

2019 Post Time with Mike and Mike Awards Biographies

Ted Barcus Race Fan of the Year

Pedro Baez - Pedro tirelessly positively promotes the game via Twitter. Baez is a harness horseplayer and owner, who recently got involved with fractional ownership. Baez is described as a relentlessly optimistic fan, who has jumped from not only being a fan but an owner and gambler as well. He consistently advocates for improvements in the industry and attempts to help get new owners involved through fractional ownership. Baez is from Jersey City, New Jersey.

Albert Nash - Al won the inaugural Post Time with Mike and Mike Race Fan of the Year in 2015 and won the award again in 2018. Al spends his time congratulating participants on their victories via Facebook and always carries a positive attitude. Al's has a passion for the sport of harness racing like no other.

Russ Adams – Also known as the Hanover Hustler, is the track handicapper and photo finish operator at Rosecroft Raceway. He is described as the ultimate Harness Racing fan, who lives and breathes the sport. Adams has made several trips to different racetracks throughout the country, most recently Meadowlands Racing & Entertainment where he won a qualifier for the World Harness Handicapping Championship. Adams assists North American Harness Update with their Friday night podcast and is an astute handicapper.

Mark Anderson – Anderson is a former groom is an avid lover of the sport of Harness Racing. He watches and bets races from all over the country each week and is a frequent social media contributor. Anderson is known for expressing his views on issues attacking the sport of harness racing and frequents racetracks even with a busy work schedule.

Colton Hay - Colton can be seen at the track with mom trainer and driver Emily Hay. Colton is a favorite of many of the drivers and they have given him many whips and driving goggles as souvenirs. He has his own helmet and set of colors that match his favorite driver Josh Sutton.

Joe Pavlica Jr. – Pavlica was a lifelong resident of Lyndhurst, New Jersey and a huge fan of horse racing as a whole. He was a frequent visitor of both thoroughbred and harness tracks throughout the northeast, especially the Meadowlands and Saratoga. In 2019, his skills earned him a seat in the World Harness Handicapping Championship in April. Sadly, Pavlica passed away just before the Thanksgiving holiday.

USTA Innovator of the Year

Rod Allums Jr. – Is the co-host of North American Harness Update which premieres every Friday at 9:00 PM. Allums positively promotes the sport, by trying to help new gamblers and handicappers by showing them new angles to wager from. Allums helped to spearhead NAHU Picks, a service that provides nightly selections to some of North America's top racetracks. This is Allums' third Post Time with Mike and Mike awards nomination.

Wendy Ross – Began working for the USTA in May 2018, helping to spearhead some of harness racing’s mainstream media. She helped to produce and put together the first harness racing Lip Sync battle and also helped put on a Harness Racing Carpool Karaoke. In 2018, she worked with Mark Weaver and Ron Burke to coordinate the Harness Racing FanZone Foiled Again Farewell tour. She has become a shining star in the industry and understands the racing aspect of the business while bringing out the human aspect of it.

Gina Maybee – Maybee markets the sport of harness racing through the state of Maryland as the horseman’s representative for the Cloverleaf Owners Standardbreds Association. They helped create the “I Want to be a Driver” event, allowing participants the opportunity to sit behind a standardbred in an exhibition race. Maybee also helped build an annual community day, which allows the community to be introduced to harness racing.

Mike Wuebkenberg – Wuebkenberg has tirelessly promoted the sport of harness racing in many ways. He posts each rider's photo on his personal Facebook page, which allows him to engage with new fans daily. At one point during his career, he produced 450 tee-shirts to help promote the sport, taking the cost all to his own with hopes that someone would see the tee-shirt out and about and ask “what’s that all about?” Wuebkenberg looks at every person who rides in the starting gate as an unpaid ambassador for harness racing.

Ryan Clements - Ryan Clements received numerous nominations throughout the process for his creation of the Off And Pacing Mobile App and Catch Driver. Since their inception, Clements and his team have worked tirelessly at making sure they continue to expand the development of their game. It has helped create new fans in the sport of harness racing in a lot of different countries. For Clements, this is his third Post Time with Mike and Mike nomination.

Adriano Sorella - Not only is Sorella one of the sports prominent owners, he is also one of it’s innovators. He employed his “outside of the box’ thinking once again by teaming with Woodbine Mohawk Park on the ‘Jimmy Freight’ Stakes, a \$100,000 event that will feature offspring of the Stakes Champion. Sorella also is fresh off his 12 days of Christmas Facebook giveaway, which attracted thousands of old and new racing fans to his page.

Foiled Again Iron Horse of the Year

Electric Lad – Electric Lad is a 14-year-old pacer who has encompassed just over \$450,000 throughout his career. He has raced for numerous trainers throughout Ohio and Indiana scoring 54 victories in 380 career starts. He set a lifetime mark of 1:51.2 at age nine at Harrah’s Hoosier Park on April 26. At age seven, he amassed yearly earnings of just under \$70,000, his richest season thus far. He currently is owned by Ryan Bellamy of Anderson, Indiana, was sired by Electric Yankee and the foal of Dam Figmental

Dream Fair Van Dam – Dream Fair Van Dam had a slow beginning to his career making just five starts in his two and three-year-old seasons. He made his way through Ontario setting a mark of 1:51.3 at age five while racing at Woodbine Raceway. He is a hard-hitting pacer who has amassed a majority of his money through conditioned events. He is currently owned by Natasha Campbell and Heather Hawkins and is trained by Marc Campbell

Bobjacks Angle A – Bobjacks Angle A began his extensive career at age four after being foaled in Australia. He made just over \$50,000 during a four-year International campaign. He set a lifetime mark at age eleven with a 1:52.1 victory at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono. Owned by Steve Smith and trained by Karen Garland, he has made just over \$225,000 throughout his career. He has hit the board in 17 of 27 starts this year with six victories as a 14-year-old.

Moon Lake – Moon Lake kicked off her career with a short 2-year-old campaign making just under \$5,000 in eight starts, hitting the board three times. Her 3-year-old campaign was one of her most successful, winning just over \$25,000 that season with victories in New York Sire Stakes company. She set a mark of 1:55 at Vernon Downs in 2011 at age five. As her career comes to a close, she currently has 53 victories in 385 starts with just under \$210,000 made. She is owned/trained by Robert Coulter of Ontario.

T Red – T Red started his career at age two, with six victories in 19 starts making just over \$7,000 in 2008. He is currently owned by trainer Henry Gulley and has hit the board in 18 of 42 starts in 2019 while winning seven races and making \$25,427. T Red has raced all through Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana with just under \$480,000 in career earnings. He set a lifetime mark of 1:51.1 at age five at the Indiana State Fair. His highest career earnings came in 2014 where he earned \$41,146.

Larry Rheinheimer Small Stable of the Year, presented by Harrah's Hoosier Park

Tahnee Camillari – Came to the United States from Australia with a small stable of her Australian-bred horses. Before training, she was in school to become a lawyer, she dropped her career to become a horse trainer and it has been full speed ahead ever since. Once coming to the United States she has worked her way up the ladder to win her first Breeders Crown.

Altmeyer Wilder Racing Stable – A family-run operation that focuses on racing at The Meadows Racetrack and Casino. The stable name comes from the marriage of Heather Wilder (Altmeyer) and Mike Wilder. Their stable currently has 13 horses in their stable. Heather runs their social media platforms that continue to promote the sport on a daily basis. Wilder has also become one of the big faces in the sport of harness racing with interviewing appearances at The Breeders Crown and working the Red Carpet at the USHWA Awards banquet in Florida.

Winners Circle Racing – Is a fractional ownership group that provides the total harness racing experience: from the barn to the paddock to the winners' circle. The group was started by Charlie Longo and Matt Zuccarello, both US Trotting Association Driving School graduates. Their mission is to introduce as many people to the sport as possible.

Trevor Williams Stable – Williams began his stable in Canada five years ago, achieving, his 100th win this season in just over 200 starts. This season he only has 45 starts, and he likes to keep his stable small. Williams was born and raised in Winnipeg, is a bank manager by day, and after work he goes to the barn to do the training until late at night. His barn usually consists of one or two young Manitoba bred horses for stakes, and a couple older horses for the Open.

Galliers Racing Stable – Galliers Racing Stable was started by young up and coming star Brady Galliers. Galliers was not born into racing like many horsemen, he has worked hard to become of the top stables in Ohio. He currently has over \$600,000 in career earnings and most recently finished sixth in the training standings at El Dorado Scioto Downs. His stable has a strong social media presence and promotes the sport of harness racing.

Bill Mackenzie Stable – The Bill Mackenzie Stable had a storybook season as Southwind Ozzi returned to the racetrack in July ready to take on some of the top pacers in the country. Following his victory in the Adios at The Meadows, Southwind Ozzi put in an outstanding effort to win the 2019 Little Brown Jug. Mackenzie had his richest season to date in 2019 with over \$1.2 million in earnings and a UTRS of .313.

Sam McKee Race Call of the Year

2019 Gold Cup & Saucer – Vance Cameron

2019 Little Brown Jug – Roger Huston

2019 Dan Patch Free For All Pace (Running Aces) – Darin Gagne

2019 Potomac Pace – Pete Medhurst

2019 Sam McKee Memorial – Ken Warkentin

2019 Lady Liberty Final – Ken Warkentin

Horsewoman of the Year, presented by Southern Oaks Training Center

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Dawnelle Mock – Currently works for the MSOA in Western Pennsylvania as their publicity/marketing director. She has an extensive harness racing background and is an asset in coming up with new innovative ideas to get the younger generation to the racetrack. She gives countless tours on the backstretch and of The Meadows during live racing.

Ashley Holliday – Is currently the outrider at Miami Valley Gaming and Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway. She helps to keep the horses and horsemen safe on the track and is an imperative part of both racing facilities. She has extensive knowledge of horse racing as a whole, and her whole family has been a part of the sport for years.

Brittany Bounds – Bounds is an up and coming trainer racing throughout the mid-Atlantic. She currently has 84 career wins with just under \$500,000 made in her short career. 2018 was her best year to date with just over \$170,000 in earnings.

Amy Hollar – Hollar is the face of the Ohio Harness Horseman's Association at Northfield Park in Ohio. Amy runs a stable with her husband, Calvin and is Brian Brown's sister-in-law. Hollar has been the representative at Northfield for 19 years and can be found promoting the sport of harness racing via her Facebook page.

Nancy Johansson – Johansson took over some of the training duties of her father, Hall of Fame trainer Jimmy Takter in 2019. She sent out the most winners she has ever had in 2019, getting to the winners circle 72 times in 338 starts. She campaigned world-champion Captain Crunch to a powerful victory in the Pepsi North America Cup at Woodbine Mohawk Park in June, led Manchego to a world-record setting performance at Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway, then capped off her season with a powerful Breeders Crown performance by Manchego. In 2019, she picked up just over \$4.5 million in earnings with a UTRS of .350.

Upset of the Year

Home N Dry – 82/1 upset at Dover Downs

Caviart Ally – Upset of Shartin N at Lexington and the Breeders Crown

Forbidden Trade – Upsetting Greenshoe in the 2019 Hambletonian

Weslynn Quest – 16/1 track-record tying upset of the Ohio Sire Stakes on August 16.

April Ava – 55/1 upset in the fourth race at Yonkers Raceway on December 9th

Best In Show – 27/1 upset in the 2019 Meadowlands Pace