

THOROUGHBRED RACING ASSOCIATION OF OKLAHOMA

BOARD MEMBER OF THE MONTH

BOYD "JOBIE" CASTER

Boyd Caster is better known as Jobie to his friends. He took out his first trainer's license in 1985 while working as an engineer on the Union Pacific Railroad. He took the engineer's buyout in 1986 in order to train full time. He and his family left Nebraska to race in Oklahoma year round. He has held licenses in the states of Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia, Indiana, Iowa, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, Colorado, and Nebraska. He acquired the stud Burbank in 2006 and currently stands him at his farm. While he owns and trains for clients as well as himself, he also has a vested interest in the breeding industry. His farm is located outside of Jones, OK where he lives with his wife, Beth, and two daughters, Lindsay and Samantha. According to Equibase.com, Caster has 3,487 starts, 355 firsts, 374 seconds, and 382 thirds giving him a total of \$4,480,784 in earnings.



DONNIE K VON HEMEL LOGS 2,000TH WIN

Trainer Donnie K. Von Hemel won the 2,000th race of his career on the evening of Aug. 9 with favored Storm Rush in the fifth race at Indiana Grand Race Course.

Jockey Malcolm Franklin delivered the milestone victory for Von Hemel in the first-level allowance race. Mueller Thoroughbred Stable's Storm Rush, a 3-year-old daughter of Stormy Atlantic, pressed the pace and took over past midstretch as the 9-5 choice. She captured the mile-and-70-yard heat by 1 3/4 lengths in a time of 1:43.85 on a fast track.

Von Hemel, 52, a native of Manter, KS, is a regular on the Southwest and Midwest racing circuits, concentrating primarily on Oaklawn Park, Remington Park (where he is the all-time leading trainer), and Arlington International Racecourse. He and his wife, Robin, and daughter Tess reside in Piedmont, OK.

Von Hemel, who began his career in 1984, is the son of longtime Midwestern trainer Don Von Hemel. His brother Kelly is also a trainer.

He has enjoyed victory at the Breeders' Cup, winning with Caleb's Posse in the 2011 Dirt Mile (gr. I). Caleb's Posse also captured the Foxwoods King's Bishop Stakes (gr. I) that year. Other grade I winners for Von Hemel are See How She Runs in the 2002 Selene Stakes (Can-I), and Clever Trevor in the 1989 Arlington Classic.

Von Hemel has 34 graded stakes wins to his credit. Some of his other well-known graded winners are Alternation, Going Ballistic, Bedanken, Bien Nicole, Mr. Ross, and Evansville Slew. The trainer also conditioned multiple graded stakes winner Mariah's Storm, best known as the dam of European champion and prominent sire Giant's Causeway.

According to Equibase, Von Hemel has had 10,244 career starters with total purse earnings of \$49,918,534. In addition to his victories, he has 1,609 seconds and 1,473 thirds. So far in 2014, he has won with 23 of 153 starters.

He won a career-best 104 races (from 404 starts) in 1994, and his best season in terms of purse earnings came in 2011 with \$2,820,675.

NEWS IN BRIEF

September Stakes Schedule

Friday, September 12:

-Remington Park Turf Sprint Stakes (OKB) \$50,000

Friday, September 19:

-Tishomingo Stakes (OKB) \$50,000
-Te Ata Stakes (OKB) \$50,000

Sunday, September 28:

-Remington Park Oaks (Listed) \$200,000
-Kip Deville Stakes (Listed) \$75,000
-Remington Park Sprint Cup (Listed) \$150,000
-Flashy Lady Stakes \$50,000
-Oklahoma Derby-(Grade III) \$400,000
-Remington Green Stakes (Listed) \$100,000
-Ladies on the Lawn Stakes (OKB) \$50,000

Reminder of Work Orders

Request maintenance repairs by submitting a work order form. Call the TRAO Office for more information

Dr. Frazee-Chiropractic Care

Dr. Frazee is in the TRAO Office Wednesday's starting at 9 am.

JADE LOWDER TAKES FIRST CAREER WIN

Jade Lowder, son of John and Mary Lowder, had his first career win August 21, at Remington Park during race 8. Onemorefastdance came in within striking distance along the rail from outset, came off rail three wide when making bid into stretch, responded to strong handling while between foes in lane, but still got up in time to take the win.



OKLAHOMA STALLION STAKES BREEDING SEASON OF 2014 FOALS OF 2015

All progeny of these stallions are eligible for the Stallion Stakes, to be ran in the fall of 2018 at Remington Park as 3 year olds.

Affirmatif	Man on the Street
Awesome Cat	Mr. Nightlinger
Bricktown Cat	Mustang Jock
Burbank	Notional
Chitoz	Omega Code
C'Mon Tiger	Pleasant Storm
Desert Key	Podium
Diamond	Read the Footnotes
Ellerton	Sasha's Prospect
Euroears	Save Big Money
Going Wild	Service Stripe
Gruff	Silver Haze
Kennedy	State City
King of Scat	Tactical Cat
Kipling	The Visualiser
Latent Heat	Toccet
Liquor Cabinet	Western Expression

TRAO GROOM OF THE WEEK

8/22: Jose Ramirez
Trainer: Mindy Willis

8/29: Alfredo Mendoza
Trainer: Joe Offolter

9/5: Elaise Delacruz
Trainer: C.R. Trout

TRAO WELCOME BACK PARTY IS A HIT!

"We had a great turnout!" Says Tammy Wright, Executive Assistant of the TRAO. "Everyone was enjoying the fajita lunch and enjoying catching up with other people that they may have not seen since last year's Thoroughbred Meet! It was a great success in my book! We will definitely do it again next year!" She continued. The TRAO gave away free hats and t-shirts, among other little goodies.



Now available at Remington Park, you can use the FREE RPBet service to place wagers at your convenience. When you are at the races, you can use your smart phone, tablet, or laptop to place wagers on live and simulcast races. See a Pari-Mutuel teller for more information.

HOW TO USE RPBET

-HOW TO SET UP YOUR ACCOUNT

Visit racing information on Track Level South near the paddock or other designated areas at Remington Park (look for the RPBet icon).

-HOW TO DEPOSIT/WITHDRAW MONEY

1. Look for the RPBet marked teller windows.
2. Present your valid Drivers License.
3. Make your cash deposit; minimum of \$20.
4. Return to this window or any similarly marked windows and withdraw your winnings. Accounts must be "emptied" prior to the end of Remington Park's Racing/Simulcast hours.

-RPBet Q&A

1. Can I use this from home?

No, this can only be used on Remington Park Grounds.

2. How will I get my money back if a horse scratches?

Once the pool is official, the system will credit your account for the proportional amount.

3. Do I have to withdraw all of my money each day or have a balance to keep in my account?

All monies must be withdrawn at the end of RP's Racing/Simulcast hours each day. There is no balance requirement to keep your account active.

4. If I have an IRS win and my mobile device is displaying the "Please go to a designated RPBet teller window to release IRS Escrow," do I have to release it right then?

No! You can release the IRS win whenever you would like. Please note that your IRS winnings will not be available for use until you process the release.

OKLAHOMA-BRED PURSE SUPPLEMENTS RISE AT REMINGTON PARK

OKLAHOMA CITY – Eligible Oklahoma-bred horses competing at Remington Park now contend for even more money as an increase to purse supplements has been approved. The Thoroughbred Racing Association of Oklahoma (TRAO) has authorized an increase of 10-percent in purse supplements to eligible Oklahoma-Breds competing in all races at Remington Park.

“Remington Park is pleased to announce this specific increase of Oklahoma-Bred purse fund distribution by 10-percent, available in open company and Oklahoma-Bred races,” said Matt Vance, vice-president of racing and wagering at Remington Park. “We’re proud of our relationship with Oklahoma’s horsemen and the achievements we’ve all made over the years. This increase is proof of our ongoing commitment to grow racing at Remington Park as we work with the TRAO to achieve these goals.”

The increase for Oklahoma-Bred purse supplements is now in place.

Remington Park was honored to host the 2014 National Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association (HBPA) Summer Convention, entertaining delegates from around the country.

Remington Park’s 2014 Thoroughbred Season continues until December 14, operating on a normal weekly basis with racing Wednesday thru Saturday nights at 7pm-central.

<http://remingtonpark.com/storydetail.aspx?id=12793>

WELCOME BACK, FALL

According to the Old Farmer’s Almanac forecast for SEPTEMBER 2014: temperature 77.5° (1.5° above avg.); precipitation 3" (0.5" below avg.); Sep 1-6: Scattered t-storms; cool north, hot south; Sep 7-13: T-storms; cool north, warm south; Sep 14-26: T-storms, then sunny, warm; Sep 27-30: T-storms, then sunny, cool north; a few t-storms, warm south.



STAKES SPOTLIGHT

The Remington Park Stakes Schedule kicked off with a bang Saturday, August 16. From the David M. Vance Stakes Race to the Ricks Memorial Stakes, the August Stakes schedule was full of tears of joy and grins from ear to ear.

The six furlong \$75,000 David M. Vance Stakes was won by Ivan Fallunovalot. Owned by Lewis Mathews Jr, Ivan Fallunovalot took the lead by three-quarters of a length.

The Governor’s Cup was taken by Code West by a half-length in the final yards. Code West was under jockey Cliff Berry, giving owner Bryan Hawk the \$176,050 purse.

Sooner Superstar, with odds of 10-1, took home the bacon and breaking a year long dry spell, after winning the \$50,000 Red Earth Stakes in front running style.

Bim Bam took to the middle lane for a half-length win during the \$75,000 Edward J. DeBartolo Memorial Handicap.

The last Stakes Race of August goes to Satin Gold, winning the \$50,000 Ricks Memorial Stakes. Satin Gold took up the rail in the final quarter mile of the race, winning by just a length.

REMINGTON PARK STAKES SUMMARY

David M. Vance Stakes: #7 Ivan Fallunovalot

Trainer: W.T. Howard; Owner: Lewis Mathews; Jockey: Lindy Wade

Governor’s Cup: #1 Code West

Trainer: Boyd Caster; Owner: Bryan Hawk; Jockey: Cliff Berry

Red Earth Stakes: #4 Sooner Superstar

Trainer: Marti Rodriguez; Owner: Marti Rodriguez and Dwayne Scruggs; Jockey: Ken Tohill

Edward J. DeBartolo Memorial Handicap: #6 Bim Bam

Trainer: Ron Moquett; Owner: Chuck Hagaman and Ella Lou; Jockey: Jareth Loveberry

Ricks Memorial Stakes: #4 Satin Gold

Trainer: Dewey Smith; Owner: Kathy Stevens and Frank Nieschwietz; Jockey: Glen Murphy

TORNADO SURVIVOR TAKES THE WIN

May 20, 2013 is a day that none will forget. It was the day that the Moore tornado devastated thousands of lives, both human and equine alike.

Stormtoremember can’t be beat by a tornado, though. He made his first start of the year on Wednesday, August 27 in the seven-furlong maiden race at Remington Park. In a field of ten, under jockey Cliff Berry, he came in to win the race by six full lengths ahead of Lion Of Lone Oaks.

Stormtoremember is owned by Reza Aryan, of Norman, OK, and trained by Kenny Nolen. This was Stormtoremember’s second career start, both of which occurred after the devastating tornado.

He’s not the only tornado survivor to get right back up. Bobbie Steenbergen, of El Reno, OK, tells the TRAO that Sugarcreekdancer has had some nice works and is about ready to be back in the game.

Definitely some good news that everyone likes to hear.

FREE WAGER WEDNESDAYS



WEAR YOUR REMINGTON PARK CAP FROM ANY SEASON EVERY WEDNESDAY FOR A FREE \$5 RACING VOUCHER*, OR WEAR THIS YEAR'S T-SHIRT FOR A FREE \$5 RACING VOUCHER AND A CHANCE TO WIN IF THE HORSE WITH YOUR SHIRT'S NUMBER WINS IN RACE 3!

PLUS, RECEIVE ONE FREE ENTRY EACH WEEK FOR THE \$500 SEASON FINALE GIVEAWAY ON DECEMBER 10 WHEN YOU WEAR YOUR CAP OR T-SHIRT FROM ANY SEASON.

*ONE FREE WAGER AND ONE FREE ENTRY PER PERSON PER WEEK. SEE CLUB REMINGTON FOR DETAILS.

CARTER SALE SETS RECORDS

The OKC Summer Sale set records in all areas Sunday, August 17. It was the highest grossing sale with a new record sales topper and the highest average since the sale started in 2007.

Hip 10, a Tiz Wonderful colt out of the Cherokee Run mare Serena Ballerina, topped the sale at \$67,000. Shawn Schabel of Independence, Kansas, purchased the Oklahoma-bred colt from Brewster Ranch, agent for Clark O. Brewster.

With a \$48,000 price tag, the sale's second highest seller was Hip 72, a Summer Bird colt out of the Petionville mare Nakayama Jeune.

Like the sales topper, the colt went to a buyer who drove south from Kansas to attend the Sunday afternoon sale. Lester Ellenz of Tipton, Kansas, purchased the colt from leading consignor, Mighty Acres, for Center Hills.

Carter said the sale has always been tied to opening weekend at Remington Park and this year it also coincided with the National HBPA Convention in Oklahoma City.

<http://southernracehorse.com/okc-summer-sale-sets-records-for-gross-and-average/>

SUMMER SALE SUMMARY

Total Entries	93
Total Offered	85
Total Sold	55
Gross Sales	\$487,450
Average Selling Price	\$8,863
Median Selling Price	\$5,100
Sale Topper	\$67,000
Buy Back Rate	35%

UPCOMING SALES



The Ocala Breeder Sales Fall Mixed Sale is set for Oct 14-16.

Minimum Commission: Preferred:

\$750.00; Open: \$300.00

Commission: Sale: 5% RNA: 5% of 1st \$50,000 plus 2 1/2% in excess of \$50,000

Withdrawal Fee: \$250.00

Mixed sale for Thoroughbreds of all ages! Saturday, December 13, 2014 at 11:00 am. Entries must be received no later than November 15. The sale is the closing weekend of Remington Park. Consignment contracts are available on the Heritage Place website.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Oklahoma Equine Industry had a total Economic Impact of **\$3,607,750,000**
- The industry added roughly **35,070** jobs in Oklahoma, that's about 50 jobs/100 racehorses!!
- The acreage average of horse farms in Oklahoma was **4.2 million acres**.
- Oklahoma had a total of **269,700** head of horses
- **\$100 million** were paid in state and local taxes from the Equine industry

(Source: 2013 Oklahoma Equine Industry Study)

THE THOROUGHBRED THROWBACK

This month's Thoroughbred Throwback features the Ground Breaking of Remington Park as published in the October/November 1986 edition of the OTA's publication.

REMINGTON PARK GROUND BREAKING

Despite soaring temperatures, a large crowd of well-wishers were on hand for the ground-breaking ceremonies for Remington Park on August 20.

The Oklahoma Racing Associates, a partnership between Edward J. DeBartolo, his son, Edward J. DeBartolo, Jr. and his daughter, Marie Denise DeBartolo York, were granted a license to build and operate the pari-mutuel racing facility earlier this year. The track is scheduled to open in the fall of 1988.

David M. Vance, Remington Park vice-president and general manager, was presented a Remington Park street sign during the ceremonies by Mayor Andy Coats. The city council approved renaming a portion of Grand Boulevard, from Martin Luther King Ave. to N.E. 50th, to Remington Place,

giving the track the address of One Remington Place. Plans for the \$81 million facility include a multi-level glass enclosed grandstand with 27 luxury suites. The grandstand will accommodate 27,000 patrons, with a specially constructed infield tunnel to allow for larger crowds. The facility, designed by Ewing Cole Kraus, will provide unobstructed views for all patrons. Also included in the plans will be a one-mile oval course as well as a 7/8-mile turf course.

The stable area will consist of 20 barns, 60 stalls each, with attached living quarters for stable personnel.

Remington Park will offer thoroughbred, quarter horse, and mixed breed racing.

RACING FREE PROGRAM

In order to give breeders a continued investment and stance in the fight against PEDs, Racing Free launched the Breeder Incentive Program in the Spring of 2013. The Breeder Incentive Program allows the breeder of a horse to purchase a "voucher" membership into the Racing Free Incentive Program for \$300. Once the horse is sold via auction or private sale, the new owner will have the opportunity to enter the horse into the Racing Free Incentive Program at any one participating track. If this member-horse wins a race and receives a clear commission-level drug test; Racing Free will reward the breeder and current owner \$500 each. Horses may be enrolled in the Racing Free Breeder Incentive Program at any time, contact Racing Free if you would like to invest in the Future of Racing: www.racingfree.com

WHAT IS WITH THE ALS ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE?!?

Why are people pouring ice water on their heads?! Well, it's to raise awareness for ALS! Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also commonly known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that causes muscle weakness, paralysis, and ultimately, respiratory failure.

ALS attacks certain cells in the brain and the spinal cord needed to keep our muscles moving. Early signs and symptoms of ALS include muscle cramps and twitching, weakness in the extremities and difficulty speaking or swallowing. As the disease progresses, though, it is characterized by: The inability to move any part of your body; The inability to speak or communicate with anything but your eyes; Complete reliance on a feeding tube for nutrition.

For more information about ALS or to donate to ALS research, please visit alifestoryfoundation.org.

OKLAHOMA DERBY RIDERS CUP

This year's Oklahoma Derby Riders Cup will be held at Lincoln Park Golf Club Monday, September 22. Check in time is 8:30 am, Shotgun Start is 10 am. Advanced Registration is required.

Benefitting: *Easter Seals*, *Permanently Disabled Jockey Fund*, *NewView Oklahoma*, and *The Sky's the Limit Ranch*.

OHRC RULE OF RACING

325:25-1-9. Entries Survive with Transfer

All entries and rights of entry are valid and survive when a horse is sold with its engagements duly transferred. If a partnership agreement is properly filed with the Horsemen's Bookkeeper, subscriptions, entries, and rights of entry survive in the remaining partners. Unless written notice to the contrary is filed with the Stewards, the entries, rights of entry, and engagements remain with the horse and are transferred therewith to the new Owner. No entry or right of entry shall become void on the death of the nominator unless the conditions of the race state otherwise.

RACING COMMISSION: FUNDING CUTS JEOPARDIZING \$20 MILLION IN REVENUE FOR STATE

Funding for the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission has been slashed so much over the past several years that the agency is in danger of becoming unable to perform its mandated functions, officials say.

"It's not even critical anymore," said commission Executive Director Constantin Rieger. "It's life support or worse."

Since FY 2008, he said, the commission has seen a cumulative funding cut of \$711,370.

Rieger outlined a proposed Fiscal Year 2016 budget request that included \$1.56 million in additional needs, including restoration of that loss. The proposal outlines critical needs that could be filled with the restored funding, including five agents, other personnel, overtime pay for stewards and veterinarians and costs of retirements.

In FY 2008, OHRC received an appropriation of almost \$2.7 million. For FY 2015, it was allocated about \$1.97 million.

Commissioners decided that the situation is so dire, they did not take action on the funding proposal, choosing to schedule a special meeting to dig into the situation in depth, with input from horse racing industry representatives.

The agency could experience a shortfall of about \$115,000, Rieger said. The budget proposal includes a request for a \$113,969 supplemental appropriation for the current fiscal year to cover increased expenses.

However, the small agency was also among those whose law enforcement personnel were given a 6.25 percent salary increase by the legislature.

Commissioners were told that in return for its less than \$2 million appropriation, OHRC's regulatory activities result in about \$22 million in state revenue from horse racing and gaming.

Commissioners agreed to postpone a vote on the budget proposal, planning to convene a special meeting within the next few weeks. FY 2016 budget requests must be submitted by Oct. 1.

By Marie Price Editor/Senior Capitol Reporter Journal Record
Legislative Reporter

STARTING AT 6 PM ON LIVE RACING NIGHTS
WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY • RACING STARTS AT 7 PM



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- Box seats with an awesome view of live Thoroughbred racing
- Bucket of 5 beers – your choice of Coors®, Coors Light® or Miller Lite®
- Basket of hot wings
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Derby Style

LADIES IN HATS & GUYS IN TIES
OKLAHOMA DERBY CONTEST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
2PM-4PM CLUBHOUSE LEVEL

Over \$3,000 in cash prizes will be awarded.

All contestants receive a complimentary photo.
Ladies have a chance to win a hat from Ladies and Gentlemen Fine Millinery.
Guys can win a tie from The Club Stacks.



The Club Stacks
LADIES • GENTLEMEN

Dashing DINNER THEATRE

Enjoy a \$29.99 Dinner for Two Thursday nights in Silks:
Appetizer to Share • Two Entrees • Dessert to Share
Two \$5 Racing Bets • One Racing Program

Silks opens at 6 PM and Live Racing begins at 7 PM.
Reservations are recommended, but not required.

Remington Park



26th
**OKLAHOMA
DERBY
FESTIVAL**

September 28, 2014

12 P.M.	Food Trucks Plaza North Lawn Derby Lawn Party Plaza South Horse-Drawn Carriages Racing Oval Live Music Bread & Butter North Lawn
1 P.M.	Wine Tasting & Craft Beer Festival Proceeds benefit the Oklahoma Thoroughbred Retirement Program
1:30 P.M.	RACING STARTS AT 1:30 \$400,000 Grade 3 Oklahoma Derby \$200,000 Remington Park Oaks \$150,000 Remington Park Sprint Cup \$150,000 Remington Green Stakes Drawings: Drop your entry form in the bin for your favorite horse in the Oklahoma Derby. Drawings will be held for Win (\$1000), Place (\$500) and Show (\$250) WINNER x \$100: Drop your entry form in the Racing Lobby bin. During races 3-8 we'll draw names, and if you're a winner you'll get \$100 multiplied by the winning horse's number!
2-4 P.M.	Hat and Bowtie Contest Clubhouse Level