



# The Ohio Harness Horseman's Association

May 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

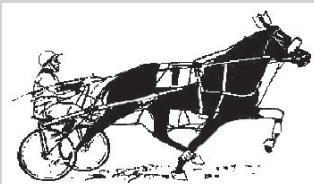
April 17-Oct 24

(56 live days)

### Scioto Downs

May 7-Sept 18

(65 live days)



## OHHA Track Reps

### Tom Blankenship

Lebanon Raceway  
Scioto Downs

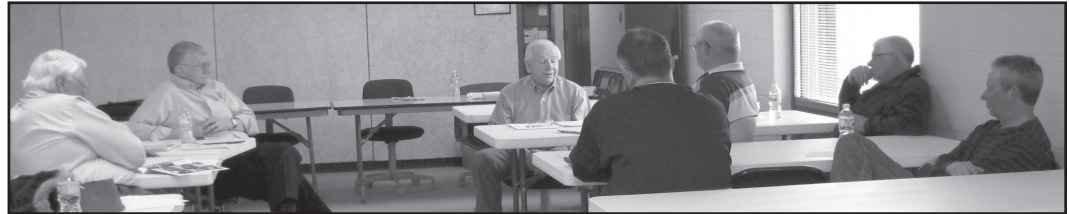
### Amy Hollar

Northfield Park

### Kim Marts

Raceway Park

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An OHHA Regional Meeting was held April 20 at the OHHA Office in Columbus. Above Photo: Skip Hoovler, Joe Ewing, Jerry Knappenberger, Dayle Roof, Kevin Heacock, Tom Blankenship, and Sandy Beatty attended. Below Left: County Fair Chairman Joe Ewing.



## OHHA Regional Meetings

Eight OHHA regional meetings for 2010 have been held to date, with one more set at Napoleon, Ohio on May 18. These meetings are open to everyone and will discuss current issues 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. OHHA would like to thank everyone who attended and participated in these informational meetings.

**June 1 Deadline for HHI Scholarship Applications**—The Harness Horsemen International Foundation announces 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 HHI, 319 High Street, Suite 2, Burlington, NJ 08016 or phone (609) 747-1000 or e-mail [dhartmannhhi@verizon.net](mailto:dhartmannhhi@verizon.net).

**INSURANCE REMINDER**—The USTA offers 24-hour accident insurance (on & off the job), for USTA licensed drivers and trainers. In addition to the insurance the USTA already offers with a paid membership (\$5,000 accidental death & dismemberment and \$25 weekly disability for a maximum of 26 weeks), they also offer a Voluntary Plan (24-hour accident insurance), with rates from \$115 to \$504. This additional insurance pays you above and beyond what your primary insurance coverage pays. This is well worth the annual cost, just in case, you're involved in an unfortunate accident. For information, contact the Van Gundy Agency at: 101 S. Towanda Avenue, Normal, IL 61761. Phone: 309-452-1156, Fax: 309-452-7500

# General Manager's Report

by Jerry Knappenberger

**Legislative Update**—Little has changed since the April newsletter legislative update. What is known as this newsletter goes to the printer, is the referendum for Video Lottery Terminals (VLTs) at Ohio racetracks will be on the November 2, 2010 General Election Ballot. Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner certified the petitions submitted by LetOhioVote.com that contained more than the 241,365 valid signatures necessary to be on the ballot.

What we don't know: Who actually put up the money (\$1.8 million) to conduct the campaign to collect the signatures and file the petitions, and, will Secretary Brunner be successful in her quest to determine who actually supplied the revenue that traces to a Virginia company called "New Models." Currently that issue is in the hands of the Ohio Supreme Court to decide if Secretary Brunner has the authority to discover who provided the revenue or if it stops with "New Models."

Therefore, we do not know who will be opposed to the November ballot issue for VLTs, other than the usual opponents the Ohio Roundtable and church groups, and how much money they will have to spend to defeat the VLT issue. We also do not know how much our racetrack operators will be able to spend to win the campaign.

Also, at this time, the issue number and ballot language has not been determined by the Ohio Ballot Board. I was told by a member of the Ohio Ballot Board that the issue number and ballot language would probably not be determined until August. What we are told is that it will be a "Yes" vote to pass the issue.

At this time, House Bill 250 (HB25), sponsored by State Representatives Louis Blessing, Jr. (R-Cincinnati) and Todd Book (D-McDermott), which has had several hearings in the State Government Committee, remains in that committee and has not been voted on by the committee. HB250 mirrors Governor Strickland's Executive Order for VLTs at racetracks.

While it is difficult not knowing the issue number for VLTs on the November ballot, it is critical that everyone involved with Ohio horse racing begin to discuss the issue, with all the contacts you have, to build grassroots support to pass the issue in November.

Also, 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 at [Jlknappenberger@ohha.com](mailto:Jlknappenberger@ohha.com).

**Raceway's Opener**--Raceway Park's opening night on Saturday, April 18 was very successful. On a cool night, weather-wise, there was crowd in attendance of over 1,400, up over 400 people from last year, and the handle on live racing was up compared with opening night last year, with less races contested this year. Raceway Park General Manager Bill McLaughlin and Director of Racing Anthony Clark and Publicity Director John McNamara have put together very good racing and promotional plans for this season.

**New Directors**—OHHA President Steve McCoy appointed three new Directors to serve the un-expired terms of Directors who have resigned and a new Track Director for Lebanon Raceway. All four appointments were approved by the full Board of Directors during the April 22 meeting and were in attendance for that meeting. The new Lebanon Raceway Track Director is Vicki McNabb. Others approved were

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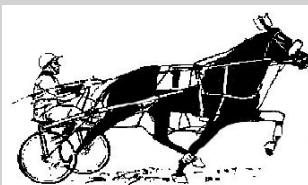
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Administrator  
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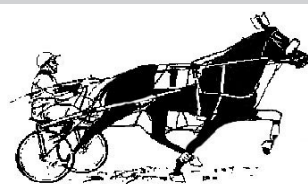
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Richard Hann as an Owner Director for District 1; Angela Ott as Breeder Director At-Large and Kent Sherman as Driver/Trainer Director At-Large.

**Correct Phone Number**—The correct phone number for the Henry Burkholder Farm is 330-279-2535. The 2010 Ohio Stallion Director listed the number incorrectly. Standing at the Henry Burkholder Farm for 2010 is Power Hall 1:55.1f (\$153,661), a son of Speedy Crown—Power Bay—Super Bowl, with a stud fee of \$750. The farm is located at 8030 CR 189, Holmesville, Ohio. OHHA apologizes for any inconvenience caused by the incorrect phone listing.

**On-Track Accident Insurance**—The on-track accident insurance for fairs is due by June 11 this year. Please contact Linda Nance at the OHHA office if you need an application form or have any questions at 1-800-353-6442 or [lnance@ohha.com](mailto:lnance@ohha.com). The cost of the on-track accident insurance for drivers/trainers at fairs remains the same at \$175 per program.

**Correction to April Newsletter**—In last month's newsletter, the incorrect statement was made that Trainforthe future has Ohio eligible foals for 2010. Trainforthe future stood in Indiana in 2009, therefore his foals from 2010 are not Ohio eligible. However, he is back in Ohio standing at Hickory Lane Farm and thus, his 2011 foals will be Ohio eligible.

**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 harness racing, or to the children of harness racing professionals (living or deceased), including licensed drivers, trainers, caretakers or management officials. 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. Applications can be downloaded from: [www.harnesstracks.com/scholarships.htm](http://www.harnesstracks.com/scholarships.htm)

**2010 P.A.C.E.R. Contributions**—We encourage members to continue to contribute to our PACER Fund (Political Action Committee for Equine Racing). Especially now, with the November Ballot Issue for VLTs at Ohio racetracks certified, a campaign to win in November must be funded! 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.

***We thank the following individuals who have contributed to the PACER Fund to date in 2010:***

\$1,000+: Leonard Buckner, Robert Sidley

\$500-\$999: Jay Mossbarger, John Mossbarger, DVM

\$200-\$499: Pinckney J. Brewer, Donald Brouse, Jr., Jerry M. & Billie B. Haws, Jerry Knappenbreger, Herbert & Rosemary Levan, John E. & Bonnie L. Schuberg, Sherman Farms, Bill Walters Stables

Up to \$199: Roy Burns, John Winner

## **ATTENTION CLERKS, CHARTERS & FAIR OFFICIALS!**

*Thanks to all the Ohio Fair Officials, Clerks and Charters who in the past have reported the trainer starts at the Ohio Fairs to HHRP. You will no longer need to report the starts as the USTA will be forwarding the information to the Retirement Fund.*

*Again, thanks for all the reporting over the years!*

**~Shirley McCarter, Plan Administrator, HHRP~**



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### *Important Dates*

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

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

All meetings are held  
at 1 pm at the OHHA  
office in Columbus, Ohio  
and all horseman  
are welcome to attend.

### **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.

See an OHHA representative at the  
racetrack, or download our  
Membership Application online.

All 2009 OHHA memberships  
expired on January 31, 2010.

### *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.racewayparktoledo.com](http://www.racewayparktoledo.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