Triumphant Return to the Detroit Area

We came, we ran, we conquered! Our Sire Stakes series was run at the end of September, which was to be the end of the Hazel Park meet. However, the meet was extended through November 1st. We were pleased to be able to offer a $50,000 purse per race. Below are the conquering heroes of the 2014 Michigan Sire Stakes:

2 YEAR OLD COLTS/GELDINGS
EQUAL GUARD
Equality—Atticus Guard (Atticus)
Owned by Mast Thoroughbreds
Bred by Norm & Cecilia Richards

2 YEAR OLD FILLIES
SCARLET HOUR
Elusive Hour—Suddenly Gone (Lac Ouimet)
Owned by Laura Jackson
Bred by James & Laura Jackson

3 YEAR OLD COLTS/GELDINGS
AL’S PRAYER
Meadow Prayer—Al’s Leader (First Albert)
Owned by Mast Thoroughbreds
Bred by Deborah Arnold-Miley

3 YEAR OLD FILLIES
SYNFULL TALE
Syncline—True Love is Gold (Goldwater)
Owned & bred by Marilyn McMaster

OLDER FILLIES/MARES
COMEFLYWITHANANGEL
Equality—C R Emmaus Road (Rehaan)
Owned by Marion F. Gorham
Bred by Guy D. & Deborah R. Russell

OLDER COLTS/GELDINGS
MEADOW WISE
Meadow Prayer—Salute to Paulie (Pauliano)
Owned by Marion F. Gorham
Bred by Arnold Farms
FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK

2014 was a year of hope tempered with cautionary tales. The return to Hazel Park was triumphant. Many thanks to Hazel Park and the Michigan HBPA for coming together to provide us with a great racing venue. I loved seeing the crowds on Sire Stakes Day and noticed there were many young people which was encouraging. However, next door in Ohio, their expanded gaming became reality, with their tracks turning into racinos offering higher purses and better breeding incentives, just like our other neighbor Indiana. The challenge for us is to get legislation that will give us expanded gaming opportunities. Currently there is legislation in the works and hopefully there will be a positive outcome in 2015. In order for MTOBA to continue to fight on the legislative front, we need to shore up our PAC fund which is nearly depleted. I am urging you to make a donation of whatever you feel you can afford to Michigan Thoroughbreds First (no corporate checks please). You can make a difference!

Now the second cautionary tale is that of the declining numbers of Michigan Bred Thoroughbreds. Even with expanded gaming, we will need horse population in order to continue the Breeders and Stallion Awards programs and supplemented state bred races. I know many are still skeptical of the future, but again, let’s keep hope alive and return to the Michigan breeding sheds in February. Now think of supply and demand from the breeder’s perspective. If the demand for Michigan Breds goes up, the value of the Michigan Bred will also rise. Think positive! The future outcome will be determined by what we choose to do today. I am not ready to throw in the towel, and I hope you are not either. Together let’s rebuild Michigan Thoroughbred racing! Best wishes to all of our members and their families for a wonderful holiday season and a prosperous 2015.

Patti Dickinson

MTOBA would like to thank the farms that have donated seasons to our 2015 auction so far:

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We are still accepting season donations. Our donation form is on our website. You may also call us at 616-844-5662 for more information. We do need more seasons. If you are standing a stallion or have contacts or connections with other farms, we encourage you to help out our organization. The stallion season auction will be held online on our website on January 26th & 27th, 2015.

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Elusive Quality—Starlit Hour, by Bold Hour

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2015 Stud Fee: $1000
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Owner: Laura Jackson
Trainer: James Jackson

2 YEAR OLD COLT/GELDING
EQUAL GUARD
Equality—Atticus Guard, by Atticus
Breeder: Norman & Cecilia Richards
Owner: Mast Thoroughbreds
Trainer: Dr. Robert M. Gorham

3 YEAR OLD FILLY
PERFECT QUESTION
Perfect Circle—Tour Japan, by Tour d’Or
Owner/Breeder: Shane Spiess
Trainer: Shane Spiess

3 YEAR OLD COLT/GELDING
AL’S PRAYER
Meadow Prayer—Al’s Leader by First Albert
Breeder: Opportunity Lane
Owner: Mast Thoroughbreds
Trainer: Dr. Robert M. Gorham

OLDER Filly/Mare
COMEFLYWITHANANGEL
Equality—C R Emmaus Road, by Rehaan
Breeder: Guy D. & Deborah R. Russell
Owner: Marion F. Gorham
Trainer: Dr. Robert M. Gorham

OLDER COLT/GELDING
MOVING STYLE
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3 Year Old Fillies

**PERFECT QUESTION**
Perfect Circle—Tour Japan (Tour d’Or)
Owned & Bred by Shane Spiess

**SICKLE’S IMAGE S.**
2 Year Old Fillies

**SCARLET HOUR**
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Owned by Laura Jackson
Bred by James & Laura Jackson

**PATRICK WOOD S.**
2 Year Old Colts/Geldings

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**BELLE ISLE S.**
3 & Up Fillies/Mares

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SPECIAL NOTICE:
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We're still fighting the good fight but need our membership to support our PAC Fund. Please help us out by sending us a check payable to: Michigan Thoroughbreds First

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