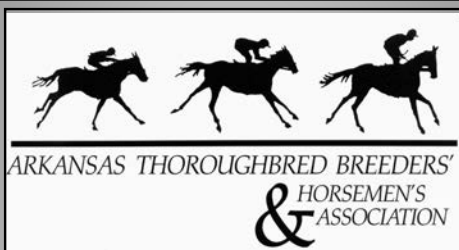


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OAKLAWN ADDS RACES AND DAYS!

Oaklawn is making every attempt possible to pick up the races from the days lost in January. They have moved the start time up just so they can add one race to the daily card and they continue to add a race here and there as they can fill; plus, two additional days have been added to the original schedule. All of this to make up for days lost due to the inclement weather we incurred this year. Arkansas is a southern state and somewhat ill prepared for the a consecutive number of days with temperatures well below freezing and hovering around zero that we endured. January 2024 certainly proved to set records, but not records we like, not the ones you get excited to tell about! Horses lost ten days of training in January because they couldn't get on the frozen track. The exercise wheel stayed busy and was a blessing we haven't had in years past. Plumbers were working overtime, but some things can't be fixed until temperatures rise enough to thaw out the ground and the lines buried in it. Fortunately, we all survived and are looking forward to warmer temperatures that are soon to come.

The two full days Oaklawn has added to the original 2024 racing schedule are Monday April 7th and Sunday, May 5th. Horsemen and owners can be assured of warmer temperatures at that time of year and more hours of daylight to enjoy the live racing and other activities and amenities that are offered in our beautiful little corner of the world! AND, in addition, Oaklawn has special promotions for April 8th to view and enjoy the total solar eclipse that we are expected to see in our area! Check it out and have fun at Oaklawn!

Great North American Total Solar Eclipse at Oaklawn

The Great North American Eclipse is drawing thousands and thousands of people to our great state.

The path of totality will stretch over 100 miles across The Natural State, extending from the southwest to the northeast. In some locations, lucky observers will experience over four minutes of total darkness. 53 of Arkansas' 75 counties will fall within the path of totality, including major cities like Little Rock, Hot Springs, Texarkana, Conway, and Jonesboro.

Experience a once in a lifetime special event in Oaklawn's famous infield on April 8, 2024! Family • Fun • Affordable! Enjoy live music, concessions, souvenirs, free swag, and attractions for the kids. It's a family-friendly event you won't want to miss! \$20 entry and free for kids 12 and under.

ATBHA Awards Banquet & Annual Meeting

ATHBA's **Annual Membership Meeting** will be held **Friday, April 12, 2024** at **5:15 p.m.** at the Oaklawn Event Center **PRIOR TO THE BANQUET**. All ATBHA members are encouraged to attend.

ATBHA's **Awards Banquet** and **Silent Auction** will be held **Friday, April 12, 2024** at **6:00 p.m.** at the Oaklawn Event Center.

6:00 p.m. - Doors open for Silent auction and cocktails
7:00 p.m. - Dinner

See Page 11 for Agenda and Reservation Information!

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

Forms are available at atbha.com

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Register broodmares immediately upon coming into Arkansas.

Broodmares **MUST BE** registered PRIOR TO FOALING.

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tures of foals
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The ATBHA News,
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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

2024

- Mar. 2 **Nodouble Breeders' S.**
Downthedustyroad Breeders S.
 - 14 Oaklawn Chaplaincy Benefit Bash
 - 23 Rainbow S. Closes
 - 23 Rainbow Miss S. Closes
- Apr. 6 **Rainbow Stakes**
6 **Rainbow Miss Stakes**
 - 7 Added day of racing at Oaklawn!
 - 8 Total Solar Eclipse
- 12 **ATBHA Membership Meeting**
ATBHA Awards Banquet (See page 11)
 - 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.**
 - 4 Kentucky Derby Day at Oaklawn
 - 5 Added day of racing at Oaklawn!

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2021 STAKES NOMINATED Registered Arkansas-breds (Names Updated)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>SIRE</u>	<u>DAM</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>SIRE</u>	<u>DAM</u>
Abby's Encore	C	Sky Mesa	Abby the Great	Kantirun	F	Mor Spirit	Probably Thursday
A Tad Irish	C	Double Irish	Kristi's Add On	Kat'n Chrome	F	Texas Chrome	Flying Katnip
Air Castle	F	Double Irish	Sequiota	Kava	F	Double Irish	Morning Coffee
Amazing Success	C	Hamazing Destiny	Sun Bonnet	Kiamichi	F	Brahms	Glorys Last Chance
Angelsnbutterflies	C	Mo for the Money	Indygo Meadow	La Diamond	F	Ordained	Ramsanelli
Ante	F	Gentlemen's Bet	Roly Poly Goalie	Lady Woopig	F	Ransom The Moon	Lady Lucky
Appealing Addie	F	Brody's Cause	Sensational Appeal	Landlord	C	Lord Nelson	Vivian Da Bling
Arr Piratetreasure	F	Palace Malice	Thatbossanovasound	Latifah	F	Anchor Down	Levian
Aurora Gee	F	Street Strategy	All About Allie	Linnie Mae	F	Mark Valeski	Come On Baby
Babby Daddy	C	Daddy Long Legs	Point at Z Baby	Little Biscuits	C	Street Strategy	Baby Me Amore
Batal	C	Hit it a Bomb	Hooky	Logan's Ridge	F	Double Irish	Etheridge
Bee Branch	F	Double Irish	Kousa	Low on Funds	C	Street Strategy	Honor With Pride
Beraberabera	C	Good Samaritan	Proud Mover	Mandatory Mission	C	Mark Valeski	Pistolpackingpenny
Berryville Bullet	C	Breaking Lucky	Sarahcain	Mansoura	C	Astern	Captain's Wife
Bet All the Gold	C	Gentlemen's Bet	Roadtogold	Mary Who	F	Street Strategy	Red Dress
Bet On Tiz	C	Gentlemen's Bet	Beautiful Julie	Microwave	C	Mark Valeski	Ring Me Up
Blowout Mountain	C	Mark Valeski	Sylvia's Buttercup	Miracle Mack	C	Race Day	Creed for Hillary
Breakfastrun	F	Eagle	Electric Rose	Miss Betilu	F	Posse Hawk	Prowl
Breaking Fences	F	Breaking Lucky	Stormy Sister	Missed My Bet	F	Gentlemen's Bet	Miss E U
Burlsworth	C	Practical Joke	Art Buff	Miss Mo Mesa	F	Mo For the Money	Miss Mesa
Calico Native	C	Brahms	Calico Rock	Mister Butch	C	Outwork	Take it Easyplease
Call Me Breeze	F	Sharp Azteca	The Emerald Queen	Mo Enchanted	F	Mo For the Money	Robin My Girl
Chez Whiz	C	Texas Chrome	Torri's On My Mind	Moonshine Swag	C	Moonshine Mullin	Vicki's Got Swagger
Chrome's Echo	C	Texas Chrome	Kentucky Brown	Mr. Benny	C	Wicked Strong	Relentless Dear
Cool and Cloudy	C	Cloud Computing	Prestidigitator	Mucho Vapor	F	Mucho Macho Man	Misty Miranda
Cosmic Chic	F	Mark Valeski	Cosmo Gal	My Julia	F	Street Strategy	Happy Anniversary
Crabtree	C	Tapiture	Sweet Dixie Belle	My Starfish	C	Ordained	Zonly
Crue's N Control	C	Mark Valeski	My Madame	Natural Touch	F	Texas Chrome	Lettegrayrunaway
Devils Fork	C	Double Irish	Tyrannical	No Coincidence	F	Just A Coincidence	Rumors and Dreams
Devil's Shadow	C	Double Irish	Leigh's Fast Fix	No Mo Whining	C	Mo For the Money	Miss Lilly Blue
Dacey Wager	C	Gentlemen's Bet	Lecompass	Omah Miracle	F	Double Irish	Divine Doris
Doublecheck	C	Double Irish	Butterfly Princess	One Eye Elvira	F	Jonesboro	Windstream
Doubledaddy Issues	F	Street Strategy	Paintergone	Only a Dream	C	Five Iron	Only
Enigma Code	C	Cloud Computing	Race to the Sea	Ordained Reward	C	Ordained	Meafarel's Reward
Erumpent	F	Texas Chrome	Ettalusive	Out of the Coop	C	Flat Out	Ms Fifty First St
Evening Shade	C	Double Irish	Shadow Lane	Palmetto Devil	C	Double Irish	Unholy Night
Final Bet	C	Gentlemen's Bet	Marvelous Maddie	Palmilla's Bet	F	Gentlemen's Bet	Palmilla
Finley's Pride	F	Mark Valeski	Devilish Reason	Pamout Paycheck	C	Mo For the Money	I Am Superior Too
First Class Girl	F	Double Irish	Pizza Lady	Parham	C	Double Irish	Valiant Reason
First Diamond	F	Codes Diamond	Spring Lace	Paris Accord	F	Mark Valeski	Taylor's Moonbeam
First Down	C	Mark Valeski	Nomee	Polish Money	C	Mo For the Money	Polish Suspect
Flat Out Blessed	C	Flat Out	C D Player	Posse's Bandit	G	Posse Hawk	Alamo Rose
Gentle Ben	C	Gentlemen's Bet	Cateybug	Presleys Turm	F	Double Irish	Rockin Rah Rah
Gently	F	Gentlemen's Bet	Timelessly	Principal Anita	F	Mark Valeski	Rita Ann
Get Away With It	G	Just A Coincidence	Get On With It	Q's Your Mama	F	Coal Front	Our Quista
Getoutyourwallet	C	Mark Valeski	Don'tmesswithjoanne	Queen Wilhelmina	F	The Factor	Eva's Nitehawk
God's Country	C	Alternation	Ministry	Quiet Gold	F	Double Irish	Sochi Gold
Grizmo	F	Mo For the Money	Generation of Love	Range Life	F	Gentlemen's Bet	Wild Street Girl
Haulin Ice	F	Coal Front	She's Smoke	Red Fruitcake	F	All Star Dancer	Sheri's Thunder
Hayah Look at Me	C	Khozan	Slick and True	Reville Valley	C	Double Irish	Get Back Anne
Helldiver	C	Hit It A Bomb	Don't Boss Me	Rhonda Ruth	F	Mo For the Money	Kombat Lake
He's Got a Secret	C	Secret House	Tickled by Elmo	Rocket Sanders	C	Street Strategy	Be My Caroline
Holus Bolus	C	Texas Chrome	Country Candy	Rosie Cotton	F	Tapiture	Sea Shack
Hot Shot Shopper	F	Double Irish	Fastanista	Runwithstrategy	C	Street Strategy	Madriena
Hush It Honey	F	Too Much Bling	Waters Fine	Ryno Wrecker	C	Mor Spirit	Meghan W
I Be Gone	F	Tapiture	Flashy Got Even	Safety	C	Ordained	Safe N Rich
I'm an Oak	C	Caleb's Posse	Hold Me Fast	Salty Destiny	F	Hamazing Destiny	Miss Auspicious
I'm Fired Up	C	Mo For the Money	Allencat	Scampering Ma'am	F	Midshipman	Scamp and a Half
Irish Holiday	C	Double Irish	Fierce	Secret City	F	Mark Valeski	My Sister's Secret
Irish Song	F	Double Irish	Bird Harbor	Secret Strategy	C	Street Strategy	Grandma Annie
Jimmy	C	Jimmy Creed	Never Ends	Secret Tavern	C	Secret House	Double P's Tavern
J J's Joy	F	El Deal	Ho Joy	Simple Dreams	F	Den's Legacy	Spark Joy
Jonesborohurricane	F	Jonesboro	Dedham	Sky Raven	F	Mark Valeski	Sky Con

2021 Stakes Nominated Registered Arkansas-breds (cont.)

NAME	SEX	SIRE	DAM
Southfork	C	Street Strategy	Dakota Gal
Sparkly	F	Mark Valeski	Bo Peep
Statler	C	Just A Coincidence	Fostering Harmony
Sthenic	F	Texas Chrome	Halfandtwoquarters
Stillbilly	C	Moonshine Mullin	Honour First
Strato	C	Cloud Computing	Rita's Fifty Seven
Strike Ridge	C	Street Strategy	Megyns Gold
String Theory	C	Cloud Computing	Kathleen L
Sublime Hope	F	Mark Valeski	Wild Hope
Sunday Spirit	C	Mor Spirit	Reincarnation
Sunnyandseventy	F	Frost Giant	Ten Seventy
Sunset Strategy	C	Street Strategy	Pacific Sunrise
Super Ms	C	Mark Valeski	Supercede
Swift Key	C	Caleb's Posse	Swiss Key
Sydney's Joy	F	Mark Valeski	Iamagirlygreely
Tarable	F	Double Irish	Taralicious
Texas Sequoia	F	Texas Chrome	De Frisky Sequoia
Tizmylilbit	F	Eagle	Tiz Maria
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
	F	Moonshine Mullin	Key Appeal
	F	Maximus Mischief	Michelle's Krackin
	F	Double Irish	Safflower

Nominations closed: 12/31/22

Fillies 74
Colts/Geldings 84

TOTAL 158

Late nominations to any restricted stakes may be made prior to entry. The \$2,500 fee together with a nomination form must be submitted to the ATBHA office or the Oaklawn Horsemen's Bookkeeper. The racing office has the form or it can be downloaded at atbha.com

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OBITUARIES

MIKE LOY, of Bismarck, and **WENDY LOY**, of Hot Springs, father and sister of long time ATBHA member Stormy Loy Denman passed away January 22, 2024.

Mike was an avid horseman and farrier. He spent most of his life involved in many areas of the thoroughbred racing industry. For many years he served as the paddock blacksmith at Oaklawn Park.

Mike was predeceased by his parents, Marvin and Roberta Loy; daughter Wendy Loy; sisters Judy Abernathy and Marsha Maikutus. He was survived by his children, Brandy (Melissa) Loy, Stormy (Darin) Denman, brother, Russell, Loy, 6 grandchildren, John Denman, Jordan Denman, Addison (Grant) Yoder, Dylan Wilson, Skyler (Brittany) Wilson, Alyssa Trail; and 10 great grandchildren.

Wendy was born December 29, 1976 to Michael and Charlotte "JoAnn" Loy. She was a beloved mother, Gammy, daughter and sister. She tragically passed away in a house fire while heroically attempting to save her father. She was survived by her children, Dylan Wilson, Skyler (Brittany) Wilson, Alyssa Trail; her mother JoAnn Page, brother, Brandy (Melissa) Loy, sister, Stormy (Darin) Denman; and grandchildren, Mallory Gray, Briar Wilson, Josie Wilson, Kali Wilson, Everly Wilson and Zaelys Loranzo.

Oaklawn Racetrack Chaplain Rich Heffington and Pastor George Lynch officiated the joint services of Mike and Wendy at Hot Springs Funeral Home February 2, 2024.

ATBHA extends their sincerest condolences to the Loy family, their extended families and many many friends.

What did the doctor say when the horse said his throat was sore?

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AND, SO IT BEGINS... FIRST TWO FOALS OF 2024!



Baby meets Mommy!
1st reported foal
1/23/24

by Tapiture - Mykindasaint filly
Dash Goff, breeder
foaled at McDowell Farm



First baby steps!
2nd reported foal
1/26/24

by Beau Liam - Foo Foo Girl
Southern Springs Stable,
breeder
foaled at Cedar Run Farm

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
of the
A.T.B.H.A. General Membership**

**ATBHA
GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP
MEETING**

**WILL BE HELD AT 5:15 p.m.
FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024**

**in the Oaklawn Event Center
(prior to doors opening for Banquet)**

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

All members are encouraged to attend.

**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 Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. at the Arkansas Thoroughbred Breeders' office

President McDowell called the meeting to order. All Directors, Lewis Mathews, Linda Anderson, Jesse Clement, Staton Flurry, Bill Gossage, Tim Martin, Sara Patterson, Jeff Sheets, Ernie Witt, and Val Yagos, and Alternate Director, Jimmy Owens, 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 June 7, 2023 meeting. There being none, Val Yagos made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Linda Anderson and unanimously approved.

Next, was a suggestion to donate the 2023 silent auction proceeds, \$5,164, to the Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs at local high schools. This would be beneficial to those students that don't elect to attend college. They can attend CTE classes in high school that can afford them, in whole or in part, the opportunity to have a career in a trade, technical or skilled service occupation. Three of the area schools had been contacted, Hot Springs, Lakeside and Lake Hamilton. They all have CTE courses in their curriculum. After discussion, Deana was asked to obtain additional information from the area schools as to how someone would donate, specifically to this CTE program, and if funds were donated, how would they be used? This was tabled for a later meeting.

The next items was the Economic Impact Study ASU is preparing for ATBHA. Bill Gossage explained we had received a preliminary report, but that it did not include some pertinent factors that would greatly affect the final report. He will report back as soon as we have received a copy of the completed study.

Next, it was reported that \$400,000 of the Purse & Awards Funds held in a general business checking account at Regions Bank had been invested in the

State Treasury Money Management in mid-June. The rate at that time was 5.15%, but "does fluctuate some due to the types of investments and the money being invested." It is "fluid and can be transferred back to the agency's commercial bank account within two business days of the request being submitted." Additional funds can be submitted at any time during the fiscal year.

In an attempt to restructure sections of the Purse & Awards Fund so incentive payments would be more competitive with nearby states, several ideas and options were presented with appropriate reports and documents.

1) Motion was made by Linda Anderson, seconded by Tim Martin, effective with 2024 awards payments, incentive awards will be paid with 75% of the available Purse & Awards Fund being allocated to the Breeder Awards and 25% to the Stallion Awards, eliminating the payment of Owner awards. A vote was taken, motion passed with nine directors voting in favor, Bill Gossage opposed.

2) After discussion regarding total earnings vs. 1st through 3rd place earnings and 1st through 4th place earnings, a Motion was made by Staton Flurry, seconded by Tim Martin, Breeder awards will be calculated on 1st through 4th place earnings of Registered Arkansas-breds; and Stallion awards will be calculated on 1st through 4th place earnings of Registered Arkansas-breds that are sired by an eligible registered Arkansas stallion. A vote was taken, Motion passed with six directors, Lewis Mathews, Staton Flurry, Bill Gossage, Tim Martin, Sara Patterson, and Jeff Sheets voting in favor, and Linda Anderson, Ernie Witt, Val Yagos and Jesse Clement opposed; motion passed.

3) The Bonus Purse Supplement was then discussed, in the most recent live meet there were many open races that ran with mostly or all registered Arkansas-breds. After discussion, a Motion was made by Lewis Mathews, seconded by Ernie Witt, that future Bonus Purse Supplements will be paid to the owner of registered Arkansas-breds in an open company race, \$3,000 for 1st place finish, \$2,000 for 2nd place finish and \$1,000 for 3rd place finish with one exception, no Bonus Purse Supplement will be paid in an open company race where all starters are registered Arkansas-breds. A vote was taken and motion passed unanimously.

4) The next item was as a result of ATBHA meetings with Oaklawn and then Bill Walmsley, HBPA president. Bill Walmsley suggested, as an option to increase the available funds from which incentive awards are paid, that up to 5% of the purses of Arkansas-bred overnight races be deducted and dedicated to fund the Arkansas-bred stakes race purses or a portion thereof. He additionally said he would propose this distribution be incorporated into the HBPA's current agreement with Oaklawn. After extensive discussions, Linda Anderson made a motion to accept Bill Walmsley recommendation, seconded by Tim Martin. A vote was taken, Linda Anderson, Tim Martin, Jesse Clement and Staton Flurry voted in favor; Lewis Mathews, Bill Gossage, Val Yagos, Jeff Sheets and Ernie Witt opposed. Sara Patterson abstained. Motion failed.

A request to allow the checks that had not cleared the Awards account twelve months from date of issue be marked VOID had been tabled from the prior meeting and was again introduced. Most, but not all, of these checks are owner awards checks for small amounts. It was suggested previously that a notation be placed on the checks "Not Valid after 180 Days" (or some designated number of days). Deana was told by the Commission that the checks used to pay the incentive awards are also used for paying Oaklawn Jockey Club, that they have enough checks on hand to pay the awards this year but, they can ask IT if there is a possibility of printing the term of validity on the checks. We will follow up on this for new checks ordered at a later date. After discussion, Motion by Staton Flurry, seconded by Val Yagos, and unanimously approved, checks that have not cleared within 12 months from the date of issue shall be marked VOID and said funds will remain in the account for redistribution of incentive awards the following year.

There being no further business, by motion of Linda Anderson, seconded by Val Yagos, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.

Dated this 17th day of September, 2023.

Bill McDowell, President

Deana Echols, Secretary

PENDING APPROVAL

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STALLIONS

NEW STALLIONS FOR 2024

CADDO RIVER, '18, by Hard Spun - Pangburn, by Congrats. Standing at McDowel Farm, 623 Palmetto Rd., Sparkman, AR (870) 403-1781. Shortleaf Stables, Inc., owner. \$2,000 LFG

SEA FOAM, '15, by Medaglia d'Oro - Strike It Rich. Standing at Starfish Stallions, 1556 South Moore Road, Hot Springs. AR (859) 229-7743. Ten Strike Racing and Four Corners Racing Stables, owners. \$1,500 LFG

SUPER STOCK, '18, by Dialed In - Super Girlie. Standing at Leadem Farm, 75 Dallas 329, Leola, AR (512) 771-3017. Asmussen & Woolsey Stables, LLC, owners. \$3,500 LFG

OWNERSHIP CHANGE

GENTLEMEN'S BET, by Half Ours - Lady of Sun, by Gentlemen (ARG). Standing at McDowell Farm, 623 Palmetto Rd, Sparkman, AR (870) 403-1781. Magnolia Breeze Ranch, Inc., Michael & Linda Mazoch, owners. \$1,250 LFG

DEATHS

TREASURY BILL, by Lemon Drop Kid - Wow Me Free

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.

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For 4th Quarter and Year to Date

4th QTR 2023 vs. 4th QTR 2022

Indicator	4th QTR 2023	4th QTR 2022	% Change
Wagering on U.S. Races*	\$2,527,067,754	\$2,569,728,504	-1.66%
U.S. Purses (Available)	\$ 316,524,729	\$ 327,852,201	-3.46%
U.S. Purses (Paid)	\$ 301,385,110	\$ 313,600,739	-3.90%
U.S. Race Days	811	881	-7.95%
U.S. Races	6,883	7,442	-7.51%
U.S. Starts	54,362	57,174	-4.92%
Average Field Size	7.90	7.68	+2.80%
Average Wagering Per Race Day	\$ 3,115,990	\$ 2,916,831	+6.83%
Average Available Purses Per Race Day	\$ 390,289	\$ 355,960	+9.64%

YTD 2023 vs. YTD 2022

Indicator	YTD 2023	YTD 2022	% Change
Wagering on U.S. Races*	\$11,658,624,859	\$12,106,384,221	-3.70%
U.S. Purses (Available)	\$ 1,305,772,102	\$ 1,309,888,791	-0.31%
U.S. Purses (Paid)	\$ 1,249,480,246	\$ 1,258,822,899	-0.74%
U.S. Race Days	3,879	4,104	-5.48%
U.S. Races	31,746	33,452	-5.10%
U.S. Starts	235,965	244,124	-3.34%
Average Field Size	7.43	7.30	+1.85%
Average Wagering Per Race Day	\$ 3,005,575	\$ 2,949,899	+1.89%
Average Available Purses Per Race Day	\$ 336,626	\$ 306,731	+9.75%

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

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**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
OF
THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
OF
ARKANSAS THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS' & HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

The annual meeting of the General Membership of ATBHA was held Friday, April 7, 2023 in the DeGray Room at the Oaklawn Event Center, 2705 Central Ave., Hot Springs, AR at 5:30 p.m.

President Bill McDowell presided over the meeting. The meeting was called to order.

The ATBHA members present were: Jeff Sheets, Staton Flurry, Freddy & Linda Anderson, Fritz & Libbie Thiel, Sara Patterson, Susan Watkins, Dennis May, Val Yagos, Jesse Clement, Burl McBride, Rita Young, Lanetta Haas, Mary McDowell, Jimmy Owens, Jinks Fires, Lewis Mathews, Bill McDowell, Gregg Massanelli, Tommy Ives, Tim Martin, David Brazeale, Ernie Witt and guests, Donya Massanelli, Joan Clement and Larry Womack.

President McDowell stated that the minutes from the previous meeting were published in the January – March 2023 issue of The ATBHA News. He asked if there were any questions, corrections or discussion regarding the Minutes as published. There being none, Jeff Sheets made a Motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Staton Flurry. A vote was taken, Motion passed unanimously.

President McDowell then advised those in attendance that the 2022 awards checks should be out around April 24th.

Next, President McDowell addressed the Purse Bonus program and the increase ATBHA is paying Owners of Registered Arkansas-bred horses that finish 1st, 2nd and 3rd in an open company race at Oaklawn, excluding stakes and handicap races. He noted in all of 2022 we paid \$71,000. This year, through April 2nd, we have paid \$85,000 and still have 5 weeks of racing. He explained that the biggest reason he can see for this increase is the open (mixed state) claiming races that are being written allowing Arkansas-breds a larger claiming price than the other horses and a larger claiming price than what is normally written for restricted races. As a rule, restricted races have the fullest fields. By including the Arkansas-breds in these open races with higher claiming prices, it increases field sizes, and it becomes eligible for the Purse Bonus. There were one or two times a race ran with all Arkansas-breds because of scratches, other times races went with all Arkansas-breds, except one or two other horses. ATBHA paid a Bonus of \$6,000 to \$7,000 on each of those races because it was "open company" and because 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place finishes were by an Arkansas-breds. We'd asked Oaklawn's racing office for restricted races with higher claiming prices, but these are not restricted races. We love having more options of where our horses can run, but the increased Bonus amounts ATBHA is paying will be discussed among the Directors and also with Oaklawn before the 2024 meet because we believe it is going to be more than what we anticipated when we made this rule.

President McDowell explained the decrease in the percentages to be paid for 2022 awards. He used Breeders awards as the example, even though the calculation for all three awards is the same, ie. Divide the available funds for the specific award by the total earnings in that particular class, and it gives you the percentage to be paid for that award. In 2022 Breeders were paid 8.8% of the total earnings of registered Arkansas-breds, while 2021 was 10.4% of the total earnings.

The total available funds for Breeder awards in 2022 is \$1,057,000. When you divide that amount by \$11,951,601, the total 2022 earnings of registered Arkansas-breds it gives you the percentage (8.884%) the breeder will be paid on the total earnings of his/her registered Arkansas-breds that year. When the total earnings continue to increase, but the funds available for paying the specific award don't increase by the same percentage, the percentages to be paid for all three incentive awards will decrease.

The total earnings of registered Arkansas-breds increased in 2022 to \$11,951 over the \$10,153 in 2021. The total funds in the P & A Fund were \$1.915 million in 2022 and \$1.740 in 2021. The Purse Supplements that were paid in those years were \$405,000 and \$280,700 respectively. Deducting those amounts from the funds in the P & A Fund in each of those years leaves you with \$1,510,943.11 in 2022 and \$1,459,669.90 in 2021. The Bonus Purse Supplements, mentioned earlier, are partially funded out of the Purse & Awards Fund. The amount required to fulfill the Purse Bonuses is paid from the available funds before calculations are made for the awards percentages.

The amounts paid into the Purse & Awards Fund for the same two years increased from \$1,740,370 in 2021 to \$1,915,943 in 2022, but the total funds available for paying awards, after paying the purse supplements (\$280,700 and \$405,000 respectively) for those years was \$1,461,000 in 2021 to \$1,510,000 in 2022.

After the above Val Yagos questioned why he was saying the percentages were going down. She said they weren't going down if you look at it a different way. She explained her position. Lewis Mathews said he would sit down and calculate it as she is saying and see what he comes up with and report back at the next meeting.

Before concluding the meeting, Deana Echols, Executive Secretary, was asked to read the results of the recent election for ATBHA Board of Directors.

The slate of Directors for 2023-2027 are as follows:

President:	Bill McDowell	
Vice President:	Lewis Mathews, Jr.	
Directors:	Linda Anderson	Sara Patterson
	Jesse Clement, DVM	Jeff Sheets
	Staton Flurry	Ernie Witt
	Bill Gossage	Val Yagos
	Tim Martin	
Alternate Director:	Jimmy Owens	

There being no further business, Motion by Linda Anderson, seconded by Jeff Sheets, all being in favor of same, the meeting was adjourned. President McDowell announced that the Awards Banquet would continue across the hall in the event center.

Dated this 7th day of April, 2023

APPROVED this ____ day of April, 2024.

APPROVAL PENDING

Bill McDowell, President

Deana Echols, Secretary

A Message from our President:

I went to the OBS mixed sale in Florida the end of January with eight yearlings that I thought were pretty good. I sold seven of the eight for just over their reserves. I usually have a couple sell good to make it all worth while. Well, that's seven horses I don't have to feed until the fall sales.

We've finally had some foals born. Several have gone past their due dates. Other folks I've talked to are experiencing similar things happen at their farm. The past two nights I've had a foal born. If those mares hadn't been assisted; I think both foals would not have made it. The foals just seem a little crooked coming out and slightly big. It might be that I'm just getting old and weak!

Thank goodness we've finally had some great weather, especially for Rebel day and Rebel weekend. The crowds and purses are both big, that's all nice to see.

Our awards banquet is only about six weeks away. I hope everyone will make plans to attend!

See you at Oaklawn,
Bill McDowell, President

FROM THE ATBHA OFFICE

It's that time of year again, I'm working on the database for mailing awards checks! If you had an address change since this time last year, please call the ATBHA office and let us know. We hope to we can get back on schedule and get the checks mailed the end of March, early April.

*The Awards Banquet is quickly approaching. Make your reservations by **April 5th**...that's the day we have to turn in a head count. The annual membership meeting will be held prior to the banquet, just as it was last year. We are going to ask the racing office to not schedule a restricted AR-bred race as the last race that day, like last year, so it won't be so hard for our members to get to the meeting. Hopefully, that can be arranged.*

Oaklawn has an afternoon of fun for your entire family wanting to view the total solar eclipse in the beautiful infield of Oaklawn Park. Read the specifics and purchase tickets all at oaklawn.com.

ATBHA AWARDS BANQUET - RESERVATION REQUEST

**Friday - April 12, 2024 • Oaklawn Event Center
6:00 Cocktail Hour (Cash Bar) • Silent Auction • 7:00 Dinner & Program**

YES, I plan to attend. Make reservations for _____ people at \$70.00 each.

Member's Name: _____

Member's Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR RESERVATION BY NOON FRIDAY, APRIL 5th

Mail a copy of this reservation form with check to: ATBHA, P O Box 21641, Hot Springs, AR 71903 (Preferred)

Make reservations by phone or email and pay at door. Credit card payments will be assessed a processing fee.

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Welcomes New Members

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Billy Stivers - Otis, CO

Brandy Hataway - Lamar, MS

Emily Gray - Hot Springs, AR

Billy Payton - McRae, AR

Alyssa Larson - Bismarck, AR

Richard Painter - Madison, MS

Samantha Baker - Alma, AR

Jep Harrison - Van Buren, AR

Jimmie Sanders - Marshall, TX

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.

***"IT PAYS TO BELONG"
A STRONG ASSOCIATION IS THE RESULT OF
A STRONG MEMBERSHIP.***