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## **NEWSLETTER**

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It has been a long time since I last had a President's letter sent to the membership.

However, with the pandemic and all the uncertainties with racing in general, it was hard to document factual direction of racing and especially in Colorado.

Without doubt, the ravages the racing industry has encountered has affected the way we have to operate our CTBA organization. The Board of Directors have had to make some very hard financial decisions concerning how we move forward with the CTBA. Beginning in October our office will be closed on Wednesday which reduces both the pay and benefits given to our employees. Also, we will move our office to the third floor of the Historic City Hall building we are now in. This, also, will amount to substantial monthly savings for the association. Our new facility is certainly not the ritz. However, it will give us enough space for operation and the continued service to the membership.

I hope the membership realizes what has mandated our cost cutting measures. Our income is based on monies from the Breeders Awards fund which is generated by both on track and off-track handle. And, as you know there was no track live handle at the track or off-track handle in the state as all state off track facilities were closed. This left minor betting from TVG and other out of state sources that have made minimal additions to our breeder's fund awards. Some years ago, the CTBA experienced similar financial pressures. In fact, we moved our offices to Ingrid Knotts spare bedroom for our operation. Ingrid, who was our office secretary graciously offered her home for our recover period. At this time, our membership stepped forward and many members made donations to the CTBA for continued operation. Everyone, this is a critical time financially for the CTBA! As president, I am saying to our members, if you are able to do so, we are in a financial position that donations would be greatly appreciated.

Bruce Seymore and Arapahoe Park deserve kudos for having a race meet this summer. Moreover, this meet was quite difficult because of minimal handle

and fan participation. But we should be encouraged that the CHA and Arapahoe Park have signed a contract for 39 days of racing in 2021. Let us support racing in 2021 with as many Colorado bred horses as possible.

When I mention Colorado bred horses, this is something that greatly concerns me. Quite frankly, we as breeders and owners did a very poor job this past summer supporting Colorado bred races. Often times we could not make a \$5000 Colorado bred race go along with many others. Our stake races on occasion only had three horses entered. Fortunately, the track and racing secretary, Shannon Rushton, let us run these races off the day's program so we could fulfill our obligations to those who nominated and paid up for these stakes. I received many complaints from people concerning running a stake with three horses. Those people do not know how hard it is to get these stakes back if you do not run and support them. I will say to all that as long as the CTBA sponsors and pays into this race I will support this race if only one would enter. Everyone should support the CTBA stakes program and not let this happen again!

Moreover, I would like to comment on our overall Colorado bred numbers. They are declining, and I would like to point out Breeders and Owners are missing out of a big opportunity. The pandemic will go away or be controlled. Racing will be come back in Colorado and breeders and owners awards will be valuable. And you will not be a winner if you haven't raised a horse. Support the CTBA, support Colorado racing and breed and race your Colorado-Breds.

*F. H. "Hokey" Hoekendorf*



**Congratulations to all CTBA stakes winners!**

**The Ingrid Knotts – Bloomin Perfect  
Breeder's – Doug & Lyle Oliver  
Owner's – Sara & Doug Oliver**

**The Aspen – Collusionist  
Breeder - William Matthews  
Owner – Eli Diamant**

**The Vannacide – Rockin Marie  
Breeder - Tom Dougherty  
Owner’s – Eleanor Martin & Jodi Perkins**

**The Get Happy Mister – Maius  
Breeder – Tom Dougherty  
Owner – Eli Diamant**

**The Spicy – Behold That Word  
Breeder & Owner Donna Eaton**

**The Lassie – Miss Izzy Bee  
Breeder – Keith & Mindy Grinolds  
Owner – Annette Bishop**

**The Futurity – Red Wes  
Breeder - Richard Severin  
Owner’s – Richard Severin & Cimmaron Gerke**

**The Mount Elbert – Collusionist  
Breeder - William Matthews  
Owner – Eli Diamant**

**The Oaks – Rockin Marie  
Breeder - Tom Dougherty  
Owner’s Eleanor Martin & Jodi Perkins**

**The Derby – Doc’s Holiday  
Breeder – Vaughn Long  
Owner’s Vaughn Long & Jeff West**



Regretfully because of Covid-19,  
we were unable to honor our 2019 Champions  
So here is the best that we can do for this year.

**Congratulations to all the Breeders and Owners  
of these fine horses!**

2019 2-Year-Old Champion Filly

**"Blue Mountain Bell"**

Breeder & Owner Front Range Racing

2019 2-Year-Old Champion Colt/Gelding

**"Maius"**

Breeder Tom Dougherty

Owner Eli Diamant

2019 3-Year-Old Champion Filly

**"Tiz Wild Wind"**

Breeder Fleming Thoroughbreds

Owner's Larry Porter & Eugene Schroeder

2019 3-Year-Old Champion Colt/Gelding

**"Collusionist"**

Breeder William Matthews

Owner Eli Diamant

2019 Champion Older Race Mare

**"Celee's Te"**

Breeder Willard Burbach

Owner Russ Vicchilli

2019 Champion Older Colt/Gelding

**"Whiskeydrunkagain"**

Breeder's Darwin & Travis Green

Owner Darwin Green

2019 Champion Broodmare

**"Harbor Sunrise"**

Owner Tom Dougherty

2019 Champion Stallion

**"Tulsa Te"**

Owner Willard Burbach

2019 Champion Horse of the Year

**"Maius"**

Breeder Tom Dougherty

Owner Eli Diamant

2019 Owner of the Year

Eli Diamant

2019 Breeder of the Year

Willard Burbach



# Reminders...

**To All CTBA Members  
Please call now and request your  
Foal, Mare and Stallion cards.**

**We would like you to send them in to our office as soon as possible, so that we can spread out our Registrations and not be receiving them all on December 31.**

**THANK YOU!**

**We are including your Membership renewals as well, so please send those in as soon as possible.**

**As Hecky said we will be moving our office up to the third floor, but at this time we do not have the new Suite number. We will get that information up on our website as soon as we have it.**

**As for the paper newsletter, this will be the last one due to trying to keep our costs down. Please update the office with your e-mail address, you can send it to [ctba@cotba.com](mailto:ctba@cotba.com). Remember you can always find updated information on our website. [www.cotba.com](http://www.cotba.com)**

**If you would like to donate to the CTBA, we will have a page on our web-site with your name so that those donations can be considered advertisement for you if you would like to be recognized.**

**We Thank You in advance!**

