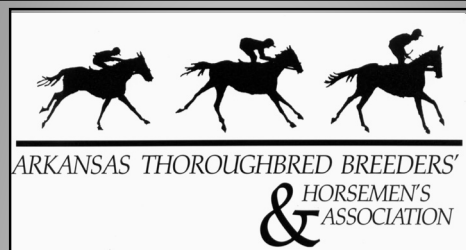


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## OAKLAWN 2023-24 LIVE MEET and MORE!

Oaklawn had security present and opened its backside stable gate Monday, October 30. Truck loads of straw and bedding were seen entering the stable area to prepare the stalls for the arrival of the thoroughbreds. They will move in, get settled and return to their training routine to prepare for Oaklawn's opening day - December 8th.

Increased purses are again the talk of what to expect for the 2023-2024 live race meet. Since Southland Greyhound track closed their racing facility, Oaklawn is the only pari-mutuel racing entity in Arkansas. A percentage of the handle at Arkansas' three casinos is allocated solely for Oaklawn purses. When a fourth casino is built in the Russellville area, one can realistically expect Oaklawn purses to see another substantial purse increase.

The largest tourist attraction in our state is in our backdoor! OAKLAWN!

They continuously look for ways to add fun things to make it a "family" attraction.

December - May - live racing Friday - Sunday

Year round - Oaklawn's Mainline Sports Bar\*...WOW! Make it a get together with family or friends. Try your hand at axe throwing or challenge your friends to a game of shuffleboard. Three Topgolf Suites offer simulated golf, baseball, hockey and soccer. Watch a game on their many TVs or play a game. They have sports galore, daily food specials and daily fun, Wednesday - Sunday. Thursday evening - Trivia and Friday evening - Karaoke.

What will they come up with next?

\*Reservations recommended

## ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

ATBHA's annual awards banquet has been rescheduled to Friday, April 12, 2023, at Oaklawn Convention Center. The week previously chosen conflicted with the weekend of and prior to the April 8th Great North American Eclipse of 2024. Many people will be in our great city for this event and the festivities Oaklawn will offer. NASA has announced they will be broadcasting live from Russellville, AR as that is the path of totality for the Total Solar Eclipse of 2024.

## Registered AR-Bred Stamp on Digital Certificates

The ATBHA office does not receive notification each time a foal's digital certificate has been completed and released to the Arkansas-bred file. We do have access to all digital certificates of foals foaled in Arkansas, those registered and not registered with ATBHA. once their application is completed. It is then our responsibility to stamp those that have been registered with our office with the Arkansas state bred logo stamp. We strive to stay caught up on affixing the stamp to the eligible certificates, but sometime a certificate gets held up because of missing or incomplete items and when you get it completed you could possibly be in dire need of it being stamped immediately. In that case, give us a call or send us an email and we will get it stamped promptly.

It is a great idea if you make sure the Arkansas state-bred logo stamp is affixed to your digital certificate before it is released to a trainer or racing office. We highly recommend you print a copy of the digital certificate for your file.

**USE CURRENT FORMS ONLY FOR ALL ARKANSAS REGISTRATIONS**

Forms are available at [atbha.com](http://atbha.com)

**BROODMARE REGISTRATIONS**

Register broodmares immediately upon coming into Arkansas. Broodmares **MUST BE** registered **PRIOR TO FOALING.**

Register FOALS with A.T.B.H.A. and THE JOCKEY CLUB listing the Breeder's name(s) **EXACTLY the SAME** on both registrations!

ATBHA no longer has a FAX line! ALL electronic transmissions must be sent to...[atbha@att.net](mailto:atbha@att.net)

**The ATBHA News CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING RATES**

All ads are Black & White

Full page	\$450.00
1/2 page	\$250.00
1/4 page	\$125.00
Business card	\$ 65.00

ATHBA Members receive a 25% discount off of the above rates

Circulation: Approx. 400

If you have information, an article or pictures of foals you would like to have printed in **The ATBHA News**, the deadlines to submit it to the ATBHA office is the 20th day of the first month of each quarter.

**(Jan/Apr/July/Oct)**



**IMPORTANT DATES DEADLINES**

Check the ATBHA Office for changes to the following

**2023**

- Dec. 8 Opening Day of Oaklawn Park
- 31 2023 foal registrations due
- 2022 foal stakes nominations due
- New Broodmare Registrations for 2024 foals due
- 2024 Membership Renewals
- Feb. 17 Nodouble Breeders' S. Closes
- Downthedyroad Breeders' S. Closes
- Mar. 2 Nodouble Breeders' S.
- Downthedyroad Breeders S.
- 23 Rainbow S. Closes
- 23 Rainbow Miss S. Closes
- Apr. 6 Rainbow Stakes
- 6 Rainbow Miss Stakes
- 8 Total Solar Eclipse
- 12 ATBHA Membership Meeting
- ATBHA Awards Banquet
- 20 Natural State Breeders' S. Closes
- 20 Arkansas Breeders' Championship S. Closes
- May 1 New Stallion Registrations for 2024 Breeding Season
- 3 Natural State Breeders' S.
- 4 Arkansas Breeders' Championship S.

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**DEFINITION OF REGISTERED ARKANSAS-BRED:**

A FOAL BORN IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS IS AN "ARKANSAS-BRED FOAL"

A FOAL BORN IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS and WHOSE DAM & SIRE ARE BOTH CORRECTLY REGISTERED WITH A.T.B.H.A. or WHOSE DAM IS CORRECTLY REGISTERED WITH A.T.B.H.A. and WHOSE SIRE IS NOT A REGISTERED ARKANSAS STALLION, BUT ALL A.T.B.H.A. BREED-BACK RULES TO THE DAM HAVE BEEN MET IS A "REGISTERED ARKANSAS-BRED FOAL"

**ATBHA.COM is your source for:**

- Registered Arkansas STALLIONS and individual information
- Arkansas FARMS with contact information & stallion listings
- HORSES FOR SALE
- REGISTERED FOALS-Arkansas-bred Foals by Foaling Year
- STAKES Nominated Arkansas-bred Foals by Foaling Year
- NEWS & INFORMATION (Forms - Rules - Newsletters - Directory)

**IMPORTANT**

**Filling out APPLICATIONS for REGISTRATION OF ARKANSAS-BRED FOALS**

When filling out an Application for Registration of an Arkansas-bred Foal, please fill out ALL applicable sections with the following exception.

"Foal's name" section should be left blank if the foal's name has not yet been approved by The Jockey Club.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Jockey Club Registration Number is shown on the Live Foal Report. Please include that number on all ATBHA foal applications.

**OBITUARIES**



**James Jarrett McFarlin** - also known as "Jay Jay" or "J-Bird" by his loved ones, 34, of Hot Springs passed away Aug. 7, 2023, at his home.

Jarrett was born Dec. 16, 1988, in Conway to Robert and Teresa Brickell McFarlin. He was the youngest of the family having two older sisters, Crystal McFarlin Marcussen and Katie McFarlin.

Jarrett graduated from Lake Hamilton High School in 2007. He was an Eagle Scout and worked many jobs including as a veterinary assistant and as a manager of a medical marijuana dispensary. Jarrett planned to attend Arkansas State University to finish his degree in biology and follow in his father's footsteps to become a veterinarian.

Jarrett was at his best when he was helping others, animals or humans. He was a tender soul, incredibly smart, had a great laugh and loved his family and friends fiercely.

Jarrett is survived by his parents and his sisters, as well as their spouses, Andrew Marcussen and Cory Hartquist; his nephews, Alex Vasilescu and Graham Marcussen and his nieces, Ella Vasilescu and Greer Marcussen; along with his uncle, Tim Brickell.

Jarrett was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, James and Gladys Mangrum Brickell, his paternal grandparents, Edward and Bernice Carpenter McFarlin, and his aunt, Melissa Brickell.

Our deepest condolences are with Dr. & Mrs. McFarlin, Jarrett's sisters, Crystal and Katie, and his family and many friends.

"Sometimes you have to just love people as they are." - Jarrett McFarlin

**NEWS RELEASE - Aug. 15, 2023**

**TRANSFERRED AS RETIRED FROM RACING IS NOW DIGITAL**



The Transferred as Retired from Racing process can now be completed digitally through the Interactive Registration (IR) website at [registry.jockeyclub.com](http://registry.jockeyclub.com).

Previously, the retired from racing process required notarized signatures on a hardcopy form. With the assistance of digital signature verification, The Jockey Club can confidently collect the signatures required to complete the retired from racing process through IR.

"Being able to ensure a horse can still be used for breeding but cannot race is important for many owners, and we wanted to make the retired from racing process as easy as possible yet still ensure the integrity of the process," said Rick Bailey, registrar of The Jockey Club.

The Jockey Club amended Rule 18 of the Principal Rules and Requirements of The American Stud Book from Sold Without Pedigree to Transferred as Retired from Racing in 2013 so that an owner can retire a Thoroughbred from racing without affecting its breeding privileges. To date, more than 5,400 Thoroughbreds have been recorded as retired from racing. A list of these horses can be viewed through IR.

**2021 STAKES NOMINATED Registered Arkansas-breds (Names Updated)**

NAME	SEX	SIRE	DAM
A Tad Irish	C	Double Irish	Kristi's Add On
Air Castle	F	Double Irish	Sequiota
Amazing Success	C	Hamazing Destiny	Sun Bonnet
Ante	F	Gentlemen's Bet	Roly Poly Goalie
Appealing Addie	F	Brody's Cause	Sensational Appeal
Arr Piratetreasure	F	Palace Malice	Thatbossanovasound
Aurora Gee	F	Street Strategy	All About Allie
Babby Daddy	C	Daddy Long Legs	Point at Z Baby
Batal	C	Hit it a Bomb	Hooky
Bee Branch	F	Double Irish	Kousa
Beraberabera	C	Good Samaritan	Proud Mover
Berryville Bullet	C	Breaking Lucky	Sarahcain
Bet All the Gold	C	Gentlemen's Bet	Roadtogold
Bet On Tiz	C	Gentlemen's Bet	Beautiful Julie
Blowout Mountain	C	Mark Valeski	Sylvia's Buttercup
Breakfastrun	F	Eagle	Electric Rutter
Breaking Fences	F	Breaking Lucky	Stormy Sister
Burlsworth	C	Practical Joke	Art Buff
Call Me Breeze	F	Sharp Azteca	The Emerald Queen
Chez Whiz	C	Texas Chrome	Torri's On My Mind
Chrome's Echo	C	Texas Chrome	Kentucky Brown
Cool and Cloudy	C	Cloud Computing	Prestidigitator
Cosmic Chic	F	Mark Valeski	Cosmo Gal
Crabtree	C	Tapiture	Sweet Dixie Belle
Crue's N Control	C	Mark Valeski	My Madame
Devils Fork	C	Double Irish	Tyrannical
Devil's Shadow	C	Double Irish	Leigh's Fast Fix
Dacey Wager	C	Gentlemen's Bet	Lecompass
Doublecheck	C	Double Irish	Butterfly Princess
Doubledaddy Issues	F	Street Strategy	Paintergone
Enigma Code	C	Cloud Computing	Race to the Sea
Erumpent	F	Texas Chrome	Ettalusive
Evening Shade	C	Double Irish	Shadow Lane
Final Bet	C	Gentlemen's Bet	Marvelous Maddie
Finley's Pride	F	Mark Valeski	Devilish Reason
First Class Girl	F	Double Irish	Pizza Lady
First Diamond	F	Codes Diamond	Spring Lace
First Down	C	Mark Valeski	Nomee
Flat Out Blessed	C	Flat Out	C D Player
Gentle Ben	C	Gentlemen's Bet	Cateybug
Gently	F	Gentlemen's Bet	Timelessly
Get Away With It	G	Just A Coincidence	Get On With It
Getoutyourwallet	C	Mark Valeski	Don'tmesswithjoanne
God's Country	C	Alternation	Ministry
Grizmo	F	Mo For the Money	Generation of Love
Haulin Ice	F	Coal Front	She's Smoke
Hayah Look at Me	C	Khozan	Slick and True
Helldiver	C	Hit It A Bomb	Don't Boss Me
He's Got a Secret	C	Secret House	Tickled by Elmo
Holus Bolus	C	Texas Chrome	Country Candy
Hot Shot Shopper	F	Double Irish	Fastanista
Hush It Honey	F	Too Much Bling	Waters Fine
I Be Gone	F	Tapiture	Flashy Got Even
I'm an Oak	C	Caleb's Posse	Hold Me Fast
I'm Fired Up	C	Mo For the Money	Allencat
Irish Song	F	Double Irish	Bird Harbor
Jimmy	C	Jimmy Creed	Never Ends
J J's Joy	F	El Deal	Ho Joy
Jonesborohurricane	F	Jonesboro	Dedham
Kantirun	F	Mor Spirit	Probably Thursday
Kat'n Chrome	F	Texas Chrome	Flying Katnip
Kava	F	Double Irish	Morning Coffee
Kiamichi	F	Brahms	Glorys Last Chance

NAME	SEX	SIRE	DAM
La Diamond	F	Ordained	Ramsanelli
Lady Woopig	F	Ransom The Moon	Lady Lucky
Landlord	C	Lord Nelson	Vivian Da Bling
Latifah	F	Anchor Down	Levian
Linnie Mae	F	Mark Valeski	Come On Baby
Little Biscuits	C	Street Strategy	Baby Me Amore
Logan's Ridge	F	Double Irish	Etheridge
Mandatory Mission	C	Mark Valeski	Pistolpackinpenny
Mansoura	C	Astern	Captain's Wife
Mary Who	F	Street Strategy	Red Dress
Microwave	C	Mark Valeski	Ring Me Up
Miss Betilu	F	Posse Hawk	Prowl
Missed My Bet	F	Gentlemen's Bet	Miss E U
Miss Mo Mesa	F	Mo For the Money	Miss Mesa
Mister Butch	C	Outwork	Take it Easyplesae
Mo Enchanted	F	Mo For the Money	Robin My Girl
Moonshine Swag	C	Moonshine Mullin	Vicki's Got Swagger
Mr. Benny	C	Wicked Strong	Relentless Dear
Mucho Vapor	F	Mucho Macho Man	Misty Miranda
My Julia	F	Street Strategy	Happy Anniversary
My Starfish	C	Ordained	Zonly
Natural Touch	F	Texas Chrome	Letthegrayrunaway
No Coincidence	F	Just A Coincidence	Rumors and Dreams
No Mo Whining	C	Mo For the Money	Miss Lilly Blue
One Eye Elvira	F	Jonesboro	Windstream
Only a Dream	C	Five Iron	Only
Out of the Coop	C	Flat Out	Ms Fifty First St
Palmetto Devil	C	Double Irish	Unholy Night
Palmilla's Bet	F	Gentlemen's Bet	Palmilla
Parham	C	Mo For the Money	I Am Superior Too
Paris Accord	F	Mark Valeski	Valiant Reason
Posse's Bandit	G	Posse Hawk	Taylor's Moonbeam
Presleys Turm	F	Double Irish	Alamo Rose
Principal Anita	F	Mark Valeski	Rockin Rah Rah
Q's Your Mama	F	Coal Front	Rita Ann
Queen Wilhelmina	F	The Factor	Our Quista
Range Life	F	Gentlemen's Bet	Eva's Nitehawk
Red Fruitcake	F	All Star Dancer	Wild Street Girl
Reville Valley	C	Double Irish	Sheri's Thunder
Rhonda Ruth	F	Mo For the Money	Get Back Anne
Rocket Sanders	C	Street Strategy	Kombat Lake
Rosie Cotton	F	Tapiture	Be My Caroline
Runwithstrategy	C	Street Strategy	Sea Shack
Ryno Wrecker	C	Mor Spirit	Madrikena
Safety	C	Ordained	Meghan W
Secret City	F	Mark Valeski	Safe N Rich
Secret Strategy	C	Street Strategy	My Sister's Secret
Secret Tavern	C	Secret House	Grandma Annie
Simple Dreams	F	Den's Legacy	Double P's Tavern
Sky Raven	F	Mark Valeski	Spark Joy
Southfork	C	Street Strategy	Sky Con
Sparkly	F	Mark Valeski	Dakota Gal
Statler	C	Just A Coincidence	Bo Peep
Sthenic	F	Texas Chrome	Fostering Harmony
Stillbilly	C	Moonshine Mullin	Halfandtwoquarters
Strato	C	Cloud Computing	Honour First
Strike Ridge	C	Street Strategy	Rita's Fifty Seven
String Theory	C	Cloud Computing	Megyns Gold
Sublime Hope	F	Mark Valeski	Kathleen L
Sunday Spirit	C	Mor Spirit	Wild Hope
Sunnyandseventy	F	Frost Giant	Reincarnation
Sunset Strategy	C	Street Strategy	Ten Seventy
			Pacific Sunrise

**2021 Stakes Nominated Registered Arkansas-breds (cont.)**

NAME	SEX	SIRE	DAM
Super Ms	C	Mark Valeski	Supercede
Swift Key	C	Caleb's Posse	Swiss Key
Sydney's Joy	F	Mark Valeski	lamagirlygreely
Tarable	F	Double Irish	Taralicious
Texas Sequoia	F	Texas Chrome	De Frisky Sequoia
Touchdown Arkansas	C	Bee Jersey	Jonesboro Polly
Toy Gizmo	F	All Star Dancer	Lodi Mist
Twenty to Park	C	Speightster	Spirit Line
Two Dollar Eddie	C	Good Samaritan	Hope Landin
Unnecessary Tricks	C	Always Dreaming	Social Butterfly
What a Joke	F	Practical Joke	Tebraah
Willie Cat	C	Lord Nelson	Zip On
Won Ninety	C	Race Day	Peaceloveandjoy
Yaqui Valley	C	Temple City	Obregon
Yeagers Strategy	G	Street Strategy	Vuitton Too
Zanzora	F	Ordained	Zanzu
	C	Sky Mesa	Abby the Great
	C	Brahms	Calico Rock
	C	Race Day	Creed for Hillary
	F	Double Irish	Divine Doris
	C	Double Irish	Fierce
	C	Street Strategy	Honor With Pride
	C	Mo For the Money	Indygo Meadow
	F	Moonshine Mullin	Key Appeal
	C	Ordained	Meafarel's Reward
	F	Maximus Mischief	Michelle's Krackin
	F	Hamazing Destiny	Miss Auspicious
	C	Mo For the Money	Polish Suspect
	F	Double Irish	Safflower
	F	Midshipman	Scamp and a Half
	F	Double Irish	Sochi Gold
	F	Eagle	Tiz Maria

Nominations closed: 12/31/22

Fillies	74
Colts/Geldings	84
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>158</b>

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

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Arkansas Thoroughbred Breeders' & Horsemen's Association was held Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. at the Arkansas Thoroughbred Breeders' office

President McDowell called the meeting to order. All Directors, including Alternate Director, were in attendance. President McDowell announced a quorum was present.

President McDowell asked if there were any corrections or discussion regarding the Minutes of the March 29, 2023 meeting. There being none, Linda Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Jeff Sheets and unanimously approved.

The 2022 Financial Reports were reviewed and by Motion by Jeff Sheets, seconded by Sara Patterson, the 2022 Financial Reports were unanimously approved as presented.

The next item presented was a report on the 2022 Purse & Awards Fund Distributions which outlines 1) the total 2022 earnings in the three categories (Continued above)

(Continued MINUTES 6/27/23)

(registered Arkansas-bred foals, registered Arkansas-bred foals sired by registered Arkansas Stallions, and registered Arkansas-breds at Oaklawn Park), 2) the amount Oaklawn Jockey Club paid into the Purse & Awards Fund, 3) the purse supplements paid out of the Fund, and 4) the percentages and amounts paid as incentive awards in the three categories mentioned above. The information required from both Racing Commission Offices and the process for calculating the percentages to be paid for the annual incentive awards was briefly explained for the benefit of the new directors.

An attachment to that report was an itemization of ATBHA's 50% purse obligation for each of the six stakes races, (five races at \$75,000 and one at \$100,000) for a total obligation of \$475,000. After crediting the applicable enter and start fees paid for each race, ATBHA's total stakes purse obligation in 2023 was \$362,000. This amount was paid out of the Purse & Awards Fund.

An additional attachment was a report on the funding of the 2023 Bonus Purse Supplements for registered Arkansas-bred finishing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in open company races. The total payout in 2023 to fund this program was \$141,000. \$55,000 was paid from the ATBHA stakes account at Bank OZK and \$86,000 from the Arkansas Racing Commission P & A Fund. It was noted that a large amount of the \$141,000 was for maiden claiming races that assigned a higher claiming price for the registered Arkansas-breds than the other entries. It was also noted on several occasions the majority of those fields were registered Arkansas-breds where two or three finished in the top three therefore receiving the applicable Bonus Purse Supplement for their position of finish. It often appeared to be more of a restricted race than open, but was written open therefore making it eligible for the purse supplement. This program is to be revisited before a commitment is made for the 2023-2024 live racing year and/or future years.

These reports were all discussed at length. It was the consensus that something had to be done before we can commit to fund any future programs. President McDowell informed the Board as a result of the meeting with Eric Jackson, Wayne Smith, Ernie Witt, and Deana Echols regarding our inquiry on the percentages Oaklawn pays into the Purse & Awards Fund, Mr. Jackson conveyed they are not opposed to us asking HBPA if they would be willing to use the Purse Fund to pay our share of the purse money on the restricted Arkansas-bred stakes, but they would want their assurance that none of it would be counted against Oaklawn's stakes cap. Deana Echols was asked to set up a meeting with HBPA.

The next item presented by Bill Gossage was a proposal from Arkansas State University to provide and Economic Impact Analysis on the thoroughbred breeding program in Arkansas for ATBHA. After discussion, Motion made by Val Yagos, seconded by Lewis Mathews, and unanimously approved, ATBHA will retain ASU to perform this analysis.

Next Ernie Witt informed the Directors that Pat Pope had contacted him regarding races he intends to write and the possibility of 2 year old stakes on December 31st, 2023. Lewis Mathews said he also had been contacted. After discussion, Motion made by Ernie Witt, seconded by Linda Anderson, and unanimously approved, Ernie Witt is directed to convey to Pat Pope that ATBHA prefers, instead of 7 MSW, that he write 5 MSW and divide the other two into four Maiden Claiming races. As far as the 2 year old stakes, ATBHA is not in a position to fund half of the purses for two 2 year old stakes races this year.

The last item to be brought up pertained to outstanding checks from prior year awards payments. Deana asked that awards checks not cleared in 12 months from original date of payment, even after she has made attempts to contact the payee, by phone and/or email, be marked VOID and payment stopped with a note, not to be reissued. No motion was made, but all directors were in favor and would think that a notation should appear on the check as to it not being negotiable after a specified number of days/months. Deana will convey that to the Racing Commission and see if there is any reason it can't be done.

There being no other business, by motion of Lewis Mathews, seconded by Ernie Witt, II, and unanimously approved the meeting was adjourned.

Dated this 7th day of June.

APPROVED this 12th day of September, 2023.

Bill McDowell, President Deana Echols, Executive Secretary



**The National HBPA take for horsemen: Monday, Oct. 30, 2023**

**HIWU continues to impose “self-inflected” injuries by failing to recognize the existence of environmental transfer**

Ted Shults — a nationally recognized authority in forensic toxicology and law who is well-versed in both racehorse and human drug testing — called American thoroughbred racing’s drug-testing policies a “self-inflected injury” when they fail to recognize the existence of environmental contamination and inadvertent transfer of recreational and prescription medications to horses.

Such policies unnecessarily make law-abiding trainers look like criminals. Human testing avoids this by setting realistic screening levels, below which they don’t waste time and money testing for that particular substance in an amount that has no impact on a horse’s performance and for which there is an exculpatory explanation.

“We would never do this on the human side,” said Shults, adding of testing technology, “The race for sensitivity is over... We’re on the verge of going toward (detection levels) of parts per trillion.”

Shults was speaking FIVE years ago at the National HBPA Conference. Our testing at the time - in nanograms, or parts per billion in a milliliter of plasma - has blown past picograms (parts per trillion) and has entered into the realm of femtograms, which is one-thousandth of a picogram.

The Horseracing Integrity & Welfare Unit (HIWU), the testing and enforcement arm of the private corporation known as the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA), instead of taking the real world into consideration, has gone the other direction toward science (and common sense) denialism. In its apparent haste to look like it’s actually catching cheaters, HIWU has resorted to “gotcha” chemistry, ensnaring rule-abiding trainers in its web.

This does not clean up the industry. It does, however, ruin livelihoods and lives. Most trainers operate on an extremely thin profit margin under the best of circumstances. Many can’t afford the cost of appealing a HIWU or HISA ruling.

The latest example was laid out by writer T.D. Thornton in the Thoroughbred Daily News. Thornton powerfully chronicles the circumstances that New Jersey-based John and Diana Pimental found themselves in when one of John’s eight horses reportedly tested for 193 picograms of methamphetamine. HIWU appears to apply a close to zero-tolerance standard for meth, even though it’s a street drug whose hundreds of thousands of users could readily transfer in a trace level to a horse.

To put it in context, an accepted screening level for meth in humans is 500 nanograms per milliliter in urine. That’s 500,000 picograms.

According to the article, the subsequent HIWU search of John Pimental’s truck found an old container of the thyroid medicine Thyro-L (levothyroxine), which they said had been used a while back on his beloved 17-year-old pony. But HIWU has decided to ban even its possession, even though there is no science that proves accurate dosages in horses cause any harm.

John Pimental’s penalty? A three-year suspension and \$25,000 fine. His eight horses and pony are gone. He can’t afford an attorney, has no savings and can’t even work ponying horses or as an outrider at a training center.

**READ THE PIMENTAL’S STORY ... JUDGE FOR YOURSELF!**

**Article entitled: “HIWU Descends Upon a Shedrow. Upending Life for a Mom-and-Pop Stable”**  
<https://www.thoroughbreddailynews.com/hiwu-descends-upon-a-shedrow-upending-life-for-a-mom-and-pop-stable/>

How is this OK? We all want to get rid of whatever cheating is out there. How does this accomplish that?

This is what you get when the federal government gives unfettered power to a private corporation, created at the bidding of a small group of well-funded elites, that operates in secrecy, with too many people who have less than adequate working knowledge of the industry calling the shots, and has the ability to charge racetracks - which one way or another is passed on to horsemen and women - whatever they want with virtually no accountability. To think that the Federal Trade Commission has effective oversight over HISA and its side-arm HIWU is incredibly naive.

Outraged by what happened to the Pimentals? You should be. Here’s what you can do about it:

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# 2024 STARFISH STALLIONS

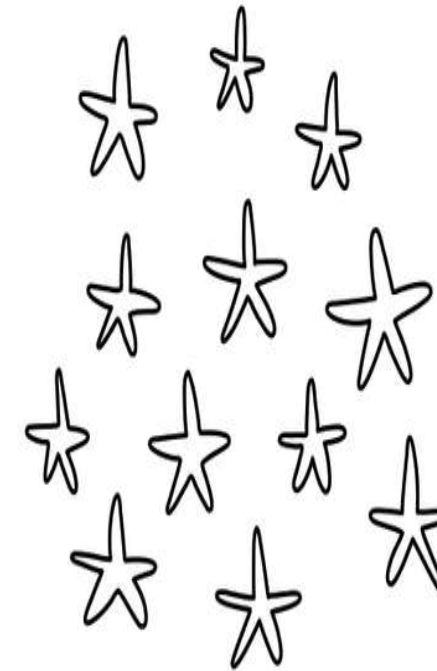
**NEW FOR 2024**

**BALANDEEN**  
by  
Bernardini  
out of  
Mamma Kimbo (G2)  
(Discreet Cat)

**SEA FOAM**  
by  
Medaglia d’Oro  
out of  
Strike It Rich (G3)  
(Unbridled Song)

**ORDAINED**  
by  
Pulpit  
out of  
People’s Princess (G3)  
(Meadowlake)

**FIVE IRON**  
by  
Sharp Humor  
out of  
Tee Off  
(Thunder Gulch)



All Starfish stallions stand for  
**\$1,500 LFSN**

## STARFISH STALLIONS

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# STALLIONS

## NEW STALLIONS FOR 2024

**SEA FOAM**, '15, by Medaglia d'Oro - Strike it Rich, by Unbridled's Song. Starfish Stallions, 1556 South Moore Rd., Hot Springs, AR 71913. (859) 229-7743. Ten Strike Racing LLC, owner. \$1,500

## SOLD/TRANSFERRED/MOVED

Blaze Buster  
Cinco Charlie  
Serendip

## DEATHS

Aikenite  
Hamazing Destiny

**ZONG** was incorrectly reported having died. He did not die. He has been moved and will stand in Louisiana in 2024.

*Stallions that had no breedings reported for the past few years and/or whose owners or agents have not responded to attempts to be contacted by email, phone and/or 1st class mail have been removed from ATBHA's 2024 Stallion & Farm Directory and the ATBHA Website.*

**Please keep the ATBHA office informed of any and all changes regarding your stallion(s).**

## ATBHA RULES & REGULATIONS FOR STALLIONS STANDING IN ARKANSAS

Owners of registered Arkansas stallions must submit a Report of Mares Bred to The Jockey Club on or before August 1st following the breeding season, listing all mares bred to the stallion during that year's breeding season, as required by The Jockey Club Rules and Regulations. A copy of said Report of Mares Bred must be submitted to the ATBHA office by August 1, accompanied by the applicable annual stallion re-certification fee.

To renew a stallion's Arkansas registration, an annual re-certification fee shall be paid on each registered Arkansas stallion that stood in Arkansas only during that year's breeding season. Payment of the annual Stallion Re-certification Fee shall be the obligation of the stallion owner, shall be in the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300) per year, beginning the year after the initial Arkansas registration, shall be due and payable to ATBHA on or before August 1st of the breeding year, and shall be accompanied by a photocopy of the Report of Mares Bred for that year, as set out in Section above.

Updates to Stallions listed in the annual Stallion & Farm Directory are made quarterly in The ATBHA News under this section entitled "Stallions"

## 2023 MARES BRED as reported to ATBHA through October 31, 2023

Aikenite	4	Leo Jeka	2
American Freedom	30	Mark Valeski	19
Balandeen	11	MG Warrior	Not reported
Ben Guerin	Retired	Mo for the Money	2
Codes Diamond	4	Oneniceday	3
Coil	Not reported	Ordained	3
Cutting Humor	10	Peace Wins	0
Cinco Charlie	12	People's Choice	Not reported
Cyber Secret	1	Perfect Shower	Not reported
Deliver the Storm	0	Petrov	20
Double Irish	2	Risky Asset	Not reported
Easygoestiz	Not reported	Serengeti	Not reported
Embezzler	8	Shady Grove	0
Festival Road	Not reported	Shupanga	0
Five Iron	0	Sound and Fury	10
Flap Jack	2	Stormdriver	Not reported
Gentlemen's Bet	11	Street Strategy	38
Gotcha Pharm	0	Tekton	2
Hamazing Destiny	6	Texas Chrome	7
High Cascade	0	The Big Beast	40
High North	11	Treasury Bill	5
I Am	0	Wooderson	0
In Speight Ofitall	3	Zong	17
Laurie's Rocket	9	Total 2023 breedings by 27 stallions	289

**If your mare was bred to one of the stallions listed above that shows no breedings, you need to contact the stallion owner immediately. Possibly, ATBHA was not provided with a copy of the Report of Mares Bred and/or no Report of Mares Bred was submitted to The Jockey Club.**

What sort of horses come out after dark?  
Night-mares!!!

## YOUR ANSWERS ARE AT:

[www.registry.jockeyclub.com](http://www.registry.jockeyclub.com)

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## Thoroughbred Racing Economic Indicators

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#### For 3rd Quarter and Year to Date

#### 3rd QTR 2023 vs. 3rd QTR 2022

Indicator	3rd QTR 2023	3rd QTR 2022	% Change
Wagering on U.S. Races*	\$3,055,467,201	\$3,274,036,492	-6.68%
U.S. Purses (Available)	\$ 390,256,835	\$ 393,306,327	-0.78%
U.S. Purses (Paid)	\$ 371,597,023	\$ 378,162,702	-1.74%
U.S. Race Days	1,206	1,294	-6.80%
U.S. Races	9,443	10,140	-6.87%
U.S. Starts	67,750	71,936	-5.82%
Average Field Size	7.17	7.09	+1.13%
Average Wagering Per Race Day	\$ 2,533,555	\$ 2,530,167	+0.13%
Average Available Purses Per Race Day	\$ 323,596	\$ 292,243	+10.73%

#### YTD 2023 vs. YTD 2022

Indicator	YTD 2023	YTD 2022	% Change
Wagering on U.S. Races*	\$9,129,984,403	\$9,536,655,717	-4.26%
U.S. Purses (Available)	\$ 989,057,359	\$ 982,036,590	+0.71%
U.S. Purses (Paid)	\$ 947,936,563	\$ 945,222,310	+0.29%
U.S. Race Days	3,067	3,223	-4.84%
U.S. Races	24,857	26,010	-4.43%
U.S. Starts	181,555	186,950	-2.89%
Average Field Size	7.30	7.19	+1.62%
Average Wagering Per Race Day	\$ 2,976,845	\$ 2,958,938	+0.61%
Average Available Purses Per Race Day	\$ 322,484	\$ 293,274	+9.96%

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

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Have your voice heard. Send a message to your Congressional Representative that HISA is not helping horses but is wrecking lives. This will take you 30 seconds. Go to: <https://mstr.app/4ab8f42e-c493-466a-8394-aa10887bdf87> Fill out your name, address, email and telephone number. A message will be automatically sent to your Congressional Representative.

HISA and HIWU make changes when they are called out on the harmful results of their misguided regulations. Their default position is 'we had to start from scratch' and 'be patient. We need time to get this right.' A, they didn't have to start from scratch. They chose to blow up an existing system that did a lot of things right. B., the people making bad policy in the first place should not be the ones determining regulations for the industry.

It is NOT OK for HISA and HIWU to damage people's lives while they scramble to correct their misguided regulations that common sense would have avoided in the first place.

### **HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD: Tell Congress to support RHSA**

**NEW LINK - NEW MESSAGE:** Horsemen -- If you believe that HISA is not helping horses and is hurting racing, please use <https://mstr.app/4ab8f42e-c493-466a-8394-aa10887bdf87> to send your U.S. Representative an automated message urging him or her to support and co-sponsor the Racehorse Health and Safety Act (RHSA) that would repeal and replace HISA. It just takes 30 seconds - type in your name, address, email and phone number and click on "send message" and it will automatically go to your Representative.

We don't have the millions of dollars that are at the disposal of the well-funded minority backing HISA. Our only way to create meaningful change is through our power in numbers and grass-roots advocacy networking. Please share these links with everyone working with you and on your social media channels:

Dr. Daniels' editorial in the Herald-Leader:  
<https://files.constantcontact.com/3ef6d5c8601/a078adb8-9176-4eb4-a702-8244858152cc.pdf?rdr=true>

Dr. Rick Fischer's opinion piece on The Racing Biz:  
<https://www.theracingbiz.com/2023/10/12/fischer-flawed-hisa-must-be-replaced/>

Fischer's piece on Horse Racing Nation:  
[https://www.horseracingnation.com/news/Opinion\\_Racetrack\\_veterinarians\\_support\\_HISA\\_alternative\\_123](https://www.horseracingnation.com/news/Opinion_Racetrack_veterinarians_support_HISA_alternative_123)

Dr. Daniels' editorial on FoxNews.com:  
<https://www.foxnews.com/opinion/congress-abused-power-rein-horse-racing-heres-ride-rescue>

Tell your U.S. Representative to support, co-sponsor the RHSA to repeal, replace HISA  
<https://mstr.app/3d47fc18-16ab-4da0-98b8-5a6f268b4be0>

# *A Message from our President:*

In just over a month Oaklawn will have live racing again. It looks like it will be another good year for Arkansas-breds. Purses are huge and should remain stable for a long time to come.

The ATBHA Board of Directors has been working on ways to improve our incentive awards program so we remain competitive. Fortunately, our owners benefit from Oaklawn having purses that are among the top in the county.

We don't yet have 2023 figures, but using the eight years, 2015 through 2022, our total annual Arkansas-bred earnings in North America have almost doubled, from \$6.1 million in 2015 to \$11.9 in 2022. The earnings at Oaklawn, a large part of the North America figures, were \$2.6 million in 2015 and \$7.8 million in 2022.

Annual incentive awards for registered Arkansas-breds have been calculated and paid on the total earnings in North America for Breeder and Stallion awards and on earnings at Oaklawn only for Owner awards, using the allocated percentage of the Purse and Awards Fund for each applicable category.

The incentive awards for each of the three categories during the same years as above have steadily declined. Breeder awards have gone from 15.8% to 8.84%, Stallion awards from 6.82% to 4% and Owner awards from 5.22% to 1.93%.

Total owner's awards on 2022 earnings was slightly less than \$151,000 of which those under the \$10 aggregate were not paid and as many or more that were slightly over \$10 were processed and mailed, but have not been cashed. Looking ahead to what will be paid in 2024 we knew, as a Board, we had to do something.

Not being against the owners, they hold this business together, just realizing the continued purse increases at Oaklawn will more than make up for the 1% or so that would be paid in incentive awards, the ATBHA Board voted to discontinue paying Owner awards. At the same time, they voted to continue the Bonus Purse Supplements for Owners whose horses finish 1st, 2nd & 3rd in open company races. That program paid out \$141,000 from Jan-May 2023 and will pay an additional amount in December. Those two amounts could very likely exceed the nearly \$151,000 that was paid in incentive awards earlier this year.

Additionally, another change the Board made was Breeder and Stallion awards will now be calculated and paid on the total earnings of registered Arkansas-breds for 1st through 4th place finishes any where in North America. We did a spread sheet on this and I was quite surprised at the small difference it makes in the over all awards.

I hope you get the big picture and understand the Purse & Awards Fund, the fund from which stakes purses and purse supplements are paid first, then the incentive awards. This fund has become stagnant and isn't growing proportionate to the growth of the earnings. That is what we have to overcome.

With all of that being said, it does look like winter is sticking its face around the corner, so stay warm, keep your horses warm and we'll see you at Oaklawn! We, as your Board, will continue to seek solutions and improvements to the Arkansas programs.

Bill McDowell, President



## **NEWS RELEASE - September 25, 2023**

### ***The Jockey Club Projects 2024 Foal Crop of 18,000***

The Jockey Club is projecting a North American registered Thoroughbred foal crop of 18,000 in 2024. This represents 500 fewer foals than the 2023 foal crop estimate of 18,500.

The foal crop projection is computed by using Reports of Mares Bred (RMBs) received to date for the 2023 breeding season. RMBs are to be filed by August 1 of each breeding season.

Additional foal crop information is available in The Jockey Club's online fact book at [jockeyclub.com/factbook.asp](http://jockeyclub.com/factbook.asp) and in the online state fact books.

Stallion owners who have not returned their RMBs for the 2023 breeding season are encouraged to do so as soon as possible. Interactive Registration, which enables registered users to perform virtually all registration-related activities over the Internet, is the most efficient means of submitting RMBs and is available at [registry.jockeyclub.com](http://registry.jockeyclub.com).

The Jockey Club, founded in 1894 and dedicated to the improvement of Thoroughbred breeding and racing, is the breed registry for North American Thoroughbreds. In fulfillment of its mission, The Jockey Club, directly or through subsidiaries, provides support and leadership on a wide range of important industry initiatives, and it serves the information and technology needs of owners, breeders, media, fans and farms. It founded America's Best Racing ([americasbestracing.net](http://americasbestracing.net)), the broad-based fan development initiative for Thoroughbred racing, and in partnership with the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association, operates OwnerView ([ownerview.com](http://ownerview.com)), the ownership resource. Additional information is available at [jockeyclub.com](http://jockeyclub.com).

## **FROM THE ATBHA OFFICE**

We're coming up on the busy time of year - register new broodmares and 2023 foals and stakes nominate 2022 foals. All of that is happening at the same time of year as Oaklawn's December live meet begins. But, that does mean you'll be in town, so you have no excuse to forget and let the **December 31** deadline slip by you and cost you more money! If, for some reason, you can't get by the ATBHA office, print a copy of the appropriate form from our website and mail you forms, attachments and checks to the ATBHA office. Please use ONLY current registration forms.

Broodmare and Stallion applications require a copy, front & back, of their Jockey Club Certificate. If a name card covers a portion of the front, a copy with the name card and a copy without the name card are both required along with a copy of the back showing ownership transfers. If the Jockey Club Certificate is digital, you will need to print the front and the "Certificate History" at the bottom of the digital

certificate. Directions on how to print a digital certificate were printed on page one of the Jan-Mar 2023 issue of The ATBHA News. If you no longer have it, you can access it on our website, [www.atbha.com](http://www.atbha.com). Go to the tab "News & Information" - then "Newsletters" - then click on the appropriate issue.

Please notify ATBHA if your mailing address has changed from the one that was used to mail awards checks to you in March of this year. The State database used for incentive awards checks **is not** the same database as our ATBHA Membership.

If you have not paid your 2023 dues and have a 2023 registration you will be required to pay the late registration rate for 2023 at \$75 and your 2024 renewal at the \$50 rate.

Here's hoping you have a wonderful 2023 - 2024 race meet at Oaklawn and win lots of races!

**Arkansas Thoroughbred Breeders'  
& Horsemen's Association**  
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Hot Springs, AR 71903-1641

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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 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 RENEWALS PAID BY MARCH 1ST AND ALL NEW MEMBERSHIPS ARE \$50.00 PER MEMBER.**

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

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