## Wisconsin Harness Horse Association



The WHHA was named the USTA's 2012 Blue Ribbon Fair, the first Association to ever receive the honor. The Association was recognized with an eight page spread in the June 2012 edition of Hoof Beats magazine. Without the dedication and support of all our members, fans, participants and county fair boards, this would not have been possible.



## **Top 10 Pacers**



#10 Mister Jughead 7-1-2-2, 2:06 (Viroqua) 145 points Brian McMahon

#9 Fox Valley Aaron
5-2-2-1, 2:06.1 (Mineral Point)
155 points
Scott Douglas & Hank Considine



#8 Secrettownoflamont 4-3-1-0, 2:03.4 (Mineral Point) 160 points Scott Douglas & Hank Considine



**T6 Wand's Tumbleweed** 5-2-3-0, 2:05 (Viroqua) 165 points Gabriel & Robert Wand



**T6 Abitofbs** 9-0-4-3 165 points Patty Strand

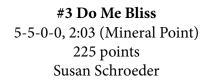
## Top 10 Pacers

#5 Jettin's Rosa 9-2-1-4, 2:09.4 (Mineral Point) 185 points Van Nelson





#4 Boneires Boo 7-1-6-0, 2:06.1 (Elkhorn) 195 points Bon Eire Stable







### Runner-Up Pacer of the Year Barus Apache Jewel

8-5-0-0, 2:04.4 (Mineral Point) 245 points Ben Gald

## **Pacer of the Year**



## **Khakis Fancy**

10-4-1-3, 2:04.3 (Elkhorn) 270 points Dean Sawyer

## **Top 10 Trotters**



#9 Rock N Mar 4-1-3-0, 2:09.3 (Viroqua) 120 points Jeanne Marquis

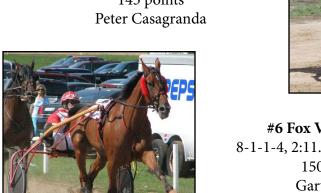


#8 Monticello Lu Lu 4-2-1-1, 2:11.3 (Mineral Point) 130 points Gabriel & Robert Wand

#10 Jet Flow 4-1-2-1, 2:07.1 (Elkhorn) 110 points Orval Bronkhorst



#7 Chester B 7-1-2-2, 2:07 (Elkhorn) 145 points



#6 Fox Valley Bunns 8-1-1-4, 2:11.2 (Mineral Point) 150 points Gary Magee



## **Top 10 Trotters**

#5 Put It On Red 9-1-1-4, 2:13.1 (Richland Center) 155 points Archie & Susan Manina



#4 Coco Donut 8-1-5-1, 2:05 (Elkhorn) 195 points Robert & Dyan McCabe

#3 Mind and Spirit 6-4-1-0, 3:04.3 (Elkhorn) 215 points Clark Whitney





Runner-Up Trotter of the Year Honey's Yankee

9-3-3-2, 2:09 (Elkhorn) 250 points Van Nelson

## **Trotter of the Year**



## **Get Physical**

8-6-2-0, 2:04.3 (Viroqua) 320 points Gary & Donna Magee

## **Top 10 Drivers**



**#9 Bob Yohn**Beloit, WI
9-2-3-3; .519 UDRS
220 points



#7 Wayne Weaver Harvard, IL 19-0-2-10; .234 UDRS 260 points



#10 Archie Manina Bell, FL 14-1-2-5; .270 UDRS 210 points



#8 Chris Frenzel Marshfield, WI 21-1-1-4; .138 UDRS 225 points



#6 Mike Magee Shawano, WI 13-6-2-1; .573 UDRS 365 points

## **Top 10 Drivers**

#5 Danny Carey McFarland, WI 18-3-3-8; .407 UDRS 370 points



#4 Gary Magee Shawano, WI 24-3-5-9; .366 UDRS 470 points



#3 Clark Whitney Menomonie, WI 21-6-7-1; .487 UDRS 510 points



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### Runner-Up Driver of the Year Ben Gald

Richland Center, WI 25-11-5-5; .618 UDRS 725 points

### **Driver of the Year**



## Gabe Wand

Platteville, WI 50-21-14-9; .636 UDRS 1475 points \*4th consecutive driving title\*

### **Seasons Leaders**

#### **Trotters**

2yo Fillies	none		
2 yo Colts	French Eclipse	2:10.4	Rice Lake
3 yo Fillies	Monticello Lu Lu	2:11.3	Mineral Point
3 yo Colts	Chester B	2:07	Elkhorn
Aged Mares	Miss in Love	2:08.2	Rice Lake
Aged Horses	Wilamar Valley	2:03.2	Elkhorn

#### **Pacers**

2 yo Fillies	Wheelchair Wendy	2:12	Elkhorn
2 yo Colts	Fox Valley Dijon	2:07.3	Elkhorn
3 yo Fillies	Secrettownoflamont	2:03.4	Mineral Point
3 yo Colts	Too Sporty For You	2:05.3	Elkhorn
Aged Mares	Cam's Warhawk	2:02.1	Elkhorn
Aged Horses	Art Exposed	2:00.1	Rice Lake



# Jay Eye See Traveling Trophy Wilamar Valley Owned by Jeanne Marquis

Golden Miss Traveling Trophy
Art Exposed
Owned by Ken Stauffer









































### **Service Awards**



Marilyn Therrian
In appreciation of your
commitment and dedication
promoting harness racing



Gregg Nebgen
In appreciation for your
willingness to help
wherever needed







John, Gretchen & Pat Springer
With thanks for enriching our sport with your artistic talents

## Hall of Fame Susan Schroeder

#### Horse(wo)manship

Susan has devoted her entire lifetime to harness racing. She began training horses with her father as a teenager and has been involved ever since. In the 1970's, she began a public training stable with her husband, Rick Schroeder whose named they trained under until 2004 when Susan obtained her own trainer's license. Throughout the years Susan has raced at almost every pari-mutuel track in the Midwest as well as many county fairs. Susan's stable has trained seven top ten trotters, four top ten pacers, and captured Trotter of the Year honors in 2011 with Windsong Erica. Most recently, she created the Bucket List Racing Stable and offered 2% shares of horses to encourage new owners to get involved. In 2011, she raced Do Me Bliss at the Wisconsin and Illinois Fairs and in 2012 she helped take the Bucket List to Running Aces Harness Park with a horse named Tidbit and owners Ulf Holm-Johansen and Vern Devine. She is looking forward to 2013 and will be again offering shares of Do Me Bliss (who was undefeated on the Wisconsin circuit in 2012).

#### **Wisconsin Harness Horse Association**

Susan has devoted her entire life to the harness racing industry, specifically in Wisconsin. She is currently the longest running member of the Wisconsin Harness Horse Board of Directors, being first elected in 1991 – present (22 consecutive years). She spent a decade serving as Treasurer and initiated



budgeting to the WHHA board and consistently stressed the need for balanced books. If more money was needed to cover marketing expenses, she made sure it was known and raised.

Upon her duties a Director, she initiated and edited the Wisconsin Harness News, the newsletter published by the WHHA, from the mid 1980's until the year 2000 when she handed it off to new director Gabe Wand. If it wasn't for Susan's drive and publication skills, the WHHA would never have been able to publish such a professional and informational newsletter. On top of the newsletter, she represented Wisconsin racing in the Illinois Standardbred & Sulky News by submitting monthly columns.

Susan was a driving force in the 1980's pushing for the pari-mutuel Bill in Wisconsin working countless days and nights to ensure the passage for Wisconsin to get a racetrack. She even took horses to Capital Square in Madison in demonstration. The Bill eventually passed (despite last minute language additions that allowed Greyhound racing.)

Susan has worked on every committee the WHHA has had, but most recently the love for marketing became her passion. It's this passion that has helped Wisconsin become the industry leader in grassroots county fair harness racing, and the nation now looks to Wisconsin with vast appreciation. Promotions such as Owner for a Day, t shirt tosses,

developing Willie Win It (our association mascot) and initiating driver meet and greets have been highlights to the crowd. Her Harness the Stars concept earned the WHHA the USTA BLUE RIBBON FAIR AWARD in 2012 – the first time any racing association received this honor. Her work on this project ensured the WHHA a place in national history and an eight page spread in *Hoof Beats* Magazine.

#### Youth in Harness Racing

Over 1,200 children have sat behind a Standardbred thanks to Susan. She began conducting one day youth camps at her farm in the mid-1980's in conjunction with the Harness Horse Youth Foundation. Susan's drive to continue these camps which were endorsed by the WHHA outlasted any other state as Wisconsin was the last state to offer these camps. In 2012, she and Ellen Taylor (executive director of HHYF) put together a Midwest Youth Camp Tour that encompassed camps in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois. In 2000, the Harness Horse Youth Foundation voted to give Susan their prestigious Service to Youth Award. To give some insight on the merit of this award, some of the other recipients are industry greats, Stan Bergstein, John Campbell, Ellen Harvey and Hoosier Park. The following year, Susan had her own Harness Hero Trading Card.

#### Filling A Void

With Wisconsin's aging membership, we began to see a decline in our 'old faithful' racing officials. Susan took it upon herself to help fill these voids. In 2003 she became a USTA licensed Clerk of the Course and took on the task of reporting entries and results for all Wisconsin race meets via the RTS Computer System provided by the USTA. In 2006, she became a licensed presiding judge and has judged all over the State of Wisconsin. Susan has brought a sense of consistency and fairness to the meets she judges and works towards improving racing's public image. In 2007, she obtained her



Charter's license. Without her, Wisconsin would not have any charted races. She was also called upon by Prairie Meadows race track to chart their races during their 2007 race meet.

#### Resume

In addition to all of the above donated time and skills to harness racing, Susan has always made her living in some way in the harness racing industry. She has owned and trained a public stable for almost 40 years. Susan has worked at the prestigious Walsh Harness & Saddlery as their General Manager. She worked with Omega Alpha, a pharmaceutical company that markets all natural horse products. She was a standardbred tack dealer, promoting JH Harness, a startup company that develops and sells Xtreme Racing tack. Most recently, Susan has moved to neighboring Minnesota as the first ever Executive Director of Minnesota Harness Racing Inc.

As you can see, Susan's lifelong devotion to harness racing is second to none. Yes, working in the industry has allowed her to make a living, but the time she has spent volunteering for Wisconsin racing is unmatched. She has allowed harness racing in the Badger State thrive, has taken Wisconsin county fair racing to the national level, and despite now being a resident of Minnesota, she continues to strive to take Wisconsin to new levels.

# Hall of Fame Dr. J.P. West

Dr. J.P. West, a veterinarian from Madison, WI, was a prominent owner, trainer, driver, and breeder throughout the 1930s, 1940s, and 1950s. Although active at county fairs throughout Wisconsin, Dr. West's greatest impact may be as a breeder. He owned several prominent stallions that stood at stud in Wisconsin for many years. These stallions include McKinney Scott, Frisco June, Lulu Guy, and Knight Hanover, to name but a few. Dr. West's horses were easy to recognize, as their names frequently began with Highlawn (as in Highlawn Del, Highlawn Lady, and Highlawn Myrtle).

McKinney Scott was the sire of 58 registered foals, of which 50 started on the trot and the pace. His foals earned over \$245,000. Perhaps his best known offspring is Miss Pluto Scott, who took a record of 2:03½. Miss Pluto Scott was the dam of Golden Miss, a 1997 inductee into the Wisconsin Harness Racing Hall of Fame. Golden Miss was the dam of the prominent stallion Strike Out, who sired 443 starters with earnings of over \$24,000,000. Strike Out himself had a record of 1:56.3 and earnings over \$454,000.

Frisco June sired 82 registered foals, of which 30 started on the trot and pace and earned over \$89,000. When Dr. West sold Frisco June at a dispersal sale in 1936, he listed him as the sire of 20 with records under 2:10. As a racehorse, Frisco June took a record of 2:01¼ in 1920 at the age of three.

Lulu Guy was the sire of 18 starters who compiled earnings of over \$107,000, while Knight Hanover sired 15 starters with earnings over \$49,000.

## James Laird Memorial Award for Excellence Party Hangover

Party Hangover is a true Illinois bred superstar, all of her winning races have been at either an Illinois county fair, the state fairs in Springfield and DuQuoin, and the pari-mutuel tracks Maywood & Balmoral Parks.

Party Hangover first qualified in 2012 on February 23 at Maywood for father/son trainer/driver team Jesse "Jay" and John DeLong of Clinton, Wisc. She then went out to Yonkers for a few starts but made her way back home to Illinois to compete in the major stakes. She finished third in the \$112,000 Filly Maywood Pace in June and was second in the \$56,000 Ann Vonian at Balmoral in July (after winning her elimination). She



won the \$40,000 State Fair Championship at Springfield in her lifetime best 1:51.3 in August before heading to DuQuoin to win the \$20,000 Tiny Dancer. She finished off the year winning both her elimination and \$159,000 Grandma Ann Final on Illinois Super Night at Balmoral before winning the Giggles The Clown at Maywood in November. She then shipped out East once again and made her last two starts of 2012 at Harrah's Philadelphia for trainer Tom Kirby.

Party Hangover, a daughter of Party at Artsplace won \$161,235 in 2012 for owners Horsemans Financial Agency Inc. & Premier Racing Stable. In just two years of racing, and 34 starts (with 18 wins!), she has earned \$177,451.

Jay & John must have high hopes for this family, as they have purchased



the 2011 full sister to Party Hangover from the Jeffers family who own the mare, Maura Hanover. Her name? Party Hangover Two.

## Horseperson of the Year Brian McMahon

Brian McMahon has had a passion for horses all throughout his life which has included both Thoroughbreds and Standardbreds. Brian's dad, John McMahon, showed him the way as a youngster and Brian jumped into the Standardbred business in the early 1990's. In fact, his father was inducted into the Wisconsin Harness Racing Hall of Fame in 1992.

Brian has always managed a small Standardbred stable – mostly consisting of one or two horses at a time and all have been pacers. He takes pride in his young stock and enjoys watching them grow and develop on the racetrack. Brian only purchases horses to race at 2 and 3 ... although a couple of his horses earned extended racing careers due to their great performances.

Wisconsin has been the base of the McMahon training and racing operation. Brian has had 7 horses earn honors in the Wisconsin Top Ten Pacers, beginning with Worthy Wendy in 1996. It's Party Time took Brian to new heights in 2007 by capturing Runner-Up Pacer of the Year, and he

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expanded on that the following year. Brian did the unthinkable in 2008 by capturing both Pacer and Runner-Up Pacer of the Year honors with Fox Valley Windy and Audrey's Queen.

In 2012, Brian took on a new project in the name of Mister Jughead who was purchased as a two year old after racing at the Sandwich, IL fair. Brian worked with him all year, tweaking shoeing, equipment and even drivers as he shipped his speed colt all over Wisconsin and Illinois this past racing season. Mister Jughead came a long way ... from making breaks most of the season to winning at the Vernon County Fair in Viroqua on closing weekend. To top the year off, Mister Jughead was a winner at Maywood Park in November.

Brian has shown the true passion, patience, and realism most horseman could only wish to have.



# Good luck in acquiring, training and racing your horses this spring. We look forward to seeing YOU on the track this summer!

## Thank you for joining us for this years festivities! ~ Drive home safe ~

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