

The ATBHA News

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ARKANSAS RACING LOST AN ICON

The Arkansas thoroughbred horse racing industry lost an icon in the industry on December 6th with the passing of Charles J Cella. The Cella family founded the Oaklawn Jockey Club in 1904. Charles took over as president of Oaklawn Jockey Club after the death of his father, John G. Cella in 1968. He made Oaklawn Park one of the most successful thoroughbred tracks in the county. Mr. Cella is survived by two sons, Cella and Louis A Cella, and daughter Harriett Mar-



shall, all of St. Louis, and eight grandchildren.

His physical presence and years of knowledge, ideas and leadership will certainly be felt. Louis A Cella was named president, to succeed his father, of Oaklawn Jockey Club, the Hot Springs racetrack and gaming facility, and Southwestern Enterprises, Inc., the parent company of Oaklawn. His brother, John G Cella, was named president of the family's Southern Real Estate and Financial Company, Inc., also succeeding his father. Louis said, "It is truly an honor to follow in the footsteps of my father and grandfather. Racing has been part of the Cella family DNA for generations and we are committed to keeping Oaklawn one of the premiere racetracks in the country for generations to come."



This appointment was welcomed news throughout the racing industry. Louis' active involvement in every aspect of racing, his experience and the Cella family's commitment to excellence will continue the success of Oaklawn Park for years to come.

ARKANSAS-BRED FILLY SELLS FOR \$130,000

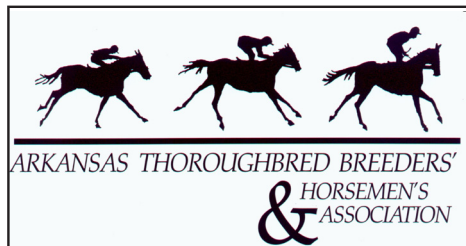
A 2016 registered Arkansas-bred filly by SCAT DADDY (by Johannesburg-Love Style, by Mr. Prospector) out of TIPPING POINT, a Point Given mare, sold at the 2017 Keeneland September Yearling Sale for \$130,000.

The dam, Tipping Point, owned by James Matheny, was bred back to Icon Ike, who stood at Starfish Stallions, and produced a gorgeous 2017 filly. The mare is expecting a foal by BLAME in 2018.

BREEDERS & OWNERS ... PLEASE NOTE ...

Jockey Club foal registrations are due
one (1) year from foaling date.

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It can also be mailed with a "Suggestion Box" notation on the envelope.

The box will be opened at each meeting of the Board of Directors and either addressed at that time or at a subsequent meeting, should additional information need to be obtained before it can be properly addressed.

We hope this proves to be a useful means of communicating the concerns and/or accolades of our ATBHA members!

IMPORTANT DATES DEADLINES

Check the ATBHA Office for changes to the following



2018

- Feb 24 Downthedustyroad Breeders' S.
Mar 3 Nodouble Breeders' S.
23 Racetrack Chaplaincy Benefit Dinner
30 Rainbow S.
30 ATBHA Awards Banquet
31 Rainbow Miss S.
Apr 7 Arkansas Breeders' S.
13 Arkansas Derby
May 1 Report of Mare Bred Due
(Original to The Jockey Club/Copy to ATBHA)

FORMS NEEDED FOR FOAL, BROODMARE & STALLION REGISTRATION, YEARLING STAKES NOMINATION, NEW MEMBERSHIP OR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CAN BE FOUND at ATBHA.COM
Click on 'NEWS & INFO' ...
Click on drop down tab 'FORMS' ...
Click on the Form Needed ...
PRINT!

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CORRECTION

to
**2018 STALLION & FARM
DIRECTORY**

TEKTON and DOUBLE IRISH, two stallions standing at McDowell Farm, are owned by **SHORTLEAF STABLES**, not Southern Springs Stable.

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The family of Charles J. Cella
acknowledges with grateful appreciation
your kind expression of sympathy

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Dear ATBA
- Thank you for the wonderful
flowers sent to the church
in remembrance of Dad.
Joan

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
OF
ARKANSAS THOROUGHBRED
BREEDERS' & HORSEMEN'S
ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the ATBHA General Membership will be held at the annual Awards Banquet Friday, March 30, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at The Clarion on the Lake, 4813 Central Avenue, Hot Springs, AR.

If you have any item(s) you would like placed on the Agenda for this meeting, please notify Deana Echols at the ATBHA office by phone (501) 624-6328 or by email atbha@att.net.

Your attendance is necessary so we have a quorum.



Thoroughbred Racing Economic Indicators
Year-End 2017

MEDIA ADVISORY

2017 vs. YTD 2016

Indicator	YTD 2017	YTD 2016	% Change
Wagering on U.S. Races*	\$10,903,635,795	\$10,732,724,106	+1.59%
.S. Purses	\$1,079,739,805	\$1,083,695,684	-0.37%
U.S. Race Days	4,573	4,669	-2.06%
U.S. Races	37,628	38,284	-1.71%
U.S. Starts	290,745	298,784	-2.69%
Average Field Size	7.73	7.80	-0.99%
Wagering Per Race Day	\$2,384,351	\$2,298,720	+3.73%
Purses Per Race Day	\$236,112	\$232,104	+1.73%

4th QTR 2017 vs. 4th QTR 2016

Indicator	4th QTR 2017	4th QTR 2016	% Change
Wagering on U.S. Races*	\$2,398,456,785	\$2,343,976,274	+2.32%
U.S. Purses	\$256,184,057	\$264,178,537	-3.03%
U.S. Race Days	952	984	-3.25%
U.S. Races	8,068	8,258	-2.30%
U.S. Starts	66,440	68,394	-2.86%
Average Field Size	8.24	8.28	-0.57%
Average Wagering Per Race Day	\$2,519,387	\$ 2,382,090	+5.76%
Average Purses Per Race Day	\$269,101	\$268,474	+0.23%

December 2017 vs. December 2016

Indicator	December 2017	December 2016	% Change
Wagering on U.S. Races*	\$744,188,343	\$716,613,883	+3.85%
U.S. Purses	\$64,403,283	\$60,908,694	+5.74%
U.S. Race Days	275	278	- 1.08%
U.S. Races	2,359	2,349	+0.43%
U.S. Starts	19,792	19,975	-0.92%
Average Field Size	8.39	8.50	-1.34%
Average Wagering Per Race Day	\$2,706,139	\$2,577,748	+4.98%
Average Purses Per Race Day	\$234,194	\$219,096	+6.89%

* Includes worldwide commingled wagering on U.S. races.

STAKES NOMINATION LIST FOR FOALS OF 2015

Affirmed Beauty	F	Portobello Road	Affirmed Target	Rose N Motion	F	Dixie Motion	Miss Rose N
Ain'tseentheball	C	Commander's Shoes	Leslie	Sattersfield	F	Double Irish	Turtledove
All About Betty	F	Macho Rocket	All About Allie	Savedbyanangel	F	Old Fashioned	Threelittleangels
Arkansas Chrome	C	Prom Shoes	Believe in Magic	Scrimps	C	Ordained	Dancingwithnomusic
Arkyarch	C	Archarcharch	Speedygonegoddess	She's Got Me Going	F	A Classic Diamond	Aly Performer
Arte Povera	F	Jonesboro	Modern Art	Shesmykind	F	Mykindacandy	Shesadorabull
B On Time	C	Its So Simple	Get Success	Shiny Armor	C	Commander's Shoes	Totally Crafty
Bandit Point	C	Indy Squall	Set Point	Siboro	F	Jonesboro	Siber Lady
Bebop Shoes	C	Prom Shoes	Dear Alicia	Silverado Road	C	Portobello Road	Sly Song
Bella My Girl	F	Portobello Road	Robin My Girl	Smarma Duke	C	Spotsgone	Angel in Command
Bendyls Picq Me	C	Brahms	Don't Picq on Me	Smellin Candy	C	Mykindacandy	Miss Auspicious
Blonde's Shoes	F	Commander's Shoes	True Blonde Beauty	Sophie's Pocket	F	Brahms	Pickapocketortwo
Blu Blaze	C	Brahms	Bluemental	Spanish Avenue	C	Portobello Road	Bonita Saleeta
Brahma Momma	F	Brahms	Run Mommy Run	Spot Me	C	Spotsgone	Help Me Jeebis
Bull Lake	C	Jonesboro	Congratulations	Spotitude	C	Spotsgone	Missy Lou
Button Mushroom	F	Portobello Road	Littliverqueen	Spunky Town	F	Jersey Town	Spunky Star
C H Jay	C	Brahms	Hushintheair	Sunday Sermon	C	Ordained	Away She Go
Cadillac Magic	F	Primary Suspect	Shudabenacowgirl	Suspicious Lady	F	Primary Suspect	Twosisterslady
Calle Patron	C	Street Boss	Flamin Josie	Sweet Tater	C	Ordained	Abbiesmydaddy
Candi Wishes	F	Pete's Wonder	Victoryville	Tammy's Lullaby	F	Brahms	My Madame
Clarista	F	Double Irish	Merry Mittens	The Boss Is Sauce	C	Street Boss	Gold in the Pocket
Coach Avery	C	Jonesboro	Arma	Timely Miss	F	Commander's Shoes	Timely Tara
Cornstalker	C	Jonesboro	Automatic Audit	Usual Suspect	F	Primary Suspect	Copperelle
Cowboy Cactus Jack	C	Brahms	Thigsworth	Velocidade	C	Primary Suspect	Dare We Dream
Crazy Lauren	F	Macho Rocket	Be Good Molly	Whatabout Lil Man	C	Temple City	Flirtin With Fire
Crystal Mt Storm	C	Portobello Road	Tactical Queen	Wise Woman	F	Ordained	Twice as Wise
Delia Delia Delia	F	Jonesboro	Unbridled Mystery	Zack Ridge Road	C	Brahms	Given to Me
Dixisteachcomfort	F	Dixie Motion	Stealth Woman	Zippy Lou	F	Storm and a Half	Santorini Moon
Double Ballew	C	Double Irish	Miss Lilly Blue	<u>UNNAMED FOALS (2)</u>	C	Early Flyer	Darkest Hour
Dutch Treat	F	Double Irish	Finalbel		F	Early Flyer	Diva Ridge
Early Shipman	C	Midshipman	Norma's Dream				
Emerge	C	Daaher	Elusive Sara				
Euro Me	F	Eurocars	Pick Me Up				
Featherstone	F	Double Irish	Harperstown Lady				
Firewater Rocket	F	Macho Rocket	Rocket Twenty One				
Flat Out Mine	C	Flat Out	Ruby Be Mine				
G Nanny	F	Primary Suspect	Loves to Fly				
Georgia's Reward	F	Warrior's Reward	Tapit Lightly				
Gittem Casey	C	Jonesboro	Orange Street				
Go Netta Go	F	Primary Suspect	Stormbrook				
Good Friday Shoes	C	Commander's Shoes	Dunn N Diamonds				
Got Mojo	G	Liaison	Saardona				
Grace Enough	F	Commander's Shoes	Forever Grace				
Hadley Claire	F	Ice Box	Grand Affair				
Hamazing Vision	C	Hamazing Destiny	Heated Debate				
Hamazingly Rich	C	Hamazing Destiny	Safe N Rich				
Harperstown Road	F	Portobello Road	Humble Brenda				
Haus	C	Primary Suspect	Dakota Gal				
Japedo	C	New Year Day	Trinket Box				
Joy in the Journey	F	Double Irish	Sunny Weekend				
Lil Tom Tom	C	Sea Prince	R S Valentine				
Listen to Rose	C	Line of David	Miracle Rose				
Mad Jack	C	The Daddy	Sarah Bull				
Maria Rose	F	American Lion	Mariastheboss				
Mega Boss	C	Archarcharch	Meghan W				
Miss Pickering	F	Its So Simple	Mattietenten				
More Monique	F	Portobello Road	Bouvier				
Oh So Tall	C	Portobello Road	Kennedy's Angel				
Ordained Kiss	F	Ordained	Kiss and Fly				
Our Bit of a Lady	F	Ice Box	Bit of a Lady				
P C Suspect	C	Primary Suspect	Popsicle Toes				
Piratess	F	Brahms	Five Star Toni				
Plenty O' Fires	F	Portobello Road	Nicole's Passion				
Preacher's Money	F	Champ Pegasus	Collection Plate				
Primary First	F	Primary Suspect	Honour First				
Primary Paula	F	Primary Suspect	Thistledeu				
Princess Simone	F	Primary Suspect	Felucca				
Qaunico	C	Spotsgone	Here Comes Sallie				
Ray's Big Boy	C	Jonesboro	Dedham				
Reef's Destiny	C	Hamazing Destiny	Reef				
Rich Princess	F	Ordained	She's Rich				
Rivervalley Rocket	C	Macho Rocket	Sexy Soiree				
Rocket Money	C	Macho Rocket	Vuitton Too				

103 FOALS NOMINATED

52 fillies

51 colt/geldings



Rebekah Martin, daughter of Trainer Joe and Sherry Martin, in the saddle of this Arkansas-bred Rocking Horse! This rocking horse was donated by Linda Gaston to ATBHA's silent auction held in conjunction with the 2017 Awards Banquet. Needless to say, Joe was high bidder - Rebekah got her first horse!!!



NEWS RELEASE

December 21, 2017

The Jockey Club Adds \$35 Fee to Support Aftercare

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The Jockey Club Adds \$35 Fee to Support Aftercare

The Jockey Club today announced that beginning with the 2018 breeding season, it will charge \$35 for each mare reported bred by a stallion on the annual Report of Mares Bred form. The fee will supplement the industry support already provided by The Jockey Club for Thoroughbred aftercare initiatives, including the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA), Thoroughbred Charities of America (TCA), and Thoroughbred Incentive Program (T.I.P.).

"The Jockey Club has examined its rate structure, and a fee for mares reported bred is consistent with fees required by other Thoroughbred breed registries worldwide," said James L. Gagliano, president and chief operating officer of The Jockey Club. "We are pleased to announce that proceeds of this fee will be used to support a host of aftercare initiatives."

"These funds will augment the great work already being done by the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance, which now accredits and grants funds to dozens of aftercare organizations each year," said John Phillips, owner of Darby Dan Farm in Lexington, Ky., president of TAA, and a member of the board of stewards of The Jockey Club.

"Thoroughbred Charities of America strives to help Thoroughbreds throughout their lives by providing grants to aftercare facilities, employee programs, therapy programs, and equine research," said Mike McMahon, president of TCA. "Thoroughbreds are my livelihood, and it is my duty and ours as an industry, to ensure they are cared for at every point of their careers, whether they are in training, in the breeding shed, or enjoying a second career or retirement."

"The Thoroughbred Incentive Program has done a tremendous job in furthering the careers of Thoroughbreds by giving owners and riders a goal to strive toward," said Dell Hancock, Thoroughbred owner and breeder and initiator of T.I.P. "We should all be proud to support initiatives such as T.I.P., TAA, TCA, and any program that betters the lives of Thoroughbreds."

In coordination with The Jockey Club of Canada, funds raised from Canadian customers of The Jockey Club will be directed to Canadian Thoroughbred aftercare organizations to supplement their efforts, and likewise, funds from Puerto Rico will be dedicated to support Thoroughbreds at recognized programs in that commonwealth.

The Arkansas Senate Explains: People who haul livestock largely exempt from new trucking rules

Senators are reminding residents that new trucking regulations don't apply to people who transport cattle, horses and other livestock.

Facebook's weekly column written for members of the Arkansas Senate: Sometimes elected officials and law enforcement agencies must conduct public information campaigns to explain how people are affected when a new law is passed.

These days, the opposite is taking place. The Highway Police and legislators are in the rare position of explaining to the public that a new law does not affect them.

In this case, it is farmers and people who haul cattle, horses and other livestock. There have been concerns that they would be affected by new federal regulations geared for commercial truck drivers.

The Highway Police have held meetings with the public and had individual discussions with legislators to assure them that nothing has changed in the enforcement of farm vehicles hauling livestock and rodeo animals.

The new rules require electronic monitors to be installed in commercial trucks, to log the amount of time the driver spends behind the wheel. The purpose is to more strictly enforce rules that limit truck drivers from driving for such long hours that they get drowsy or distracted.

For example, commercial truck drivers are not supposed to drive more than 11 hours in a 14-hour period. An electronic log of their travels will replace paper logs.

The popularity of social media such as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter has fueled the spread of concerns about the potential effect on livestock haulers. The Highway Police and advocates for livestock haulers who studied the details of the new trucking regulations want people to know that the exemptions for hauling horses and cattle are still in place.

For example, if you occasionally load a horse on a trailer to participate in a livestock show or rodeo, nothing has changed, according to the head of the Highway Police.

If you drive fewer than 150 miles, you're still exempt from requirements that you obtain a commercial driver's license. If you travel beyond the 150-mile radius, you're still exempt if you make the trip fewer than eight times within a 30-day period. This exemption applies not only to horse owners on recreational trips, but also to farmers hauling commodities.

In response to concerns from legislators, farmers and cattlemen, Highway Police officials have assured state lawmakers that they have not stepped up enforcement of farm vehicles and livestock trailers.

The new regulations requiring truckers to keep electronic logs of their trips were adopted at the federal level by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), and not by legislators at the state Capitol in Little Rock.

If you have any questions call the Highway Police central office at 501-569-2421 and ask for help in determining whether or not you are required to have a commercial driver's license for the type of vehicle you drive and the type of trips you make.



Filly by Too Much Bling - Patchofbadweather
Flurry Racing Stable, breeder



Colt by Street Strategy - Southern Affair
Strickland Racing & Breeding, LLC, breeder

2018 FOALS



Colt by It's My Lucky Day - Teralicious
J R & Rita Young, breeders



Filly by Even the Score - Syriana
McDowell Farms, breeder



Colt by Midshipman - Copperelle
Starsky Weast, breeder
Weast Hill's Half Brother



Filly by The Big Beast - Force Of Passion
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- 1) Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated
- 2) Peanuts are one of the ingredients in dynamite
- 3) There are more chickens in the world than there are people
- 4) Women blink nearly twice as much as men, and
- 5) Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance !

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STALLIONS

NEW STALLIONS STANDING IN 2018

(Registered since publication of 2018 Stallion & Farm Directory)

GOTCHA PHARM, dk b, '11, by Gotcha Gold - Pharmstar, by Adhocracy. Simpson Farm, 312 Carpenter Dam Road, Hot Springs, AR 71901. Bruce & Sarah Simpson, owners.

SNOW TROUBLE, gr, '11, by Tapit - Smara, by Storm Cat. Lake Hamilton Equine, 731 Old Bear Road, Royal, AR 71968. Anthony Basquez, owner \$3,000 with incentives and negotiations.

TEXAS CHROME, b, '13, by Grasshopper - Margarita Mistress, by Haevus. Keene Thoroughbreds, LLC, 417 Albright Road, Hot Springs, AR 71913. Keene Thoroughbreds, LLC, owner. \$3,000.

OWNERSHIP CHANGE

MACHO ROCKET, gr, '09, by Macho Uno - La Defense, by Wild Again. Starfish Stallions, 1556 So. Moore Road, Hot Springs, AR 71913. Daniel & David Rogers, owners.

DEATHS

A. P. MILLION, '00, by A. P. Indy - Brink, by Forty Niner. William & Susan Watkins, owners

**CHANGES TO THE
2018 ATBHA STALLION & FARM DIRECTORY
ARE AS NOTED ABOVE.**

STALLION RECERTIFICATION FEE NOT RECEIVED FOR BREEDINGS IN 2017 (FOALS OF 2018)

Silver Country

2018 Foals sired by a stallion listed above are considered bred to a NON-REGISTERED STALLION if Stallion Recertification remains unpaid.

Updates to the Stallion listings in the 2018 Stallion & Farm Directory are made quarterly in The ATBHA News under the "Stallions" section (as shown on this page).

PLEASE

**Register Your Foals
listing the EXACT
Same breeder(s)
with The Jockey Club
as with A.T.B.H.A.**



As part of The Jockey Club's continuing efforts to streamline the registration process for all owners and breeders, we encourage you to use our Interactive Registration web site <http://www.registry.jockeyclub.com> to submit Live Foal/No Foal Reports for the 2017 foaling season. This will help ensure that you receive your Registration/DNA kits in a timely manner.

Listed below is the information that is helpful when you submit the Live Foal/No Foal Report for each mare:

Dam of the foal, Year-of-Birth, out of Dam of the Dam or Pre-print number and Dam of the Foal.

Please keep a copy of this information for your records.

Thank you,

Registration Services

OBITUARIES

John Charles “JACK” Van Berg, 81 of Hot Springs, AR passed away December 27, 2017 at Baptist Health Medical Center after a lengthy battle with cancer.

A native of Nebraska, Van Berg followed his father, Hall of Fame trainer Marion Van Berg, into the horse racing business, he obtained his trainer's license at the age of 15. His list of accomplishments is endless - leading trainer at Ak-Sar-Ben Racetrack for 19 consecutive years, set a record for the most wins in a single year with 496, and stands 4th on the all-time list of thoroughbred trainers by wins according to Equibase; he dominated the Midwestern ranks for decades before enjoying enormous success nationally in the 1980s.

He's best known for handling Alysheba, the champion 3-year-old of 1987 following wins in the Kentucky Derby and Preakness and a nose second in the Breeders' Cup Classic (G1). Alysheba compiled seven stakes victories, including the Breeders' Cup Classic, Santa Anita H. (G1) and Woodward (G1) during his 1988 Horse of the Year campaign and retired with more than \$6.6 million in earnings. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1993.

Van Berg won the Eclipse Award for Outstanding Trainer in 1984, the same year Preakness victor Gate Dancer provided him with his first Triple Crown race win. Gate Dancer finished second in the first two runnings of the Breeders' Cup Classic (1984-85) but was disqualified and placed third in the inaugural edition, and he retired with more than \$2.5 million in earnings.

From 1959 to 1977, Van Berg was the leading trainer at Ak-Sar-Ben racetrack and he added a 20th title in 1984. He led the nation by wins nine times during his storied career, establishing a new record in 1976 when sending out 476 winners and leading the country by earnings.

Van Berg, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1985, became the first North American trainer to reach the 5,000-win mark in 1987 and he ranks fourth all-time by victories. His horses earned more than \$85 million. During his entire racing career, the legendary Hall of Fame trainer won 6,523 races,

Van Berg's life was the subject of the book "Jack- From Grit to Glory. A Lifetime of Mentoring, Dedication and Perseverance. The True Story of Jack Van Berg, An American Horse Racing Legend" authored by Chris Kotulak. Nick Nolte's character, William Smith, in the HBO series "Luck" was based on Jack Van Berg. Nolte spent approximately 7 months with Van Berg to learn his quirks and mannerisms to get into character.

Jack was an advocate for WHOA (Water Hay Oats Alliance), <http://www.waterhayoatsalliance.com> and wanted to encourage everyone to support the cause for clean racing to protect our horses, the breed, the jockeys and our future.

He is predeceased in death by his parents Marion and Viola Van Berg, partner Liza G. Fly, son Tim Van Berg and siblings Elwin "Bud" Van Berg, Eleanor Loshbaugh, Helen Smith, Betty Scholz, Wilma Marquardt, Alyce Cummings, Jean Chase.

He is survived by sister, Virginia Smith of Columbus, NE; daughters: Traci (Rich) Hoops of Boulder, CO, Tami (Rick) Hoegerl of Denver, CO, Tori Van Berg of Owensboro, KY; son, Tom (Angi) Van Berg of Louisville, KY, and daughter-in-law Sandy Van Berg of Mesa, AZ; ex-wife and friend, Helen Van Berg and stepson, Billy Fieselmann both of Hot Springs and stepdaughter, Tonya Hass of Little Rock; 6 granddaughters, 6 grandsons, 3 great-grandchildren and 1 step-grandson. He also leaves behind longtime assistant Sammy Almarez, ranch manager Arnold Almarez, dedicated owners, legions of adoring racing fans and countless friends. He will be greatly missed by the many many lives he touched during his 81 years. Our condolences are with each and every survivor, friend and acquaintance.



Ina M. Whited, 98 of Hot Springs, AR quietly went home to be with Jesus on January 15, 2018. She was a beautiful lady inside and out who lived a beautiful life.

Granny always had a lovely smile that would light up a room. She had a heart that loved as much as a person could possibly love. She did more for her family than anyone could ever imagine. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother and genuinely sweet and authentic woman who taught her family well about life, love and giving unselfishly. Every life she touched, she made special simply by being part of it.

Granny loved being with her family, watching her jockey/trainer sons race at Oaklawn Park, bowl on a league for decades at Central Lanes, bingo, celebrating her birthday with family and good Mexican food at La Hacienda on Central and faithfully watching "The Young and the Restless" and "The Bold and the Beautiful."

She is preceded in death by her husband, Fred Whited, and her great grandson, Chad Garren. She is survived by four children and their spouses, Trisha (Whited) and Joe Garren, Shirley (Whited) Scott, David and Beans Whited and Danny and Patty Whited. She had eight great grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren. Our sincere condolences are with David and Bean, Danny and Patty and the entire Whited family.

**A.T.B.H.A. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
FOR 2018 MEMBERSHIP IS
DELINQUENT AFTER MARCH 1, 2018.**

**DON'T MISS THE DATE AND HAVE TO PAY
\$75 INSTEAD OF \$50!!!**

RENEW YOUR ATBHA MEMBERSHIP NOW!

*** * * (RENEWAL FORM ON ATBHA.COM) * * ***

**IF YOU PAID 2017 MEMBERSHIP DUES AT THE END OF 2017 TO REGISTER AT THE MEMBER'S RATE.
... YOUR 2018 DUES NEED TO BE RENEWED BY 3/1/18 ...**

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A Message from our President:

The foal crop for the Arkansas-breds has increased the past few years. It has gone from 227 foals in 2015 to 303 in 2017. It was expected, as purses and breeder awards for Arkansas-breds make people think about 'ARKANSAS' for raising their foals. It will top out soon, as we have limited farms to produce the foals and limited state bred races. Things are good though, I'm not complaining, it's just the way things are done!

Breeder awards should be paid at around 14.8 percent, which is slightly higher than last year. Stallion and owner awards increased a little also. With Arkansas-bred earnings increasing so much, so quickly, I was expecting awards percentages to drop slightly like it did last year, but that was not the case.

Oaklawn did it again!!! They have raised the purses for the 18th consecutive year. Effective Saturday, Feb. 17, all allowance and maiden special weight races will increase by \$3,000; allowance races will range from \$79,000 to as high as \$83,000. Maiden special weight races will increase to \$78,000 from \$75,000. In addition, all claiming races and maiden claiming races with a claiming price of at least \$30,000 will receive a \$2,000 per race boost.

It's Sunday night as I write this letter. I have a calf in the house to take care of, an orphan foal in the barn that needs feeding and two new born foals that need checking on again. I'll be glad when the night shift arrives!

I hope you all have a successful Oaklawn meet!

See you at the banquet!



Bill McDowell, President

FROM THE ATBHA OFFICE

Did anyone think Bill was kidding when he wrote about having a calf in the house"??? This picture is living the proof ... HE WASN'T!
Oh My, as Paul Eels would say ... and, that's what Mary came home to!

I do believe I'm ready for summer ... at least spring! Anyone that knows me or reads our newsletters knows I do not like COLD weather. I know we're fortunate to not have had a lot of the frozen precipitation this winter, but the cold air gets me almost as bad. If my feet get cold ... I'm useless.

I am waiting for the 'go ahead' from The Department of Finance Administration to upload The Jockey Club's 2017 Arkansas data and begin work on the incentive awards. The 'Hurry Up and Wait Game' drives me nuts! I hope to get the go-ahead from them by the end of the week. Even then, there is a lot of work to do ... Enter each new horse that raced during 2017, then key in the name, address and SSN/FEINs, for the breeder, owner, and stallion owner of each of those new horses. In addition to that there are ownership changes from private sales and claims that have to be tracked and entered. Once all of this information is complete for all horses that raced during 2017, the Jockey Club file is merged and the individual breeder, stallion owner and owner sheets are printed and proofed. Then Legislative Auditors will come and do their part before the files can be released to the Arkansas Racing Commission in Little Rock who does the actual printing of the checks. As always, we try to get it done by the end of March. Every year I say I'm going to surprise everyone and get it done earlier, but when you are in a wait and see when you get it done, there's not a lot you can do but be patient. I assure you, as soon as we receive notification that the 2016 data has been removed we will upload the 2017 data and get busy. It gets top priority until it's out of this office!!! We have to get it all done so work can be done for the banquet that is also the end of March!!! **PLEASE RETURN THE RESERVATION CARD for our Annual Awards Banquet** that is enclosed with this newsletter so we can turn in a head count for the meals.

See you at the banquet on the evening of Friday, March 30th.

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THE ATBHA NEWS

**ATBHA
Welcomes New Members**

New or reinstated members since 12/1/17

Anthony Basquez

Jerry Caroom - Houston, TX

Randie Dugger - Percy, AR

Tom Durant - Grapevine, TX

Judy Fires - Percy, AR

Kirk McDowell - Sparkman, AR

Troy Said - Bettendorf, IA

B. Ariel Smith - Percy, AR

Ben Soto - Hot Springs, AR

William E Sparks - Tulsa, OK

ATBHA MEMBERS

RE: MEMBERSHIP DUES

ATTENTION ATTENTION ATTENTION

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE KEPT CURRENT. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE DECEMBER 31ST PRIOR TO THE MEMBERSHIP CALENDAR YEAR AND ARE DELINQUENT IF PAID AFTER MARCH 1ST OF THE CALENDAR YEAR.

PURSUANT TO THE ATBHA RULES AND REGULATIONS, IF YOU DO NOT PAY YOUR ANNUAL DUES BY THE MARCH 1ST DEADLINE, YOU WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER YOUR BROODMARES, FOALS AND/OR STALLIONS AT THE MEMBERSHIP RATE.

**THIS RULE WILL BE ENFORCED.
ANNUAL DUES PAD BY 3/1 ARE \$50.00 PER MEMBER**

**DUES PAID AFTER MARCH 1ST
ARE \$75.00 PER MEMBER.**

IF YOU MISS PAYING A YEAR, THE MISSED YEAR WILL HAVE TO BE PAID AT THE LATE MEMBERSHIP RATE ALONG WITH THE CURRENT MEMBERSHIP YEAR.

***"It Pays to Belong"
A strong association is the result of
a strong membership.***