



The Ohio Harness Horseman's Association

June 2011 Newsletter

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

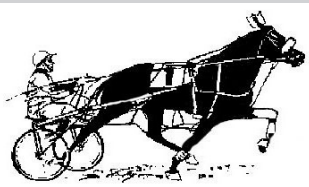
April 30-Sept 18

(46 live days)

Scioto Downs

May 13-Sept 11

(57 live days)



OHHHA Track Reps

Tom Blankenship

Lebanon Raceway

Scioto Downs

Amy Hollar

Northfield Park

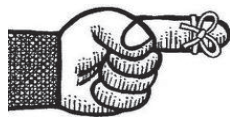
Doug Eschedor

Raceway Park

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Judges at the Union County Fair in Marysville, Ohio observe the harness races in this 1938 snapshot shows.



On-Track Accident Insurance for Fairs Due June 10

On-track accident insurance for fairs is due by June 10.

Contact Linda Nance at the OHHHA office for an application or if you have any questions at 1-800-353-6442 or lnance@ohha.com. The

cost of the on-track accident insurance for drivers/trainers at fairs is \$184.00 per program.

Did You Know...?

...there is a Geers Avenue in the Driving Park section of Columbus named in honor of Edward F. "Pop" Geers.

"Pop" was universally beloved within the sport of harness racing for his horsemanship, integrity, and his monumental achievements on the track.

Known to many throughout the sport as the "Silent Man from Tennessee" Geers was often quoted as saying he preferred to let his horses do the talking.

Geers first achieved success in the 1800s and continued winning into the new century. He was the initial inductee into the Ohio Harness Racing Hall of Fame in 1974.

Geers, with his extraordinary Napoleon Direct, an ex-plow horse, was the first to drive a horse under a two-minute mile. In 1916, the pair set the record of 1:59 ³/₄ minutes, and Geers' accomplishment was immortalized.



Edward "Pop" Geers parades a trotter prior to a race at an Ohio County Fair raceway during the summer of 1922.

General Manager's Report

by Jerry Knappenberger

Expanded Gaming Update~Governor John Kasich's administration has hired two gaming consultants to advise him on the expansion of gaming in Ohio. The two firms hired by the Ohio Department of Administrative Services are Moelis & Company, located in California and Spectrum Gaming Group, from New Jersey. Moelis & Company will be meeting with racetrack operators and the Thoroughbred and Standardbred horsemen's associations in the near future. It is expected that the two consulting groups will then report their recommendations to the Governor by the beginning of June. The Governor will announce if he would like to proceed with the expansion of gaming in Ohio, namely Video Lottery Terminals (VLTs) at Ohio racetracks.

If the Governor elects to proceed with VLTs at racetracks, it is not known at this time if language for the passage of VLTs would be included in the Budget Bill or as a separate, stand-alone bill for VLTs. The two-year Budget Bill is required to be completed by June 30, 2011. However, if not approved by that time, the state can operate on an interim budget until the Budget Bill is finally adopted.



Please continue to contact your state legislators and ask them to support any legislation which would assist in placing the agricultural-based Ohio horse racing industry 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 1-614-221-3650 or e-mail me at Jlknappenberger@ohha.com.

Coggins Test~Ohio State Racing Commission Executive Director, Bill Crawford, has issued a reminder memo for the OSRC's rules on Coggins Tests for Equine Infectious Anemia (E.I.A.). Rule 3769-15-32 (C) states in part that "No horse shall be admitted to any racetrack facilities in Ohio without having had a negative official test for Equine Infectious Anemia within 12 months. It shall be the responsibility of the trainer to see that each horse's test results are current, and the racing secretary's office will record such in the United States Trotting Association computer after the trainers present the negative Coggins Test papers to the racing office upon arrival in the barn area." Rule 3769-14-41 (A) (4) states in part that "...no horse infected with Equine Infectious Anemia, or a carrier thereof, shall race." Rule 3769-14-48 (J) states in part "The Racing Secretary shall check the electronic eligibility of each horse on the premises of the permit holder for current Coggins Test report." These rules are partially in effect due to state and federal laws enforced by the Ohio Department of Agriculture and the United States Department of Agriculture.

The rule clearly states that it is the trainer's responsibility to insure that each horse has a current negative Coggins Test, recorded on the horse's USTA electronic eligibility papers, before it can be admitted on the grounds of any racetrack or fairgrounds in Ohio. A horse may be entered to race without a current negative Coggins Test but will not be admitted on the grounds of a racetrack or fairgrounds and therefore the horse will be scratched and any entry fee will be due and must be paid before the horse is allowed to race again. With fair racing beginning this month, please be aware of Coggins Test rules and be prepared. If you have any questions, please contact me at the OHHA office at 1-800-353-6442.

USTA Driving School~The 13th Annual Amateur Driving School sponsored by the United States Trotting Association at the Delaware County Fairgrounds--beginning May 19 through May 22--was once again a huge success. The 45 attendees came from 14 states, including Arizona, California, Georgia, Illinois, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Washington.

I was once again privileged to be an instructor during the school, along with Ohio horsemen Brian & Jennifer Brown, Kenny Edwards, Virgil Morgan, Jr., Dan Noble, J.D. Wengerd and Dr. John Reichart--all of whom I want to thank for taking time out of their busy schedule to be instructors at the school which promotes harness racing. I also want to congratulate the USTA's Mike Tanner, Kent Hastings, T.C. Lane and Jennifer Daniels, along with many other USTA employees who organize and annually conduct this great event.

Fair Racing Season~The OHHA staff sends their best wishes for a very successful fair season to all Ohio horsemen and especially the 66 fairs conducting harness racing this year.

OHHA General Manager



Jerry Knappenberger

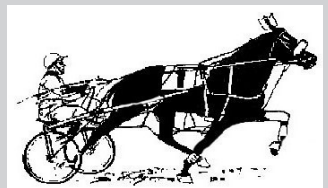
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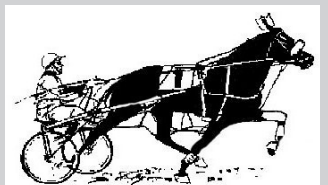
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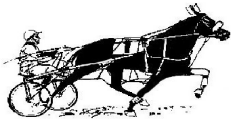
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~2011 Matinees~



Mercer County Matinee

June 5, 2011

Mercer Co. HHA

Start Time: 1 pm

Entry Fee: \$20

No Photo Finish or Charted Lines

Trophies

On Track Accident Insurance

Entry Date: June 2 from

9 am to 2 pm from 419-586-5820

No Rain Date

Delaware County Matinee

June 11, 2011

Delaware Co. Matinee Club

Start Time: 11 am

Entry Fee: \$20

Photo Finish, Charted Lines & Trophies

On Track Accident Insurance

Entry Dates: June 6 & 7 (all day)

June 8 (until noon)

614-774-7167 or 740-207-1134

No Rain Date

Fayette County Matinee

June 12, 2011

Fayette Co. HHA

Start Time: Noon

Entry Fee: \$20

Time Bar Races & Qualifiers

Photo Finish & Charted Lines

Trophies for winners

Entry Date: June 8

Entry Times: Noon to 4 pm

Contact Rick Martindale at 740-335-7435

No Rain Date

Important Dates

**JUNE 23, 2011~Third Quarter
OHHA Board Meeting**

**OCTOBER 18, 2011~Fourth
Quarter OHHA Board Meeting**

~2011 P.A.C.E.R. Contributions~

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



2011 Contributors

Fair Circuit Champions (up to \$199)

Roy Burns

Sire Stakes Champions (\$200-\$499)

Esther Crownover

Dr. John & Norma Hubbell

Jerry Knappenberger

Ohio Racetracks

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

OSRC Medication Rule Changes

The Ohio State Racing Commission, upon recommendation of the OSRC Medication Committee, adopted these changes, effective immediately:

1~The threshold for phenylbutazone (bute) shall be lowered from 5.0 micrograms per milliliter of blood plasma to 2.0 micrograms per milliliter of blood plasma.

2~The threshold for dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO) shall be increased from 1.0 micrograms per milliliter of blood plasma to 10.0 micrograms per milliliter of blood plasma.



3~DMSO overages will be treated as Class IV positives.

4~Slicylic acid (a metabolite of aspirin) shall have a threshold set at 750 micrograms per milliliter of urine.

2011 Ohio Fair Stakes Racing Purses

\$ 500.00 Ohio Fairs Fund base per stake race

\$ 597.00 Ohio Fairs Fund added purse per stake race

\$1,097.00 Total from Ohio Fairs Fund per stake race

\$ 500.00 Mandated fair's contribution per stake race

\$1,597.00 Total mandated minimum purse money per



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2011 June & July Ohio County Fair Harness Racing Dates

Paulding County Fair
Paulding, Ohio
racing June 14 & 15, 2011

Pickaway County Fair
Circleville, Ohio
racing June 18 & 19, 2011

Putnam County Fair
Ottawa, Ohio
racing June 21 & 22, 2011

Marion County Fair
Marion, Ohio
racing July 5 & 6, 2011

Madison County Fair
London, Ohio
racing July 9 & 10, 2011

Clinton County Fair
Wilmington, Ohio
racing July 10, 2011

Logan County Fair
Bellefontaine, Ohio
racing July 12 & 13, 2011

Jackson County Fair
Wellstone, Ohio
racing July 15, 2011

Franklin County Fair
Hilliard, Ohio
racing July 17, 2011

Carroll County Fair
Carrollton, Ohio
racing July 18 & 19, 2011

Ottawa County Fair
Oak Harbor, Ohio
racing July 18 & 19, 2011

Crawford County Fair
Bucyrus, Ohio
racing July 19 & 20, 2011

Warren County Fair
Lebanon, Ohio
racing July 20 & 21, 2011

Fayette County Fair
Washington Court House, Ohio
racing July 20 & 23, 2011

Knox County Fair
Mt. Vernon, Ohio
racing July 24 & 26, 2011

Union County Fair
Marysville, Ohio
racing July 24 & 25, 2011

Seneca County Fair
Tiffin, Ohio
racing July 24 & 25, 2011

Shelby County Fair
Sidney, Ohio
racing July 29 2011

Summitt County Fair
Northfield, Ohio
racing July 30, 2011

Pike County Fair
Piketon, Ohio
racing July 30, 2011

Preble County Fair
Eaton, Ohio
racing July 31, 2011