President’s Comments

Dr. Paul Gutheil

Due to some unforeseen critical health issues with our executive secretary & family, we were unable to get out our Newsletters so we have some announcements to make. We are excited about the launching of our new website, www.otbo.com and the text blasting program set up to get information out quickly. The OTBO has used this program to remind owners of deadline dates, changes in stake schedule and obtaining your breeders license. (sign up by texting: OTBO1 to (781) 728-9542.

I would like to welcome our new Board members, Bob McMichael, Chris Rosell and John Royer. Our officers are, Tom McCann, vice president, Gary Aiken, secretary and our new Treasurer, Bruce Ryan replacing the deceased Patricia Hershey. We ask everyone to participate in our Stallion Season Auction and send in your membership dues when the renewals are mailed.

Racing Commission Update: Fiscal Year ending in July, the Racing Commission showed an increase in revenue over 3% despite tax revenue declines of 10%. Expenses were up due to more pay periods & a legal settlement paid to the HBPA and rent being higher. The Racing Commission continues to remain steady with $1.6 million + in their operating fund. Resolution 2016-9, the 3% commission on gross Casino Revenue for third quarter was $1,959,459.74 with the Racing Commission, Track Operators & purse pools being the recipients. The Thoroughbred & Standardbred Funds each received $372,297.35.

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Notice: Anyone wishing to run as a nominee for the OTBO Board for a three-year term should submit your name to the Office. E-mail: gb.otbo@fuse.net or call (513) 574-5888

FALL NEWSLETTER

THE Best of Ohio 2016
Mahoning Valley
by John Engelhardt

The stars aligned in the sky and on the track at Mahoning Valley Race Course for the Best of Ohio. Odds are against 70-degree weather in that part of the state on October 29, but Mother Nature uncharacteristically brought a warm steady breeze and sunshine throughout the afternoon. It was a coming out party for two Juveniles who put in dominating performances in their divisions, while the races for older horses were all decided in dramatic fashion.

The day provided bettors with full fields in almost every race and had the 2nd highest total purses nationally, behind only Belmont Park. The off-track handicappers responded in kind by putting $787,357 through the windows on the totally Ohio-bred program.

The Buckeye-Bred Breeders’ Cup was a barn burner! Ron Paolucci’s Mo Dont No #8 looked like a lock in the 1 ¼ mile Ohio Endurance, but for $150,000 there is a reason why twelve horses loaded into the starting gate. It appeared that jockey Luis Colon aboard Mo Dont No was going to blow by the leader in the lane, but Tim Hamm’s Bucket Beat found another gear. In perhaps the best race of the season, these two refused to relinquish the lead and it was a challenge of matching strides and head bobs to the wire through the final furlong. After examination of the photo it was Mo Dont No by a nose in the 1 ¼ mile battle that was settled in 2:08.53. That thrilling win pushed his career earnings to $284,255. It also placed the 3-year-old as the frontrunner for Ohio Horse of the Year honors. The gelded son of Uncle Mo was bred by Beechwood Racing Stable and was purchased at the Keeneland 2014 Sale for $50,000. Jeff Radosevich trains the Endurance victor whose only off-the-board finish this season came in the Ohio Derby. (More detailed story on www.otbo.com) cont. pg. 4
The OTBO made the following recommendations to the Thoroughbred Advisory Board that they feel would enhance the Ohio program making it very attractive to breed and race in the State of Ohio, that in turn will help our farms in their agricultural growth.

1. That a committee be formed to write and lay out the races for the Ohio program for all three Ohio tracks for the racing year to maximize the opportunities for Ohio breds to race. As Tim Hamm recommended this idea, the OTBO appointed him as their representative on the committee.

The advisory board did not feel a committee would be necessary and the racing secretaries should be able to write the program.

2. Language be written for “Mares that are purchased subsequent to August 15 date at public auction on or before November 30 and reside in Ohio continuously until foaling can be registered as an Ohio foaled horse.”

The advisory board did not feel this would be helpful.

Welcome to the new advisor on the Thoroughbred Fund Committee. Daniel J. Guttman, of Bexley, Ohio. Guttman is a longtime Thoroughbred owner with a JD from The Ohio State University and a partner in the Columbus, OH-based law firm of Baker Hostetler LLP.

Over the years Guttman has advised Thoroughbred syndicates on contracts, organizational matters and related activities. As well, he has owned horses racing in graded stakes and on the Breeders Cup undercard at tracks such as Churchill Downs, Keeneland, Santa Anita, Del mar and Gulfstream.

Reminder: Breeders’ License
If you have not received your breeder’s awards for 2016, NOW, before the end of the year, get your breeder’s license. If not, you will not get paid your breeder’s awards for 2016.
Call Greg (614) 466-2757

Animo de Valeroso, 2002 half-brother to champion sire Distorted Humor, by sire of sires Pulpit. Outstanding pedigree and conformation, stands 17 hands. Offered as a stallion prospect. $9,500, price is negotiable.
Contact Nuckols Farm at (859) 846-4438

2017 RACING DATES
Mahoning Valley 101 days
January 2—April 22, 2017
October 28—December 30

Belterra 95 days
April 28—October 8, 2017

Thistledown 100 days
May 1—October 23

Our hearts are saddened by the loss of our fellow horsemen.

Judy Klosterman 1938—2016
Patricia Hershey 1950—2016
Ted Waite, Jr. 1939—2016
Dr. Daniel Frazier 1942—2016
Larry Byer 1934 2016
Quentin Alexander 1919 –2016
OTBO Entry Application

Results of Auction are NOT PUBLISHED

DONATION

Yes, I want my stallion(s) to be part of

Ohio Thoroughbred Breeders & Owners

STALLION SEASON TELEPHONE AUCTION to be held
Friday, January 6, Saturday, January 7, Sunday, January 8, 2017   Time: Noon to 4:00 PM Daily

Name of Stallion_______________________             Name of Stallion ________________________

Sire _________________________________             Sire __________________________________

Dam _________________________________            Dam _________________________________

Stud Fee: $ ____________                               Stud Fee: $ ___________

Live Foal_____   No Guarantee    _____               Live Foal____   No Guarantee _____

Name of Owner: ______________________________________________________

Farm Where Standing: _________________________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________   State: __________________   Zip: ________

Telephone: _______________________        Fax: ___________________________

Contact: ______________________________     e-mail:________________________

Mobile Text Phone Number: ______________________________________

Auction Rule: If mare does not get in foal during the 2017 season, mare owner is entitled to one re-
turn season the following year only with the same mare. Does not apply for No Guarantee Stallion
Seasons. No re-sale of season, No substituting of mares & if mare is sold, the breeding does not
carry forward to the new owner. If the original bidder does not pay within fifteen days, the season
will be offered to the under bidder. Seasons that receive no bid will be sold until May 1, 2017 & will
require a bid of $500 unless stated otherwise. By replying/e-mail your entry form back now you are
included in all our advertising free. Your stallion's name, breeding & farm listing is posted on our
website up to Auction time & advertised in the Blood-Horse.

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SPRINT The Best of Ohio series was kicked off with the Sprint, that was won for the third consecutive year by Rivers Run Deep #10. Sent away as the 4 to 5 favorite, it was no walkover as he was part of three-horse photo at the wire. He had two strikes against him coming into the race. One of his rare off-the-board finishes took place in his only previous start at Mahoning and he drew the outside post in a field of ten. “There was some pretty good speed inside of me and they kept me parked outside all the way around,” said jockey Albin Jimenez who had won three of the last four races on the son of Ready’s Image. Rivers Run Deep ran the 6 furlongs in 1:11.75 for owners James and Ywachetta Driver and trainer Chris Hartman. Bred by Nancy Lavrich and Walmac Farm the win pushed the 5-year-olds earning to $860,140.

JUVENILE The first of the 2-year-old races rewarded an Ohio breeder of 29 years his first stakes winner. Only 3 of the 14 in the field had ever raced around two turns and only one had won. That horse was the Tom Drury-trained Strike Your Light who upset a field going a mile on the turf at Churchill Downs in early October. Drury won the Best Of Ohio Juvenile, but with his other starter Tough It Up #11 for the same owner/breeder Steve Belford and his Maccabee Farm. Tough It Up covered the 1 1/16 distance in a comfortable 1:49 by 1 ½ lengths over 26-1 shot Mister Peppers and Drury’s other entrant Strike Your Light. Longtime supporter of the Ohio Program Steve Belford celebrated with family and friends in the winner’s circle. “We’ve placed in many stakes, even graded stakes, but have never won one, the feeling is incredible. What’s the secret now? That guy right there – Tom Drury, he’s the secret.”

GALBREATH The John W. Galbraith for the 2-year-old fillies unveiled another young Ohio-bred with excellent breeding and apparently a lot of talent as a route runner. Owned and bred by Tommy Ligon, Someday Soon #13 a daughter of Proud Citizen broke her maiden at first call by 8 ½ lengths followed by a very troubled trip in the Miss Ohio Stakes. She drew the unlucky outside post 13 in the Best of Ohio and lost more ground when the gates opened. “She came out of the gate a little rank and broke a bit to the outside,” stated rider Walter De La Cruz. “After that it was easy I had so much horse we were with the leaders and when I asked her it was like ‘Poof’ – she just went to the front.” Trainer William Van Meter is new to the Ohio Program as Someday Soon is his first and only Ohio-bred. “We may get some more now. A client of mine who is absolutely a wonderful person, horseman and horse breeder Tommy Ligon had us come out to the farm and we picked two horses as yearlings and she was one of them.” Someday Soon covered the 1 1/16 miles in 1:48.13.

DISTAFF The Best of Ohio Distaff was set up for a crowning of last season’s 2-year-old champion School Board Prez (2-1 favorite) who was undefeated this season in her three Ohio stakes appearances. You never know when a horse has a headache and it was not to be her day as for most of the race she lagged far behind the field of 12. That opened the door for 3-year-old Ohio Gold #9 to record her first stakes victory on Ohio’s biggest stage. Well placed in Ohio allowance races and a solid optional claiming race prior to the Distaff, the Sandra Marie Adkins trainee had already amassed $118,105 without ever facing stakes competition. Placed forwardly from the start by regular rider Christian Pilares, they circled the field 4-wide into the stretch and the race was on to catch 40-1 shot Star Mabee who slowed the pace down with a half-mile time of 51.3. It was a two-horse race to the finish. Jockey Pilares did a little bit of handicapping coming into the race as he had the option to ride 6-1 shot Tune Up and choose 12-1 Ohio Gold. “I was pretty confident of her, she’s been training good and the last race she won gave me more confidence and she is bred to go long.” Ohio Gold covered the 1 1/16 miles in 1:54.59 for owner Charlie Williams LLC. The daughter of Wilburn was bred by Michael Evans II, Travis Evans and Sheltowee Farm.