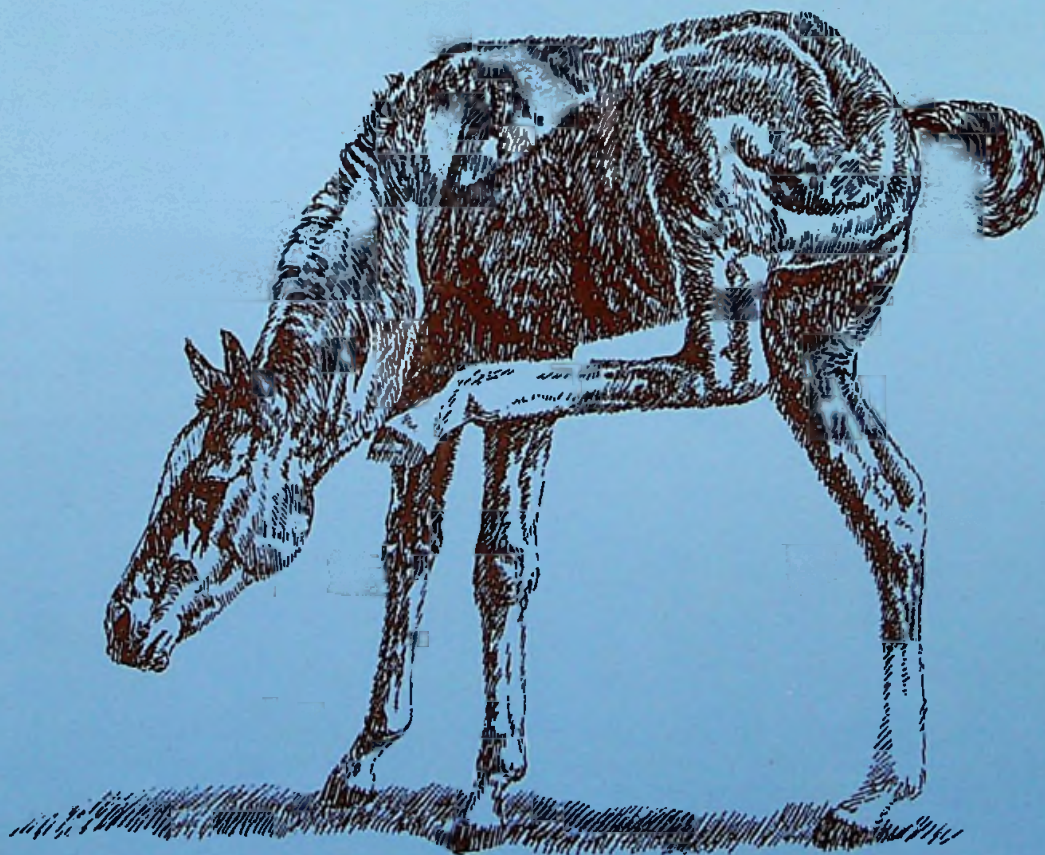
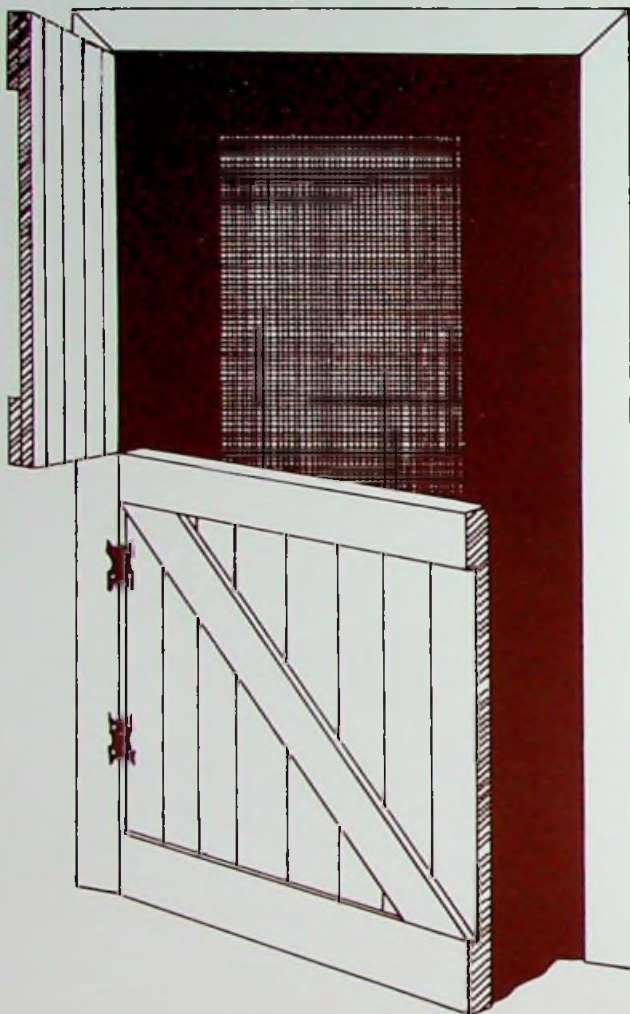




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Editorial Thoughts

Sandra Konkright

What DOES the O. T. B. A. do !!!

Being a very interested party with a closely tied bond to the horse racing industry and the breeders, I have searched for and gained a vast knowledge of the thoroughbred racing world and experienced problems of racing from all angles.

Sitting in a neutral position such as I am, and having had experience with breeders, horsemen, and racing procedures in various parts of the Northwest, I find it very difficult to understand some of the points of view that come across my desk. Many of these views are nothing but gossip foundering to half-truths, suspicions, and condemnation of everything contrary to one's own thinking.

As your office secretary, steno, editor, or "gal Friday" as the occasion has demanded, one of the most aggravating questions I have often heard is "what has the Oregon Thoroughbred Breeders done for me?"

The O. T. B. A. is an organization formed by a group of members. It was not formed to work out the personal problems of each member -- rather, to better the thoroughbred industry for the group as a whole. The organization can never please everyone at once because each individual has a different point of view.

What has the Oregon Thoroughbred Breeders done for you as a group? Take a look at this abbreviated list of some of the things the "Breeders Association" has done.

First of all, the Oregon Thoroughbred Breeders Association is in the awkward situation of being both a breeders organization and also serving as bargaining agent of the horsemen with the race track management. To my knowledge, there are only two states in which the breeders organization is called upon to be the bargaining agent for horsemen. The majority of the horsemen in other states are represented by the H.B.P.A. (Horsemen's Benevolent Protective Association).

One of the biggest legislative accomplishments by the thoroughbred association was a law specifying that one half of the breakage be set aside as an Oregon Bred Fund to promote the breeding industry. This law produced approximately \$80,000 extra purse money in 1971.

In 1968, Nelson Maxwell, your Executive Secretary, represented the Breeders at Salem during the legislature. Mr. William Love, now Vice Chairman of the Oregon Racing Commission, prepared a bill

for this 1968 legislature which, when passed, guaranteed 4.8% of the total mutuel handle to be used for purses. To aid in passage of this bill, a great deal of effort was put forth by the O. T. B. A. to produce a Statistical Analysis of the industry and racing. With this analysis in hand, Mr. Love and Mr. Maxwell made favorable progress in obtaining support. The bill was successful and you are now guaranteed 4.8% of the mutuel handle for purses. This bill also allowed additional days available for racing dates, and .2% of the mutuel handle to be placed in a separate account by the race track to be used for backside improvement, a very worthy accomplishment.

Not long ago, there were race programs without any specified Oregon bred conditions. Through constant close relations with the race office and an increase in the breeding industry, we can now boast that about 15 per cent of the carded races are exclusively Oregon Bred.

We have fought a long battle on Oregon bred horses having preference for stalls. We have been successful to a great degree. Many are not aware that 59% of the horses on the grounds at Portland Meadows were Oregon bred. I would say that you can not find such a large percentage of home bred at any track in the nation. Now it's up to you, as the Oregon bred stock is upgraded, so will be the saturation of Oregon bred preference for stalls.

After the April 1970 fire which destroyed the Portland Meadows grandstand, cancelling the remaining days of that meeting, the Oregon Thoroughbred Breeders, under the express direction of Nelson Maxwell, came forward with an almost impossible task of organizing a race meet to run at Salem. Some \$108,780 in purse money was distributed to owners at the Lone Oak Meet alone, with an additional \$3,500 paid to breeders as breeder awards during this meet. Had the Oregon Thoroughbred Breeders Association not been here, or not taken on this task, the breeding and racing picture for the year 1970 would have been a dim one for Oregon horsemen.

During this same crisis period, the association was constantly in contact with various people arranging for (1) the possibility of renovating the old Gresham grounds for racing in 1971, and (2) possible owners for the rebuilding of Portland Meadows.

In 1971, much time has been spent to obtain additional horse racing days. The bill allowing the P-I ten racing days was passed, but the battle of horses versus dogs was lost. Still, because of our efforts, it appears very likely that arrangements will be made for horse racing in 1972. The organization is constantly seeking avenues to expand the number of horse racing days in Oregon.

In addition to these most important accomplishments, the Breeders organization involves itself in equally important daily chores, which generally go completely unnoticed by those who are not closely involved.

Much time is consumed preparing and keeping figures for your benefit. Among these are assuring the 4.8% is completely used up in purses as warranted by the handle; the advertised minimum purse is maintained; Oregon bred races are carded, filed, and used; policing the distribution of the Oregon Bred Fund; seeing the .2% backside improvement fund is used as the horsemen wish to see it used; being asked to resolve horsemen-management problems; and always having an open ear for all the miscellaneous problems of unhappy people.

Without a Breeders organization would you have a Futurity, Janet Wineberg, a Derby, McFadden Memorial, Os West, or Stallion Stakes? During the year, the O. T. B. A. office is responsible for keeping records on these Oregon Bred Stake nominations which involves 1,500 foals each year with roughly \$30,000 placed in trust. This is a lot of record keeping.

Certification of Oregon bred foals for breeder awards numbers about 300 per year. This entails keeping records on names and current addresses of those breeders eligible for some \$23,000 - \$25,000 paid in awards each year.

A membership file of over 600 individual people is maintained each year. These people are recipients of periodical newsletters and the quarterly Oregon Thoroughbred Review, which is published out of this office. With the many changes of address through the year, keeping the membership and breeder files current is an accomplishment alone.

An extensive library of magazines, chart books, broodmare records, etc., is maintained for your convenience. These are heavily used by many horsemen and breeders for bloodlines, earnings, and other various statistics.

The Oregon Thoroughbred Breeders are always remembered for what they don't accomplish, rather than for what they HAVE accomplished. They are the last to be remembered until all else fails. If it were not for the O. T. B. A., who would see these things are accomplished? And, who would the complainers have to go to.

All these services for you, the breeder, at a nominal yearly membership fee of \$15, which many fail to support for the reason "what does the Oregon Thoroughbred Breeders do for me?"



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turf talk . . .

Thoroughbred horses bred in Oregon dominated the 65-day spring season of the Portland Meadows meeting by winning 308 of 577 races for a 53 per cent figure. Only about one half of these races were restricted to Oregon bred only.



Ron Hoffman's Grey Papa now at Longacres made amends for his last performance there in 1969, when he was defeated by Bouncing Kim in the Washington Futurity. Grey Papa returned in style by winning the \$7,500 added Memorial Day Handicap. Paul Frey urged his mount strongly to challenge Honarium for the win, Pataha Prince was third. Grey Papa mutuel return was \$5.10, 3.90, 2.70.



Leading sires of winners during the recently completed Portland Meadows meet confirm the idea of "keeping your business at home." Smooth, Pirnie, Philately, Mr. Thong, War Flirt, and Royal Rage were the most honored stallions in number of races won.

Jack Connors, injured during the last week of the Portland Meadows season, in a horse-on-man accident, was entering a horse with onlooker Herman Green, Racing Secretary, as he was being carried to the waiting ambulance.

The injury was later diagnosed as flesh torn loose from the bone in Jack's leg. The doctor's order was to stay in bed for three days with the leg elevated. Jack assured the doctor he would do just that - "on Monday, as soon as the PM race meet was over."

Hang in there tough Jack.



Horses shipped to Jockey Club, Ltd., race courses must have a Coggins test for equine infectious anemia (swamp fever) which shows negative. Swamp fever generally reduces resistance to other diseases and can cause death itself. Horses can carry this disease without showing signs of having it. The disease can be spread by insect bites or unsterile needles penetrating the blood system.

Did you know that Man O' War was retired from the race track as a three year old because of lack of competition? He won 20 of 21 races and his get have won close to \$4 million.



Paddock boy, John McDuffie, raised a very active family of four baby robins with the help and cooperation of Mr. & Mrs. Robin. On a Thursday, he found the babies in the paddock area. Their only mode of travel was hopping. Fearing for their safety, John nested them in a cabinet with sliding doors in the center enclosure. Mr. & Mrs. Robin would loudly chirp their arrival with bugs and worms three times during each race day. The doors would be opened and the babies fed by the parents. Each night they were turned out to be gathered again the next day. By Saturday the birdies were learning to fly. Knowing horses so well at this point, one landed squarely on the back of a horse, rode a few steps, and jumped off. Sunday they stayed for the entire race card and then flew off into the world outside.

Hoist the Flag, now mending successfully, has earned his breeder, John M. Schiff, the New York Turf Writers Association "Breeder of the Year - 1970" award. Schiff was the breeder of two sons by the same sire, Tom Rolfe. Hoist the Flag was sold to Mrs. Stephen C. Clark and Droll Role was retained to run in his breeders colors. Ironically, injury prevented both colts from competing against the top three year olds in the classic events. Other award winners were Willie Shoemaker, "Jockey of the Year - 1970" and John Paul Campo, "Trainer of the Year - 1970."



Favorites raced with extraordinary success during the 1971 thoroughbred and quarter horse season which ended here June 13. Public choices won 230 of 687 races during the season, an above average 33.5 per cent. Favorites were placed in 486 of the contests for an exceptional 70.8 per cent.



Oregon breeders fared well in the breeder awards category during the Portland Meadows meeting. M. C. Shelley collected the largest amount, with L. I. Tait, Mary M. Goldblatt, W. J. Wineberg, and William Kosterman finishing out as the top five recipients. A total of \$23,560 was paid out to breeders who certified their foals as Oregon bred.



Racing surrounding Oregon currently continues at Longacres Race Course, Coeur d'Alene, and Boise. The Playfair race meeting will open August 6 thru November 1.



The Oregon State Fair office has reported to us that the Lone Oak track will open July 26 for training in preparation for the Oregon State Fair Race Meet, August 28 thru September 6. Direct inquiries to the State Fair office in Salem.

When asked the question, "Should I fertilize my horse pastures in the spring? I have been told that inorganic fertilizers will result in more unsoundness," Dr. M. E. Ensminger, Ph.D., answered, "If used properly, inorganic fertilizers will have just the opposite effect - they will make for more sound horses. Remember that it's the total mineral intake of the horse that's important. This calls for (1) soil testing, with fertilizer application based thereon, (2) grass testing, and (3) ration testing; with the mineral supplement balancing out the needs of the horse."



Classic blood flows in abundance in the veins of yearlings to be sold August 22 and 23 at the CTBA Summer Sale. Among the sires are these classic winners: Chateaugay (Kentucky Derby and Belmont), Tom Rolfe (Preakness), Determine (Kentucky Derby), Candy Spots (Preakness), Proud Clarion (Kentucky Derby), Ribot (Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe twice), Vaguely Noble (Prix de l'Arc Triomphe), and Herbager (French Derby). That's a total of 10 right there.



Seabiscuit, once the world's leading money winner, first to win over \$400,000 in purses is now surpassed by many other money winning leaders. However, no matter what they make, their winnings will not buy much more hay and oats or much more training than Seabiscuit's did. Inflation you know!!



The Washington Horse Breeders Association Summer Yearling Sale will be held at Longacres Race Track, Monday, August 30. The annual Fall Thoroughbred Mixed sale will be held at the Spokane Interstate Fairgrounds in Spokane, September 25 and 26.

Popular jockey, Jerry Taketa, and Portland Meadows Director of Public Relations, Arthur McFadden, have been making the "luncheon circuit" in the Portland area speaking before many service clubs and organizations displaying and explaining tack and tactics of the racing world.



One of the services provided by the Identifier at Portland Meadows is the correcting of horses identification on their papers. Little known is the fact that after Joe purchased a yearling filly registered Half-Arab for his wife's pleasure, he would be possessed with the same problem. It's not as bad as it seems, for the correction only amounted to a more descriptive interpretation which the breeder had failed to supply the Arabian Association.



In the new vaccine department comes along a serum that may help fight parasite infestation of horses. Thomas R. Bello, D.V.M., Ph.D., of Louisiana State University has developed an experimental vaccine which appears able to break the breeding cycle of the roundworm in horses. He has researched for over eight years and through his efforts and the support of the Morris Animal Foundation, the Federal Government, and the American Quarter Horse Assn., they may have found a valuable vaccine for the treatment of worms in horses.



Also, Nutritional studies, by the Morris Foundation have contributed to the body of knowledge about horses. One in particular, is sponsored by the Arabian Horse Registry. Some of the Facts determined from their studies at Theracon verified two management policies of many horsemen: (1) it is usually best to feed a horse in small amounts and often, (2) hay should be fed before grain.

New Chapter in PM History

By jim price

Brevity, it is said, is the soul of wit. However, when fire destroyed the grandstand at Portland Meadows, abbreviating the 1970 horse racing season, no one laughed.

The future of the state's multi-million dollar thoroughbred industry, not to mention the Northwest's major quarter horse program, looked bleak. Summer breezes stirred through ashes, twisted steel and rubble which once stood as Oregon's most significant horse racing center.

Today, one year later, the new Portland Meadows has completed the most successful season in its 26-year history, signaling the start of what may be the golden era of Oregon racing.

Portland Meadows, rebuilt during the winter at an estimated cost of \$1.2 million, wrapped up its 65-day 1971 campaign by shattering all previous records for pari-mutuel handle, purse distribution and revenue returned to the state.

Many lesser standards also fell by the wayside as the new ownership, Jerry Collins Enterprises, began its chapter in Oregon racing history with a flourish.

The biggest beneficiaries were the horsemen.

Faced with only emergency provisions to keep their industry alive after the 1970 fire, horsemen reaped unprecedented benefits when Portland Meadows picked up its 1971 dates without missing a beat.

Purse distribution for the season which ended June 13 amounted to \$1,089,370, including \$888,790 for thoroughbreds. The

thoroughbred figure overwhelmed the existing record of \$641,955 set during the 60-day 1969 season.

The daily average purse payments were \$16,759, another record. The thoroughbred average was \$13,674, surpassing the record of \$12,125 set in 1968.

Purses also included \$194,850 for quarter horses and an additional \$4,530 for appaloosas. Net purse payments, excluding nomination, entry and starting fees paid by horsemen, totaled a record \$984,648.

In addition to purse disbursement, breeders of winning horses foaled within the state received \$23,650.32 in thoroughbred breeders awards and quarter horse breeders earned \$3,496.48 for a total of \$27,056.80.

The return to the state topped the \$1 million mark for the first time. The state's share of the pari-mutuel revenue was a record \$1,071,729.

Total wagering was \$20,610,176, easily a record and figured to a daily average of \$317,079, also a record for a complete season. The old total figure was \$16,552,545, set in 1969. The best previous average for a lengthy meet was \$285,124 compiled during the 50-day 1968 season.

Total attendance for the 1971 season was 342,404, one of the best totals in track history. The daily average was 5,268.

Mary M. Goldblatt of Corvallis, representing the state's oldest important thoroughbred breeding facility, established another record when her horses earned \$34,074, shattering the old mark

of \$27,411 earned by the stable of Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Smith during the 1967 season.

Two other stables also broke the existing standard. The runners of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence I. Tait of Eagle Point earned \$33,010 and M.C. Shelley's Square S Stable banked \$27,611.

As expected, horses bred in Oregon dominated the competition on the track. There were 577 thoroughbred races during the season and horses foaled within the state won 308 of them for 53.4 per cent. California-bred horses and those bred in Washington captured almost all of the remaining purses, winning 131 and 91 races respectively.

There were 155 Oregon-bred races for thoroughbreds, figuring to 26.9 per cent. However, homebreds also dominated open competition, winning 36.5 per cent of the non-restricted events.

Jolly Pirate, brought back — with loving care — from a three-year layoff by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fleener of Hermiston, won all four of his spring starts and snatched up honors as Horse of the Meeting.

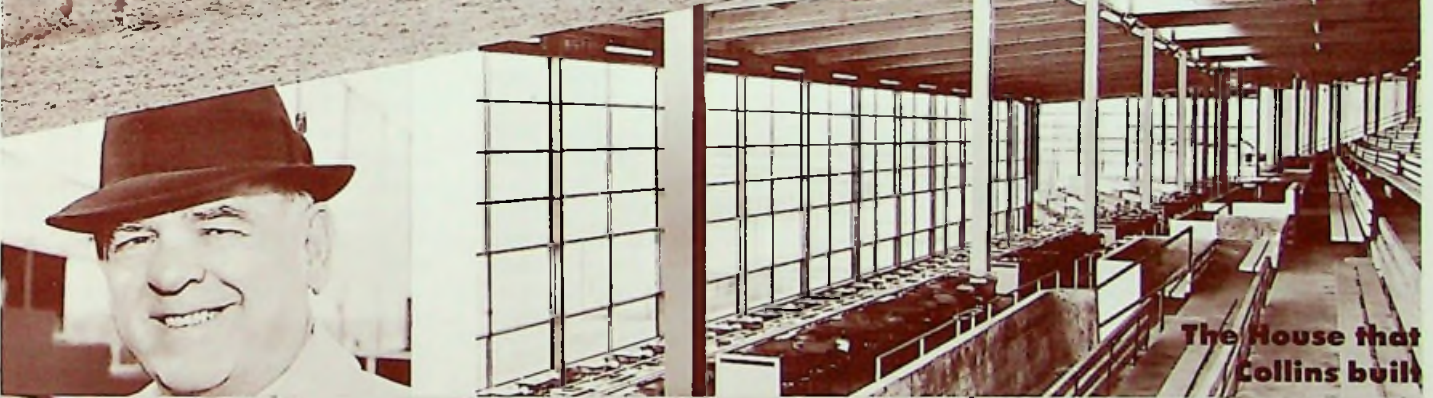
Although Fleener had never previously trained a race horse, Jolly Pirate, a stakes-winner early in his career, capped his campaign by winning the \$5,725 William P. Kyne Memorial Handicap and the \$3,555 Portland Meadows Marathon. A seven-year-old Washington-foaled son of New Resolve — Frosty Socks, Jolly Pirate had injuries in both forefeet which kept him on the sidelines since the fall of 1968.



Pajarama - Futurity



Beau Julian - Futurity



The House that Collins built



Janie High

Tall Ben

Other seasonal honors were collected by Mr. and Mrs. Tait's Johnie High, best three-year-old; Mrs. Goldblatt's Beau Julian, best two-year-old; Mr. and Mrs. William Hoffman's Rosy Thong, best filly or mare; Square S Stable's Fleet Rage, best sprinter; Mr. and Mrs. Tom McCann's Jolly Author, best claiming horse, and Request Little Bar, owned by Donald Elberth of Portland, best quarter horse.

All except Jolly Pirate, also voted best older horse, and Jolly Author were bred in Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. Tait's handicap star Tall Ben, half-brother to Johnie High, and Fleet Rage also received votes for Horse of the Meeting.

Johnie High, a gelded son of Lookout Point - Ski Queen (Admiral Drake), was sidelined for a month with the cough, but bounced back from one prep race to turn back Mrs. Goldblatt's Harkville and Beaverville to win the \$24,155 Oregon Derby by one-half length.

Beau Julian captured the first division of the Oregon Futurity, running 5½ furlongs in 1:06 4/5 to earn \$10,213 from a purse of \$17,022, before William J. Kosterman's Pajarama dashed to victory in the second division to pick up \$10,514 from a purse of \$17,523.

Beau Julian, by King Julian - Hark Hark (Beau Max), won three of his five starts. The half-brother to Harkville turned back Mr. and Mrs. Clarence W. Bernards' Autumn Day and Mr. and Mrs. Math Schiemer's Regular Pilot to take his division by three lengths.

Pajarama, by Pajone - Weben-Win (The Web II), was victorious in four of five outings. He required 1:07 2/5 for a 2½-length triumph in his division, downing Marvin Totland's Miss Sue Granite and Square S Stable's Chez What. Pajarama's four-year-old full brother, Webone, won a division of the 1969 Futurity and was a sprint standout of the recent season.

The combined Oregon Futurity purse of \$34,545 was a record as was the Derby prize and its winner's share of \$14,493.

Rosy Thong had been Horse of the Meeting in 1969. She earned current distaff honors off an easy

triumph in the \$6,775 Sweetheart Stakes and several placings in major handicap events. Fleet Rage clearly dominated the sprint ranks, winning five of six starts, while Jolly Author also won five times, sprinting with the best claiming horses.

Tall Ben and Mr. and Mrs. Faist's Ruler's Whirl also starred during the season.

Tall Ben reached the pinnacle of his career, rallying for an upset victory over Ruler's Whirl in the \$12,800 Portland Meadows Mile and repeating over the same rival in the \$9,850 Oregon Breeders Championship before finishing fourth while giving Jolly Pirate 12 pounds in the Kyne.

Ruler's Whirl, who capped a fine 1970 campaign by defeating Washington Horse of the Year Turbulator in the Playfair Mile, annexed the \$4,325 Mioland Handicap this spring. In addition to his second-place finishes in the PM Mile and the Breeders Championship, Ruler's Whirl was the runnerup in the Kyne.

Chez Harry and C.E. Gregg's Phantom Go became the first two-year-old stakeswinners in the Oregon thoroughbred crop of 1969, sprinting to upset triumphs in divisions of the Oregon Stallion Stakes May 16.

Chez Harry was ridden, incidentally, by John Andrews, the Canadian-born Oregon City resident who was the big money rider of the spring. Andrews also served as regular pilot for Tall Ben and Beau Julian and captured the Oregon Derby astride Johnie High. Phantom Go turned back two other sons of young stallion sensation, Philately, in his division with Your Weapon Stable's Your Weapon and Hoppe and True's Red Eye Express second and third.

Oddly enough, none of the three juvenile stars was eligible to the Oregon Futurity although 421 others were. Phantom Go captured three of six starts to help veteran A.J. (Dutch) Branenburg roll to his fifth Portland Meadows training title.

Branenburg, who has saddled 265 PM winners in the last decade, tightened the girth on 37 winners. Another former champion, N.E. (Nub) Norton ranked second with 31 wins. Elwin Gib-

son, with a public stable, and Harold G. Fuller, who trained the Square S Stable, shared third place with 18 triumphs each.

Square S Stable is believed to have accounted for another record by winning those 18 races.

Richard Wright booted home 67 winners for his third local riding title. Wright also won in his only other full Meadows campaigns in 1968 and 1969. Von Cunningham finished second with 52 winners. Ronald Chapple was third with 48 wins, one more than former apprentice champion Jerry Taketa and John Andrews.

Horsemen themselves could not have been more pleased than Collins over the financial rewards of the new management's first season.

"We came to Oregon to do big things and we're going to do them," Collins promised. "We want to make the sport entertaining for the public and profitable for the horsemen. If we do that, we'll have no complaints on our part."

An incurable optimist, Collins already was looking ahead to 1972 when a racing schedule similar to the 1971 format is likely.

"When we came here, everybody said we couldn't even have the place ready for opening day," he noted. "Well, we did that. They also said we'd be lucky to have a successful season. I had my doubts when we had 39 straight days of racing in the mud, but it turned out right and the season was a success. Now, we're going to get down to business."

In the immediate future are plans for a major renovation of the racing surface, long a problem in rainy weather. Many general improvements, both in spectator facilities and in the stable area, also are anticipated.

"When we came here, people said we wouldn't be able to do this or couldn't do that. But, I'll tell you, they better keep watching because we're going to do a lot of things, some they never even dreamed of, and we're going to work with the horsemen and make this place have the best program in this part of the country."

PM FINAL JOCKEY STANDINGS

	Mts	1st	2nd	3rd
Richard Wright	373	67	67	64
Von Cunningham	323	52	34	41
Ronald Chapple	321	48	39	41
Jerry Taketa	326	47	44	41
John Andrews	340	47	33	37
Mark Jennings	196	38	33	28
Ray Youngren	315	32	37	34
Fred Sheppard	281	25	29	26
James Andrews	219	23	29	26
°Larry LaGue	141	22	14	17
°Apprentice				

PM FINAL TRAINER STANDINGS

	Sts	1st	2nd	3rd
A.J. Branenburg	171	37	30	24
N.E. Norton	141	31	22	21
Elwin Gibson	77	18	7	10
H.G. Fuller	78	18	8	9
R.J. Buchanan	63	14	12	7
Ysedro Bicandi	143	14	14	15
Carl Baze	52	13	3	9
Neil Knapp	64	13	9	17
Jack Bland	74	12	15	13
Vera McNamara	59	11	7	3

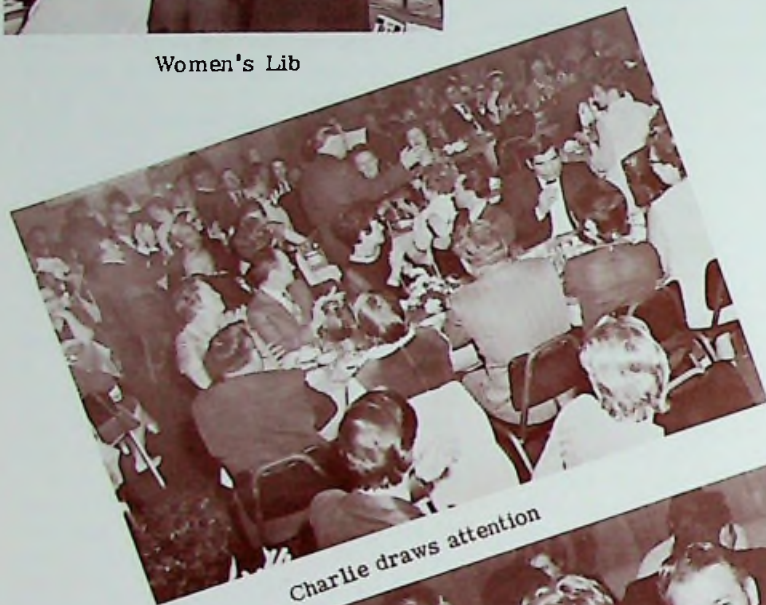
PM LEADING THOROUGHBRED OWNERS

Mary M. Goldblatt	\$34,074
Mr.-Mrs. Lawrence I. Tait	\$33,010
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Mr.-Mrs. Elwood Faist	\$19,222
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Charlie draws attention



Familiar faces



Announcer's dilemma-naming horses

The annual social function of the Oregon Thoroughbred Breeders becomes bigger each year. This year the OTBA - Horsemen dinner dance was attended by some 500 people who all enjoyed a well rounded evening of dining, dancing, and entertainment on April 18.

Taylor's View Point was adorned with gold cups of yellow and white daisy mums and incorporated race programs, forms, and pari-mutuel tickets. A large corresponding arrangement was at the entrance and a horse depicted in a winners circle surrounded with flowers and garlands stood at the base of the bandstand. A full course steak dinner was served along with everyone's favorite beverage.

The O.T.B.A. Board of Directors were introduced by President Clarence Bernards, followed by introduction of honored guests. Featured speaker, Arthur McFadden, gave highlights of Portland Meadows from ashes to the Jerry Collins team. The podium was then turned over to Mr. Jerry Collins, present owner of PM, who enlightened the evening with his true-to-life adventurism. It will never be said of Mr. Collins that he can't do it.....because he will.

Radio has its Grammys, television has its Emmies, and the breeders had their own little award ceremony for the year.



Seven Board of Directors

annual banquet

The biggest man in racing - Stan Blank, a pair of oversized levi's; Best groomed groom - Norman Hux, award accepted by trainer Nub Norton; Most Mod Mod - Dale Wright, a Wig City wig.

Other awards given during the evening are shown in picture form surrounding this article. Narrated by a delightful Jim Price, and received with overwhelming fun and applause were they.

Several members and friends were the happy recipients of varied door prizes. Western hats, purses, horse emblem place mats, halter and shank, and a cooler blanket were some of the prizes given to the lucky ticket holders. A large horse rug used as part of the decor was donated by Foster Western Corral for the drawing.

Waltzing and dancing to western rock and the latest "do your own thing" drew the evening into the early morning hours.....Now, to make it up for the early morning chores. Oh Boy I'm Tired.

Many thanks are due Chairman Jean Runyon, and her banquet committee of Madge Sturgis, Marge Blank, Sue Arnsberg, and Sandra Konkright.



More Opportunities for Grey Horses



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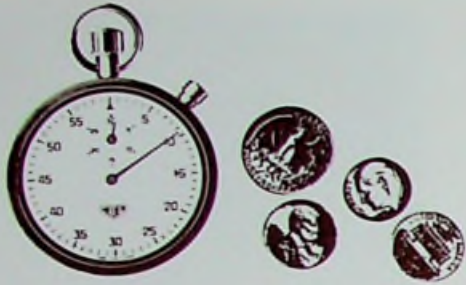
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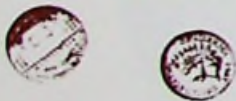
Great White Hunter



:09 and change

More from Colorado State U. where they take a particular interest in the horse. A study recently concluded has found there may be correlation between temperature in mares at time of ovulation, as is true in humans. Temperatures were taken by implanted instruments which transmitted continual vaginal temperatures of the mare. Although inconsistencies were noted, temperatures recorded on the day of ovulation were lower than were temperatures on other days. Thirty-eight to thirty-nine per cent of the mares measured temperature decline on the day of ovulation. Studies are presently going on to determine a practical informative bulletin that can be utilized by horsebreeders throughout the nation. Possibly a more accurate breeding program can be obtained from this study. Further studies may develop aids in problem breeding, and consistent breeding with less guess work.

... well that's the :09, here's the change.....



NEW FITNESS PROGRAM

With the advent of the mechanical hot walker, more of the horsemen who used to walk horses for exercise have accumulated that tire just below the chest. We have an answer and not too far from our own contributor, the horse. Horseshoe pitching it is. Of course, we use the regulation weight shoes, etc. to achieve the exercise. And while you're having fun, remember that an average player in a tournament walks five miles between stakes, bends down about 50 times, picks up a pair of shoes weighing two and a half pounds each, and at the end of the day has lifted and tossed a ton of metal in this sport. Looks like a ringer from here.

HUNCH PLAY GOES TO MR.

Want to play a hunch? Go ahead, but take the Mr.'s. On June 6 at Portland Meadows, three horses with the prefix Mr. won on that day. In the 5th race Mr. Frank Q started the parlay paying \$3.00, 2.40, 2.20 with Ray Youngren aboard. Then Mr. Chainell, with Jerry Taketa guiding the reins returned \$3.60, 2.60, and 2.60 in the 7th. The 8th and feature race was an upset with Mr. Batman overlooked by all except the "hunch player" who collected \$27.60, 8.60, and 4.80.

by j. nine

LOST AND FOUND

What do you do with a horse that has been delivered by van with no recipient? The unclaimed horse arrived early in the Portland Meadows meet and provided quite a problem for stable super Don McEwen. John Blanton, familiar trainer abouts, was kind enough to feed and care for the animal until the owner could be located. But, HOW do you locate the owner or trainer of a horse with no name, no destination (other than Portland Meadows), and no one claiming such horse. It went this way. Don McEwen noted that it was a Bay filly and by checking the upper lip found a tattoo number W10244. He then contacted PM's identifier, who called The Jockey Club in New York. The filly turned out to be BRICK'S CHANGE, who proved her worth by winning two at the local oval. Brick's Change is owned by John Hudspeth and was trained at the North Portland track by Tom Estimo.



THE LONG AND THE SHORT OF IT

Dennis (Inky) Anderson, returned to the saddle with enthusiasm after being injured at last year's Lone Oak meet. Dennis proved the label makers wrong by winning two very different races. On May 22 he brought home Fiery Mustang in the 6th at a distance of 870 yards exclusively for Quarter horses, then followed up the next day with a win on a thoroughbred named Speedy Juan. Not only did "Inky" prove his ability to hustle by winning the shorty event, but he can also rate one and this was evident when he won on the latter at a distance of One mile and one-quarter.



SLOWER VARIETY

The horse race provides the fastest of their species no doubt. However, have you ever wondered about the canine equals who chase the mechanical bunny? Thoroughbreds display speed of no equal in their competition, yet the faster of the canine species is not commonly raced. Greyhounds are by no means slow, and this writer does not wish to imply same; however, the fastest of all dogs remains the SALUKI, with speeds of up to 43 m.p.h.

AH SO

The Chinese Zodiac lists the following years as the sign of the HORSE: 1894, 1906, 1918, 1942, 1954, 1966, and 1978. So, if your birthdate includes one of these years, horse-minded you are inclined to be. And this columnist predicts that Oregon racing will make a major achievement in the next year of the equine, 1978. Only seven years away - can hardly wait.

See ya next issue.....



BOOSTING !?!

There was an exercise boy named Goofy, and he was the kind you don't see anymore. He let it be known that he could ride any horse that lived and breathed—even if it breathed fire. He might have been a trifle goofy.

Anyway, a certain trainer had a horse that would have been another Man o' War, if someone could have been found to stay with him long enough to find out.

The animal was a collector of sorts. Whenever he met a stranger, he liked to carry away small mementos, like fingers, ears and biceps.

Friends advised the trainer to consign the creature to the gods, but because of the terrific speed he might have, the trainer did not want to take such a step.

Then Goofy came along. All the trainer needed was a man who could handle any horse that lived and breathed—and he had one.

He got Goofy into the saddle and said, "Gallop him around once and then work him three-eighths." Goofy and the horse were gone before the sentence was finished and nobody was fast enough to put a clock on the first quarter. It is suspected, though, that he clipped a couple of seconds off the track mark for two-eighths.

Then he went through the inner rail, jettied across the infield and busted another section of fence to get back on the running strip. From there on he ran true, but with less verve.

Goofy was still in the saddle and brought his mount back to the trainer.

Now, that gent was willing to give up but felt constrained to say something, so he asked, "How did he go?"

Goofy had carefully analyzed the horse's performance and was ready with the answer.

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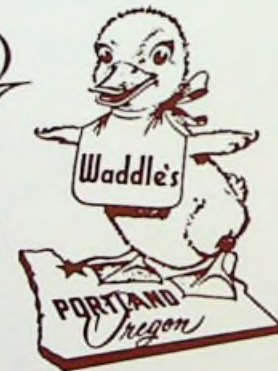
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