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Last month we (The Horse Resource) reprinted the September 2010 Newsletter, so this month we are including the October 2010 Newsletter as well as the current month's edition. We apologize for any inconvenience.

OCTOBER 2010 NEWSLETTER

Greetings,

INDIANA QUARTER HORSE RACING Fans!

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INSIDE... OR OUTSIDE? THAT IS THE QUESTION

As we reported in last month's issue, the grounds crew has done a lot of work evening the track and "leveling" the playing (racing) field. I checked the latest stats on post position wins and the #2 post positions has the most wins with 10 followed by the #1 with 9. The coveted #10 post has only 3 wins with 4 wins each from #'s 8 and 9. So, are we happy to be winning from the inside or... are we still unhappy because now we all WANT the inside post positions INSTEAD of the outside? This is an issue a lot of tracks deal with, especially when running Thoroughbreds ahead of the Quarter Horses. The "luck of the draw" will always be part of the game and something to take into consideration when picking your next bet!

RACING ROYALTY?

Leading Jockey title has its privileges for "free agent" Harold Collins. With no commitments, Harold has been able to "pick and choose" what he sees as the best horse, for his best shot at winning and retaining his title. He's done a good job and is again sitting atop the leading rider stats at Hoosier Park. At press time we still have several races left in September, and October not yet started so we'll have to see if "King Collins" keeps the crown!!

The leading trainer title, like the leading jockey title is still held by possibly Indiana's ALL TIME LEADING trainer, Ron Raper. Believe it or not, Ron didn't come from a horse racing family but having had horses, he had a passion for them and as he watched his friends become involved in racing, well the need for speed grew too great and in his native North Carolina, the bushes were a callin! Ron answered that call and soon dominated the bush tracks before heading north to Michigan, where he grew a very impressive stable, clientele and supporting staff. With all of those pieces in place, he ultimately dominated and enjoyed many leading trainer titles there. Now Indiana, is his latest prize... where will he go next? Maybe he'll stay right here, he's ruling a pretty

rich kingdom and that's gotta be sweet! Although Ron's sitting pretty well in standings, there are still a lot of races left in the meet and quite a few very capable trainers aiming for his kingdom so, stay tuned...

MEETINGS, MEETINGS AND MORE MEETINGS!

The QHRAI likes to stay on top of things, stay informed and do our best to keep our owners, breeders, trainers and all involved, informed as well. So, we have MEETINGS, and lots of em'! We have a regularly scheduled board meeting that is open to the public, the first Tuesday of every month at 6pm. When we're racing at Hoosier Park, it is on the 3rd floor meeting room in the grandstands. When we're racing at Indiana Downs, they are upstairs in the grandstands as well. In the winter when we're off, we usually have them in Lebanon, a central location for most of the board, at a hotel conference room. You are welcome to come, listen in on the latest topics (always fun and exciting) We always encourage people to share their thoughts and feelings, ask questions. Better to get the info straight from the horses mouth, so to speak, rather than get 3rd hand information, which can be very misleading. Look at the names above, we on the board are always happy to answer any questions you might have and if you'd like to attend a meeting, feel free. The program we have in place right now began with a horseman's meeting, with just a bunch of concerned people wanting to grow something great. We all listened and shared and it was a great time and the races and the program we have right now was born in a sale barn in Veedersburg, a few years ago. So, don't ever feel like your input doesn't matter or your question might be insignificant. We base everything we have on what the horseman want because that's who it's for and that's what we're all about.

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DRAWING TO A CLOSE...

By the time you read this, our fall racing meet at Hoosier Park in Anderson will be in the history books and most of the trainers and horses will be back on the farm (taking a break) and preparing for the 2011 season. However, as I write this we're looking at our final weekend of racing (exciting stakes races!) just days away.

AT THE TOP...

Our race leaders are so close at press time I'm hesitant to post them because with our final weekend of racing just days away, the names at the top of the final lists could very well be different. However, I won't leave you hanging, nor will I go an issue without giving credit to these jocks and trainers who after all, are working so hard in part, to get some recognition from their peers!

Slugging it out for the jockey title we have Harold "King" Collins, still retaining his crown, however he's being closely stalked by a very game Shanley Jackson who's really stepped it up since the beginning of the meet; following close behind is Aaron Hunt, don't count Aaron out, he's the regular rider for our All Time leading trainer, Ron Raper so he's not going to make it too easy for the "King" to walk away on top... Speaking of Ron Raper, he is still ruling over the trainer's "kingdom" but there are some "out of stater's" that are going to make him work hard for the title, including Tony Cunningham, Jose Aguiere and Raul Hernandez. These trainers have come with some serious horse power and don't intend on leaving Indiana empty handed!

The final weekend of racing could give us an "upset" in both leading jockey and trainer titles. Please keep in mind that the Hoosier Park titles are by wins only and not money or AQHA points earned. The QHRAI recognizes both high point and high money earning jockeys, trainers and horses. Those leaders will be calculated and kept SECRET until our awards banquet in January!! Ha! So, you'll just have to come and see for yourself!! Watch the HORSE RESOURCE for more info on our annual Stallion Service Auction and awards banquet...

THANK YOU'S ...

If you open up a condition book or race program, you'll see a list of people recognized as those who are "official" or in "official" positions. They have their names in every book and every program and deservingly so, as they "run" day to day operations at the track and without them well, we would not race.

There are also A LOT of people involved in helping to make things go as smoothly as possible during our time at Hoosier Park that most people aren't aware of because it's just behind the scenes. These people and the things they do are vital to our being able to race our horses. Sometimes it's a thankless job and these people go unnoticed, most at the track before sunrise and ending their day after the last races, sometimes nearing midnight. They will not go unnoticed, or without a thank you from the QHRAI. We need them, we appreciate them, we couldn't do what we do without them. So here's to you, ALL OF YOU...

IN THE RECEIVING BARN: Leading the crew, Kim Stalheim with Misty Raines, Ambrielle Henry, Don McNeal, Gerry Davis, Jamie Hutchinson, and Joe Lucerri.

IN THE SADDLING PADDOCK: Leading the crew, Cindy Smith with Craig Daligian, Jeff Vinson, Ram Torres, Mike Varnardo, Louis Castanon, Terry Warner, Dusty Ford, Dave Dorunda, Frank Koehler, Eddie Maribona, Jonathon Vasquez and last but not least, clerk of scales, Maurice "Moose" Armstrong.

IN THE GATES: Leading the crew, starter Terry Walker with Ben Ewing, Skyler Vance, Jason Booher, Garnet Dennison, George Collins, Jeffrey Hamilton, Ryan Rosely, Joe Reidy, Anthony Morris, Rick Whitaker, Danny Brown, Steven Rickley, Aaron West and Renee Cazares-Corarrbias.

A SINCERE THANK YOU, TO YOU ALL !!

NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR RACING FAMILY...

Some of the folks who work so hard to make our racing season a success, are actually living here in Indiana, away from their family homes and loved ones. Living that way can be difficult when it comes time to celebrate birthdays, especially BIRTH DAYS. Without their friends and families here to help them welcome their new additions into the world I think it only appropriate since we are their "racing" family, that we all celebrate in the miraculous blessing that is new life coming into the world. We're having a horsemen's baby shower on October 23rd to do just that. Some of the babies have already joined us and some are yet to come, but we're celebrating all of the babies of 2010, with our "racing family"...Garnet and Jennifer Dennison, 4/9 a little boy. Justin Keiser and Chelsey Lott, 6/12 a little boy. Jeff Hamilton and Amanda Dake, 6/16 a little boy. Fernando DeLaCruz and Rosa Ore, 8/3 a little boy. Jonathon Vasquez and Amanda Ramirez, 8/12 a little boy. Cody Garrison and Paige Walker, 8/17 a little girl. Jason and Ladonna Booher, 8/20 a little girl. Juan Delgado and Tasha Fritz, 8/22 a little boy. Aaron Hunt and Christina Haen, still expecting in December. Harold and Christina Collins, still expecting in December.

Welcome, new little ones and congratulations to new moms and dads!

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