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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Many thanks to the OTOBA Board of Directors, Staff and Membership as we closed out a very successful 2014! The race year started on shaky ground with several unknowns as to the future of Oregon Racing at Portland Meadows. However encouragement followed with the finalization of the Instant Racing initiative. The Fair Meets rallied strong support for Oregon Bred's, with increased field sizes, while Maximatic and Keeperrockin hailed as Fair Champions. Portland Meadows opened the starting gates on October 12, 2014 with energized crowds supporting Sunday and Tuesday racing.

Oregon Championship Day showcased accomplishments with OTOBA and Portland Meadows recognizing our breeders and owners with another sell-out crowd! The Craft Beer Fest was a hit and bettors came with money to drive the overall handle up 20% from 2013. The offspring of Grindstone, the 1996 Kentucky Derby winner, dominated the Winner's Circle with Kozzy's Kitkat in the Janet Wineberg, Hornfel running away in the Wineberg and Soney River winning the Oregon His Stakes. Suddenly Adele by Harbor the Gold won the Oregon Hers. Congratulations to the owners, breeders and trainers!

Your OTOBA Board of Directors is pleased to list the following accomplishments for 2014.

- Prudent financial management that increased Oregon Bred purses with \$1,500 per race.
- Completed our successful launch and first year of our magazine, The Oregon Horse.
- Reached 200 OTOBA paid members while celebrating our 70th anniversary.
- Developed proposed changes to increase breeding incentives for 2015 implementation.
- Rolled-out weekly certificates and e-mail announcements to recognize our "Oregon Bred of the Week".
- Awarded six OTOBA Scholarships to deserving students in the equine field.
- Continued in partnership with the Future of Racing in Oregon Group (FROG).
- Conducted a successful Stallion Stakes won by Grinder Sparksaglo.
- Our Executive Director attended the National TOBA breeding seminar in Kentucky.
- Participated in the Portland Macy's Holiday Parade.
- Expanded OTBA marketing through ads in local equine magazines and sponsorships.
- Recognized Oregon Thoroughbred Champions at our Annual Awards Banquet with over 100 attendees.

Enjoy our OTOBA Magazine and welcome 2015!

Dan Warden
President

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Standing at Oakhurst Thoroughbreds ~Newberg, Oregon

An Interview with OTOBA's 2013 Breeder of the Year George Hurliman

By Lynnelle Fox Smith, OTOBA Executive Director



George and Rose Hurliman have been married for over 60 years. They met in high school when Rose had a bet

with her friends as to who would get a date with George. Rose won! The Hurlimans live in Tillamook and breed and race Oregon-bred Thoroughbreds. The couple purchased their first Thoroughbreds, a mare and foal, in the early 70s. Their racing career began at the Tillamook County Fair with a second place finish by that foal. The Hurlimans have owned, bred and raced many Thoroughbreds. They now focus solely on Oregon-breds.

The Oregon Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association selected George Hurliman as the Oregon Breeder of the Year for 2013. In addition to winning Breeder of the



Year at last year's OTOBA Banquet of Champions, the Hurlimans captured trophies for the Champion 2 Year Old Colt with Maddie's

Gold, a son of Harbor the Gold out of Moonlit Maddie, and Champion Older Gelding with Midda's Gold Touch, also a Harbor the Gold and out of Jazzing Around. The Hurlimans found room in their trunk to also take home the Broodmare of the Year

award for Moonlit Maddie.

George and Rose traveled to Lexington, Kentucky in September 2014 to attend the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association National Awards events. The State award recipients were recognized during a luncheon at WinStar Farm in Versailles, KY. WinStar is the home of prize stallions, Distorted Humor, More Than Ready, Speightstown and Tiznow. The Hurlimans enjoyed touring the farm and meeting people from all over the country. The festivities continued at the TOBA Awards Dinner held at the Lexington Convention Center.

George and Rose have been involved with the racing community in Oregon for decades.



MOONLIT MADDIE
1988 B M

Abstract - Green's Gallery (GB), by Alias Smith

Trainer: Rolland R. Ferguson
Owner: Debora Ferguson, George Hurliman, and Ashfault Farm
Breeder: Mr. & Mrs. Steven C Peterson

Career Record: 38 12 7 5 \$207,358



OTOBA AWARDS
Champion 3-year-old
2001
Champion Older Mare
2002-2003-2004
Horse of the Year
2002
Broodmare of the Year
2013

STAKES RACE WINS
Kachina Handicap
Turf Paradise 1/10/04
Desert Sky Handicap
Turf Paradise 3/29/03
Wende Stakes
Turf Paradise 5/18/02
Willow Lake Handicap
Yavapai Downs 8/28/01
Angi Go Stakes
Turf Paradise 4/22/01
Scottsdale Handicap
Turf Paradise 3/8/01

MADDIE'S GOLD
Harbor the Gold-Moonlit Maddie

AWARDS & STAKES RACE WINS
OTOBA 2013 Champion 2-year-old
OTOBA 2013 Horse of the Year
2014 Portland Derby, 2013 Bill Wineberg
Stakes & 2013 Osiris Stakes

Career Record: 12 4 3 2 \$70,881

They will continue to breed and race Oregon-bred Thoroughbreds. They hope to see bigger crowds and more race days at Portland Meadows in the near future. As longtime OTOBA members, the Hurlimans benefit from Breeders Awards. They feel that the breeding incentives and awards are crucial and that more people should be made aware of the benefits so that younger individuals become involved in the industry.



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OREGON CHAMPIONSHIP DAY RESULTS

The Oregon Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association hosted their annual Oregon Championship Day on December 14, 2014 at Portland Meadows. The Oregon-bred Thoroughbred winners are:

OREGON HERS

Suddenly Adele, a daughter of Harbor the Gold out of Sudden, won the \$11,000 Oregon Hers, a one-mile race for three-year-old fillies. Trained by Rigoberto Velasquez and



bred by Neil Knap, Suddenly Adele led wire to wire and won by 11-1/2 lengths. Suddenly Adele is owned by Rancho Viejo Stables.

JANET WINEBERG STAKES

Kozzys Kitkat, by Grindstone out of Karlee's Kitten, won the \$13,000 Janet Wineberg Stakes, a six furlong race for two-year-old fil-



lies. Starting a big rally on the turn, Kozzys Kitkat won by four and one-half lengths for trainer Jonathan Nance and owner Mike Cosgrove. Kozzys Kitkat was bred by Patrick Cosgrove.

WINEBERG STAKES

Hornfel, a son of Grindstone out of X Slews Me, won the \$13,000 Wineberg Stakes, a six



furlong race for two-year-olds. Bred by Larry and Gay Welliver and owned by Larry Welliver, Hornfel led wire-to-wire and won by five and one-half lengths for trainer Debbie Van Horne. This was the second win of the day by a Grindstone progeny.

LETHAL GRANDE SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP

Carl Command, by Rogue S. out of Comadora, won the six furlong \$11,000 Lethal Grande Sprint Championship for three-year-olds and up. Carl Command, bred by James E. Lea, Jr., secured the win by leading gate to wire in a time of 1:10:24. This was the second win of the day for



owner Rancho Viejo and trainer Rigoberto Velasquez. Lisa Baze is a co-owner.

OREGON HIS

Stoney River was the third Grindstone sired winner of the day. The colt, out of Can't Be Slew, is also the second winner for breeders Larry and Gay Welliver. The \$11,000 one mile race for three-year-olds attracted the largest field of entries, but Stoney River drew



away to win by three lengths. Stoney River is owned by Rancho Viejo and Herman Torres and trained by Rigoberto Velasquez, giving Rancho Viejo and Velasquez their third win of the day.

STRANGER IN A STRANGE LAND:

A Would-be Oregon Breeder Heads to Keeneland to Fulfill a Lifelong Dream

By Gordon Tallman
Photos By Karen Tallman

"Swing for the fences." That was the advice my longtime friend Bruce Loudon gave me. The year was 2011. Thanks to Jack and Cookie Root—two other longtime friends of mine—Kentucky Derby winner Grindstone was standing in Oregon, and I wanted to buy a mare to support him. My focus was on mares that were decently-bred, cheaply priced, and available for private sale, but Bruce encouraged me to set my sights higher. "Go to Keeneland," he said.

His reasoning was sound. The Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale is a massive auction. That year there were 3,920 horses catalogued for the sale. Over half of them were broodmares or broodmare prospects. For both quality and sheer numbers, Keeneland really was the place to go.

I decided to take Bruce's advice, and made travel arrangements for my wife Karen and I to head to Lexington for the very first time. As part of my preparation, I spent \$600 to buy an iPad so that I could run the free EquineLine Sales Catalog App. Leading up to the sale I spent countless hours preparing my short list, as well as researching and adding notes to the electronic catalog pages of my potential purchases.

On my first day attending the sale, I showed up at the barn of Lane's End; one of Kentucky's leading farms. I was there earlier than they normally began showing horses. They didn't know me, but they treated me like I was one of their best customers. Shortly after my arrival, they literally had horses lined up four or five deep for me to inspect.

I got a different reception at another barn. I approached the only person there and asked him to bring out a mare I was interested in, and he promptly responded with, "I don't know if you can afford her." I was

taken aback by his comment. When he saw my reaction, he realized his violation of sales etiquette and said, "Well, maybe you can." She was a midget of a mare, but had a fantastic pedigree. As it turned out, the man was right. I couldn't quite afford her.

While I had never been to Keeneland before, I did have a certain comfort level with their



auction crew. Auctioneer Chris Caldwell and I worked the last OTBA auction together, and he and bid spotter Pete McCormick also work the WTBOA Sale. Because of this, I made it a point to sit in Pete's section when I was doing my bidding.

Pete became very familiar with me, as day after day he accepted my eager but fruitless bids. I got outbid A LOT at Keeneland. So much so that when I ran into Chris Caldwell in the hall outside the pavilion, he jokingly told me, "If you don't buy something soon, we're going to have to ask you to leave."

Karen had always been what I considered paranoid when we've attended auctions together in the past. She was afraid that every time I made a hand gesture or pointed at something when we were seated in a sales pavilion, that my movement would be mistaken for a bid. Her concerns were only magnified at Keeneland, where the prices were the highest of any auction we've ever attended. "These guys are professionals," I assured her. "They can tell if someone's bidding or not."

One day, my wife opted not to go to the auction with me. As I walked into the pavil-

ion, Pete gave me a friendly nod. I responded with a hello wave...and he promptly spotted me for a \$30,000 bid! After a brief moment of stunned silence, I quickly made it clear that I was not bidding. Later that evening, Karen was quite amused by the incident, and delivered the "I told you so" speech with a big smile on her face.

I loved every minute of my time at Keeneland. My wife would usually drop me off early in the morning, go and explore Kentucky, then come back and spend some time at the sale with me in the afternoon. Karen was putting about 200 miles a day on our rental car. Though enjoying herself, she ultimately said, "Hurry up and buy a horse so we can see some of Kentucky together."

My time was running out. We only had a few more days to spend in Kentucky, and I honestly wasn't very enthused about the horses that I'd looked at that were selling the next day. I decided it was time to break out my iPad and go through the next day's catalog to see if there were any hidden gems I'd left off my short list. Among the horses I added to my list that night was Hip #2130, Talent Queen

There were a couple of different reasons why she wasn't on my original short list. First, I didn't think I could afford her. Her sire, Elusive Quality, was also the sire of Kentucky Derby & Preakness champion Smarty Jones. Her dam, Parade Queen, was a multiple graded stakes winner of \$419,357, a daughter of Horse of



the Year A.P. Indy, and a graded stakes producer. Secondly, Talent Queen was not in foal. She had aborted an Unbridled's Song foal the year before, and was not pregnant to the cover of Kentucky Derby and Belmont Stakes runner-up Bluegrass Cat. Since

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I was going to be a one broodmare operation, I used reproductive “hiccups” as a reason to drop mares from consideration.

The next morning I made my rounds to see the horses I’d added to my list. Hip #2130 was young (a six-year-old), attractive and healthy looking, so I decided I’d bid on her. Shortly before she was due to be sold, I headed to the back ring for one more look at my potential purchase. I spotted her among the horses waiting their turn to be sold. Talent Queen appeared to look right at me and let out a nervous whinny, and in my mind I asked her, “Are you the one?”

Turns out she was indeed the one. When

the hammer fell, Talent Queen was mine for \$12,000. “Finally!” bid spotter Pete exclaimed. I must admit to feeling a rush of “buyer’s remorse” shortly afterward. Not because I didn’t like my new purchase, but because she wasn’t in foal. My plan was for my breeding operation to be self-sustaining by selling foals to generate revenue, and buying a mare that wasn’t pregnant delayed any potential income by a full year.

After taking a deep breath, I started looking at some positives. Talent Queen had sold for \$210,000 just three years earlier while carrying her first foal to the cover of Discreet Cat. The resulting filly—Prom Queen—was now two, and had won a \$30,000 maiden claimer by 7 1/4 lengths. Talent Queen also had half-sisters out there by Dubai Millennium, Dynaformer, Giant’s Causeway, Storm Cat, and Tiznow that could add some nice future updates to her catalog page. But a certain relative in particular caught my eye.

Talent Queen’s graded stakes winning half-sister Untouched Talent (by Storm Cat) had an unraced two-year-old colt by Empire Maker. Putting it in human terms, I told Karen, “Talent Queen has a “nephew” that’s

trained by Bob Baffert that could make it to the Kentucky Derby.” At the time, I knew it was more of a dream than a likely reality. It was already November, and this colt hadn’t even started yet. His name was Bodemeister.

Fast forward to April 19th, 2012 - Bodemeister won the \$1 million Arkansas Derby (G1) by 9 1/2 lengths, and I realized that my mare’s “nephew” was indeed headed to the Kentucky Derby!

Sent of as the favorite in the “Run for the Roses”, Bodemeister went right to the lead and set blistering fractions. Though he was still in front by three lengths after the first mile, he tired a bit in the stretch run and was passed by I’ll Have Another. Second in the Derby is still not too shabby.

Bodemeister continued on to the Preakness. Once again he was favored, had a three length lead after a mile, and sadly was passed once again by I’ll Have Another. This time he wasn’t caught until the final strides, and he was only defeated by a neck.

It was an exciting ride, and it would have been greedy of me to hope that Talent

Queen’s family would produce another potential Derby horse, but it did. In 2014, Top Billing—Talent Queen’s half-brother by Horse of the Year Curlin—emerged as one of the East Coast’s top classic contenders. Top Billing was rated #1 on Steve Haskin’s

Derby Dozen in The Blood-Horse for five straight weeks. He was considered one of the favorites being pointed for the \$1 million Florida Derby (G1), but was injured in a workout before the race. The good news is that he is back in training and may return to the races in February of 2015.



In the meantime, Talent Queen (aka “Tally”) has settled in nicely at Oakhurst Thoroughbreds. When she arrived, she was nervous and high strung. Over time she has calmed some, but still acts as if she knows the word “Queen” is in her name. She is an alpha mare and is happiest out in the pasture with the herd, bossing the other mares and their foals around.

She has produced two lovely Oregon-bred fillies by Grindstone – two-year-old Unbridled

Quality (“Lexi”) and yearling Carat Queen (“Kay-tee”). Both fillies have their mother’s alpha attitude, and I hope for big things from them. I haven’t sold either one of them yet, but as Karen readily reminds me, that is still the plan.

As for my friend Bruce Loudon, just as he encouraged me to spend my money and “swing for the fences”, I encouraged him to spend his on the stallion Understatement. He’s a big, gorgeous, well-bred horse that flashed tremendous ability. Talent Queen was bred to him in 2014, and I am eagerly awaiting that foal, which is due in late February.

Will another top horse emerge from Talent Queen’s family? That’s a lot to ask. As of early January, her three-year-old half-brother Black Watch (by Medaglia d’Oro) hasn’t started yet. However, he’s owned by Calumet Farm and word is they like him, so you just never know!

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TRAINER: Rigoberto Velasquez
BREEDER: Larry & Gay Welliver

3RD MADDIE’S GOLD
(Sired by Harbor the Gold)

OWNER: Hurliman Enterprises LLC
TRAINER: Debora Ferguson
BREEDER: George J. Hurliman



A LOOK BACK
PAST OTOBA CHAMPIONS
BROODMARES & STALLIONS OF THE YEAR

YEAR	BROODMARE	SIRE	YEAR	BROODMARE	SIRE
1992	N/A	Sea Aglo	2004	La Bardot	Baquero
1993	Painted Queen	Sea Aglo	2005	Sushi Q.	Cascadian
1994	Painted Queen	Sea Aglo	2006	Crowning Ambition	Baquero
1995	Jolande (FR)	Boutinierre	TIE	Dubakella Mountain	
1996	Shyanne Spirit	Boutinierre	TIE	La Bardot	
1997	Flying Sea Gal	Pledge Card	2007	Jimbos Valentine	Baquero
1998	OnryWon	Can't Be Slewed	2008	Dubkella Mountain	Baquero
1999	Sushi Q.	Boutinierre	2009	Forty Romances	Harbor the Gold
2000	Sushi Q.	Boutinierre	2010	Silver City Lilly	Harbor the Gold
2001	Michief Mud	Abstract	2011	Silver City Lilly	Harbor the Gold
2002	La Bardot	Abstract	2012	Flying Memo	Harbor the Gold
2003	Sushi Q.	Abstract	2013	Moonlit Maddie	Harbor the Gold



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MADDIE'S GOLD

Harbor the Gold—Moonlit Maddie, by Abstract

Owner: Hurliman Enterprises • Trainer: Debora Ferguson • Breeder: George J. Hurliman

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Equine Theriogenology Services at OSU

By
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The Equine Theriogenology (Clinical Reproduction Specialists) Service at Oregon State University provides comprehensive and advanced diagnostics and therapeutics to maximize reproductive success of stallions and broodmares. In many cases, we achieve this by utilizing advanced reproductive



Students at Oregon State University College of Veterinary Medicine study and practice Equine Theriogenology (Clinical Reproduction Specialists) Service.

techniques such as artificial insemination or embryo transfer. However, according to the rules of the Jockey Club, which sets the standards for Thoroughbred breeding in the United States, no offspring can be registered with the Jockey Club that results from artificial insemination or embryo transfer. For them, the only way a Thoroughbred is allowed to reproduce is by natural breeding, i.e. "live-cover".

So is there a role for a theriogenologist in the world of Thoroughbred race horse breeding? To begin, we should define the term theriogenology. The word theriogenology comes from the ancient Greek words therio meaning beast or animal, gen as in genesis meaning creation, and ology meaning study of. Together, they mean the study of the creation of beasts. Simply stated, a theriogenologist is a veterinarian with advanced training in reproductive medicine. As much an art as it is a science, our knowledge and experience in theriogenology can aid in the successful breeding of Thoroughbreds.

One way our service can assist is by deter-

mining the mare's optimum breeding window. The mare's reproductive activity will change throughout the year depending on the season which, in turn, dictates the amount of daylight available. Horses are considered to be seasonally polyestrous, meaning having estrous cycles only during part of the year. Increasing daylight hours stimulates cycling during in spring and summer in mares residing in the northern hemisphere. One tool to pinpoint the optimal time to breed is the use of teasing. Mares should be teased every other day using a stallion to detect estrus, sometimes called "heat". When teasing a mare, behavioral signs of estrus such as frequent urination, "winking" her vulva and receptivity to the stallion should become evident. As she begins to display these signs of estrus, the next step should be to evaluate her ovaries.

Rectal palpation and ultrasound are used by theriogenologists to evaluate the growth of follicles and monitor ovulation.

A breeding soundness evaluation is a wise investment and should also be considered prior to breeding for both the mare and stallion. Significant time and cost can be saved by identifying horses with a poor reproductive potential. When performing a breeding soundness exam on either the mare or the stallion, it is important to record their general medical and management history in addition to a detailed reproductive history. A complete breeding soundness examination in a mare includes examination of the external genitalia and mammary glands, palpation and ultrasonography per rectum of the internal genitalia, manual and visual vaginal examination, aerobic culture of an endometrial swab/sample, cytologic evaluation of an endometrial swab/sample and histologic evaluation of an endometrial biopsy sample. In the stallion, a breeding soundness exam evaluates overall structural soundness and

behavior, libido and the internal and external genitalia as well as semen quality and quantity. These are all services we offer at Oregon State University.

Sometimes it is necessary to manipulate the mare's reproductive cycle such as during the transition periods when the cycle can be erratic. This is possible with the use of two naturally and synthetically available hormones: prostaglandin and progestestins. But before manipulating the cycle, we need to go over the basics of the cycle. As follicles grow, they secrete estrogen which is the reason for the behavioral signs mentioned earlier. Estrogen also stimulates the release of a second hormone call luteinizing hormone (LH).

This hormone facilitates maturation and ovulation of the growing follicle. Once ovulation occurs, the estrogen production decreases. What forms in the ovary after ovulation of the follicle is called the corpus luteum (CL) and it secretes the hormone progesterone. If the mare establishes a pregnancy, the role of progesterone is to maintain a pregnancy by suppressing other hormonal activity. If conception does not occur, the uterine endometrium secretes the hormone prostaglandin. Prostaglandin lyses or destroys the progesterone, producing corpus luteum and allowing for follicle stimulating hormone to increase and the cycle will begin again.

We offer several management tools that can be used to advance the onset of the breeding season or to alter the estrous cycle and timing of ovulation. This allows for more predictable scheduling of breedings. Prostaglandin or progesterone alone given at the correct time or in combination can aid in bringing a mare into heat at a predictable time. However, it's not just as simple as giving them a shot. For example, neither of these hormones will precisely control when a mare will ovulate. For that we would have to employ additional hormones such as human Chorionic Gonadotropin (hCG) or



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At 4 won Inglewood H. (G3); 2nd Joe Hernandez S.; 3rd Wickerr S.

At 5 won Robert K. Kerlan Memorial H.; 2nd San Francisco Mile S. (G3); 3rd Joe Hernandez S.

At 6 3rd San Francisco Mile S. (G3).

At 7 won Albany S., Oakland S.; 3rd San Francisco Mile S. (G3), Daytona S. (G3).

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REINVENTING RACING

Ideas from around the world

By Kelly O'Neill



It comes as no surprise to hear that ever since the economic crisis of 2008, the Thoroughbred breeding industry has declined in the amount of foals it is producing. While, according to The International Simulcast Conference in Delray Beach, FL there are other significant issues facing the racing industry, e.g. a failure to attract new players, the number of foals has had a significant impact on the success of a race track.

In 2014, The Jockey Club held its Sixty-Second Annual Round Table Conference on Matters Pertaining to Racing. Martin Panza, Senior Vice President of Racing Operations, New York Racing Association, suggested, "The game is undoubtedly going through a transitional period, and it seems to me with thought and proper planning, we may have an opportunity to reinvent ourselves."

Those involved in the business of racing seem to agree. In March 2001, *The Blood-Horse* magazine asked via their website for "Five Ways To Improve The Industry." Responses came from breeders, owners, trainers, veterinarians, bloodstock agents, jockeys, industry professionals and horseplayers. The most suggested improvement by one-half of the respondents was the devel-

opment of a centralized governing body, authority or "commission" to regulate rules, medications and other aspects of racing, along with a centralized strategic plan for growing the sport. "With 30-some racing jurisdictions and their concomitant bureaucratic and political loyalties, meaningful change that benefits the industry as a whole will be very difficult. Only by cooperating on a national scale will the game have a chance to grow." One additional comment was, "The NTRA – bless their hearts – I just don't think they're the right body."

Finally, almost every response contained some idea for better marketing of the sport. From engaging young people with handheld technological devices and the use of social media to more educational seminars on owning, betting and promotion of "super stars," respondents felt that not enough is being done to "sell the dream." More than one respondent used the example of Zenyatta. "The general public is star struck, loves glamour, loves animals, and laps up celebrity news. We have all that. Let's get the message out there!"

But how do we take these ideas and put them into a comprehensive plan? What would it look like? The answers can perhaps

be found in the racing programs of other countries.

Ireland boasts a thriving horse racing industry and is also home to some of the world's most famous trainers and jockeys. Despite Ireland's small size and population of just under 4.5 million, it currently stands as the largest producer of thoroughbreds in Europe and the fourth largest in the world. Irish Thoroughbred Marketing (ITM) promotes Ireland as the leading source for the production and sale of quality thoroughbreds worldwide, and as a premier country in which to own, breed and buy thoroughbreds. Established in 1991, Irish Thoroughbred Marketing is a not-for-profit, non-trading, limited company, with the strength and integrity of Irish Government support, and the backing of the Irish Bloodstock industry, assuring absolute integrity and impartiality. ITM is a subsidiary of Horse Racing Ireland (HRI), the semi-state organization responsible for the administration of horse racing in Ireland.

The **Qatar Racing and Equestrian Club (REC)** was established in 1975. H.E. Sheikh Mohamed Bin Faleh Al Thani is Chairman of the REC Board of Directors. Mr. Sami Jassim Al Boenain is the General Manager

of REC and Secretary General of REC Board of Directors. Located in New Rayyan, Doha, it has the mission of developing thoroughbred horse racing events, shows and encouraging horse owners to own the best horses and to develop horse breeding. Members of the Qatari royal family, Sheikh Fahad bin Abdullah Al Thani and his brother, Sheikh Hamad, recently purchased horses under the banner of Qatar Racing. Along with Dubai ruler Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, they represent the world's biggest owner of race horses. "The emergence of the Qatari royal family as a major force on the global racing scene has obviously had a big impact," said Jimmy George, Marketing Director of Tattersalls.



Set up in 2000, the **French Racing and Breeding Committee (FRBC)** is a non-profit organization responsible for the promotion of the French Racing and breeding industry abroad. The organization is a gateway for all foreign professionals, would-be owners or racing enthusiasts who wish to discover or invest in French racing. FRBC provides a full range of services: purchasing a horse, becoming an owner, registering colors, choosing a stallion, boarding a mare, purchasing a breeding farm or just discovering French stud farms and racing in general. "Our team travels around the world trying to welcome racing enthusiasts to France. We strive to educate them about French racing and breeding as well as our services. We will be present at all the sales and big racing days in France and abroad."

The growth of the **Korean** racing and breeding program has been spearheaded by the national government through the Korean Racing Authority (KRA), which owns several of the industry's key cogs, including racetracks and prominent stallions. The KRA also regulates racing activities in Korea and manages imported horses, including the method and price for which they can be acquired. Because of the country's mountainous topography, the amount of property available in Korea to raise Thoroughbreds is limited. The hub for Thoroughbred breeding is located on Jeju Island, about 60 miles

south of mainland South Korea, and houses two-thirds of the country's stallion population and three-quarters of its breeding farms. The vast majority of Korea's stallions are privately owned. However, the KRA has become an increasingly active player in acquiring its own stallions at auctions and stallion purchases around the world over the past decade and owning them as a government entity. The KRA-owned stallions cover approved mares free of charge in an effort to improve the country's Thoroughbred bloodlines. The KRA's commitment to improving the quality of the country's stallion roster has paid dividends as evidenced by the dramatic increase in broodmare population. In 1993, the KRA reports there were 245 mares in the country. In 2012, that number had increased to 2,510. Having set that foundation, Korea is poised to make an even bigger impact in the years to come.

Racing in **Hong Kong** is unique. Since there is no breeding industry, all horses are imported. To own a horse, you must be a member of the Jockey Club and any single member is limited to four horses at any one time. They receive approximately 1,000 applications from members for approximately 340 permits to import a horse each year, so it is great status to own a horse in Hong Kong. Started in 1984, The Hong Kong Jockey Club had developed from a private club, with its racing mainly organized for Members, into a public licensed operator since 1973. Over the years, it developed from a largely local operation to a world-recognized international product. It improved its two racecourses and rebranded racing as a social entertainment experience, making full use of digital platforms to connect better with a new generation of customers. "The focus here is on the customer experience and understanding the value proposition for horse owners, high value customers and segments that can be developed and produce lifetime value" says William A. Nader who oversees the racing division of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

However, what works in Ireland or Hong Kong may not be feasible here. Still, "baby steps" are being taken throughout the U.S. racing community. The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (TOBA) recently hosted their first Thoroughbred Ownership Seminar last year in Kentucky

with plans this year to expand to New York and Arkansas. In addition, they continue to offer their Breeding and Conformation/Pedigree clinics to help educate potential owners and breeders.

In 2012, The Jockey Club and National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA) Communications launched *americasbestracing.net*, a web site and an app that includes information about horses, jockeys, trainers, owners, and races, as well as various tools to explore and learn about wagering; and the latest news, videos, and photographs surrounding the Triple Crown and Breeders' Cup seasons. There are profiles of the top 50 Triple Crown contenders and their connections, features provided by *The Blood-Horse*, and contributions from more than a dozen of the sport's leading bloggers and reporters. "America's Best Racing is a key component in The Jockey Club's multi-pronged marketing and fan development campaign, which includes the development of other digital content," said James Gagliano, president and chief operating officer of The Jockey Club.



And finally, many of the Thoroughbred owner and breeder organizations are working on solving the problem of low numbers of both foals and new owners by designing new and creative incentives in an effort to encourage breeding, keep breeding going and attract new breeders.

What can we do at the state level to help change this downward trend and reinvent racing? For Oregon Thoroughbred owners and breeders, it's as simple as breeding your mare or purchasing a mare in foal at one of the upcoming sales to help increase the number of Oregon-breds foals. And then, LET'S RACE!



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A Synopsis of the Careers of these State-bred Champions
By Gordon Tallman

RACE RECORD AND STATE-BRED TITLES WON

HORSE NAME	STARTS	WINS	2NDS	3RDS	EARNINGS
#1 Lethal Grande (1999 G.) Oregon Champion 2-year-old Male, 3-year-old Male, Older Male (four times), Horse of the Year (twice)	80	26	18	13	\$409,788
#2 Revillew Slew (1996 M.) Oregon Champion 2-year-old Female, 3-year-old Female, Older Female (twice) and Horse of the Year (twice)	46	13	7	6	\$383,824
#3 Polynesian Flyer (1982 H.) Oregon Champion 2-year-old Male, 3-year-old Male, Older Male (three times), Horse of the Year (twice)	54	14	6	4	\$346,525
#4 Mountain Echo (2006 M.) Oregon Champion Older Female (three times)	66	18	7	12	\$332,468
#5 Eternal Secrecy (1997 G.) Oregon Champion Older Male	69	16	8	6	\$256,749

(Statistics complete through December 31, 2014)

#1 – **Lethal Grande** (by **Corslew - La Bardot**, by **Somethingfabulous**): The top earner also happens to be the horse with the most wins among the Oregon Top 5, scoring 26 victories and winning every year from ages two through eight. Bred by Pat Sonnen, Lethal Grande broke his maiden in his second start at Portland Meadows, romping home by nine lengths in the OTBA Sales Stakes going five furlongs.



Though he would ultimately change hands and run for various owners, the gelding began his career racing for Rapids & Associates, and was initially trained by his breeder. The professional sounding stable name was actually a humorous acronym. When Pat and his brother Rudy purchased Thoroughbreds, they knew that their wives might not be too happy about their investment strategy, and the "Rapids" portion of

the name stood for "Rudy and Pat in Deep Shit".

After a juvenile campaign in which he added a seven length win in the Bill Wineberg Stakes and a second place finish in the Oregon Futurity, Lethal Grande was campaigned exclusively in California as a three-year-old. Though not up to stakes company down south, he won twice at Bay Meadows, and placed at Golden Gate, Hollywood Park and Santa Anita.

Lethal Grande returned to Portland Meadows in the spring of his four-year-old season, and cruised home to a 6 1/4 length victory in the Governor's Speed Stakes in a blistering 1:09.06 for the six furlongs, setting a track record that still stands. The gelding also won the Inaugural Handicap later that year. He added the Portland Meadows Mile to his stakes tally at age five, and the Oregon Sprint Championship Stakes as a seven-year-old.

All of his stakes success came at Portland Meadows, but Lethal Grande actually ran at Hastings Park more than any other track, and won 12 of his 30 starts there. Tragically, the gallant gelding broke down at Portland Meadows on November 5, 2007, and the life of an Oregon-bred legend came to an end.

#2 – **Revillew Slew** (by **Can't Be Slew - Mischief Mud**, by **Mud and Water**): One can easily guess from the "Slew" in her name that Oregon's top distaffer is a descendant of Triple Crown winner Seattle Slew, but you may be wondering, what pray tell is a "Revillew"? Revillew is actually the last name of her breeder, Larry Welliver, spelled backwards.



Revillew Slew made her career debut in the Lassie Stakes. Sent off at 19-1, she broke ninth and last that day, then to quote the Equibase chart she "circled the field in a rally at the half-mile pole and won driving." The final margin was 2 1/2 lengths. In her next start, Revillew Slew started as the even money favorite in the Janet Wineberg Stakes, and won by three lengths.

Perhaps emboldened by her impressive juve-

nile romps, Larry Welliver sent his charge to Santa Anita to begin her three-year-old campaign in the \$70,000 added Stormy But Valid Handicap. The Oregon-bred did not disgrace herself, finishing fourth, beaten less than four lengths. Reviliew Slew was unplaced in her next four starts. A return to Portland Meadows included a 5 1/2 length win against fellow Oregon-bred three-year-old fillies in the Oregon Hers Stakes, preceded by a third place effort against older fillies and mares in the Diane Kem Handicap.

After kicking off her four-year-old campaign losing the Sweetheart Handicap by a head, Reviliew Slew returned to Southern California. At one point she rattled off four straight wins, and was claimed out of each winning effort. The streak began at Hollywood Park on May 31, 2000. In for a \$16,000 tag, she won the 1 1/16 mile contest by three lengths. Stepped up to the \$25,000 level on July 1st and running at the same distance, Reviliew Slew cruised home by five lengths. The SoCal circuit switched to Del Mar, but that didn't matter. Going one mile and entered for a claiming price of \$32,000 on July 31st, Reviliew Slew romped home 4 1/2 lengths in front at the wire. On September 11th, she faced optional claimers at Del Mar going one mile. In for \$40,000, Reviliew Slew bobbed at the start, engaged in a speed duel, then gamely held on to win by a head. One can understandably forgive her for going a bit off form for her final three starts of 2000.

Reviliew Slew's five-year-old campaign was her best year in terms of earnings, adding \$164,680 to her bankroll while winning four of her 11 starts. It included route wins on the turf at both Santa Anita and Del Mar, as well as a second place finish in the \$100,000 Las Madras Handicap on the dirt at Fairplex. She managed one win each year at ages six and seven, then joined the broodmare band at Harris Farms in California. She's produced a few winners, and has a two-year-old colt by Lucky Pulpit, the sire of Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes winner California Chrome.

#3 – Polynesian Flyer (by Flying Lark – Dolphin Dancer, by Best Dancer): Bred by Ken and Barbara Hebard, Polynesian Flyer had an extensive and highly successful juvenile season. After finishing second in his first

two starts at Longacres, including the W.H.B.A. Sales Stakes, Polynesian Flyer travelled to Playfair, where he broke his maiden capturing the Juvenile Mile—His Stakes by three lengths. He returned to Longacres to finish second in the Tukwila Handicap, but was unplaced in the Longacres Lads Stakes. His next stop was Portland Meadows, where he won the Oregon Stallion Stakes by five lengths, finished second in the Columbia River Handicap, then concluded the year with victories in the Bill Wineberg Stakes and the Oregon Futurity.



He kicked off his three-year-old campaign with a 7 1/2 length triumph in the Mt. Hood Handicap, then headed for the "Golden State". Polynesian Flyer was a disappointing fifth in the Gold Rush Stakes at Golden Gate, and promptly returned to the Northwest. He was unplaced in two more stakes at Longacres before going on a bit of a roll there. It began with a 4 1/2 length allowance win, followed by an eight length victory in the one mile Seattle Slew Handicap and a much closer neck win in the 1 1/16 mile Bellevue Handicap. He recorded a DNF (did not finish) in the Spokane Handicap, then concluded the year by running in four straight Derbies. Polynesian Flyer was second by one length in the \$100,000 Longacres Derby (G3) going 1 3/16 miles, won the \$125,000 Canadian Derby over 1 3/8 miles at Northlands Park by a neck, was fourth in the \$75,000 Alberta Derby at Stampede Park, and finished sixth in the \$125,000 British Columbia Derby (G3) at Exhibition Park.

As a four-year-old, Polynesian Flyer won the Renton and the Space Needle Handicaps and placed in two other stakes at Longacres. The handsome gray shipped to California for his last two races of the year. He finished fourth, eight lengths behind grade 1 winning millionaire Super Diamond in the \$100,000 Goodwood Handicap (G3), and

followed that with a third place finish in an allowance at Hollywood Park.

Polynesian Flyer's lone win at five came in a 1 1/16 mile allowance race at Santa Anita, when he defeated Bold Arrangement—the runner-up to Ferdinand in the previous year's Kentucky Derby—by one length. He began his six-year-old season at Portland Meadows, where he scored the final two victories of his impressive career. After winning a six furlong handicap race by a neck, Polynesian Flyer won the \$30,000 Portland Meadows Mile by 1/2 a length.

As a stallion, Polynesian Flyer's best runner was Flying Huey. That gelding was a multiple Portland Meadows champion and won 24 races, including the Portland Meadows Mile, like his sire. Polynesian Flyer also appears in the pedigree of 2014 Oregon Stallion Stakes winner Grinder Sparksaglo, as the sire of that runner's second dam.

#4 – Mountain Echo (by Tempered Appeal – Miss Continental, by Flying Continental): Still actively racing in late 2014, Mountain Echo is a somewhat unique among the members of this list – she has never raced in Oregon, or anywhere else on the West Coast for that matter. In fact, most of her starts have come outside of the United States.



Bred by Mary Caldwell (matriarch of the famed Caldwell auctioneering family) in partnership with Larry Bollman, she came to hand early while racing at Woodbine in Toronto, Canada. Mountain Echo made the first start of a seven race juvenile campaign in June. She broke her maiden for a \$32,000 tag, and placed in three allowance races, all coming on that track's all-weather surface.

Mountain Echo went winless during her sophomore season, but did place in half of her 10 starts, while competing for claiming prices ranging from \$20,000 up to

\$100,000. She added two wins at the \$20,000 level to her resume at age four. As a five-year-old Mountain Echo got to try running on a dirt track for the first time. She made half of her 10 starts that year at Fort Erie, and responded with three wins in claiming and allowance optional claiming company, and also added her first stakes placing, finishing third in the \$30,000 Fort Erie Slots Cup. She threw in a win over the all-weather surface at Woodbine for good measure.

Her best season came as a five-year-old, when she had five wins and four placings from 13 starts and earned \$87,946. Included among her victories was a 4 3/4 length romp in the \$30,000 Princess Cup Stakes going six furlongs on the dirt at Fort Erie. She returned the following year to win the \$30,000 Andy Passero Memorial Cup Stakes by a whopping seven lengths at a distance of 6 1/2 furlongs. That was one of three wins for her at age six, and she added another three wins last year as a seven-year-old. She finally raced stateside in 2014, winning at Mountaineer Park in West Virginia, and placing at Laurel in Maryland.

#5 – Eternal Secrecy (1997 G. x Black Tie Affair (IRE) – Forever Secret, by Sawbones): Eternal Secrecy made a splash in Oregon. Not on the racetrack, as he never once raced

in his home state, but rather in the sales ring. Consigned by his breeders Michael and Amy Stafford, he drew a great deal of attention at the 1998 OTBA Sale. After all, his sire was champion and Breeders' Cup Classic winner Black Tie Affair. His pedigree and looks resulted in a sales-topping price of \$16,000.

His racing career didn't begin nearly so well. Eternal Secrecy made nine combined starts over the course of his two and three-year-old



seasons, without a single top three finish, while racing at Hastings Park in Canada. He began his four-year-old year in May, and showed a bit more promise. After finishing second in a maiden special weight race, he followed that up facing the same class with an eye-popping 7 3/4 length romp in the 6 1/2 furlong affair. That was his lone win though, and after three years of racing the \$16,000 sale topper had earned an underwhelming \$21,796.

When given the opportunity to try the route races for which his pedigree was best suited, they provided a nice spark to the gelding's career. Eternal Secrecy responded with four wins from 11 starts as a five-year-old, and added another \$60,262 to his bankroll. The gelding began his six-year-old season with his first start outside of Hastings Park, while also making his stakes debut. The race was the \$40,000 Teeworth Plate Handicap at Stampede Park. Eternal Secrecy was up for the task, and cruised home in front by 4 1/2 lengths while completing the mile in a rapid 1:36.20.

Winless in 2004 as a seven-year-old, Eternal Secrecy came back at eight to have his most successful season in terms of both wins (seven) and money won (\$80,803) at age eight. He won at three different tracks—Hastings Park, Northlands Park, and Stampede Park. Those wins came sprinting and routing, from on and off the pace, in claiming and allowance company. His most eye-catching win was probably a 14 length triumph accomplished in wire-to-wire fashion going a mile at Stampede Park while running for a claiming price of \$22,000. Eternal Secrecy managed three wins as a nine-year-old, but threw in a yet another winless season to conclude his career at ten.



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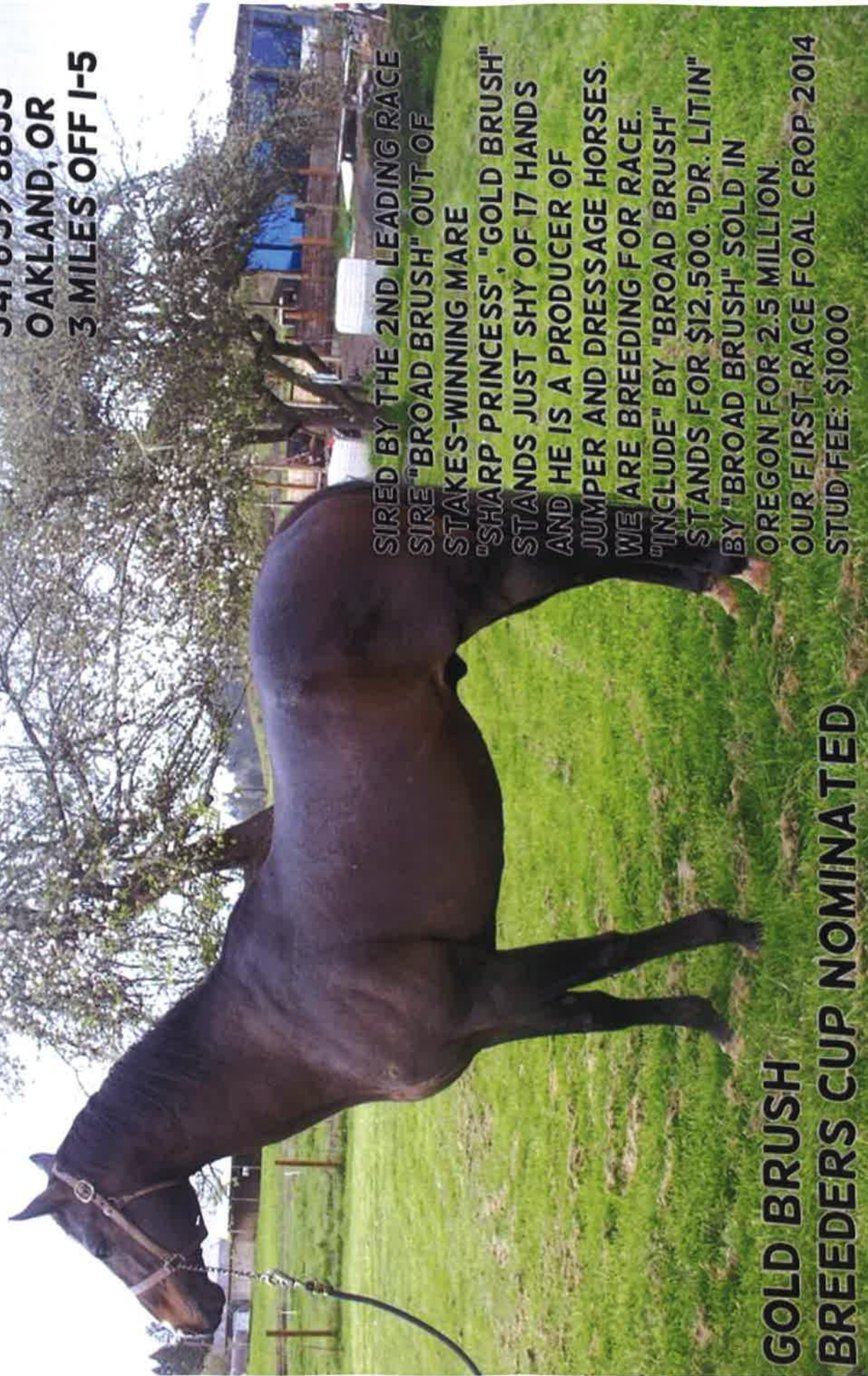
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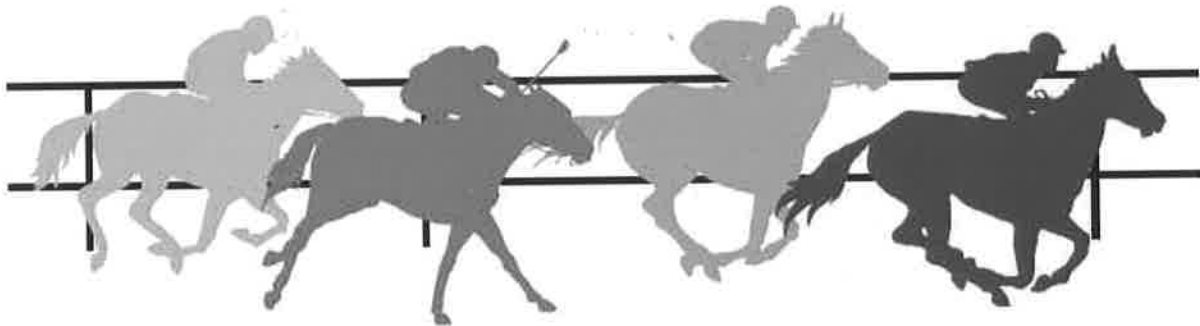
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