



**DELAWARE  
HARNESS RACING  
COMMISSION**

**2012 ANNUAL REPORT**



# DELAWARE HARNESS RACING COMMISSION

## THE FIRST STATE - FIRST IN INTEGRITY

### ABOUT US



#### **Mission Statement:**

*To protect, serve and regulate the Harness Racing Industry and uphold its honesty and integrity in a competent and impartial manner.*

#### **Purpose:**

*The DHRC (Delaware Harness Racing Commission) regulates and oversees the sport of harness racing in the state of Delaware.*

#### **Objectives:**

- To protect, preserve and promote agriculture and horse racing through effective and efficient efforts to prevent and eliminate corrupt practices .*
- To ensure fairness in any decision affecting licenses and patrons; also ensure due process in administrative proceedings .*
- To be attentive to the public and licensees and provide information concerning the industry and DHRC operations.*
- To ensure that the state and betting public receive their fair percentages of the wagering dollar by overseeing periodic accounting audits.*



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# OVERVIEW

- The Delaware Harness Racing Commission has a long standing tradition of being one of the most competitive racing jurisdictions in North America.



- Since the legalization of VLT's that produce greatly enhanced purse revenues, Delaware's Harness Racing enjoys a well deserved position of dominance with an international audience through state of the art simulcasting and annual visits of premiere Stakes and the lucrative Breeders' Fund Races.



- In addition to the diligent demands of providing a level playing field for both patrons and participants, the DHRC is also attentive to all concerns for the health, safety and welfare of all horses.



# DHRC-COMMISSION BOARD OF MEMBERS

Beverly H. Steele – Chairperson

George P. Staats, Commissioner

Robert B. Brown, Commissioner



Larry Talley, Commissioner

Patt Wagner, Commissioner



Executive Director of Racing – Hugh J. Gallagher

Commission Counsel – Andrew Kerber



# DHRC - RACE OFFICIALS



Presiding Judge: *Scott Egger - Harrington Meet 2012*

Dan Kazmaier - Dover Downs Meet 2012-2013

Associate Judge: *Allen Cook - Harrington Meet 2012*

Brian Manges - Dover Downs Meet 2012-2013



Associate Judge: *Dan Kazmaier - Harrington Meet 2012*

Brent McLaren - Dover Downs Meet 2012-2013

Alternate Judges- Tom Salerno, Allen Cook, Norm Short



Chief DHRC Veterinarian- Annie Renzetti, VMD

Assoc. DHRC Veterinarian- John Whiston, DVM





## DHRC – TRACK PERSONNEL

### Investigative Unit:

Chief Investigator – *Brian Manges, Harrington Meet 2012*

Vacant – Dover Downs Meet 2013

Investigators: Dan Caldwell & Donna Krol



### Office of Licensing:

Office Manager – B.A. Davis

Clerical – Sharon Weiss,

Robert Moore & Holly Ventura



# DHRC – Track Personnel, Continued



## Paddock Personnel:



Paddock Judge – Tim Beaver

Alternate – Wayne Truitt

Equine Identifier – Wayne Truitt

Alternate – Holly Ventura

BAC Technician – Robin Killen

## Equine Testing Unit :



Chief Equine Inspector's – Carolyn Poore, Terry Staats  
& Jennifer Hobbs

Equine Inspector's : Everett Bickling Jr., Jennifer Hobbs,  
Richard Moyer , Carolyn Poore, Ryan Rogers, Terry Staats  
Holly Ventura & Joe Ventura

Blood Gas Analyst's – Wes Gerardi, Terry Staats  
& Jennifer Hobbs



# DELAWARE HARNESS RACING – ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

**Secretary of Agriculture**  
**Ed Kee**

The Department has a dedicated staff that strives effectively and efficiently to accomplish the Department's mission, which is *to sustain and promote the viability of food, fiber, and agricultural industries in Delaware through quality services that protect and enhance the environment, health, and welfare of the general public.*

**Delaware Harness Racing Commission**  
**Beth Steele - Chairperson**  
**Commissioners**

**Executive Director of Racing**  
**Hugh Gallagher**

**Presiding Judge's**  
**Scott Egger / Dan Kazmaier**

**Chief & Assoc. DHRC Vets**  
**BGA Operators**  
**Chief Paddock Inspectors - Catchers**

**Licensing**  
**Chief Investigator - Investigators**  
**Administrative Support**

**Paddock Judge**  
**Identifier**  
**BAC Operator**



# PERSONNEL ACCREDITATION

Each of the Judges working at Delaware's Harness tracks are fully licensed by the United States Trotting Association (USTA) and accredited through the University of Louisville.



The Presiding and Associate Judges attend regular Continuing Education sessions.



Delaware has become a major educational hub for Stewards (both Steeplechase and Thoroughbred) and Judges (Harness) as regular bi—annual sessions have been held at Delaware Park and Dover Downs.

Additional information about Stewards and Judges can be found on the Racing Officials Accreditation Program's (ROAP) website.

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



# LICENSING

Every participant in Harness Racing is licensed by the DHRC.

- Owner
- Trainer
- Driver
- Groom



All applicants are screened by investigators for material misrepresentation or, in some cases, for actual falsification.

These cases are referred to the Judges for hearings and potential sanctions.

# DHRC – NEW/REVISED RULES FOR 2012



<i>DHRC Rulebook Heading</i>	<i>DHRC Rule Number</i>	<i>Date Revised Rule Effective</i>
<i>Coupled Entries</i>	7.1.4	3/1/12
<i>Furosemide (salix) and Aminocaproic Acid (amicar)</i>	8.3.5.9.4	3/1/12
<i>General Authority</i>	3.5.1	7/1/12
<i>Conditions</i>	6.2.2.1.10	9/1/2012
<i>Conditions</i>	6.2.2.2	9/1/2012
<i>Treatment Restrictions</i>	8.2.2.4	9/1/2012
<i>Delaware Owned or Bred Races</i>	6.6.6.3	1/1/13
<i>Delaware Owned or Bred Races</i>	6.6.6.4	1/1/13
<i>Delaware Owned or Bred Races</i>	6.6.6.9	1/1/13
<i>Delaware Owned or Bred Races</i>	6.6.6.12	1/1/13
<i>Delaware Owned or Bred Races</i>	6.6.6.12.1	1/1/13
<i>Delaware Owned or Bred Races</i>	6.6.6.12.2	1/1/13
<i>Delaware Owned or Bred Races</i>	6.6.6.12.3	1/1/13
<i>Delaware Owned or Bred Races</i>	6.6.6.12.4	1/1/13



# EQUINE TESTING – PRE RACE

## BLOOD GAS TESTING WITH RADIOMETER



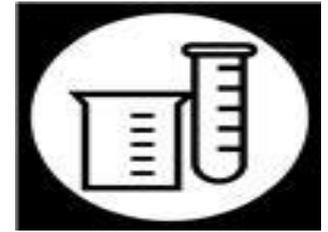
- During each night of racing, approximately one-quarter of the entered horses are tested (before racing) to determine their  $\text{TCO}_2$  (total dissolved carbon dioxide) and Base Excess.
- The horses are selected in advance both randomly and “with cause”.
- The  $\text{TCO}_2$  and Base Excess values reveal any Ph or blood gas abnormalities present at that moment in the horse. Blood is drawn by the DHRC Veterinarian, then immediately analyzed on site. The analysis is conducted by a certified blood gas technician using a Radiometer machine.
- The Radiometer is considered to be the gold standard with regard to this type of testing. The radiometer generates specific numerical values for the  $\text{TCO}_2$  and base excess. There are pre-established normal ranges for each value.
- Trainers are responsible to insure their horses are brought to race in compliance with these standards. Any horse whose blood generates values outside of the normal range is immediately reported to the judges.
- **New for 2012!** Delaware Harness Racing Commission has upgraded their equipment and now uses the ABL800 Flex Analyzer. The ABL800 Flex blood gas analyzer sets the standard for accuracy, reliability and performance in blood gas testing, measuring any combination of pH, blood gas, electrolyte, oximetry and metabolite parameters.

RADIOMETER 



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

# EQUINE TESTING – POST RACE BIOLOGICAL TESTING



Post race biological testing is performed on every horse that wins a race.

Additional non-winning horses are selected by the judges for “special” post race testing for a variety of reasons (poor performance, beaten favorites or unexpectedly improved performance).

The biological samples collected include blood (drawn by the DHRC Veterinarian) and urine (collected by the DHRC Equine Inspector).

➤ All samples are immediately split, sealed with witnesses and shipped to the DHRC contract laboratory for testing.



# EQUINE TESTING SAMPLE SUMMARY

DALARE ASSOCIATES



## Total Urine & Blood Samples = 2801

- Included were 20 Urine Samples marked “SPECIAL”

Urine samples were screened using 35 ELISA assays and a combination of HPLC, GC-MS and LC-MS screening procedures

- Included were 326 Blood Samples Only – No Urine Collected

Blood samples for which there were no urine samples were screened by HPLC and GC-MS

ALL Blood samples are screened for phenylbutazone and EPO antibodies.

## ADDITIONAL Testing Completed (included in above figures)

- Blood Samples Only – Qualifier/Baby Races = 35
- Blood Samples for Trainer Claimer – EPO Antibodies = 0
- Out of Competition Testing (Blood) – EPO Antibodies = 20
- EPO Retest (Blood) - 0

ALL Blood samples were screened for phenylbutazone and EPO antibodies.

NEW FOR 2012!! Dalare has expanded their testing capabilities with a high resolution Orbitrap LC/MS.

This technology enables Dalare to detect and confirm ultra-trace levels of the latest performance enhancing drugs.



# DHRC 2012 BUDGET – OVERVIEW

➤ Personnel .....	\$ 1,357,500.00
➤ Travel .....	\$ 16,000.00
➤ Contractual .....	\$ 90,000.00
➤ Supplies .....	\$ 32,000.00
➤ Capital .....	\$ 12,000.00
➤ Fingerprints .....	\$ 75,500.00
➤ Equine Drug Testing .....	\$ 336,144.00

**TOTAL \$ 1,919,144.00**



*All funding for the DHRC comes from the Appropriated Special Fund (ASF).  
The ASF is derived from licensing fees and fines.*

*Absolutely no State of Delaware –General Funds are used for the operating  
expense lines of the DHRC.*

# DHRC REVENUE – OVERVIEW

DATES: JANUARY 1, 2012 THRU DECEMBER 31, 2012

License / Fee Type	Fee	No. Issued	Total Amt
Owner	\$50.00	1000	\$50,000.00
Trainer	\$50.00	306	\$15,300.00
Driver	\$50.00	35	\$1,750.00
Owner/Trainer Driver	\$50.00	167	\$8,350.00
Auth. Agent	\$50.00	25	\$1,250.00
Vendor	\$50.00	9	\$450.00
Vendor Employee	\$20.00	2	\$40.00
Groom	\$20.00	358	\$7,160.00
Track Personnel	\$20.00	98	\$1,960.00
Fingerprints	\$79.00	38	\$3,002.00
Appeals	\$400.00	3	\$1,200.00
Fines	N/A	183	\$41,571.45
<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>YR2011</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$132,033.45</b>
** Track Application	\$2,000.00	2	\$4,000.00
** Track Lisc. Fee	\$1,000.00	2	\$2,000.00
<b>** Paid direct to Div of Revenue</b>	<b>YR2011</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>

# 2012 RACE TRACK HANDLE & PURSES

RACETRACKS: DOVER DOWNS AND HARRINGTON RACEWAY



-  Track Handle on LIVE Races- \$ 3,211,511.00
-  Track Handle on SIMULCAST Races - \$ 95,732,592.00
-  **TOTAL Track Handle (Live & Simulcast Races)**  
**\$ 98,944,103.00**
-  **TOTAL PURSES PAID - Dover Downs & Harrington Raceway**  
**\$ 30,678,706.00**



# DELAWARE STANDARDBRED BREEDERS FUND (DESBF) YEAR 2012



- The Delaware Standardbred Breeder's Fund was created to oversee a state bred breeding program.
- The DESBF Board is made up of 11 appointed members.
- The DESBF Administrator, Judy Davis-Wilson, oversees both the Sires and Racing Programs. These programs consist of 48 races per year equally divided between two of the states' race tracks- Dover Downs and Harrington Raceway.

These 48 races include 2 Eliminations and a \$100k Final at each track, for each division.

- The DESBF strives to maintain a competitive level of purses and to keep the flow of hybrid vigor among Delaware - bred standardbreds, by annually contributing to the base of horses racing at the states' two harness tracks .
- The DESBF helps to market and showcase Delaware Bred Horses at major Standardbred sales and supports educational events .
- These annual events include the Harness Horse Youth Camp, Clyde Hirt Writers' Workshop and "Back to the Track" .



Another important annual event for the DESBF is Governor's Day at the Delaware State Fair held in July.



# DESBF 2012 STATISTICS



- **Stallions Registered - 35**
- **Mares Bred - 394**
- **Yearlings Registered - 178**
- **2&3 Year Old Payments - 455**

Total Paid to Delaware Sired Horses in DSBF Events - \$3,516,000.00

## 2012 Final Winners

3 Year Olds @ Dover Downs / 4-9, 4-10 & 4-12-12

Alleigh Girl, Heres My Ticket, Windshield, Flying Instructor

3 Year Olds @ Harrington Raceway/ 7-26-12

Skuttlebutt, Mac's Journey, Windshield, Its Outta Here

2 Year Olds @ Harrington Raceway / 10-23 & 10-29-12

JA Going Alltheway, Dingys Boy, Inittowinafortune, Hot Roddy

2 Year Olds @ Dover Downs / 11-27 , 11-28, 12-9 & 12-11-12

Luscious Leigh, Triple Command, Hot Roddy, Inittowinafortune

