



Greetings!

As part of OTOBA's mission to help strengthen the Oregon Thoroughbred industry through breeding and racing by our members, our monthly e-newsletter highlights information from our racing community.

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OTOBA News

**Membership renewals are due
by July 31, 2013.**

Membership renewal notices have been sent out or you can go to our [website](#) for an application and/or to pay online with PayPal.

If you know of someone who would like to receive an OTOBA membership application, please let us know. You can email info@oregontoba.com.

Announcing the 2013 OTOBA Stallion Season Stakes!

The OTOBA Stallion Stakes will be on October 6, 2013 at Portland Meadows. The purse will be \$15,000!

The OTOBA Stallion Season Auction was established to raise incentive money to promote Oregon's Thoroughbred breeding industry.

All progeny of the stallions participating in the 2008 season are eligible, as 3 year olds, to nominate and enter the 2013 Stallion Stakes. Participating Stallions are:

Harbor the Gold	Game Plan
Cascadian	The Lady's Groom


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Can't be Slew
Tahoe City
Sanctuary
Ochoco
Tricky Trevor

Sun King
Soft Gold
Polish Miner
Baquero

All progeny of these stallions, regardless of location foaled, are eligible.

Future of Racing in Oregon Group (FROG)

FROG met on June 13. Will Alempijevic reported that the governor signed HB 2613. It will become law on January 1, 2014. This is great news for the racing community. Income from the instant racing machines is expected to help increase purses at Portland Meadows.

The jockey incentive program will not change from last year. Discussion on any changes to the program will be at a later date.

Mr. Alempijevic reported that the application for the race meet has been submitted to the ORC. It is expected they will discuss it during their next meeting.

The event sub-committee met and reported on suggested events for the race meet. FROG members will look into planning several special events that will draw people to Portland Meadows.

FROG discussed the Ambassador Program. Ambassadors volunteered during the last race meet to assist guests with wagering at Portland Meadows. Portland Meadows would like to continue the program. They will have 2-3 staff members assisting guests during the Sunday races. They would like to have 2-3 more. FROG will explore the cost of hiring more staff.

There was discussion on continuing the FROG PAC. The PAC was instrumental in helping to get the legislation through. The group agreed that the PAC is important. Further investigation will be done as to how to fund it.

The next FROG meeting will be July 18th.

Oregon Racing Commission (ORC)

The ORC met on June 20th.

Chair Dudley recognized new commissioner, Angel Baez. Mr. Baez is a restaurateur and he is very happy to be joining the ORC.

Chair Dudley recognized the service of Stan Robson who served on the commission for two terms and has "retired".

Jack McGrail was introduced as the new Executive Director for the ORC.

Mr. McGrail reported that the legislature has approved the ORC budget for the next biennium. He also reported on the E.O.L.S. and Grants Pass race meets. The handle for the E.O.L.S. was up approximately \$8,000 over last year and Grants Pass also had a significant increase during the first two days compared to last year. Mr. McGrail stated that SOHRA

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Birth Announcements

Karen Huston announced the birth of a colt on 5/8/13. The "buff little dude"



is by Ochoco/Clever MD.

We'll post pictures of new foals on our web site and announce them here. Please include name, sex, date of birth, sire and dam, as well as your and/or your farm name.

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has done a great job obtaining sponsors and fundraising.

Randy Evers, Executive Director - HBPA, reported they have reached an agreement with Portland Meadows. He petitioned the commission to approve 49 days of racing with 484 races. This is less than stated in statute and needed the commission's approval.

Mr. Evers reported that straw is allowed to be used for stall bedding. The increase in cost to remove the straw will be shared by Portland Meadows paying for 50% and 50% taken from the Backside Improvement Fund.

The commission unanimously approved the petition for 49 race days with 484 races.

The commission approved the renewal of the tote company licenses.

Portland Meadows submitted their application. The commission voted to approve the license contingent on the liability insurance and surety bond policies being submitted to the ORC upon their renewal.

The next ORC meeting is in Prineville on July 11.

Legislative Update

HB 2613 Instant Racing was signed by Governor Kitzhaber on June 4.

HB 2614 HUB Funds is still in Ways and Means. The bill is not expected to move this session.

Portland Meadows

Portland Meadows has set their 2013-14 Live Meet Calendar. Click [HERE](#) to go to the Portland Meadows website .

You can also view a copy of the 2013-14 Stakes and Purse Schedule for Portland Meadows. Click [HERE](#).

Portland Meadows is open daily for live simulcast betting. Live racing begins July 21st.

2013 Summer Fair Hi-Point Challenge Update

[More Fair Info:](#)

Union	June 7-9 (3 days)
Grants Pass	June 15 - July 7 Saturdays & Sundays & 4th of July (9 days)
Prineville	July 10-13 (4 days)
Tillamook	August 7-10 (4 days)
Harney Co.	September 6-8 (3 days)

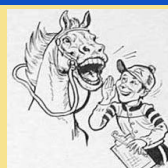
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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

The race is not always to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, but that's the way to bet.

~ Damon Runyon

**The OTOBA will again offer the Oregon-bred
Thoroughbred High-Point Challenge!**

The top 5 fillies **and** the top 5 colts will win cash prizes:

1st	\$1,000
2nd	\$ 750
3rd	\$ 500
4th	\$ 250
5th	\$ 125

The 1st place owners will receive trophies and the 1st place trainers will receive halters. Additional information can be found on our [website](#).

The owner and trainer must be current members of the OTOBA by July 31! Points will not count if the membership lapses!

The OTOBA will add \$500 to all restricted Oregon bred races. The racing secretary will determine conditions. The OTOBA will emphasize the necessity for a variety of race types and lengths.

The fairs may request matching funds up to \$1,000 for any restricted Oregon bred handicap or stakes race. The OTOBA Board of Directors will vote on the matching funds.

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