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### APRIL 2011 NEWSLETTER

It's almost here.... Quarter Horse Racing at Indiana Downs. Q.H.R.A.I. has another exciting year in store for 2011. There are some very important changes that all horsemen need to know about that are highlighted in this month's Horse Resource about racing rules, out of competition testing and stakes nominations. QHRAI has done a direct mailing to our members, trainers, owners, breeders and sire owners in an attempt to reach as much of our industry as possible. If you need more information or have questions about the information you see here or receive, please contact any of the Q.H.R.A.I. Officers or directors.

Are you covered by the AFLAC Supplemental Insurance program? We will be transitioning to a new insurance program beginning May 1st. If you are currently covered by AFLAC, be certain to complete any claims you have outstanding with them prior to May 1st. We will be sending information about the new insurance program to our members soon. Keep an eye out for exciting information about this change.

Q.H.R.A.I. Scholarship applications are due by April 15th. If you know of a student who meets the criteria for a scholarship, have them go on-line to QHRAI.NET to print out the application and send it in. This is just one more way Q.H.R.A.I. is trying to make a positive impact in our great state!!

Youth Day At Indiana Downs – Attention youth ages 14 – 18 who are interested in learning more and getting hands on experience in the horse racing industry. All you have to do is complete and return the application in this magazine to see if you will be selected to participate in this cool racing experience on June 25th. This could be a once in a lifetime opportunity for you or a youth you know. Applications are due May 15th, so don't delay.

All Quarter Horses All Day Long - Mark your calendars for July 2nd, 2011. Once again Q.H.R.A.I. and Indiana Downs are partnering to offer a fast, full day of Quarter Horse Racing. And not just any Quarter Horse Races, we will be running the finals to 5 stakes races and offering over a half million dollars in purses. We will be having a horsemen's picnic early in the day and party when the races are over. It's a couple months away, but never too early to start planning!!

Legislative Update – at the time of this article being printed, the Legislators have not all returned to the statehouse as the Democrats are still

caucusing in Illinois. As we are waiting for the House to reconvene, be assured that the Q.H.R.A.I. Board of Directors and Officers are continuing to stay in front of issues and maintain contacts in the Statehouse and in the Industry. We are still optimistic that negotiations will limit the amount of cuts to the Horse Racing Industry that were initially introduced in the Budget Bill. Since this is not the normal Legislative Session, timing of opportunities to address the House and Senate must be handled strategically and in an organized fashion. We have a plan and will be in touch with our Horsemen in the near future to let you know what you can do to help!! In the meantime, continue to talk to your local legislators about the strength of the horse racing industry, the amount of income we bring into the state and the amounts of money that you invest personally. Don't forget to mention that you pay taxes on the money you spend, and overall, the Horse Racing Industry returns \$18 to the state's economy for every \$1 that the Horse Racing Industry receives from the Racinos. We have a really positive message, be proud to share it with your legislators.

Condition Books are on Line on the Indiana Downs Website and can also be downloaded by going to QHRAI.NET!!

Trainer Education – nothing set in stone yet, but the board is working on setting up a Trainers Seminar in the late spring or early summer. It will be held on a Sunday so there is no conflict with live racing. We will keep you posted on this event.

Good Luck to everyone as we kick off the spring meet at Indiana Downs!! See you at the Track!!

Michelle Collins

### "Fastest Horses on the Track"





## QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION OF INDIANA \*\*IMPORTANT\*\* CHANGES FOR 2011 QUARTER HORSE RACE PROGRAM

Q.H.R.A.I. appreciates and values the input that we have gotten from our horsemen in 2010. In response to input from our horsemen in Indiana and horsemen around the country in e-mails, phone calls, meetings on the backside, and owner/trainer/breeder meetings, we have worked closely with

the IHRC and Track Management and are proud to announce the following changes in Indiana for 2011 that we have initiated based on your input. Stay aware, Stay involved, Stay in Touch.

- Trials for Stake races count against preference date
- OPEN 3, 4 and 5 YR OLD MAIDENS - Preference given to horses that have run 2nd, 3rd, or 4th, at least once in their last 5 outs, or have started less than 5 times.
- New nomination and payment schedule for bred and open stakes races.
- Indiana Downs Classic is no longer a Challenge Race and is now an open stake race for 4 yr olds and up.
- Jaguar Rocket Futurity - distance changed from 330 to 300 yds.
- Stake Purse Distribution – Same payout as overnights
- Work Out Rule – First time starters must have two (2) or more official timed workouts, and at least one (1) such workout must be from the starting gate.
- Open Race Supplements for Indiana Breds – increased from \$10,000 to \$15,000 for Indiana Bred horses competing in open overnight races, excluding trials and claiming races.
- Open Stake Race Qualifying Bonus – A bonus payment will be made to any Indiana Bred horse which qualifies (by running in trials) for the finals of an open stake. The horse must start in the final, except if it is scratched by the stewards or veterinarian. The bonus payment will be \$10,000 with a maximum of \$30,000 per race.
- Out of Competition Testing –
  - o Once a horse is nominated to a stake, the trainer or representative must make the horse available at the track for testing upon notification by IHRC Staff. If the horse for any reason is not brought to the track for testing, the horse is ineligible to compete in the trials or finals. Additionally, there will be no refund of nomination or any other payments made.
  - o Once the trials have been run and a list of qualifiers have been made available by the stewards, all qualifiers or horses eligible to run in finals shall be made available for testing at the track upon notification by IHRC staff. If the horse is not produced at the track for any reason, the horse is ineligible to run in the finals and will not receive any monies nor receive any refund of nomination or payments made.
  - o If a horse is not produced at the track for out of competition testing within the amount of time allotted by the IHRC upon notification, the horse is ineligible to compete in stakes trials if nominated, stakes finals if qualified. Furthermore, if any horse requested by the IHRC is not produced at the track in the allotted amount of time, he is ineligible to compete in any race in Indiana for 365 days.
  - o The current trainer MUST be named at the time of nomination. If there is a change of trainer at any time, the new information must be forwarded to the Q.H.R.A.I. immediately.
  - o If a nominated horse becomes lame, sick or for any other reason will NOT compete in the trials or finals, he must be officially scratched through the QHRAI (prior to being contacted by IHRC) or he will remain eligible for ALL Out of Competition Rules.
  - o The IHRC staff will make every reasonable attempt to contact the trainer or owner by phone for notification, but it is the responsibility of the trainer and/or owner to make themselves available by phone. It is imperative that the contact information provided on the stakes nomination form is current.

Please contact any Q.H.R.A.I. officer or director if you have comments and concerns. These will be addressed at our regular board meetings. For current information go to QHRAI.NET!!