



The Ohio Harness Horseman's Association

May 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

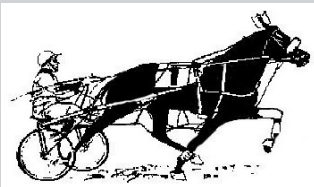
April 30-Sept 18

(46 live days)

Scioto Downs

May 11-Sept 11

(57 live days)



Matinees aren't just for people.....

Raceway Park 2011 Racing Season~The 2011 racing season began on Saturday, April 30 at Raceway Park. General Manager Bill McLaughlin and his staff have scheduled special promotional events for almost every one of the 46 live racing days. These special events include Dollar Days, Party At The Park with live bands and giveaways. The live racing meeting continues on Saturdays and Sundays through Sept. 18 with four live Wednesday race cards, with a 6:30 pm post time.



Raceway Park OHHA Track Representative~The OHHA has hired Doug Eschedor, of Pemberville, Ohio, as the new track representative for Raceway Park. Doug officially began his OHHA position by attending the April 19 OHHA Board Meeting and via his work at the track during the April 23 qualifying races. Doug has been involved in harness racing since 1978. OHHA members are encouraged to stop by the OHHA Office at Raceway Park to meet Doug.



June 1 Deadline for HHI Scholarship Applications~The Harness Horsemen International Foundation deadline for the 25th annual Jerome L. Hauck Scholarship is June 1. 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. This scholarship 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 traits are reviewed, and financial need is a consideration as well.

Applications must be received in the HHI office by June 1, 2011. For more information or an application, contact the OHHA office or HHI, 319 High Street, Suite 2, Burlington, NJ 08016 (609) 747-1000 or e-mail dhartmannhhi@verizon.net.

OHHA Track Reps

Tom Blankenship

Lebanon Raceway
Scioto Downs

Amy Hollar

Northfield Park

Doug Eschedor

Raceway Park

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On-Track Accident Insurance Due June 10

On-track accident insurance for fairs is due by June 10. Contact Linda Nance at the OHHA 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.

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General Manager's Report

by Jerry Knappenberger



Expanded Gaming Update~As we reported in the March newsletter, Governor John Kasich's Budget Outline did not contain language which would allow Video Lottery Terminals (VLTs) at Ohio racetracks. The Ohio House of Representatives is now working through the Governor's Budget Outline and will prepare a House Budget Bill.

Governor Kasich previously stated he would consider an expansion of gaming in Ohio, after he hired an expert gaming consultant. The Governor has kept his word by hiring not one, but two experts, to advise him on the state's gaming-related issues. The Department of Administrative Services announced that Spectrum Gaming Group of Linwood, N.J., and Moelis & Company of Los Angeles were hired to advise on state policy related to casino gambling, horse racing, the Ohio Lottery, and video lottery terminals. The firms will be paid \$400 per hour and were selected through a request for proposals process by DAS.

Governor Kasich has stated that he does not believe the citizens got a fair deal from the Constitutional Amendment passed for four full-service casinos in Ohio. While he stated he will not pursue another constitutional amendment to raise the tax rate, he believes he can negotiate a higher up-front license fee. One point of negotiation is how Ohio would apply the Commercial Activities Tax (CAT) to the casinos.

With the gaming constituants now in place, the industry feels the Governor will announce his overall intentions towards expanded gaming as soon as possible. There would still be time to include a proposal for VLTs at Ohio racetracks in the budget legislation process, which must be concluded by June 30, for the July 1, 2011-June 2013 budget.

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 1-614-224-3650 or e-mail me at Jlknappenberger@ohha.com.

Racing Commission Appointments~Governor John Kasich announced the appointments of three new commission members to four-year terms, effective April 1. The appointments include Robert Schmitz (R), Bexley, former OHHA legislative representative and Standardbred horse breeder, as OSRC Chairman; Todd Book (D), McDermott, an attorney and term-limited former State Representative, as a member, and B.J. Roach (R), Grove City, a businessman and former thoroughbred horse owner, as a member. Commissioner Ted Brown (R), Tipp City, and Will Koester (D), Cincinnati, are the holdover members whose terms do not expire until April 2013.

The new OSRC met in Executive Session on April 17, and announced three staff changes at their April 19 regular monthly meeting. Chairman Robert Schmitz said Executive Director Tom Fries and Assistant Director John Izzo had both resigned, and that OSRC employee Bill Crawford has been named interim Executive Director until June 30, 2011.

Northfield Park's Wall Of Fame~Northfield Park held their Hall of Fame Dinner on April 7, with over 200 horsemen and their families in attendance. The new inductees into the Northfield Park Wall of Fame were: Elmer Moody presented by CEO Tom Aldrich; Tye Loy presented by trainer-driver and Wall of Fame member Clair Umholtz; Marty Wollam, who I had the pleasure of presenting; and "Dream Of Glory," accepted by his trainer owner Pius Soehnlén and presented by Dean Hoffman.

Many other awards were presented that evening as well, including: the John Lee Good Fellowship Award to Charlotte "Cookie" Hillen, presented by OHHA Representative Amy Hollar; the Distinguished Owner Award to Bill Sanders, presented by Northfield Park Publicity Liason Keith Gisser; the Outstanding Caretaker Award to Lori Hamlet, presented by Northfield Park Executive Vice President of Racing & Simulcasting Dave Bianconi; the Fritz Newhart Award to Dennis "D.J." Millner, presented by Northfield Park Track Announcer & Assistant Racing Secretary Ayers Ratliff; the John Caton Award to Dan Charlino, presented by Ayers Ratliff; the Horse Of The Year Award to Delivered Rules, presented by Northfield Park Vice President of Operations & Communications Brent Reitz; and the Willie C. Banks, Jr. Ideal Employee Award to Tom Barry, presented by Northfield Park Vice President of Marketing and Hospitality Bill Seese. The OHHA thanks Brock Milstein, Tom Aldrich and their

OHHA General Manager



Jerry Knappenberger

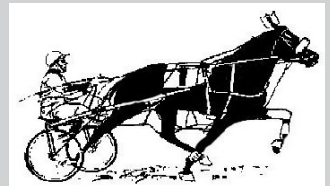
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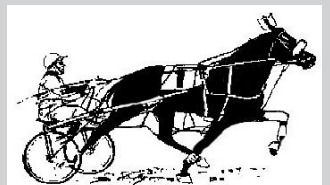
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~2011 Matinees~



Mahoning County Matinee

May 15, 2011
Mahoning CHHA
Start Time: 12:30 pm
Entry Fee: \$15
Photo Finish & Charted Lines
On Track Accident Insurance
Blankets &/or Trophies
Entry Date: May 12
330-718-5210 & 330-549-2772
Rain Date~May 22, 2011

Defiance County Matinee

May 28, 2011
Hicksville Defiance Co. HHA
Start Time: Noon
Entry Fee: \$10
No Photo Finish~No Charted Lines
On Track Accident Insurance
Blankets & Win Photos
Entry Times: May 24 from 6-10 pm
May 25 from 8 am-Noon
419-298-7408
Rain Date~May 30, 2011

Darke County Matinee

May 29, 2011
Darke Co. HHA
Start Time: 1 pm
Entry Fee: \$20
No Photo Finish~No Charted Lines
Blankets
Entry Date: May 26 from Noon-7 pm
937-548-9977
Rain Date~May 30, 2011

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

General Manager's Report *(continued)*

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.



Racing Commissioners International

~At the recent convention of the Racing Commissioners International in New Orleans, the group elected William Koester (right), former Chairman, and current member, of the Ohio State Racing Commission as the Chairman of RCI for 2011.



Ohio Fair Manager's Association

~The Ohio Fair Manager's Association (OFMA) held their four 2011 regional meetings on March 25 and 26, and April 2 and 3 in Wapakoneta, Canfield, Zanesville and Washington Court House. The OFMA represents the 94 Ohio county and independent agricultural fairs, which includes the 66 fairs that conduct harness racing. I very much enjoyed the opportunity to attend all four meetings and discuss the Ohio horse racing industry and specifically, Ohio fair racing, during the program following the dinner at each venue. The OHHA is very grateful for this opportunity to meet with fair officials across the state. The OHHA was once again excited to sponsor the OFMA Communication Awards given for excellence in fair advertising in several categories and different fair size divisions at the OFMA Convention in January.

Important Dates

JUNE 23, 2011~3rd Quarter OHHA Board Meeting

OCTOBER 18, 2011~4th Quarter OHHA Board Meeting

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 stake race at Ohio Fairs



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~2010-2011 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 Ohio's seven racetracks affect the Ohio horse racing industry. Donate by sending a personal check or checks are unacceptable P.A.C.E.R., 800 Michigan Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43215-1166. Include your employer and nature of business information as well.



~The following individuals have contributed to PACER in 2010 & 2011~

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~\$1,000 & Up~

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Jerry Maloon, MD
Robert Sidley

Triple Crown Winners Fair Circuit Champions

~\$500-\$999~

Dean Davis
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~Up to \$199~

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Paul Russell
Brad Wallace
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~\$200-\$499~

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