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JANUARY 2014

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Many thanks to the OTOBA Board of Directors and Staff as we closed out a very successful 2013! The race year started with hoof beats at the Union Meeting, continuing with the Oregon Fair Circuit into late summer. Portland Meadows pulled out all the stops with Sunday and Wednesday racing attracting new fans with Betting 101 Classes, Beer Garden Specials, Sunday Football Challenge Contests and several Fan Appreciation Events. The buzz on the front side is upbeat and the momentum will no doubt carry into 2014.

Oregon Championship Day 2013 was the pinnacle of many stellar accomplishments with OTOBA and Portland Meadows recognizing our Breeders and Owners with a sell-out crowd! The offspring of Harbor the Gold dominated the winners circle with Midda's Gold Touch in the Lethal Grande, Maddie's Gold in the Bill Wineberg and Jack the Private winning the Oregon His Stakes. Congratulations to the owners, breeders and trainers! Harbor the Gold stands in Hermiston, OR at Neal and Pam Christopherson's Bar C Racing Stables. Congratulations also to Pat Cosgrove, breeder of Jet Set Kitten, winner of the Janet Wineberg Stakes.

Breeding issues continue to occupy the attention of OTOBA and the Thoroughbred industry nationwide. The breeding numbers in Oregon have declined over the years and our focus for 2014 will drive the following goals:

- Prudent financial management to ensure optimal purses for Oregon Bred races;
- Increase support with new race sponsorships and expanded partnering with the equine industry;
- Marketing Oregon Breeding and Thoroughbred Horse Ownership through local seminars and industry events;
- Reward our Oregon Breeders & Owners with attractive annual bonus program;
- Encourage equine youth education through the OTOBA Scholarship Program;
- Continue in partnership with the Future of Racing in Oregon Group (FROG);
- Conduct a successful Stallion Season Auction to support Oregon Breeding incentives;
- Recognize Oregon Breeders and Owner at our Annual Awards Banquet.

Enjoy our new OTOBA Magazine and welcome 2014---"Year of the Horse"!

Dan Warden
President

ON THE COVER:

Year of the Horse

Chinese New Year is an important traditional Chinese holiday. The Chinese calendar is grouped in cycles of 12 years, called the 12 Earthly Branches. Each cycle year corresponds to an animal of the Chinese Zodiac. Friday, January 31, 2014 marks the beginning of the Year of the Horse.

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Only 39 fillies have "Run for the Roses" in the 139 runnings of the Kentucky Derby. Only three have won – Regret in 1915, Winning Colors in 1988 and Genuine Risk in 1980. While the 80's women were dressing in "power suits" to show that they were the equals to men in the office, it was also the decade of the "power filly" winning against the boys on the track.

FABULOUS FILLIES

By Guest Contributor, Lesley Lathrop



Winning Colors

Winning Colors only raced twice as a two-year-old—once in August and then not again until December—but she won easily both times. Her trainer, D. Wayne Lukas, would later say, "In effect, we redshirted her," referring to the practice of sidelining youthful athletes to give them time to fully mature before putting them in competition at peak levels.

When she came back in her three-year-old season, the daughter of Caro out of All Rainbows was a great big strapping roan standing 16.3 hands tall. She had a girth so broad it prompted one reporter to write, "say hello to the Dolly Parton of three-year-olds."

She won her first race, the La Centinela Stakes, and came in second by a neck in the Grade 1 Las Virgenes Stakes one month later. But it was in the Grade 1 Santa Anita Oaks that Winning Colors really showed what she could do. The Oaks was a 1 1/16-

mile race, and Winning Colors scored an eight-length victory in a wire-to-wire effort under a hand-ride from jockey Gary Stevens.

Her win in the Oaks prompted Lukas to enter her in the Santa Anita Derby, which only two fillies—Ciencia in 1939 and Silver Spoon in 1959—had ever won. But Winning Colors was up to the task, and in an-

other wire-to-wire romp, she took down a field of eight three-year-old colts for a 7 1/2-length victory, prompting immediate speculation about the Kentucky Derby.

In the week before the Kentucky Derby, the favorite was an undefeated colt named Private Terms. But before Winning Colors could duel with Private Terms on the track, there was another duel going on off the track between her trainer and that of another Derby contender.

The son of Mr. Prospector, Forty Niner had been the Eclipse Champion 2-Year-Old and had compiled an impressive record, with wins that included the Grade 1 Futurity and Champagne Stakes and the Grade 2 Fountain of Youth Stakes.

Forty Niner's trainer, Woody Stephens, had an equally impressive record: He had won all three of the Triple Crown races, including five consecutive Belmont Stakes from 1982 to 1986. The prior year, Stephens had started 317 horses—53 won, 54 placed second, and 48 came in third. His horses' winnings that year totaled \$4,522,346.

Stephens seemed to have a bug when it came to Lukas, and he was not afraid to pop off whenever there was a reporter within hearing distance. He told the *Toronto Star*, "The filly will not win this race. Fillies don't belong in the Kentucky Derby. Lukas has tried this before. It didn't work then and it won't work now." And he told The New York Times, "Forty Niner could outrun Winning Colors from the gate if that's what I wanted. He sure won't be far away going a mile and a quarter. If we draw outside her, we'll put the pressure on. If we draw inside we might go to the lead. That might be her weakness."

Lucas didn't rise to the bait, but he did get in a few digs of his own. "Woody's old, he's wealthy, and he's famous, so he can say anything he wants," Lukas said. "But he's also smart. He's not going to sacrifice Forty Niner just to run with my filly. I think I'm running the best horse."

A few days before the race, Lukas predicted that if Winning Colors could get an opening half mile in :47, the other 17 horses in the race could "run up the white flag." When the gates opened on the 114th running of the Kentucky Derby, Winning Colors broke to the lead and ran the first half mile in 46 4/5 seconds.

She held a four-length lead down the backstretch until Forty Niner broke from the pack to give her some heat. As the horses passed the mile marker, Forty Niner was closing fast under a furious ride from jockey Pat Day, and Winning Colors was tiring. They crossed the wire with Winning Colors just a neck in front of Forty Niner and Risen Star three lengths back in third. Not since Majestic Prince had won in 1969 by a neck over Arts and Letters had a Kentucky Derby finish been so close.

For Lukas, who was already one of the country's top trainers—the year before he had trained the winners of \$17.2 million and 22 of the 118 Grade 1 Stakes races in North America—it was a huge milestone, his first Kentucky Derby win after 12 tries. No other trainer had ever sent out so many starters without a win. "Who says 13's not a lucky number?" Lukas quizzed a reporter.

It was a first for Gary Stevens, too, who would go on to win two more Derbys. After Winning Colors crossed the wire, Stevens had made the "No. 1" sign with his left hand. "That's for my old buddies back in Boise, Idaho, who know how I used to fantasize about winning the Kentucky Derby," he told reporters. "Now it's reality, and all 103 pounds of me is thrilled."

The rivalry between Stephens and Lukas heated up between the Derby and the Preakness, but this time, their off-track duel had consequences on the track. "I congratulated Wayne after the Derby," Stephens told a reporter. "I told him, 'You're a genius now. Now let's see you win five Belmonts.'"

Lukas responded with characteristic charm.

"I hope I look as good as Woody does when I'm 85." (Stephens was 75.) Yet Stephens seemed determined to see Winning Colors fail, whatever the cost. "We'll hook her right out of the gate," he pledged. "I don't care if we finish last, as long as the filly's next-to-last."

"Woody's epitaph can be that he won five Belmonts," was Lukas' retort. "They can chisel that on his tombstone. If he keeps going they can bury him in the infield. He could be put in bronze, like a statue, and stood in the paddock, so everyone can see him when they go to the track."

Stephen's decision to send Forty Niner after Winning Colors essentially doomed both horses' chances for a Preakness win, a win claimed by Risen Star. Forty Niner broke to the inside of Winning Colors and challenged her through fractions of :23 1/5, :47, 1:11 1/5. He ran her wide around the clubhouse turn and bumped her several times down the backstretch.

Winning Colors ended up third, 1 1/4 lengths back from second-place finisher Brian's Time. Forty Niner, who had tired badly, finished seventh, 14 1/4 lengths behind.

In a clear reference to Stephens, Gary Stevens said, "I don't blame Pat [Day], I blame one man. Jealousy is a powerful thing and it cost that man a lot more than it cost us."

The Belmont Stakes was devastating.

"She was on her toes in the paddock," said Stevens, "warmed up fine, was full of energy going to the gate and broke fine."

"But she stopped dead on me when the winner went by me," he said. "It's the first time she's done that. In all her races, win or lose, she's always been 100 percent."

After winner Risen Star passed her, the remaining horses ran past, too. Winning Colors came in dead last in the field of six, 41 3/4 lengths behind the winner. She was five lengths behind the number five horse, Granacus, whose jockey told reporters, "He couldn't have run any worse if he'd been on tranquilizers."

D. Wayne Lukas conceded that the three Triple Crown classics in a row might have

taken a toll on Winning Colors. "The Triple Crown is a very tough ordeal," he told reporters that evening after the Belmont. "Maybe it was too much for her."

It was roundly agreed that what Winning Colors needed was a break. "She's earned some time off," said Jeff Lukas, Wayne's son and assistant trainer.



Genuine Risk

In 1980 the question on every racing fan's mind was this: could a filly with a whole lot of heart beat the boys in the biggest race of the game?

Genuine Risk was an exceptional Thoroughbred. In her two-year-old season, she had won all four races. During the months leading up to the Derby, Genuine Risk lost only one race, a third-place finish against three-year-old colts in the prestigious Wood Memorial. And despite the loss, the filly had run a game race, forcing the pace and having to alter course in the stretch when another horse drifted out. Still, she was third by only a length and a half.

But a run in the Kentucky Derby? Only 30 fillies had ever run in the Derby, and only one—Regret in 1915—had ever gone home with the roses. No filly had entered the starting gate since Silver Spoon had come in 5th in 1959.

Ironically, the jockey who rode Ruffian in all 10 of her races, including the ill-fated Great Match Race, was also Genuine Risk's jockey, Jacinto Vasquez. And her trainer, LeRoy Jolley, had trained Ruffian's rival in the Great Match, Foolish Pleasure. Before the Wood Memorial, turf writer Andrew Beyer of the Washington Post wrote, "Genuine Risk will be placed at a great disadvantage.... [She] will probably be beaten, and she will return to competition against females, where she should achieve the most that fillies ever achieve: the distinction of being 'the best of her sex.'"

Then, before the Derby, with Genuine Risk set to race against the boys, Beyer made another prediction: "With her relative lack of seasoning, Genuine Risk will be at a serious disadvantage on Saturday. She could pull an upset, but more likely she will have to settle for becoming a footnote in Kentucky Derby history."

Genuine Risk would prove Beyer wrong on both counts. She did lose the Wood, but she came back to race against male horses, and she proved that "the most that fillies ever achieve" could indeed be much more grand than the distinction of being "the best of her sex."

With about three-eighths of a mile to go in the 106th Kentucky Derby, Genuine Risk found herself stuck in a pack of four horses trailing the three leaders. The she seemed to put on the brakes. But as sportswriter David Kendred wrote, "as suddenly as she looked beaten, the filly looked sensational."

Vasquez expertly guided her out of the pack and around the other horses. She swung six-wide around the final turn and gunned for the lead, taking it from the favorites, Rockhill Native and Plugged Nickel, and she drove for the wire and never looked back.

With that, as a humbled Andrew Beyer put it, "Genuine Risk shattered a great myth today: the one that says good fillies cannot beat good colts."

Genuine Risk ran in the Preakness, but she finished second to Codex by four and three-quarters lengths. It was, however, one of the most controversial races in the sport's history.

Coming out of the far turn, Codex had the lead, but Genuine Risk was making a powerful charge. Codex drifted very wide and, depending on the source you consult, Codex's jockey Angel Cordero either shook his whip at her or hit her in the face with it. The Lexington Herald-Leader reported that she returned to her stall with a welt.

Vasquez filed a claim of foul, but the stewards disallowed it. Writing for the Washington Post, David Kindred reported that ABC's "slow-motion replays showed Codex throwing a cross-body block that would have knocked over [Pittsburgh Steeler full back] Franco Harris." He added, "Next time your

rob a bank, do it in front of the Maryland stewards.”

An appeal of the inquiry allowed the decision to stand, And Genuine Risk went on to place second against the boys in a more cleanly raced Belmont Stakes in June. At the time, she was the only filly ever to compete in all three races of the Triple Crown.

Genuine Risk was retired after her four-year-old season, having won or placed in all 15 of her starts. She was inducted into the Na-

tional Racing Hall of Fame in 1986. For all of Genuine Risk's success on the track, she met with few as a broodmare. Her first pairing, with Triple Crown legend Secretariat, ended with a stillborn foal. For years, her handlers would breed her to top studs only to end up heartbroken as Genuine Risk would either fail to conceive or would fail to carry to foal to term. Finally, in 1993, she produced a live foal. They gave him the apt name Genuine Reward. She had another foal in 1996, which they named Count

Our Blessings.

About the Author:

A freelance writer living in Portland, Ore., Lesley Lathrop writes for a variety of clients, including those in the horse racing industry. She was first introduced to racing as a child, when she watched Secretariat win the Belmont by 31 lengths. An avid racing fan, she is currently working on a degree in sports marketing communication as it relates to horse racing. Follow Lesley on Twitter: @lesleylathrop

2013 OREGON LEADING SIRE

Statistics compiled with information available from The Blood-Horse and The Jockey Club for 2013

Stallion, YOB, (Sire)	Rnrs	Wnrs	SWrs	SWs	Chief Earner	'13 Earnings
Harbor the Gold, 2001, (Seeking the Gold)	80	43	6	10	Del Rio Harbor (\$108,293)	\$765,301
Grindstone, 1993, (Unbridled)	40	15	1	1	Grinding Speed (\$46,200)	\$329,021
Seattle Shamus, 1999, (Seattle Slew)	19	9	0	0	Come Away Home (\$38,160)	\$117,916
Baquero, 1995, (Forty Niner)	16	8	0	0	Kenzie Carolina (\$19,911)	\$77,496
Klinsman (IRE), 1994, (Danahill)	6	3	0	0	Promiscuous Lad (\$11,336)	\$29,765
Nucay, 1991, (Lord at War)	7	2	0	0	Keepherrockin (\$12,072)	\$26,817
Rogue S., 1999, (Kris S.)	3	2	0	0	Carl Command (\$7,460)	\$14,499

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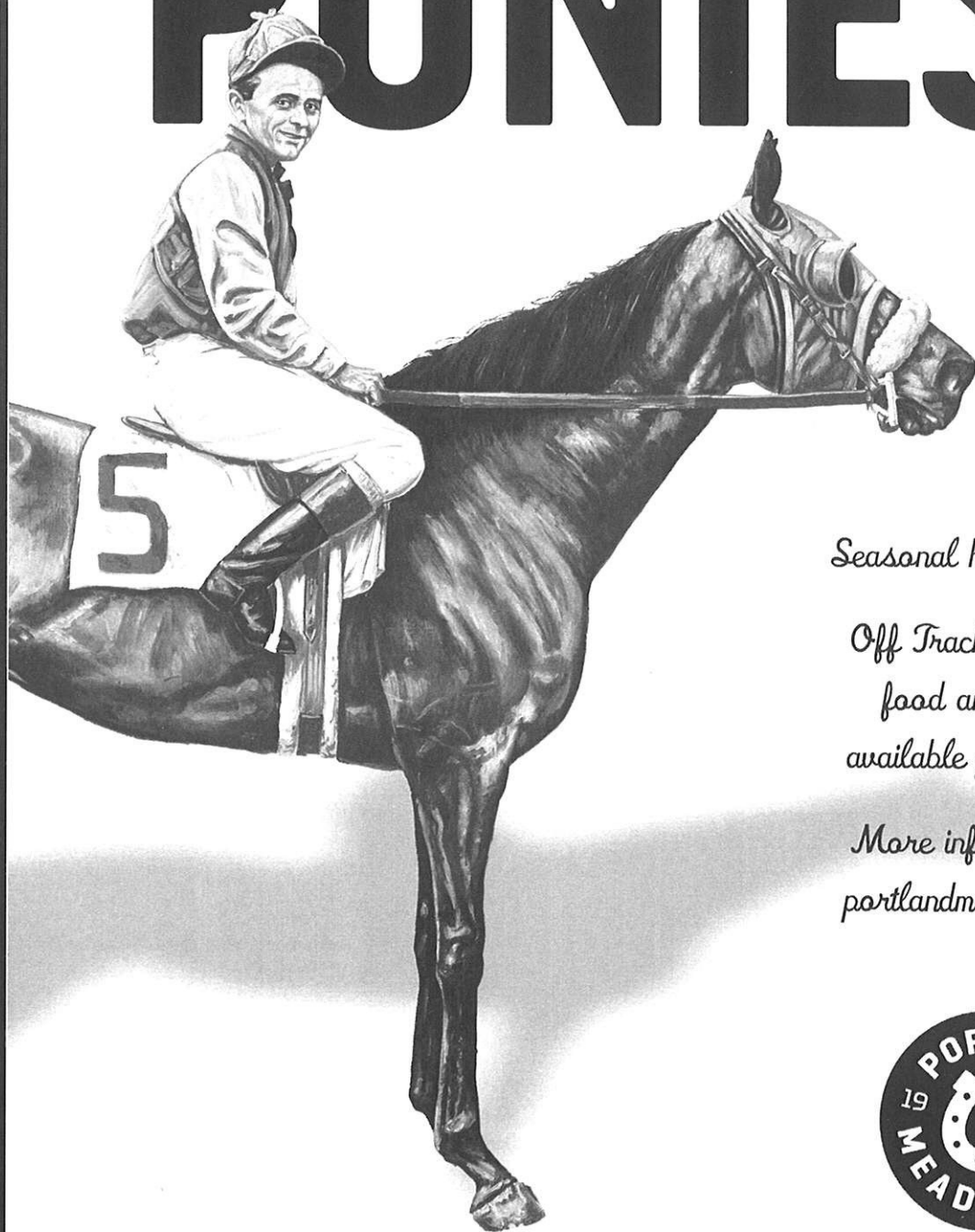
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OREGON CHAMPIONSHIP DAY 2013

The Oregon Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (OTOBA) hosted their annual Oregon Championship Day at Portland Meadows on Sunday, November 17, 2013. This unique event, in which only Oregon-bred horses can compete, was enjoyed by both the competitors and the crowd.

Along with the excitement of live racing, there were lots of activities, including an Oregon Craft Beer Fest and the delicious Turf Club Buffet, a "HorsePlay" area for kids and a jockey autograph signing session. Portland Meadows presented their educational "Horse Racing 101" with resident handicapper Bob Travers. OTOBA offered a seminar on "The ABC's of Race Horse Ownership."

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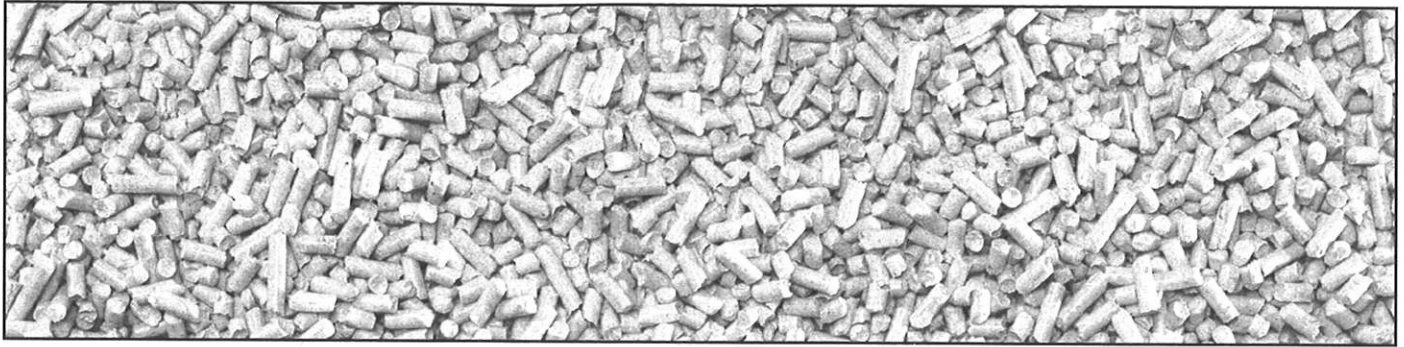


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THE SCOOP ON WOOD BEDDING PELLETS

By Kelly O'Neill



For many years, straw was the preferred bedding for most horse owners. It was dust free, comfortable and easy to compost. According to Brett Scott, PhD, extension horse specialist at Texas A&M University, straw also made a good bed because it dried well and stayed fairly clean if manure is picked out often, but it was not as absorbent as some other types of bedding. And was definitely more labor intensive to maintain. "It can be difficult to clean; you typically have to remove a large amount to clean out the manure and, thus, end up using more total bedding," says Scott. Over the years, several other types of stall bedding have been developed, included shavings and, one of the newest, wood pellet bedding.

What are wood bedding pellets? According to horseart.com, you can think of wood pellet bedding as a super compressed form of fine wood shavings. These fine fibers are very low in dust, free of allergens, easy to clean and very absorbent. Pellets made of pure soft wood produce only minimal fine, airborne dust or odors that can sometimes come from other products and cause respiratory problems in horses.

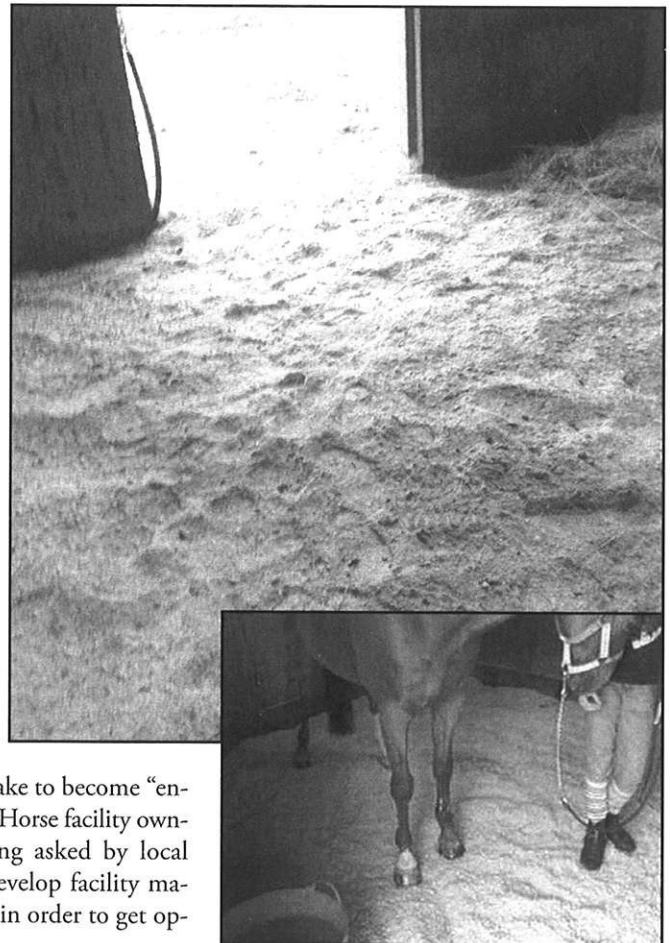
Once you have initially laid a stable, the pellets will absorb moisture from the stable environment and develop into soft wood. Some people add a misting of water after laying the pellets to turn them into soft wood fibers. when the pellets are dampened they expand to several times their original volume. Most companies under rigorous quality controls throughout the manufacturing process to ensure that the bedding you receive is the ultimate dust control, absorbency and durability. Mucking out time is reported to be reduced by as much as 1/2

when using wood pellet bedding.

There is another reason wood pellet bedding is advantageous over other forms. It is better for the environment. Conservation groups like the Alameda County Conservation Partnership believe one of the major benefits of the use of this material is the 40-60% reduction in the quantity of the waste material (soiled bedding) that is generated. Horse waste may be managed at the site, composted, applied to farmland, or unfortunately in some cases, is sometimes merely disposed of in landfills. Using wood bedding pellets enhances compostability which allows a higher proportion of manure to bedding from stall waste in the compost pile. From the perspective of natural resources conservation and environmental stewardship, reducing the volume of waste material is a positive step that horse facilities can take to become "environmentally friendly". Horse facility owners are increasingly being asked by local regulatory agencies to develop facility manure management plans in order to get operating permits.

One of the first manufacturers of wood pellet bedding in the Northwest was Eagle Val-

ley ABM. Now called Talon ABM, it is still widely available in our area. While how wood pellet bedding is produced may differ by manufacturer, here's how Talon ABM is made. ABM (Advanced Bedding Management) comes from raw pine material, only sourced from sawmills that cut more than



85-90% pine, with occasional portions of White Fir. There are no additives or chem-

icals involved. The product is manufactured from 100% wood. At no point during any part of the process is any other substance, other than clean water, blended in with the raw material. During manufacturing of the product, raw material has essentially been sterilized. Material is dried for up to thirty minutes at a range of 800°F down to 145°F at the conclusion of the drying process. The product is then subjected to approximately 20-30,000 PSI pressure, increasing temperature back up to approximately 200°F prior to cooling to room temperature. The product is packaged in clear bags so that the quality of the product can be seen.

Nature's Bedding is also made of pine and provides the same benefits. They helpfully provided a "how to" for a 12x12 stall setup. Remember that no two animals are the same. Every animal and their owner are different – experiment to see what works best for you and your animals.

INITIAL SET UP:

Step 1 – Completely strip the stall

Step 2 – Choose either a Thin or Thick Bedding Preference

THIN – evenly spread 4-5 bags of NB throughout the stall

THICK – evenly spread 6-8 bags of bedding throughout the stall

Optional step - Some horse owners prefer to

lightly mist the pellets with water immediately after spreading – this instantly creates a softer stall.

DAILY MAINTENANCE:

Step 3 - Rake dry bedding from the perimeter of the stall to the wet/damp areas.

Remove manure from raked areas.

Step 4 - Add additional bedding as necessary. Adding 1 bag per week is common.

WEEKLY/MONTHLY MAINTENANCE (every 1-4 weeks based on personal preference).

Step 5 – Completely strip the stall and begin the process again.

In conclusion, most users of wood pellet bedding feel it provides the horse a healthier, brighter, cleaner living area. Its superior moisture absorption controls ammonia and odor. Ease of manure clean up reduces insect attraction. Both cost and time to clean/bed stalls is reduced. The environmentally friendly aspect makes waste easier and faster to compost and have removed.

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OTOBA INVITES MACY'S HOLIDAY PARADE FANS TO "TAKE A BREAK" THIS HOLIDAY

OTOBA Board member, Carol Duby, gathered her elves and treated thousands of spectators to an exhibit of horse racing in the Macy's Holiday Parade on November 29th. A bugler, race horse, starting gate, jockeys and a donkey pulling a buckboard, all decorated for the holidays, delighted the crowd as the parade wound through downtown Portland. A dozen volunteers, along with several generous sponsors, supported the promotion of horse racing by inviting people to **"Take a Break – Come to the Races"**.



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The OTOBA was established in 1944 as a non-profit organization. Our mission is to strengthen Oregon's Thoroughbred breeding industry, to further cooperation among members of the racing community and to increase public interest through the promotion and advancement of the breeding and racing of Oregon-bred Thoroughbreds.

Membership Benefits:

As a member of the OTOBA you will receive:

- Waiver of 5% non-member fee on breeder's awards and owner's bonus awards
- The Oregon Horse*, the OTOBA's own publication
- The PostTimes*, OTOBA's monthly e-newsletter
- The right to vote for representation on the OTOBA Board of Directors
- The right to vote for Oregon Champions for our annual awards banquet
- Complimentary produce records
- Complimentary Notary services
- Member discounts with NTRA

The OTOBA retains an outstanding lobbyist in Salem to assist in advancing issues beneficial to the racing community.

Members also benefit by the OTOBA's membership with the national TOBA, The Jockey Club, and Oregon horse associations.

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OTOBA membership dues for the year beginning August 1, 2013 through July 31, 2014

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SUMMER RACE MEETS

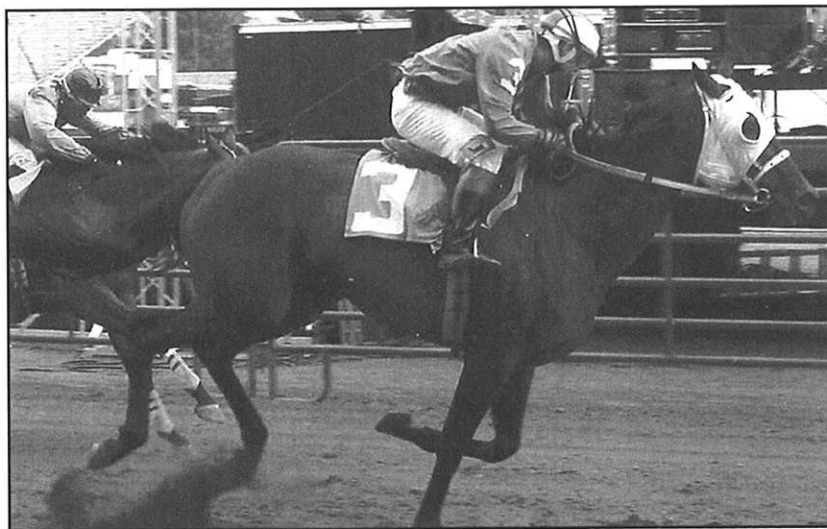
The 2013 OTOBA HI-POINT CHALLENGE introduced a new award structure that rewarded the top 5 fillies/mares and the top 5 colts/geldings with cash prizes totaling \$5,250. Forty-eight Oregon-bred Thoroughbreds took the Challenge and raced throughout the summer. Oregon-bred purse supplements sweetened the pots by \$8,000!

1st Place Colt/Gelding **RISKY ORBIT**



RISKY ORBIT, owned by Dave and Patty Runyon, bred by Carol Duby and trained by Dave Runyon topped the Colt/Gelding list with 54 points. Risky Orbit competed at all five summer meets and raced to four first place finishes.

1st Place Filly/Mare **SHAME ON ROSIE**



SHAME ON ROSIE, owned and trained by Don Young and bred by Dr. & Mrs. Jack Root, Jr., DVM, was the leading mare with a Challenge high of 57 points. Shame on Rosie also raced at all five meets and was a consistent top three finisher.

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5 THINGS PROSPECTIVE RACE HORSE OWNERS WANT YOU TO TELL THEM

By Kelly O'Neill

Every year, racing fans consider owning a race horse, but aren't sure how to get involved. TOBA offers "talking points."

1. WHAT WILL IT COST?

The answer is "it depends."

Find out the owner's goals.

Do they want to be part of a syndicate or own the horse alone?

Do they plan to breed?

These answers will help set their budget and best ownership option.

Bring up the additional costs of horse maintenance, from feed to vet care.

Costs vary, but sharing your own experiences is helpful.



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2. WHAT WILL I MAKE?

How long are they willing to wait for a return on their investment?

Are they looking for the immediate action offered by racing or the long-term challenges of breeding and developing young horses?

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3. HOW MUCH TIME WILL IT TAKE?

How involved do they WANT to be?

Do they have the time or inclination to monitor the day-to-day activities of their horse, e.g. talk with the trainer or visit the stable area?

There is also the time spent on the business side of owning a race horse.

4. WHAT ARE THE BUSINESS RAMIFICATIONS?

Share your knowledge of business entities, taxes and tax benefits, record keeping, payroll, etc.

Referring them to an attorney or tax professional is another option.

5. WHERE DO I GET A RACE HORSE?

From you! Discuss auctions, claiming races, partnerships and leasing as well. TOBA suggests reviewing the following:

Number and size of sire's foal crops; percentage of progeny that are starters, winners and stakes winners; type of horse the sire produces: turf or dirt, sprint or route; precociousness of his foals -- does he produce better 2-year-old runners or do they develop slowly? There are also many factors to consider with regard to a dam.

The future of horse racing depends on new race horse owners and breeders. Membership in the Oregon Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders Association is a great way to learn more about the business of racing.

Additional Resources:

"Owner Education"

Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders Association

www.toba.org

"Thoroughbred OwnerView"

The Jockey Club

www.ownerview.com

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Mister Diz Stakes (4 times)
as well as double wins in the Jim McKay Turf Sprint
Stakes and Laurel Dash Stakes

Sire also of G2 SW **Parker's Project**, G2-pl multiple SW
Sloane Ranger (\$537,999), etc.

2014 fee: \$2,000 Live Foal, \$200 booking fee, balance due live foal
Northwest Stallion Stakes and Oregon Stallion Stakes Nominated



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Pulpit-Tempo West, by Rahy

3rd—Breeders'
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A winning son of top Sire of Sires **PULPIT**-
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among his 43 SWs (24 graded, including 12 G1).

PULPIT is a G2-winning son of
Horse of the Year and leading sire **A.P. INDY**.

WAR POWER is out of a half-sister to Belmont-G1 and
Champagne-G1 SW **UNION RAGS** (nearly \$1.8-million).
Tempo West is a 3-time stakes-producing daughter of leading
sire and top broodmare sire **RAHY**.

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Northwest Stallion Stakes and Oregon Stallion Stakes Nominated

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Unbridled's Song-Double Cat, by Storm Cat

By G1 SW and Top Sire **UNBRIDLED'S SONG** out of G2 SP SW **DOUBLE CAT**



Sire Line: Son of Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) winner and \$1.3-
million earner **UNBRIDLED'S SONG**, who has sired the earners of
nearly \$90-million, including 104 stakes winners led by 2013
pro tem 3YO colt leader **WILL TAKE CHARGE**, winner of over
\$3-million. **UNBRIDLED'S SONG** is one of the top commercial sires of
his generation and noted sire-of-sires.

Female Line: Out of stakes winner and G2-placed **DOUBLE CAT**,
a half-sister to Breeders' Cup Mile (G1) winner **WAR CHANT**,
G2 winner and 4-time G1-placed **IVAN DENISOVICH** (Ire) and
stakes winner and multiple G3-placed **MINISTERS WILD CAT**-
all three highly successful sires!

In 2006, **DOUBLE CAT** sold for \$1,150,000 at the November Keeneland Breeding Stock Sale
while carrying **DELANO**. **DELANO**'s second dam is Champion and Breeders' Cup Distaff (G1)
winner **HOLLYWOOD WILDCAT**.

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