



## **OTBO ANNOUNCES OHIO CHAMPIONS**

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The Ohio Thoroughbred Breeders & Owners will honor the 2009 Ohio Horse of the Year & Divisional Champions at their Annual Awards Banquet to be held in May at River Downs. The voting was open to OTBO members, general public along with racing secretaries & the press. The film "Here's to the Winners" produced by Bob Roberts and Mark Wadowski will be shown at the Banquet. Gayle Babst, executive director of the OTBO announced the below results of the voting for the 2009 Ohio Horse of the Year and Divisional Champions.



Mary Crawford & Gerald Brown's **SLIDES CHOICE** will receive the Ohio Horse of the Year and Three-year-old filly champion awards. Last year she was Ohio's two-year-old champion. Slides Choice finished first in six Ohio stake races & second three times including the G2 Raven Run Stakes at Keeneland with earnings over \$289,940 for 2009. Trained by Tim Hamm. Mrs. Crawford will also receive the breeder's trophy with co-breeder, Stephen Cronenwett who owns **SLIDE ALONG**, 2009 Ohio Broodmare of the Year.

Owner, Wire-to-Wire Racing and breeder, Fair Winds Farm will collect multiple awards this year. They are the owners & breeders of **NONEOFYOURBEESWAX**, two-year-old filly champion; she is two for two, winner of Tah Dah stakes. **BUSHA**, Ohio Accredited Male champion has been in the money six times from six starts, winner of the Ohio Freshman stakes. Mike Rone trains both horses.



Kimpton & Lori Williams of Fair Winds Farm will not be sitting down long to receive more awards. For the sixth time **MERCER MILL** receives the award for Ohio Stallion of the Year. (2001-02-04-07-08-09). Mercer Mill is the sire of 2009 stake winners, Busha & Gathering Dreams. They also are the owners & breeders of **INDIAN INK** voted Ohio Handicap Mare & Ohio Accredited female champion. This filly by Gold Market another Fair Winds Farm stallion was in the money eight times out of eight starts earning \$89,110. Trained by Mike Rone.

For the fourth time Ron Fields of Scioto Farm Supply will receive the trophies for **CATLAUNCH**, Ohio Handicap Horse Champion that he bred and owns. This nine-year-old by Fair Winds Farm stallion Noble Cat has lifetime earnings over \$703,535. Catlaunch was voted Ohio accredited male in 2006, 2007 and 2008. Trained by Ivan Vazquez.

Barbara Johnson will receive trophies for owner and breeder of **THAT'S A HECKOFACAT**, voted two-year-old colt champion. This colt is three for three with earnings of \$83,900, winner of the Cleveland Kindergarten & Juvenile Stakes. Trained by William Cowans.

Double M Foster Stable will receive the owner award for **HURLEY'S WAY**, three-year-old colt champion. In the money six of nine starts winning the Cleveland Gold Cup & the Green Carpet with earnings of \$99,264. Pine Ridge Farm & Brereton Jones are the breeders with William Cowans trainer.

Gerald Silver, owner and Harold Queen breeder will receive trophies for **TRI UIMET**, Ohio's Sprint Champion. Tri Uimet finished with four wins and two seconds from six starts in 2009. Jeff Radosevich trains this seven-year-old.



**Tim Hamm of Blazing Meadows Farm was voted Ohio Owner of the Year for the second year running. Tim owns, bred or trained by himself or with partners 2009 Ohio stake winners, Smarmy, Haba Heart, Raise The Reward, and Slides Choice; winners-Mini Lamp, Holy Harem, Mini Mom. His Florida bred winners, Sweet Baby Jeepers, Dancingdownthelane, & Kentucky bred-Congar, Lovesmelovesmenot, Tremendamente, Remand & Gr3 SW Afternoon Stroll; PA bred, Draw A Blank. Tim is currently the president of the OTBO, serves on the HBPA Board & the Thoroughbred Fund Advisory Board appointed by the Governor Strickland.**