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MOSS', EVANS TOP WINNERS AT 25TH ANNUAL TOBA NATIONAL AWARDS DINNER

LEXINGTON, Ky. – The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association's (TOBA's) 25th Annual National Awards Dinner was held Friday at Keeneland Race Course in Lexington, Ky. Jerry and Ann Moss and Edward Evans were honored with the top awards of the evening; the National Owner of the Year and the National Breeder of the year, respectively. Barbara and Keith Card's Hi Card Ranch was honored as the National Small Breeder of the Year.

The TOBA Awards Dinner honors the achievements of Thoroughbred owners in the four major North American racing regions and breeders in 26 states. In addition, the inaugural Rood & Riddle Thoroughbred Sport Horse of the Year award was presented to the owner of the ex-Thoroughbred racehorse that has accumulated the most points in competition, as tracked by the United States Equestrian Federation. Tom and Becky Holder's Courageous Comet was named the first recipient.

A complete list of winners is as follows:

Eastern Region Owner of the Year: Godolphin
Midwestern Region Owner of the Year: Augustin Stable
Southern Region Owner of the Year: Ken and Sarah Ramsey
Western Region Owner of the Year: Jerry and Ann Moss

Alabama Breeder of the Year: Bobby G. Pruitt
Arizona Breeder of the Year: Dennis E. Weir
California Breeder of the Year: Hi Card Ranch
Georgia Breeder of the Year: White Fox Farm
Illinois Breeder of the Year: Team Block
Indiana Breeder of the Year: Dr. Crystal Chapple
Iowa Breeder of the Year: River Ridge Ranch
Kansas Breeder of the Year: Dr. Richard and Gail Radke
Kentucky Breeder of the Year: Juddmonte Farm
Louisiana Breeder of the Year: Frank and Barbara Rowell
Maryland Breeder of the Year: Robert E. Meyerhoff

Massachusetts Breeder of the Year: Salim Stable
Michigan Breeder of the Year: Arnold Farms
Minnesota Breeder of the Year: Curtis Sampson
New Jersey Breeder of the Year: Edwin T. Broome Racing Stable
New Mexico Breeder of the Year: William T. Stradley
New York Breeder of the Year: Anthony Grey
North Carolina Breeder of the Year: Maple Lane Farm
Ohio Breeder of the Year: Fair Winds Farm
Oklahoma Breeder of the Year: Mighty Acres/Center Hills Farm
Oregon Breeder of the Year: George and Rose Hurliman
South Carolina Breeder of the Year: Donald J. Baker
Virginia Breeder of the Year: Edward P. Evans
Washington Breeder of the Year: Rich and Ann Richardson
West Virginia Breeder of the Year: Robert H. Lloyd
Canadian Breeder of the Year: C.E.C. Farms
Rood & Riddle Thoroughbred Sport Horse of the Year: Courageous Comet
National Broodmare of the Year: Sweet Life

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TOBA, based in Lexington, Ky., was formed in 1961 and is a national trade organization of leading Thoroughbred horse breeders and owners. TOBA's mission is to "*improve the economics, integrity and pleasure of the sport on behalf of Thoroughbred owners and breeders.*" Projects managed by TOBA include the American Graded Stakes Committee, Sales Integrity Program, The Racing Game and Claiming Crown. Thoroughbred Charities of America (TCA) is the charitable arm of TOBA. TOBA is the owner of The Blood-Horse Inc., and is represented on the Board of Directors of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association as a founding member.