

OTBO Awards Banquet Darby House-Darby Dan Farm March 24, 2012



Ron & Georgia Fields/Scioto Farm Supply. Representative Terry Blair presented the Horse of the Year trophy for Catlaunch. Sweeping the categories for Hdcp.Horse, Accredited Male & Sprint Champion. Sponsor: THE Racing-Fair Winds Farm-Blazing Meadows Farm



Ron was voted Champion Ohio Owner. Presented by Dave Basler (Sponsor: HBPA)



Sponsor Scioto Farm Supply presented trophy to Ron Dewolf, family & Dr. Paul Gutheil for Motega, 2 yr. old filly champ.



DeWolf & Dr. Paul Gutheil as owners of broodmare champ Crafty Crypto. Sponsor: Eutrophia Farms



Tim Hamm, Larry Lehmann & Jim Messenger received awards as O/B of License To Bling 2 yr. old colt Sponsor: Beulah Park



Josh Mikesell accepted award Meadows Springs Farm as O/B for Trophy Boy 3 yr. old colt Sponsor: Majestic Farm



Thistledown sponsor, Bill Couch, Greg Davis, Karol Germany, David Ellsworth presented award for Pay The Man, Hdcp Mare Champion



Sponsor River Downs, Kevin Kaufman presented award to Fair Winds Farm as O/B of Accredited Female Champion, Indian Ink. Accepting was trainer, Mike Rone. Mike also accepted for Kim & Lori Williams, Stallion of the Year Award, Mercer Mill

Jim & Jane Fraser received award for O/B of Muir Woods 3 yr. old filly champ Sponsor: Cowans Racing & Thorobeam Farm





**OTBO President Tim Hamm
Fellow Horsemen/woman:**

I would like to start out, thanking every one of our members that acted so promptly to our action alert regarding House Bill 386. It is really gratifying to see our members pull together and respond so quickly to Representative Blessing proposal to eliminate the Funding for the Breed Funds.

The Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee has held two hearings.

The first on March 15 was sponsor testimony & the second March 21 was proponent testimony. On March 28 Kim Williams, Fair Winds Farm will testify & explain that the breed funds are the vehicle that drives our agriculture and farming industry. We will be asking to restore the language that provided the only funding we have as well as leaving the current language regarding race days as is. This will give us the ability to make a good business plan moving forward.

We have been told that significant progress has been made through the contacts that you had with your Senators & Representatives. All the feed back indicates that our original language will be restored. Let's keep reminding them of the importance of our breed funds and racing days. At the registration desk is a list of committee members that need to hear from us. Please pick one up.

This year, as the OTBO budget is tight we solicited sponsors for our awards & we would like thank all those sponsors that have helped make this a memorable evening.

I would like to remind everyone that our organization survives on our membership dues & our Stallion Season Auction. When the office mails out the renewals and the ballots for OTBO Board of Directors voting in the next week, please remember your dues helps to keep us operating.

Speaking of voting, I can not stress enough the importance of owner participation, a voice at the table & every one of us should start now. We can do this by voting this Fall for the HBPA Board of Directors. I can not emphasize enough that the owners & breeders need to take a more active role in this industry. Vote your HBPA ballot & remind other owners to vote theirs.



Bill Crawford- OSRC Executive Director, Bob Roberts & Greg Davis- TDN



Barb Schotts, Deborah Kopatz & Pat Hershey



M/M Ivan Vazquez, M/Dr. John Mossbarger- OHHA & Farm Bureau Boards & Mike Rone



M/M Jim Messenger, Pat Hershey & M/M Ben Mears



OSRC Greg Veit, Neva, Brooke & Dr. Paul Gutheil, Rep. Terry Blair, TDN-Greg Davis, HBPA-Dave Basler & TDN, Bill Couch

River Downs General Manager, Kevin Kaufman, Tim Hamm, Jane & James Fraser

