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## Razorback & Lady Razorback

To Run at Louisiana Downs Saturday, September 21, 2013

Bill McDowell heard and confirmed that Harrah's Louisiana Downs had deleted Arkansas' two futurity races from their 2013 stakes schedule. He immediately went to work contacting various individuals within the Louisiana racing circuit. His motive was first to find out why these races were canceled and secondly, what options were available to ATBHA that would allow the races to run this year. With no prior notice, we had not had the opportunity to investigate the possibility of moving these races to a different venue.

It is our understanding the Louisiana HBPA made a decision that they would no longer fund any portion of state-bred races other than their own Louisiana breds.

Bill talked to Arkansas trainers and own-

ers, along with the Louisiana connections. He learned that a good number of Arkansas-bred two-year-olds are on the grounds of LaD, in training, with their sites on these two futurity races.

With that being said, we are happy to announce that both races (2013 Razorback and 2013 Lady Razorback) WILL run Saturday, September 21 2013 at Harrah's Louisiana Downs. This decision, unanimously approved by the ATBHA Board of Directors, at a meeting Mary 14th, did not come without a price tag, but it is minimal compared to losing these two races all together.

ATBHA has funded seventy-five percent (75%) of each \$50,000 purse in the past. This year we will fund 100%, that being a total of an additional \$25,000 more than in years past. This decision is firm and Louisiana Downs has been notified.

In the meantime, our directors would like to hear from some of the ATBHA members with their feelings, ideas, and comments about continuing these Arkansas-bred futurity races in future years .

## 2013-2015 ATBHA Board of Directors

The election results for ATBHA's 2013-2015 Board of Directors was announced at the conclusion of the annual Awards Banquet. The 2013-2015 Directors are listed in the column to the left along with their contact information.

**THE JOCKEY CLUB** encourages use of the Jockey Club Interactive Registry. Submit your live foal reports on line. It's so easy. Jockey Club Rules regarding Live Foal/No Foal reports state:

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**IMPORTANT  
DATES &  
DEADLINES**

*(Check ATBHA Office for any changes to above dates)*

- Aug. 1** 2013 Reports of Mares Bred Due
- Sept. 18** Late Nomination for 2013 Razorback/Lady Razorback
- Sept. 21** Razorback & Lady Razorback at Louisiana Downs
- Dec. 31** Broodmare and 2013 Foal Registrations DUE  
2012 Foal Nominations DUE  
2014 ATBHA Membership Renewal

**OKLAHOMA EQUINE DEATHS  
EXCEED 150**

Joe Lucas, executive vice president of the Thoroughbred Racing Association of Oklahoma, said that more than 150 horses perished in the tornados that hit the Moore and Oklahoma City areas May 20th. That count includes all breeds.

Many of those horses died at Dr. Glenn Orr and Tom Orr's Orr Family Farm near Moore, which sits on the 106-acre Celestial Acres Thoroughbred training center. Information is still being gathered from other area farms that suffered losses; a difficult process as many horsemen are also addressing family and housing needs.

"The main concern everyone has of course is the people. I can't give you names of people in need, but the human aspect of this is by far the most important," Lucas said. "But we also have to take responsibility for these horses and animals and that's what we're trying to do on our part."

The TRAO and others are taking photos and noting lip tattoos on horses who were displaced so they can be reunited with their owners. Displaced horses are being sent to area farms, equine retirement centers, and Heritage Place auctions for temporary stabling.

If you would like to help with a donation or received more information contact the Thoroughbred Racing Association of Oklahoma (TRAO) by phone at (405) 427-8753 or by mail 2620 NW Expressway, Oklahoma City, OK 73112

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our new web?site  
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# 2013 RESTRICTED ARKANSAS-BRED STAKES RACES AT OAKLAWN PARK

Six Stakes races during Oaklawn's 2013 live meet featured Arkansas-breds.

**THE DOWNTHE DUSTY ROAD STAKES (5th Running)** ran February 23rd and highlighted five fillies and mares three-year-olds and up. **ALL ABOUT ALLIE**, the crowd favorite, captured the win for the third straight year for her breeder/owner Sanders Brothers and trainer David Whited. Kathleen was 2 3/4 lengths behind the leader for second, followed by HATTER NU NU, BIKINI BELLA and AWESOME TRUTH.

**THE NODOUBLE BREEDERS' STAKES (5th Running)** ran the following day with nine colts and geldings three-year-olds and up. **HUMBLE SMARTY**, bred by James Danaher, the crowd favorite won wire to wire by 4 1/3 lengths for his owner Brett Creighton. STAR NORTH came in second followed by BRECKENRIDGE, RAN THE MAN, TIS' TIMELESS, THE MALLARD MAN, PRIMETIME DREAMER, STAR AFFIRMED and TOGA'S STORM.

**THE ARKANSAS BREEDERS' STAKES (Female Division) (3rd Running)** for fillies and mares three-years-old and up on March 24th. **JAN'S PERFECT STAR**, bred by McDowell Farm, flew through the 1 1/16 mile in 1:40.1 and won by 3 3/4 lengths for owner Iron Horse Racing, LLC and trainer Randy Morse over second place finisher BAG THE STORM. INDIAN BLUFF was next for show followed by KATHLEEN, AWESOME TRUTH, GAD ABOUT TOWN, FUTURE PRIZE, and SUAVE AFFAIR.

**THE ARKANSAS BREEDERS' STAKES (Open Division) (3rd Running)** for three-year-olds and up on April 7, 2013. **DEVIL AND A HALF**, bred by Millsap Stables, owned by Jeff Ryan and trained by McLean Robinson transferred to the Robinson barn three races back when claimed for \$30,000, cruised the 1 1/6 mile winning convincingly for the second year in a row by 6 lengths in 1:46.2 over HUMBLE SMARTY who placed, PRESIDENTIAL COLORS who took show and followed by BRASSY AND PROUD, THE MALLARD

MAN, STAR NORTH, DEPUTY FOREST, SILENT BANDIT, RAN THE MAN, and TOUR DE ROCK.

**The RAINBOW MISS STAKES (35th Running)** for three year old fillies and mares for a distance of 6 furlongs went with a 10 horse field on March 29th. **ILE ST. MOLLY**, even money favorite, followed suit winning the 3year old stakes in the same fashion as she had the 2-year old futurity last fall against some of the same runners. This victory for breeder/owner James Glover and trainer Kenny Smith was more than sufficient. She had a 3 3/4 length victory over second place SASHABY, then 1 length back to PISTOL-PACKINPENNY for third, followed by CRAFTY SKILL, MISS ADDICATE, CORNER THE STORM, HICKS HONEY, PROUD KITTEN, PORTOBELLOS JEWEL and MINNIE BEAR.

**THE RAINBOW STAKES (40th Running)** for three year old colts and geldings ran the following day. The nine entries ran the 6 furlong muddy surface with **GOODS GONE WEST**, even money favorite, bred by Richard Hesse, owned by James Glover and trained by Kenny Smith flying through the mud 5 1/4 lengths ahead of TRACE CREEK, showing the crowd why he was the favorite betting entry. Behind TRACE CREEK was ROCK CITY ROADHOG followed by BRANDON'S WAY, ARKY BILL, CODY LAW, HES A CAT, VALID COMMANDER and HEZUNUSUAL.

James Glover with Trainer Kenny Smith swept the long running Rainbow/Rainbow Miss series with Goods Gone West and Ile St. Molly, just as the Sanders Brothers and trainer David Whited did two years back with ALL ABOUT ALLIE and RATTLESNAKE HOLLER. Watch out for these duo combinations!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CONNECTIONS  
OF THE ABOVE-NAMED  
WINNERS AND ALL PARTICIPANTS!**

## Calvin Borel Earns National Hall of Fame Induction

Calvin Borel, hereinafter referred to as Hall of Fame Jockey Calvin Borel, at 46 years old will attend the induction ceremony August 9th in Saratoga Springs, New York, where the shrine is located. He earns this most prestigious award during the same year as he won his 5,000th race at Oaklawn Park aboard Arkansas-bred HEZUNUSUAL, owned by Billy Welch and trained by David Whited. Talk about Arkansas connections!!!

Calvin comes from a racing family in south Louisiana and has ben a licensed rider since 1983. He snapped Pat Day's string of 12 consecutive Oaklawn titles in 1995 and captured a second local crown in 2001. His biggest Oaklawn victories include those aboard Rockamundo in the 1992 Arkansas Derby, Rachel Alexandra in the 2009 Fantasy, Halo America (1997) and Gourmet Girl (2001) in the Apple Blossom Handicap and K One King in the 2000 Oaklawn Handicap.

Borel holds the jockey record of three Kentucky Derby winners in four years with Street Sense, (trained by Hall of Famer Carl Nafzger) in 2007, Mine That Bird (Chip Wooley Jr.) in 2009 and Super Saver (Todd Pletcher) in 2010. A feat that has never been done by any other jockey.

He made history in taking off the Derby winner, Mine That Bird, to ride Rachel Alexandra in the Preakness, the first of three 2009 races that the 3-year-old filly defeated males. Borel then regained the mount on Mine That Bird for the Belmont Stakes, which Rachel Alexandra did not enter. With a chance to become the first jockey to ever sweep the Triple Crown races while riding different horses, Borel and Mine That Bird finished third in the Belmont.

Calvin's mounts have earned more than \$120 million. He received the George Woolf Memorial Jockey Award in 2010 and was inducted into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame in 2011.



**MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF  
ARKANSAS THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS' & HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

**MAY 14, 2013** ... A meeting of the Board of Directors of Arkansas Thoroughbred Breeders' & Horsemen's Association was held Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at the ATBHA office located at 161 Golf Links Road, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

President McDowell called the meeting to order. The roll was called. In attendance were Bill McDowell, Tommy Ives, Linda Anderson, Jesse Clement, Libbie Thiel, David Whited and Val Yagos. Not present were Tim Martin, Lewis Mathews, Jr., Stanley Roberts and Susan Watkins. A quorum was announced.

Since a guest was present to explain and answer questions regarding the Proposal for a website redesign, President McDowell deviated from the Agenda outline and Val Yagos introduced Josh Varvil of Peach who had prepared the proposal. Josh explained what he contemplated doing and other options for the website. The cost of the redesign is \$3,200 plus a monthly fee of \$50.00. Directors asked Josh several questions about the redesign. After it appeared no more questions were forthcoming, Josh was dismissed and told he would be contacted as to the Board's decision.

While it was fresh on everyone's mind, President McDowell preceded to ask the Directors their thoughts and opinions regarding the website redesign. After discussion, Motion was made by Tommy Ives, seconded by Jesse Clement, to accept the website redesign proposal of Josh Varvil of Peach. A vote was taken, Motion passed unanimously.

President McDowell asked if there were any comments or corrections to the Minutes from the April 10, 2013 meeting, a copy of which was attached to the Agenda packet given to each director. There being none, a Motion was made by Val Yagos, seconded by Linda Anderson to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Linda Anderson made a motion to accept the Financial Report compilation prepared by Jordan, Woosley, Crone, Keaton, Ltd. for the year ending December 31, 2012 as presented. The motion was seconded by Tommy Ives and after a vote, the Motion passed unanimously.

The 2013 Live Meet Comparative Report prepared by the Arkansas Racing Commission was acknowledged and reviewed. This report shows the breakdown of amounts deposited into the Purse and Awards Fund from live, simulcast, Instant Racing and EGS handles during the live meet.

The next matter brought before this meeting concerned the two 2013 Futurity races at Louisiana Downs. Bill had learned two weeks prior to this meeting that the 20th running of the Razorback and Lady Razorback Futurity races had not been written into Louisiana Downs 2013 stakes schedule and that no one had notified the ATBHA office or any member of the Board of Directors that these races were removed from the 2013 schedule. Bill informed the Directors he had talked to several people at Louisiana Downs and that Jeff Seelig, President of Louisiana HBPA, had just returned his calls while he was driving to Hot Springs for this meeting and Mr. Seelig confirmed that the Louisiana HBPA will no longer fund any portion of a state bred race other than for their Louisiana-breds. During that conversation he said they would allow the futurity races to be run at Louisiana Downs, but they would not contribute the 25% of any portion of the purse as has been done in the past. He also had some ideas for future races which will be addressed at a later date. After lengthy discussion of the pros and cons of this race and because owners and trainers expect and are already training toward these races, Tommy Ives made a Motion, seconded by David Whited, for ATBHA to fund the entire purse (\$50,000 each) for the two 2013 futurity races to be run at Louisiana Downs probably on September 21, 2013 and that the Board address the future of the Arkansas-bred Futurity races at a later meeting. A vote was taken and the Motion passed unanimously.

The matter tabled from the previous meeting regarding a change of distance for the two restricted stakes races currently 1 1/6 mile to 1 mile was again tabled for discussion and consideration at the next meeting.

There being no further business, Motion made by Tommy Ives, seconded by David Whited and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.

Bill McDowell, President

Deana Echols, Executive Secretary

**THE ABOVE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN READ AND APPROVED BY THE ATBHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

## **OBITUARIES**

**Lowell Wayne Olds** - ATBHA member of Jessieville, AR passed away September 11, 2012. He was a U.S. Army Veteran, a member of Mount Tabor Baptist Church and enjoyed the outdoors. He loved to hunt and fish, but his big passion was for raising thoroughbred horses. Our condolences are with his family and friends

**Bill Peters** - of Hot Springs, passed away after only a four-day illness. He led a large and full life. He was successful in road construction and land development, helping with the construction of Interstate 35 and Freeway 235 in Iowa. His hard work and donations played a large roll in the Copper Creek Development in Pleasant Hill, Iowa. His passions were boating and Thoroughbred horses. His fame was for purchasing, racing and breeding the great mare Mariah's Storm. After consulting with friends, he chose Storm Cat and the coupling produced the great race horse and stallion Giant's Causeway. The film "The Dreamer" was loosely based on Mariah's racing career. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, of Hot Springs; sons, Steve Peters and Jay Peters (wife Kimberly), of Des Moines, and daughter, Stacy Peters Harris Riedel (husband Joshua), and five grandchildren. His love and devotion to family and friends made him a rich man indeed. Because of his loyalty and kindness he will never be forgotten and will be missed forever. His memory will be carried on by his family and friends. Our condolences are with Nancy, Bill's children, his family and many friends

**William R Ward** - passed away February 24, 2012. He was a long time member of ATBHA, owned Foxxwood Hollow Farm in Malvern, Arkansas where he bred and raised thoroughbred horses. He loved watching his horses compete and do well. A couple of more recent stakes victories with Arkansas-bred horses were by Storming Suzy in the 2010 Rainbow Miss and Deputy Etbauer in the 2008 Rainbow Miss, but there were many others. His survivors include his wife, Maxine, children Bill Ward, Suzanne Ward Hammond, Debra Ward Puckett, John Ward, Olga Ward, step-children Nikki Lackey and Ryan Petty, grandchildren, stepgrandchildren and great-grandchildren, plus extended family and many friends. He will be remembered and missed by those that knew him. Our condolences are with his family and friends.



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**The 2nd annual Stretch Run Party  
sponsored by Crawford Law Firm  
was held April 4th across the street from  
Oaklawn Park. This was held as an  
appreciation to Arkansas Horsemen.**

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**IF YOU MISSED IT THIS YEAR . . .  
WATCH FOR THE 2014 DATE  
TO BE POSTED IN THIS NEWSLETTER!**

### **ATTENTION OWNERS of Registered Arkansas-breds of Racing Age NEW RULE Effective 2014!!!!**

The Stewards at Oaklawn Jockey are writing a rule to be effective in 2014 regarding Arkansas-bred horses. Basically, it will say:

It is the **Owner's** responsibility, not the trainer's, to have proof of registration as an Arkansas-bred affixed to The Jockey Club Certificate of a registered Arkansas-bred foal. The Jockey Club Certificate **MUST BE** stamped and signed by an authorized representative of A.T.B.H.A., **or** the yellow copy of the Arkansas-bred Foal Registration Certificate, issued by A.T.B.H.A., **MUST BE** attached to the top corner of the back of the certificate. Either of the above two forms of proof of registration **MUST BE** accomplished.

Effective in 2014 registered Arkansas-breds **WILL NOT** be allowed to run at Oaklawn Park without one of the above described forms of proof of registration affixed to The Jockey Club Certificate of the horse. The owner must make sure this is taken care of **PRIOR TO** the papers being delivered to a trainer.

Failure to adhere to the above rule could cause you to lose your date of entry at the racing office if the papers have to be pulled and taken to the A.T.B.H.A. for stamping and/or cause your horse to be ineligible to race.

The Arkansas-bred Foal Registration Certificate is mailed to the person who submits the Application for Registration of the foal to A.T.B.H.A., usually on or before Dec. 31 of the weanling year.

**When we receive their exact wording it will be published!**

# STALLION NEWS

STATISTICS PROVIDED BY  
The Jockey Club INFORMATION Systems

## STALLION STATISTICS SEEKING DURABILITY, SOUNDNESS

The below listing is taken from a fifth annual listing of stallions by two criteria as developed by the Durability Committee of the Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summits underwritten by The Jockey Club and Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation. The aim is to highlight stallions which are commercially viable AND produce progeny statistics which would tend to indicate above average performance in two areas --- average number of starts per starter and percentage of foals which get to the races.

To qualify for the lists, a stallion must have ranked within the first 200 sires by progeny earnings for the calendar year 2012. This assures a modicum of success and relevance to the commercial breeding and sales market.

Although stallions qualify for these lists on the basis of 2011 progeny earnings alone, other statistics given here are lifetime through December 31, 2012. (All Northern Hemisphere earnings, except from Japan, are included in these statistics, which were provided by The Jockey Club Information Systems.)

### THE ARKANSAS STALLIONS INCLUDED IN THESE LISTS ARE:

#### 2012 SIRES BY LIFETIME STARTS PER STARTER

Ranked 30 out of 100	BRAHMS
Ranked 69 out of 100	STORM AND A HALF

#### 2012 SIRES BY LIFETIME % OF FOALS OF RACING AGE STARTED:

Ranked 45 out of 100	BRAHMS
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The Blood-Horse publishes a list, by stallion and state, of recent two-year-old (juvenile) winners, on their website. Check it out at their web-site [www.BloodHorse.com](http://www.BloodHorse.com).

## STALLIONS RECENTLY REGISTERED IN ARKANSAS

**HAMAZING DESTINY**, '06, bay, by Salt Lake - Ms. Proud Destiny, by Artax. Westrock Stables, LLC & Barry Butzow, owners. Standing at Westrock Stables, LLC, 22311 Hwy 10, Little Rock, AR. Private.

**MT PRO**, '00, by Mt. Livermore - Mama's Pro, by Proper Reality. Bill Corley, Jr., owner. Standing at Corley Farm, 875 Grant 66, Sheridan, AR 72150. \$500.

**MYKINDACANDY** - '07, by Candy Ride (ARG) - Lady Patton, by Patton. Stanley W Roberts, owner. Standing at Roberts Racing, 2685 Highway 1 South, Forrest City, AR 72335. \$500

## DIED

**ROMEO'S PISTOL** died 12/26/12.

**NOTICE TO:**  
Stallion Owners  
and  
Breeding Farms  
Reports of Mares Bred  
are due  
AUGUST 1st  
ORIGINAL  
to be filed with  
THE JOCKEY CLUB  
COPY to be filed with  
A.T.B.H.A.  
WITH the applicable  
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## CONGRATULATIONS

**SANDERS BROTHERS,**  
Breeder and Owner of  
ALL ABOUT ALLIE,  
winner of the  
2013 Downthedustyroad Stakes,  
trained by David Whited.

**BRETT CREIGHTON, Owner and**  
**JAMES DANAHER, Breeder of**  
HUMBLE SMARTY,  
winner of the 2013 Nodouble  
Breeders' Stakes,  
trained by Brett Creighton.

**IRON HORSE RACING, LLC,**  
Owner and  
**McDOWELL FARM, Breeder of**  
JAN'S PERFECT STAR,  
winner of the  
2013 Arkansas Breeders' Stakes  
(Filly Division),  
trained by Randy Morse.

**JEFF RYAN, Owner and**  
**MILLSAP STABLES, INC.,**  
Breeder of  
DEVIL AND A HALF,  
winner of the  
2013 Arkansas Breeders' Stakes  
(Open Division),  
trained by McLEAN ROBINSON.

**JAMES GLOVER, Owner &**  
Breeder of  
ILE ST. MOLLY,  
winner of the  
2013 Rainbow Miss Stakes,  
trained by Kenny Smith.

**JAMES GLOVER, Owner and**  
**RICHARD HESSEE, Breeder of**  
GOODS GONE WEST,  
winner of the  
2013 Rainbow Stakes,  
trained by Kenny Smith.

ARKANSAS HORSEMAN IN A  
**LEAGUE OF HIS OWN**

*Taken in part from Texarkana Gazette article written by Jim Williamson*

Longtime horsemen and member of ATBHA, Walter Ray Matthews, bred, raised and raced thoroughbred horses for many years. He and his wife, Vicki still have a few thoroughbred mares and foals at their farm in Ashdown.

In addition to horses, his main career, for 56 years, was baseball.

Walt ended his baseball career after 56 years combined as a minor league player, minor league manager, and a scout for the Houston Astros since 1961.

When Walt was a kid, he learned how to play baseball in a community called Hicks in Little River County, AR. While playing hardball in the 1940s and 1950s, he didn't realize he was learning simultaneously how to play baseball and acquire the skills to scout future major league players.

The baseball players in the Hicks community, northeast of Ashdown, played hardball with small leather gloves and heavy wooden bats. The baseball field was mowed by a bush hog tractor, and it always had the smell of freshly cut hay. The field had no fences and no boundaries. He was the youngest playing baseball against "old men." The old men were farmers who worked in the field, six days a week, with enough energy to play baseball Sunday afternoons. It was their field of dreams and reality!

Most of the men knew they would never play professional baseball, but they loved the game and could still dream of being major league players. They would work hard as the devil all week and then play baseball on Sunday.

Matthews used the skills of speed, strength and desire to become a scout for the Houston Astros. He started his career as a baseball player in 1956 in Ardmore, Oklahoma with the Sooner League after graduating from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.

He has been a natural at scouting future major league baseball players, said Tal Smith, who has known Matthews since 1961. Smith was the Astros' president of baseball operations and general manager from November 1994 through November 2011.

"Walter is a senior member of the Houston Astros baseball family and served 50+ years as a player and minor league manager and scout. He has made a tremendous contribution to the Astros and to baseball," Smith said.

"I have the highest regard for Walter Ray, I've never heard anyone speak ill of Walter. That's an accomplishment with all of the egos in the game. I appreciate what he brings to the table with his baseball knowledge and how quickly he analyzes a player and how the player might fit in with the organization. He is a rare person," he said.

The Astros executive has nearly as much baseball experience as Matthews. Smith, who is 74 years old, spent 35 seasons over three different terms with the Astros and received a 2005 lifetime achievement award from the organization. He was the general manager of the 1980 Astros team that was the first in franchise history to reach the post-season. The Astros went to the World Series in 2005 during Smith's tenure but have recently fallen on hard times.

Matthews, who is 77, has scouted and played minor league baseball in every state except Maine. The cold and few tips on players in Maine caused him to bypass the state. Matthews has also spent 10 winters scouting players in Venezuela. Major league players have a common thread with speed, desire and strength. "Speed is hard to beat in anything. Speed is the No. 1 thing," Matthews said. "You have to have desire, strength and ability. A good big man is better than a small guy. You've got to be strong, lean and wiry to perform every day. Sunday is worse because it's usually a daytime game and it's hot." Matthews said.

Players also have to understand the game is competitive. "When I sign a guy. I tell them, 'I'm signing you today, but tomorrow I'm looking for your replacement.' That's how competitive it is," he said. "When I sign a guy, I tell them, 'I'm signing you today, but tomorrow I'm looking for your replacement.' That's how competitive it is." he said.

Matthews says a young player can make a lot of money and not necessarily be a major player. "If a kid makes it to the majors, he can hang on and make the minimum of \$465,000. He can sit over in the corner and keep his mouth shut and stay on the big league roster. To me, that's pretty good money. But it can be embarrassing for them when other players are making a million and more." Matthews said. It's all about the money today, but even into the 1970s, the money players received to sign with a team was modest.

Matthews signed Joe Pittman in 1975 for \$1,500 and the player from Southern University in New Orleans was disappointed with the offer. He became known as Joe "Shoes" Pittman because he told Matthews he could make more money selling shoes. Pittman quit baseball and tried for three months to sell shoes. Working as a shoe salesman, Pittman realized selling shoes wasn't lucrative. He signed with the Astros in 1975 and played during three seasons at the major league level for the Astros, San Diego Padres and San Francisco Giants. Pittman played his first professional season with their Double-A Columbus Astros in 1975 and his last season with the Detroit Tigers' Triple-A Nashville Sounds in 1985. He occasionally calls Matthews and introduces himself in the telephone conversation as "Shoes." "He still remembers his nickname and how he thought he could do better selling shoes."

Matthews started his professional career when the face of baseball was changing from all white to include African-Americans and Latinos. The Astros had one Latin player when Matthews started scouting, they now have 20 Latin players. "We had to make sure Latin players didn't take the money and run back to South America. Now they must go through the draft like everyone else," and "we're now starting to get some players from Europe," Matthews said. Matthews also remembers subtle levels of racism during the early days of desegregation when he was coaching in the Florida State League in Cocoa, FL. The team traveled on a bus where half the time the air conditioning didn't work. The bus was returning to Cocoa from a game in Orlando and blew a tire. The majority of the players on the bus were African-American's. "We blew out a tire in the swamp in the middle of the night. Nobody ever came along to help, the few that did wouldn't stop because we had mostly black players," Matthews said. "We sat out there in the swamp all night. Tow of the players decided they were going to walk. We didn't know if we would see the again. We finally got the tire fixed after daylight. We picked up the two players who decided to walk, and they had walked only 9 miles during the night."

Matthews worked as a scout with low visibility. He didn't take a radar gun to baseball games to time the speed of pitchers and he doesn't write notes during a game. Smith, the former president of baseball operations, said Matthews judged a player by the player's "command of the game and poise." He also agrees a radar gun is not necessary for scouting a pitcher. All that will tell you is the speed of the pitch. It doesn't measure competitiveness or ability to change speeds," Smith said. "Walt never sought attention. He has a knack for getting along with people, and I put him in a special class. I know this wounds tribe, but he is really loved by those who know him." Smith said.

Matthews described baseball as a "funny type game" with the talent pool expanding worldwide because of competition from other professional sports from football, basketball, hockey to soccer. "It's all about the money. Baseball now has its own television channel. We use to travel in buses and were lucky to have air conditioning. Now, we're flying first class," Matthews said. He believes the players were better 30 years ago.

"There are so many sports today, and it takes away from baseball players. Today, players have performance-enhancing drugs. In the early days, players got home runs by their own power ... but society as a whole is different," Matthews said.

(Matthews related article will continue in next newsletter.)



## 2011 Arkansas-bred Foal Nomination List

A Firm Suspect	F	Primary Suspect	Just Like Boranda	Muster In	F	Future Storm	Spooky's Gold
A P Autochthon	C	A P Million	Miss Taba	My Bello Vita	F	Ile St. Louis	Tuff It
A. P. King Andrew	C	A. P. Million	Princess Dancer	My Magic Well	F	Mi Cielo	Fare Thee Well
A. P.'s Dynasty	C	A. P. Million	Lost Dynasty	My Mary	F	Portobella Road	Angel in Command
Abbey Rose	F	Ile St. Louis	Accession	Naughty Moon	C	Ile St. Louis	Naughty Penny
April Fever	F	Hesabull	Gran Nieta	Nighttime Suspect	F	Primary Suspect	Libba's Nightie
Autumn in Maine	F	Hesabull	My Maine Girl	Nomorenegotiations	C	Future Storm	Sharkey's Iris
B J Barlow	C	Hesabull	Me 'n Linda Marie	October Sky	C	Street Hero	Spring Cat
Bee's Bull	C	Hesabull	Nenantena	Ol' Bob	G	Hesabull	Blue Mail Box
Bella's Lane	F	Portobello Road	Humble Lane	Oliver's Bull	C	Hesabull	Jane Posey Road
Best Seller	C	Hesabull	Johannesburg Dancer	One of Bill's Deals	C	Primary Suspect	No Holding David
Billsbyjimmy	C	Yesbyjimmy	Stormy Dynasty	Orphan Prince	C	Sea Prince	Cherokee Tribute
Bless Jessica R	F	Dove Hunt	Manda Girl	Papa Zack	C	Storm and a Half	Impetuous Molly
Bones Baxter	C	Storm and a Half	Y Worry B Happy	Pasta Mista	F	Primary Suspect	Oodles of Noodles
Bonita Mora	F	Hesabull	Michaelangela	Pat's Mistress	F	Hesabull	All Ready Gone
Bulldashanswer	F	Hesabull	Ronnie's Answer	Peanut Flat	F	Portobello Road	Wiseman's Lady
Bumpy Cat	G	Portobello Road	Desert Appeal	Pick My Kid	C	Valid Expectations	Sporty Girl
Calico Rock	F	Nobiz Like Shobiz	Madison Grace	Pink Flash	F	Flashy Bull	Mayan Magic
Callmeawinner	F	Hesabull	Callone	Pinkshoelady	F	Commander Shoes	Irish Missus
Calvery Storm	C	Future Storm	Cavalera	Pistol's Shoes	F	Commander's Shoes	Ain't She a Pistol
Cappuccino Cat	G	Portobello Road	Anniano	Pretty Suspect	F	Primary Suspect	Pretty Toni
Cappuccino Face	F	Future Storm	Miss Kellynutter	Primary Connection	C	Primary Suspect	My Girl Amy
Carpetbagger	C	Ile St Louis	Exotic Bird	Prince Dusty	C	Sea Prince	Home Grown
Cindy's Unroar	F	Portobello Road	Littliverqueen	Pyrite Gold	C	Spotsgone	Pyrite Kim
Classic Storm	G	Sequoia Grove	Jessie's Got A Fever	Q Go Pizza Man	C	Storm and a Half	Splash Happy
Command a Bull	C	Hesabull	Katrina's Star	Questlie	F	Quest	Leslie
Commander Luke	C	Commander's Shoes	Leading Lass	Quickerthanliquor	C	Liquor Cabinet	Athena Patina
Country Conceited	F	Orientate	Away She Go	R Nanalee	F	Laffer	R Nanee
Daddy's Approval	F	The Daddy	Shesadorabull	Red Suede	G	Commander's Shoes	Rita's Hope
Daddysilgirl	F	The Daddy	Rik	Reinforce	C	Ready's Image	Reef
Don't Give Way	F	Mi Cielo	Give Way	Roaring Junebug	F	Into Mischief	Raise A Roar
Du Big	C	E Dubai	Seattle Sham	Rowdy Ria	F	Lewis Michael	Beat It
Easter Sunglasses	C	Albert The Great	Alltheabove	Ruby's Wish	F	High Cascade	Falcon Queen
Educating Guess	F	Sonny Dom's Day	Amber's Picture	Run for Stormy	C	Funontherun	Stormbrook
Electric One	F	Sonny Dom's Day	Syd and Lyd	Sarah Bull	F	Hesabull	Special Jamiano
Formfolowsfunction	C	Future Storm	Princess Sharkey	Sea Bubba	C	Sea Prince	Meeither
Future Celeb	F	Future Storm	Celebshark	Seeing Destiny	F	Sightseeing	Zen Destiny
Gibson Lake	C	Hesabull	Orange Street	Selenographer	F	Future Storm	Priza
Good Pie Ollie	C	Storm and a Half	Given to Me	Seven Fingers	C	Primary Suspect	Green Banquet
Gottcha Pharm	C	Gottcha Gold	Pharmstar	She's Red Hot	F	Explosive Truth	Floating Oaks
Granddaddy Brock	C	Hesabull	Too Brilliant	Shesaheifer	F	Hesabull	Klein Manchen
Gumbo To Geaux	C	Fan the Flame	Dazzling Dancer	Shethetownbully	F	Hesabull	Harpy
Hanalei Chick	F	Funontherun	Picture Line	Silver Brush	C	Silver Tree	Quit Complaining
Hazelsaidso	F	Sea Prince	Royal Squaw	Silvertini	F	Silver Train	Black Olive
He is a Roadster	C	Portobello Road	She Is What She Is	Skyrunner	C	Portobello Road	Eastern Memory
Heels and Boots	F	Portobello Road	Scarlet Smook	Sly Song Indy	F	A. P. Million	Sly Song
Herman Gadder	C	Portobello Road	Faxxy Sal	Smokey Juels	F	Smoke Glacken	Miss D'Or
Highwaysixtyseven	C	Portobello Road	Silk Dress	Spotsback	C	Spotsgone	Zarby Dancer
Holy Kiss	F	Hesabull	Victorious Kiss	Spunky Barbara	F	Suave	Spunky Star
Horns of Halos	F	Hesabull	Angel Got Even	Stage Door Babe	F	Hesabull	Parade Girl
Huggins and Kissin	F	Primary Suspect	Noble Nannie	Sure	C	Primary Suspect	Florabama
Huntenmeadowdove's	C	Dove Hunt	Playinthemeadow	Suspicious Moon	F	Primary Suspect	Ms Magdlean
Impetuous Bay	F	Hesabull	Beautiful Bay	That Crazy	F	Portabello Road	Thatkrazykat
Indy Skies	G	A. P. Million	Royal Actress	The Arkansan	C	Romeo's Pistol	Blue Ribbon Affair
Isaac's Boy	C	Sonny Dom's Day	Academy Girl	Too Tall	G	Portobello Road	Kennedy's Angel
Ivy Jo	F	Hesabull	Holland Polland	Tricky Ricardo	C	Portobello Road	Great Trick
Jeri's Stormin Cat	G	Portobello Road	Jeri Top	True Truffles	C	Portobello Road	Hermanus
Kelly Belly Kid	F	With Distinction	Unicorn Kid	Unbridled Passion	G	Pomatini	Risky Ruth
KJ's Sweet Tater	F	Primary Suspect	K. J.'s Girl	Wargamer	C	Notional	Innocence Lost
Knight of Dreams	C	Funontherun	Palace of Dreams	Wax Weed Hour	F	Bench Maker	Fighting Comet
L J's Bertie	F	Even the Score	Boot Um Bertie	Wheressheat	F	Commander's Shoes	Baffle
Lady Dove Hunt	F	Dove Hunt	Rain River	Xpensive Wino	F	Primary Suspect	Ribbonsanbeaus
Late Act Here	C	Hesabull	Brittney		F	Hesabull	Dedham
Maia Jean	F	Portobello Road	Jiffy Wish		F	Spring At Last	Dolce Diva
Mary Lou	F	Run Away and Hide	Timely Tara		C	Primary Suspect	Miss Brown Eyes
Merritt's Pop Pop	C	Explosive Truth	Roses Over Stars		F	D'Wildcat	Next to Nothing
Mi Lady A	F	Mi Cielo	Lady Adria		F	Ile St Louis	Southern Sky
Milliondollarbride	F	A P Million	Zada				
Miss Seven K	F	Portobello Road	Cinnamon Ring	Fillies Nominated		76	
Miss Spana	F	Portobello Road	Pana Girl	Colts/Geldings Nominated		66	
Mister S.	G	Giacomo	Blue Begonia	TOTAL Nominations		142	
Mollyjandra	F	Funontherun	Big Mollie				
Morluc's Secret	C	Morluc	Secretively				
Mowindowtheroses	C	Hesabull	Miss Scat Cat				

**LATE NOMINATIONS CAN BE MADE FOR ELIGIBLE ARKANSAS-BREDS  
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# FOALS of 2013



Colt by Portobello Road - Impetuous Molly  
Sanders Brothers, breeder



Filly by Portobello Road - Alleged Diva  
Anderson Farms, Breeder



Colt by Archarcharch - Angel in Command  
Val Yagos & Krystal Fires, breeders  
Born 3/20 Only one day old ... with Jon Court



**Orphan Foal - DOING GREAT!**  
Colt by Portobello Road - Eastern Memory  
William T Reed, Breeder



**Orphan Foal - DOING GREAT!**  
Filly by Portobello Road - Holy Geri  
Anderson Farms, breeder



Colt, by Jonesboro - Leading Lass  
**Full Sister to Spotsgone**  
Robert & Val Yagos, breeders



Filly by Mr Nightlinger - Touch Tone Gray  
William T Reed, breeder



Filly by Ordained - Only  
Starfish Stable, LLC; breeder



Colt by Portobello Road - Robin's N Beau's  
Dan Bearden, breeder



Foal by Portobello Road -  
Festival Dress  
Anderson Farms,  
breeders



Foal by Portobello Road - Fetch You Back  
Saysomethin Racing, breeder



Colt by Portobello Road - Prostar  
Randy Hall, breeder



Colt by Portobello Road -  
Tammy Lynn (Purim)  
Robert & Val Yagos, breeder



**NEW 9 HOUR OLD COLT 5/6/13**  
by Spotsgone - Everleaner  
Penny Fires and Val Yagos, breeders

**AWWWWW .... AREN'T THEY CUTE!!!**

(2013 foal pictures continued on page 12)

# A Message from our President:

I enjoyed seeing so many of you at Oaklawn this year. It was a good meet for Oaklawn and Arkansas. It's always sad to see it over, but from Oaklawn a lot of our horses move south to Louisiana Downs. If you read the front page of this newsletter, you've seen what our total purse contribution will be to fund the two 2013 two-year old futurity races at Louisiana Downs. The enter and start fees that each entrant pays is part of the purse. If the total number of horses that start in both races is 20 (assuming 10 for each race) that would mean \$20,000 has been put up as enter and start fees (\$1,000 for each entry). This means \$20,000 will be deducted from our total purse obligation. The balance will come from the Purse and Awards Fund.

Different options have been discussed for these races in the future, possibly adding Louisiana-breds to pick up a portion of the purse money. The main thing we must do is keep running these two races!

Is your foaling season over? I have one mare left to foal and I sure am glad! We have foaled 65 mares this spring. We haven't foaled this many in a long time, so it will be interesting to see the total number of foals born in our state.

It was good to see another horse that campaigned at Oaklawn as a three-year old win the Preakness Stakes. D. Wayne Lucas knew what he had and came up with a big win for Oxbow! It seems like ever year several horses that run in the Arkansas Derby do well in the Triple Crown races. That's good for Oaklawn's future and ours!

Have a great summer!

Bill McDowell, President

## FROM THE ATBHA OFFICE

*I wish I could tell you that since the banquet is over, and Oaklawn's live meet has concluded, and the awards checks have been mailed, that I have nothing to do, but ... that's NOT the case!*

*This is the time of year I catch up on the filing of foal and mare papers that I didn't get done after the end of the years registrations. This is the time of year I catch up on the general filing and all of the other little things that went undone ... waiting for this time of year!!! And then, I will turn around and it will be time to do another newsletter ... then the Razorback and Lady Razorback ... then the Stallion & Farm Directory!!! Never a dull moment, but it will all get done and I will be here for those of you that want to avoid a last minute rush and desire to get your 2013 foal and mare registrations and 2012 foal nominations completed before the end of the year.*

*Stallion owners, don't forget to send me a copy of the Report of Mares Bred along with your check for the recertification fee.*

*Enjoy the summer and let's all hope it isn't as dry as it was last year!!!*

## MORE FOALS of 2013



Colt by Ordained - Constance  
StarfishStable, LLC, breeder



Colt by A.P. Million - Princess Dancer  
Linda Weenig, breeder



Filly by Ordained - Harbor House  
Starfish Stable, LLC, breeder



Filly  
by Ordained -  
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**Heath Michael Hampton**

**John Cash**

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

**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 ATBHA RULES AND REGULATIONS (SEE PAGE 6 OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS BOOK), 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.

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**ARE \$75.00 PER MEMBER.**