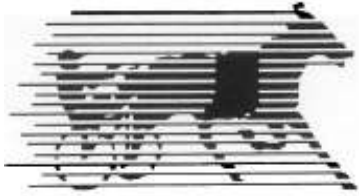


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ISA TODAY

June 2006 Newsletter

2yr Old Qualifiers

The ISA, Breed Development, and Standardbred Advisory Board will be sponsoring qualifiers for **2yr olds** on Thursday, June 27th at 10:00 a.m. located at Hoosier Park. Cost will be \$20 per entry. Entry fees will be collected in front of the paddock on the day of the qualifiers. The racetrack will only be open for qualifier warm-ups.



Upcoming Indiana Downs Dates to Remember

- July 1st** – Backstretch opens to horsemen
- July 3rd** – Racetrack opens (*weather permitting transformation*)
 - Race office opens 7:30 a.m. (begin taking entries)
- July 4th** – Race office opens 7:30 a.m.
 - Box closes 9:00 a.m. for Friday's Races
 - Box closes 9:00 a.m. for Wed. Qualifiers
- July 5th** – Qualifiers 10:00 a.m.
- July 7th** – First Live Racing Day Post Time 6:55 p.m.

The race office has requested that you begin making entries for Friday on Monday due to the numerous qualifier entries that will also be taken on Tuesday. **DON'T FORGET: Rhino Vaccinations are due every 6 Months!** All horses entering Indiana Downs **must** have their Rhino Vaccination papers.

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HOOSIER PARK'S track will be open for training **Monday June 26th, 27th, & 28th**. Backstretch will close Saturday July 1st!

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INDIANA DOWNS' backstretch opens on **Saturday, July 1st**. Racetrack is predicted to open Monday July 3rd (weather permitting).
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Dr. Luel Overstreet Injured

Dr. Overstreet was severely injured Tuesday, June 6th in a farming accident. Directors, Fred Schroeder and Mike Merkel have visited Dr. Overstreet at the Methodist Community Hospital in Henderson, KY and have reported that as of June 15th, Dr. Overstreet has made great improvements. His tracheotomy was removed and he was now able to eat. Doctors speculated that his earlier lack of response was due to a reaction from the pain medication he was receiving. He has been moved out of ICU. They are anticipating another week stay in the hospital. Upon release from the hospital he will continue recovery from home. Dr. Overstreet is thankful to be alive, he has already made contacts to see how his horses are, and is looking forward to returning to his normal routines. Cards may be sent to his home at: 10526 Highway 60 West, Henderson, KY 42420.

2006 Elite 3yr Old Filly Pace

The first of the Elite Series kicked off a beautiful sunny day at Converse Fair on Monday, June 12th. There were 8 entries with a purse totaling \$7,100! **TARANUP**, owned by Brenda Conkright of Ohio, trained and driven by Joe Putnam, tore up the field in 2:00.4 on a half mile fair track. The race fractions were 30.4, 1:00, 1:30, finishing the mile in 2:00.4.



ISA Board Meeting
Date: Saturday, July 29, 2006
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Place: Indiana Downs' Clubhouse

"All horsemen/women are welcome to attend!"

Upcoming Elite Series Events

2yr Filly Trot – Wednesday, June 28th Shelbyville, IN

Post time 11:00 a.m.
 Entry Phone: (765) 395-3803
 Race Day Phone: (317) 392-4303

3yr Colt Pace – Monday, July 3rd Frankfort, IN

Post time 7:00 p.m.
 Entry Phone: (765) 395-3803
 Race Day Phone: (765) 654-8044 OR
 (765) 650-0252

3yr Colt Trot – Saturday, July 8th Kendallville, IN

Post time 10:00 a.m.
 Entry & Race Day Phone: (260) 347-0666

3yr Filly Trot – Saturday, July 15th Kentland, IN

Post time 12:00 noon
 Entry Phone: (765) 395-3803
 Race Day Phone: (219) 474-5745

2yr Filly Pace – Monday, July 24th Goshen, IN

Post time 11:00 a.m.
 Entry Phone: (765) 395-3803
 Race Day Phone: (219) 474-5745

2yr Colt Trot – Friday, July 28th Portland, IN

Post time 11:00 a.m.
 Entry & Race Day Phone: (260) 726-4331

2yr Colt Pace – Thursday, August 3rd Corydon, IN

Post time 1:00 p.m.
 Entry Phone: (765) 395-3803
 Race Day Phone: (812) 738-0931 OR
 (812) 738-4261

The ISA's Webpage has a NEW LOOK!

www.indianaharness.com

Elite Results, Latest News, Announcements,
 Pictures, Trainer & Driver Profile's, and more!



2 New Sets of Driving Lines

Through the ISA two new sets of driving lines are available in the Paddock Judges office during the Standardbred race meet. The lines will be available to trainers or drivers for emergency use **only**. All trainers and drivers need to check their driving lines to ensure they are fastened properly and in good condition before sending their horse onto the track. The Paddock Judge will be announcing this as a reminder before each race. Please check over all equipment before sending your horse out of the paddock!

Ventilation System to be installed

Indiana Downs will be installing a ventilation system in the main paddock. ISA directors met with Jon Schuster, General Manager at Indiana Downs, to discuss the need for better air circulation throughout the paddock. Mr. Schuster agreed that there was a need and has scheduled for installation to take place prior to the beginning of the Standardbred race meet. A total of 6 exhaust fans will be placed in the roof of the main paddock. The fans will be 75 feet apart and 25 feet from the outside perimeter of the walls. This new ventilation is designed to help circulate air and draw out the humidity.

ABERCROMBIE Featured in Museum Exhibit

The Indiana State Museum's exhibit: ***Pets in America*** opened June 3rd and will be on display until August 6th. ABERCROMBIE, a member of the Indiana Horse Hall of Fame, will be part of the collection displayed for the exhibit. Feature items are trophies and other memorabilia from ABERCROMBIE'S impressive career.

Marvin Beeman Benefit

A benefit will be held in honor of Marvin Beeman on Saturday, August 5, 2006 at Indiana Downs beginning at 5:00 p.m. The ISA is organizing the event to help raise money for medical and hospital expenses incurred over the past year from Marvin's severe illness. Marvin recently underwent another surgery on June 5th.

Donations to the Marvin Beeman Fund may be mailed to Key Bank, 1620 E. State Rd 44, Shelbyville, IN 46176 Attention: Jodi Frazier. Money donated will be regulated by an ISA designee for medical and hospital expenses only. See enclosed flyer for a listing of benefit events taking place. **Many volunteers are needed for the benefit!** If you would like to donate to the event please contact Megan Sundeen at the ISA office toll free at (800) 565-5725.

**IHRC Re-Voted on Mandatory Ruling**

At the June 7th IHRC meeting, 1st Vice President of the ISA, Dwayne Rhule presented an opposition to the previous ruling of mandatory "safety reins." The presentation included many items of concrete evidence that the "Sure-Lines" product did not warrant superior quality ensuring additional safety to driving lines. In addition, a petition was presented to the commission representing 100 standardbred trainers and drivers who opposed the ruling of mandatory "safety reins." Nat Hill IV also spoke on his own behalf opposing a mandatory ruling for "safety reins." The final vote to rescind the initial ruling of mandatory "safety reins" from the IHRC was 4 to 1. In conclusion there is **no mandatory rule** for the use of the "Sure-Lines" product called "safety-reins."

Owner's Seminar By: Jessica Barnes,
Director of Standardbred Racing for the IHRC

The Standardbred Breed Development Program conducted a seminar for new and perspective owners on Saturday, May 13th at Hoosier Park. There were ten participants that attended the seminar which began at 2:00 p.m. The day included a variety of guest speakers addressing topics such as the Indiana Sired Program, licensing procedures, the Indiana Standardbred Association, costs of owning a racehorse, and advice from current drivers, trainers, and owners. I would like to give a special "Thank You" to all the speakers and volunteers who helped to make the seminar possible. Many individuals from the industry took time out of their busy day to help promote the industry. Another seminar is scheduled for August 5th at Indiana Downs. For additional information, please contact Jessica at (317) 233-3120.

IN State Fairgrounds Accepting Ship-Ins

Recently a hold was put on ship in training at the fairgrounds. A waiver form process is now available that contains terms under which the fairgrounds is willing to allow ship in training. The cost for training at the present time is: 1 horse - \$15, 2 horses - \$20 and 3 horses - \$25. Waiver forms are available on the Indiana State Fair website: www.indianastatefair.com, ISA website: www.indianaharness.com, or by contacting Dave White at (317) 698-3870.

**ISA Hats and Shirts**

The ISA gave out 100 hats and 200 shirts that were passed out in the paddock and backstretch at Hoosier Park. Due to the popularity, we have ordered 50 more hats and shirts.

Longtime Indiana Horsemen/Woman Pass Away

Patricia Ann Shaw – 80 of Converse. Passed away on Thursday, June 8, 2006. Funeral services were held on Saturday, June 10th at the Owen-Willet Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wabash Hospice, 710 N. East St., Indianapolis, IN 46992

Lester W. Pletcher – 99 of LaGrange. Passed away on Thursday, May 25, 2006. Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 27th at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Shipshewana Church of the Nazarene.

George W. Collins – 76 of Zionsville. Passed away on Monday, May 22, 2006. Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 27th at the Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

Please visit the ISA Website at www.indianaharness.com for a complete listing of the obituaries.



Celebrity Races at Shelby County Fair

Wednesday, June 28th there will be two Celebrity Races held immediately following the regular race card for the Shelby County Fair, Shelbyville, IN. Participants will include:

Senator, Bob Jackman
Secretary of State, Todd Rokita
Supt. of Public Education, Suellen Reed
Former State Representative, Luke Messer
State Treasurer, Tim Berry
State Auditor, Connie Nass
State Representative, Bob Cherry
 And a **Local Business Person**

There will be four participants in each race. Each celebrity will have a professional driver accompanying them on a double seat jog cart. They will all be in driving colors. A celebrity race was held last year at the Shelby County Fair. After participating in last year's event, Senator Bob Jackman organized the event for this year!

HTA Scholarship Applications Available

The Harness Tracks of America (HTA) is offering scholarships to sons and daughters of licensed individuals involved in the Harness Racing Industry. The scholarships are awarded for one year and are based on academic merit, financial need, and harness racing involvement. Applications may be downloaded from the HTA website: www.harnesstracks.com. For more information contact Jess Carner at the HTA (520) 529-2525.

Walt Snyder has Open Heart Surgery

Monday, June 19, 2006 Walt Snyder (Paddock Judge at Hoosier Park) had open heart surgery at the Indiana Heart Institute. Kevin Mack reported that as of 2:00 p.m. Walt was out of surgery and in his own room recovering well.



ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The Van Gundy Insurance Company offers an insurance coverage called CHUBB for licensed drivers and trainers. If you are injured in an accident, disabled, and cannot work for many months, this policy could replace your income. Annual premiums are from \$96 - \$240. It will cover \$300 - \$500 for weekly disability. You would be able to pay bills while waiting to recover! Additional benefits include: coma and paralysis.

Coverage for spouses and children are also available. The USTA and ISA have brochures for your enrollment. Please contact the ISA office, Jesse Larkins at the racetrack, or the USTA at (877)800-8782.

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INSURANCE FYI

Please be aware that ISA membership includes 3rd party liability. If you know of anyone not currently a member, please pass on this important information and encourage their participation so that everyone can benefit by having protection. Such liabilities cover the following:

- Bodily Injury to a 3rd party
- Property damage to a 3rd party
- Theft (must be reported to police)

Additional benefits available but not included in current coverage are fire & disaster, and inland mortality insurance for training centers and racetracks. Keep in mind that if the training facility has more than 20 horses a primary insurance must be established first.

If you are renting space from a facility please inquire with them and reassure yourself that they have current fire & disaster insurance. Such facilities may also include fairgrounds. If you own a training center and would like further information please contact the ISA office at (800) 565-5725 or call Mark Benvenga, ISA Director, at (317) 843-1387.

BE AWARE OF SURVEILLANCE

A form of surveillance equipment was found in one of the barns located at Hoosier Park. Please keep in mind that upon entering a backstretch at any racetrack you could be subject to surveillance. The ISA is currently looking into this matter and verifying that no horsemen's / women's rights are being violated. Checkout our web-site for further updates on this issue.



2007 Election of Directors

The ISA will soon be taking letters of intent from anyone wishing to run for the 2007 Board of Directors.

Anyone interested please send a letter of interest to the ISA Office.

SULKY INSURANCE

To be eligible for sulky and jog cart I.S.A. insurance benefits **the driver, the trainer and all owners or lessees of the hooked horse must ALL be "Paid I.S.A. 2006 Members"** before the accident and damage to sulky or jog cart occurs.

Maximum limit has been increased to \$1,250 for any race bike or jog cart damaged and eligible for ISA insurance.

For Membership Applications contact the ISA Horsemen's Representative Jesse Larkin's or the ISA Office 800-565-5725

MEDICAL CARE

Health Services Available
For Standardbred Horsemen/Women

Wednesday's 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Indiana Downs Race Office

Nurse Practitioner & Medical Assistant Available

No Appointment Necessary

Sponsored and Funded By
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Prescriptions and/or diagnostic services ordered for clients would be the sole responsibility of the horsemen/women and will not be charged to the ISA.

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ISA 2006 Membership Application

Please enroll me as a member of the Indiana Standardbred Association (ISA).

Membership with full benefits: \$25.00

Payable to: Indiana Standardbred Association or I.S.A.

Mail to: Indiana Standardbred Assoc., 147 Green Meadows Dr., Suite 2, Greenfield, IN 46140

Please circle each of those listed below that applies to you:

Owner Trainer Driver Breeder Stallion Owner Farm Manager Other

ISA 2006 membership is effective from January 1 through December 31, 2006. **Your dues to the ISA are not deductible as charitable contributions. Please consult with your tax advisor to determine whether dues may be deductible under any other provision of the law.**

The Indiana Standardbred Association (ISA) is my sole authorized representative for contract negotiations with all pari-mutuel horse racetracks in Indiana. With this appointment I hereby revoke any and all authorities given by me for similar purposes.

(Please Print)

Name of stable or farm _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Street Address _____

City _____

State _____

ZIP _____

(Include area code) Home phone number _____

Other phone number (work or cellular) _____

*** E-Mail Address If you prefer the ISA Newsletter sent via e-mail please circle YES

USTA Number _____

Detach and keep information for your files

Benefits of your ISA Paid Membership will include:

- **Sulky Insurance to "Paid 2006 ISA Members" at Indiana pari-mutuel tracks and Indiana fair tracks.** All owners of the damaged sulky or jog cart must be "Paid 2006 ISA Members" before the accident occurred and the driver, the trainer, and all owners or lessees of the hooked horse to the damaged sulky or jog cart must be "Paid 2006 ISA Members" before the accident occurred. If the horse is owned by a stable or corporation all members as well must be paid 2006 ISA members. Contact ISA for further details 800/565-5725.
- **Limited 3rd party liability insurance (provided through our association's HHI membership)**
- **"ISA Today" newsletter**
- **Representation of members' interests before the IHRC and Indiana lawmakers**
- **Voting privilege includes electing ISA Directors to represent you**
- **Annual awards banquet**
- **On-site track representation at Indiana's pari-mutuel racetracks**

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Publication List

The following publications carry news, monthly articles and other stories relevant to the national harness racing scene:

Hoof Beats (USTA Monthly)
614.224-2291

Hoosier Horse Review
765.759-4872

The Horsemen and FairWorld (Weekly)
859.276-4026

Mid-American Standardbred & Harness News
(Monthly) 630.963-0398

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