

# MQHRA NEWSLETTER

MINNESOTA QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION

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## President's Report

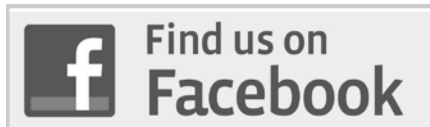
By Kelvin Childers

Let me welcome you to the 2015 season of live racing at Canterbury Park. We are looking forward to a full Quarter Horse barn area with many returning trainers with a few new faces or at least some we have not seen in a few years. With record purse levels available we hope to increase our number of horses per race which will result in higher purses to follow. All purse levels have increased with the largest being the increase in trial purses for the futurities and derbies going up from \$5,000 to \$7500. Overall we have a projection of paying out over \$1.25 million in 110 races.

As your AQHA affiliate representative organization, we will continue to try and keep you up-to-date on AQHA's policies and programs. The Executive Committee has just announced that the fines and penalties for positive drug tests for detection of Clenbuterol will be the same in both race and show industries. Those fines and penalties begin May 1, 2015, for racing and November 1, 2015, for the show industry. The first offense of a positive Clenbuterol test in either a racehorse or show horse is a \$5,000 fine and 180-day suspension of the responsible party. The second offense carries a \$7,500 fine and a one-year suspension of the responsible party. The third offense results in a five-year suspension of the responsible party.

Along with AQHA regulations the Minnesota Racing Commission continues to update their regulations as well. There are currently several different rule packets progressing through the system for possible changes; these can be best followed at [www.mrc.state.mn.us](http://www.mrc.state.mn.us). (Continued on Page 2) ☺

Look for us on the Internet



Our Facebook page name is:  
Minnesota Quarter Horse Racing  
Association

[www.mqhra.com](http://www.mqhra.com)

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## 2015 Quarter Horse Trainer Recognition

### TRAINER OF THE WEEK

- Recipient will be selected by MQHRA Committee
- Trainer of the Week includes:
  - A gift certificate to Ruby Tuesday restaurant
  - Trainer of the Week sign to be posted outside your barn
  - Recognition in the Canterbury Park racing program
- Runs throughout the Canterbury Park Meet

### TRAINER OF THE YEAR

- Trophy buckle awarded to Trainer of the Year
- Winner will be determined on a point scale. Points are awarded for every placing for each Quarter Horse race. Points are awarded on a scale of 10/7/5/3/2/1/1/1/1/1, where each first place receives 10 points; second place receives 7 points and so on.
- Race results will be tabulated using Equibase.
- Contest runs from May 24 through August 27.

### RULES

- Trainer and Owner(s) and or Partnership MUST be current 2015 MQHRA member to participate (all owners of a horse or separate partnership membership).
- Points start accumulating when the MQHRA memberships are paid for both trainer and owners.
- Race weeks are Wednesday – Monday, with the weekly recognition announced on Tuesday.

Membership forms and payment can be dropped off in the Canterbury Park Racing office with Keith Kelley.



## 2014 MQHRA Champions

CATEGORY	HORSE	POINTS EARNED	OWNER
2 Year-old MN Bred Champion	COKATO CARTEL	65	Robert & Julie Petersen
2 Year-old MN Bred Reserve Champion	TTY FROM MR PYE	42	Rodney Von Ohlen
3 Year-old MN Bred Champion	DIRT ROAD QUEEN	66	Robert & Julie Petersen
3 Year-old MN Bred Reserve Champion	FURYS FOLLY	63	Rodney Von Ohlen
4 Year-old & Up MN Bred Champion	EXPLOSIVE GUNS	44	Fred Pelzer
4 Year-old & Up MN Bred Reserved Champion	TRES MY TRACKS	29	Tom Pouliot
High Point MN Bred Champion	DIRT ROAD QUEEN	66	Robert & Julie Petersen
Distance MN Bred Champion	EXPLOSIVE GUNS	19	Fred Pelzer
2 Year-old Open Champion	CORONA CONCIERGE	93	Tom and Bill Maher
3 Year-old Open Champion	TUCAN SAM	48	Summer Run & Peter Hanssen
4 Year-old and Up Open Champion	PAINTED LINES	70	Tom Maher
Distance Open Champion	JESS ANOTHER REB	38	John Witte & Merritt Pride
High Point Open Champion	CORONA CONCIERGE	93	Tom and Bill Maher

### President's Letter (continued from page 1)

The MQHRA Board has been working on some new initiatives to supplement some of the same events from the past and add value to being a member of MQHRA. The trainer award program has some new elements this year which will enable more trainers to get weekly recognition, but keeping the same points system for calculating the yearly winner. The newest benefit will be the enhancement of [www.MQHRA.com](http://www.MQHRA.com) which will include a Members ONLY section including the ability to place classified ads. On July 5<sup>th</sup> both the Mystic Lake Northlands Futurity and the Canterbury Park Derby will be contested and will also include a Quarter Horse Celebration Party.

More information is included in this newsletter regarding these events and opportunities for MQHRA members. A single membership is \$25 and a family membership is \$40. I hope you will join in and support YOUR organization by becoming a member.

See you at the races,  
Kelvin





### SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR MINNESOTA YOUTH \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP

"YOUTH DAY AT THE RACES"  
JUNE 20, 2015

Sponsored by  
Minnesota Quarter Horse Racing Association

Take advantage of this opportunity to gain a first hand view of American Quarter Horse racing. Spend a full day at Canterbury Park experiencing the activities involved with preparing a Quarter Horse to run, then attending the races, hearing the call. Submit your essay today!

A dozen participants will be chosen from entrants in an essay contest. Entries must be received on or before **June 6, 2015**

At the conclusion of "Youth Day at the Races," the 12 participants will be given a test covering the day's activities to determine the winner of the **\$1,000 scholarship**.

#### "Youth Day at the Races" contest rules:

1. Must be between the ages of 14 and 18 years of age as of January 1 2015.
2. Must be a Minnesota resident
3. Must submit a written essay of 500 words or less on: **"Why participation in "Youth Day at the Races" is important to me."**
4. Entries must be received on or before June 6, 2015. Submit entries to:



Inquiries to: Doug Steiskal, MQHRA youth advisor at 763-227-2660

Doug Steiskal  
24547 Tulip St. NW  
Isanti, MN 55040  
E-mail: [dougsteiskal@q.com](mailto:dougsteiskal@q.com)

### "Youth Day at the Races" Schedule of Events

8:00 a.m. Meet at Canterbury Park by stable gate

Observe preparation for morning work  
Observe morning work and discuss with trainer  
Meet the gate crew and observe horses working from gates  
Meet with exercise rider or jockey and discuss riding racehorses

11:00 a.m. Watch the "draw" (entering horses in races, assigning jockeys, and drawing for post position) in the racing office

Noon Tour the front side of the racetrack:

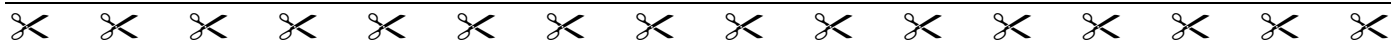
- Visit the paddock, "jock's room", security office, photo lab, pari-mutuel windows etc.
- Meet with representatives from track management
- Talk with stewards, track officials, and the horsemen's bookkeeper
- Attend live racing and have lunch with MQHRA representatives



Prior to the conclusion of "Youth Day at the Races," attendees will take a short test covering the information presented during the day. The high scorer will receive a \$1,000 college scholarship to be presented at the time of entry into the school of his or her choice. In the event of a tie, the scholarship money will be divided equally among the winners. MQHRA will hold the money in escrow until the funds are requested for release and documentation of enrollment is presented.

MQHRA would like to thank our co-sponsors AQHA, and Canterbury Park for their generous support.

**\*\*\*\*\*Fill out "Youth Day at the Races" Application on next page.\*\*\*\*\***



## MQHRA YOUTH DAY AT THE RACES APPLICATION

Please submit the following information along with the contest entry essay:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

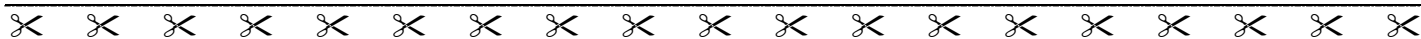
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ MN Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or guardian if under 18 years: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail entry to: Doug Steiskal, 24547 Tulip St. NW, Isanti, MN 55040 or E-mail to [dougsteiskal@q.com](mailto:dougsteiskal@q.com)



## Calendar of Events

Date	Day	Description
<b>JUNE</b>		
6/6/2015	Saturday	Youth Day Application Deadline
6/7/2015	Sunday	Gopher State Derby
6/13/2015	Saturday	Skip Zimmerman Stakes
6/16/2015	Tuesday	4H Boot Camp and racing presentation
6/20/2015	Saturday	Youth Day at the Races
6/28/2015	Sunday	Leg Up for Jockey Day
6/28/2015	Sunday	Bob Morehouse Stakes
<b>JULY</b>		
7/4/2015	Saturday	Great Lakes Bonus Challenge
7/5/2015	Sunday	Private event by Invitation only; MQHRA Celebration & Year End awards presentation
7/5/2015	Sunday	Canterbury Park Derby
7/5/2015	Sunday	Mystic Lake Northlands Futurity
7/12/2015	Sunday	MN Stallion Breeders QH Futurity
7/18/2015	Saturday	Extreme Day
7/18/2015	Saturday	Dash in a Flash Stakes
7/26/2015	Sunday	Backside Appreciation Party
<b>AUGUST</b>		
8/2/2015	Sunday	Canterbury Distaff Bonus Challenge
8/9/2015	Sunday	North Central QH Futurity
8/20/2015	Thursday	Cash Caravan
8/16/2015-8/17/15	Friday & Saturday	MTA Horse Sale for Thoroughbreds & Quarter Horses
9/6/2015	Sunday	MN QH Derby
9/6/2015	Sunday	MN QH Futurity

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## New Member Benefit Underway

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The MQHRA is gearing up to provide our membership with exciting new member benefits! Our website is under construction and, in early May, two additional features will be available.

**Addition# 1 - Members Only Page:** This will allow us to communicate information to the membership without having it available to the general public.

**Addition # 2 – “For Sale” Page:** For several years, the MQHRA has been working on a barrel racing program in an effort to reach those individuals that are interested in purchasing racehorses that are ready for a second career. To that end, we’ve been sponsoring several barrel races each summer and to advertise MQHRA and our website. The addition of a “For Sale” page is the final stage of implementing a direct connection between the MQHRA membership and the barrel racing community.

Although the concept of the original project was to reach potential buyers for horses that have already raced, in the end, it will provide members with an avenue to advertise racing prospects, broodmares or horses better suited for other careers as well.

Saving the best news for last! It’s FREE and limited to members only. Your ad will not get lost among hundreds of other ads.

**Here’s how it works:** Each member will be receiving a letter and an email that will contain their user ID and password. Your login will give you access to view the “members only” page and access to add your own ad to the “for sale” page. All pages, except the “members only” page, will be viewable by the general public. Please contact Jan Pouliot for questions or additional information at (612)-270-6632.

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## 2015 MTA Horse Sale for Thoroughbreds and Quarter Horses

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**August 16<sup>th</sup> – Preview at 6:00 p.m.**

**August 17<sup>th</sup> – Sale at noon**

**Scott County Fair Grounds – Jordan, MN**

**Consignment Deadline: June 12, 2015**

The MTA will be holding its 2015 Sale at the Scott County Fair Grounds, in Jordan, MN, again this year! The MTA Board has taken last year’s comments into account and made a few changes that will make this year’s sale better than ever! We’ll be rearranging the seating and flow in the sales ring, insuring a better sound system to insure that everyone can hear, and, the most requested item! Having restroom facilities closer to the barn areas! Brian Rigby will be back as our Auctioneer for the 2015 sale. Claudia Goebel has volunteered to read pedigrees for the sale and Jay Dailey will be coordinating our bid spotters. Food will be available on the grounds and we’re crossing our fingers for the same wonderful weather we enjoyed last year!

All consignment paperwork is available on the MTA website! If you registered a 2014 foal with the Minnesota Racing Commission, you will be receiving a copy of all necessary paperwork by mail. If you’d like to consign an older horse or have a yearling that is not a MN-bred, please print the paperwork from the website or contact the MTA office and request that a copy be mailed.

Consignment fees have not changed for 2015. The fee to consign a yearling is \$350 and includes a leather halter with a brass nameplate. Older horses can consign for \$200 and will be required to supply a new halter that stays with the horse. Consignment deadline for the catalog is Friday, June 12, 2015. Consignments received by June 12th will be included in the catalog which will be mailed in mid-July. Late nominations may be an option, depending upon stall availability. Late nomination fees will increase by \$100—\$450 for yearlings and \$300 for older horses. Consignors will be expected to supply a new halter. Late nominations will be published online and in a supplement which will be available at the sale. In addition to the consignment fee, all consignors must be a 2015 MTA member or a \$75 administrative fee must be included with the consignment fee.

Minnesota-bred Thoroughbred & Quarter Horse yearlings will be given priority, followed by other than MN-bred yearlings. Any remaining stalls will be allocated to older horses. Broodmares and older horses will sell first at the sale.

Please feel free to contact the MTA Office with any questions you may have regarding our sale

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## 2015 Leg Up Fund

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During the off-season, the Leg Up Fund committee has been hard at work, planning this year's fundraising event and establishing the Leg Up fund as a 501(c)(3) charity. The committee is comprised of two representatives from Canterbury Park, the HPBA, MTA, MQHRA and the jockey colony. It's important for our members and the public to understand what the Leg Up Fund is all about!



**Assisting Canterbury's Injured Jockeys**

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The Leg Up Fund strives to narrow the gap between every day, real life needs, long-term insurance claims and physical recovery process, for jockeys who have suffered on-track injuries at Canterbury Park. Our jockey community is vital to all who participate in the sport of horse racing, both as horsemen and as spectators.

**ABOUT THE LEG UP FUND:** Founded in 2014, the Leg Up Fund operates under the Horseman's Benevolent and Protective Association (HBPA) 501(c)(3) as a public charity. The Fund provides emergency transitional financial assistance to jockeys who have sustained on-track injuries, in the performance of their profession, at Canterbury Park.

Many jockeys face financial hardship during their rehabilitation from injuries sustained on the track. The needs of our injured jockeys can be substantial. The day to day living and family support expenses pose financial challenges to these individuals who courageously test their physical limits every day.

The Leg up Fund will be flexible in the support it provides, taking into account the level of each individual jockey's injury and needs. Assistance may come in the form of a onetime grant, or an extended period of weekly or monthly supplemental support, for up to one year.

The Fund strives to reach out to everyone in the Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing industry, their business partners and the great fans of this sport for their ongoing support. Our long-term goal is to create a legacy that will enable the fund to sufficiently assist every jockey injured at Canterbury Park in the years ahead. Reaching that goal requires the continuous support of all who participate in, and are connected to, the sport of horse racing.

The Leg Up Fund is committed to raising awareness of the importance of assisting Canterbury Park's injured jockeys and providing opportunities for participants and supporters of the racing industry to contribute to the fund. No matter what your level of participation in horse racing, it is our sincere hope that you will take that participation one step further with your financial assistance to this much needed, worthy cause.

Owners and jockeys will be contributing to the Leg Up Fund by contributing \$1 per start during the 2015 meet. Contributions from our Thoroughbred and Quarter horse owners will be automatic, unless owners decide to opt out by contacting the Horsemen's Bookkeeper. Jockeys will only be eligible to receive compensation from the Leg Up Fund if they sign up to participate in the \$1/start contribution program.

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### June 28, 2015 – Leg Up Day at Canterbury Park

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- **RAFFLE** - we'll be selling 250 tickets at \$20/ticket for a scooter! Look for early sales at the races! We'll be selling a limited number so don't miss your chance!
- **SILENT AUCTION** - please consider donating an item by June 21st! We're looking for items that will appeal to the wide range of race fans. Item's must be delivered to Canterbury by June 21st. Please contact the MTA office to arrange for drop offs.
- **JOCKEY SPONSORSHIPS** - sponsor your favorite jockey by pledging an amount for each win or by making a one-time donation.
- **DUNK TANK** - this was a very popular activity in 2014 and will be brought back to Silks Bar for this year's event.
- If you'd like to participate by sitting in the dunk tank, please contact the HBPA Office!
- **STICK HORSES** - pick up a stick horse, for \$5, in the Canterbury Gift Shop! Have your favorite little jockey bring it back to Canterbury Park on June 28th to participate in a special Stick Horse race!
- **AUTOGRAPHS** - purchase a photo of our jockey colony on June 28th and have it autographed by your favorite riders throughout the day.
- And more! You'll have to show up to find out!
- Make plans now to participate in the summer's Leg Up
- Fund activities and to spend June 28th at Canterbury Park! you'll be showing your support of our jockeys!

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## About MQHRA

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The Minnesota Quarter Horse Racing Association (MQHRA) is a nonprofit organization that was incorporated in 1972 for Quarter Horse owners, breeders and racing enthusiasts.

Quarter Horse racing debuted at Canterbury Downs in 1986 with a ten day season featuring stakes races nearly everyday.

### Our Mission

- To promote, preserve and enhance the Quarter Horse racing industry in the state of Minnesota
- Provide beneficial services and representation locally and nationally
- To encourage membership growth and participation by valuing each individual and recognizing outstanding achievements

### Membership Benefits

- Provides an opportunity to meet other Quarter Horse enthusiasts interested in breeding and owning fast horses
- Legislative representation
- Negotiate races and race dates at Canterbury Park
- Newsletter
- Website
- Facebook page
- Year end awards
- Trainer awards
- Benevolent activities
- MQHRA special events: Youth Day at the Races, Backside Appreciation Party, Day at the Races, 4H Boot Camp, and Annual Meeting
- Increased opportunity to buy and sell speedy horses
- Minnesota bred purse monies
- FUN, FUN, FUN!

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## MQHRA Communication Team

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The MQHRA Communication Team is working diligently to provide members with regular updates regarding issues and events concerning the Minnesota Quarter Horse racing industry via its newsletter, website and Facebook page. While the information contained within these communication tools is believed to be accurate, we will not be responsible for errors. If we are notified about an error in writing, we will gladly publish a correction. All PAID members will receive the MQHRA Newsletter.

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## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP MINNESOTA QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION

☐ RENEW MEMBERSHIP  
☐ \$25 SINGLE

☐ NEW MEMBER  
☐ \$40 FAMILY (does not include adult children over the age of 18)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (Include area code) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Send membership dues to:  
MQHRA Treasurer, Kelvin Childer, 8200 Halstead Drive, Mound, MN 55364, Phone (952) 446-1944.

JOIN MQHRA TODAY!



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Shakopee, MN 55379

**YOUR NAME HERE**