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"Around The Tracks"



January 2018

D.S.O.A. Annual Awards Banquet

On Friday evening, January 12, 2018, the Delaware Standardbred Owners Associations, Inc., held its Annual Awards Banquet at the Modern Maturity Center in Dover, Delaware. As in the past this event was well attended by people throughout the Harness Racing Community who turned out to honor both the equine and human stars of the past year. For those who could not attend see the list of award winners below: Please remember these awards are D.S.O.A. Awards and to be eligible to win a D.S.O.A. award you must be a member of D.S.O.A. in good standing.

D.S.O.A. 2016/2017 Dover Downs "Horse of the Meet"

Horse: "Barbara's Shadow"
Owners: Leigh Raymer, Victor Kirby & Brian Hoffecker
Trainer: Leigh Raymer

D.S.O.A. 2016/2017 Dover Downs "Trotter of the Meet"

Horse: "Hollywood Highway"
Owner: Thomas Dillon
Trainer: Doug Lewis

D.S.O.A. 2016/2017 Dover Downs "Claimer of the Meet"

Horse: "Guiltywithanexcuse"
Owners: RBH Ventures, Inc. & Spagnola Racing LLC
Trainer: Jim King, Jr.

D.S.O.A. 2017 Harrington Raceway "Horse of the Meet"

Horse: "Ideal Ice"
Owners: Brian & Carrie Malone
Trainer: Brian Malone

D.S.O.A. 2017 Harrington Raceway "Trotter of the Meet"

Horse: "Wind of the North"
Owners: Daryl S. Bier & Joann Dombeck
Trainer: Jenny Bier

D.S.O.A. 2017 Harrington Raceway "Claimer of the Meet"

Horse: "Lady Beth"
Owners: Lorie Davis & Paul Davis
Trainer: Paul Davis

D.S.O.A. 2017 "James T. Case, Jr. Horizon Award"

Jason Skinner Who's Star is on the Rise.

D.S.O.A. 2017 "Inaugural President's Award"

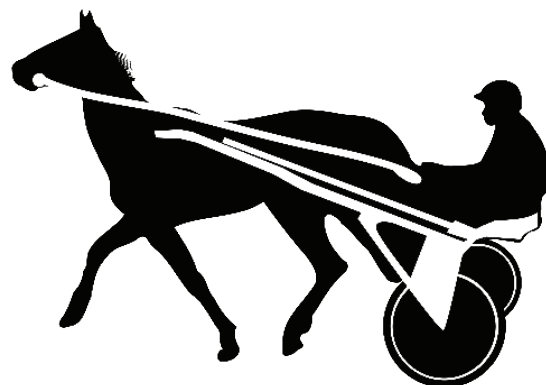
John Carney for his many years of loyal support to the Delaware's Harness Racing Industry.

D.S.O.A. 2017 "Special Appreciation Award"

Leon Carlisle for his work as trackman at Harrington Raceway.

"Post Time" on Youtube

The D.S.O.A. sponsored "Post Time" has its own Youtube channel on the web, making it easy to view the best episodes of "Post Time" whenever you want to. It is easy; just type: [youtube.com/Posttimeshow](https://www.youtube.com/Posttimeshow) into the top viewer box on your computer's toolbar and it will take you directly to the "Post Time" channel on Youtube. You'll never again have to miss those great "Post Time" stories that you love.



Watch the fastest half hour on television. Watch the Award Winning POST TIME with Heather Vitale, Sunday mornings at 11:30AM on WBOC16! Heather interviews the stars and local heroes on the Delmarva Peninsula. (Comcast Cable Channel #2)

D.S.O.A. Scholarship Award Winners

The D.S.O.A. Board of Directors is very happy to announce its 2018 Scholarship Winners. Again we had a very talented pool of applicants. D.S.O.A. wishes all the applicants continued success in their academic careers. The winners were:

Lena Berry	\$1,000.00
Sydney Botsch	\$1,000.00
Camyrn Dennis	\$1,000.00
Morgan Gannon	\$1,000.00
Samantha Stafford	\$1,000.00
Alleigh Townsend	\$1,000.00

William Abbot Scholarship

Brendan Gray	\$1,000.00
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D.S.O.A. Political Action Committee Stallion Auction

D.S.O.A. will once again hold its Annual P.A.C. Stallion Service Auction the week of Monday February 19th to 23rd, 2018. The list of stallions will be posted at the racetrack and in the February D.S.O.A. Newsletter. Bidding will be done on line to make it easier for everyone to bid with the auction closing on Friday, February 24th. See the February newsletter for more information.

2018 Harrington Raceway Schedule

The 2018 Harrington Raceway Schedule has just been finalized. The schedule will consist of 65 racing programs starting April 9, 2018 racing three days a week (**Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday**) through June 27th, Governors Day, July 26th, resuming August 20 & 21st, 27 & 28, then back to three days in September and October, closing on October 24th. The three day schedule was necessary to elongate the racing season to fill in for the changes in the Dover Downs schedule due to NASCAR's race date changes. In effect we will be racing 22 weeks at Harrington with the ability to race up to 45 races if necessary, so in reality this is actually an increase in the number of racing opportunities for Delaware horsemen. More information will be available in future D.S.O.A. Newsletters please look for them.

New Federal Tax Package Good for Horse Racing

The newly passed tax bill contains several provisions that are very beneficial to horse breeders and owners. Besides slashing the corporate tax rate and reducing most individual tax rates the new law includes significant and positive changes to depreciation and expensing of yearlings, breeding stock, farm equipment and other depreciable property, such as:

Bonus Depreciation: Increases from 50% to 100% for both new and used property acquired and put into service after 9/27/2017 and before 1/1/2023. This permits first year full expensing for purchases such as yearlings, breeding stock and farm equipment. The current law is only 50% for depreciation of new property only. The 100% tax rate is good through 2022 after which it reduces by 20% annually until phased out.

Section 179 Distribution: The new law doubles it from \$500,000 to \$1,000.00 for new and used property that may be expensed,

Farm Property: Machinery and equipment used in farming operations will be allowed to accelerate depreciation with a useful life of only 5 years and depreciation using the 200% declining balance method. The current law provides for 7 years and 150% declining balance method.

Eye Disease – Glaucoma

The eye may be the most specialized sensory nerve ending in the horse's body. Embryologically it is the result of the very specialized development of the neuroectoderm of the forebrain. It responds to light in the environment converting it to chemical and electrical signals which are perceived by the brain as images and motion. This highly specialized sensory organ is basically a small water balloon about 2.5-3 inches in diameter, at the end of a bundle of strings, more than a million of them forming the optic nerve. The balloon is divided 1/3 and 2/3rds separated by the iris and the lens. The front third is called the anterior chamber and filled with clear fluid called aqueous humor. The fluid is similar to salt water (saline). It provides the nutritional needs of several intraocular structures. The back 2/3rd is called the posterior chamber and filled with fluid called vitreous humor. This fluid is similar to hyaluronic acid (thick and sticky). The two fluid chambers are responsible for the turgidity of the water balloon or globe, giving it resilience and protecting the iris, lens and retina inside the globe.

Anything that changes the internal pressure of the globe can cause disease. The term for the disease resulting in abnormal increase in intraocular pressure (IOP) is **glaucoma**. The most common cause of the increased internal pressure is a disorder of the aqueous humor outflow tract. The primary disease caused by the increased IOP is pressure on the retinal ganglionic cells (RGC's) that results in the degeneration of the optic nerve and secondary loss of vision. It is estimated that up to 40% of the RGC's must be lost before vision deficits are diagnosed additionally, the increased pressure can result in corneal disease. This may be the first symptom noticed by the caretaker since the color of the visible surface of the eye will change from clear to blue or blue/green or gray or develop blue/green/grey streaks in the surface. The etymology of the word glaucoma from the Greek or Latin translates to blue-green, hence the name for the disease.

There is a system in place in the eye to make fluid, aqueous humor, and remove fluid. This system is in constant flux and is always in balance unless the outflow tract is altered. If the fluid cannot flow out, the pressure increases resulting in retinal, optic nerve and corneal damage. Fluid is produced by a structure called the ciliary body and removed primarily by a filtering process of specialized group of cells and blood vessels called the trabecular meshwork. This meshwork is in front of the iris and behind the cornea (iridocorneal angle, aka, ICA) and functions as a high-tech storm drain, allowing the fluid to flow out of the anterior chamber of the eye maintaining normal IOP.

The causes of glaucoma can be congenital, primary or secondary. Congenital glaucoma is associated with developmental abnormalities in the iridocorneal angle. Congenital glaucoma has been identified in Thoroughbreds, Arabians and Standardbreds. Primary glaucoma may not exist in the horse, but research continues. Equine glaucoma most commonly occurs secondary to some other chronic intraocular inflammation. Equine Recurrent Uveitis (ERU) is the most common predisposing cause of glaucoma in the horse. ERU is most common in Appaloosas. Two studies suggest that 85-91% of all ERU cases end up with glaucoma. Other ocular diseases like trauma and neoplasia can also result in glaucoma. These causes ultimately result in failure of the outflow tract of the aqueous humor from the anterior chamber.

Clinical signs include corneal color and opacity changes; adhesions inside the eye; excess tearing from pain; squinting; noticeably swollen eye (larger than the contralateral eye) called a buphthalmic eye; and blindness. Diagnosis is based on clinical signs and measuring the intra ocular pressure (tonometry) using special instruments. Normal pressure is 15-35 mm Hg.

Treatment can be either medical, surgical or both. Topical medicine applied twice daily can slow the production of aqueous humor allowing time for the out-flow tract to catch up and reduce the IOP. Using lasers or cryo therapy, the ciliary body can be altered to slow the production of aqueous humor. Intra ocular injection of antibiotics or antiviral drugs has been shown to chemically ablate the ciliary body and therefore reduce aqueous humor production. There has been some success with gonioimplants. These are basically one-way valves sutured into the eye allowing the slow leak of aqueous humor out of the eye reducing the IOP.

Caring for your horse's eyes is very important. To the horse, eye function is extremely important to every daily activity. As caretakers of the domestic horse, we have imposed artificial environments upon a creature that responds to stimuli with a "fight or flight" response. Thank goodness congenital glaucoma is uncommon, but, traumatically induced glaucoma can be very common in stalled horses or over-crowded paddocks where confrontation could be common. Although a squinty, runny eye may not be a glaucomatous eye, it could be. There are certainly other things more common in this scenario such as corneal ulcers or obstructed nasal lacrimal ducts, but being aware that glaucoma could be in the mix could prevent total blindness. Remember, up to 40% of the retinal cell may be damaged before visual deficits can be diagnosed. Discuss all eye issues with your veterinarian early in the course of the disease for the best outcome for the eye and the horse.

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2) Equine Ophthalmology, Vet Clinics of North America, Mary Lassaline, DVM, PhD Editor, Equine Glaucoma, December 2017, Vol. 33, Number 3, Pg. 519.

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Race Track Numbers

Harrington Raceway

Main Office 302-398-7223
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Dover Downs Raceway

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