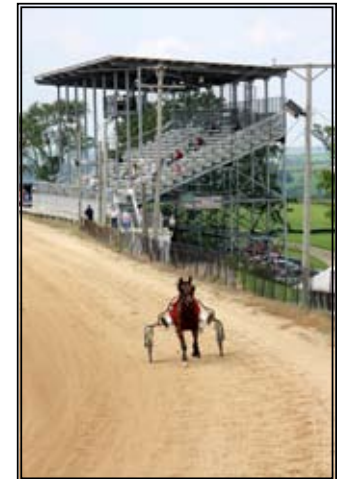


Wisconsin Harness Horse Association



2010 Awards Banquet

January 22, 2011



Top Ten Trotting Club

<u>Horse</u>	<u>'10 Record</u>	<u>St-1st-2nd-3rd</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Owner</u>
Fox Valley Bunns	2:06.0 (Weyauwega)	11-5-1-1	300	Gary Magee
Great Getaway	2:05 (Mineral Point)	9-4-4-1	295	Van Nelson
Starry Night Star	2:07.1 (Elkhorn)	9-3-4-1	260	Susan Schroeder & Vern Devine
R Double Brand Man	2:08.0 (Elkhorn)	9-3-3-2	250	Rick Davis
Amidst	2:10.0 (Elkhorn)	13-2-1-7	240	Chris Frenzel
Brandon's Branded	2:12.3 (Mineral Point)	9-2-0-4	215	Van Nelson
Coco Donut	2:04.1 (Weyauwega)	6-2-3-0	175	Robert & Dyan McCabe
Southbound Plane	2:12.2 (Weyauwega)	6-1-2-2	135	Jesse DeLong
Speedy Whiskey	2:09.4 (Mineral Point)	3-3-0-0	135	Gabriel & Robert Wand
Agency Discount		7-0-3-0	115	Market Share Stable
Saint George	2:08.0 (Viroqua)	3-2-1-0	115	George Conley



Trotter of the Year
Fox Valley Bunns

7 year old gelding
International Chip - Speedy Fanny - Florida Pro



Runner-Up Trotter of the Year
Great Getaway

9 year old gelding
Yankee Glide - Kissimmee - Prakas



Top Ten Pacing Club

<u>Horse</u>	<u>'10 Record</u>	<u>St-1st-2nd-3rd</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Owner</u>
Mr. Shankopotamus	2:04.4 (Mineral Point)	10-7-3-0	390	Gabriel & Robert Wand
Just Winit	2:02.1 (Mineral Point)	9-6-2-1	335	Del & Diane Schmiechel
Sues Blue Pants	2:09.4 (Mineral Point)	9-5-3-0	305	Robert Larkey
King Stanley	2:03.1 (Wautoma)	10-4-4-1	300	George Woodbridge
Sues Blue Jeans	2:06.3 (Wautoma)	8-3-3-1	230	Robert Larkey
Whose Trick N Who	2:08.0 (Elkhorn)	9-1-5-3	215	Durwood Maas
Triggerfish	2:02.0 (Weyauwega)	7-3-1-1	195	Robert Grismore
Braunmaster	2:04.0 (Elkhorn)	4-4-0-0	180	Jesse DeLong
Erica's Blossom	2:05.0 (Weyauwega)	11-1-1-5	180	Adam Turnbull
Fire On Ice	2:10.4 (Viroqua)	5-2-3-0	165	Robert Bergum
Fox Valley Windy		10-0-4-2	165	Brian McMahon



Pacer of the Year
Mr. Shankopotamus

3 year old gelding
Allamerican Ingot - Wehadadream - Artsplace



Runner-Up Pacer of the Year
Just Winit

4 year old mare
Ideal Towne - Easter Stacy - Sportsmaster



Top Ten Driving Club



<u>Driver</u>	<u>St-1st-2nd-3rd</u>	<u>UDRS</u>	<u>Win %</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Gabe Wand	49-22-15-4	.646	44.90%	1,490	Platteville, WI
Gary Magee	32-11-11-4	.576	34.28%	870	Shawano, WI
Danny Carey	28-9-6-11	.571	32.14%	735	Mineral Point, WI
Robert Yohn	31-8-7-4	.427	25.81%	680	Beloit, WI
Chris Frenzel	37-4-3-13	.270	10.81%	575	Marshfield, WI
Robert Grismore	19-7-4-1	.503	36.84%	500	Freeport, IL
Gary Rath	22-4-8-3	.429	18.18%	480	Genoa, IL
Ben DeLong	18-5-6-6	.574	27.78%	475	Clinton, WI
Adam Turnbull	18-7-2-5	.543	38.89%	465	Sharon, WI
Wayne Weaver	29-0-4-4	.123		310	Harvard, IL



Driver of the Year

Gabe Wand

National Statistics

58-22-17-5

\$9,127

.571



Runner-Up Driver of the Year

Gary Magee

National Statistics

38-14-13-4

\$6,102

.594



Fastest Marks of the Season

<u>Division</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Track</u>	<u>Owner</u>
2 YO Filly Pacer	Fire On Ice	2:10.4	Viroqua	Robert Bergum
2 YO Colt Pacer	Johnny Blood	2:05.4	Elkhorn	Robert Yohn & Phil Krogman
2 YO Colt Trotter	Saint George	2:08	Viroqua	George Conley
3 YO Filly Pacer	No Explanation	2:07.2	Rice Lake	Peter Casagranda
3 YO Colt Pacer	Windy City Ron	2:01	Elkhorn	Windy City Farm
3 YO Filly Trotter	Brandon's Branded	2:12.3	Mineral Point	Van Nelson
3 YO Colt Trotter	Nearly Rich	2:08.2	Rice Lake	Robert Davis
Aged Mare Pacer	Just Win It	2:02.1	Mineral Point	Del & Diane Schmeichel
Aged Gelding Pacer	Finn Jet	1:58	Mineral Point	Kevin Magee
Aged Gelding Trotter	Coco Donut	2:04.1	Weyauwega	Robert & Dyan McCabe



**Jay Eye See
Traveling Trophy**

Coco Donut

6 year old gelding
Lockkeeper - Ms' Donut - Brinks' Donut

Owner: Robert & Dyan McCabe

Trainer: Robert McCabe

Driver: Robert Grismore

2:04.1 (Weyauwega)



**Golden Miss
Traveling Trophy**

Finn Jet

6 year old gelding
Life Sign - Napa Valley - Most Happy Fella

Owner:

Kevin Magee

Trainer/Driver:

Rick Magee

1:58 (Mineral Point)



Service Award

For making our memories last through your photography

Peter Kilby

Lifetime Appreciation

To individuals who, during their lifetime, have actively participated in and supported harness racing in Wisconsin at the grass roots level

Durwood Maas



Horseperson of the Year

Jesse “Jay” DeLong

Born into a harness racing family, Jay DeLong has been active in the harness racing industry since he was barely able to walk. A son of Wisconsin Hall of Fame member, William “Bill” DeLong, Jay was taught from the ground up what it took to run a successful stable.

Starting his driving career in 1979 at the tender age of 16, Jay took to the reins like he’s been doing it his entire life. Just 6 short years later, he captured the Wisconsin Harness Horse Associations Driving Title making him the youngest Driver of the Year to date. He has continued to rack up wins, closing in on milestone #300.

As a trainer, Jay posted his first victory in 1991 and has evolved ever since. Competing mainly in Wisconsin and Illinois, he has developed a powerhouse stable grossing over \$1.4 million in purses. Delco Willobee has been Jay’s biggest campaigner as he is a three year old champion who has taken a mark of 1:50.3 this season. Jay also bred and raised the colt.

A four-time father himself, Jay has been happy turning over the reins to any of his sons, John, Austin, Ben, and soon to be of driving age, Eric. He has instilled just as much foundation into his sons’ abilities as he has his colts which is going to make for a long line of successful colts.



James Laird Memorial Award for Excellence

Tattler's Jet

There are a lot of rags to riches stories throughout harness racing, and this one ranks up there with one of the best. Tattler's Jet, owned by David Carter of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, was just a two-year-old when he began his racing career at Cannon Falls, Minnesota. Although finishing last, Dave knew the colt had potential, so he brought him back as a three-year-old. Competing mostly in Wisconsin at the fairs, Jet hit the board only 2 out of 20 starts. Most of us would have thrown in the towel by the end of the season, but not Dave Carter.

Over the next couple of seasons, Dave continued to race Tattler's Jet in the Midwest, each year gaining more experience and bank-rolling a little more cash. It wasn't until 2007 that Jet showed the world what he was made of. Racing at Colonial Downs, Jet took a mark of 1:50.2 – a feat very uncommon for a horse with deep Wisconsin roots. Perhaps even more amazing was the following year he took a winning mark of 1:51.3 and 1:50.3 the year after that. Now this isn't uncommon to Dave Carter (note Crafty Sailor's success as a teenager.) But all of Wisconsin was shocked when 12-year-old Tattler's Jet stopped the tele-timer in 1:49.2 in 2010 to become the fastest horse bred and raced in Wisconsin. With earnings over \$265,000, Tattler's Jet has shown all of Wisconsin what a bright future a small town Wisconsin horse has in his aging years.



Wisconsin Harness Racing Hall of Fame

Guy Crippen

Guy Crippen was born in the small town of Darlington, Wisconsin in 1891. From that time on, harness racing acquired a man who proved to be one of its most colorful figures. The Wisconsin based trainer traveled across the country racing his stable, but he always came back to his home state, training his horses on the ovals of Elkhorn and Milwaukee. In 1938 the trainer from Sudsville (Milwaukee to the uninitiated) was in attendance at a national gathering of friends of harness racing to formulate the creation of the USTA. When not busy with his stock, the likeable Badger reinsman kept himself occupied with ideas of making harness racing a bigger and better sport.

Guy was long recognized as one of the best in his profession and his campaign of 1950 was judged as one of his most successful. That year the Kroening stable was made up of young horses, only Highland Ellen being older than four, and they were raced from the very opening of the season to the close, literally from coast to coast. As an example of careful conditioning and special skill in keeping horses on edge, Crippen preformed the unique feat with the two stable aces, Highland Ellen and Lord Steward. Both horses won at Santa Anita in April their first starts and won their last starts in October in Toledo, all in track record times.

On the west coast he annexed a reputation among race going fans as one of the most colorful and spirited drivers in the game. Rail-birds cheered him in unison for his expert handling of horses. Newspaper men acclaimed him in their columns as one of the most colorful sports personalities to invade the sun-splashed shores of the Pacific. In back of it all and in his home bailiwick he was just a wonderful guy, with an undying yen for good, clean-cut racing and a homey chance to sit and just plain talk with a few of his good natured moans thrown in.

In 1951 Guy won the Hambletonian with Mainliner, followers of harness racing will always remember that win as a high point of the Badger reinsmans career when Mainliner carried Guy to a stirring victory in the race every driver hopes to win. The 1951 Hambletonian proved to be Guy Crippen's last. The sixty-year-old reinsman who had managed his powerful stable so well was stricken with throat cancer during the summer of 1952 and had to retire from his profession, dying in early September.

Nominated by Wayne Moldenhauer



Wisconsin Harness Racing Hall of Fame

Lord Steward

Lord Steward was purchased as a yearling for \$1,000 by trainer, Art Shaw for owner Ed Winkelman of Whitewater. That price of \$1,000.00 made the colt one of the greatest bargains of the sulky sport. Ralph Kroening had to buy out Winkelman's entire stable, three horses and all equipment for \$15,000 – to get Lord Steward. Shaw took it easy with the 2 year old, starting 14 times in 1949, never finishing out of the money. That careful start probably contributed to the gelding's later durability.

Guy Crippen took over the training duties of Lord Steward in 1950 and the three year old was the nation's leading dash winner that year, winning 23 of 38 starts. Included in those 38 starts was a 3rd place finish in the Hambletonian.

Lord Steward kept right on collecting purses. His record for 10 seasons shows 299 starts, 76 wins, 55 seconds, 56 thirds. His earnings total \$338,397. In 1958 Lord Steward became the top money earning trotter and on July 30th surpassed Adios Harry to become the top money earner of any gait. Before the 1958 season ended Adios Harry pushed his earnings ahead of Lord Steward but Lord retained the top money earning trotter status.

Lord Steward's top earnings for trotters is a triumph for consistency and durability. He was a great competitor. Heart made up for lack of brilliant speed. Lord Steward never earned more than \$15,000 in a race. Most of his career he went in \$10,000 events, or less. But he was able to start oftener than many of the stars – and was always willing. Perhaps no racehorse in sulky track history (in his time era) had traveled more miles, on the tracks of the United States and Canada and between them by rail and van.

Lord Steward died at the age of 18 in 1965 and was buried at the Kroening farm in Waukesha, Wisconsin.

Nominated by Susan Schroeder



Wisconsin Harness Racing Hall of Fame

Mainliner

Winner of the 1951 Hambletonian

"The Horse That Made Milwaukee Famous"

A massive field of 20 went to post in two tiers in 1951 for the richest purse in harness racing history, \$98,263.93. Driven by Guy Crippen, the long strided; roman-nosed Mainliner emerged the victor for Ralph H. Kroening of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It was the first Hambletonian win for a Wisconsin combination, with Mainliner hitting the headlines all over the nation the next day to become "The Horse That Made Milwaukee Famous". The win was an extremely popular victory among horsemen, especially due to the high regard in which Guy Crippen was held and the modest and sportsmanlike demeanor of owner Kroening.

Mainliner, a foal of 1948, earned \$124,707.00 in his racing career. He was a \$3,300.00 yearling purchase at the Tattersalls sale and was sold a year later for \$25,000.00 to Ralph Kroening. Mainliner was the best available candidate to win the 1951 Hambletonian and Ralph Kroening wanted to win the Hambletonian, his desire to win the number one stake was stimulated in part by reading Marguerite Henry's Born To Trot.

The onetime Hambletonian king was forced into early retirement from competition because of an injury in 1955. He then stood stud in Pennsylvania and Canada. In 1967 Mainliner came home to the Kroening farm in Waukesha, Wisconsin for good, to live out what already was a long and productive life. The old champion lived the life he so richly deserved, that of a king.

Nominated by Wayne Moldenhauer



Wisconsin Harness Racing Hall of Fame

Miss Bertha C

Miss Bertha C was bred and raced by D. C. Palmeter, who owned the Riverside Park Farm, a Standardbred breeding farm near Berlin, Wisconsin. Mr. Palmeter originally purchased Miss Bertha C's dam, Marble and her grand dam Medio in Kentucky. When Marble entered the breeding ranks, she was matched with Palmeter's stallion Baronmore that had already produced a Kentucky Futurity winner from Marble's dam, Medio. The resulting foal was Miss Bertha C who was named after a daughter of Palmeter's trainer, J.B. Chandler.

Miss Bertha C was foaled in 1906 and took a record of 2:10 ¼ winning the 5th heat of the Kentucky Futurity. Miss Bertha C was high strung, like her mother, and it is believed that her manners cost her the 1909 Kentucky Futurity. After finishing well back in the first four heats, Miss Bertha C decided to trot and easily won the fifth heat. While she had civilized manners on the track, it was a different proposition in the stall. Miss Bertha C carried her ears back and this became one of her trademarks. It was especially prominent when her driver had to go into the stall. Bertha allowed no strangers in her stall without a strong protest.

Miss Bertha C could trot all day. Her trainer, J.B. Chandler, was quite a wit and he always allowed that the mare was just too darn mean to get tired. She was one of the greatest three year olds in 1909 and was taken to Memphis, Tennessee for winter training where it appeared she was ready to trot in 2:07. Unfortunately the entire stable was taken sick with a virulent form of distemper and Mr. Palmeter decided to disperse of his stable. The horses were sent to the Old Glory auction in New York and Miss Bertha C was purchased and sent to Pennsylvania.

Horses that descend directly in maternal line to Miss Bertha C are among the greatest in the sport. They include Bret Hanover, Art-splace, Peace Corps, Cambest, Mack Lobell, American Winner, Green Speed, Arndon, Best of All, Blaze Hanover and Sir Dalrae. At various times the fastest trotter and pacer in the sport have both descended from Miss Bertha C. Hanover Shoe Farms has the best group of broodmares in the sport and the most important building block of that group is Miss Bertha Dillon – a daughter of Wisconsin bred, trained and raced – Miss Bertha C.

Nominated by Dave Dahms