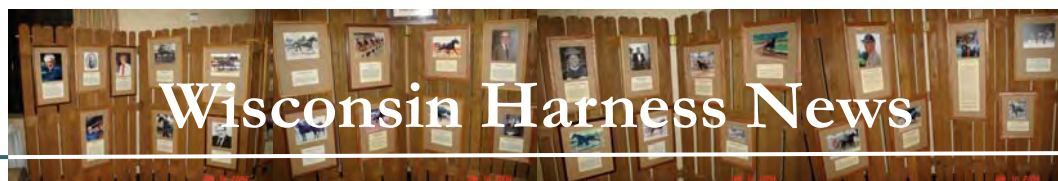




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President's Message



So far, 2009 is sure starting out with a bang! We had one of the (if not the biggest) annual meeting's that the WHHA ever has had!! It was so great to see the awesome turnout. You will find a complete recap later in this issue, but I want to thank everyone who was involved in making it such a huge success. We truly have the best membership of any other racing organization.

I would like to thank Basil Remley and Gary Rath for their tenure on the Board of Directors. We have all benefited from the expertise over the past couple of years and are sad to see them go. On the flip side, I am very excited to welcome Scott Gald and Rick Tittsler to the board as well as retaining Susan Schroeder & Jeanne Marquis. Look for your Board to do some really great things in 2009!

The Midwest Horse Fair is fast approaching and I encourage everyone to attend (and of course lend a helping hand if you're able!) This is always a great promotional event for us.

You will find a list of committee's along with their respective chairperson. We will be calling on the membership to help this year so we can implement all of the great ideas that we had at our first Board of Director's meeting. I truly hope you are able to help out. Contact a committee chair to see how you can help better your organization. Remember, even if you can commit to helping out at just one fair – it is greatly appreciated and helps alleviate some of the pressure put on the board. All help is eagerly welcome!

Alas, it is that time of year where we are out working on the track and getting our noble (and not so noble) steeds ready to go to the races . . . I know I'm ready.

Happy Spring!
-Gabe

Dave Magee is 6th person to get 11,000 wins

March 01, 2009 - by Tom Kelley, Balmoral Park

Hall of Famer Dave Magee became only the sixth driver in harness racing history to record 11,000 driving victories when he guided Capture The Magic to a head decision in the 13th race at Balmoral Park Saturday night (February 28). The always humble 55-year-old, who has been a staple on the Chicago Standard-bred circuit for decades, once again shrugged off his latest record setting accomplishment.



"When I was driving at the Amherst fair in Wisconsin back in the early '70s I never would have dreamed about putting up numbers like this or having a career that would be this successful," said Magee. "It's just by the grace of God and all the people I've worked for and driven for over the years that I'm in this spot."

Magee, who also boasts career earnings of more than \$88.2 million which ranks him 11th all time, joins Herve Filion, Dave Palone, Tony Morgan, Cat Manzi and Walter Case Jr. as the only drivers to hit the 11,000 mark.





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Annual Awards Banquet Recap

2008 Top Ten Trotting Club

<u>Horse</u>	<u>St-1st-2nd-3rd</u>	<u>Owner</u>
Fox Valley Bunn	9-6-3-0, 2:07.3	Gary Magee
Margene's Kim	9-5-3-1, 2:08.1	Jeanne Marquis
Cmebatrotter	9-4-2-1, 2:09.4	Robert & Carol Yohn
Old Green Couch	6-3-3-0, 2:11	Rick Magee
Great Getaway	7-3-1-1, 2:04.3	Van Nelson
Ryan's Victory	9-0-2-7	Rick Davis
Steamin' Rosie	3-3-0-0, 2:09	David Ginter & Milton Zimmerman
Wyoming Fox Trot	7-2-0-2, 2:05.1	Richard Thompson
Super Donut	3-2-0-0, 2:04.3	Susan & Loren Pyle
Master Mirage (Tied)	4-1-1-1, 2:06.3	Abby Bayer
Amidst (Tied)	9-0-1-3	George Conley



Front L to R: Jeanne Marquis, Donna Magee, Gary Magee. Back L to R: Dick Thompson, Rick Davis, Dave Ginter, Kevin Magee, Abby Bayer, Rachel Yohn



Front L to R: Del Insko (accepting for Dennis Johnson), Russ Gald, Brian McMahon. Back L to R: Rick Davis, Jim Springer, Myron Kauppi (accepting for McIntyres) Gary Magee, Mark Prevost (accepting for Wayne Weaver.)

2008 Top Ten Pacing Club

<u>Horse</u>	<u>St-1st-2nd-3rd</u>	<u>Owner</u>
Fox Valley Windy	9-5-1-1, 2:04.1	Brian McMahon
Audrey's Queen	10-2-6-2, 2:05.3	Brian McMahon
Dancer's Shiann	9-2-4-3, 2:05.3	Rick Davis
Marginal Victory	8-3-3-0, 2:08.2	Wayne Weaver
Apatchy Frost	6-4-0-2, 2:05.2	James Springer
Shezasilverlady	5-4-0-0, 2:07.4	Russ Gald/Danny Clark
Suchamuch	7-1-5-1, 2:10.2	Gary Magee
Macamac	4-4-0-0, 2:03.1	Dennis Johnson
Saluki Fortune	4-4-0-0, 2:04	G.V. Hering & Sandra Johnson
The Apostle	4-4-0-0, 2:05.3	Jerry, Dan & Bill McIntyre

2008 Top Ten Driving Club

<u>Driver</u>	<u>St-1st-2nd-3rd</u>	<u>UDRS</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Gary Rath	35-8-16-7	.549	Genoa, IL
Ben Gald	30-12-7-6	.596	Richland Center, WI
Gary Magee	20-7-10-2	.661	Shawano, WI
Austin DeLong	27-4-9-7	.420	Clinton, WI
Robert Grismore	20-8-2-4	.522	Freeport, IL
Jay Garrels	19-8-4-4	.608	Clinton, WI
Robert Yohn	20-6-8-3	.572	Columbus, WI
Ron Van de Rostyne	17-7-2-5	.575	Moline, IL
Rick Davis	22-2-7-10	.419	Marshfield, WI
Rick Magee	15-4-6-1	.511	Clintonville, WI



Front L to R: Eric DeLong (accepting for Austin DeLong & Jay Garrels), Ben Gald. Back L to R: Rick Magee, Bob Yohn, Rick Davis, Robert Grismore, Gary Magee, Gary Rath

Annual Awards Banquet Recap

2008 Fastest Marks of the Season

2 YO Filly Pacer	Fox Valley Windy	2:04.1	Weyauwega
2 YO Colt Pacer	Amazing Arnie	2:06.4	Elkhorn
2 YO Filly Trotter	Bit O Yankee	2:19.3	Elkhorn
3 YO Filly Pacer	Southwind Pica	2:04.1	Elkhorn
3 YO Colt Pacer	Wes Mantooth	2:03.1	Elkhorn
	Macamac		
3 YO Filly Trotter	Steamin' Rosie	2:09	Mineral Point
Aged Mare Pacer	No Better Place	2:01.4	Elkhorn
Aged Gelding Pacer	Whata Terror	2:00	Rice Lake
Aged Mare Trotter	Margene's Kim	2:08.1	Elkhorn
Aged Gelding Trotter	Great Getaway	2:04.3	Rice Lake
	Super Donut		Elkhorn

2008 Jay Eye See Traveling Trophy (Tie)

Great Getaway	2:04.3	Super Donut	2:04.3
Owner/Trainer:	Van Nelson	Owners:	Susan & Loren Pyle
Driver:	Jay Garrels	Trainer:	Bob McCabe
	Rice Lake	Driver:	Robert Grismore
			Elkhorn

2008 Golden Miss Traveling Trophy

Super Donut 2:00
 Owner: Banks Standardbreds
 Trainer: Mitch Banks
 Driver: Jay Garrels
 Rice Lake

2008 Horseman of the Year - Del Insko -



Del Insko pictured with Gabe Wand at the Awards Banquet

Racing Hall of Fame member, Del has demonstrated that his skills are second to none. "Toothpick" can drive with the best of them, dominating tracks all over the country since the 1940's and piloting over 4,700 winners in his career and bankrolling over \$29 million. Doubling as a driver/trainer, Del has shown his versatility and ability to master this combination.

Delmer's success and abilities are not limited to on the track performances. He continues to run his own private racing stable and breeding operation caring for broodmares during their foaling adventures. Located just spitting distance from the Wisconsin state line, the Insko Training Center has been home to numerous Wisconsin based horses and families.

Del Insko is one of the true horsemen not only that competes in Wisconsin, but in the entire racing world. Over the years, he has displayed the true horsemanship that all of us wish we could acquire. He is very willing to share this knowledge to better the industry that he loves. Del is a class act man who is a true horseman through and through.

2008 James Laird Memorial Award for Excellence - Robert Yohn -



Phil Krogman presents Robert Yohn with James Laird Memorial Award For Excellence

Robert Yohn has been a staple to the Wisconsin community all of his life. Being an apprentice of Hall of Famer Del Miller, and his father, Dick Yohn, Bob is continuing to enjoy a long and successful racing career which spans more than thirty years. During this time, Bob has been an owner, trainer, driver and breeder of numerous horses. He has trained and sometimes driven Illinois stakes winners while staying firmly planted on the Columbus, Wisconsin homestead.

Mr. Yohn has numerous Wisconsin awards under his belt which include top ten pacers and trotters almost every year. He has also earned himself among the top ten drivers in the State of Wisconsin over the past few decades and was named Driver of the Year in 2004.

Off the track, Bob has given his all to serve the racing industry. He has always taken an active role in promoting Wisconsin harness racing and was a major factor in the racing that used to take place in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. He is also currently serving the United States Trotting Association as the representative from District 4B.

Hall of Fame Inductees

- HORSE CATEGORY - CRAFTY SAILOR



Horse with the Iron Legs, Ancient Mariner, Cranky Sailor are but a few of the phrases that have been used to describe one of harness racing's unique race horses. Crafty Sailor is owned by David Carter, Eau Claire, Wisconsin and the pair have been a dynamic duo all throughout their careers. Crafty Sailor retired at the end of 2007 at the tender age of 14, but not before leaving his mark all over the United States. He has a racing career spanning 11 years and comprised of 330 starts and bankrolling over \$130,000. His 107 wins makes Crafty a member of the elite "Century Club."

Crafty Sailor's accomplishments include setting numerous track records throughout Wisconsin, Iowa, and Minnesota—many of which stand to this day. He has been a top ten trotter in the State of Wisconsin for 9 years, triumphing as Trotter of the Years in 5 of those years. Crafty along with owner/trainer/driver Dave Carter, were awarded the prestigious James Laird Memorial Award For Excellence in 2004. He has campaigned on the Amateur Billings circuit for many years which has helped him be the subject of two articles published in Hoof Beats.

Crafty Sailor has been a great ambassador for harness racing throughout Wisconsin and this country. He has been a popular race horse wherever he races and his appearance on the track always excites fans wherever he races.

- LIVING CATEGORY - RICHARD & JOANNE GILBERTSON



Husband and wife combination Richard and Joanne Gilbertson have been a true asset to Wisconsin harness racing for decades. Not only have they been avid fans their entire lives, but they have given their lives to making racing special for everyone else involved.

For years one could see Richard up in the grandstand one minute, and then hiding behind a telephone post so as not to spook the horses the next, and yet get some wonderful action shots of the races.

Joanne is the perfect compliment to Richard and his photography. She spends each race in grandstand, with video camera on her shoulder filming each and every race. Not only does she have archives of race videos in Wisconsin, but ventures to Minnesota, Michigan and Illinois as well. It is because of these videos that each horseman is able to remember their races and even settle some disputes about what "really" happened.

Richard and Joanne act as Wisconsin Harness Racing Historians through their archives of videos and photographs. Dating over four decades, they have information on everyone and every horse that has raced in this great state. They aid the Wisconsin Harness Horse Association in their point accumulation for year end awards, provide the majority of the videos and photographs for year end awards and slideshows, and maintain record books of memberships, memorials of our fallen horsemen, etc.

- FAMILY CATEGORY - THE DELONG FAMILY



Brothers William "Bill" DeLong and Del DeLong began the legacy back in the 1950's when Bill switched his love of five gaited horses to the love of Standardbreds. Bill enjoyed great success over the years — especially at the trotting gait. Del took an even more active role in harness racing as an owner, trainer, driver, WHHA Board member and District Director for the USTA.

The second generation of this family came as William's children Sally (DeLong) Amundson, Jesse "Jay" (Mary) DeLong, and William C. "Bo" (Vicki) DeLong took the reins of the operation. Bill's other children who also dressed in silks were Ray, Charles, and Peggy.

Bo began his driving career in the 1960's to be shortly followed by his brother Jay. These two men headed a powerful stable and continue to dominate racing in the Midwest today. Sally, along with her late husband Tom took active roles in the breeding, training and racing of harness horses and she continues to do so today also.

The third generation is just beginning, but is definitely leaving their mark so far through Jay and Mary's sons, John and Austin DeLong and Bo and Vicki's sons, William P. "Patrick" and Chris DeLong. Be assured there are younger third generation DeLong's in training to race as soon as possible.

The DeLong Family is a tight-knit family whose love for harness racing is instilled deep into their family roots. To show their family togetherness, they even conducted a matinee race in Mineral Point, WI called "The DeLong Pace." There were four entrants — all third generation DeLong children. With almost all four hitting the wire together, it proves that drive and competitiveness of the DeLong Family is here to stay.

Annual Awards Banquet Recap—2008 Service Awards

L to R: Sadie Gunnink presenting award to Diane Kleinstein, Gabe Wand presenting award to Nellie Suppanz, Rick Davis presenting award to the Richland County Horsemen, accepted by Russ Gald, Ben Gald, and Scott Gald. Deanne Reuter (Not Pictured) was also recognized for a service award at the banquet.



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<u>Bo DeLong Stable, Clinton, WI</u>							
Voomerang	2	B	G	Cole Muffler	Vavoom Hanover	Camluck	Bo & Pat DeLong
Hood River	3	RN	C	Cole Muffler	Broadway Siren	Broadway Express	Bo & Pat DeLong
Maui Mel	3	B	C	Cole Muffler	Fee Femme Final	Incredible Finale	Bo & Pat DeLong
Steep and Deep	3	B	C	Sportsmaster	Duncan's Sister	Cole Muffler	Bo & Pat DeLong
Crazy Donny	2	B	G	Cole Muffler	Political Promise	Jate Lobell	Bo & Pat DeLong
Hope For Tomorrow	2	B	F	Broadway Express	Fee Femme Final	Incredible Finale	Bo & Pat DeLong
Runway Project	2	B	F	Cole Muffler	Broadway Crea- tion	Broadway Express	Bo DeLong
The Final Bell	2	B	G	Incredible Finale	Armbro Ring	Dexter Nukes	Bo DeLong
Johnny YU	2	B	G	Cole Muffler	Cold Fusion	Samahi	Bo & Pat DeLong
<u>Carey Stable, Mineral Point, WI</u>							
Mr. Prince	3	B	G	Richess Hanover	Fox Valley Estella	Sportsmaster	Greg & Danny Carey
In Over My Head	3	B	G	I'm A Fool	Blue For You	No Nukes	Greg Carey, Shawn Swenson & John Butenschoen
<u>C&D Stable, Mineral Point, WI</u>							
Joy of the Sport	9	B	G	Sportsmaster	Tyler's Joy	Tyler B	Scott & Aric Douglas, Francis Con- sidine, Todd Hill
Master of the Jeans	3	B	G	Sportsmaster	Ima Jean Hanover	Cam's Card Shark	Scott & Aric Douglas, Francis Con- sidine
Jerry Jeff	3	B	G	Ideal Towne	Hollys Rosebud	Holly Terror	Scott & Aric Douglas, Francis Con- sidine
Fox Valley Sensei	2	B	G	Incredible Finale	Susan My Love	Sportsmaster	Scott & Aric Douglas, Francis Con- sidine
Sues Blue Jeans	3	B	G	Hot Pans	Miss Blue Sue	Accacallis	Robert Larky
Sues Blue Pants	2	B	G	Hot Pans	Miss Blue Sue	Accacallis	Robert Larky
<u>Douglas Stable, Mineral Point, WI</u>							
Lively Man	3	B	C	Hooklikemymom	Sugary	Sierra Kosmos	Butch Douglas & Anne Bates
Who	5	B	G	Sportsmaster	Cache of Rubies	The Denman	Tom Lawinger
<u>Falvey / Barnes Stable, Elkhorn, WI</u>							
Bon Eire's Squire	11	B	G	Cole Muffler	Paradise City	No Nukes	Kyle Falvey & Joe Barnes
<u>Epp Stable, Rice Lake, WI</u>							
WW Win	3	B	G	I Win	Eleanor Rosaval	Presidential Ball	Joan Swanson & Bud Epp
<u>Gald Stable, Richland Center, WI</u>							
Margene's Kim	5	B	F	Wilson Wyoming	Martown Madeline	Town Escort	Jeanne Marquis
Wilamar Valley	3	B	C	Valley Victor	Martown Madeline	Town Escort	Jeanne Marquis
Tonights Best Bet	3	B	F	Us and Them	Deadline	Nero	Don Laufenberg
Incredible Camper	2	B	G	Incredible Finale	Unhappy Camper	Sportsmaster	Don Laufenberg
Rhythm N Bruz	3	B	F	Northern Luck	Bruzzano N	New York Motor- ing	Jim Springer
Fiesta Camcun	3	B	F	Cammotion	Perfect Catch	Kentucky Spur	Jim Springer
Barus Sheezapache	3	Br	F	Ft. Apache Hano- ver	Adelita Rose	Broadway Express	Russ Gald & Russ Shannon

2009 In-Training Report (Cont.)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>C.</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Dam</u>	<u>Sire of Dam</u>	<u>Owner</u>
<u>Gary Magee Stable, Shawano, WI</u>							
Fox Valley Bunns	6	B	G	International Chip	Speedy Fanny	Florida Pro	Gary Magee
Tu Easter Lane	2	B	G	Tu Lane	Easter Stacy	Sportsmaster	Gary Magee
Just Win It	3	B	F	Ideal Towne	Easter Stacy	Sportsmaster	Del & Diane Schmeichel
<u>Grismore Stable, Freeport, IL</u>							
Blue Jewels	2	B	F	Richess Hanover	Fox Valley Bid On Me	Sportsmaster	Robert Grismore
<u>Gunnink Stable, Elkhorn, WI</u>							
Mamtrix	5	B	M	Sportsmaster	Sworn To Be Best	Cambest	Sadie Gunnink
<u>McMahon Stable, Franksville, WI</u>							
Audrey's Queen	7	B	M	Kingston	Pretty Audrey	Sportsmaster	Brian McMahon
Fox Valley Windy	3	B	F	Incredible Finale	Ms Chi Town	Armbro Wolf	Brian McMahon
<u>Rick Magee Stable, Shawano, WI</u>							
Gracefully Yours	9	B	M	Falcon Seelster	Beach Lover	Beach Towel	Alexia Kehl
Dirt Merchant	3	Blk	G	Pacific Missile	Tasha Puddin	Baler	Alexia Kehl
Shhhazam	3	Br	F	Ft Apache Hano-ver	Ssssh	Cam Fella	Kevin Magee
Charisma Hotspur	4	RN	G	Sportsmaster	Broadway Charisma	Broadway Express	Kevin Magee
My Way Mack	4	B	M	Raycer Thad	Emma Lee Mack	Armbro Mackintosh	Justin Anfinson
Old Green Couch	7	B	M	Action Factor	J T Martha	Hastings Lobell	Rick Magee
Finn Jet	5	Br	G	Life Sign	Napa Valley	Most Happy Fella	Kevin Magee
Shark Bait	4	B	G	Shark Kosmos	Keystone Coleen	Giant Victory	Rick & Kevin Magee
Shafer House	2	B	F	Pacific Missile	Camden Flora	Troublemaker	Kevin Magee
Yankee Morning	2	B	F	Relentless Yankee	Carolina's Dream	Cambest	Kevin Magee
Gawn By Dawn	3	B	F	Relentless Yankee	Carolina's Dream	Cambest	Larry & Nancy Jenson
Zip Ping	3	B	F	Hot Tomato	Always Something	Ideal Society	Rick & Kevin Magee
Time Cruiser	3	B	F	Action Factor	Lady Rolex	Valleymeister	Rick & Kevin Magee
I Win Jeans	2	B	H	I Win	Miss Tight Jeans	Abercrombie	Leon Horst
Hot Laps	5	B	G	Hot Pans	Carolina's Dream	Cambest	Nancy Jenson
Slurpees Best	2	B	F	Cambest	Slurpee	Abercrombie	Jamie Benge
Jagmeister N	10	B	G	Jaguar Spur	Whatz Left	New York Motor-ing	Kevin Magee
Bouncy Betty	4	B	M	Sealed N Delivered	Christine Plumsted	Cam's Card Shark	Justin Anfinson
<u>Schmit Stable, Mineral Point, WI</u>							
Ascot Courage	3	B	F	Cole Muffler	Ascot Hanover	Nihilator	Gary Schmit, Gordy Whitish, Butch Bockhop
<u>Schroeder Stable, Elkhorn, WI</u>							
Starry Night Star	8	B	G	Van Gogh	Certainly Divine	Of Course	Susan Schroeder & Vern Devine
Agency Discount	3	B	F	Revenue S	Palcb	Donerail	Market Share Stable

2009 In-Training Report (Cont.)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>C.</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Dam</u>	<u>Sire of Dam</u>	<u>Owner</u>
<u>Strand/Whitney Stable, Menomonie, WI</u>							
Joe Momma	6	B	G	Jeffrey's Pet	HH Ballet	Distant Thunder	Patty Strand
Git R Done Renny	4	B	G	Ft Apache Hano-ver	HH Ballet	Distant Thunder	Patty Strand
<u>Wand Stable, Shullsburg, WI</u>							
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Kiss Me For Luck	3	B	F	On The Attack	Kiss Me Sam	Nobleland Sam	Gabe & Bob Wand
<u>Yohn Stable, Columbus, WI</u>							
Prairie Gigi	2	RN	F	Broadway Express	Haylatross	Albatross	Robert Yohn & Phil Krogman
Sporty Brenlin	2	B	G	Sportsmaster	Loveable Esther	On The Road Again	Bruce & Nikki Rundle
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Industry News

Running Aces Harness Park Announces 2009 Racing Secretary & Announcer

February 19, 2009 - by Robin Stinnett, Running Aces Harness Park Press Release

Columbus, Minn. - Running Aces Harness Park is proud to announce Rod Newhart as the Racing Secretary and Peter Galassi as the track announcer for the 2009 live meet.

Newhart returns to Running Aces for his second season in the racing office. He was the Assistant Racing Secretary and Paddock Judge for the 2008 meet. "I'm excited to build on the success of our inaugural season and look forward to a strong 2009 race meet," said Newhart.

Race fans may recognize Galassi as the voice of Hawthorne Race Course and will conduct his first season as the announcer for Running Aces.

"Running Aces is privileged to have two experienced additions to our team. Both Rod and Peter bring their knowledge and enthusiasm of the industry to race fans here in Minnesota, and throughout the country in our broadcasts," stated General Manager Robert Farinella.

Running Aces Harness Park will host live racing May 15 through August 9, 2009 with 51 race days. Post times will occur at 7:00 pm on Friday, Saturday and Tuesday and 4:00 pm on Sunday. Stall applications are now available on-line at www.runningacesharness.com.

The only professional harness park in Minnesota, Running Aces Harness Park features a 5/8 mile, state of the art oval track with

indoor and outdoor seating, four stables with 300 stalls, and seasonal live racing. In addition to live racing, Running Aces features a card room open 24 hours a day with 50 tables including blackjack, poker and casino games, a full service dining and lounge, simulcast wagering on thoroughbred and harness tracks from around the country from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm year-round.

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Stall Applications Now Available for Running Aces Harness Park

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Industry News

CEM: Kentucky Puts Restrictions on Wisconsin Stallions

February 26, 2009, by Erin Ryder, TheHorse.com News Editor, Article # 13687

Kentucky veterinary officials are now requiring that stallions coming from Wisconsin be tested for contagious equine metritis (CEM) prior to entering the state. The order, issued today by State Veterinarian Robert C. Stout, DVM, stems from Kentucky's investigation into cases of CEM, which were first discovered in the state in December. This is the first official interstate movement restriction to result from the nationwide investigation, which includes 614 horses in 45 states.

Investigators in Kentucky have concluded that a Paint stallion was infected with the causative organism when he came to the state from Wisconsin in 2008. Today's order was issued to minimize the opportunity for the organism to be reintroduced into Kentucky while the investigation in Wisconsin continues. Currently, there are three CEM-positive stallions in Wisconsin and four in Kentucky.

With testing and treatment of Kentucky horses well under way, the state veterinarian's office expects Kentucky to again be free of CEM in the coming weeks.

Rusty Ford, equine programs manager in the Kentucky State Veterinarian's office, classified

the move as precautionary. "As the epidemiology in Wisconsin matures, and we're better able to identify associated risks, we will be happy to review our entry requirements for stallions coming into the state from Wisconsin," Ford said. "We certainly commend (Wisconsin State Veterinarian) Dr. Ehlenfeldt and his staff for the enormous amount of work put forth to this point in their investigation. We are continuing to work closely with them, as well as other states involved in the investigation, as it relates to Kentucky."

Under the order, swabs taken from a Wisconsin stallion must be tested by culture in an approved CEM laboratory and reported negative for the organism during the 28 days preceding entry into Kentucky. The attending veterinarian must make a certification statement verifying that the stallion was not bred, nor was semen collected from the stallion, after the sample was collected.

The current CEM outbreak investigation began in December 2008, when a Quarter Horse stallion in Kentucky tested positive for the causative bacterium, *Taylorella equigenitalis*, during routine testing prior to shipping semen to the European Union.

As of Feb. 17, a total of 11 stallions and three mares were confirmed infected in the United States. Three of the stallions are located in Indiana, four are in Kentucky, one is in Texas, and three are in Wisconsin. One mare is in Wisconsin, one is in Illinois, and one is in California.

As of Feb. 25, the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service reported it had located 614 horses in 45 states affected by outbreak either by positive testing or exposure to a positive horse. There were 84 exposed or positive stallions in 16 states and 530 exposed or positive mares in 44 states. Another nine exposed horses--eight mares and one stallion--were still actively being traced. All positive horses, and all exposed horses that have been located, are currently under quarantine or hold order.

CEM can be treated effectively with a wide range of disinfectants and antibiotics. Strict hygiene should be observed after contact with horses that test positive for *Taylorella equigenitalis*. CEM is not known to be transmissible to humans.

General Interest

Questions to Ask Before Breeding a Mare

February 02, 2009 - by Nancy S. Loving, DVM, TheHorse.com Article #13555

Thinking of breeding your mare this spring? The recent outbreak of contagious equine metritis (CEM, which is caused by bacterium *Taylorella equigenitalis*) in the United States and the previous outbreak of equine viral arteritis (EVA) have underscored the importance of doing your homework when lining up a stallion. While not all diseases are avoidable without intensive testing, there are questions you might ask prior to contracting to breed your mare by either live cover or artificial insemination (AI).

Liz Scott, DVM, of Idaho Equine Hospital in Nampa, Idaho, has a special interest in equine reproductive medicine. She suggested a number of questions to pose to the owner of a prospective stallion for your mare:

- Was the stallion tested initially for EVA and then vaccinated yearly? If not, then you might request that the horse be tested and then vaccinated.
- Is the stallion a new import into the United States, and if so, what is his CEM status? Has the stallion been re-tested following the import quarantine?
- Has the stallion been fertility tested, and what were the results?

Typically this is done yearly to check semen quality, quantity, and motility.

- How well does the semen ship, and do motility percentages persist with transport?
- How well does the stallion's semen freeze and sustain fertility upon thawing?
- What percentage of mares does he get in foal when bred in-house and how does this compare with percentage conception of shipped semen?
- Has the stallion been used exclusively for AI breeding, or does he also do live cover? With live cover or AI with improper hygiene practices, the stallion is at risk of contracting venereal diseases, like CEM and EVA, as well as being infected with *Pseudomonas sp.*, *Klebsiella sp.*, and other bacterial pathogens.
- Have any breeding horses on the premises been identified with a venereal disease, and if so, when and how was this resolved?

Scott emphasized the value of working with an experienced reproductive veterinarian who can guide you through the process of preparing your mare for breeding and consult about specific concerns to address to the stallion farm before finalizing a breeding contract.

General Interest

When the Chips Are Down

October 01, 2006 - by Chad Mendell, TheHorse.com Managing Editor, Article #7678

In the case of bone chips, sometimes bigger is better. In a study performed in 2006, researchers from the University of Pennsylvania's New Bolton Center theorized that bone chip characteristics in a horse's knees were an indicator of the severity of the horse's injury. They were right.

Liberty Getman, DVM, a surgical resident at the university, and her colleagues examined data from 31 Thoroughbred racehorses with palmar carpal (knee) osteochondral fragments. They found the size of the fragments can be used to predict the severity of joint damage, and the horse's prognosis.

These injuries usually occur when a horse's knee is overloaded or is twisted in an unusual direction (possibly caused by improper shoeing, poor limb conformation, and/or uneven footing).

"There is considerable hope that the Polytrack surfaces may decrease the prevalence of chip fractures in racehorses," Getman said.

According to Getman, immediate ramifications of bone chips are lameness, swelling, and pain. "If these fragments are left in the joint (not removed arthroscopically), the horse is at greater risk for developing arthritis in the joint over time, leading to decreased performance and continued lameness," she explained.

Researchers found multiple chips in 58% of the study horses, and half (52%) of those were smaller fragments (less than 3 mm in diameter).

The researchers noted, "Overall, 51.6% of the horses in the present study returned to racing (at least one start), and 48% earned money after surgery. Interestingly, the researchers noted that horses with multiple small bone fragments were less likely to successfully return to racing than horses with one or two large fragments.

Getman said, "It is most likely that the smaller chips originated from larger chips that were crushed into smaller pieces. This crushing of the larger chips and the movement of the multiple pieces through the joint resulted in more severe damage to the rest of the joint surfaces. Less damage occurred throughout the joint if the larger fragments were in locations that did not result in their being crushed. The larger chips only caused a problem in the specific location from which they arose."

The researchers also noted, "Horses in which palmar fragments were removed had more starts and higher earnings after the surgery than those in which fragments were not removed."

However, they were unable to distinguish if the improved prognosis was related to the removal of the chips or the size of the chips (surgeons were more apt to remove larger fragments than the smaller fragments).

Researchers for the study published in the May 15 issue of the *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association* included Getman, Louise Southwood, BVSc, PhD, Dipl. ACVS, and Dean Richardson, DVM, Dipl. ACVS.

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3yr old **Ideal Towne** won the \$300,000 **Berrys Creek** in 1:52 flat. He won the elimination of the **Cardinal** in 1:51.4 and earned \$258,812

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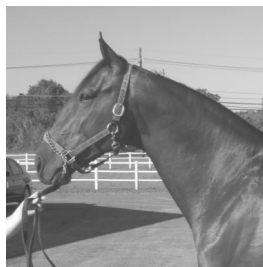
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He won (1:56.0) the \$50,000 **Illinois State Fair Final** for 3 yr old colts, coming from 6th at the top of the stretch, posting a :28 flat final quarter and defeating 2007 Horse of the Year, **Before He Cheats**

Thundercrack won the \$51,500 **Gumcorner Lad** despite being parked to the half, still posting a :28.3 flat final quarter

This impressive son of Valley Victor was just starting to realize his potential when he was injured on **Super Night**. In just a handful of starts, he won a pair of \$50K races, cutting one and coming from behind in the other.

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February Board Meeting Recap

The Board of Directors had their first board meeting of the New Year on February 7th in Dane, Wisconsin. All board members were present with the exception of Rick Magee who was racing in New York.

One of the purposes of this board meeting was the annual re-organization. After discussion, officers were re-elected and unchanged and Committee chair people were as follows:

President – Gabe Wand
Vice President – Rick Davis
Secretary – Jeanne Marquis
Treasurer – Susan Schroeder

Committee Responsibilities:

Annual Meeting - Gabe Wand
Fund Raising - Becky Swinehart
Insurance - Rick Davis
Legislative - Rick Tittsler
Membership - Jeanne Marquis
Newsletter - Sadie Gunnink
Promotion/Publicity - Sadie Gunnink & Rick Tittsler
Racing - Gabe Wand
Gate - Rick Davis/Tom Puetz
Wisconsin Harness Racing Hall of Fame - Susan Schroeder will liaison with Wisconsin Hall of Fame

A synopsis of each committee discussion is as follows:

Annual Meeting - Discussed all the good and bad things from the weekend's festivities. Overall, we had near record (if not a record) turnout for the banquet/awards. We will continue to look at other opportunities, but will most likely rebook with the same location.

Fund Raising – Both the silent and live auction proved to be very profitable this year. For the upcoming season, we will again try to do a calendar raffle as well as raffle a pedal horse at the Midwest Horse Fair. A big thank you to Barb Smith and Mary Puetz for stepping up and offering to take the helm of the logowear this year.

Insurance - Discussion about offering to co-pay race day insurance for all fairs was tabled until the March 29th meeting.

Legislative - No news but will continue to pursue as needed.

Membership - Reminder post cards will be sent.

Newsletter / Website - Format will include 4 issues per year. Thoughts on ways to add to the condition book were solicited and noted.

Promotion / Publicity - Midwest Horse Fair is coming up and as always are looking for volunteers to help out for the weekend. We talked about various ideas to use for applying for a USTA Grant as we have the past two seasons.

The need for extra promotion was stressed and we need to make a very hard effort to do things such as on track interviews with drivers, trainers, and owners. Looked to tie into a theme this year of "The Glory Days of Summer" and will discuss further at the next meeting.

There is going to be a major motion picture released this year entitled "Shannon's Rainbow" which is the story of the triumphant return of a Standardbred to the races. We will look to tie this into our promotions wherever possible.

The treatment of animals and whipping was a hot topic as there have been recent documentaries about horse racing on Animal Planet. We discussed the need for publicity control and what we can do to better relay to our audience what is going on. Whipping is a hot topic on the national scale. This was tabled until the March meeting where the board will take a stand on the subject after soliciting ideas from the membership.

We will prepare an emergency control packet in case of an on-track accident to better inform our fans as to what is going on.

Racing - Race dates have been confirmed. The WHHA will co-sponsor two race meets in Elkhorn this year. The second meet at Weyauwega has been canceled due to lack of funding from the Weyauwega Arts group. We will look into other venues such as Neillsville for future opportunities.

Starting Gate – Rick Davis & Tom Puetz will take care of spring maintenance.

Wisconsin Harness Racing Hall of Fame – New members will be invited to the March meeting for their introduction to the committee.

Our next meeting will be held March 29, 2009 at 10:30am at the Columbus Senior Center at 125 N. Dickason Blvd, Columbus, Wisconsin.



Whipping Rules

Fellow Horse Enthusiasts-

As many of you have already heard, the issue concerning the use of the whip has been a hot topic the past two years and this year has been taken to a new level on the national scale. There has been great debate throughout the country by some of the most respected drivers/trainers/owners/breeders. At the USTA Conference last month, rule changes banning / limiting the use of whips was voted down. However, steeper penalties were passed and will take effect May 1, 2009.

Whipping is a very sensitive subject and even though we just race at the county fairs, we can no longer ignore it. Animal rights groups are popping up all over and organizations such as PETA are hot on the tails of harness racing all over the country. The industry as a whole needs to take action (and are beginning to do so). The State of Kentucky and Pompano Park have already limited the use of the whip and banned all one handed whipping.

The Board of Directors along with USTA District Representative Robert Yohn feel that we need to take a proactive approach and set a precedent here in Wisconsin. I am not saying that we have a major problem in this state; however, this issue is only going to get bigger and bigger every year, and we can no longer ignore it. We will be discussing this topic and taking action at our next board meeting on March 29, 2009. We welcome and encourage your comments, concerns, IDEAS, etc on how to make the best decision for Wisconsin racing. Please feel free to call or E-mail anyone (or all) of the Board of Directors your thoughts and they will be carefully considered and shared at our next board meeting. Also, the membership will have an opportunity to address the board at the next meeting if some would like to attend and advise the board on options. Ultimately, the Board will take some type of action on this topic.

I have outlined below what the current rules are and what the penalties will be effective May 1, 2009.

Rule 18, Section 9

Drivers will be allowed whips not to exceed 4 feet, plus a snapper not longer than 6 inches. Provided further that the following actions shall be considered excessive or indiscriminate use of the whip:

Causing visible injury

Whipping a horse after a race.

Whipping under the arch or shafts of the sulky.

The use of the whip shall be confined to an area above and between the sulky shafts, to include the sulky shafts and the outside of the wheel discs. Drivers shall keep a line in each hand from the start of the race until the head of the stretch finishing the race. . . . At all other meetings, the Judges shall have the authority to order and/or conduct such visual inspections at their discretion.

Rule 18, Section 11 (as of May 1, 2009) (Paraphrased)

The brutal use of a whip or crop or excessive or indiscriminate use of the whip or crop shall be considered a violation and shall be punished by a fine and/or suspension. At the county fairs, the first offense will draw a seven day suspension and \$200 fine, and the second and third offenses will be met with 15 days and \$500 and 30 days and \$1,000 respectively. A fourth offense will result in license revocation.

Please look it over and let the board know your thoughts. The next meeting will be held on March 29, 2009 in Columbus, WI at the Senior Citizens Center (125 N. Dickason Blvd). This topic is slated for 1:00 pm. We will begin by hearing from any member who wishes to address the board followed by board discussion and action.

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