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## **NEWSLETTER**

November 16th, 2022



Racing in Colorado at Arapahoe Park ended on a high note in early October. Purses were certainly the highest in history when the meet ended, plus being complimented by some of the highest paying stakes ever ran in Colorado. Hopefully, this high note will spark an increased interest in breeding Colorado bred thoroughbreds.

I would like to address some extensive problems I see facing our Colorado Thoroughbred industry. These past two years we've had big problems in filling Colorado bred races at Arapahoe Park. Certainly, this problem has been compounded by the COVID scare for the last 2 years, plus the uncertainty of horse racing across the United States. However, our problems are not just filling races, now we just don't have the numbers of new and young horses being registered into our programs.

This year we only had 6 colts in our 2 year-old "Laddie" race, and the 2 year-old filly race was far from full. We didn't have the numbers. The year 2023 does not look much better. As of now the CTBA office has 19 foals of 2021 registered as Colorado Breds. If half of these projected 2023 two-year-old's reach the races, we will only have 8 or 9 two-year old's to run our 2023 stake races. Maybe we will have enough to fill one 2 year-old stakes race with Filly's and Colts in the same race.

This problem has been made worse by several things. The uncertainties concerning racing across the country, fewer mares being bred resulting in smaller foal crops and a number of breeders moving their mares to more lucrative states for foaling. I too, considered sending my mares out-of-state. However, in the end I stayed home so I could see foals born, developed, and race in Colorado. It is not worth it to me if I can't experience foals born, growing, and racing at home. It is my wish that all breeders will see fit to call Colorado their homebase for breeding and racing.

In my days and years as President of the CTBA, I've signed breeders' awards checks in excess of \$100,000.00 or more for several who kept their breeding of Colorado bred going when other breeders were going in opposite directions.

Please, I ask everyone to keep their Colorado bred programs active and progressive. We need more members, more horses, and more enthusiasm. At the end of this newsletter, you will find a survey from the CTBA Board of Director's requesting your input on why we have the low numbers and what we can do to change it for a better future.

Thank-you for your help!



*F. H. "Hecky" Heckendorf*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, Nov. 24-25th, 2022

Monday, Dec. 26th, 2022

Saturday, Dec. 31st, 2022

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Monday, Jan. 2nd, 2023

CTBA Office Closed – "Happy Thanksgiving"

CTBA Office Closed – "Merry Christmas"

2023 Membership Renewal

Mare, Foal, Stallion Registrations Due Postmarked

CTBA Office Closed – Happy New Year

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR  
2022 STAKES RACE WINNERS!!

CTBA Derby – “Quicktrip Van”

Owner: Bill Vanlandingham

Breeder: Menoken Farms & Bill Vanlandingham

CTBA Oaks – “Flo Time”

Owner: Eli Diamant

Breeder: Front Range Racing

CTBA Spicy – “Celee’s Last Te”

Owners: L. McGregor & R. Vicchrilli/Breeder: Willard Burbach

CTBA Mount Elbert – “Collusionist”

Owner: Eli Diamant

Breeder – William Matthews

CTBA Lassie – “Bring the Posse”

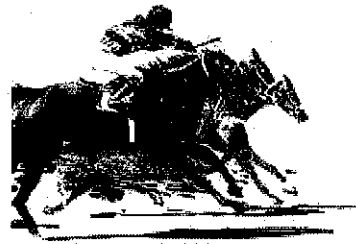
Owner & Breeder: Mason King

CTBA Laddie – “Wheeler Dealer”

Owner & Breeder: F.A. “Hecky” Heckendorf

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## For Sale

### Broodmares in Foal and Yearling

*Foals Will be eligible for Colorado Breeders Awards if registered prior to 12/31/2022*

*Stud fees will be prepaid by the Seller prior to sale.*

Contact Mark McGregor: 720-281-5215

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>“Kacy”</b> Chestnut, Foaled 4/2/2013 Everyday Heros – Runaway Bee by Runaway Groom In foal to EZ Effort, last bred 4/16/22 True Nicks Foal A \$5,000.00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>“Miss Skyler”</b> Bay, Foaled 2/21/2018 Sky Mesa – Lunch Time Diva by Posse In foal to EZ Effort, last bred 4/24/22 True Nicks Foal A+ \$3,500.00</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>“Holy Trick”</b> Grey, Foaled 3/29/2008 Holy Bull – Say Maybe Baby by Mazel Trick In foal to Keen Ice, last bred 3/17/22 True Nicks A++ \$6,500.00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>“Palace Patch”</b> Yearling Bay, Gelding, Foaled 2/21/21 Palace – Holy Trick, by Holy Bull True Nicks B+ Currently in Training \$5,000.00</p>

# SURVEY

The CTBA Board of Director's would like for you please fill out this survey and mail it back to the CTBA Office (22 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, Suite 303, Brighton CO 80601).

In the past 3-5 years, have you bred and foaled more or fewer Colorado breds:

More

Fewer

About the same

Please describe any factors that caused this change:

What would cause you to breed and foal more horses in Colorado?

