



# Wisconsin Harness Horse Association



2011 Awards Banquet  
January 21, 2012

# Top Ten Trotting Club



<u>Horse / Owner</u>	<u>2011 Record</u>	<u>Starts-1st-2nd-3rd</u>	<u>Points</u>
Windsong Erica Janice Simmons	2:04.4 (Mineral Point)	11-4-4-1	305
Get Physical Donna & Gary Magee	2:07.4 (Richland Center)	10-5-0-2	280
One Man Wolf Pack David Ginter	2:08.1 (Viroqua)	9-2-5-2	245
Wilamar Valley Jeanne Marquis	2:08.2 (Weyauwega)	5-4-1-0	205
Fox Valley Bunns Gary Magee	2:08.2. (Elkhorn)	9-1-1-2	150
Jet Flow Orval Bronkhorst	2:07.1 (Mineral Point)	5-2-0-0	145
American Mar Jeanne Marquis		8-0-2-3	125
Starry Night Star Susan Schroeder & Vern Devine	2:05.3 (Viroqua)	6-1-1-3	125
Fair Trial Horsemen's Financial Agency & Premier Racing	2:03.3 (Viroqua)	3-2-1-0	115
Great Getaway Van Nelson		10-0-1-3	105



Trotter of the Year  
**Windsong Erica**

6 year old mare  
Malabar Maple - Profabe - Incredible Abe



Runner-Up Trotter of the Year

**Get Physical**

4 year old gelding  
Cantab Hall - Muscle Toy - Muscles Yankee



# Top Ten Pacing Club



<u>Horse / Owner</u>	<u>2011 Record</u>	<u>Starts-1st-2nd-3rd</u>	<u>Points</u>
Spicymac Sally Amundson & Jay DeLong	2:10 (Rice Lake)	12-4-5-0	330
Erica's Blossom Adam Turnbull	2:06.2 (Elkhorn)	7-6-1-0	295
Do Me Bliss Bucket List Racing Stable	2:04.3 (Viroqua)	9-5-0-3	275
Lemondrop Martini Robert & Gabriel Wand	2:06.2 (Viroqua)	10-3-3-2	260
Fox Valley Windy Brian McMahon	2:03.2 (Elkhorn)	11-2-4-3	255
Set The Tempo Durwood Maas	2:11 (Viroqua)	9-3-3-2	250
Lil Mister Louie Amber & Dean Sawyer	2:07.3 (Elkhorn)	10-2-3-2	225
No Explanation Peter Casagrande	2:08 (Monroe)	10-2-3-1	205
Fiveknuckleshuffle Jim Springer	2:05.2 (Richland Center)	5-4-0-1	195
Khakis Fancy Dean Sawyer	2:07 (Elkhorn)	12-1-1-5	190



Pacer of the Year

# Spicymac

3 year old gelding

Armbro Mackintosh - Spicy Margie - Sportsmaster



Runner-Up Pacer of the Year

# Erica's Blossom

8 year old mare

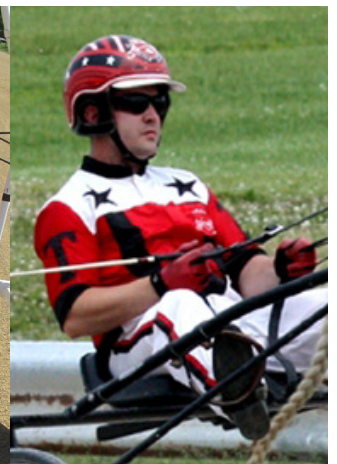
David's Pass - Creatif' - B.G's Bunny



# Top Ten Driving Club



<u>Driver</u>	<u>Starts-1st-2nd-3rd</u>	<u>UDRS</u>	<u>Win %</u>	<u>Points</u>
Gabe Wand Platteville, WI	55-19-15-12	.570	34.55%	1,480
Ben DeLong Clinton, WI	51-8-19-6	.403	15.69%	1,065
Jay Garrels Clinton, WI	23-11-6-4	.681	47.83%	720
Robert Yohn Beloit, WI	28-8-8-6	.516	28.57%	710
Danny Carey Madison, WI	25-4-8-3	.378	16.00%	505
Ben Gald Richland Center, WI	25-4-3-10	.360	16.00%	465
Adam Turnbull Sharon, WI	17-7-1-4	.523	41.18%	430
Will Roland Grinnell, IA	13-6-4-3	.709	46.15%	415
Wayne Weaver Harvard, IL	25-0-6-10	.267		385
David Ginter Mineral Point, WI	13-2-7-2	.504	15.38%	305



**Driver of the Year**  
**Gabe Wand**

**National Statistics: 79-23-20-15, \$16,166**  
**National UDRS: .495**



**Runner-Up Driver of the Year**  
**Ben DeLong**

**National Statistics: 75-12-23-9, \$14,324**  
**National UDRS: .370**



# Fastest Marks of the Season



Division

Horse

Record

Track

2 YO Filly Pacer  
2 YO Colt Pacer

LCB Artist  
Too Sporty For You  
Mack Brenlin

2:11.4  
2:07  
2:07

Elkhorn  
Elkhorn  
Elkhorn

2 YO Filly Trotter  
2 YO Colt Trotter

Ras Shakinthtbacon  
Diamond Joe

2:07.3  
2:12.1

Rice Lake  
Monroe

3 YO Filly Pacer  
3 YO Colt Pacer  
3 YO Filly Trotter  
3 YO Colt Trotter

Pretty Place  
Red Hot Adrenaline

2:04.4  
2:03.3

Mineral Point  
Rice Lake

Jet Flow

2:07.1

Mineral Point

Aged Mare Pacer  
Aged Gelding Pacer  
Aged Mare Trotter  
Aged Gelding Trotter

Ronny B Good  
Peel Away  
Windsong Erica  
Fair Trial

2:01.2  
2:01.2  
2:04.4  
2:03.3

Rice Lake  
Rice Lake  
Mineral Point  
Viroqua





# Jay Eye See Traveling Trophy 2:03.3 (Viroqua)

## Fair Trial

7 year old gelding  
Muscles Yankee - GV's Villantina - Cumin

**Owner:** Horsemans Fincl Agcy Inc &  
Premier Racing Stable LLC  
**Trainer:** Jesse DeLong  
**Driver:** Ben DeLong



# Golden Miss Traveling Trophy 2:01.2 (Rice Lake)

## Ronny B Good

8 year old mare  
Incredible Finale - Justifiably Proud - Ideal Society

**Owner:** Banks Standardbreds  
**Trainer:** Ron Banks  
**Driver:** Kerry Banks



## Peel Away

6 year old gelding  
Intrepid Seelster - Deanna Banana - Magical Mike

**Owner:** Rockaway Racing Stable  
**Trainer:** Trent Drollinger  
**Driver:** Will Roland



# Service Awards



## **Rick Davis**

In appreciation for all your years of service



## **Nichole Glynn**

In appreciation for all your marketing efforts.

## **Elishah Oesch**

In appreciation for *Waking Up Wisconsin* to harness racing.

## **Rick Tittsler**

In appreciation for all your promotional efforts.

## **Ken Walker**

In appreciation for taking our races viral.



# Horseperson of the Year

## Jeanne Marquis

Born into a harness racing family, Jeanne Marquis has been active in the harness racing industry since she was barely able to walk. As daughter of Wisconsin Hall of Fame member, William "Doc" Marquis, Jeanne was taught on the family farm where race meets were actually held, what it took to be a true horseperson.

Jeanne has done it all ... she's been an owner, a trainer and even one of the few women drivers that Wisconsin has seen. But Jeanne is most well-known for her love of trotters ... owning nothing but those diagonal gaited steeds. Through the years she has sent numerous trotters to the track ... all with 'Mar' somewhere in the title. Perhaps her most successful is Carry The Mar, a gelded son of Carry The Message. He bankrolled over \$180,000 throughout his career for Jeanne and still has a home on her farm in Dane, Wisconsin.

Through the years, Jeanne has sent numerous postward on the Wisconsin circuit. It was this devotion that netted her 19 top-ten trotters since the inception of the Top Ten Trotting Club in 1989. Three times she received Trotter of the Year honors (Justamar '91; Coopermar '92; Magicmar '94) and was twice named Runner-Up (Aprilmar '92; Margene's Kim '08). As you can see, in 1992 Jeanne had both Trotter and Runner-Up Trotter of the Year. In 2006, she had an astonishing three trotters in the top-ten trotting club!

Jeanne has always taken an active role with her horses from picking out the breeding to getting them to races. But as a true horseperson, she never stops learning, often seeking advice from her trainers and drivers throughout the years—Eric Tong, Maury Hughes, Tom Long, and Russ, Ben & Scott Gald.



# James Laird Memorial Award for Excellence Bo & Pat DeLong Stable

Harness racing in Wisconsin has always been a family sport and the father-son duo of William C. "Bo" and William P. "Pat" DeLong are no exception. For years they have run a successful stable based on their farm in Clinton, Wisconsin while sending their horses on to the big-time. This year proved to be one of their greatest.

The Illinois County Fair stakes circuit saw two DeLong horses battle head-to-head all year. Mr. Creepy and Colemanandthesea were virtually unstoppable throughout the season. While running the stable up and down the road, only twice did one of these two not hit the board!

On the pari-mutuel side, the DeLong's saw many winners throughout Illinois and Indiana. Voomerang pushed his earnings over \$200,000 this season while taking a four year old mark of 1:51.4 at Maywood Park to complement his three year old record of a blistering 1:50.2. He's So Hot, co-owned with Ernie Miller, Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin, continued his success this season with wins in the Illinois State Fair Championship, Dudley Hanover at DuQuoin, Oak Brook Terrace OTB and Cole Muffler Stake, while nearing the quarter of a million mark in earnings and also taking a record of 1:50.2.

Two year olds seem to be the DeLong forte. Liveanotherartoday and Vavoomster both took two year old records of 1:53.4 at Balmoral Park. But perhaps one of their biggest thrills of the year came with Fridaynightflight, (co-owned with trainer Roger Welch) after winning the \$127,800 Abe Lincoln Stake at Maywood Park. En route to a two year old record of 1:52.2 and earnings in excess of \$380,000, Fridaynightflight scored victories in numerous Indiana Sire Stakes, the Circle City, and the Fox Stake 85.

Bo & Pat are a powerhouse to be reckoned with throughout the Midwest. Poised with exceptional horses and the best of partners, trainers, and drivers, we can only imagine what 2012 will bring for this duo!



# Wisconsin Harness Racing Hall of Fame

## Miss Gypsy Witt

As Castleton Farms began advertising their annual fall mixed sale, Robert Wand of Shullsburg made plans to attend, in hopes of adding that one special broodmare to his increasingly growing band of mares. The pedigree reader began tooting the horn of Miss Gypsy Witt, a daughter of Gypsy Bret, as she entered the ring and a few short bids later, the mare, who was in foal to the great Falcon Seelster, was her way back to Wisconsin where she was to spend the rest of her days.

As a race mare, she bankrolled over \$50,000 and took a mark of 1:58.2 in the mid 1980's and was quickly taken to the breeding shed which proved to be very beneficial for all. Miss Gypsy Witt had her first foal for Robert Wand and then co-owner, David Sullivan, in 1990, right in the back yard of the Wand residence. The first of 8 Wisconsin-based foals proved to be the best as Gypsy Falcon went on to earn over \$180,000 and take a mark of 1:53.3. In 1993, he paced the fastest last half of the year in the state of Wisconsin—:59.1 at the Mineral Point Late Race Meet.

As the years went on, Miss Gypsy Witt foaled 7 more race horses that were trained at the rural Wisconsin training track. All of which made it to the races and all but one foal became victorious. She's proven herself as a versatile producer (producing winners from 6 different stallions) and one that produces durable race horses (foals averaged over 100 starts each).

Her Wisconsin-based foals have a combined bankroll of over a half a million dollars, and three of them went on to earn in excess of \$100,000 (Gypsy Falcon, \$183,236; Wand's High Gypsy, \$121,771; Wand's Banjo, \$103,677, currently still racing at age 7). Wand's High Gypsy was tied for 4th in the entire United States in 2005 for the number of wins (17) in a single season.

The Wisconsin Harness Horse Association saw all 8 foals race at some point on Wisconsin soil and bestowed Pacer of the Year honors to her final foal, Wand's Banjo (2007) and Top Ten Pacing honors to Wand's High Gypsy (2004) and Wand's Little Gypsy (2005).

Wand Stables is now working with the 2nd generation of Miss Gypsy Witt babies as her offspring Ancient Gypsy is the proud dam of two winners, both of which began racing at the Southwest Wind-Up Circuit—Wand's Cowgirl, 1:53.4, \$54,504 and Wand's Little Alex, 1:51.3, \$87,214. Wand's Little Alex is also the 5th fastest horse to be bred by a Wisconsin resident and to have been trained and raced in the State of Wisconsin at some point during their career.

Very few mares have matched the versatility and durability of Miss Gypsy Witt. She has proven her offspring competitive not only in the State of Wisconsin, but on tracks all over the country from the Midwest to New York and even The Meadowlands in New Jersey.

*Nominated by: Gabe Wand*



# Wisconsin Harness Racing Hall of Fame

## The Harvester

It was the winter of 1908; the occasion was the sale of a consignment of young harness bred stock from the famed Walnut Hall Farm in Kentucky. Included in this consignment was a three year old colt sired by Walnut Hall 2:08  $\frac{1}{4}$ , a young sire which had raced to his record as a member of the farm stable; his dam, Notelet, daughter of Moko, head of the stud at Walnut Hall and famed as a sire of futurity winners. The colt was named The Harvester and he had been particularly well publicized by the famous retired trainer and reinsman John Splan who was close to the management of Walnut Hall. Although a practically unbroken colt, his breeding, individuality and natural speed made him the attraction of the sale and under the hammer he was sold for \$9,000.00, the successful bidder August Uihlein of Milwaukee in whose ownership he was to develop into one of the great trotters of all time.

At that time the veteran E. F. "Pop" Geers was rated as tops among trainers and drivers and The Harvester was placed in his stable, then in training at Billings Park, Memphis, Tennessee. The veteran trainer was in no hurry with the colt; he just worked him along carefully, pointing him towards the classic Kentucky Futurity at Lexington which he easily won, trotting to a record of 2:08  $\frac{3}{4}$ . That he could have been beaten the three year old trotting record of 2:06  $\frac{3}{4}$  was the general belief but at that time records governed eligibility and his record of 2:08  $\frac{3}{4}$  left him eligible to the 2:09 trots of the following year.

In 1909 as a four year old, The Harvester made another sensational campaign for the Geers stable. He won stakes at Windsor, Ont., Detroit, North Randall (where he trotted to a record of 2:06  $\frac{3}{4}$ ), at Bufflao; met the sensational Bob Douglas in the classic \$10,000 Charter Oaks at Hartford and won; won stakes at Syracuse and Columbus and won two heats in a stake at Lexington but was withdrawn on account of sickness, his only losing race in three seasons of campaigning.

In 1910 The Harvester won at Detroit, trotting in 2:04  $\frac{1}{4}$ , beat the great Sonoma Girl in 2:03  $\frac{1}{4}$  at North Randall. At the Fort Erie track, across the river from Buffalo, he won the first two heats of his race easily, then in the third the management asked Mr. Geers to show them a really fast mile. The veteran driver was willing, drove the stallion far in advance of the field all the way and at the finish he was timed in 2:02 to establish a new world's record. At Syracuse he again established a new worlds record for stallions by trotting in 2:01  $\frac{1}{4}$ . At Columbus he started against time and this time trotted in 2:01 to establish a new stallion record which remained as the best for six years.

C.K.G. Billings of Chicago, a wealthy amateur reinsman at that time, owned the two sensational trotters Uhlan 1:58, champion trotting gelding, and Lou Dillon 1:58  $\frac{1}{2}$ , champion trotting mare, and he desired to acquire the champion stallion. The deal was finally made, the Chicagoan paying Mr. Uihlein \$50,000.00 for the great stallion, which later accompanied the Billings stars in a trip through Europe.

At the Moscow exhibition, the trotting-horse men of Russia looked upon The Harvester as a miracle of breeding, an imperial horse with whom they were ill-disposed to part. The Tsar's government, a patron of trotters, offered for him from the state treasure chest seventy-five thousand dollars. The offer was not accepted. The outflow of America's prime trotting horses to European stock farms and race tracks had by this time assumed proportions sufficient to arouse conservative American horsemen, anxious to maintain the quality of the standard-bred trotter in the land that had produced him, to the need of building dams against it. Mr. Billings, therefore, for patriotic as well as personal reasons refused to sell The Harvester at any price that might be named.

The Harvester was later installed at the head of the Virginia farm of Billings on the James River, Curles Neck Farm, where he was in the stud for several years. Deciding to retire from the breeding of horses, Billings sent the majority of his stable, including The Harvester, to Madison Square Garden in New York to be sold in June, 1917, and after spirited bidding the great stallion was knocked down to the \$30,100 bid of Paul Kuhn of Terre Haute who owned the Forest Park Farm near that city. The Harvester sired a long list of fast performers, having a total of 207 trotters and 51 pacers to take standard records. The fastest of these are Abe Harvester 2:03  $\frac{3}{4}$ , Bertha McGuire 2:04  $\frac{1}{4}$ , Emma Harvester 2:04, Darvester 2:04  $\frac{1}{4}$ , and Happy Harvester 2:05.

*Nominated by: Wayne Moldenhauer & Diane Kleinsteiber*



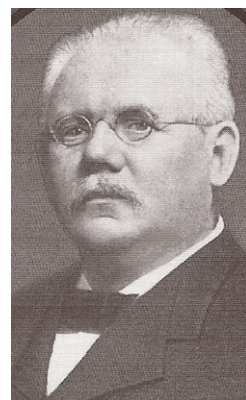
# Wisconsin Harness Racing Hall of Fame

## August Uihelin

In the late 1880's the northwest was rapidly becoming noted for its high bred trotting stock. Mammoth breeding establishments were springing up in every state, and they demanded and secured the richest-bred animals in the land. Wisconsin was rapidly advancing in this line, and new organizations of great magnitude were being formed. One of the most important among these great establishments was the stud recently started by August Uihlein of Milwaukee, Wis. The 654 acre farm was located at Truesdell, Wis, a short distance south of Milwaukee, and there on the farm were many choice mares representing the most famous lines of blood. At the Kellog sale, held in New York August Uihlein along with with Frederick Pabst, of Milwaukee, purchased the world-renowned young horse Alcazar for \$25,800. At the Old Glory Sale during the autumn of 1907 Mr. Uihlein purchased The Harvester, who went on to be a world champion, the likes of whom the racing industry had never seen.

August Uihelin believed that a breeding establishment operated in Wisconsin could equal any in the country if the right foundation were built on. In the early 1900's Mr. Uihlein, a millionaire brewer of the Schlitz brewery, raised more trotting bred horses than any other man in the world, having from 500-800 head at the farm in Truesdell. Although the farm in Truesdell was the main farm in the operation, the Uihleins had other farms in Wisconsin and at one time had close to 2,000 horses. There was a farm in Menomonie Falls with 200 fenced acres, and another 9 miles from the Schlitz brewery in Milwaukee, but so that horses might be conveniently near him at his place of business, he had built on the roof of one of his large breweries a stable to which they were lifted by an elevator.

A great story about August Uihlein was told by a friend of his, Charley Dean, after he had dinner with August and his wife. Mrs. Uihlein had listened for some hours to her husband's description and recital of the breeding of some of his choice trotters, whereupon she spoke up and complimented him on his extensive knowledge of blood lines and remarkable memory for the names of dams, grandams, etc, etc. "I believe", said she "that you know the names of the dams of nearly all the horses you own." With conscious pride Mr. Uihlein stated that he believed he did. "And you know the names of their grandams too," said Mrs. Uihlein. "I do," returned her husband with evident pleasure. "August," then she said suddenly, "can you tell me the first name of your grandmother?" This stumped him and after a moment of shy hesitation he admitted that he could not.



While August Uihlein's connection with the American trotter, both as a breeder and an owner, covered a long period of years, he was an unfamiliar figure to many race goers, for despite the fact that he was a man of large wealth, had achieved success in business, his modesty kept him in the background as much as possible and although The Harvester made him famous as a horseman, he permitted others connected with him to shine in the reflected glory of his stallion and his remarkable achievements. August Uihlein died in his homeland of Germany in 1911.

*Nominated by: Diane Kleinstieber*

