

Michigan Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association



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Entry Fees & Other Questions Regarding Hazel Park...

The TOP TEN Questions

1. When is the meet at Hazel Park?

The meet for 2014 at Hazel Park will start on Friday and Saturday, June 27 and 28th and will continue every Friday and Saturday for sixteen weeks. Post time is scheduled for 7:30.

2. Is there an entry fee?

For 2014, each thoroughbred, quarter horse or light horse entered in Michigan, the owner, trainer or designee will pay the entry fee of \$400 to the track bookkeeper (or the person so designated by the track.)

The starter fee must be paid for



each horse entered on or before the horse enters the saddling paddock on each racing day.

Your HBPA and track owners are working very hard to forge the acceptance and approval of the new technology involving race-track pari-mutuel products. Once the new technology surrounding

horse racing pari-mutual products is finally accepted, entry fees will no longer be necessary.

4. What happens after 2014?

Our framework agreement calls for five years of thoroughbred racing at Hazel Park.

5. How many races per day?

Our agreement with the race tracks calls for at least seven thoroughbred races per day and up to two quarterhorse or light horse races per day. Clearly, the races that make the program will be those races that attract the most entries and the best betting interest for the public. In that regard, the "mix" of races offered will be driven by horse supply and entries.

6. Are stall applications available?

Yes. Stall applications for Hazel Park are available at our website and are also included with this newsletter (if you receive our newsletter by USPS mail.)

7. When will the barn area and converted track be available for horsemen?

We anticipate the first phase of stall availability will be around June 9. Track availability is antici-



ated to be ready on the same date.

8. Will housing be available for grooms at the track?

Yes. Groom's quarters will be made available in stages and the first series of housing for track employees will be on or around the first week of June.

9. What is the anticipated purse structure for 2014?

The current estimates indicate that the purse structure will remain very similar to last year's purse at Mount Pleasant Meadows. More details will follow.

10. Will food service be available?

Yes. "Food trucks" are planned for a horseman's pavilion area on Monday-Saturday from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM. (At the current time, Sundays are scheduled to be dark.)

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Hazel Park Stall applications

If you receive this newsletter by USPS mail, the Hazel Park stall application for 2014 is enclosed. The stall application is also available at our website. www.mihbpa.com

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Our Responsibilities for Thoroughbred Racing

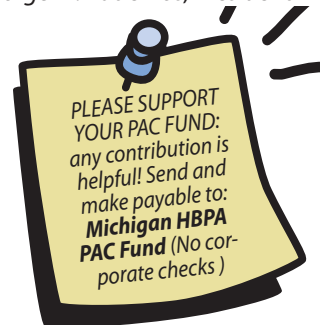


While everyone associated with horse racing in Michigan understands what a significant year this is for our breed, very few are aware of the incredible, six-month pace of events that have landed us here. With so much happening in such a limited period of time, your HBPA, Hazel Park, affiliated track management and all of the lawyers and lobbyists have worked very hard to set the stage for June 27th. Now that we are just weeks away, let's make sure we all remain focused and dedicated

on what is important and what's at stake. **OUR FIRST PRIORITY** is to present the very best possible thoroughbred racing program and show from the very first day! Our goal should always focus on providing a safe, exciting and thoroughly entertaining racing card. Do your part to ensure that this happens. **REMAIN UPBEAT & POSITIVE.** 2014 is a transition year. Everything is not going to be perfect and work will be on-going throughout the year. Protocols and procedures are being adjusted to accommodate thoroughbreds. Be patient, be accommodating and understanding. **CELEBRATE OUR PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS.** Put your best foot forward. There are potential owners and future horse

racing enthusiasts in the stands and at the rail, looking for a reason to be a part of our industry. Take the time to encourage their participation. Tell them why we do what we do. **RISE TO THE CHALLENGE** and show legislators, the public and our fans why we deserve support and consideration. Let's build our brand, re-build our image and be responsible for dictating what our future should hold.

George M. Kutlenios, President



Win a Michigan 2 y/o Filly!

Someone may become the NEW owner of a Michigan Bred Thoroughbred Race Horse! Upon approval from the Michigan Gaming Control Board, MTOBA will conduct a raffle at Hazel Park. This raffle will be for a



Michigan Bred two-year-old filly, named "**Elegant Trefaire**," eligible for the Michigan Sire Stakes. She is by *Valid Trefaire* out of *Elegant Trip* whose first foal, *Here*

She Comes, won the 2 Year Old Filly Sire Stakes in 2012.

Tickets will be \$25 each or buy 4 and get one free with an option that if your condo association does not allow horses, you can opt for a cash prize of \$1500.

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we have been informed of the sudden death of our friend, associate and board member, **Ray Stimac**, on Sunday, April 6.

Ray was a dedicated owner of thoroughbreds and a committed fan of thoroughbred racing. A retired educator, Ray was known for his board contributions delivered "from the perspective of the public."

Chad D. Spiess, 51, passed away at his home in Ohio unexpectedly on Wednesday, April 16, from a hunting accident. Chad's brother, Shane, is a life-long, well-respected horsemen.

Almost everyone familiar with horse racing in the Midwest knows the Spiess family. Chad, like his brother and father, was an owner and trainer of thoroughbred race horses. Chad enjoyed hunting, trading, and looking for mushrooms at his property up north.

Important Upcoming Hazel Park Dates. PLEASE NOTE! All are subject to change or adjustment!

Monday, May 5:

Track Conversion begins.

Monday, June 9:

Barn area open for horsemen

Tuesday, June 10:

Foodservice trucks for horsemen available

Tuesday, June 10:

Track opens for training

Friday June 27 and 28

Opening Weekend, 7:00 PM post

Friday & Saturday, July 4 & 5,

GRAND Opening Weekend, 7:00 post

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