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Our Mission

To increase public interest through promotion and advancement of the breeding and racing of Oregon Thoroughbreds.

To strengthen the Oregon Thoroughbred industry both in breeding and racing, in cooperation with our Board of Directors, OTOBA members, and by working closely with other organizations within our industry.

Services Offered to Members

Annual Mixed Sale
Legislative Representation
New Owner Education
Oregon Stakes Series
Oregon Horse Magazine
Research
Library/Publications
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Website



*Oregon Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders Association Quarterly Newsletter
Serving the Oregon breeding & racing industry for over 60 years.*

OTOBA ANNOUNCES NEW WEBSITE

The OTOBA is thrilled to announce the launch of our new website, www.oregontoba.com.

Our newly designed website is not only user-friendly but also has all the up to date information that all owners, breeders, racing enthusiasts, and general public need to keep current with issues, nominations, breeding and racing in Oregon, Oregon-bred incentive programs, and much more!

Our website has everything from upcoming events, current issues, Oregon-bred winners and Champion horses, nomination deadlines and procedures on how and when to nominate your foal, or if you need to know if your horse is nominated to the Oregon Stakes Series, just check online!

We also have an exciting new classified section that lists horses for sale,

equipment for sale, advertisements and more. Call the OTOBA office for more information on listing your classified ad. It's a great, inexpensive way to get your ad in front of hundreds of internet users. Our site receives over 20 visitors daily, that's over 500 a month! With our increased marketing campaign for 2008 this number will only increase!

LOG ON TODAY!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2008 OTOBA Board of Directors Elections

Are you interested in getting more involved in the Thoroughbred industry, have skills that you would like to share and time to volunteer? The OTOBA needs committed people like you! We invite you to consider serving a term on the OTOBA Board of Directors. Elections are held annually, filling five seats on the 15 member board on a rotating basis. If elected, successful candidates will serve a term lasting three years. To qualify you must be a current member of the OTOBA, in good standing, and be available to attend approximately eight meetings a year. If you are interested, please send a statement so stating in care of the Nominating Committee, P.O. Box 17248, Portland, OR 97217-0248. **Please send statement by April 25, 2008.**

June Foal Issue – Want to show off your 2008 foal?

We would like to publish your Oregon foal information in our June Oregon Horse issue, as well as listing online at www.oregontoba.com. Please call or email us at brandy@oregontoba.com for more information.

Oregon Stakes Series Nominations

Nominations for foals of 2008 to the two-year-old Oregon Stakes Series are taken in July. If you are the breeder of an Oregon-bred foal and are interested in nominating to these races, make sure you are on our mailing list to receive the nomination form. The 2008 Oregon foal nomination deadline is July 31st, 2008. Nomination forms are mailed to breeders the end of May. Feel free to contact our office with any questions.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**A NEW CLIMATE**

There are many issues at hand in our ever changing industry in Oregon. The Portland Meadows live race meet was cut short this year with the last live racing day on March 11th. They will go out with a bang, hosting the Donna Jensen Handicap and Portland Meadows Mile on Monday, March 10th, and the Oregon Oaks and Oregon Derby Tuesday the last day of the race meet. Unfortunately the rumor mill is circling regarding Portland Meadows status again – “Will the track open under MEC’s management in the fall to run a 2008-2009 live race meet? Or will Portland Meadows be sold to the highest bidder and run under new management?” The truth is we know Magna Entertainment did release a statement saying they would entertain offers on Portland Meadows after running into opposition by the State of Oregon’s Attorney General over the legality of instant racing machines. While that case is hashed out in the courts, horsemen are left hanging, with little information to go on. Until that is resolved or the track is sold we are all in this ‘waiting game’ together.

Horsemen and the racing industry in Oregon has a history of resilience; finding ourselves in another seemingly unstable environment, we want to assure everyone that the OTOBA is stable and ready to move forward with any changes that come our way.

The Oregon Racing Commission has been almost completely revamped, with Randy Evers as the new executive director and four new commissioners Stan Robson, Chris Dudley, Charlie Williamson, and Dr. Michael Huber, DVM, joining Chair Kerry Johnson to make up the five panel commission. So far they’ve put in a lot of time coming up to speed on industry issues, including touring the Portland Meadows backside in early February. We welcome them to the industry and really appreciate their efforts to date.

As Washington adds a new Executive Director to their organization, we too have announced a new Executive Director, Brandy Stoeckinger. Brandy comes to us with new innovative ideas as well as a wealth of knowledge in the industry. In addition to this change the OTOBA will be working on implementing programs and incentives to entice owners and breeders (new and old) to raise and race Oregon-breds. With this in mind, I’d like to reiterate that we all need to work together to assure the breeding and racing industry in Oregon remains viable and even hopefully prosperous for us all!

Gay Welliver
President, OTOBA

2007-2008 Portland Meadows Race Meet Recap

FOR RELEASE – Friday March 14, 2008. *Courtesy of Portland Meadows.*

PORTLAND, OR – With the running of the eleventh and final race on Tuesday March 11 the Portland Meadows 2007-08 live race meet came to a close. \$32,444,670 was handled over the sixty-one race days (including two partial cancellations) at Portland Meadows for an average all sources handle per race day of \$531,880. Seventy-five days of live racing were conducted in the 2006-07 Meet which ended on May 5, 2007 and the gross all sources handle was \$32,598,496 for an average handle per race day of \$434,647.

This represents a remarkable increase of 22.37% over the 2006-2007 race meet average all sources handle per race day of \$434,647. In two short years Portland Meadows' entire sources handle per race card has increased 102.20% over the 2005-06 race meet when the average handle per race day was \$263,044.

The 2007-08 meet marked the second straight race meet that Portland Meadows conducted live racing with a Sunday, Monday, Tuesday schedule. With its 2005-06 meet Portland Meadows ran seventy-seven days with a Saturday, Sunday, Monday schedule. The positive response from the bettors across North America is a testament to the now familiar racing schedule of Portland Meadows and the help of Saturday, Sunday, Monday schedule. This is a testament to the now familiar racing schedule of Portland Meadows and the help of the TrackNet Media Group. As a part of TrackNet, Portland Meadows was able to get its races into more sites than ever before. In addition to reaching new fans of racing in new markets, Portland Meadows also realized year-over-year gains from many of the simulcast partners that were a part of its distribution for the 2006-07 race meet.

On Tuesday December 18, 2007 Portland Meadows set a new all sources single day handle record of \$1,114,528. With fourteen fewer race days in the 2007-08 meet vs. the 2006-07 meet, Portland Meadows was able to raise purses per race day. A total of \$3,092,350 in purses was paid out in the 2007-08 meet for average total purses per day of \$50,694. This represents an increase of 14.69% over the 2006-07 average purse payout per race day of \$39,111. As a result of the higher purses, the average number of starters per race jumped 6.32% from 7.16 runners per race in 2006-07 to 7.61 runners per race this meet.

Jockey Joe Crispin was the leading Thoroughbred jockey, Jim Ferguson took the Thoroughbred trainer's title with 60 wins, and Ron Whited's K J Star Stable took the owner of the year title with 20 wins over the 2007-2008 meet.

Courtesy of Portland Meadows.

Champions of 2007

Champion 2YO Filly Jimbos Fire Ant

Breeder/Owner:
James & Carol Owens

Champion 2YO Colt Jimmie the Grouch

Breeder/Owner:
Geri Johnson and
Jim Ferguson

Champion 3YO Filly Ochoco Salmon

Breeder: Paul
Hagemann
Owner: Allen Floyd
and Jonathan Nance

Champion 3YO Colt He'sabigtalker

Breeder: Jim Ferguson
Owner: Dan Warden
and Dave Martin

Champion Older Female Crooked River

Breeder:
Steve Smith and
Michael Stafford

Champion Older Male & Horse of the Year Lethal Grande

Breeder:
Estate of Pat Sonnen
Owner: Eleutherios
Georgeopoulos

Broodmare of the Year Jimbos Valentine

James & Carol Owens

Sire of the Year Baquero, Oakhurst Jack & Cookie Root

2008 OTOBA ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Winners, wine, and roses was the theme for our annual awards banquet. Incredible wine was donated from local vineyards and all who attended had a wonderful night celebrating and toasting our champions of 2007!

Our annual awards banquet was hosted at Portland Meadows Turf Club on Saturday, March 8th. Over 130 owners, breeders, and racing enthusiasts were in attendance, one of the best crowds we've seen in years!

In addition to our awards we had a wonderful Live Auction featuring donated halters of **GHOSTZAPPER**, **GIACOMO**, **GRINDSTONE**, and **STREET SENSE** (2007 KY Derby Winner). Many fine framed prints were donated as well, 'Rivalry in Grey' signed by Gary Stevens and Fred Stone, Street Sense KY Derby win, signed by trainer Carl Nafzger and jockey Calvin Borel, PEB jockey prints, and much more! Thank you again to all who helped make this night one to remember!

Breeder of the Year & TOBA Award Recipient

Dr. Ryland & JoAnn Harwood, Dallas, Oregon



Dr. Ryland & Jo Ann Harwood, simply known as Ry & Jo, have been fixtures of Oregon racing for nearly 30 years! Ry's dentistry practice is based in Dallas, Oregon and Ry & Jo reside outside of Dallas with their many mares, foals, and horses of all ages! Ry & Jo have two children, Randy and Terry, and three grandchildren.

Together they train under Harwood Racing Stable. Ry & Jo began their racing career first with quarter horses and then with Thoroughbreds. Though they race primarily at Portland Meadows, they are also loyal and avid supporters of the Oregon fair race meets. Along with racing, the Harwood's breed several mares each season, booking to local stallions.

Many will remember Ry & Jo from standing stallions such as: Restless Run and Crowning Season (GB). In addition to running a dentistry practice, and training racehorses, Ry has served on the OTOBA Board of Directors since 2006. Both Ry and Jo have been huge supporters of both the breeding and racing industry in Oregon! Congratulations again on your honor as Oregon's Breeder of the Year for 2007, and enjoy your trip to Lexington, Kentucky in September to receive your award at the TOBA Annual Awards Banquet!

UPCOMING EVENTS

OREGON SUMMER FAIR CIRCUIT DATES

Mark Your Calendar!

A fun and exciting time for friends and family to not only support the Thoroughbred racing industry, but to support our local communities as well! Join us this summer for the summer fair racing circuit!

Grants Pass Downs: June 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29 and July 4, 5, 6.

Eastern Oregon Livestock Show, Union: June 6, 7, 8.

Prineville Crooked River Roundup: July 9, 10, 11, 12.

Tillamook: August 7, 8, 9.

Harney County: September 5, 6, 7.

*For more information on each summer fair see our website at www.oregontoba.com and **News & Events**. From there you can link to each fairs website for more information.*

2008 ANNUAL OREGON MIXED SALE

Preview – Friday, October 3rd
Public Auction – Saturday, October 4th
Hosted at Oakhurst Farm, Newberg, OR

Offering Thoroughbreds of all ages and racing Quarter horses for sale at public auction. Still the BEST value anywhere!
Vendors, sponsors, wine tasting, food, and more...a fun time for all!

2008 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

*Membership renewal is fast approaching.
The membership year begins August 1, 2008 and expires July 31st, 2009.*

There are many advantages and discounts offered to OTOBA members, if you are currently not a member contact us today!

See attached Membership Form for more information!



Oregon Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders Association

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WHY JOIN THE OTOBA?

As a member of the OTOBA you will receive four issues of the combined Oregon Horse/Washington Thoroughbred magazine including the December Stallion Register and March Annual Review issues. As a member you are also eligible for discounted rates on advertising on our website at www.oregontoba.com!

You will have the right to vote for representatives to serve on the OTOBA Board of Directors, and to vote for the horses selected as Oregon Champions of the previous year for our Annual Awards Banquet. Only horses bred or owned by OTOBA members are considered for championship honors.

As a member you are also eligible to take advantage of incredible discounts offered through the purchasing agreements that NTRA (National Thoroughbred Racing Association) has secured with the following businesses: Dodge, John Deere, Sherwin-Williams, Office Depot, UPS, and many more! There are incredible discounts available, contact the OTOBA office for more information.

In addition you will have access to our upcoming events, educational seminars, nominations for your Oregon-breds to the Oregon Stakes Series, as well as incentive programs to reward owners and breeders of Oregon-breds. Last year we paid out over \$450,000 in owners and breeders awards! The owners' bonus was 33% of money earned and the breeders' award was 10% of wins! A processing fee of 5% up to \$55 is deducted if you are currently not a member of the OTOBA and are receiving either a owners bonus or breeders award, you might as well get something for your money!

We need active members input and ideas to help us in our efforts to strengthen the Thoroughbred industry in Oregon to keep it both prosperous and viable for our owners and breeders!

Return the section below with your payment and keep this portion for your records.

OTOBA membership dues for the year beginning August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2009

Annual Dues: Individual - \$55 or Dual (with Spouse or Partner) - \$75

Please note that Membership dues, payments and gifts to the OTOBA Association are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. Such payments may be deductible under the Internal Revenue Code as ordinary and necessary business expense.

YES! I want to take advantage of the many services offered by the Oregon Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association. Please accept my application for membership. I have enclosed annual dues for (please check one)

Individual Membership - \$55 or **Dual Membership** (Includes Spouse or Partner) - **\$75**

Name: _____ Spouse/Partner _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Farm Name _____ Phone _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

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Thank you! We look forward to working with you and appreciate your support of the OTOBA!