

Thoroughbred Racing Association of Oklahoma

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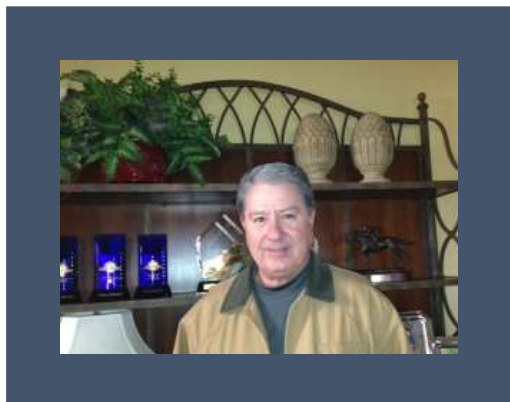
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David Faulkner

TRAO BOARD MEMBER OF THE MONTH

My father, Taylor Faulkner, was a rancher and politician and I grew up being around his horses and cattle. When I was eight or nine, I started reading the Racing Form. My dad subscribed to the form and when it came it was always three or four days old, but I loved learning to read the past performances and handicapping the races. Then I would have to wait for the next issue to see how my handicapping turned out. Dad always had one or two horses in training (almost all were in partnership with Everett Lowerance). We kept the broodmare, babies, and yearlings at our home, which we still do. Our family rarely took vacations but I vividly remember going to Hot Springs when I was fourteen (my dad walked me in through the racing office), and trips to Omaha, and Chicago, all for the races. Mary knew early on that I wanted to be in the business because we spent our honeymoon in Hot Springs where one of Tate's horses won the opening day feature, the Dixieland. Shortly after my dad called and said "we claimed a horse in New Orleans today!", the rest is history. I have been partners with Hal Browning of Dallas since 1981 and couldn't have a better one. Kari Craddock has trained for us since 1994. I am very glad to be a part of this TRAO board as I think we have some outstanding board members and I hope to make a positive contribution.



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3RD ANNUAL THOROUGHBRED AWARDS & BANQUET

The third annual Thoroughbred Champion Awards Banquet and Auction will be held Friday, May 9th, 2014 at the **Tulsa Hard Rock Hotel and Casino** located at **777 West Cherokee St. Catoosa, OK 74015**.

The TRAO will be honoring Oklahoma Bred Champions of 2013 and the Oklahoma Thoroughbred Industry. Invitations coming soon.

Room blocks will be available. Contact the TRAO office for further information.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

OHRC COMMISSION MEETING

MARCH 27TH
MAY 15TH
JUNE 19TH
AUGUST 21ST
OCTOBER 16TH
NOVEMBER 20TH

TRAO BOARD MEETINGS

MAY 1ST
JULY 24TH
SEPTEMBER 25TH
OCTOBER 30TH
DECEMBER 12TH

WELCOME BACK HORSEMEN

Thoroughbred Racing Association of Oklahoma will sponsor a welcome back party for horsemen

When: Saturday March 15, 2014
Time: 11:00 a.m.

Come Join us for a great day of racing!!

Don't forget to your TICKET from The Bookkeeper
This includes hot dogs and drink



TAA NOW ACCEPTING ACCREDITATION APPLICATION

If you have an affiliation with (or your own) aftercare organization read the message below from the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA).

Getting "accredited" by the TAA is a necessary prerequisite to getting funding from the TAA. Plus, their standards help to ensure horses are being properly taken care of. Note the May 15 deadline. The application process takes some time to complete so the aftercare organizations should not wait until the last minute. For more information, please visit the TAA website at www.thoroughbredaftercare.org.

DON'T FORGET TO APPLY FOR THE TRAO SCHOLARSHIP!!

Contact Tammy Wright for more information at (405) 427-8753 or by email at twright@traoracing.com

REMINDER OF THE NEW SIMULCAST BUILDING AT WILL ROGERS DOWNS

This facility is for Owners, Trainers, Grooms, and other interested persons stabled at Will Rogers Downs. This building is used STRICTLY for simulcast viewing. *Remember: this is your building. TAKE CARE OF IT.*

**2014 TRAO
ELECTION
RESULTS**

The following are the 2014 TRAO Owner/Trainer Directors. Thanks to everyone for participating.

KARI CRADDOCK

**DONNIE VON
HEMME**

JOE OFFOLTER

**RANDY
OBERLANADER**

TIM WILLIAMS

**EFFECTIVE
IMMEDIATELY:**

*There will be **NO** alcoholic beverage consumption allowed on the backside at Will Rogers Downs race track. This is an absolute **ZERO TOLERANCE** policy, effective immediately.*

News in Brief

**2014 WRD
MORNING
TRAINING HOURS**

**Mon, Tues, Fri, Sat,
Sun**

7:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.
Break: 8:30 A.M. – 9:00
A.M.

*Gates open: 7:30 A.M. to
10:00 A.M.*

Wednesday

CLOSED (DARK DAY)

Thursday

7:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.
Break: 8:30 A.M. – 9:00
A.M.

GATES CLOSED

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TOP 10 SIRES IN OKLAHOMA

<u>HORSE</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>FOAL EARNINGS</u>
Evansville Slew	Stallions, LLC	\$102,707.00
Tactical Cat	Stallions, LLC	\$80,931.0
Cavvy	Richter Family Trust	\$58,299.00
Lucky Lionel	Stallions, LLC	\$48,030.00
Diamond	Diamond Syndicate	\$37,853.00
Burbank	Caster, Boyd	\$34,770.00
National Saint	Wartchow, Joyce	\$31,061.00
Ra Ra Superstar	Ra Ra Superstar Partnership	\$29,933.00
Wild Tale	Center Hills Farm	\$29,184.00
Ocean Terrace	Ocean Terrace Syndicate	\$28,164.00

**FAIR MEADOWS TRACK
2014 SPRING
THOROUGHBRED RACE
MEET
RACE DATES**

JUNE

5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20,
21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29
(16 Days)

JULY

3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19,
24, 25, 26
(13 Days)

*Please call Danielle or Tammy if
you need any assistance.
405-427-8753*

REMINGTON UPGRADES TELEVISION PRODUCTION, LOOKS

FORWARD TO STRONG 2014

(<http://southernracehorse.com/remington-upgrades-television-production-looks-forward-to-strong-2014/>)

Global Gaming Solutions, Remington Park's parent company, continues its facility improvements with the installation of a High Definition television control room. Remington Park's racing action will look better than ever with the newest equipment and technology, helping the broadcast stand out to viewers.

More horseplayers and racing fans continue to turn to Remington Park, witnessed by increases in pari-mutuel handle during both racing seasons in 2013.

The drive in export handle continued in the recently completed Thoroughbred season with a 14.9% increase over 2012, as over \$6.2 million more was played on the Remington Park races than in the prior year. The increase took place despite 12 fewer races and one less race date.

Remington Park partnered with the Thoroughbred Racing Association of Oklahoma for an increased awareness campaign during the 2013 Thoroughbred season. Working with TVG since 2010, the campaign targeted core players, drawing them to Remington Park's enhanced quality of racing.

"We have nationally recognized trainers and owners with stables here at Remington Park," noted Matt Vance, vice president of racing and wagering. **"Our field size averages are amongst the highest in the industry year after year. We have a great facility that we can match with any in our business and we needed a way to get those messages out to the big players in the export simulcast market."**

"We're branding our product in the most productive way. When players look up and see our graphics and high definition presence, we believe the familiarity that has been established will drive more handle going forward. We're very lucky at Remington Park to have great horsemen's group (TRAO). They understand what it takes to reach higher goals."

STALLIONS STAKES UPDATES

The Oklahoma Stallion Stakes Breeding Season of 2014 nomination forms have been mailed out. Please keep an eye open for those forms! If you do not receive one, you can obtain a copy on our website, traoracing.com. The deadline to apply is June 30th, 2014.

All progeny of the nominated stallions for the breeding season of 2014 will be eligible, with no nomination fee.

The TRAO wishes to thank all Stallion owners for their continued support and participation in this program.

NOW OPEN: **BILTMORE OTB**

LOCATIONS:

Coop's Sports Page at the Biltmore

401 S. Meridian Ave
Oklahoma City, OK
Phone: 405.605.0160

Thunder Roadhouse Café

900 West Memorial Road
Oklahoma City, OK
Phone: 405-752-6073

Heritage Place

2829 South MacArthur
Oklahoma City, OK
(Only During Horse Sales)
405-682-4551

TRIBAL OTB **LOCATIONS**

Indigo Sky

Formally known as Bordertown
129 West Oneida Street
Wyandotte, OK

SouthWind Casino

5640 North Lacann Road
Newkirk, OK

WinStar World Casino

777 Casino Avenue
Thackerville, OK

Riverwind Casino

1544 West State Hwy 9
Norman, OK

Choctaw Casino & Resort

1621 West Ruth Avenue
Sallisaw, OK

Cherokee Casino Siloam Springs

2416 Highway 412
West Siloam Springs, OK