



### Letter from the President

The recent nasty and very public dispute between racetrack conglomerates Churchill Downs, Inc. (CDI) and Magna Entertainment and ADW providers TVG and Youbet.com has led to a number of industry stakeholders to wondering “who’s in charge here?”

In a survey of its board of trustees last year, TOBA identified the sport’s economic issues as the top challenge facing Thoroughbred racing. Pari-mutuel wagering is the primary source of revenues for owners’ purse accounts and racetracks’ bottom lines.

The current economic model that governs wagering off-track is broken. Everyone has been aware of that for years. For the most part, however, no one has reacted with any substantive plan for change. The newly-christened marriage between CDI and Magna, through TrackNet Media, has set lofty goals to achieve the necessary financial freedom for tracks and horsemen alike. TrackNet’s stated goal of eliminating exclusive agreements between tracks and ADW providers such as TVG appears well-intended, but execution of those plans has been less than ideal. In the short-term, the bettors are those affected the most. In the long-term, it may be our sport itself.

In early May, the leadership of the Thoroughbred Owners of California, Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association, HBPA and TOBA wrote a joint letter urging TrackNet Media and TVG to agree to a cease-fire over their content-sharing dispute, at least for the Kentucky Derby. And while our pleas were ignored, a message was delivered that the horsemen’s groups and owners would not be idle participants in this game.

There is a rare opportunity for the various horsemen’s and owners’ groups around the country to agree on a fundamental principle. The underlying common theme is that the horsemen must work together to improve the economics of Thoroughbred ownership. There are numerous issues relevant to that discussion, but increasing purses are first and

foremost. We hear more and more from the racing conglomerates about being “content providers.” The tracks certainly understand that they share a partner in their content presentation. The owners of the equine athletes may compete against each other on the racetrack, but this recent ADW divide may finally unite them together for the betterment of the sport.



Dan Metzger

We would like to thank John G. Sikura and his staff at Hill ‘n’ Dale Farms for their commitment to TOBA and our National Awards Dinner. This year’s festivities will be held on September 8 at Hill ‘n’ Dale and due to John’s insistence and support, we believe that the dinner will exceed everyone’s expectations. Starting off with our headline entertainment, the legendary Aretha Franklin, to our recognition of our sport’s leading owners and breeders and down to the small details of hosting 1,000 patrons, this year’s TOBA National Awards Dinner is a “can’t miss” on the calendar. We moved the dinner to Saturday evening to accommodate those traveling to Kentucky for the Keeneland September Yearling Sales. It will be an evening to remember.

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

August 10, 2007, Saratoga Springs, New York

### ■ Pedigree and Conformation Clinics

October 8 – 9, 2007, Lexington, Kentucky

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## EUROPEAN RACING TRAVEL 2007

### ASCOT & THE ARC

September 27 – October 8  
5 nights in London, 5 nights in Paris  
5 days of racing at Ascot, Windsor, Chantilly and Longchamp  
Major racing at Ascot and Arc Weekend at Longchamp  
Farm & training visits in England and France

Early information on our 2008 trips will be available beginning in August at [www.racing-europe.com](http://www.racing-europe.com) or call (800) 261-0499 for more information.

**TOBA Members Meeting**  
August 8, 8:30 am  
Gideon Putnam Hotel  
Saratoga Springs, New York

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**Non-TOBA member couple: \$5,250**

**Non-TOBA member single: \$3,800**

Call 859-276-2291 for reservations.



## WHAT YOU WANT, BABY, TOBA'S GOT IT! Aretha Franklin to Perform at TOBA Awards Dinner

Aretha Franklin will perform at TOBA's Annual Awards Dinner, Saturday, September 8 at Hill 'n' Dale Farms in Lexington, Ky. The Queen of Soul, as she is commonly referred to, is the winner of 17 Grammy Awards and her timeless hits include "Respect", "Natural Woman", "Chain of Fools", "Think" and "Daydreaming".

The TOBA Awards Dinner, which honors owners and breeders from across the country, will begin at 6 p.m. and include a stallion show and silent auction. For tickets and information, please call TOBA at (888) 606-8622 or (859) 276-2291.



## TOBA ANNOUNCES STATE BREEDERS OF THE YEAR

Each year, TOBA honors Breeders of the Year from 25 states and Canada. The Breeders of the Year are honored at an awards presentation in Lexington, Ky.

### THE 2006 BREEDERS OF THE YEAR ARE:

STATE	BREEDER	STATE	BREEDER
ARIZONA	Richard Owens	MINNESOTA	Bonnie Baskin
CALIFORNIA	Steve Warner	MISSISSIPPI	Stewart Madison
CANADA	William Sorokolit	NEBRASKA	Herb Riecken
FLORIDA	Charlotte Weber	NEW MEXICO	Richard Brunacini & Kay Thurman
GEORGIA	Elizabeth Mateo	NEW YORK	Vivien Malloy
ILLINOIS	Richard & Gail Radke	NEW JERSEY	Ebby Novak
INDIANA	Ron McKay	OHIO	Elisabeth Alexander
IOWA	Sandra Rasmussen	OKLAHOMA	John Richter
KENTUCKY	Roy & Gretchen Jackson	OREGON	Neal & Pam Christopherson
LOUISIANA	Charlene Touzet Thorson	SOUTH CAROLINA	Othniel Wienges
MARYLAND	Thomas Bowman	VIRGINIA	Joe Allbriton
MASSACHUSETTS	Edward Stone	TEXAS	Ken & Linda Quirk
MICHIGAN	James & Marcia Arnold & Deborah Miley	WASHINGTON	Al & Sandee Kirkwood

Of these 26 winners, two will be awarded our most prestigious national-level awards. These winners will only be revealed at the National Awards Dinner on September 8. Join us as we announce the National Small Breeder of the Year and the National Breeder of the Year as well as the National Owner of the Year! For tickets and information, please call TOBA at (888) 606-8622 or (859) 276-2291.

## State Association Members

- Alabama Thoroughbred Breeders Racing Association
- Arizona Thoroughbred Breeders Association
- California Thoroughbred Breeders Association
- Canadian Thoroughbred Horse Society
- Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' & Owners Association
- Georgia Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders Association
- Illinois Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Foundation
- Indiana Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association
- Iowa Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Association
- Kentucky Thoroughbred Association/Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders
- Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association
- Maryland Horse Breeders Association
- Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeders Association
- Michigan Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders Association
- Minnesota Thoroughbred Association
- Mississippi Breeders and Owners Association
- Nebraska Thoroughbred Breeders Association
- New Mexico Horse Breeders Association
- New York Thoroughbred Breeders Inc.
- Ohio Thoroughbred Breeders & Owners
- Oklahoma Thoroughbred Association
- Oregon Thoroughbred Breeders Association
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TOBA manages the Sales Integrity Program, a program designed to educate, inform and protect new owners at public auctions.  
[www.salesintegrity.org](http://www.salesintegrity.org)

**■ 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.  
[www.theracinggame.com](http://www.theracinggame.com)

**■ 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.

**■ LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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**

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[www.claimingcrown.com](http://www.claimingcrown.com)

**■ 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.  
[www.ThoroughbredCharities.org](http://www.ThoroughbredCharities.org)

**■ 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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