



### Letter from the President

In December 2004, Cot Campbell of Dogwood Stables spoke at a press conference announcing the recommendations of the recently-concluded Sales Integrity Task Force. As the chairman of the task force, Cot was the public face and voice of that important industry initiative. He was prophetic when he stated that the task force's work would not be the final word, as issues would arise in the future.

Fast forward two-plus years and it appears that we have found ourselves if not in the same spot, a very familiar one at that. The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association, along with Keeneland, Fasig-Tipton, Kentucky Thoroughbred Association and the Consignors and Commercial Breeders Association, agreed to re-convene the task force earlier this year after legislation was filed in Frankfort, Ky. that would address ownership and medication disclosure at public auctions in the Commonwealth, as well as the licensing of bloodstock agents.

At this time, we are in the final stages of forming the task force and it will have representatives not only from the Thoroughbred sport, but also from Standardbreds, Quarter Horses, Saddlebreds, Mountain Horses and Walking Horses. The task force is expected to meet for the first time next month.

Under an agreement with Representative Larry Clark (D-Louisville), sponsor of House Bill 388, the task force must report its progress and recommendations to the Interim Joint Licensing & Occupations Committee by June 30, September 30 and December 31, 2007.

The work of the task force will have a significant impact on equine public auctions in Kentucky. It will require participation from a broad-based group of buyers and sellers, as well as the sales companies. As a very important industry initia-

tive, we believe that the task force members will take an objective viewpoint and work together in the best interests of the industry and not individual agendas. We recognize that there will be some hotly contested debates on the issues, but in the end, level heads and a consensus will prevail.



Dan Metzger

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TOBA will host its annual National Awards Dinner on September 8 at John G. Sikura's Hill 'n' Dale Farm. It promises to be an exciting and memorable evening. This year, the event will be hosted for the first time in recent memory on a Saturday evening, as opposed to its traditional Friday.

We are also proud to announce our new sponsorship agreement with National City Bank. We believe that we have created a partnership that is a win-win for both National City Bank, a leader in equine lending, and TOBA. The support of sponsors such as National City Bank, provides us with the resources necessary to fulfill our mission of representing owners and breeders on issues of national importance.

Sincerely yours,

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## 2007 TOBA EVENT SCHEDULE

### ■ TOBA National Awards Dinner

Saturday, September 8, 2007  
Hill 'n' Dale Farms  
Lexington, Kentucky

### ■ Breeders' Cup Weekend Getaway

October 25 – 28, 2007, Monmouth Park  
Oceanport, New Jersey

### ■ TCA Stallion Season & Art Auction

Friday, November 30, 2007  
Keeneland Entertainment Center  
Lexington, Kentucky

## 2007 TOBA SEMINAR SCHEDULE\*

The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association offers educational seminars and clinics for prospective, new and established owners.

TOBA's goal is to provide participants with the knowledge necessary to improve their likelihood for success in the Thoroughbred business. All TOBA seminars and clinics are sponsored by *The Blood-Horse*.

### NEW OWNER SEMINARS

April 27, 2007, Grand Prairie, Texas  
August 10, 2007, Saratoga Springs, New York

### PEDIGREE AND CONFORMATION CLINICS

May 20, 2007, Timonium, Maryland  
October 8 – 9, 2007, Lexington, Kentucky

### BREEDING CLINIC

June 1 – 3, Lexington, Kentucky

*\*subject to change*



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May 29 – June 5  
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—Hibiscus Stables, New York

“I thoroughly enjoyed the clinic. I was not sure what to expect, but I have to say I walked away knowing that I picked up a lot of new information. All of the presenters were very good and demonstrated their passion for the thoroughbred horse business.”

—Lew Gammon, Florida



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The Racing Game offers prospective owners the opportunity to begin a dialog

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For more information, please visit [www.theracinggame.com](http://www.theracinggame.com).

## AMERICAN GRADED STAKES COMMITTEE TO MEET IN APRIL

The American Graded Stakes Committee will hold its next meeting on April 17 in Lexington. The committee uses its annual April meeting to review the grading process and discuss ways in which to improve it. This year, in addition to reviewing the grading process, the committee will consider the request from Breeders' Cup Limited to immedi-

ately assign grade I status to three new races – the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint, Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile and Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf. The committee's rules require a race to be run twice under the same conditions before being eligible for grading and Breeders' Cup Limited has asked that this rule be waived for their three new races.

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*TOBA's mission is to improve the economics, integrity and pleasure of the sport on behalf of Thoroughbred owners and breeders.*

**■ SALES INTEGRITY PROGRAM**

TOBA manages the Sales Integrity Program, a program designed to educate, inform and protect new owners at public auctions.

**■ NEW OWNER RECRUITMENT**

TOBA is the only national organization that coordinates new and prospective owner seminars, effectively recruiting new owners and breeders to the Thoroughbred industry.

**■ AMERICAN GRADED STAKES COMMITTEE**

TOBA manages the American Graded Stakes Committee. Graded stakes races provide owners and breeders with a benchmark for quality of races and horses.

**■ THE RACING GAME**

TOBA manages The Racing Game, a marketing program designed to introduce new owners and breeders to the sport of Thoroughbred racing.

**■ RACING MEDICATION AND TESTING CONSORTIUM**

TOBA is a founding member of the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium, a program that develops policies to ensure the integrity of racing and welfare of racehorses and protect the interests of the betting public.

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TOBA is an influential voice in the American Horse Council, the national trade association representing the horse industry in Washington, D.C. TOBA provides representation for owners and breeders on national and international racing and breeding topics.

**■ CONTINUING EDUCATION**

TOBA coordinates pedigree, conformation, breeding and auction clinics to further the knowledge of industry participants, helping them make informed decisions.

**■ CLAIMING CROWN**

TOBA created racing's championship day for blue-collar runners.

**■ THOROUGHBRED CHARITIES OF AMERICA**

TOBA has an alliance with TCA, a non-profit organization, whose mission is to raise money for Thoroughbred rescue, retirement, retraining, research, education, backstretch and therapeutic riding programs.

**■ NATIONAL AWARDS DINNER**

TOBA hosts an annual awards dinner, a formal event recognizing the efforts of our colleagues in the Thoroughbred industry.

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