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## **B-tracks are where it's at for Canada's dash king**

*At 26, Bob McClure leads the nation with 540 wins, but he's in no rush to leave the B-tracks for the WEG circuit.*

**by Dave Briggs**



Wayne Simpson Photography

**At 26, Bob McClure is poised to become Canada's dash champion**

It's been a surreal couple of years for Canada's dash-leading driver Bob McClure. Things have been going so well for the 26-year-old that, despite leading the nation with 540 wins in 2016 through Friday (which ranks him seventh in North America), McClure said he doesn't want to tempt fate by jumping from Ontario's B-tracks to the top Woodbine Entertainment Group (WEG) circuit just yet.

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"I actually have been thinking about that a lot lately and a lot of people have asked me that recently, especially after the night I went down to Mohawk and won five in the summer," McClure said. "But, in all honesty, I have no interest in going down there at all, not right now anyway... I'm just so happy with the way things are."

Call the Elora, ON resident a B-track man at heart.

"A big part of it is the people I work with on a day-to-day basis," McClure said. "The drivers on the B-tracks, I get along well with them. They're really a great group of guys. I have a lot of fun. I enjoy going to work every night and I enjoy spending the time with them. They're great to work with, as are the trainers I'm working with right now. I just don't see a need for a change right now at all. I know my girlfriend Jody wants me home more, and maybe it would be nice to have a few nights a week off, but for the immediate future, there's no change coming."

In just his eighth full year as a driver, McClure has posted personal bests in every category. He has a record of 540-369-306 in 2,263 starts for earnings of more than \$2.1 million (by USTA accounting) and a UDRS of 0.374. As of Saturday, McClure led 2015 Canadian dash champ Alfie Carroll by 27 wins.

"It's been a dream come true. I can't even put it in words. It seems like every goal I set for myself I passed and then some. Towards the end of the year, different goals came up and I passed them, too. It seems like everything was just going perfectly this year and I couldn't do anything wrong. Hopefully, that continues for at least a few more months, anyway, that would be nice," McClure said, adding nothing tops the birth of his and Jody's son, Ryder, over a year ago.

"The whole year has been really incredible. I did a lot of things that were a lot of fun and had a lot of really nice people, really good people, help me along."

A year ago, McClure finished third in Canada's dash race with 340 wins. McClure said it wasn't that long ago that he had to battle nerves in the sulky.

"Now, even in the big races, I don't get any nerves at all. Well, maybe just before, but not once I hit the track. That's the big thing for me, there's no nerves anymore," he said. "When you start driving for good trainers and have good horses, you develop more confidence and that translates into better results, but 99 per cent of it is the horses and the trainers you're driving for. It doesn't matter who you are, if you don't have a little bit of power, you're going to look ridiculous, no matter what."

While McClure isn't in a rush to jump to the WEG circuit, it


doesn't mean he doesn't dream big. He said he'd love to win the Little Brown Jug one day.

"I got to go down to Delaware and watch the Jug for the first time two years ago live and that would be special race just to be a part of, but there's a special place in my heart for Hanover Raceway. It's my favorite racetrack by far," McClure said. "Anybody that's never been there should definitely go because it's just a great place. It's a lot of fun. They're cheaper horses, but that's where I cut my teeth and that's where I got started and it is a fantastic place for a young driver to start out. Their signature race is the Dream Of Glory and I was second in it and fifth in it. I would love to win that race one year."


The two-time defending driver of the year at Grand River Raceway in Elora, McClure has nearly 1,400 career wins and almost \$8 million in purse earnings. He said he owes his career start to a pacing mare named Shaza Northernbell.

"She was just a cheap mare, but my dad (Lormer McClure) bought her as a yearling for \$3,700 and she went on to make about \$118,000 all in the \$6,000 claimers," McClure said. "I trained her for awhile. So, when went to get my driver's license, I did my rated mile on her. I got a lot of qualifying points on her and then I had my first drive on her."

"She was just so handy. She could leave and then you



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**McClure is the two-time leading driver at Grand River Raceway, where he drove Maximus Decimus to victory in July.**

followed along and she'd finish up well. She had a lot of class and was good-gaited."

More importantly, the daughter of Northern Luck mare out of Arabelle Hanover helped give McClure the necessary exposure to get his career rolling.

"She was a good one that I could put down and I'd have my name on the sheet. To pick up drives you have to be down. So, when I wasn't getting any drives I'd be there every night with her. It was a big help having her there, even just to have me listed to drive, let alone the fact that she was usually competitive," McClure said. "It gave me a lot of confidence in my first handful of drives to be able to go out with a horse I knew so well."

Shaza Northernbell raced seven seasons between 2006 and 2012 and retired with a record of 24-30-14 in 132 career starts. She now can be found pulling a sleigh at Lavender Farms in Guelph, ON.

"That was really nice for her. She just hangs out there in retired life and looks pretty happy. Every time we go over to see her, she ignores us. She doesn't want to come back (to the races)," McClure said, laughing.

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## Remembering the first female HOY

The sport's first female Horse of the Year came in 1950 when Proximity — an eight-year-old Protector—Agnes Worthly trotting mare bred by Walnut Hall — won the coveted title.

That year there were 31 horses named on the writers' ballots and Proximity earned 512 points (a record total) to defeat Scottish Pence (232) and the 1949 Horse of the Year Good Time (218 points in 1950). Other notables in the top 10 that year were Stars Pride (sixth) and Tar Heel (seventh).

Proximity set an all-time money record in 1950 of \$87,175 while winning 18 of 24 starts for trainer/driver Clint Hodgins. Proximity, owned by R & G Verhurst of Victor, NY, won the \$50,000 Golden West Trot at Santa Anita.

The trotting mare also went on to earn \$247,379 lifetime, breaking a 73-year-old lifetime earnings record set by Goldsmith Maid.

### The year of the Keystone combo

It was 40 years ago that a couple of Keystone horse finished 1-2 in the 1976 Horse of the Year race with Keystone Ore edging Keystone Pioneer.

It was Stanley Dancer's seventh and final HOY trophy.

Billy Haughton — who had yet to have one of his horses win Horse of the Year — was second and third in the balloting. He was second with Keystone Pioneer and third with Steve Lobell.

Jade Prince was fifth in the balloting with 10 votes on the heels of his all-time world race record of 1:54.1, which was the last time a two-year-old has held the world title.

Windshield Wiper, another Haughton trainee, was seventh in the balloting and it was he who denied Keystone Ore the Triple Crown with a Messenger victory.

Four females got votes: Keystone Pioneer (31), Handle With Care (2), Meadow Blue Chip (1) and the runnerup from 1975 by the narrowest of margins (52-49) Silk Stockings, also with a single vote.

### Fastest usually far from richest

Always B Miki was the fastest horse of 2016 and the third richest pacer, but usually the fastest is not among the top five earners:

In 2015, State Treasurer (1:47) was 10th on the earnings list

with \$865,807.

In 2014, He's Watching (1:46.4) was 11th (\$824,728).

In 2013, Warrawee Needy (1:46.4) was not in the top 40.

In 2012, Panther Hanover (1:47.2) was also not in the top 40.

### Four for Hill

Muscle Hill sired the four richest trotters of 2016:

#1 Marion Marauder — \$1,484,532

#2 Bar Hopping — \$1,191,195

#3 Resolve — \$1,184,780

#4 Southwind Frank — \$1,164,468

### Triple Crown notes then and now

Marion Marauder has brought the Triple Crown back into the dialogue after being the first winner in a decade thanks to his narrow scores in 2016 in the Hambletonian, Yonkers Trot and the Kentucky Futurity.

In 1968, Nevele Pride made only 18 per cent of his career bankroll in the Triple Crown (\$161,794).

In 2006, Glidemaster made 70 per cent of his career bankroll in his three Triple Crown wins (\$1,372,200).

Marion Marauder is 28 11-8-3 lifetime, the only trotting Triple Crown winner lifetime who does not have over a 50 per cent lifetime win percentage. Two pacers — Western Dreamer at 28-for-85 and Rum Customer at 52-for-141 — also share that distinction.

Marion Marauder's trainer, Paula Wellwood, is the lone female trainer to send out a Triple Crown winner. MM's driver Scott Zeron is the youngest to record a Triple Crown season.

Marion Marauder will race at age four. Here are some of the records of Triple Crown winners who came back the following season — thoroughbred and standardbred:

1956 — Scott Frost 21 18-3-0 \$85,851 HOY

1960 — Adios Butler 17 12-3-0 \$173,114 HOY

1969 — Nevele Pride 14 10-2-1 \$222,875 HOY

1966 — Bret Hanover 20 17-2-1 \$407,534

### Thoroughbreds:

1920 — Sir Barton 12 5-2-3 \$24,494

1936 — Omaha 4 2-2-0 \$8,660

1938 — War Admiral 11 9-1-0 \$90,800

1942 — Whirlaway 22 12-8-2 \$211,250

1947 — Assault 7 5-1-1 \$181,925

1949 — Citation did not race at four, but he did race at five and six in order to become the first ever racehorse to eclipse \$1 million.

1978 — Seattle Slew 7 5-2-0 \$473,006

1979 — Affirmed 9 7-1-1 \$1,148,800. He is the only horse of either breed to make more money at four than he did in his Triple Crown season — \$901,000.

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**Crazed will be standing at Tara Hills Stud in Ontario in 2017.**

## **Crazed to Ontario**

World Champion trotting stallion **Crazed** will move to Ontario starting with the 2017 breeding season and will stand at Tara Hills Stud in Port Perry.

The million dollar-winning son of Credit Winner stood at Blue Chip Farm prior to his move to Ontario, producing numerous New York Sire Stakes champions and Grand Circuit stars such as of Crazy Wow 3,1:51.1 (\$1,530,804), World Champion JL Cruze 4,1:49.4 and Gural Hanover 4,T1:51.3.

David Reid, Crazed Syndicate manager, said the move to Ontario offers a “terrific opportunity” for both the shareholders and breeders as he has all the credentials to succeed in the marketplace.

“Crazed is a proven producer of high-caliber trotters and being a lovely son Credit Winner allows him to take advantage of the abundance of Kadabra, Balanced Image and Angus Hall-line mares. The Ontario program is moving back in the right direction, offers future stability, a lucrative sires stakes program and healthy breeder’s awards.”

Crazed will stand for a stud fee of \$4,000.

For more information, or to book your mare, please contact David Heffering at Tara Hills Stud (905) 985-7770 or David Reid at Preferred Equine Marketing at 914-773-7777.

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by Dave Briggs, courtesy Ontario Racing

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Karin Olsson-Burgess was just 18 when she saw a job posting in the cafeteria of her home track in Jägersro, Sweden looking for caretakers in Orlando.

"I wanted to go to the United States (and work with trotters) so badly I had already written a letter to Hempt Farm and asked if they had any jobs," Olsson-Burgess said. "When I saw this ad, I called that same day and came over after I got my visa arranged. It all went very fast."

In January of 1985, on the first day Olsson-Burgess arrived in the U.S., she landed both the horse and the man that changed her life. The man was her future husband, Ontario native Blair Burgess that she met at a house party on Day One in the USA. The horse was a two-year-old Storm Damage filly out of Beckilyn Hanover named Biel.

"She took me around the whole racing circuit back in those days," she said. "I learned a lot when I traveled with her on my own at 18. That was back in the days were you could not forget their racing cards in the race office."

Biel earned more than \$122,000 as a two-year-old, with a 3-2-1 record in 12 starts. She also earned Olsson-Burgess a

big bonus that the Swede spent on airfare for a 10-day trip to California with Blair.

"I saw an ad in a local paper in Orlando and a guy was selling plane tickets to California in the ad section. I guess he had broken up with his girlfriend and just wanted to get some money back on the tickets," Olsson-Burgess said. "I met him in the Piggly Wiggly parking lot in Orlando and bought his tickets and flew in his girlfriend's name and Blair in his name. You could do that back then."

"We flew to Los Angeles and flew home from San Francisco. That was his ticket so Blair and I rented a car and randomly drove around with no care in the world. Some hotels were \$15 a night, noting fancy. I spent my whole bonus."

All that led to an incredible ride for Olsson-Burgess, including being the co-owner and caretaker for such stars as: Meadowlands Pace winner Real Desire (2001, \$3.3 million),



Dave Landry

**Karin Olsson-Burgess and her husband, trainer Blair Burgess, after their colt Glidemaster won the Kentucky Futurity in 2006.**

North America Cup and Little Brown Jug champion Tell All (2007, \$1.5 million) and two Hambletonian winners – Amigo Hall (2003, \$1 million) and Glidemaster (2005, \$2 million) – among many, many more.

"It was all because of Biel," Olsson-Burgess said. "She got me hooked on American racing and she was a pacer!"

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## **Meadowlands Jackpot Super High Five hit for \$68,028**

One lucky horseplayer will have plenty of extra dough for the holiday shopping season after taking down the Jackpot Super High Five wager at the Meadowlands for \$68,028.42. The winning ticket was purchased through the Oregon Hub.

The 20-cent wager requires a horseplayer to correctly select the top five finishers in order. The jackpot amount pays out only if there is a single winning ticket.

Saturday's winning wager featured a carryover of \$57,161. The carryover has continued to build since September as no one had successfully taken down the jackpot.

The winning sequence of 4-6-3-5-8 was led by 13-1 longshot To Beach His Own followed by 50-1 Twincreaks Jack, 65-1 Last Best Chance, 1-5 favorite Stimulus Plan, and 37-1 Makeoutlikeapandit.

This is the second time in the past two weekends that one of the track's two Jackpot Super High Fives have paid out the jackpot. The fifth race jackpot was paid out for \$20,020 last weekend.

— *Justin Horowitz, Meadowlands media relations*

## **Success for The Stable's inaugural Open House and Horse Sale**

More than 200 people packed Saturday's (Dec. 10) inaugural Open House and Horse Sale hosted by The Stable at Tomiko Training Centre near Puslinch, ON.

Thousands more tuned into a three-hour broadcast of the event via Facebook Live, complete with commentators and interviews. Forty-three of The Stable's yearlings were showcased in seven sets, driven by some of North America's top harness racing reinsmen.

Those in attendance — including several novice standardbred racehorse owners — were able to meet the horses, chat with industry professionals, and purchase shares.

The Stable is a racehorse ownership venture launched in 2015 by Anthony and Amy MacDonald.

The Guelph couple own and train several standardbred racehorses near Mohawk Racetrack. Anthony is also a prominent racehorse driver and a well-known harness racing industry advocate.

The MacDonalds built this 'fractional ownership' stable as a bridge — a way to welcome non-horsepeople to racehorse ownership with a very modest investment (as low as \$100),

low-risk, and completely accessible and transparent operations.

There are currently 61 horses and 171 active racehorse owners in TheStable.ca.

"The turnout for today's Open House was incredible," said Anthony. "Amy and I had the opportunity to speak with most of our guests, and the energy and enthusiasm of the crowd throughout the day was a real confirmation of the value of this fractional ownership model.

"This is a really effective way to engage people in harness racing and promote ownership of standardbred racehorses. That was abundantly clear, based on the people we had the privilege to meet with today.

"Among our guests were three 20-something guys from the GTA — exactly the demographic harness racing is hungry for. They heard my interview this week on The Fan 590, emailed me, came to look at the horses this afternoon, and bought a share of a horse. None of them have ever owned a horse before, and have only been to the races a handful of times. But when they heard the interview, they instantly understood the fun to be had if they all owned a share of a racehorse together. That's a perfect illustration of the power of this model."

A catalogue of today's horses is available on [The Stable.ca website](#) which details all horses for which shares are available for purchase.

Video of today's live broadcast will be available Sunday on [The Stable's Facebook Page](#).

Images from today's event are [available here](#).

Guests at Saturday's free event were asked to bring a non-perishable food item, resulting in more than 200 pounds of food for the Guelph Food Bank.

The Stable would like to thank the many people who supported today's event, including: Mike Jobb and Tea Habjan of Tomiko Training Centre for their gracious provision of complimentary breakfast for Open House guests; TV commentators Bill O'Donnell and Fred MacDonald, and interviewer Mark McKelvie; the crew at Cujo Productions; all of the drivers who steered the 43 yearlings; Shawn MacDonald for grooming the track between sets; and the entire staff at The Stable for their daily commitment and hard work.

For more information about The Stable, contact Anthony at [anthony@thestable.ca](mailto:anthony@thestable.ca) or (519) 400-4263.

— *Kelly Spencer*

## **Muscle Diamond victorious in Big M return**

A year on the sidelines failed to deter Muscle Diamond (\$6.40), who advanced with live cover before striking the front in mid-stretch and holding sway in Saturday's \$18,000 top-level conditioned trot at the Meadowlands.

John Campbell settled the four-year-old Muscle Hill entire in mid-division as early pacesetter Aldebaran Eagle (Andy Miller) controlled early splits of :27.4 and :56.1 before sliding second-over behind Rock of Cashel (Corey Callahan) on the far turn. Muscle Diamond was towed into second through a :28.3 third quarter, advanced on his own accord to put away Rock of Cashel in mid-stretch, but he wasn't home free yet. A pair of late challengers emerged—Kelsey's Keepsake (Joe Bongiorno) from third-over and Classical Annie (Jim Marohn, Jr.) up the pegs from the pocket—yet Muscle Diamond kept them a neck and a half-length at bay respectively, prevailing in 1:53.

Trainer Brett Bittle co-owns seven-time winner Muscle Diamond with Charles Keller, III, Charles Keller, IV, and E. Daniel Bittle.

David Miller led all drivers with three wins on the 13-race program, while Brett Miller tallied another two after his Friday grand slam.

Total betting turnover for the evening was \$2,527,155.

Players and horsemen alike are advised that next week's racing schedule at The Meadowlands consists of live cards on Thursday (Dec. 15) and Friday (Dec. 16), with Saturday a dark day. Post time both evenings is 7:15 p.m. Eastern.

— *James Witherite / Meadowlands media relations*

## **Big Jim fillies sweep round one of Niagara**

Ichthelight Hanover and Jimbelina made their sire Big Jim proud in the opening round of the Niagara Series Friday night (Dec. 9) at Woodbine Racetrack.

A group of 16 sophomore pacing fillies battled over two \$17,000 first leg divisions Friday evening.

Ichthelight Hanover kicked the series off by scoring a 13-1 upset for trainer/driver Rick Zeron.

The daughter of Big Jim—Ifyoucouldcwhat i c blasted to the front from the eight-hole and posted an opening-quarter of :28. The public's choice, Hot Spot Hanover, circled around from the two-hole to grab command heading towards the

half and posted fractions of :57.2 and 1:26.

In the stretch, Hot Spot Hanover could not live up to her 2-5 billing and gave way to Ichthelight Hanover up the inside. The Zeron trainee was able to muscle by the favorite and reached the line a nose ahead of an outside charging Queenofthejungle for a 1:54.1 score.

Hot Spot Hanover finished third.

Ichthelight Hanover now has five wins and over \$49,000 earned this season in 25 starts. The sophomore pacing filly has now visited the winner's circle six-times in her career and banked \$69,056 for owner Holland Racing Stable.

The Zeron trainee paid \$28.80 to win.

The second division saw another opening-quarter leader click off a two-hole trip, as Jimbelina won in a career-best 1:52.2.

The Rene Bourassa trainee was fired out from post-seven by Sylvain Fillion and posted a snappy opening-quarter of :26.2. Before the field could enter the backstretch, Docs Sausalito was out of the two-hole to circle around to command.

Docs Sausalito kept the tempo honest, pacing by the half in :55.2 and three-quarters in 1:24.

In the stretch, Jimbelina was angled to the outside and immediately surged by Docs Sausalito to go on for a length and a half victory. Docs Sausalito finished second, while Art Angel Baby was third.

A daughter of Big Jim out of Buddy's Gal, Jimbelina made just \$360 in three starts as a rookie, but now is an eight-time winner with over \$47,000 banked in 17 starts as a three-year-old. She is owned by Roland Trudel.

Jimbelina paid \$7.10 to win.

Three-year-old pacing fillies, who were non-winners of \$60,000 lifetime as of October 31, 2016, were eligible to the Niagara Series. Round two of the series will take place next Friday (Dec. 16).

— *Mark McKelvie / WEG standardbred communications*

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## **Yves Filion honored at National Assembly**

On Tuesday (Dec. 6), harness racing's newest inductee to the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame, Yves Filion, was feted before the Quebec National Assembly in Quebec City.

Filion, and his renowned Bayama Farms, are names that have resounded throughout North America in harness racing over the last few decades, and have resonated with the name of his home province, Quebec.

Sponsored by his deputy in Argenteuil, Yves St-Denis, Yves Filion will be honored before the National Assembly with a special tribute for his immense contributions to the development of harness racing in Quebec for many years.

Yves comes from a family steeped in harness racing history, the Filions, which made itself known at many of the North American standardbred racetracks.

In more than 50 years in the racing industry Yves has campaigned such champions as Goliath Bayama, Leader Bayama, Rebeka Bayama, Naomi Bayama, Lady Bayama and more.

"This is such an honor," Filion said. "Something special that can happen only once in a lifetime. I am very proud and at a loss for words to express my feelings. With this honor and my induction to the Hall of Fame in August, it has made for a very good year.

"If not for the many owners who supported me. My career would not have been so fulfilling. I must thank many of my owners including Réal Bélanger, Brian Paquet, Jacques Damours, Luc Paiement, Gaston Bibeau, Sylvain Deschenaux, Serge Godin, Gene Kruger, Normand Mondou and others helped me a great deal."

Filion, 68, from Saint-Andre-D'Argent, has been one of Quebec's premier drivers and trainers for the better part of 30 years. He has driven in over 18,000 races and has 4,387 victories and earnings of over \$26.7 million to his credit. He's also trained 273 winners and horses to earnings of nearly \$3.7 million, and bred many successful horses at his Bayama Farms.

Yves is a brother to Hall of Famer Herve Filion and the youngest of eight boys and two girls. His son, Sylvain Filion, was Canada's Driver of the Year in 2012, 2013 and 2015.

— *Quebec Jockey Club*

## **Support for centralized rule-making body**

The results of 28 focus groups and an in-depth survey of a industry stakeholders reveal widespread support for the creation of a centralized rule making entity accountable to the existing racing commissions reorganized into a multi-jurisdictional entity (interstate compact).

With input from approximately 3,000 people, the top problems to be addressed are perception (19.2 per cent) and competition (23.8 per cent). These are followed by the lack of uniformity in rules (17.8 per cent) and doping (14.1 per cent).

Eighty per cent of respondents indicated that the lack of uniform rules was either a "problem" or a "big problem". Eighty-one per cent indicated a similar response when asked about inconsistent penalties.

A strong majority (68 per cent) would prefer the creation of a central rule-making entity whose rules would apply to all. When combined with those who "could live with" this approach, the acceptability number jumps to 92 per cent.

While the concept of anti-doping policy being handled by a private entity (i.e. USADA or the proposed THADA) received support from 44 per cent of respondents, an overwhelming majority of those respondents (87 per cent) found it unacceptable to have the private entity accountable to a US federal agency. Seventy-three per cent found it unacceptable to not have the entity accountable to a government entity.

Of those preferring a private entity an overwhelming majority (80 per cent) wanted that entity accountable to an interstate compact. A strong majority (62 per cent) supported accountability to individual state racing commissions.

Thirty-three per cent rejected the private entity option to support the government option. 25 per cent indicated it didn't matter whether it was government or private.

Of those supporting a government option, 87 per cent indicated that they would favor or could live with the entity being an interstate, multi-jurisdictional compact of state racing commissions. Only 35 per cent indicated they could accept the status quo.

"We don't have a horse in this race," said Ed Martin, president of the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI), the umbrella group of the state racing commissions in the U.S., as well as the provincial and national racing regulators in Canada. The ARCI Canadian members operate under a federal government structure to regulate and test for drugs while our U.S. members operate on a state by state basis. The drug testing policies are similar



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and testing results are comparable.

The ARCI launched its 2016 Industry Input Project specifically to identify possible ways industry issues can be addressed through a broad based consensus rather than through divisive and conflicting political advocacy efforts.

“When pursuing legislation, either on the state or federal level, initiatives resulting from a general consensus tend to minimize potential opposition and have the greatest possibility of success. We believe this project has identified ways to build that consensus on a breed by breed basis. Only the industry can decide whether to do that or not,” said Martin.

The ARCI is facilitating a meeting of industry leaders to encourage them to decide upon a consensus path based on the results of industry input.

Survey Respondents:

**By Breed:**

Thoroughbred - 54 per cent

Standardbred - 34 per cent

Quarter Horse - 12 per cent

**By Involvement:**

Owner/Breeder - 40 per cent

Horseplayer - 19 per cent

Trainers - 14 per cent

Horsemen-other - 9 per cent

Racing officials - 6 per cent

Veterinarians - 5 per cent

Track Operations - 5 per cent

Other - 2 per cent

— *Association of Racing Commissioners International*



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## Grossman: racing needs to rehabilitate lost generation

I recently saw a story on the Today Show about a 13-year-old boy from a terrible home life / neighborhood, who, in 1990, shot a mom-of-two in the face. The story went on to explain how over the next 26 years, while serving a life sentence, he mustered up the strength to call the victim during the holiday season apologize and take responsibility for his action. Over time he proved he was not only apologetic, but intelligent and thoughtful. Ultimately, after a long process, he gained her forgiveness. With her help, his sentence has been reduced and he now has a GED and a real chance to make a positive contribution to society.

This got me thinking about harness racing. It is the opinion of many I respect that the largest issue facing harness racing is the lack of a next generation to carry on our sport. My own 20-year-old son, who will soon have a college degree in race track management from U of Arizona (and has been around horses all his life), has serious reservations about a career in harness racing because of all the sport's negativity.

This is frustrating to me as I, as well as my son, have met many young and talented people who could be involved in harness racing but are headed the same direction. Unless they happen to be the daughter or son of an established, successful person in harness racing, these young minds tend to be on the fringes of the game and do not feel that they are welcome or that there is a real long-term future for them in the business.

Shut out of the yearling / stakes game, this demographic is left to try to compete in overnights with less money and horsepower. And while their competitive nature has led them to make mistakes for which they are punished, rightly so, by the commissions, they are ALSO given life sentences from the "harness establishment." This while the leading trainer in our game, who trains for most / all the establishment has had 30 rulings against him in the last nine years, nine of which were "major", without any discussion and, I would

submit, he would have more if under similar scrutiny as the young (lost?) generation of harness racing.

I am in no way excusing any infraction of the rules or advocating any change or special consideration. I, and most of those that I have discussed the issue with, believe that unless a person is an excellent horseman, that no amount of drugs will lead to real sustained success and thus many of the people excluded and vilified must be excellent horseman, who likely have let their competitive natures allow them to make errors in judgment for which they have, and should be, punished.

I believe that if this “lost generation” is effectively included as part of the business discussion, it will give us a chance to transition some of them into making a very positive contribution to our sport and perhaps even give it a future.

I have for many years invested in several talented young minds with checkered pasts in my other business and have been blessed to be a part of some real lasting (even generational), genuinely impactful success, which has been much more rewarding to me than just the monetary results. I will continue to do the same with our small harness racing stable. It is not without risk, and there will be failures that make you feel and look stupid, but nothing meaningful in life is ever accomplished without taking that risk.

The inconvenient truth is that the status quo is perfect for the establishment. It is very profitable for them to continue this private poker game with a large bouncer at the door, and they might even be able to keep it on life support long enough, without slot money, handle or fans, for their kids to finally drain the well dry.

I don't believe the business can last in its current state. As mainly a breeder of horses, I am willing to take the risk by investing, mentoring and including some potential future leaders of the sport. I will continue to seek a more concerted support from the establishment. I would note that the Jockey Club IS investing in the future of thoroughbred racing and has conveyed an under 40 leadership group. A similar path would certainly be a step for the USTA, Standardbred Canada, Hambletonian Society or another leadership group to consider.

Happy Holidays to all.

– **Tom Grossman / owner Blue Chip Farms**

## **Finally the social license issue bites in Australia - Whipping banned!!**

I refer to my previous letter that HRU kindly published (Nov. 2) which included the need to ban whipping.

Harness Racing Australia announced the following Saturday (Dec. 10):

**Australian harness racing is banning the use of whips in training and racing from 1 September 2017 in a world-leading animal welfare initiative that improves the industry's image and enhances its sustainability.**

There can be little doubt that the recent banning of greyhound racing in Australia's largest state (since overturned) has played a role in this reactive move.

Whilst Australian administrators should be applauded for finally facing the reality of the importance of social license one can only wonder what damage has been done in the almost seven years since I wrote (without reply) to the Chief Executive of Harness Racing Australia on issues confronting the sport in this country

The following is an excerpt of this letter of April 8, 2009  
Industry cruelty

Why did we ask the industry “Should we ban whips” (Another example of “inwardly focussed administration”?)

Why didn't we ask those we would like to start following our sport – the market of tomorrow – the young?

Are we that dumb or didn't we like the possibility of an adverse answer?

Kids of today are more aware of animal cruelty than ever before and whipping horses, no matter in what fashion or how many times, will change the perception in their minds that the Harness Racing Brand equates to animal cruelty. (What a brand negative to saddle the sport with).

Goodbye to that market in the future and the families they produce, as well.

The animal liberation movement will eventually get their way, so why not be pro-active for once?

The issue is simply fixed by a national body banning whips immediately

The Harness Racing Brand will score positive publicity and admiration and not one harness racing participant will exit the sport because of the decision

Too hard a call for the current industry focussed business model, but easy for a brand-focussed national



administration.

For the sake of the industry in North America please seriously consider the negative effect of whipping to the reputation of the harness racing brand and take action NOW!

– *Ray Chaplin / Australia*

## **Disagreeing with Sturman**

After reading the article by Brett Sturman ([HRU, Dec. 9](#)) about minimum bet amounts, I once again scratch my head and wonder if anyone with a voice really understands the state of affairs in harness racing.

Is a “larger player” (whatever that is today), really going to chased away by a guy or two who “steps on” his payout with an additional dime or two in a large pool, when the “large player” has tickets in multiple dollar increments?

You’ve got your super tickets or your Pick 4 or 5 tickets multiple times, many more times than the average player who can only get in for a dime or twenty cents or whatever small amount.

Maybe your winning ticket is 20 or 40 or many times more than the small ticket, and the small ticket represents one or two per cent of the total winning ticket amount.

So what? That’s a deal breaker to go and play poker instead of bet on racing? I don’t think so.

Perhaps the writer should read the other material that was published in HRU, like the [Virgil Addison piece](#).

Maybe Mr. Addison got confused and thought it was breeding time for his horses and they needed a little “help” getting ready. Maybe it was all just a big misunderstanding.

Four positives isn’t so bad, right? Anyone can make four mistakes in a row. Yeah, that’s it.

People like this have consistently whittled away at the integrity of the sport and sadly this guy is like the guy who has disobeyed the “No Smoking” sign on the Titanic just before it became totally submerged.

And then the fine follow-up article about Resolve and Ake being disqualified in the Cashman at the Meadowlands on Hambletonian Day. Another resounding piece of honesty and integrity for the sport, and the decision comes four months after the event. I wonder how you get your money back for tickets you tore up that day?

You see, the big problem never was a few guys with a couple of .10 tickets stepping into a payout in the four figures. After all, a .10 cent ticket is 1/100 of a \$10 ticket last time I checked, and not a big deal.

Maybe it’s time for all of the computer servers that bet for these “large” guys get put into the same room on race day/night, sort of like a tournament setting, and let’s see which machine processes the information the best. Do some of the people that buy and program and run these machines even know which end of a horse poops, or is it strictly dollars and cents?

Yes, these guys are great for the sport and generating interest with their servers and software and programmers. Excellent for the betterment of the breed, indeed.

Once again, concentrate on the real problems, like horses taking drugs meant for human erections, and let’s not worry as much about a guy or two who wants to take a shot at paying some bills or buying a car with a .10 or .20 ticket. Those guys were NEVER the problem here.

– *Vic Dante / Bloomfield, NJ*

## **Kudos to the Big M**

I recently read that the Meadowlands is bringing back its “Own a Horse” promotion and it is time that they receive the credit they deserve.

In a day and age where status quo is the norm, the Meadowlands tries innovative ways to get new fans into the building while still doing something for the established customer base. Week in and week out they run promotions for everything from vacation giveaways, corn on the cob eating contests, and winners circle photos among a number of other things.

They have fully embraced social media and the “JHo and JBo” show is a feature I look forward to every week. The Meadowlands does more with less when given the fact they face pressure on all sides with racino supplements inflating purse levels at tracks where handle is a third of what they manage.

Regardless of which side of the fence you sit on with Gural, they are at least trying. That, in itself, is something that speaks volumes and should be embraced by all.

– *Joseph Longo / Tucson, AZ*

## **Key didn’t go far enough**

I’m writing in response to Rob Key’s guest column from the Friday the 2nd of December. His ideas were excellent, but my take away was that his plan did not go far enough.

Empowering a central body (the USTA) and a central figure (a president or commissioner) is the true key to moving the

sport forward. This issue is that in its current state, the USTA does not have what it needs to be truly empowered. They are lacking two important things: money (a lot more than they have now) and ability to enforce rules they implement (a framework is in place, but it needs to be tested).

I understand this isn't a novel idea, but it isn't about ideas. Many in racing have great ideas. It is really about implementation. We need a central power to be able to implement ideas, which is an extremely difficult thing to do now.

The next question is how do you increase the USTA's budget? I think that part is easy and various versions of this have been tossed around for a while now. This can be done by having all stakeholders pay up a new impact fee to the USTA. Here is an example of a possible fee schedule.

- All purse checks over \$500 are assessed a 2.5 per cent impact fee.
- Every horse sold at a public auction is assessed a 2.5 per cent impact fee.
- For every dollar a driver or trainer receives from the 5 per cent, 2.5 cents are assessed an impact fee.
- Tracks must pay an impact fee equal to 0.5% of every dollar wagered

Using stats available on USTA / various websites, that's about \$20 million per year for the new leadership to have at their disposal to implement actual change to harness racing. Given that the USTA is the official licensing body of the sport, enforcement is pretty clear. Anyone who doesn't pay has their license revoked by the USTA. Owners can't own, trainers can't train, drivers can't drive, horses can't race, horses sold by breeders who do not participate are not eligible to race. The impact fee assessed to the track is the trickiest one of the bunch, but a 0.5 per cent fee is a rounding error to tracks with slots. It could be a real challenge for tracks that don't, but this is just an example of a starting point. Having all that said, I'd suggest saving the first \$20 million for legal battles.

We all could fire off a laundry list of how to spend the money, but the end of the day we would have just created a \$20 million budget for new leadership to do what they think needs to be done to advance the sport. We will have to trust the leadership to make good decisions.

How can this new fee be implemented? Here is one idea:

Start by having someone at the USTA draw up formal proposal. Set up a mechanism for the rank and file members of the USTA to vote "Yes" or "No". I'd suggest making this vote a highly publicized event that is held on Hambletonian Day. Members can vote live at a track or via mailed ballots that

are due that day. If it passes, the USTA can consider this to be a new mandate and can move forward with the collection of the impact fee.

Next, hire good attorneys to draft the appropriate legal documentation that all members must agree to (this portion could be done online or via the mail). If you don't agree to the new rules, your license is revoked. Then, set up banking account and have the tracks/ sales companies start to send ACH payments to the new account immediately. We can vote next August and have the money start to flow in by January 1, 2017.

If it fails, take this idea, throw it in the garbage and hope someone has a better one.

What I just laid out does not 'save' the sport. It is not a linear situation where if we can achieve A, we will atomically go to B. Many, many steps will be in the middle. I think one thing almost everyone can agree on is that the fractured leadership we have now simply doesn't work. As Rob stated, the USTA must be empowered. My idea just adds rocket fuel to the empowerment.

Many people won't like this idea for a million different understandable reasons. It is far from perfect to siphon off money from people that have earned it, but we must be honest with our situation. If harness racing was a neighborhood, many homes are on fire. The Michigan home has basically been burned to the ground. Illinois is more or less gone. New Jersey is generally only around because one man is willing to stand around all day holding a fire horse. You may feel safe in Indiana, Ohio (after nearly burning down), Pennsylvania and New York, but remember one very important fact. **WE DO NOT HAVE A VIABLE BUSINESS PLAN TO SURVIVE ON OUR OWN!** We also have too many fiefdoms that can't fix the sport on their own. For that reason we must do something to change the direction.

Like many of you, I could list dozens of ideas about how to help fix our sport. I don't like to be cynical, but I don't think any of them really matter until we have a central body that can truly implement the change. We are in a fortunate situation financially thanks to money provided by slots revenue. This money won't be around forever and if we wait to implement real change until after it is gone it will be too late. The sport of harness racing will be a thing of the past.

— **Shawn Swenson / Delafield, WI**

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## RACE RESULTS

### HRU Race Results Criteria

The following race results are contained in  
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races with a purse of \$15,000 and over,  
plus stakes races \$10,000 and over

#### DAYTON report

##### Friday's Results:

**11, Dtn, \$15,000, P, FILLIES & MARES OPEN HCP, PP'S 1 AND 9**  
ASSIGNED, 27.0, 56.3, 1:24.4, 1:53.0, FT

**1-Aniston Seelster (m, 4, Mach Three--Angelina Seelster, by**  
**Astreos), \$25,000 2013 FOREST O-Kara S Witt. B-Seelster Farms Inc,**  
CA. T-Virgil Morgan Jr. D-Josh Sutton, \$7,500, Lifetime Record:  
54-11-14-9, \$175,644

**2-American Girl (m, 7, Art's Chip--L Dees Lourdes, by Dragon Again),**  
\$6,000 2010 HOOSIER O-Darla D Gaskin & Stanley L Rosenblatt.  
B-Gardner Farms LLC. T-Tyler George. D-Travis Seekman, \$3,750

**3-Albanian Era (m, 7, Stonebridge Regal--Dynasty G F, by Good News**  
Scooter) O-Robert J Zink. B-Mc Trade Enterprises Inc. T-Rob Zink.  
D-Jeremy Smith, \$1,800

Calls: 1H, 1, 1, 1, 1H - Finish Order: Rock The Look, Fancy Desire,  
Little Santamonica, Endeavors Fantasy, Pop The Tags, Ryleigh's Lilly

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##### Saturday's Results:

**7, Dtn, \$15,000, P, HORSES & GELDINGS OPEN I, 27.0, 55.1, 1:22.3,**  
1:51.0, FT

**1-My Buddy Ninkster (g, 4, Dali--Sporty Ellie, by Sportsmaster)**  
O-John G Krasnican Jr & Mary E Krasnican. B-Mary E Krasnican.  
T-Robert Phillips. D-Tyler Smith, \$7,500, Lifetime Record:  
81-21-10-11, \$205,480

**2-E R Rudy (g, 5, Art's Chip--Rustle My Foot, by Rustler Hanover)**  
O-Eash Racing Stable Inc. B-Eash Racing Stable Inc. T-Don Eash.  
D-Peter Wrenn, \$3,750

**3-Secret Threat (h, 4, Palone Ranger--Laxmy, by Real Artist) O-Justin**  
Lloyd. B-Larry E & Kim L Owen. T-Justin Lloyd. D-Trace Tetrack,  
\$1,800

Calls: 1, 1, Q, 1, H - Finish Order: Hickory Icon, Granite, Jd's Macca  
Lodge, Vague Traces, Martini Hanover

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#### HARRAH'S PHILLY report

##### Friday's Results:

**1, Phl, \$16,000, P, 3 & 4 Yr. Olds Fillies & Mares NW 5 Ext. PM Races**  
or \$50,000 Lifetime PA Preference, 28.0, 57.3, 1:25.3, 1:55.1, FT

**1-Rocknroll Vision (f, 3, Rocknroll Hanover--Armbro Ophelia, by Cam**  
**Fella), \$60,000 2014 LEX-SEL O-Michael P Hall. B-Highland**  
Thoroughbred Frm, CA. T-Michael Hall. D-Tim Tetrack, \$8,000,  
Lifetime Record: 27-5-5-4, \$80,398

#### A LEXINGTON SUCCESS STORY.

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**2-Made Of Jewels As (f, 3, Panspacificflight--Twincreeks Jewel, by**  
Dragon Again) O-Acl Stuteri Ab & Anette Karin Lorentzon. B-Acl  
Stuteri Ab. T-Anette Lorentzon. D-Geo. Napolitano Jr, \$4,000

**3-Lasting Love (f, 3, Shark Gesture--Love And Honor, by Art Major),**  
\$10,000 2014 LEX-SEL O-John Cancelliere. B-Doug Ackerman  
Stables Inc. T-Thomas Cancelliere. D-Joe Bongiorno, \$1,920  
Calls: 5, 4H, 5H, 5Q, NK - Finish Order: Robocall Hanover, Bettor Than  
Silk, Gypsy Bellevue, Well Framed, Notagain

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#### MEADOWLANDS report

**Saturday's Results: Results for tonight were unofficial at the time of**  
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#### SARATOGA HARNESS report

##### Friday's Results:

**2, Stga, \$16,000, P, Fillies & Mares - Open Handicap Post Position**  
Nos. 1-3 Drawn Post Position Nos. 4-5 Assigned, 28.0, 56.3, 1:23.4,  
1:52.1, FT

**1-So Nice (m, 6, Ponder--Nice Package, by Grinfromeartoeart) O-Gene**  
Oldford Farms LLC & Stephen E Oldford & Tyler L Buter. B-Andrew  
S Demetrious, CA. T-Amber Buter. D-Mark Beckwith, \$8,000, Lifetime  
Record: 118-26-23-22, \$434,688

**2-Bazooka Terror (m, 7, Western Terror--Lucky Liz, by Dragon Again),**  
\$4,500 2010 SHS-HBG O-William A Hartt. B-Perfect World  
Enterprises. T-Heidi Rohr. D-Billy Dobson, \$4,000

**3-Truth And Liberty (m, 4, Total Truth--Jazzy Hall, by Cambest)**  
O-Tracy F Moss. B-Only Money Inc & Theodore Gewertz & George  
Teague Jr Inc.. T-Robert Lounsbury. D-Stephane Bouchard, \$1,920  
Calls: 1H, 2, 3H, 3H, 3H - Finish Order: Dilly Dali, The Filly Princess

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# RACE RESULTS

## Saturday's Results:

**7, Stga, \$18,000, P**, Open Handicap Post Position Nos. 1 & 2, 3-5 and 6-8 Drawn, 26.4, 55.3, 1:23.3, 1:52.0, FT

**1-Artful Way (g, 4, Artistic Fella--Art Debut, by Artiscap)** O-Kellogg Racing Stables LLC. B-Robert McIntosh Stables Inc, CA & Clifford N Grundy & C S X Stables. T-Brett Derue. D-Frank Coppola Jr, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 67-20-11-8, \$226,145

**2-Gibson Blue Chip** (h, 7, Artiscap--Bob's Wizzard, by Three Wizzards), \$9,000 2010 MORRIS O-Anthony M McGrath. B-Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc. T-Normand Dessureault. D-Jim Devaux, \$4,500

**3-Bet You** (g, 4, Bettor's Delight--Armbro Amoretto, by Artsplace), \$75,000 2013 LEX-SEL O-Thomas R Dillon. B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. T-Heidi Rohr. D-Stephane Bouchard, \$2,160  
Calls: 1H, 1T, 1H, 1H, 1 - Finish Order: Outrageous Art, Sassy Hanover, Ru Ready To Rock, Jk Panache, Ronny Bugatti

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## THE MEADOWS report

### Saturday's Results:

**8, Mea, \$15,500, P**, \*\*\*W/O \$10,000 LIFE HANDICAP\*\*\* P.P.1-5 DRAWN; 6 ASSIGNED, 26.4, 56.2, 1:23.4, 1:52.2, FT

**1-Latest Desire (g, 6, Real Desire--Latest Design, by Western Hanover)**, \$17,000 2011 LEX-SEL O-Steven G Newcom & Larry G Taylor. B-Fair Winds Farm Inc. T-Dirk Simpson. D-Dan Rawlings, \$7,750, Lifetime Record: 88-28-11-8, \$353,936

**A LEXINGTON SUCCESS STORY.**  
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**2-Kingofthejungle** (g, 5, Well Said--Allamerican Calico, by Real Desire), \$45,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-Fox Racing Inc & Darius P Oshidar. B-Frederick W Hertrich III. T-Jack Smith. D-Mike Wilder, \$3,875

**3-Dapper Dude** (h, 7, The Panderosa--Dress To Suggest, by Camluck) O-Renee J Bercury. B-Robert McIntosh Stables Inc, CA & Al McIntosh Holdings Inc, CA. T-William Bercury. D-Aaron Merriman, \$1,860  
Calls: 2H, 4H, 1Q, 1, H - Finish Order: Doctor Rj, Hawk's Red Chief, Shooter's Dream

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## WOODBINE report

### Friday's Results:

**4, Wdb, \$25,000, P**, FILLIES & MARES, NW \$25,500 LAST 5 STARTS. AE: NW \$175,000 LIFETIME. AE: OPT. CLM. \$60,000, 26.1, 54.2, 1:22.4, 1:50.3

**1-Waasmula (br,m,8 - Million Dollar Cam-Waasmowin-Apaches Fame)** O-Brent Vincent B-Brent & Thomas Vincent T-Bruce Goit D-Trevor Heenry, \$12,500, Lifetime Record: 126-29-17-26, \$998,138

**2-Delightful Hill** (b,m,4 - Art Colony-Uneek Delight-Bettors Delight) O-Tom Hill B-Tom Hill T-Carmen Auciello D-James MacDonald

**3-Wrangler Magic** (b,m,4 - Mach Three-Ja El Shamrock-Rustler Hanover) O-Thomas Kyron, Dr Maurice Stewart, Brian Paquet, Bayama Farms Inc B-Dr Maurice T-Richard Moreau D-Sylvain Filion

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## Saturday's Results:

**2, Wdb, \$20,000, P**, FILLIES & MARES, 5 YEAR OLDS & YOUNGER, NW 4 RACES OR \$90,000 LIFETIME, 27.2, 57.2, 1:25.2, 1:53.2

**1-Killean Finale (b,f,3 - Sportswriter-Pumped-Run The Table)** O-Paul Tolmazoff B-Killean Acres T-Nick Gallucci D-Randall Waples, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 37-8-8-6, \$119,153

**2-Lady Jen** (b,m,4 - Royal Mattjesty-Ladyjack-Cams Card Shark) O-Hutt Racing Stable B-Winbak Farm T-Blake MacIntosh D-Phillip Hudon

**3-Dixie Lullaby** (b,f,3 - If I Can Dream-Dixie Dew Bluechip-Art Major) O-Robert Kyle Fellows, Carl Stafford B-Bulletproof Enterprises T-Robert Kyle Fellows D-Paul MacDonell

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**5, Wdb, \$25,000, P**, NW \$22,000 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$28,000 LAST 10 STARS. AE: OPT. CLM. \$55,000. AE: NW 7 RACES OR \$140,000 LIFETIME, 26, 54.2, 1:22.3, 1:50.4

**1-American Virgin (b,g,4 - Always A Virgin-Flyfly Judith-Presidential Ball)** O-Bradley Grant B-Ohio State Ati T-Richard Moreau D-Sylvain Filion, \$12,500, Lifetime Record: 63-13-18-9, \$277,956

**2-Vegas Rocks** (b,g,4 - Rocknroll Hanover-Stonebridge Hugs-Artsplace) O-Copley Stables, Jody Sanderson, Dean Larkin B-Angie Stiller T-Mandy Archer D-James MacDonald

**3-Cool Rock** (b,g,8 - Rocknroll Hanover-Southwind Sundew-Artsplace) O-M&S Racing Stable Inc B-Robert Monillo T-Rene Bourassa D-Travis Cullen

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**6, Wdb, \$20,000, T**, NW 3 (FM 5) RACES OR \$70,000 (FM \$87,500) LIFETIME, 27.2, 57.1, 1:25.4, 1:55.1

**1-Honor Above All (b,g,3 - Muscles Yankee-Honorable Daughter-Malabar Man)** O-Santo & Nunzio Vena, Claude Hamel, Benoit Baillargeon B-Valley High Stable T-Benoit Baillargeon D-Mario Ballargeon, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 27-6-4-3, \$89,491

**2-Safekeeping** (b,f,3 - Muscle Hill-Severence-Kadabra) O-Banjo Farms, Charalambos Christoforou B-Banjo Farms, Charalambos Christoforou T-Per Henriksen D-Chris Christoforou

**3-Ready Any Time** (br,f,3 - Kadabra-Spice Queen-Yankee Glide) O-Dr Brett Anderson, Kyle Anderson B-Herb Liverman T-Dagfin Henriksen D-Dagfin Henriksen

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**8, Wdb, \$22,000, P**, FILLIES & MARES, NW \$15,000 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$28,000 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: NW \$110,000 LIFETIME. AE: OPT. CLM. \$35,000, 27.2, 56.2, 1:24.4, 1:53

**1-D Gs Pesquero (b,m,6 - Mach Three-Dg S El Nina-Western Hanover)** O-Armando Cappuccitti, Robert Watson, Mike Bartram B-Daniel Surprenant T-Carmen Auciello D-Douglas McNair, \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 168-28-30-27, \$442,927

**2-P L Hurricane** (b,m,5 - Jeremes Jet-Taylorlane Action-Village Jiffy) O-David Brown B-Onlineharnessowner Com 17 T-David Brown D-Sylvain Filion

**3-Dazzling Rockette** (b,m,4 - Rocknroll Hanover-Sweet Smilin Lady-Grinfromeartoe) O-Joseph Cirasuola B-Peretti Farms T-Joseph Cirasuola D-James MacDonald

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**9, Wdb, \$22,000, P, NW \$15,500 LAST 5 STARTS OR NW \$26,000 LAST 10 STARTS. AE: NOT AVERAGING \$2,100 PER START IN 2015-16, 27.1, 55.3, 1:22.4, 1:50.4**

**1-Prescotts Hope (b,g,6 - No Pan Intended-How Great Thou Art-Cams Card Shark)** O-Edward Gorc, Mike Brealey B-Randy Zane T-Mike Brealey D-Phillip Hudon, \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 96-15-13-10, \$218,132

**2-Asap Hanover (b,h,4 - Somebeachsomewhere-Allamerican Coed-Dragon Again)** O-John Mehlenbacher B-Hanover Shoe Farms Inc T-Sean Mehlenbacher D-Richard Zeron

**3-Trashtonguetalker (b,g,4 - Arts Chip-The Panishing Girl-The Panderosa)** O-Terry Leonard, Christopher Schick B-Maryann Plano T-Mike Weller D-Trevor Henry

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### Friday's Results:

**8, YR, \$45,000, P, F&M OPEN HANDICAP POST POSITIONS 1-4 DRAWN POST POSITIONS 5-8 ASSIGNED, 27.3, 56.4, 1:24.4, 1:53.0, FT**

**1-Shesjustadelight N (m, 6, Bettor's Delight--Love The Look, by Holmes Hanover)** O-Kevin R Sywyk & Ronald L Cushing. B-A D & G M Paisley, NZ & E M & A R Sloan, NZ. T-Heidi Gibbs. D-Ron Cushing, \$22,500, Lifetime Record: 55-22-10-5, \$159,215

**2-Bedroomconfessions (m, 4, American Ideal--Turnoffthelights, by Jenna's Beach Boy)** O-Riverview Racing LLC & Alagna Racing LLC. B-Riverview Farms & Tony P Alagna & Minisink Farms LLC. T-Tony Alagna. D-Scott Zeron, \$11,250

**3-Mach It A Par (m, 6, Mach Three--Taylorlane Action, by Village Jiffy)** O-D'Elegance Stable Ix & Carmen Iannacone & T L P Stable & The Gandolfo Stables. B-Onlineharnessowner Com 17, CA. T-Richard Banca. D-Jordan Stratton, \$5,400

Calls: 1H, 1H, 1H, 1H, NK - Finish Order: Frost Damage Blues, Motu Moonbeam N, Krispy Apple, Massive Attack A, Glenferrie Bronte N

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**9, YR, \$18,000, P, F&M NON-WINNERS OF \$15,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS WINNERS OVER \$85,000 IN 2016 NOT ELIGIBLE. AE. OPTIONAL CLAIMING ALLOWANCE \$30,000, 28.1, 58.2, 1:26.3, 1:56.0, FT**

**1-Do Your Job (m, 5, Western Terror--Tootsie J, by Real Artist),** \$15,000 2012 LEX-SEL O-Fly By Night Stables. B-Bulletproof Enterprises. T-Tom Fanning. D-Mark Macdonald, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 83-15-17-11, \$243,396

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**2-Valentina De Vie (m, 5, Bettor's Delight--Flibbertigibbet, by Albert Albert),** \$50,000 2012 LEX-SEL O-Joie De Vie Farm LLC. B-Winbak Farm. T-Henrik Lundell. D-Scott Zeron, \$4,500

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**3-Pasultimatedelite N (m, 7, Bettor's Delight--Bee Jays Money, by Christian Cullen)** O-Patrick J O'Brien & George J Hartman. B-Mrs K J Walsh, NZ. T-Mark Kesmodel. D-Jordan Stratton, \$2,160  
Calls: 1H, 1T, 1T, 1T, NK - Finish Order: Dune In Red, Heavens Legacy, Alhambra, Chilled Desire A, Her Own Land

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**10, YR, \$22,000, P, F&M NON-WINNERS OF \$20,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS, 28.2, 58.3, 1:26.4, 1:54.2, FT**

**1-Cinamony (m, 5, Art Official--Armbr Cinnamon, by Western Ideal),** \$3,500 2012 SHS-HBG O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC. B-Perretti Farms. T-Ron Burke. D-Matt Kakaley, \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 88-25-14-16, \$531,304

**2-Momas Got A Gun (m, 4, Somebeachsomewhere--Benear, by Badlands Hanover)** O-Geoffrey M Martin, CA. B-Gregory J Martin, CA. T-Virgil Morgan Jr. D-Brent Holland, \$5,500

**3-Tipitina (m, 6, Rocknroll Hanover--Hi Ho Molly, by Hi Ho Silverheel's),** \$30,000 2011 SHS-HBG O-Rags To Riches Of Pa LLC. B-Alan M Kirschenbaum & Steven L Katz. T-Michael Forte. D-Jason Bartlett, \$2,640

Calls: 3, 3Q, NS, 1T, 1H - Finish Order: Millwood Faith N, Cracker Coffee, Lovineveryminute, Al Raza N, Nerida Franco N

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**11, YR, \$26,000, P, F&M NON-WINNERS OF \$26,500 IN LAST 5 STARTS, 27.3, 56.2, 1:24.3, 1:53.1, FT**

**1-Hidden Land (m, 5, Badlands Hanover--Armbr Ocasey, by Abercrombie),** \$42,000 2012 LEX-SEL O-Jesmeral Stable. B-Winbak Farm. T-Monique Cohen. D-Brent Holland, \$13,000, Lifetime Record: 99-25-17-12, \$303,437

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**2-Tessa Seelster (m, 4, Shadow Play--Titania Seelster, by Camluck),** \$77,000 2013 FOREST O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brussemi LLC & Jonathan H Newman. B-Seelster Farms Inc, CA. T-Ron Burke. D-Matt Kakaley, \$6,500

**3-Regil Elektra (m, 6, Mach Three--Top Time Notcher, by Topnotcher)** O-Fred Monteleone Stbl LLC. B-Bruce M Wagg, CA. T-Keith Armer. D-Jordan Stratton, \$3,120

Calls: 5H, 6H, 4T, 3, 1 - Finish Order: Cheyenne Robin, Know It All, Bettor N Better, Velocity Vespa, Village Jessica

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# RACE RESULTS

## Saturday's Results:

**2, YR, \$16,000, P,** CLAIMING ALLOWANCE \$25,000 3 YO 50%, 4 YO 25%, F&M 20%, 28.1, 57.3, 1:26.0, 1:54.2, FT

**1-Bettor Reason N (g, 8, Bettor's Delight--No Reason, by New York Motoring)** O-Ben Bill And Will Stable. B-P M Cook, NZ. T-Lance Hudson. D-Jordan Stratton, \$8,000, Lifetime Record: 92-20-16-9, \$303,813

**2-Dalhousie Dave** (g, 9, Astreos--My Precious Katie, by Precious Bunny) O-Howard A Taylor & Thomas A Lazzaro. B-John D Fielding, CA. T-Thomas Milici. D-Jason Bartlett, \$4,000

**3-Killer Martini** (g, 4, Camluck--Swirly, by Western Hanover), \$30,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Ricky A Bucci. B-David Goodrow Stable, CA. T-Ricky Bucci. D-Mark Macdonald, \$1,920

Calls: 1, 1H, 1H, 1H, T - Finish Order: Meetyouatmidnight, Real Flight, Roger Mach Em, Gypsy Leather, Shadios

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**3, YR, \$18,000, P,** CLAIMING ALLOWANCE \$30,000 3 YO 50%, 4 YO 25%, F&M 20%, 27.1, 56.4, 1:24.4, 1:52.3, FT

**1-Fashion Delight (g, 8, Bettor's Delight--B J's Sunshine, by Artsplace),** \$35,000 2009 SHS-HBG O-Howard A Taylor. B-Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc. T-Thomas Milici. D-Jason Bartlett, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 151-37-21-12, \$1,029,273

**2-Artist Night** (g, 6, American Ideal--Midnight Art, by Artsplace), \$45,000 2011 LEX-SEL O-Mo Co Inc & Jonathan Klee Racing. B-Brittany Farms & Val D'Or Farms. T-Paul Blumenfeld. D-Brent Holland, \$4,500

**3-Rock Absorber** (g, 5, Rocknroll Hanover--Promysquous Lady, by Pro Bono Best), \$19,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-Brian & Ira Ross Wallach. B-Perretti Racing Stb LLC. T-Daniel Renaud. D-Scott Zeron, \$2,160  
Calls: 1Q, 1T, 1H, 1T, 1 - Finish Order: Spinarama, Santanna One, Stonebridge Tonic, Highview Conall N, Preparty

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**4, YR, \$18,000, P,** NON-WINNERS OF \$15,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS WINNERS OVER \$85,000 IN 2016 NOT ELIGIBLE., 27.4, 57.2, 1:25.1, 1:53.1, FT

**1-The Lunch Pail (g, 5, Yankee Cruiser--Noble Marty, by Nobleland Sam),** \$44,000 2012 LEX-SEL O-Michael A Ouriel. B-Schare D Adams. T-Jeffrey Smith. D-Brent Holland, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 84-16-13-12, \$264,599

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**2-Alberto Contador N** (g, 8, Bettor's Delight--Princess Alberta, by Albert Albert) O-Windermere Stable LLC. B-G J & D S Pearson, NZ. T-Darran Cassar. D-George Brennan, \$4,500

**3-Macintosh N** (g, 7, Mach Three--Style By The Mile, by Presidential Ball) O-Shaun F Vallee & Emanuel & Patricia Balsamides. B-M R & B G Marlow, NZ & G D Harris, NZ & K J Ovens, NZ. T-Anita Vallee. D-Matt Kakaley, \$2,160

Calls: 1T, 1T, 1H, 1H, HD - Finish Order: Machs Beach Boy, Chucaro Acero Bc, That'll Be The Rei, Rock To Glory, Sweet Talkin Satin

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**5, YR, \$18,000, P,** NON-WINNERS OF \$15,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS WINNERS OVER \$85,000 IN 2016 NOT ELIGIBLE., 28.2, 57.3, 1:26.1, 1:54.4, FT

**1-Keystone Honor (r, 5, Bettor's Delight--Heavenly Killeen, by Astreos),** \$2,500 2012 SHS-HBG O-Latz A Luck Stable. B-Estate Of George F Hempt Trust. T-Dennis J Laterza. D-Brent Holland, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 102-14-17-22, \$292,443

**2-Jk Patriot** (g, 5, Bettor's Delight--Jk Majorette, by Art Major), \$52,000 2012 SHS-HBG O-Barry R Charles. B-3 Brothers Stables. T-Jose Godinez. D-Mark Macdonald, \$4,500

**3-Station Threohsix** (h, 7, Western Terror--Ifuwantitcumngetit, by Sealed N Delivered) O-Anita C Fialkow & Sandra Presciti. B-Mathias Meininger. T-Lance Hudson. D-Jordan Stratton, \$2,160

Calls: 4H, 5H, 1H, HD, NS - Finish Order: Hugh Hefner N, Reasonable Force, Justified, Verdad, Lawgiver Hanover

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**6, YR, \$45,000, P,** OPEN HANDICAP POST POSITIONS 1&2 ASSIGNED POST POSITIONS 3-5 DRAWN POST POSITIONS 6&7 ASSIGNED, 27.0, 54.3, 1:21.4, 1:50.3, FT

**1-First Class Horse (h, 4, Western Terror--Susurrus Hanover, by Dragon Again),** \$38,000 2013 LEX-SEL O-Vincent J Laurenzo. B-Vae LLC. T-Thomas Milici. D-Matt Kakaley, \$22,500, Lifetime Record: 54-22-8-4, \$297,649

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**2-The Real One** (g, 6, Mach Three--Elle Blue Chip, by Bettor's Delight) O-Helene Fillion, CA. B-R Berthiaume Inc, CA. T-Pat Lachance. D-Pat Lachance, \$11,250

**3-Mach It So** (g, 6, Mach Three--Beach Dancer, by Beach Towel) O-Bamond Racing LLC. B-Enviro Stables LTD. T-Jeffrey Bamond Jr.. D-Jason Bartlett, \$5,400

Calls: 1T, 2Q, 1T, 1T, T - Finish Order: Blood Brother, Foiled Again, Make Some Luck, Melmerby Beach

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**7, YR, \$18,000, P,** NON-WINNERS OF \$15,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS WINNERS OVER \$85,000 IN 2016 NOT ELIGIBLE., 28.1, 57.3, 1:25.0, 1:52.3, FT

**1-Cowboy Terrier (g, 6, Somebeachsomewhere--Wild West Show, by Western Hanover)** O-Howard A Taylor. B-Raymond W Schnittker & Charles V Iannazzo. T-Thomas Milici. D-Jason Bartlett, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 110-24-14-16, \$372,685

**2-Dull Roar** (g, 6, Mach Three--Village Jest, by Jenna's Beach Boy), \$55,000 2011 CAN-YS O-James F Snyder. B-Village Acres Limited, CA. T-Mark Ford. D-Mark Macdonald, \$4,500

**3-Provocativeprincen** (g, 6, Grinfromeartoear--Catherine Zeta, by Village Jasper) O-Harry von Knoblauch Stable LLC. B-G Chin, NZ. T-Agostino Abbatiello. D-Jordan Stratton, \$2,160

Calls: 1H, 1T, 1H, 2Q, 1T - Finish Order: Shortstacked, Royal Heart, Grand Master, Styxit To Em N, Kings Barns

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**8, YR, \$35,000, P,** PREFERRED HANDICAP POST POSITIONS 1&2  
ASSIGNED POST POSITIONS 3-8 DRAWN, 27.3, 56.3, 1:24.0, 1:52.0, FT

**1-Somewhere Fancy (h, 5, Somebeachsomewhere--Fanciful Hanover, by Artsplace),** \$40,000 2012 LEX-SEL O-John C Mehlenbacher, CA. B-Emerald Highlands Farm & W James Sprow III. T-Rene Allard. D-Matt Kakaley, \$17,500, Lifetime Record: 102-22-16-16, \$360,959

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**2-Roland N Rock (g, 4, Rocknroll Hanover--Hank's Chip, by Cambest)**  
O-Duane E & Connie Roland. B-Perretti Farms. T-Rob Harmon. D-Jordan Stratton, \$8,750

**3-Santa Fe Beachboy (h, 6, Somebeachsomewhere--Santa Fe Yankee, by Artsplace),** \$70,000 2011 SHS-HBG O-Santa Fe Stable. B-Robert B Young, CA & David R Garrett, CA & Stan Klemencic, CA & Premier & Associates Farm. T-Richard Banca. D-Jason Bartlett, \$4,200  
Calls: 1H, 1H, 1T, 1T, 1Q - Finish Order: Winds Of Change, Te Kawau N, Caviart Luca, Oh Jonny B Good N, Shinobu Hanover

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**9, YR, \$22,000, P,** NON-WINNERS OF \$20,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS,  
27.0, 56.3, 1:25.2, 1:53.4, FT

**1-Sportskeeper (g, 4, Sportswriter--Keeper Flying, by Nuclear Flash)**  
O-Matias S Ruiz. B-Merlin Howse, CA & Casie Coleman, CA. T-Matias Ruiz. D-Jason Bartlett, \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 38-10-4-9, \$220,741

**2-Democracy N (g, 8, Christian Cullen--We Love To Party, by Fake Left)** O-Michael Annunziata. B-Woodlands Stud Nz Inc, NZ. T-Ettore Annunziata. D-Matt Kakaley, \$5,500

**3-Lord Of Misrule (g, 5, McArdle--Ribbons And Bows, by Jenna's Beach Boy),** \$23,000 2012 LEX-SEL O-Levit And Tritini Stable & Triple D Stables Inc & Robert A Palumbo. B-Pacey A Mindlin & Glen S Gross & Kenneth I Cohen. T-Scott Di Domenico. D-Daniel Dube, \$2,640

Calls: 6H, 1H, T, 3H, 2 - Finish Order: Allbeef N Nobull, Sapphire City, Moonliteonthebeach, Hillbilly Hanover, J T

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**10, YR, \$22,000, P,** NON-WINNERS OF \$20,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS,  
28.0, 57.2, 1:25.1, 1:53.2, FT

**1-Dream Out Loud N (g, 9, Bettor's Delight--Nothin Butadreamer, by In The Pocket)** O-Muscara Racing Stable LLC. B-B D West, NZ. T-Darran Cassar. D-Matt Kakaley, \$11,000, Lifetime Record: 140-28-32-21, \$674,522

**2-Masterson (g, 4, Bettor's Delight--Tug River Princess, by Badlands Hanover)** O-Thomas G Milici. B-Let It Ride Stables Inc & Robert Cooper Stables LLC & Jerry Silva. T-Thomas Milici. D-Jason Bartlett, \$5,500

**3-Bj's Guy (g, 7, Towner's Big Guy--B J's Sunrise, by No Nukes),** \$23,000 2010 HOOSIER O-Blindswitch Racing Stable & David J Sebolksy & Stanley J Yoskowitz. B-Genesis Trotters. T-Jose Godinez. D-Mark Macdonald, \$2,640

Calls: 3, 3Q, 3, 3, T - Finish Order: Escape The News, Doctor Butch, Lettucerpita A, Mojo Terror, Twin B Impressive

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**11, YR, \$26,000, P,** NON-WINNERS OF \$25,000 IN LAST 5 STARTS,  
28.1, 58.2, 1:26.0, 1:53.2, FT

**1-P H Supercam (g, 9, Million Dollar Cam--Callwood Ivy, by Run The Table)** O-Jeffrey Bamond Jr. B-Dr R James Shive, CA. T-Jeffrey Bamond Jr.. D-Jason Bartlett, \$13,000, Lifetime Record: 203-52-32-38, \$1,494,044

**2-Border Control A (g, 7, Bettor's Delight--Contrapan, by Artsplace)**  
O-Howard A Taylor & Andrew M Herzog & Eric A Prevost. B-Farquharson Pty LTD, AS. T-Thomas Milici. D-George Brennan, \$6,500

**3-Polak A (g, 8, Pacific Fella--Capture A Million, by Million To One)**  
O-F Bellino & Sons LLC & Frank J & Joseph G Bellino. B-S R Lewis, AS & Terry Ferguson, AS. T-Michael Russo. D-Jordan Stratton, \$3,120  
Calls: 1T, 1T, 1H, 1H, 1 - Finish Order: Somewhere In L A, Holdingallthecards, Fameous Western, Mariner Seelster, Windsun Stetson

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