

Wisconsin Harness Horse Association

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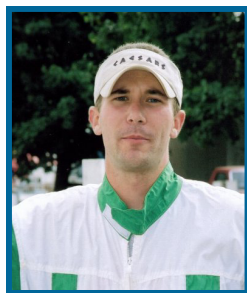
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Message from the President

It's hard to believe we are a few months in to 2010 and spring is here! We have the annual meeting behind us, and what a weekend it was! I am very proud of this year's event and I want to send a BIG THANK YOU out to all of the board members and association members who helped make it such a huge success. You'll see a recap later in this issue, but please pay special attention to the donor/buyer page. We had a great auction, and it couldn't have been done without those people.

Please send them a thank you (whether it's snail mail, email, phone call, etc) and thank them for their support of Wisconsin racing!

The Board of Director's had its first meeting of the New Year a few weeks ago. I would like again to thank Sadie Gunnink and Rick Tittsler for their tenure on the board. I have been assured that they are not going away and will continue to help when their schedule permits. I am also very excited to welcome a couple of newbies – Gretchen Springer and Del Moldenhauer. These two vibrant fresh minds are all ready a great addition to the board. We have had a couple of officer changes as well. I will continue my role as President and Jeanne Marquis will continue as Secretary. Rick Davis has chosen to step down as Vice President, and Del Moldenhauer has agreed to fill that position. Long time Treasurer Susan Schroeder has also decided to hand over the checkbook to Becky Swinehart. I am very excited that Gretchen has agreed to take the reins of the Wisconsin Harness News! This is her first issue and it's great! If you have story ideas, please let Gretchen know. Thank you to everyone!

In this issue you will also see the Board Liason's for various activities and a call for HELP! We had a great year in 2009 and we really want to make 2010 even better—but we can't do it without your help. If you can give even a couple of hours on race day, you have no idea how much that helps the Board.

Don't forget about the Midwest Horse Fair coming up in April! We need lots of help in the barn area promoting our sport – please feel free to contact Jeanne Marquis to sign up for a few hours of good 'ole promoting.

As always, our entire board is open to fresh new ideas! Please feel free to relay them to anyone so we can all work to make Wisconsin racing stronger. See you soon!

Happy Training,

Gabe

Volunteers Needed

We need YOUR help making a good thing, even better!

There are five race dates in 2009 that give you and your friends a great opportunity to become more directly involved on race day. We need several volunteers to pitch-in for A FEW HOURS or a whole day of racing.

June 19th – Elkhorn
July 11th – Elkhorn
July 31st – Mineral Point
August 15th – Wautoma
August 29th – Weyauwega

Help is needed to:

Sell programs or 50/50 Raffle Tickets *Open/close gates to the track
 * Time the races * Hold the horses for winner's circle pictures * Be a "Harness Racing Ambassador" with our spectators

If you can help, or know someone who might be interested, please get in touch with:

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2010 Race Dates

WHA Summer Harness Racing Schedule

Post times are still being finalized

Date	Location
June 19th	Elkhorn Race Meet
June 26th	Mineral Point Matinee
July 11th	Elkhorn Race Meet
July 14th & 15th	Rice Lake
July 25th	Monroe
July 31st	Mineral Point Race Meet
August 22nd	Wautoma
August 29th	Weyauwega
September 4th & 5th	Elkhorn
September 5th & 6th	Mineral Point
September 11th	Richland Center
September 18th & 19th	Viroqua

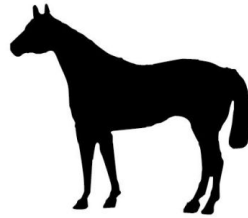
Midwest Horse Fair

Help WHHA Promote Standardbreds

The Midwest Horse Fair is the largest event held at the Dane County Coliseum. Every year thousands of people visit over the course of three days to see anything and everything related to horses including vendors, competitions, and special demonstrations.

The WHHA needs your help with this great event. Come and be an ambassador to the sport. We will have horses for visitors to meet as well as other activities like racing video, coloring books, and "standardbred autographs". We will also have two demonstrations in the Coliseum.

Share your talents at the:



MIDWEST HORSE FAIR
Friday April 16—Sunday, April 18
Barn 5, Dane County Coliseum
Madison, WI



Please donate a couple of hours any of these three days. You don't have to be an expert—most visitors are not familiar with harness racing—the knowledge you have from your experiences on or off the track will be valuable to anyone that wants to learn more about our breed.

There will be two standardbred demonstrations in the Coliseum where we will show the audience different ways standardbreds are used. The dates and times for the:

Standardbred Demonstrations
Saturday, April 17 at 4:30 pm
Sunday, April 18 at 2:00 pm

If you are able to help, please contact Jeanne Marquis at 608-849-7669 or jmarquis@tds.net.

News from the North

Racino bill gets back on track in Minnesota House Tuesday, March 23, 2010—

A House committee agreed today to tack Racino legislation onto an existing biomass bill.

The surprise effort, led by agriculture committee chairman Rep. Al Juhnke, DFL-Willmar, puts the controversial legislation in play at the Legislature. A similar bill was tabled earlier in a Senate committee.

The proposal would add slots at Shakopee's Canterbury Park and Running Aces, located along Interstate 35 near Forest Lake. Revenue would help pay for a new stadium for the Minnesota Vikings, bolster the general fund, help agriculture and rural development and early childhood education.

After the bill was amended, the House Agriculture, Rural Economies and Veterans Affairs Finance Committee passed it on a voice vote.

The bill heads to a bigger House committee, where it faces longer odds. The plan is stalled in the Senate.

Juhnke says discussion should continue on a plan supporters say will generate tens of millions of dollars for the state.

Legislation to allow slot machines at Minnesota horse tracks has been circulating at the Capitol for 13 years.

Newsletter



Have your photos published in the newsletter! Send your pictures of new

foals, spring training, and early meet racing to standardbredracing@gmail.com for the Summer newsletter.

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Get Involved

Activate your membership!

Are you a natural conversationalist? Do you recite every breaking rule to your spouse to "educate" them during the maiden trotting races? How would you like to share with willing learners and racing fans?

Is your calendar organized alphabetically and in different colors? Do you always coordinate the office happy hours? Could you put these talents to use working on the WHHA annual meeting?

Can you sell ocean-front property in Arizona? What about 50/50 raffle tickets?

Do you share all the stories about racing years ago whenever the opportunity presents itself? Are you interested in preserving Wisconsin racing history?

Can you work a stop watch? Can you open and close a gate? Would you like to be more involved on race days?

The WHHA board

has various committees that need your talents, whatever they may be.

To the right you will see a list of the board liaisons. These are the board members leading each committee. These are the people to contact with your great ideas.

Reach out to at least one board liaison this year and become more involved. Make 2010 the year to "activate" your membership!

Board Liaisons

Annual Meeting

Gabe Wand

Fund Raising

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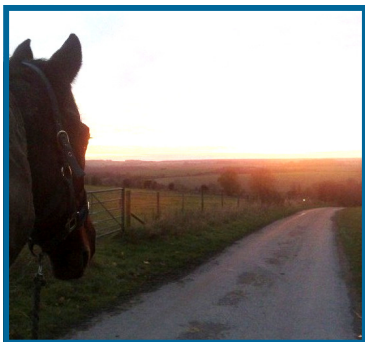
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Harness Horse Youth Foundation Scholarships



Applications for a number of college scholarships administered by the non-profit Harness Horse Youth Foundation are now available. All applications and related materials must be postmarked by April 30, 2010.

Applicants for the scholarships must be at least high school seniors and preferably under the age of 25. The selection criteria for all of the scholarships include demonstrated scholastic achievement, including but not limited to the applicant's GPA; financial need; completeness of application; and quality of essay (where applicable).

The available scholarships and their requirements are as follows:

The Charles Bradley Memorial

Applicants must be children or relatives of racing officials who were members of the North American Judges & Stewards Association and/or licensed USTA pari-mutuel officials in the following categories: presiding judges, associate judges, paddock judges, & starters. Applicants must be at least seniors in high school. The Bradley Memorial was named in memory of Charles Bradley, a highly-respected state regulator and founder of the North American Judges and Stewards Association.

MHS Scholarship

Sponsored by Joe Putnam and Trent Stohler
Eligibility: Applicant must be pursuing higher education at college, university, or trade school and be enrolled as a full time student (12 credit hours minimum). Applicant, his/her parent(s), grandparent(s), and/or legal guardians must be licensed by Indiana Horse Racing Commission in year prior to application – only one relative must be licensed to be eligible. Applicant must be at least a high school senior. Awards totaling \$650.

The Curt Greene Memorial

For students who have demonstrated a passion for harness racing and have financial need. Applicant may or may not be pursuing a career in harness racing industry. Applicant must be at least a high school senior.

The Gallo Blue Chip Scholarship

Sponsored by Martin Scharf
Applicant must be child of harness horse trainer or caretaker licensed in New York and/or New Jersey in the year of application. Applicant must also have been raised and/or reside in the two-state region and at least a senior in high school. Students pursuing graduate degrees are not eligible.

Further information and application forms for the individual scholarships are available by writing the Harness Horse Youth Foundation at 16575 Carey Road, Westfield, IN, 46074; by calling HHYF Executive Director Ellen Taylor at 317/867-5877 317/867-5877 ; or by emailing her at ellen@hhyf.org.

WHHA on the Web

Become a fan of Wisconsin Harness Racing on Facebook

Join us on our NEW FACEBOOK PAGE!

Thanks to a cooperative effort of WHHA President Gabe Wand & longtime supporter Nichole Wedel-Glynn, WHHA now has a Facebook fan page — **WI Harness Racing**. Connect with other members, stay up-to-date with the latest news, and share your photos and stories at www.facebook.com



Website activity increases 262% since 2006

The WHHA website has been increasing in popularity. Here are the number of hits (times the website has been visited) per year since 2006:

2009	54,170
2008	45,606
2007	39,585
2006	20,641

You can visit the website by going to :

www.wiharnessracing.com

Obituaries

Aric A. Douglas 1977-2010

Aric A. Douglas, age 32, of Barneveld and formerly of Darlington, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, Jan. 3, 2010, at Upland Hills Health in Dodgeville.

He was born in Monroe on Nov. 9, 1977, the son of Allen and Kay (Leu) Douglas. He graduated from Darlington High School in 1996. He later attended Vermillion Community College in Minnesota where he played football for two years. He married Denise James on Nov. 4, 2006, at St. Mary's St. Paul's Catholic Church in Mineral Point.

He loved his job at Mini Tube of America in Mount Horeb where he has worked for the last four years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, horses and football. He especially loved to cook and to polka dance.

He is survived by his loving wife, Denise and infant daughter Kelsey of Barneveld; his parents, Kay and Steve Wang of Wiota, and Allen "Butch" and Anne Douglas of Mineral Point; a brother, Dylan Douglas (Kayla Geier) of Darlington; a sister, Dana Douglas (Brandon Poad) of Brooklyn; a mother-in-law, Mary (Jerry) Fletcher of Mineral Point; brothers-in-law, Eric (Jill) James of Mount Horeb, and Mike (Megan) James of Dodgeville; and grandparents, Pauline and Buck Douglas, Delbert Leu, Russell and Alice Wang. He was preceded in death by his grandma, Mary Leu; grandpa, Al Douglas; and father-in-law, Al James.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, Jan. 8, 2010, at St. Mary's / St. Paul's

Catholic Church in Mineral Point. Father Peter Auer officiated. The burial was at St. Mary's Cemetery.

Aric was a loving son, husband, father and brother who will be sadly missed. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the family would be appreciated at Gorgen Funeral Home 310 Ridge St. Mineral Point (608) 987-3421 www.gorgenfh.com

Paul Arthur Dudzik 1948-2010

Paul Arthur Dudzik, 62, of Sandwich, Ill., died Feb. 26, 2010 at Rush-Copley Medical Center in Aurora.

He was born Feb. 12, 1948 in Sandwich, the son of David and Martha (Dunbar). He married Mary K. Black on June 17, 1972 in Medina, Ohio.

Mr. Dudzik was a member of Union Congregational Church in Somonauk. He was a Vietnam veteran having served with the U.S. Army. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, his family and friends.

Mr. Dudzik trained Standardbreds for over 40 years. He trained at the Sandwich Fairgrounds along with his son, Jerry, and raced mainly at the Chicago racetracks and traveled the Northern Illinois Colt Association fair circuit each summer.

Many of you know Paul & his son Jerry as they raced frequently in Chicago, the northern Illinois fair circuit and at Elkhorn. Our condolences go out to the entire Dudzik family.

Besides training, he also drove on rare occasions. His career highlights include driving the 3-year-old trotting filly Pretty Snippy to a 2:01.4 victory at Quad City Downs in

1990. This established an Illinois season's mark for a sophomore trotting filly on a five-eighths-mile track. More recently he piloted the 2-year-old pacing gelding Wayne Macklane to a 2:01.4 score at Deacatur in 2007. This was an Illinois season's mark for a freshman gelding on a half-mile track.

He currently trained two horses, RASCC and Colonel Vernol. A sentimental favorite of his, RASCC won at Maywood Park the day after he was laid to rest.

Mr. Dudzik is survived by his wife, Mary; son, Jerry (Jill); daughter, Christy; granddaughter, Peyton; and brother, David (Diane). He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation was held Tuesday, March 2, at the Turner-Eighner Funeral Home in Somonauk. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 3, at Union Congregational Church in Somonauk with burial at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Sandwich. (from the USTA website)

Joel North Tong 1955-2010

Joel North Tong, 54, of Sturgeon Bay, died unexpectedly at St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay on Tuesday afternoon (December 22, 2009), after suffering an apparent stroke two days earlier on Sunday.

He was born June 14, 1955 in Sturgeon Bay the son of the late Thomas Jr. and Doris Mae "Dot" (Birmingham) Tong.

After graduating from Sturgeon Bay High School class of 1973, Joe received his degree in Instrumentation at Lakeshore Technical College. He served his country in the U.S. Air Force. He married Vicki J. Kabat in Sturgeon Bay and have been together for over 20 years.

Joe owned his own flooring installation business in Sturgeon Bay and for many years was employed with Malvetz Furniture and Floor Covering. He and his wife Vicki operated their catering business and were known for the many years of awesome Pig Roasts around the area for many different events. They also had a booth at the Saturday Farmers Market where they sold their flowers that Joe enjoyed growing.

He loved his plants, gardening, landscaping, home remodeling, being outdoors, and especially his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife Vicki of Sturgeon Bay; two children, Jason Thornton of Algoma, Jennifer (Jeremy) Evensen of Sturgeon Bay and their children, Alec and Ethan; two brothers, Thomas "Buzzy" (Dara) Tong of Sturgeon Bay, Eric "RT" (Marion) Tong of Evansville, Wisconsin; two sisters, Peggy Tong, Terry (Jan Larsson) Tong of Sturgeon Bay; nephew, Jan Larsson-Tong; and two nieces, Amber Konrad (and her three daughters, Isabel, Silviamae, Emilie), Apryll Tong.

Preceding him in death were his parents; infant twin siblings, Jay and Janel.

Funeral services with military honors were held on December 28, 2009 at Huehns Funeral Home with Rev. Reeder Herrick officiating. A private burial took place at Egg Harbor Town Cemetery.



Dean Hoffman on Wisconsin Racing

Free-Legged: The Badgers are the best!

Wednesday, February 10, 2010 - Dean A. Hoffman

Columbus, OH --- Nowhere do they race for less money than in Wisconsin; nowhere do they have more fun.

That was brought home to me recently when I attended the annual meeting of the Wisconsin Harness Horsemen's Association. In a moment of poor judgment, they asked me to be the keynote speaker at their banquet and I was happy to go.

I had more fun than the law should allow while in Wisconsin, and I think the native Badgers had a lot more fun than an interloper like I did.

As Susan Schroeder, a pillar of strength in Wisconsin racing for decades, said, "We don't see each other after the fairs are over in September. Then we get together for this meeting and know that we won't see each other until spring or summer."

So they take advantage of the weekend and have a great time. Many of them drive great distances to get to Madison for the meeting. Drives of four hours or more are shrugged off as nothing unusual.

In Wisconsin, there are no pari-mutuels or no slots to subsidize racing. They keep harness racing alive in the state the old-fashioned way: they work their butts off to make it go.

That is, they often are responsible for all the expenses of putting on a race meet. That includes paying the officials, purse money, and the other myriad expenses that go into staging a race meet. Then they try to cover those expenses by selling program ads, getting race sponsors, and putting as many people in the grandstand as they can.

Wisconsin harness racing people promote, promote, and promote some more. They do it because that's the only way they can keep the sport they love alive there. And I admire them greatly

for their efforts. They should serve as an example for all of harness racing.

I've been going to Wisconsin meetings for many years and I've always had fun. Sure, the business meetings are much like any other business meetings; they're filled with the usual details like financial statements and committee reports. But when the sun goes down and it's awards banquet time, they really know how to have a good time.

One Minnesota visitor said to me, "This Wisconsin group does more with less than any other organization that I know." Amen, brother.

The president of the Wisconsin Harness Horsemen's Association is Gabe Wand, a sparkplug who makes things happen in many ways. He was hailed this year as the winner of the Triple Crown -- he was the driver of the year in Wisconsin and raced the best trotter and best pacer in the state.

I knew little about Gabe before I got there, so I asked, "What does Gabe do for a living?"

"He sells cheese," I was told. Wisconsin -- cheese, yeah, sure. I didn't know if it was some sort of joke or if I was being jerked around. But if Gabe sells cheese as well as he sells harness racing, he's going to keep a lot of dairy farms in business in the Badger State.

This year two deceased men were inducted into the Wisconsin Harness Racing Hall of Fame. Trainer Art Shaw was nominated by Wayne Moldenhauer and Wayne extolled the accomplish-



Dean Hoffman shares stories about his Wisconsin racing experiences at the 2009 WHHA Annual Meeting.

ments of Shaw, who was based at the Elkhorn fairgrounds.

Dr. G.V. Hering, a medical doctor and avid harness horse breeder and owner, was nominated by George "Woody" Woodbridge. Hering was involved in harness racing for decades and contributed to the sport in so many ways. His gruff exterior masked a heart of gold, said Woodbridge.

In accepting the award for Hering, one of his nephews told a story about Hering when he was quite ill and in the final days of his life. He was hospitalized and the name of his door simply said, "George Hering."

One day a nurse walked into his room and asked the patient, "Did you ever know that grouchy old doctor named Hering?"

Hering managed to lift his head off the pillow and barked, "Dammit! I am that grouchy old doctor!"

Ah, you gotta love those Badgers. I certainly do.

(Reprinted from www.ustrotting.com)

WHHA 2009 Annual Meeting



WHHA would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who attended the 2009 Annual Meeting & Banquet. We had fantastic speakers throughout the day, a great awards ceremony with many deserving recipients, and a successful auction to top off the night. This would not have been possible without your support!



2009 Division Leaders - Trotters

Division	Horse	Time	Place	Owners
2 Year Old Fillies	Classical Imagery	2:14	Elkhorn	Carol Tanner
3 Year Old Fillies	Purely Classy	2:23.3	MP	Ben Gald
3 Year Old Colts & Geldings	Wilamar Valley	2:07.2	Viroqua	Jeanne Marquis Robert & Dyan McCabe
Aged Colts & Geldings	CoCo Donut	2:04.3	Elkhorn	Gene Miller
Jay Eye See Traveling Trophy & Aged Mares	Rompaway Ukraine	2:03.4	Rice Lake	Gene Miller

2009 Division Leaders - Pacers

Division	Horse	Time	Place	Owners
2 Year Old Fillies	Hope For Tomorrow	2:06.4	Elkhorn	William C. DeLong
2 Year Old Colts & Geldings	I Win Jeans	2:11	Rice Lake	Ken Stauffer
3 Year Old Fillies	Invitation To Play	2:03	Elkhorn	Robert McCabe Joan Swanson & Bud Epp
3 Year Old Colts & Geldings	WW Win	2:04	Rice Lake	Epp
Aged Mares	Tremendous	2:01.2	Elkhorn	Claude Gendreau
Golden Miss Traveling Trophy & Aged Colts & Geldings	Tattler's Jet	1:59	Rice Lake	David Carter



Awards were presented to the top horses in the Wind-Up Circuit. The Wind-Up Trotter of 2009 was Coco Donut (above) and the Wind-Up Pacer was Sues Blue Jeans (below).



James Laird Memorial Award for Excellence

The Alexander Stable

When you think of Wisconsin racing, you can't think of it unless the Alexander Stable of Westfield comes to mind. Bruce and Mary Alexander, along with Brother Dean Alexander have raced throughout Wisconsin for many years. They were instrumental to keeping racing in their hometown of Westfield and prided themselves on the love of racing – especially trotters.

It's not uncommon for this stable to have \$100,000+ winners. In the late 90's, we saw Jolly Holiday (\$115,000+) come break the track record in Westfield, along with La Rapida (\$125,000+) go postward. In the more recent history, they gave the foundation and start for of their greatest prodigies—Sauce Two K (\$283,000+) and American Lane (\$1,000,000+)!!

The past two years have proved to bring the Alexander's into the spotlight. Their American Native trotter, Dr. McDreamy, has bankrolled almost a quarter of a million dollars and defeated the great Southern Rocketop. McDreamy has won many stakes including the \$105,000 Su Mac Lad while also racing in the illustrious Kentucky Futurity.

Over the years, the Alexander's have begun in the on the Wisconsin fair circuit in the non-winner's races. They have raced their way through the conditioned races, and they have most recently have been taking a class hike into the Free for All ranks. We all congratulate them as they seem to be handling the hike to Open company very well and doing so with class.



Top Driver Award Recipients

Top Drivers of 2009

		TOTAL	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	UDRS	Win %
1	Wand, Gabe	1105	41	14	14	4	0.564	34.15%
2	Magee, Rick	805	39	11	5	8	0.422	28.21%
3	Gald, Ben	700	30	7	10	6	0.485	23.33%
4	Yohn, Robert	690	26	8	10	3	0.560	30.77%
5	Magee, Gary	660	28	7	8	5	0.468	25.00%
6	Grismore, Robert	615	20	11	2	3	0.656	55.00%
7	Turnbull, Adam	505	32	4	2	8	0.243	12.50%
8	Remley, John	490	25	5	4	6	0.369	20.00%
9	Frenzel, Chris	410	24	3	2	13	0.352	12.50%
10	Weaver, Wayne	405	23	2	6	6	0.319	8.70%

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Annual Meeting—Horseperson of the Year



Jim Springer dedicated his Horseperson of the Year Award to his wife and children.

Jim Springer

James Springer has been active in the harness racing industry for over 40 years. He has been involved in every aspect from grooming to training, from driving to breeding. Currently based on his farm in Livingston, Wisconsin, Jim has had great success over the years as an owner and breeder. He takes great pride in finding those perfect crosses of gold that most of us only dream about. Jim is one of the few people left in Wisconsin that breed and foal their own mares and continue to raise those babies either for private sale or to race for his own stable. He truly understands the seemingly lost art form of breeding horses.

This year alone, horses bred by Mr. Springer have been plentiful. He has had 5 still under his ownership that have raced in 2009, 4 of which have won on the pari-mutual scene. Notably, his pride and joy, A Patchy Frost, has taken one of the fastest race marks ever of any horse bred by a Wisconsinite, 1:51.2!! Other winners included Fiesta Camcun, Jennarator, and Carinvalocity.

Aside from his own stock racing, Jim has been able to notice longevity. He has been the breeder, and most the time the one who put them in training, of 6 other horses that have raced in 2009. Local names such as Red Phoenix, Cole Cutta, Mackada Radiata, Dislocated and Truffles Hotspur may ring a bell to everyone.

Jim is a one of a kind horseman that is the perfect example that not all horsemanship is sitting in the sulky. It's the pedigrees, foaling, and the raising of well conformed colts that make so many trainers and drivers look great. Although Jim has recently been racing more and selling colts less, his family has been successful. With the help of his wife Pat, and his children Gretchen, Dierdre, Ross, and John, Jim Springer has earned himself a spot among the Wisconsin greats.

Service Awards



**Barb Smith & Mary Puetz –
For promoting our sport through
the salesmanship of WHA
logowear all year long.**



**Super Supporter,
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in the stands.**

Annual Meeting - Wisconsin Racing Hall of Fame

Art Shaw Immortal Category

Art Shaw was one of the great trainers / drivers to come from Wisconsin. Most of his half century of harness racing experience came through his Elkhorn, Wisconsin based stable. He has campaigned champions across the country while still staying true to the Wisconsin roots. It was not uncommon to see Art's stock racing in major races throughout the country.

In 1938, Art trained and drove 2 year old trotting filly, Lovely Lady, to a World Record on a half mile track in Shelbyville, Indiana. This record stood for many years for owner H.E. McNutt of Oxford, WI until just a few years ago.

The year 1939 marked one of the greatest accomplishments of Mr. Shaw's illustrious career. He became the first Wisconsin driver to drive in the Hambletonian in Goshen New York. Atholne Iosola Guy did not get a check that day for his owner Dr. B.I. Pippin of Richland Center, but over the years he won many races and later stood at stud in Iowa. To this day, Art is only one of two Wisconsinites to drive in the biggest of standardbred races.

The Hambletonian must have seemed like a one time shot to Art as many years past before he was able to find a colt worthy of sending back to New York. Alas in 1950, Art sent Lord Steward postward in the Hambo. This time, he hit the board, taking the show money back to Wisconsin for owner Ralph Kroening of Milwaukee. Lord Steward was at one time the leading money winning trotter of all time.

To further prove his driving credentials, Art was twice above the leading drivers in the country. He may not have had the number of wins that some of the catch drivers have had, but in 1949 and 1955, he was second in the national UDRS ratings. E.T. Zweifel of Evanston, Illinois recognized this and hired Art as his private trainer in the 1960's. From here, Art headed up the largest privately owned stable in the United States.

Over the years, Art trained many good horses for a lot of prominent Wisconsin and Illinois owners. Art and his son, A.G. Shaw, had a lot of success at the Chicagoland circuit and numerous Midwestern fairs. Congratulations to the Shaw family for Art's accomplishments.



Family members share memories and accept Art Shaw's induction into the Hall of Fame.



Top Trotter Award Recipients

Top Trotters of 2009

	Trotter	Owners	TOTAL	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Mark
T1	Good Ride Cowboy	Robert & Gabriel Wand	295	7	6	1		2:05.1, Elk
T1	Coco Donut	Robert & Dyan McCabe	295	7	6	1		2:04.3, Elk
3	Amidst	Jeanne Frenzel	255	11	3	1	5	2:11, Viro
4	The Frilly Filly	Curtis McNames	240	7	4	2		2:09.4, RL
5	Wilamar Valley	Jeanne Marquis	210	6	3	3		2:07.2, Viro
6	Fox Valley Bunnis	Gary Magee	185	7	2	3		2:07.1, Viro
7	Thisandakiss	Peter Casagrande	165	11	1		5	2:16, MP
T8	Cmebatrotter	Robert & Carol Yohn	160	7	1	3	2	2:07.2, Viro
T8	R Double Brand Man	Richard Davis	160	8	1	2	3	2:18.1, Wey
T10	Agency Discount	Market Share Stable	145	6	1	3	1	2:25.2, Mon
T10	Purely Classy	Richard Thompson & Ben Gald	145	9	1	2	1	2:23.3, MP

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G.V. "Doc" Hering Immortal Category



Tom Sharratt and Dick Sharratt share memories about Doc Hering and accept his Hall of Fame induction.

Dr. Hering has owned, trained and raced horses in Wisconsin since the late 1940's. His stable has been headquartered at his farm in Denmark for well over fifty years. Many very good race horses have been developed at his training facility. Horses such as Chief Krisite, Hot Tomato, Meadow Crush, Cool Miss, Cool McCool and Saluki Fortune were some of Doc's finest. His prized Saluki Fortune has won more Wisconsin races in the decade of the 2000's than any other pacer.

Doc has been a staple in the harness racing community long outside of being an owner. He has served on the Wisconsin Harness Horse Association Board of Directors and provided his services as a Presiding Judge and an announcer. On many occasions Doc has provided medical care and advice to drivers injured in racing accidents. He offered his help free of charge and did so with pride. It was not uncommon to see him tend to drivers and wounded horses both after a racing accident.

Bud Larsen of Denmark was instrumental in Doc's successes while

Doc's sons' Gene and John both have taken active roles in the harness racing industry. Most recently, he has passed great attributes along to his trainer, Mark Vande Velde and his co-owner Sandy Johnson. His legacy will live on through all the lives he has touched while he was here.

One of his great admirers and friends, George Woodbridge, puts it perfectly: "He could be gruff, grouchy, and cantankerous, but the one constant was his big heart. I am not sure how his patients felt about his bedside manner, but I do know hundreds showed up at his farm to share some stories about the 'horse doctor' from Denmark."



Top Pacer Award Recipients

Top Pacers of 2009

	Pacer	Owners	TOTAL	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Mark
1	Mels Z Tam	Rick Tittsler, Robert & Gabriel Wand	300	10	3	6	1	2:07, MP
2	Sues Blue Jeans	Robert Larkey	255	7	4	3		2:05.2, Wey
3	Dancer's Shiann	Richard Davis	235	11	2	3	3	2:04.2, MP
4	Two Cheese Burgers	Wayne & O.L. Weaver	205	7	2	4	1	2:08.2, MP
5	Fox Valley Windy	Brian McMahon	200	6	3	2	1	2:04.4, Wey
T6	Invitation to Play	Robert McCabe	185	5	3	2		2:03, Elk
T6	KR's Giddy Girl	John Remley	185	6	3	1	1	2:08.1, Viro
T8	Blue Jewels	Robert Grismore	180	7	3		2	2:10.2, Elk
T8	Cool Man Cool	Mark Vande Velde	180	4	4			2:07.2, Viro
10	Erica's Blossom	Adam Turnbull	175	9	1	2	4	2:05.2, Elk

Annual Meeting Follow-Up

Thank you to George Woodbridge for preparing the paper-work to nominate Doctor George V. Hering and to the WHHA for inducting him into the "Wisconsin Harness Racing Hall of Fame." It is an honor very much deserved and he would be proud to be on the wall next to his best friend, Bud Epp. Doc bought his first standardbred in 1941 while he was in Medical School at St. Paul. He began his medical practice in Denmark, Wisconsin in 1945 because there were nine county fairs that held harness racing within 55 miles of Denmark. Doc built his barn and racetrack in the early 1960's. All of Denmark was excited as they thought live harness racing was going to happen right there on Doc Hering's farm. Doc served as vice president of the Wisconsin Breeders Association, was on the WHHA Board of Directors for several years, was a presiding judge and was an announcer at harness races at county fairs all over Wisconsin and Michigan. He shod his own horses for many years and trained his horses till the late 1990's. Doc even drove in a few races himself. Doc was proud of his son John and wife Karen who owned, trained and races Standardbreds in Chicago for years. He was also proud of the fact that he started his friend Bernard "Bud" Larsen in the harness horse industry. He provided medical care and advice (free of charge) to drivers injured in racing accidents. He even took care of wounded horses after an accident. He received the "Blue and Gold Award" from the FFA for his outstanding support and service to the Denmark Community as well as the "Lions International Community Service Award".

A Note from Sandy Johnson

In 1974, Doc was interviewed for an article and he said "There's no feeling in the world...breed a mare, raise the foal, break and train it, watch it race and sometimes even win...--that's what this is all about. I love the smell of the hay in the barn, the sound of horses eating their morning or evening meal, the sound of their hooves pounding out a training mile, even the mud and wetness on your face from a sweating, snorting horse as you sit behind him on a training cart—a million things to learn about the boots, bridles, bits, hobbles, feed, care, shoeing...and the uncertainty of what he will prove to be. And in between are countless hours of grooming, training, doctoring, worrying, paying for feed—medications—nutritional aids. Butt – that's what makes horse racing exciting and that's what gives a horseman a world of their own to live in and talk about with each other. How can I explain it – I LOVE IT." He must have, he was in the business for 68 years. WOW.

I could go on and on by giving stories of Doc and his horses. I am sure every fair driver received a driving lesson from Doc as he would draw two circles on the ground – on a piece of paper – or anything he had close and then he would say, "which distance is the shortest – the inside circle or the outside circle???"...and now you know the rest of that story. He often phoned owners when he saw that their horse did well in a race to congratulate them. He was the first to send a check when hardship struck a racing family. He truly loved his horses, his friends, his family, and the racing industry.

Sincerely,
Sandy Johnson

In Training Reports

Name	Age	Color	Sex	Sire	Dam	Sire of Dam	Owner
Barnes Stable, Elkhorn, WI							
Bon Eire's Squire	12	B	G	Cole Muffler	Paradise City	No Nukes	Joe & Mickey Barnes
Bergum Stable, Shawano, WI							
Fire On Ice	2	B	F	Stampede Hanover	Firewater	Water Tower	William Borntrreger
Bo DeLong Stable, Clinton, WI							
Voomerang	3	B	G	Cole Muffler	Vavoom Hanover	Camluck	Bo & Pat DeLong
Soggy Dollar	2	B	G	Cole Muffler	Four Starzzz Fox	Cam's Card Shark	Bo & Pat DeLong
Mr Creepy	2	Br	G	Incredible Finale	Pray For Rain	No Nukes	Bo & Pat DeLong
He's So Hot	2	B	G	Sportsmaster	She's Redhot	Broadway Express	Bo & Pat DeLong & Ernie Miller
Hope For Tomorrow	3	B	F	Broadway Express	Fee Femme Final	Incredible Finale	Bo & Pat DeLong
Juxasport	2	B	G	Sportsmaster	Juxaposition	Cole Muffler	Bo & Pat DeLong
Drunken Frenchman	2	B	G	American Ideal	Shady Babie	Jate Lobell	Bo, Pat, & Ray DeLong
In Better Hands	2	B	F	Art's Conquest	Cams Bett	Cam Fella	Bo & Pat DeLong
Borntrreger Stable, Shawano, WI							
Yours Truly	2	B	F	Stampede Hanover	Forever For Now	Life Sign	William Borntrreger
Muscle Mania	7	B	G	Muscles Yankee	Benign Daphne	Florida Pro	William Borntrreger
Butenshoen Stable (For Carey Family)							
Showtime Shark	2	B	C	Cam's Card Shark	Dream Seeker	Western Hanover	Greg Carey & Shawn Swenson
In Over My Head	4	B	G	I'm A Fool	Blue For You	No Nukes	Greg Carey & Shawn Swenson

In Training Reports (continued)

Name	Age	Color	Sex	Sire	Dam	Sire of Dam	Owner
Davis Stable, Marshfield, WI							
R Double Brand Man	4	B	G	Twice The Quality	Brandeds Filly	Branded	Rick Davis
R Q For Speed	4	B	M	Twice The Quality	Nearly Natural	Baltic Speed	Rick Davis
Destiny Rose	4	Rn	M	Twice The Quality	Micaela's Stormy	Roz's Man	Rick Davis
Douglas Stable, Mineral Point, WI							
A Jerk	3	B	G	Sportsmaster	Cache of Rubies	The Denman	Tom Lawinger
Starbrite Starlite	2	B	F	Harry's Star Ranger	Emily Coe	Cooper Lobell	Ann & Allen Douglas
Epp Stable, Elkhorn, WI							
Puddin Tame	6	B	M	Sportsmaster	Riata Hanover	Western Hanover	Bud Epp
WW Win	4	B	G	I Win	Eleanor Rosaval	Presidential Ball	Joan Swanson & Bud Epp
Fancy Too	3	B	F	Park Place	Riata Hanover	Western Hanover	Bud Epp
Gary Magee Stable, Shawano, WI							
Fox Valley Bunns	7	B	G	International Chip	Speedy Fanny	Florida Pro	Gary Magee
Get Physcial	3	B	G	Cantab Hall	Muscle Toy	Muscles Yankee	Gary & Donna Magee
Maid In The Mist	2	Gr	F	Admiral's Galley	Just Plain Jane	Walton Hanover	Janice Simmons & Rick Tittsler
Grismore Stable, Freeport, IL							
Made To Be	2	B	F	Cole Muffler	Tapas Beach	Jenna's Beach Boy	Robert Grismore
Jay DeLong Stable, Clinton, WI							
Tropicana Special	2	B	G	Armbro Tropicana	Service Special	Full Time Job	Jay & John DeLong
Lonehill Granay	2	B	F	Armbro Tropicana	Brookview Granny	Valley Victor	Jay & John DeLong
Holliday Runaway	2	B	G	Banderas Hall	The Key To Winning	Valley Victor	Jay DeLong
Ms Dirty Deeds	2	B	F	Full Time Job	Macarena	Baltic Speed	Jay DeLong
Albertus Maximus	2	B	G	Armbro Mackintosh	Smashing Alberta	Albert Albert	Jay & John DeLong
South Padre	2	Rn	F	Incredible Finale	Biggie Shorty	Sportsmaster	William C DeLong
Plain Old Bob	2	B	G	Incredible Finale	Sarah Plain N Tall	Broadway Express	William C DeLong
Gonnahavetodomore	2	B	G	Cole Muffler	Time For Art	Artsplace	Jay DeLong, Hamm Family Trust & Lyle Schember
Lets Go Higher	2	B	F	Cole Muffler	Ten Speed	Abercrombie	Jay DeLong, Hamm Family Trust & Lyle Schember
Celebratininmysoul	2	B	F	Cole Muffler	Flashing By	Bret Hanover	Trust & Lyle Schember
Chickiechickiewawa	2	Rn	F	Sportsmaster	Broadway Waltz	Broadway Express	Jay DeLong
Diamond In the Ruff	2	B	G	Heavenly Favored	Todds Diamond	Lon Todd Hanover	Jay DeLong
Delco Willobee	3	Br	G	Ft Apache Hanover	Kgbrina Willowbee	Kingston	Jay DeLong
Delco Lotto	3	B	G	Arts Conquest	Lotto Kicker	Jeremy's Gambit	Jay DeLong
Braun Master	3	Br	G	Sportsmaster	Broadway Final Act	Broadway Express	Jay DeLong
Dexters Bootheel	3	B	F	Armbro Khaki	Dexters Boquet	Dexter Nukes	Jay DeLong
Sun Belle Casey	3	B	F	Armbro Khaki	Almost Exactly	Cole Muffler	Jay DeLong & Hamm Family Trust
Sneakin To Town	3	B	F	Ideal Towne	Fox Valley Unique	Sportsmaster	Jay & Austin DeLong
Ideal Touchofspice	3	B	F	Ideal Towne	Spicy Margie	Sportsmaster	Sally Amundson
Tropicana Key	3	Ch	F	Armbro Tropicana	The Key To Winning	Valley Victor	John & Jay DeLong
First Jet	3	B	F	High Falls	Jeffers Jet	All In The Game	Jay DeLong
Southbound Plane	3	Br	G	Tuff As Millie	Spohie Snook	Master Willie	Jay DeLong
Princess Zoie	6	B	M	Village Juno	Lady Fantasy	Sportsmaster	Horsemen's Financial Agency & Premier Racing Stable
Mint Paddy	4	B	M	Relentless Yankee	Brooklyn Mint	Accacallis	Jay DeLong, Tom Carey & Nancy Carey
Aztec Nick	4	B	G	Arizona Jack	Nikki Willowbee	Kingston	Curtis B. McNames

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Jay DeLong Stable, Clinton, WI (continued)							
Arizona Gabe	4	B	G	Arizona Jack	Surprise Lady	Rorty Hanover	Curtis B. McNames
Lotto Quest	4	Br	F	Art's Conquest	Lotto Kicker	Jeremy's Gambit	Jesse DeLong Jesse DeLong & Horseman's Financial Agency
Game On	6	B	G	Cole Muffler	Fastidious Hanover	Life Sign	
McCabe Stable, Elkhorn, WI							
Western Sizzler	6	B	G	Allie's Western	Bret's Gal	Bret Hanover	Robert & Dyan McCabe
Coco Donut	6	B	G	Lockkeeper	Ms Donut	Brinks Donut	Robert & Dyan McCabe
Reunion Hall	8	B	G	Blissful Hall	Regal Dame	Dexter Nukes	Robert & Dyan McCabe
Invitation To Play	4	B	M	Allamerican Native	Bolero Brooktree	Jate Lobell	Robert & Dyan McCabe
Unnamed	2	B	F	Cam's Last Laugh	Not Home Yet	Art's Conquest	Robert & Dyan McCabe
Levi Thunder Thung	5	B	G	Cape Crusader	Like No Other	Niatross	Brett & Lynn Wilfong Sue Mohr & Robert & Dyan McCabe
Cam's Yankee Pride	3	B	G	Cam's Card Shark	Adjust My Halo	Abercrombie	
McMahon Stable, Frankfort, WI							
Fox Valley Windy	4	B	M	Incredible Finale	Ms Chi Town	Armbro Wolf	Brian McMahon
Fancy Royale Cam	2	B	F	Jody's Cam	Caribe Royale	Sportsmaster	Brian McMahon
Prevost Stable, Shawano, WI							
Marginal Victory	6	B	G	Janerator	Nifty Margie	Sportsmaster	Wayne Weaver
Sawyer Stables, Burnett, WI							
Music Maker	6	B	M	Market Watch	Little Bit Classy	Classy Music	Gerald Sneft / Sawyer Stables
Lil Bit Blue	5	B	G	Market Watch	Little Bit Classy	Classy Music	Gerald Sneft / Sawyer Stables
Watch This Flash	4	B	G	Market Watch	Flashy Sunset	Indian Sunset	Dean Sawyer
Khaki's Fancy	4	B	G	Armbro Khaki	Fancy Almahurst	Laag	Dean & Amber Sawyer
Schmeichel Stable, Appleton, WI							
Just Win It	4	B	F	Ideal Towne	Easter Stacy	Sportsmaster	Del & Diane Schmeichel
Stauffer Stable, Thorp, WI							
I Will Win	3	B	G	I Win	Eleanor Rosaval	Presidential Ball	Joan Swanson & Bud Epp
In The Spotlight	2	B	G	Red River Hanover	Monique's Legacy	Pacific Rocket	Joan Swanson & Bud Epp
Susan Schroeder Stable, Elkhorn, WI							
Starry Night Star	9	B	G	Van Gogh	Certainly Divine	Of Course	Susan Schroeder & Vern Devine
Windsong Erica	5	B	M	Malabar Maple	Profabe	Incredible Abe	Janice Simmons & Rick Tittsler
Maid In The Mist	2	Gr	F	Admiral's Galley	Just Plain Jane	Walton Hanover	Janice Simmons & Rick Tittsler
Jessica Schroeder Stable, Columbus, OH							
Agency Discount	4	B	F	Revenue S	Palcb	Donerail	Market Share Stable Jessica Schroeder & Vern Devine
Midnight Lily	3	B	F	Starry Night Star	Lady Rolex	Valleymeister	
Wand Stable, Shullsburg, WI							
Meet Me In Maui	3	B	G	Full of Fun	Maui Hanover	On The Road Again	Rick Tittsler, Janice Simmons, Gabe & Robert Wand
Mr. Shankopotamous	3	B	G	Allamerican Ingot	Wehadadream	Artsplace	Gabe & Bob Wand
Speedy Whisky	5	B	G	Bunty	Elton Street Lana	Final Score	Gabe & Bob Wand
Lemondrop Martini	2	B	G	Red River Hanover	Grafitta	Real Desire	Gabe & Bob Wand
Yohn Stable, Columbus, WI							
Johnny Blood	2	B	G	Broadway Express	Haylatross	Albatross	Robert Yohn & Phil Krogman
Liveoutsidethebox	2	B	F	Armbro Mackintosh	Box Car Girl	Cole Muffler	Bruce & Nikki Rundle
Yellow Rose	2	B	F	American Ideal	Synchronized	Arturo	Dr. Ken Rucker
Power and Purpose	2	B	F	Cole Muffler	Lady Bird	Falcon Seelster	Dr. Ken Rucker

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Ascot Courage	1:56	BmlP	28-Oct
Audrey's Queen	1:56.3	May	24-Sep
Avalon's Z Tam	1:57.3	May	30-Oct
Blue Jewels	1:59.2	BMLP	6-Dec
Boneire's Rusty	1:59	May	30-Jul
Bouncy Betty	1:53.1	Chst	18-Nov
Bring Iton Mr Rick	1:56.3	Prm	5-Oct
Carinvalocity	1:55.4	BmlP	15-Nov
Cinder Lane Brett	2:02	MR	4-Jan
Coco Donut	2:06.4 Q	PrM	17-Oct
Cool Warrior	1:56.3	PrM	19-Oct
El Gees Foggy Flyte	1:59	PrM	23-Oct
Fiesta Camcun	1:54.4	BmlP	23-Sep
Finn Jet	1:56	Sgta	12-Dec
Fox Valley Windy	2:00.3	BMLP	3-Dec
General Caper	1:58.2	Aces	9-Aug
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Gypsys Little Star	1:59.2	May	19-Nov
Invitation to Play	2:00	May	18-Feb
It's Cooltogofast	1:57.3	May	25-Sep
It's Party Time	1:56	May	10-Sep
Jennarator	1:55	YR	25-Jan
KB's Cougar	2:01.3	Prm	19-Oct
Koko D'oro	2:00.1	BMLP	27-Dec
Mels Z Tam	2:00.4	May	8-Oct
Mo Valley Maggie	2:02.1	BMLP	1/3/2010
Nancy Fancy That	2:07 Q	PrM	3-Oct
Old Green Couch	2:05.4 Q	PrM	6-Oct
Prairie Ganache	1:58.2	May	29-Oct
Red Phoenix	1:57	BmlP	3-Feb
Rogers Finale	1:59	BMLP	3-Feb
Rompaway Ulaine	2:00.1	Aces	8-Aug
Sammobrand Willow	1:56.3	May	28-Aug
Steep and Deep	1:56.3	BMLP	23-Sep
Sues Blue Jeans	1:58.4	BMLP	4-Nov
Tattler's Jet	1:50.3	Cnl	30-Sep
The Frilly Filly	2:05.3	PrM	6-Oct
Tootin EGB	1:58.2	PrM	10-Oct
Tremendous	2:00.3	May	4-Dec
Wes Mantooth	1:57	May	13-Nov



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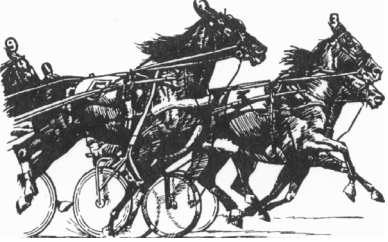
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