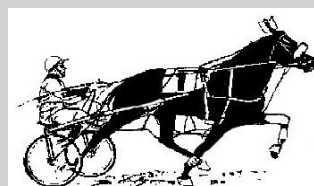
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Advertise in the February Buckeye Harness Horsemen

~space deadline: January 10, 2011~

The Buckeye Harness Horseman magazine is mailed to all OHHA members and is distributed at special equine events & racing venues throughout Ohio and surrounding states. Horsemen won't find a better place to advertise stallions, facilities and other equine-related services at a more affordable price. The February issue also includes the 2011 OHHA Ohio Stallion Directory.

Advertising Rates

Full page black & white \$300	Full page black & white with photo \$350
Full page one color \$375	Full page 4-color \$500
Half page black & white \$200	Half page 4-color \$275
One third page black & white \$150	One quarter page black & white \$125



Reserve your space today! Contact Kim at 708-557-2790 or at Trotrink@aol.com
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Important Dates

Horse Of The Year Ballots

Due in to the OHHA Office
December 8, 2010

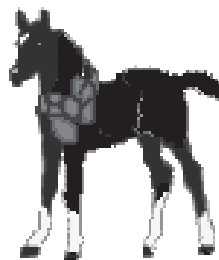
1st Quarter OHHA Board Meeting
January 14, 2011

Annual OHHA-USTA Awards Banquet
January 15, 2011

2nd Quarter OHHA Board Meeting
April 19, 2011

3rd Quarter OHHA Board Meeting
June 21, 2011

4th Quarter OHHA Board Meeting
October 20, 2011



2011 OHHA

Membership

2011 OHHA dues are \$65 for a one-year membership. All 2010 memberships expire on Dec. 31, 2010.

Members and prospective members can visit the OHHA website for further information, and then print out a membership application and mail it to the OHHA Office.

www.ohha.com



Ohio Racetrack Information

Lebanon Raceway
665 North Broadway
Lebanon, Ohio 45036
(513) 932-4936
www.lebanonraceway.com

Northfield Park
10705 Northfield Road
Northfield, Ohio 44067
(330) 367-4101
www.northfieldpark.com

Raceway Park
5700 Telegraph Road
Toledo, Ohio 43612
www.racewayparktoledo.com

Scioto Downs
6000 South High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43207
(614) 491-2515
www.sciotodowns.com



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2011 OHHA Stallion Directory

Pedigree Page Deadline: Dec. 1, 2010

Cost: \$300 (includes full pedigree and progeny information compiled by the USTA)

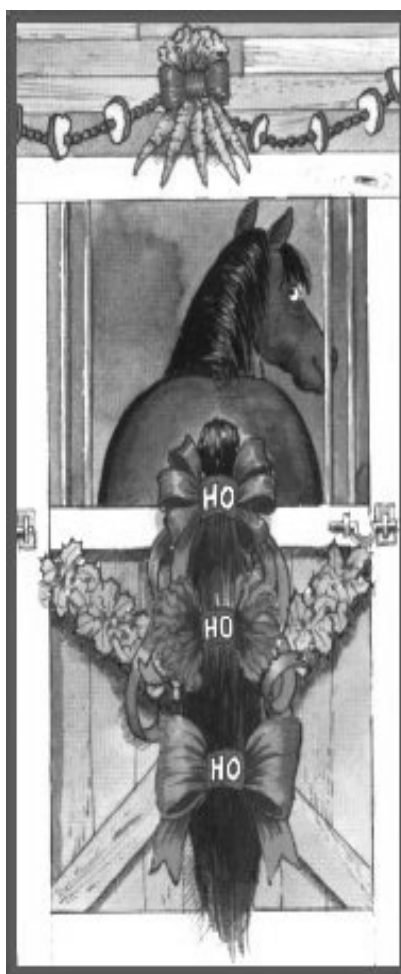
Ad Space Deadline: Jan. 10, 2011

The Stallion Directory will be produced in-house for the second year in a row, and will be included inside the Feb. 2011 issue of the Buckeye Harness Horseman. As well, separate copies will be available.

If you'd like separate copies of your stallion pedigree pages to be used as fliers for distribution at sales or other venues, those can be produced as well for a fee of \$25 per 100 copies, which includes shipping costs.

To reserve your pedigree page and for more information, contact Kimberly Rinker at 708-557-2790 or e-mail Trotrink@aol.com by Dec. 1, 2010.

Payment for pedigree pages is due to the OHHA office, 800 Michigan Ave., Cols., OH 43215 no later than Jan. 5, 2011.



Harness Tracks of America Caretaker of the Year

Nominations are being accepted for the 2010 Groom of the Year Award. The award, sponsored by Harness Tracks of America and Hanover Shoe Farms, recognizes the unsung heroes of the sport.

To nominate, send a letter to HTA detailing the skills and special qualities of the groom. The winning groom receives an oil painting of himself or herself with the horse of their choice. All individuals nominated receive a certificate of excellence and the first 50 grooms nominated receive an embroidered jacket.

The deadline for nominations is Dec. 31, 2010. Mail entries to Harness Tracks of America, 4640 East Sunrise, Suite 200, Tucson, AZ, 85718. Fax nominations to (520-529-3235) or e-mail jen@harnesstracks.com. Entries must contain name, address, phone number and groom's jacket size, & the name, address and phone number of the nominator.