2017 Harness Racing Hall of Fame Honorees

Living Horse Hall of Fame
MR MUSCLEMAN

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ROCK N ROLL HEAVEN

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BRIAN SEARS

Communicator
STEVE WOLF

Communicator
GORDON WATERSTONE

2016 Horse of the Year
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FOX VALLEY MONIKA

Amateur Driving Champion
HANNAH MILLER

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~ 2017 HALL OF FAME DAY ~

The 2017 Hall of Fame Inductions will take place on the Museum lawn on the first Sunday in July as they have for more than a half-century. Festivities begin with cocktails in the William R. Haughton Memorial Hall at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will commence at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $150 and invitations have been mailed. Please contact Joanne Young at 845-294-6330 if you haven’t received yours; reservations may be made without an invitation. Call or visit www.harnessmuseum.com for details. Those interested in sponsoring the dinner, cocktail hour, wine or flowers may contact director Janet Terhune at director@harnessmuseum.com. During Hall of Fame Weekend, July 1-4, enjoy racing daily at neighboring Historic Track. Post time is 1:00 p.m. The annual Hall of Fame Invitational Trot, in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Elbridge T. Gerry, Sr. and featuring Hall of Fame drivers, will be held on Hall of Fame Day, Sunday, July 2.

THE GREYHOUND GALLERY

In May 2014, the stall that Horse of the Century and harness racing Immortal Greyhound called home for the last 25 years of his life arrived at the Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame. The reconstructed stall of one of our greatest and best-loved equine heroes will now be preserved for years to come. The installation of this exceptional exhibit is nearly complete and will officially open in time for Hall of Fame Weekend. Considering Greyhound’s association with Goshen – having won the Hambletonian at Good Time Park and time-trialed at both Good Time Park and Goshen Historic Track – the Museum is the perfect site for this unique treasure. The stall’s fine oak interior panels, many showing evidence of Greyhound’s presence, as well as the knotty pine from the adjacent sitting room will provide a wonderful showcase for Greyhound artifacts and memorabilia. Special thanks to the efforts of Nancy Brejc and Jan Heine for rescuing this significant piece of trotting history. Tax-deductible donations in support of this worthy project are still being accepted.

LIVING HALL OF FAME

At the time of his election, Brian Sears stood fifth on the all-time list of moneywinning drivers. He has driven some of the sport’s greatest horses of the last 15 years to victories in championship races. Three of the horses he drove regularly won Horse of the Year honors: Rocknroll Hanover in 2005, Muscle Hill in 2009 and Bee A Magician in 2013. Sears has dominated some of the toughest circuits in harness racing, winning multiple driving championships at the Meadowlands and also topping the charts at Yonkers Raceway. Sears currently has $177,527,448 in earnings and 9,754 career wins, good for 14th place among all drivers in North American history. Sears is the only driver to twice win the Hambletonian (Muscle Hill 2009, Royalty For Life 2013) and Hambletonian Oaks (Broadway Schooner 2009, Bee A Magician 2013) on the same day. He also won the Hambletonian in 2015 with Pinkman, in his only drive behind the horse that season. The sport’s Driver of the Year in 2009, Sears has won 27 Breeders Crown titles, good for No. 4 on the all-time wins list in the series. Horses driven by Sears have earned more than $10 million in the series, which is among the top five in history.

LIVING HORSERACING HALL OF FAME

Trotter Mr Muscleman raced from 2002-2007. At the time of his retirement Mr Muscleman was ranked ninth among the leading moneywinning trotters of all time. He recorded 37 wins out of 69 starts, finishing off the board only eight times in six seasons of racing. His five-year-old season’s earnings of $1,364,220 were the most ever by an older Standardbred gelding and made Mr Muscleman the only Standardbred to earn $1 million in two non-consecutive seasons of North American racing. In 2007, seven-year-old Mr Muscleman finished a close second in Sweden’s Elitlopp and won all four of his North American starts.

At the time of his retirement, 2010 Horse of the Year and world champion Rock N Roll Heaven was the tenth-leading single-season moneywinning Standardbred of all time. In winning the 2010 Little Brown Jug in record time (1:49.2h), Rock N Roll Heaven became the first horse to pace two sub-1:50 miles on the same day. That year he paced a record eleven sub-1:50 race miles (seven consecutive), with victories in 1:49.2 or faster on half-mile, five-eighths, mile, seven-eighths and mile tracks.

Broodmares Artstopper (dam of the fastest Standardbred of all time, Always B Miki), Benear (dam of 2014 LBJ winner Limelight Beach), Fox Valley Monika (dam of Doubleouble and world champion Glass Pack) and Stienam’s Place (dam of 2010 Three-Year-Old PACing Filly of the Year Put On A Show) will also be inducted into the Living Horse Hall of Fame.

COMMUNICATORS HALL OF FAME

Gordon Waterstone was for many years the publicist for Hazel Park in Detroit, and also worked at other area racetracks before becoming associate editor of The Horseman And Fair World. While at the magazine Waterstone has written two John Hervey Award-winning stories, becoming one of only a few journalists to win the national award in more than one category.

Steve Wolf was a publicist for several tracks in his native New Jersey as well as for the Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of New Jersey before shipping south to Pompano Park in Florida. Wolf rose through the ranks to become senior director of racing operations, until starting his own consulting agency. He also served on the Board, including as president, of the Harness Horse Youth Foundation.

2017 MUSEUM AMATEUR DRIVER

At age 24, “Hurricane” Hannah Miller has earned the honor of being named National Amateur Driver of the Year for the second consecutive season, and also becomes only the third person to be named Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame Amateur Driving Champion in consecutive years. Miller won the combined points title for the second consecutive season in the C.K.G. Billings Amateur Driving Series, and in November came home a winner in the $25,000 Billings Series final at Harrah’s Philadelphia.
Donations

We are very appreciative of the contributions received from American Standardbred Breeders Association, Bob Boni, Burke Racing Stable, CTW Foundation, Larry DeVan, Ebby Gerry, Ted Gewertz, Edie Haughney, Karen Heaberlin, Max Hempt, Dr. Patty Hogan, Pennsylvania Harness Horsemen’s Association, Lawrence B. Sheppard Foundation, USTA and its members, Marion Jean Wellwood and all Museum members for their yearly membership contributions. A Corporate Matching Gift was received on behalf of Ebby Gerry through Union Pacific.

Thanks to the Goshen Garden Club for the donation of holiday wreaths and Alders Wholesale Florist for our beautiful Christmas tree!

Memorial Contributions

Sharron Adams was remembered by Tom Charters & Susan Saravalli and Janet Terhune
Joe Adamsky was remembered by Janet Terhune and Thom & Joanne Young
Barbara Brainard was remembered by Janet Terhune
Ralph Branca was remembered by Jay Farrar
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Hall of Famer Harry Harvey was remembered by Tom Charters & Susan Saravalli
Communicators Hall of Famer Marie Hill was remembered by Jay Farrar and Thom & Joanne Young
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Hall of Famer Jack Kopas was remembered by Dr. Glen Brown, Larry DeVan, Dorothy Haughton, Janet Terhune and Thom & Joanne Young
Bill Lancaster was remembered by Chris & Georgia Coyle
Communicators Hall of Famer Sam McKee was remembered by Ebby Gerry, Dorothy Haughton, Janet Terhune and Thom & Joanne Young
Craig Lipka was remembered by The Horseman And Fair World
Ken Marshall was remembered by Tom Charters & Susan Saravalli and The Horseman And Fair World
Leo McNamara was remembered by Tom Charters & Susan Saravalli
Frank O’Mara was remembered by Janet Terhune and Thom & Joanne Young
Larry Rheinheimer was remembered by Tom Charters & Susan Saravalli
Dr. John Steele was remembered by Jay Farrar, Dorothy Haughton, Janet Terhune and Thom Young
Museum Trustee Emeritus Robert Tucker was remembered by Tom Charters & Susan Saravalli and The Horseman And Fair World
Mach Three was remembered by Janet Terhune

Stallion Breeding Auction

We are receiving news that many of our 2016 breedings have produced nice foals and the Museum wishes all the connections much success. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, 63 breedings were donated for the 2017 Stallion Breeding Auction. This important Museum fundraiser has raised over $800,000 for promotion, education and operational support. Thank you to all who participated in the bidding process and the following donors of breedings:

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New Museum Members

We thank all Museum members for their support and we are happy to welcome the following new members:

Tom Aldrich
Abe Basen
Alice Boyne
Patricia Boyne
Glen Baxley
Tim Bojarski
John Campagnuolo
Alexandra Carr
Donald Ciaburri
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Jeff Schaffer
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**Walk of Fame**

Bricks or granite pavers will be placed this spring in the Walk of Fame as memorials to:

Joe Adamsky by Jay Farrar, Gary Berkner by Mark Loewe; Jean Berube by Glen Baxley; Joe Cacciolli by Maryanne Renus Cacciolli; Bill & Joan Cameron by Don Cameron; Aime Choquette by the Cashman family and by Tom Charters; Ruby Cook by Tom Charters & Susan Saravalli; Joe Donnelly by wife Terry; John Eades by Mark Loewe; Ron Giehs by the American Harness Racing Secretaries; Larry Mallar by the American Harness Racing Secretaries; Race secretary Ken Marshall by the American Harness Racing Secretaries and by Tom Charters; Sam McKee by the Meadowlands Racetrack; Leo McNamara III by wife Cathy; Anneliese & Werner Schott by Allan Schott; Richard & Margot Taylor by daughter Ellen; Big Sal Tricario by Michael Cirrincione; William Wellwood by wife Jean.

(Bricks and pavers honoring family and friends will be placed this spring and listed in the Fall Newsletter.)

**Historic Collections**

Restoration Raffle: The Museum’s 23rd annual Restoration Raffle is here. Tickets are now on sale and will be sold until the drawing on Hall of Fame Day – Sunday, July 2, 2017. Over the years this exciting funding event has raised more than $93,000 and aided in the preservation of the Dan Patch sleigh, Hambletonian wagon, paintings, lithographs and driving colors. Proceeds from this year’s raffle will be dedicated to the care and reassembly of Greyhound’s resplendent retirement stall here within the hallowed halls of the Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame. So join the fun! You need not be present to win. Call Missy Gillespie at 845-294-6330 and buy your tickets today!!

Prizes donated by Museum members and friends include: 2018 USTA Driving School admission, courtesy of the USTA; dinner for two at Marchi’s Restaurant in Manhattan, New York, courtesy of Mario & Christine Marchi; $100 gift certificates (2) to Malone’s restaurant in Lexington, Kentucky, courtesy of Jay Farrar; Batavia Downs Racing Package, courtesy of Batavia Downs; $100 gift certificate to The Black Stallion restaurant in Vernon, New York, courtesy of Sal & Lisa Vullo; Harness Racing Museum gold plated golf putter, courtesy of Jim Brooks; a limited edition art print by Kristin Roberts, courtesy of Kristin Roberts; plus gift certificates provided by L&B Tack, Joyce’s Racing Silks and more!

Donations: The Collections Department received generous donations of pennants, postcards, photographs, plaques, programs, art prints, blankets, books and driving colors. Highlights include equipment worn by Always B Miki and shoes worn by Ayres and Marion Marauder; driving colors of Bruce Nickells, Paula Wellwood and Scott Zeron; and the whip carried by Ron Pierce in his last career drive. Donors included: Bob Boni in the name of 146 Stable, Brittany Farms, Jim Brooks, Martha Brown, Peter & Sherry Cashman, Tom Charters, Callie Davies-Gooch, Russell N. DeVan in honor of Patty Shedlow, Mark Gargiulo in honor of Michael Francis Rombousek, Ellen Harvey, Chris Hepworth, Wayne A. Lebda, James London, Franklin Lingo, Jr., Bruce Nickells, Buddy Simpson, Paula Wellwood, Todd Whitney and Scott Zeron.

Traveling Exhibits: The schedule of venues that will host the Museum’s various traveling exhibits continues to grow for 2017. The first stop this spring for the “The Story of Harness Racing by Currier & Ives” reproduction set was the Fair Barn at Pinehurst, North Carolina during matinee racing on April 9. Staff from the Museum delivered, set up and hosted the display, welcoming over 400 visitors. The set is scheduled to also appear at the Newton County Fair in Kentland, Indiana in July.

**Education**

Two children’s workshops have been held so far this year. On March 12, 74 people attended the St. Patrick’s Day Parade Family Fun Day. Children made horsey shamrock hats, played games and enjoyed snacks. On April 8, 73 people attended the Spring Fun Day and Egg Hunt. Children made carrot baskets, used horseshoes to stamp tulip paintings, played games and hunted for eggs in the courtyard. Museum homeschooler programs include studies in the areas of nutrition, anatomy, body systems, communication, history and general horse care. Programs are infused with math and science, as well as enriched with relevant art projects. The most recent additions to the homeschooler curriculum are classes on the skeletal and nervous systems, both enhanced using newly purchased 3D anatomical software. There has been a shift in homeschooler programs from younger children to more at the high school level. On December 12, 23 guests enjoyed lunch and a lecture during the Stable Architecture and Ornament Workshop. Museum history was a backdrop for the talk on the development of stable architecture, and guests created a wall decoration using the image of the Historic Stable. Luncheon tours included groups from the Bricktown Gospel Church, Cliffside Senior Center and the club Restored Rustic Relics.

**Exhibitry**

2017 New Exhibitions and Special Installations:

**The Greyhound Gallery**

**2017 Hall of Fame display**

showcasing our latest honorees

**In the Carriage Room:**

“Seven Views of Dexter”

Artistic Portrayals of the Great Trotter

A Salute to 2016 Horse of the Year:

Always B Miki

Amateur Downs:

Spotlight on C.K.G. Billings’

Dinner on Horseback, 1903

**Casino Night**

This year’s Hambletonian Party and Casino & Poker Night Charity Event is scheduled to take place on Friday, August 4 at 6:00 p.m. at the Meadowlands. The event benefits the Museum and the Standardbred Retirement Foundation. Held the night before the Hambletonian, tickets are just $50 per person for open bar, appetizers, dessert and $25 casino chips. The event is sure to be the best event to kick off the festivities leading up to the race the following day. An additional cost applies to participate in the Poker Tournament, which begins at 7:15 p.m. Sponsorships are available. Please contact the Museum for information.