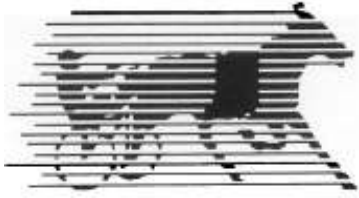


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ISA TODAY

May 2006 Newsletter

INDIANA BRED HORSES EARN PART OF THE 2006 DAN PATCH INVITE

Congratulations to two ISA members for taking home a piece of the action from the 2006 Dan Patch Invitational. For the first time in the history of the Dan Patch not just one Indiana owned and bred horse competed, but two! The Steve Brannan owned and bred 5 yr old REBELMAN finished fourth while FOXY MANEUVER a 7 yr old Indiana owned and bred finished right behind him to take the fifth place check. It was an exciting event with HOP SING and driver Tony Morgan finishing the mile in 1:51.3 over a sloppy track.

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: HOOSIER PARK's meet ends June 24th. The ISA is :
: looking into availability of racetrack use until Indiana :
: Down's meet begins. :
: INDIANA DOWNS will be open to horsemen Sunday, :
: July 2nd projected track opening for Monday, July 3rd :
: weather permitting for transformation of surface. :
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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.



ISA Board Meeting
Date: Saturday, June 10, 2006
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Place: Hoosier Park, Driver's Lounge—Old Paddock
"All Horsemen/women are welcome to attend!"

ELITE NOMINATIONS UP FROM 2005

Last year 182 nominations were entered for the Elite Series. This year the series has grown to 198 nominations. The series kicks off on Monday, June 12th with the 3 yr old filly pace. A complete list of nominations can be found posted at Hoosier Park's race office, paddock lounge, and on the ISA website. Fair Stake Schedules are provided by the Indiana Horse Racing Commission. Please contact Jessica Barnes, Director of Standardbred Racing at (317) 233-3120. A copy is also available on the IHRC'S official website at www.in.gov/ihr.

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.

The ISA is sponsoring a Pizza Party
June 14, 2006
Wednesday 5:00 p.m.
(Located in the Paddock Lounge)
Come and enjoy a friendly
social atmosphere
before or after your race!

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.



JAMIE RUCKER LEAVES INDIANA

Last month Jamie Rucker, Director of Marketing at Indiana Downs, resigned. Jamie has been hired by the U.S.T.A. to be one of the communications specialists. The ISA sent a letter to Jamie thanking her for the marketing expertise, dedication, and patronage she gave to Indiana's Horse Racing Industry. It was wonderful to have a positive influence, with an exuberant personality representing Indiana racing. Visibility of her work can be seen on billboards, buses, and even heard on local radio stations. To read the entire letter please visit our website.

IHRC Meeting

June 7, 2006

Wednesday 10:00 a.m.

At the Indiana State Library

You are encouraged to attend!

ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the federal legislation are calling for a comprehensive national ID system for all animals. It has not yet become mandatory. At this time a final decision on whether the horse industry should participate in a national ID system must await a definitive proposal from the USDA regarding how the National Animal Identification System (NAIS) might apply to the horse industry and individual horse owners. Currently no horse organization has taken a formal position specifically supporting the NAIS' application to the equine industry. A group called the Equine Species Working Group (ESWG) has been formed to evaluate the NAIS and the potential benefits along with the costs of the system to the equine industry. Their purpose is to create reasonable and informed recommendations to the USDA with the equine industry as their focus should this system become mandatory in the future. For further information checkout a link from our website or contact the ISA office at (800) 565-5725.

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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. Members 2006"** 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 Larkins or the ISA Office 800-565-5725

MEDICAL CARE

Health Services Available
For Standardbred Horsemen/Women

Every Thursday 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Beginning Thursday, April 6, 2006

Drivers Lounge in New Paddock
Hoosier Park

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.

Nurse Practitioner and Medical Assistant
Available



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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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