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# The ISA Today

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## ISA PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

First, let me apologize for the lack of a news letter until now. Second, let me thank Sarah Conrad, Phyllis Edwards and Lisa Krise for putting together the issue before you. So far, it has been an interesting and busy year for the Standardbred Community and for the directors that represent our horsemen. Most importantly, we have seen the opening of the casino in Anderson and the temporary casino in Shelbyville.

Both Indiana Downs and Hoosier Park have done an excellent job of promoting their respective openings. I have been known to say that the horsemen need patience and that the impact of slots will be an evolution rather than a revolution. The Standardbred community has been exceptionally well mannered, professional and most of all patient. There have been some glitches and those problems have been dealt with. It is a learning process for the horsemen and for the tracks/casinos. The report on play at the two casinos is encouraging.

One of the conditions of the legislation that allowed gaming at our tracks was that the Association submit budgets for the expenditure of funds dedicated to "Backside Benevolence" and "Industry Promotion". The directors that represent you are in the process of developing budgets for their chosen committees. If you have an idea or see a need for the use of some of these funds, please, tell your representatives about them. This budget is to be presented to the Commission by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Your board is also dealing with the conditions of oversight that have been proposed by the IHRC. As you might imagine the Commission's proposal is over-the-top with micro management by the Commission. The association attorney and your directors are working to bring this proposal to sensible and workable conditions.

Fair racing has started and the reports are good. There was one issue that will be addressed by the board at the July 14th meeting. The secretary of the Shelbyville Fair decided to split the Elite race into a four horse and five horse fields. A letter will be sent to other venues holding ISA sponsored Elite races that the ISA conditions will prevail unless there is a compelling safety issue, approved by the ISA, which warrants splitting the field.

As many of you know Bret Schultz resigned from the board. His position has been filled by Mike Merkel. Mike will fill out the remainder of this year and will run for the position in the next election. The horsemen and the Association are entering a new era of opportunity and of responsibility. We shall soon be seeking horsemen and interested parties to participate as board members. We encourage residents of Indiana who can contribute time and energy to the growth of our sport to seek election to the Association Board. A letter or a phone call will set your nomination in motion.

I believe that the ISA board has done a magnificent job of providing information and carrying through their assignments as well as coming up with creative solutions for the future. You have recently received ballots for certain changes to the Association's by-laws. You shall soon see a new web site with more bells and whistles and information on the Indiana Standardbred Association.

Jack Holton

*From the desk of Jessica Barnes...*

The 2008 racing season is certainly in full swing with less than a month of racing left at Hoosier Park and the Indiana fairs having just begun. I thought I would take this opportunity to remind you of some of the services we offer:

- You can find current point standings for the Indiana Sires Stakes and Indiana Sired Fair Circuit on our website at [www.in.gov/hrc](http://www.in.gov/hrc). Just click on "Standardbred" under Breed Development and then "Indiana Race Events".
- Also visit our website to find additional information such as eligibility lists, race schedules, Bonus and Breeder Awards, and historical information.
- Be the first to receive updated Indiana Sires Stakes and Indiana Sired Fair Circuit point standings by signing up for our e-mail distribution list. You may sign up by contacting Kelly Roush at (317) 234-2541 or by e-mail at [kroush@hrc.in.gov](mailto:kroush@hrc.in.gov).

In addition, our office has received several questions regarding the 2009 Breed Development Breeding Program. We are currently working on an informational brochure that should answer any questions and clarify any misconceptions about the program. This brochure will be available by late July. However, in the meantime, please feel free to contact our office at (317) 233-3119 with any questions you may have.

Best wishes in racing!  
Jessica Barnes  
IHRC Director of Standardbred Racing

2008 ISA Membership

2008 ISA Membership applications are available at the ISA Office or see your Horsemen's Representative, Dave Redlin at the track.

2008 ISA SCHOLARSHIP – Thank you to all who applied for this year's ISA Scholarship. The recipient will be announced in early August.

Sulky Insurance  
To be eligible for sulky insurance benefits **the driver, trainer and all owners or lessees of the hooked horse must ALL be "Paid 2008 I.S.A. Members"** before the accident occurs.

2009 Election of Directors

The ISA will soon be taking letters of intent from anyone wishing to run for the 2009 Board of Directors. Further information will be published when available.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!**

2008 Hoosier Classic Yearling Sale  
Friday, August 22 at 2:00 p.m. & Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m.  
Indiana State Fairgrounds Indianapolis, Indiana

2008 Indiana Standardbred Sales Company Yearling Sale  
Friday & Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.  
Indiana State Fairgrounds Indianapolis, Indiana

## Indiana Standardbred Hall of Fame Seeks Nominations

The Indiana Standardbred Hall of Fame is seeking applications for nominees to be inducted for the year 2008. Anyone wishing to nominate an individual or horse for induction should remember that they must meet the following requirements:

### People

Should have contributed significantly to Indiana harness racing as a breeder, an owner, a trainer, or a driver and or through organizational leadership. OR Should have achieved national prominence in one of the foregoing categories and have significant Indiana attachments.

### Horses

Should have achieved prominence in racing or reproduction and should have done so (in part, at least) in Indiana or should have been foaled in Indiana. OR Should have been outstanding in racing or breeding and in racing or breeding and whose breeders\*, owners\*, or trainers\* are/were residents of Indiana. (\*at least 50% in partnership situations).

Nominee applications are available on the Hall of Fame website at [www.ishof.net](http://www.ishof.net) and must be submitted to the Indiana Standardbred Hall of Fame by August 1, 2008. Please remember to thoroughly complete the application. Applications may be returned to any Indiana Standardbred Hall of Fame member or to Indiana Standardbred Hall of Fame, P.O. Box 1054, Shelbyville, Indiana. Please feel free to contact Jessica Barnes at (317) 233-3120 or by e-mail at [jbarnes@hrc.in.gov](mailto:jbarnes@hrc.in.gov)

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**Hoof Beats** (USTA Monthly)  
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[www.hoofbeatsmagazine.com](http://www.hoofbeatsmagazine.com)

**The Horsemen and Fair World** (Weekly)  
(859) 276-4026

[www.harnessracing.com](http://www.harnessracing.com)

**Mid-American Standardbred & Harness News**(Monthly)  
(630) 963-0398

[www.trotandpace.com](http://www.trotandpace.com)

### The United States Trotting Association

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