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## Connie K Retires as the Richest Female Registered Arkansas-bred in History

Connie K, a 6-years old, mare by Street Strategy out of an Indian Charlie mare, Indian Clarkie, had a record-breaking victory last December at Oaklawn to become the leading registered Arkansas-bred female money winner in history. This was her final career start before heading to the breeding shed. She amassed \$620,612 in career earnings surpassing The Mary Rose, bred and owned by Shortleaf Stable, who held that title, racing from 2019-2022, with career earnings of \$539,894.

Connie K raced from 2021 through 2024. In her 28 starts she had 7 first place finishes, 4 seconds, 6 thirds. Both of these top mares won the Downthedustyroad Breeders' Stakes, The Mary Rose in 2021 and Connie K in 2022.

Connie K began her chase for this record last March in the \$150,000 Downthedustyroad Breeders' Stakes, a state-bred stakes for filly and mare sprinters at Oaklawn. Connie K finished third in that race and third in an allowance sprint last April before Oaklawn's live meet ended. She left Hot Springs with \$517,195 in earnings and continued to inch closer to the record with a string of solid performances in allowance and stakes company.

She had a fifth-place finish in a \$134,000 allowance race Nov. 14 at Churchill Downs, only beaten a half-length for fourth which would have pushed her over the top. She went from there to Oaklawn to prepare for December racing.

With a base purse of \$131,000, Connie K was guaranteed to break the record by simply finishing the race. She needed only \$883 in the open allowance sprint for fillies and mares, 3 and up, to surpass The Mary Rose. Last place was worth \$1,091. It was then and there that she reached her goal where her Arkansas followers were on hand to see it!

Randy Morse bred Connie K and named her after his aunt Connie K Vincent. He trained her and raced in partnership with Randy Patterson. Her racing career included five wins at Oaklawn, including the 2022 Downthedustyroad, where she earned \$526,670 of her \$620,612 earnings.

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & AWARDS BANQUET

### FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2025

**RESERVATION FORM AND DETAILS ON PAGE 11**

## **BROODMARE REGISTRATIONS**

Register broodmares immediately upon bringing them into Arkansas.

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

*It is imperative  
that you register your FOALS  
with A.T.B.H.A. & The Jockey Club  
showing the Breeder(s) exactly the  
same on both registrations*

*When ATBHA receives  
The Jockey Club's information at  
the end of the year to calculate your  
Breeder award, their information  
needs to match the way the foal was  
registered with ATBHA  
so the award is paid correctly.*

## ***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

**ATBHA Members  
receive a 25% discount  
off of the above rates**

Circulation: Approx. 400

**If you have  
information, an  
article or  
pictures of foals  
to be included  
in an upcoming  
issue of  
*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

### **2025**

- Mar** 1 2025 Membership renewals (without late fee)  
Downthedustyroad Breeders' Stakes (Closes 2/15)  
2 Nodouble Breeders' Stakes (Closes 2/15)  
20 Oaklawn Chaplaincy Benefit Bash  
28 **ATBHA Membership meeting** and  
**ATBHA Awards Banquet**
- Apr** 5 Rainbow Miss Stakes (Closes 3/22)  
6 Rainbow Stakes (Closes 3/22)  
27 Natural State Breeders' Stakes (Closes 4/12)
- May** 1 Registration deadline of new stallions standing in AR in 2025  
3 Arkansas Breeders' Championship S (Closes 4/19)  
Last day of Oaklawn's 2024-2025 meet
- Aug** 1 Reports of Mares Bred due at JC and ATBHA

## **ATBHA AWARDS BANQUET MARCH 28th**

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## **...BREEDERS... ...PLEASE...**

**Register ALL Foals  
with Breeder(s)  
EXACTLY the SAME  
NAME with both The  
Jockey Club and  
A.T.B.H.A.**

**Doing this assures  
future breeder award  
payments are paid  
correctly.**

**If a breeder is an  
individual, provide  
A.T.B.H.A. with a SSN**

**If breeder is a  
corporation, LLC, etc.  
provide A.T.B.H.A.  
with a FEIN**

**IF YOU HAVE  
QUESTIONS  
CONTACT THE  
A.T.B.H.A.  
OFFICE**

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

A meeting of the ATBHA General Membership will be held Friday, March 28, 2025 at 5:15 p.m. at the Oaklawn Event Center, prior to the annual Awards Banquet, 2705 Central Avenue, Hot Springs, AR 71901.

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 by email to [atbha@att.net](mailto:atbha@att.net).

Your attendance is necessary so we have a quorum.

### **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.

#### **Definition of Registered Arkansas-bred Foal:**

A foal born in the state of Arkansas is an Arkansas-bred foal.

A foal born in the State of Arkansas and whose dam and sire are both correctly registered with ATBHA or whose dam is correctly registered with ATBHA and whose sire is not a registered Arkansas stallion, but all ATBHA breed back rules to the dam have been fulfilled is a Registered Arkansas-bred Foal.

**AWARDS BANQUET - MARCH 28th**

*See Page 11 for Details*

# 2022 STAKES NOMINATED Registered Arkansas-breds (Updated)

NAME	SEX	SIRE	DAM	NAME	SEX	SIRE	DAM
A Vision of Hope	F	Jonesboro	Avisionofchocolate	Keys Golden Song	C	My Golden Song	Miss Perdido Key
Amazing Day	C	Hamazing Destiny	Shadow of the Day	Lake of Fire	C	Firing Line	Lake Istan
Ambitious Arky	C	Texas Chrome	Lettegrayrunaway	Last Shot of Shine	C	Moonshine Mullin	Super Cassidy
And She Shines	F	Hamazing Destiny	Nurse Goodnight	Lemonique	F	Mitole	Folded Wings
Arkansauce	C	Union Rags	Our Sammi	Like A Diamond	F	Hamazing Destiny	Unbridled Praise
Arkoma	C	Vekoma	Pretoria	Lil Oatsee	F	Stephanoatsee	Pass That Bottle
Bad Weather	C	Higher Power	Toni's Day	Lord Hennessy	C	Lord Nelson	Foo Foo Girl
Baritone Crier	C	Bashaar	Quick Chris	Lord of Rhymes	C	Lord Nelson	Bo Peep
Battleoftheravine	C	Army Mule	Patchofbadweather	Lucky Nea	F	Breaking Lucky	Anea
Beachya	F	Omaha Beach	Madriena	Maegan's Secret	F	Cyber Secret	Maegan
Bolivia	F	Brody's Cause	Dial Nineoneone	Making Clouds	F	Honor Code	American Sound
Bossofmi	C	Mitole	Union Boss	Markansas	C	Mark Valeski	Meghan W
Bote	C	Gift Box	Paddle Out	Maximum to Excel	F	Maximum Security	Quality to Excel
Bottle Fed Baby	C	Mo For the Money	Paillette	Mayor	C	Cutting Humor	Vivian Da Bling
Caliente Star	F	Tapiture	Caliente Candy	Mazarn	F	Petrov	Trip Mom
Call Darla	F	Brody's Cause	Honor With Pride	Memory Maker	F	Gift Box	Mykindasaint
Campout	F	Daredevil	Partyinslowmotion	Ministry's Destiny	F	Hamazing Destiny	Ministry
Captain Hamazing	C	Hamazing Destiny	Captain's Wife	Miss Macy	F	Street Strategy	Sea Shack
Carolines Hart	F	Ordained	Elkhart	Missy Gurl	F	Cutting Humor	Miss Attractive
Cash App Mike	C	Flameaway	Tjinouska	Mo Awesome	F	Mo For the Money	Red Pine
Castle Gap	C	High North	Sekani	Mo Heartaches	C	Mo For the Money	Sylvia's Buttercup
Cavanal	C	Upstart	Titanium	Moneta	F	Mr. Money	Sweet Summer Sun
Chromerunner	C	Texas Chrome	Frozen Hannah	My Russian	C	Petrov	Moonshine Miss
Chrome's Tavern	C	Texas Chrome	Double P's Tavern	My Sweet Angel	F	American Freedom	Savedbyanangel
Closdatgate	F	Cutting Humor	Thatbossanovosound	Nicholai	C	Goldcents	Cora and Jas
Confirmed Forgery	F	Mark Valeski	Taylor's Princess	No Kid of Mine	G	Street Strategy	Pizza Lady
Conway	C	Petrov	Spark Joy	Now Hear This	F	Echo Town	My Girl Bess
Cowboycents	C	Goldcents	Wild Hope	Palmetto Star	C	Tekton	Quatrefoil
Cur Nom	F	Coal Front	Annuity	Penny Saved	F	Astern	Capital Plan
Cutting Joke	C	Cutting Humor	Run Nashly Run	Perfect Dial	C	Dialed In	Copperelle
Daddies Corkscrew	F	Coil	Paintergone	Perfecto	C	Hamazing Destiny	Creed for Hillary
Dale Do	C	High North	She's Smoke	Personal Jet	C	Higher Power	Fast Find
Danson James	C	Jimmy Creed	Bettyann	Pickmeupatmidnight	F	Midnight Storm	Pick Me Up
Dawn Strategy	C	Street Strategy	Icy Dawn	Plinko Chip	F	Mitole	Christmas Ship
Eclet Creek	C	Street Strategy	Relentless Dear	Polska Sue	F	Five Iron	My Idol
Eminent Cat	C	Texas Chrome	Stephanie's Wildcat	Pops Reward	C	Maximus Mischief	Smokin Reward
Endue	C	Texas Chrome	Ettalusive	Pulaski	C	Klimt	Trick My Ride
Essie's Edge	F	Five Iron	Essie	Ranch Rebel	F	Gunnevera	Charity Event
Etown Catholic	F	Echo Town	Indigo Blue	Ray Gene's Girl	F	Caracaro	Tiz Ground Speed
Five Pockets	C	Five Iron	Sophie's Pocket	Reach'nforrainbows	F	Texas Chrome	Seeking Her Mine
Flirting Again	F	Street Strategy	Baby Me Amore	Rock Solo	C	Gormley	Scatin Around
Four O Nine	C	Bee Jersey	Volatility Index	Run Deano Run	C	Spun to Run	Even Prettier
Gee No Hollander	C	Coal Front	I Know You Know	Run Louie Run	C	Outwork	Ramsanelli
Get the Boss	G	Gentlemen's Bet	Get On With It	Sandy's Flowers	F	Hamazing Destiny	Addy's Flowers
Gettinby	C	Petrov	Never Ends	Saved	C	Ordained	Safe N Rich
Gimme A Chance	C	Gormley	A Rose Given	Senzaki	C	Yoshida	Wild Street Girl
Go Go Ro Ro	C	Zong	Ms Fifty First St	She Says Hello	F	Protonico	Morethanjusthello
Gold Boom	F	Goldcents	Megalicious	She's a Devil Woman	F	Gentlemen's Bet	Robertas Magic
Golden City Street	C	Street Strategy	Special Interest	She's a Dreamer	F	Gentlemen's Bet	Bean Peaceful
Golden Eagle	F	Zong	Sochi Gold	Shine Brightly	F	Ordained	Flamin Josie
Grey Street	C	Street Strategy	Flyaway Kitten	Sky High Angel	F	Cloud Computing	Millie's an Angel
Hamazing Treasure	F	Hamazing Destiny	She's Rich	Sneak	C	Petrov	Precious Tinkle
Hawaiian Express	C	Exhi	Hawaiian Love	Social Promise	F	Promises Fulfilled	Social Statement
Heavenly Reward	C	Tekton	Meafarel's Reward	Steel Spun	F	Spun to Run	Steel Cut
Hicko	C	Lord Nelson	Scattered Clouds	Stephanie Starfish	F	Stephanoatsee	Take It Easyplesse
Highway Seventy	F	Cutting Humor	Ten Seventy	Stormbender	C	Mitole	My Sister's Secret
Holly Springs	F	Street Strategy	Springtime Spell	Sundae Sprinkles	F	Mark Valeski	Heat My Dust
Hot Springs Holiday	F	Tekton	Fierce	Sweet Baby D	F	Street Strategy	Eidolon
Humorous Destiny	C	Cutting Humor	Marie's Kismet	Sweet Fantasy	C	Cross Traffic	Sweet Jackie Jo
Ifeelgood Uhh Huh	F	Street Strategy	Amour	Swift Ruler	C	Half Ours	Swiftly Cat
Intriguing	F	Zong	Polish Suspect	Taken On the Run	C	Texas Chrome	Ciaran's Prize
J J's True Bet	F	Gentlemen's Bet	Slick and True	Tender Lips	F	Texas Chrome	Barbary Hall
Jessie's Run	F	Gormley	Star Keeper	Tetris Tower	C	Street Strategy	Probably Thursday

NAME	SEX	SIRE	DAM
The Hit King Rose	C	Mo For the Money	Tapizar's Magic
To Too Twentytwo	C	Goldencents	Gun Control
Toodle Loo	F	Isotherm	Sandy's Song
Top of the World	C	World of Trouble	Spanish Flower
Triple Up	C	Upstart	Triple O'Five
Uncle Kosh	C	Mo For the Money	Koshkonong
Uncle Tater	C	Mo For the Money	K J's Sweetater
War Mule	C	Army Mule	Lovely Illusion
Whitley	C	Petrov	Dandy
Willy Cuts	C	Alternation	Bird Harbor
Woodcut	F	Tekton	Undine
Y City	F	Flat Out	Immune to Gloom
Z D's Future	F	Mark Valeski	Supercede
	F	Zong	Almost a Lady
	C	Outworkf	Maxine's Tap Room

\* If no name is listed, a name was not yet approved by The Jockey Club (as of 2/14/25)

Nominations closed: 12/31/23

Fillies	66
Colts/Geldings	75
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>141</b>

Late supplemental nominations may be made to any restricted stakes race prior to entry.

The \$2,500 late supplemental nomination fee together with a completed Stakes Nomination Form MUST be submitted to the ATBHA office, the Oaklawn Racing Office or Horsemen's Bookkeeper prior to entry.

The required form can be downloaded at [atbha.com](http://atbha.com) or a copy can be obtained from the Stakes Coordinator in the Oaklawn Racing office.

Failure to provide the form and fee, as outlined above, can result in your horse not being eligible to start in the race.

**A 2024 foal not registered  
with ATBHA by 12/31/24  
can still be registered!**

**The late registration fee  
for a yearling foal is \$200.**

**Contact the ATBHA office**

## OBITUARIES



**William "Bill" Byrd Morrison, Jr.** was born on October 19, 1948, and died on January 10, 2025, at the age of 76, due to the challenges and effects of frontotemporal lobe dementia. Bill was born in Camden, Ark., to Byrd and Donice Morrison.

He was a proud member of Camden High School Class of 1966. Bill went on to attend college at Marion Military Institute in Marion, Alabama for two years. From there, he attended and graduated from Northeast Louisiana University, now known as University of Louisiana – Monroe with a pharmacy degree in 1971.

Bill was a pharmacist for nearly fifty years, and the owner of Morrison's Pharmacy & Morrison's Clinic Pharmacy in Camden, Ark.

Bill was a proud member of the Razorback Foundation. Additionally, he served on the board of Generations Bank of Camden. He was a member of the National Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (HBPA), and served as a member of the Camden Municipal Airport Commission. Bill was raised in First United Methodist Church of Camden, and later moved his membership and family to First Baptist Church of Camden. He was a long time member of ATBHA, a breeder and owner of several thoroughbred broodmares and racing stock for many years until his health made it impossible for him to continue.

Bill is survived by his wife of 52 years, Denise Morrison; his daughter, Elaine Morrison Evans; and his granddaughter, Kendall Marie Evans. He was a proud "cat daddy" to Lucky, Sunshine, Boo and Butterball, and his grand-dog, Snow. He is also survived by his brother-in-law, Joe Paul Beasley (Debbie); sister-in-law, Tommye Ruth Moulder (Jeff); sister-in-law, Mary Susan Thomas (Mark); many nieces and nephews; his beloved first cousin, Patsy Boyle, and the matriarch of the Byrd family, cousin Mattie Upton, both of Camden.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Donice Hare Morrison; his father, William Byrd Morrison Sr.; mother-in-law, Hazel Beasley; and father-in-law, Thomas Beasley.

Our sincere condolences are with Bill's family and friends.

### MAKE RESERVATIONS:

## **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**AND**

## **AWARDS BANQUET**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2025**

**OAKLAWN EVENT CENTER**

*(See Page 11 for DETAILS and INFORMATION)*



## NEWS RELEASES

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October 2, 2024

### The Jockey Club Releases 2025 Foal Crop Estimate and 2024 Report of Mares Bred Statistics

The Jockey Club is projecting a North American registered Thoroughbred foal crop of 17,300 in 2025. This represents 700 fewer foals than the 2024 foal crop estimate of 18,000.

The foal crop projection is computed by using Reports of Mares Bred (RMBs) received to date for the 2024 breeding season. RMBs are to be filed by August 1 of each breeding season.

This year, The Jockey Club has published preliminary statistics regarding mares reported bred by state/province through the current date for 2024, 2023, and 2022. These reports are updated daily and can be found here: [bit.ly/narmb](https://bit.ly/narmb).

For the RMBs received through September 30, 2024, The Jockey Club reports that 771 stallions covered 25,301 mares in North America during 2024.

The Jockey Club estimates an additional 2,500 to 3,500 mares will be reported as bred during the 2024 breeding season.

The following table shows the number of covering stallions and the number of mares bred over the past 10 years in North America as reported to The Jockey Club through September 30 of the breeding year.

Year	No. of stallions	No. of Mares Bred
2014	1,488	34,121
2015	1,407	34,122
2016	1,375	33,318
2017	1,299	31,569
2018	1,175	29,973
2019	1,065	28,551
2020	1,016	27,602
2021	955	27,189
2022	880	26,744
2023	825	26,202
2024	771	25,301

RMB statistics, sortable by stallion, mares bred, or state, for all reported stallions in 2024 are available through the Fact Book section of The Jockey Club's website at [bit.ly/3BI1rEv](https://bit.ly/3BI1rEv).

Kentucky traditionally leads North America in Thoroughbred breeding activity. During 2024, Kentucky's 192 reported stallions covered 16,543 mares, or 65.38% of all of the mares reported bred in North America. Data based on stallion location is available at [bit.ly/narmb](https://bit.ly/narmb).

Stallion owners who have not returned their RMBs for the 2024 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](https://registry.jockeyclub.com).

January 22, 2025

### The Jockey Club Releases Industry Impact Report

Each year The Jockey Club publishes a report about how it supports the Thoroughbred industry. The 2025 report can be found here on [registry.jockey.com](https://registry.jockey.com). The Jockey Club 2025 Industry Impact Report.

Since 2010, The Jockey Club has invested more than \$110 million in the Thoroughbred industry. This year, it will invest more than \$6 million to support initiatives such as equine safety and aftercare, industry growth, promotion of the sport, education, and national and international collaboration.

"We are proud of the many initiatives we support and that The Jockey Club's mission has not wavered in more than 130 years," said James L. Gagliano, president and COO, The Jockey Club. "It is so encouraging to see how many other organizations are committed to improving and growing Thoroughbred racing, especially in the areas of welfare of our athletes and promotion of our sport."

As the Thoroughbred breed registry for the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico, The Jockey Club Registry is a not-for-profit organization with the primary responsibility of maintaining the American Stud Book to ensure the integrity of the breed. Funds from nearly all registry-related transactions are directed toward Thoroughbred aftercare initiatives.

In addition, in line with its mission of being dedicated to the improvement of Thoroughbred breeding and racing, The Jockey Club's for-profit subsidiaries and partnerships (TJC Innovations (The Jockey Club Information Systems, InCompass Solutions, and The Jockey Club Technology Services) and Equibase Company) serve the industry with technology services and products, and the profits they create are dispersed back into the sport.

February 11, 2025

### The Jockey Club Announces Naming AI Tool

The Jockey Club today introduced Naming AI, a new tool designed to assist customers with naming their horses.

Naming AI enables users to generate five or 10 name options with a choice of one-, two-, or three-word names. Customers can use the tool to generate names based on words of their choosing or based on a foal's pedigree.

The tool adheres to the naming rules outlined in Rule 6F of the Principal Rules and Requirements of The American Stud Book, but as with all names being claimed or reserved, those generated by Naming AI are subject to approval by The Jockey Club Registry.

"We're very excited to launch this new naming feature," said Andrew Chesser, director of Registration Services and director of Business Development for The Jockey Club. "Offering a naming tool that can be used to generate names from the horse's pedigree or based on user input will help owners find creative names to submit for their horses."

Developed by TJC Innovations, Naming AI uses OpenAI, which focuses on natural language processing and generation, and Pinecone, a database service that enables efficient similarity search and indexing of vector data, which is essential for natural language processing.

The Jockey Club, founded in 1894 and dedicated to the improvement of Thoroughbred breeding and racing, is the breed registry for Thoroughbreds in the U.S., Canada, and Puerto Rico. In fulfillment of its mission, The Jockey Club provides support and leadership on a wide range of important industry initiatives, and directly or through subsidiaries, it serves the information and technology needs of the sport of Thoroughbred racing. Among its many supported initiatives are America's Best Racing ([americasbestracing.net](https://americasbestracing.net)), OwnerView ([ownerview.com](https://ownerview.com)), and the Thoroughbred Incentive Program ([tjtip.com](https://tjtip.com)). Additional information is available at [jockeyclub.com](https://jockeyclub.com).



## NEWS RELEASE

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December 20, 2024

### **The Jockey Club Announces Mare Incentive Program**

The Jockey Club today announced a pilot project, the Mare Incentive Program, that waives registration fees for certain 2026 foals of mares that meet criteria defined by The Jockey Club.

"The Jockey Club is waiving registration fees for any 2026 foals of mares that are listed and that are introduced or returned to the breeding population in 2025 in an effort to stimulate interest in this group that appear to have left production," said James L. Gagliano, president and COO, The Jockey Club. "We believe the complimentary software tool developed by TJC Innovations that prepares the report of these mares provides an invaluable asset for breeders as they consider potential matings."

Each December, The Jockey Club will provide a list of the mares identified in the Mare Incentive Program through Interactive Registration (IR). The list for the 2025 breeding season is available now, and The Jockey Club Registry will waive the registration application fee for 2026 foals out of these mares.

"The Mare Incentive Program is an incredibly useful resource for the industry," said Walker Hancock, president, Claiborne Farm. "We are excited to see where this may lead and hopefully some of these mares will re-enter breeders' broodmare bands."

"We are delighted to learn of The Jockey Club's initiative to waive the registration fees for foals from those mares that are not currently in the system. Anything we can do to bring these mares back into production is a positive for American breeding and racing. You never know from where the next champion will come," said MV Magnier, Coolmore.

The criteria are for mares divided into two age groups. The first are for mares from 6 to 9 years old as of January 1, 2025:

A registered Thoroughbred

Name registered with The Jockey Club

No race starts in the past two years (2023 and 2024)

Not reported as the dam of a foal in the past two years

Not reported as covered by a stallion in the past two years

Not exported to a foreign country from the USA, Canada, or Puerto Rico with the export as the last movement of record

Not reported dead

The second are for mares from 10 to 19 years old as of January 1, 2025. These mares must meet the criteria above and must have produced a registered foal in 2021 and/or 2022.

"When including both sets of mares, approximately 23,000 mares have been identified that could be introduced or returned to the breeding population," said Jamie Haydon, deputy executive director, The Jockey Club. "We hope state breeding associations consider adding other incentives to get these mares into production and to get their foals registered."

"With the current incentives, awards, and purse structure available to New York-breds, we are excited to have more participation in our program by everyone who will take advantage of the quality mares available to be found and covered using this tool," said Najja Thompson, executive director of New York Thoroughbred Breeders.

The report of Mare Incentive Program mares is available to anyone with an IR account and is filterable by 12 data elements, including sire, dam sire, age, money earned, and class of race achieved. Users can also search by mare name. The list includes all mares that meet the criteria for their age group.

To learn more about the Mare Incentive Program, visit [registry.jockeyclub.com](https://registry.jockeyclub.com).

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## STALLIONS

### NEW STALLIONS FOR 2025

**Manny Wah**, '16, ch, by Will Take Charge - Battlefield  
Angel, by Proud Citizen.

Stands at: Leadem Farm,  
75 Dallas 329, Leola, AR 72084 (512) 771-3017  
\$2,500 LFG

**DEATHS:**  
C C City Slicker

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

## FOALS OF 2024

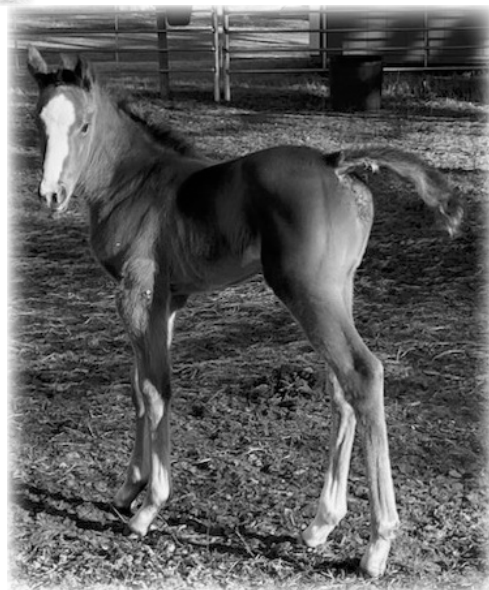


**2 hours old! Learning to Walk!**

by Mage - Sweet Nina - colt  
McDowell Farm, Breeder



by Plainsman - Koussa - filly  
Shortleaf Stable, Breeder



by Caddo River - Morning Coffee - filly  
Shortleaf Stable, Breeder



**ATBHA's Annual  
Membership Meeting  
&  
Awards Banquet  
will be  
March 28, 2024  
at  
Oaklawn Event Center**



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**Thoroughbred Racing Economic Indicators**

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For Fourth Quarter and Year End 2024**

**4th QTR 2024 vs. 4th QTR 2023**

Indicator	4th QTR 2024	4th QTR 2023	% Change
Wagering on U.S. Races*	\$2,399,661,115	\$2,526,241,851	-5.01%
U.S. Purses (Available)	\$312,479,694	\$316,485,629	-1.27%
U.S. Purses (Paid)	\$296,459,153	\$301,367,857	-1.63%
U.S. Race Days	808	811	-0.37%
U.S. Races	6,762	6,883	-1.76%
U.S. Starts	52,692	54,362	-2.70%
Average Field Size	7.82	7.90	-0.96%
Average Wagering Per Race Day	\$2,969,7878	\$3,115,971	-4.66%
Average Available Purses Per Race Day	\$386,733	\$390,241	-0.90%

**YTD 2024 vs. YTD 2023**

Indicator	YTD 2024	YTD 2023	% Change
Wagering on U.S. Races*	\$11,265,210,514	\$11,655,726,020	-3.35%
U.S. Purses (Available)	\$1,312,188,858	\$1,305,755,625	+0.49%
U.S. Purses (Paid)	\$1,252,385,694	\$1,249,467,619	+0.23%
U.S. Race Days	3,787	3,879	-2.37%
U.S. Races	30,852	31,746	-2.82%
U.S. Starts	229,748	235,965	-2.63%
Average Field Size	7.45	7.43	+0.19%
Average Wagering Per Race Day	\$2,974,706	\$3,004,828	-1.00%
Average Available Purses Per Race Day	\$346,498	\$336,622	+2.03%

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

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2025**

**ATBHA MEMBERSHIP MEETING - 5:15pm  
ATBHA AWARDS BANQUET - 6:00pm**

**Minutes of Annual Meeting  
of  
General Membership  
of  
Arkansas Thoroughbred Breeders' & Horsemen's Association**

The annual meeting of the General Membership of ATBHA was held Friday, April 12 2024 in the Oaklawn Executive Board Room at the Oaklawn Event Center, 2705 Central Ave., Hot Springs, AR at 5:15 p.m.

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

The ATBHA members present were: Sara Patterson, Val Yagos, Susan Watkins, Rita Young, Jinks Fires, Dan White, Ernie Witt, II, Burl McBride, Jesse Clement, Lewis Mathews, Jimmy Owens, Dennis May, Staton Flurry, Jeff Sheets and Bill McDowell.

President McDowell stated that the minutes from the previous meeting were published in the January – March 2024 issue of The ATBHA News. He asked if there were any questions, corrections or discussion regarding the Minutes as published. There being none, Lewis Mathews made a Motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Val Yagos. A vote was taken, Motion passed unanimously.

President McDowell then advised those in attendance that the 2023 awards checks had not yet been completed and mailed. Hopefully they will be completed, audited and mailed by the end of April or shortly thereafter.

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 compared what has been paid annually since the beginning of this program in 2015 to each successive year. He noted in all of 2023 we paid \$166,000. This year through 4/7/24 we have paid \$86,000 and have twelve days of racing remaining.

Next, President McDowell explained to those in attendance that the minutes of the September meeting were published in an earlier newsletter and part of those minutes explained that the Directors restructured some sections of the Purse and Awards Fund so incentive payments were more competitive with nearby states. He asked if anyone had any questions regarding what the Directors had approved. After Rita Young asked some questions and open discussion among the members present, Director Val Yagos made a motion, seconded by Director Sara Patterson, and unanimously approved by the remaining Directors present, to modify the portion of those minutes to read:

“1) Motion was made by Linda Anderson, seconded by Tim Martin, effective with 2024 incentive awards, to be paid in 2025, 75% of the available funds in the P & A Fund, after payment of purse supplements and bonuses, will be allocated for Breeder Awards and 25% for Stallion Awards, eliminating payments of Owner Awards.”

After the above changes and further discussion among the members present, it was agreed that the Directors need to look into the possibility of a more in depth overhaul of the breeding rules, regulations and requirements.

There being no further business, Motion to adjourn by Val Yagos, seconded by Sara Patterson, all being in favor of same, the meeting was adjourned. President McDowell announced that the Awards Banquet would be in the event center.

Dated this 12th day of April, 2024

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of March, 2025.

**APPROVAL PENDING**

**Bill McDowell, President**

**Deana Echols, Secretary**

# *A Message from our President:*

I am writing this on the day we are to get freezing rain and several days of extremely cold temperatures. I know this is tough on all of the people on Oaklawn's backside and Oaklawn's track maintenance crew. Horses get anxious when they aren't able to get out and get good exercise and that can be dangerous. It's also hard to keep fresh water in front of them.

On a farm it's difficult as well. I have bunch of newborns that I have to keep inside. That makes for a lot of extra stall cleaning. The main thing, and it's for all of us, I hope no one loses electricity from the ice.

The quality of Arkansas-breds keeps improving. I have seen them run 1, 2, 3 in open company allowance races and win and place in others as well. The stallions in Arkansas keep improving. I don't recall ever seeing so many stallions in Arkansas with great race records and pedigrees. It sure makes it easier to bring a nice mare into the state and breed to one of our Arkansas stallions.

Our annual membership meeting and awards banquet is only a little over a month away - the evening before the Arkansas Derby. I hope to see you there.

Bill McDowell, President

## **FROM THE ATBHA OFFICE**

It's a busy time at the ATBHA office. I received and I'm working on the 2024 Jockey Club data to get ready to calculate and pay Breeder and Stallion Awards. We are waiting on the information needed from The Racing Commission so we can calculate the awards percentages that will be paid. It's a project that takes time, but makes our breeders and stallion owners very happy.

In addition, there's more work required than one can imagine to get ready for the awards banquet, silent auction and membership meeting. We are in need of donated items for the silent auction. We hope you make arrangements to attend both the annual Membership Meeting and then the Awards Banquet.

You should have received your 1099s from the state for the awards paid last year.

Hope to see you at the ATBHA annual meeting and Awards Banquet!

## **ATBHA AWARDS BANQUET - RESERVATION FORM**

*Friday - March 28, 2025 - 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 \$75.00 each.

Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR RESERVATION BY NOON, FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2025**

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

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

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### ATBHA

#### **Welcomes New Members**

*New or reinstated members since 11/1/24*

Allen Aldrich - Pleasanton, CA  
Keith Asmussen - Lored, TX  
Bobby Craig Driver - Irving, TX  
Denny East - Marion, AR  
Randy & Clara Finegan - Maynard, AR  
Keith & Joanne Gray - Bristol, WI  
Ronald W Jarvis - Prairie Grove, AR  
Chase Marchese - Royal, AR  
Cole Moore - Hot Springs, AR  
Susan Naylor - Dallas, TX  
Gregory Pelzel - Pilot Point, TX  
Casey Schleis - Omaha, NE  
Chad Schumer - Louisville, KY  
Melvin Simonovich - Pleasant Prairie, WI

### 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.**