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MINNESOTA QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION



Update from the MQHRA Executive Director

New foals in our barns, longer days, and a lot less snow mean that spring must finally be arriving, and with it, another season of live racing at Canterbury Park! Thoroughbreds are racing as of May 5th, which means the start of our Quarter Horse meet, May 27th, is just around the corner.

The 2017 meet is already shaping up to be our best yet:

Canterbury Park reports a record number of applications for Quarter Horse stalls, and our nominations for upcoming stakes races are already exceeding last year's numbers. We closed our stallion service auction with numbers that nearly tripled those of 2016. Best of all, we are welcoming many new (and returning!) members to our organization.

The Canterbury racing office team from 2016 returns for 2017, including racing secretary Rob Junk. Canterbury has also hired a new track superintendent, Ken Brown, who brings 30 years of experience and has been on hand since March, testing and working the track to prepare for opening day.

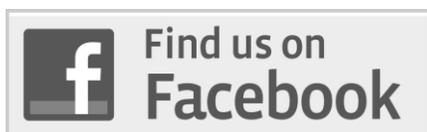
We held our annual membership meeting last month, in which we reviewed the 2016 meet, discussed racing and industry issues, and awarded bronzes to some very deserving horses and their connections. We also elected new board members and 2017 officers. I am pleased to announce that Bob Petersen will take the reins as President, and Ralph Haglund will join as Vice President. We welcome back Tom Pouliot as Treasurer and Cindy Besser as Executive Secretary.

Our members are in good hands with our officers and our entire Board of Directors, so join me in thanking them for their time and their dedication to our organization and our horses.

Wishing everyone a safe and successful return to the races. See you at the track!



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Our Facebook page name is:
Minnesota Quarter Horse Racing
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www.mqhra.com

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2017 Calendar of Events

Date	Day	Description
5/5/2017	Friday	LIVE Racing begins at Canterbury Park
5/06/2017	Saturday	Kentucky Derby- First leg of the Triple Crown
5/7/2017	Sunday	MQHRA purse sponsor SC Production Barrel Race, MN Equestrian Center, Winona, MN
5/20/2017	Saturday	Preakness Stakes-Second leg of the Triple Crown
5/27/2017	Saturday	First Day of LIVE QH Racing at Canterbury Park; Gopher State Derby Trails
6/4/2017	Sunday	MQHRA purse sponsor SC Production Barrel Race, MN Equestrian Center, Winona, MN
6/9/2017	Friday	CLOSING, Skip Zimmerman Stakes
6/10/2017	Saturday	Belmont Stakes-Final Leg of the Triple Crown
6/10/2017	Saturday	Gopher State Derby
6/16/2017-6/18/2017	Friday-Sunday	4H Boot Camp with Racing Presentation
6/16/2017	Friday	CLOSING, Bob Morehouse Stakes
6/1/2017	Thursday	Youth Day at the Races application deadline
6/18/2017	Sunday	Skip Zimmerman Stakes
6/24/2017	Saturday	Youth Day at the Races
6/24/2017	Saturday	MN Quarter Horse Futurity
6/25/2017	Sunday	Bob Morehouse Memorial Stakes
06/25/2017	Sunday	Leg Up for Jockeys Day
07/01/2017	Saturday Night	MQHRA Celebration
7/2/2017	Sunday	Mystic Lake Northlands' Futurity
7/2/2017	Sunday	Minnesota Stallion Breeders QH Futurity
7/4/2017	Tuesday	Merial Canterbury Park Distaff Challenge
7/4/2017	Tuesday	Bank of America Canterbury Park Championship Challenge
7/6/2017	Thursday	MQHRA purse sponsor SC Production Barrel Race, MN Equestrian Center, Winona, MN
7/7/2017	Friday	CLOSING, Dash in a Flash Stakes/Extreme Day
7/15/2017	Saturday	Dash in a Flash Stakes/Extreme Day
7/16/2017	Sunday	Canterbury Park Derby
7/21/2017	Friday	CLOSING, Cash Caravan Stakes
07/25/2017	Sunday	MQHRA/MTA Joint Backside Appreciation BBQ
7/29/2017	Saturday	Cash Caravan Stakes
8/6/2017	Sunday	North Central Quarter Horse Futurity
8/20/2017	Sunday	MN Quarter Horse Derby
8/20/2017	Sunday	MN Quarter Horse Futurity



MQHRA Sponsors Barrel Race purse

The membership of the Minnesota Quarter Horse Racing Association actively supports second careers for the Equine athletes of our sport. To that end, the MQHRA, in partnership with SC Productions Barrel Race, have joined forces to offer a \$1,500-barrel racing purse for any Quarter Horse that has at least one official start in Minnesota.

For the 2017-barrel racing season, this program will include three-barrel racing side pots held in conjunction with SC Productions events at Minnesota Equestrian Center in Winona, MN.

\$500 - May 7

\$500 – June 4

\$500 – July 6

For additional information please visit the SC Productions website at scproductionsllc.com, or email Jpouliott@msn.com

Welcome New and Renewing MQHRA Members

Ron Addicott	Jeff Maday	Tom Scheckel
Shelly Berkner	Darin & Jessica Meyers	Barbara Jane Tinant
Kelvin Childers	Shane, Mallory & Monroe	Cleot Tobin
Ralph & Doreen Haglund	Miller	Richard (Dick) Tobin
Randy & Stacy Hill	Tom & Janice Pouliot	Casey Veach
John Lawless	Merritt & Barbara Pride	Chance Bierdneau Wilson
Bob Lindgren	Terry Reed	David L. Wisdom
Jerry Livingston	Brenda Reiswig	

2016 Year End Award Winners

Award Category	HORSE	Owner
2-Year-Old MN Bred Champion	PYC Jess Bite Mydust	Lunderborg LLC (B. Lunderborg)
2-Year-Old MN Bred Reserve Champion	Vodka at Moonlight	Summer Run Inc (Paul Luedemann)
2-Year-Old Open Champion	Faster than Hasta	John G Johnson
3-Year-Old MN Bred Champion	Blacks Cartel	Tracy Black
3-Year-Old Reserve Champion	Dashin Good Reason	Robert and Julie Petersen
3-Year-Old Open Champion	This Doll Ca Run	M & M Racing
4-Year-Old & Up MN Bred Champion	Cokato Cartel	Robert and Julie Petersen
4-Year-Old & Up MN Bred Reserve Champion	Explosive Guns	Fred Pelzer
4-Year-Old & Up Open Champion	Lika Nightmare	Leonard D. Reed
MN Bred Distance Champion	Explosive Guns	Fred Pelzer
Open Distance Champion	Hastabealeader	John G Johnson
MN Bred Champion	Blacks Cartel	Tracy Black
Open Champion	Faster than Hasta	John G Johnson

Longtime MQHRA Member Lowell Schrupp passes away



Lowell Hubert Schrupp, age 80, passed away Monday, March 20, 2017, at Good Samaritan Home in Howard Lake. He was born in Howard Lake to Andrew and Mardis Schrupp and graduated from Howard Lake High School. He and his wife, Karen Cochran, had four children. Lowell served in the army and worked at in feed sales Munson Feeds in Howard Lake for 40 years.

Lowell loved horses. His passion for the magnificent four-legged creatures began when he was at a horse auction in middle school. He saw a starving colt and felt sorry for it, so he purchased it for \$20.

He started Little Bit Ranch in 1977, where he bred, raised and trained Quarter Horses. He stood several stallions on his farm, including Lucks Lucky and Within Range, and purchased Tiny Jetaranda for a broodmare. Fourteen of her 15 foals were starters on the track, 13 were winners, and three were stakes winners.

Many of Lowell's horses became successful barrel racers, including Andy Little Bit, who swept the three MQHRA-sponsored Off The Track Barrel Races held by SC Productions in 2013. Andy Little Bit is by Lucks Lucky and is out of Tiny Jeteranda.

He bred and owned Little Bit Brandy, (by Within Range out of the Special Effort mare Little Special Flame), winner of the \$30,000 Cash Caravan stakes at Canterbury in 2015.

He was on the Wright County Fair Board for 23 years and was an active member of MQHRA.

He had a hearty laugh, distinguishable in a crowd. Lowell enjoyed following his grandchildren's sports activities and any horse races, a polka dance, and good brandy. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Howard Lake, and Howard Lake American Legion Post 145.

Lowell is survived by his daughters, Connie Norman of Bemidji, Jessie (Pat) Salonek of Waverly, and Susan (Bill) Kalinowski of Maple Lake; grandchildren Joshua (Corrina) Koch, Adam (Beth) Koch, Jennifer (Chad) Remer, Stephanie (Nick) Ward, Angela (Jess) Tourmanen, Patrick (Laura) Salonek, Andy (fiancée Leah Bird) Salonek, and Ryan Kalinowski; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He is further survived by siblings Howard (Jeanette), Loren (Janice), Melvin (Nancy), Carol (Gerald) Burau, and Gaylen (Kathy); also Karen (Cochran) Duraine, the mother of his children; Lavonne Schrupp-Riebe, former wife, and her daughters; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Lowell was preceded in death by his parents; his only son, Kim; brothers Ralph and Gerald; and nephew Tim Schrupp.

A memorial service took place Sunday, March 26 at 2 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Howard Lake, with visitation one hour prior to the services at the church.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Swanson-Peterson Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Howard Lake, www.swansonpeterson.com, 320-543-3401.

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Annual Membership Meeting Recap

The MQHRA hosted its annual membership meeting on March 11, 2017, in the Triple Crown Room at Canterbury Park. Over 30 members attended in addition to the Board of Directors, staff and speakers.

The agenda included updates on racing, membership and industry issues. The 2016 meet summary reflected increases in the number of races, handle and purses.

2016 By the Numbers:

Quarter Horse Races: 110	Total Purses: \$1.76 million
Total Handle: \$3.5 million	Average Handle: \$32,000

Andrew Offerman, Senior Director of Racing Operations, provided updates on commission activity, steward appointments and advance deposit wagering (ADW) agreements. Several changes will be enacted for the 2017 meeting concerning whip, workout and helmet rules.

The communications committee reviewed newsletters, website updates and social media, and reported a 50% increase in Facebook followers. The committee also covered 2016 events, including Youth Day at the Races, 4H Bootcamp, the Backside Party, Leg Up for Jockeys Day, Barrel Racing Sponsorships, and our trainer recognition program.

The meeting concluded with year-end awards and elections for five positions on the board of directors. Bob Petersen, Lori Locken and Tom Pouliot were re-elected to the board for another term, and we welcomed new board members Corey Wilmes and Randy Weidner.

Thank you to everyone who attended. We look forward to all of our upcoming events and Quarter Horse Celebration Day this summer!

Meet Your MQHRA Officers

Following the election of board members at our annual membership meeting, the MQHRA board elected 2017 officers at the Board of Directors meeting in April. Meet our 2017 MQHRA officers:

Bob Petersen, President

Breeding, raising and racing Quarter Horses and occasionally a few Thoroughbreds has become a way of life for Canterbury Park Hall of Fame Owners Bob and Julie Petersen. After moving to Cokato, MN, in 1987 and starting with several pleasure horses, they began leasing and then breeding horses to race at Canterbury.

Bob looks forward to the growth of horseracing in Minnesota and racing at Canterbury which continues to thrive under the guidance of the Sampsons. He is a longtime board member who has also served as Vice President and interim President.

Ralph Haglund, Vice President

After purchasing his first race-bred horse in high school, Ralph Haglund raced at county fairs until Canterbury opened. He had a horse in the first Quarter Horse race ever held at Canterbury Park, a 4-year-old gelding named Rotten Machine out of the Sugar Bars mare that he had first purchased in 1968.

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Ralph and his wife Doreen own six broodmares and are dedicated to the growth of the Minnesota-bred program. This is his first year as Vice President, but Ralph has been a member of the MQHRA since 1981, when the organization held a two-weekend meet at the Washington County Fairgrounds.

Cindy Besser, Executive Secretary

Though Cindy grew up with horses, her love for them was renewed when her teenage daughter expressed an interest in buying a dam and weanling. They feel blessed to have purchased Hempeness (aka Bailey) who has become the foundation mare of their racing and breeding program. Bailey's progeny are all winners on the track, and some have continued the bloodlines by producing foals of their own.

Cindy is passionate about breeding and specializes in horse nutrition. In 2010, she started her own horse feed business, Roasted to Perfection Horse Feed, LLC. She has served as secretary of the MQHRA for two years.

Tom Pouliot, Treasurer

Tom got his start with barrel racing, and his parents owned race horses at county fairs in Minnesota and Wisconsin, including Razzle Dazzlum, the leading horse by wins in 1980. Later, Tom would race Okie Dokey Irish, whose career accomplishments include breaking a 13-year-old track record at Remington Park.

Tom Pouliot has been an MQHRA member for ten years, including three years on the board, and has served two years as treasurer. Tom and his wife, Jan, have raced horses for many years at Canterbury and look forward to the MQHRA's continued success with race meets at Canterbury Park.

Regulatory & Safety Update for the 2017 Live Racing Season

There are a handful of regulatory issues that may be of interest to Quarter Horse racing participants in advance of the 2017 Live Racing Season at Canterbury Park. Please visit MQHRA.com/news for more information on each of these updates:

Zero Tolerance Enacted for Clenbuterol in Quarter Horse Racing

ARCI enacted a model rule that separates Quarter Horse racing from other flat racing breeds as it relates to the acceptable threshold permissible of Clenbuterol also known as ventipulmin. The change eliminates the previous regulatory threshold and instead moves Minnesota to a limit of detection, otherwise known as zero-tolerance, state. This brings Minnesota in line with similar policies used in other Quarter Horse racing jurisdictions.

Workout Requirements Changed

A new rule reflects a change in the workout requirements for Quarter Horses, reducing the number of required workouts to be more in line with other Quarter Horse

racing jurisdictions. The rule states that *a Quarter Horse which has not started for a period of 61 days or more shall not be eligible to start until it has completed one timed workout within 60 days of and no less than 48 hours prior to the race in which it is entered.*

Helmet Standards Modernized

Effective early in the 2017 Racing Season, standards for acceptable helmets will change to the ARCI Model Rule. Canterbury Park's participation in the NTRA Safety Accreditation program required the adoption of this rule to maintain accreditation in 2017.

New Track Warning System Installed

Prior to the start of the 2017 season, Canterbury Park installed a state of the art track warning system. This track warning system features beacons and sirens on every 1/16-mile pole to ensure all riders are fully cognizant of a loose horse such that they can best protect their mounts and themselves.



Notice of Clenbuterol Change

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MINNESOTA RACING COMMISSION

May 1, 2017

Notice of Clenbuterol Change

On Thursday, April 20th, the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI) voted to amend the model rules for the bronchodilator Clenbuterol to make it a prohibited substance in Quarter horse racing. The rule change also includes Thoroughbreds competing in a mixed race against Quarter horses.

The ARCI Schedule of Controlled Substances for Clenbuterol was subsequently amended to show a "limit of detection" threshold in serum, plasma, or urine with no applicable withdrawal guidelines. MRC Rule 7890.0100, subpart 12a defines the Limit of Detection (LOD) as the lowest concentration of the drug that can be detected by a particular laboratory method. Industrial Laboratory, the 2017 MRC contract laboratory, has been instructed to use the limit of detection for all Quarter horse and mixed races.

Minnesota Racing Commission (MRC) rule 7890.0110, subpart 10 states that serum or urine thresholds found in the ARCI Schedule of Controlled Therapeutic Substances are adopted by reference. This means that the change in Clenbuterol becomes effective upon publication by the ARCI and MRC. We expect publication next week.

Horsemen and women are advised to stop using Clenbuterol immediately.

Communication Team

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 (www.mqhra.com) and Facebook page (Minnesota Quarter Horse Racing Association). 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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First Day of LIVE QH Racing at Canterbury Park
Saturday, May 27, 2017
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**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
MINNESOTA QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION**

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NEW MEMBER

\$25 SINGLE

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

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