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RON TURCOTTE TO SERVE AS HONORARY CHAIRMAN OF 'JOCKEYS AND JEANS'



Hall of Fame Rider Ron Turcotte, best known as the jockey aboard Secretariat, winner of the Triple Crown in 1973, will serve as the Honorary Chairman of the 2015 "Jockeys and Jeans" fundraiser set for Saturday, May 30 at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino. The event will raise funds for the Permanently Disabled Jockey's Fund (PDJF), which is an independent 501(c) (3) public charity that provides financial assistance to former jockeys who have suffered catastrophic on-track injuries. Turcotte heads an im-

pressive list of jockey legends and local celebrities that will be on hand to support PDJF at "Jockeys and Jeans."

A native of Drummond, New Brunswick, Canada, Turcotte began his riding career in Ontario in 1962. Turcotte won his first Kentucky Derby aboard Riva Ridge in 1972 and returned the following season to his legendary season aboard Secretariat by sweeping all three legs of the Triple Crown in 1973, establishing track records for both the Kentucky Derby and the Belmont Stakes, a race that he and "Big Red" won by 31 lengths.

"I still remember that historic stretch drive by Secretariat and Ron Turcotte in the Belmont Stakes, and to have someone of that magnitude at our facility and serving as the honorary chairman of 'Jockeys and Jeans' is truly an honor," said Jim Brown, President and COO of Centaur Gaming as well as general manager at Indiana Grand. "Ron's participation brings this event to a whole new level. He is so well respected both in and out of horse racing and we are beyond excited to have him involved in what is most important for that night; raising money for PDJF."

Turcotte was sidelined from racing in 1978 after a racing incident left him paralyzed from the waist down. Now confined to a wheelchair, his presence at "Jockeys and Jeans" is a personal journey and one that brings a significant amount of awareness to PDJF, which has been assisting riders since its inception in 2006.

Turcotte will be joined by the only other two living Triple Crown winning jockeys Jean Cruguet and Steve Cauthen. Cruguet, a native of France, guided Seattle Slew to victory in the 1977 Triple Crown series and retired with more than 2,400 career victories. Cauthen became a national sensation as the 17-year-old rider of Affirmed, who won the Triple Crown in 1978. He became known as "The Kid" and was featured on the cover of numerous publications, including "Sports Illustrated." His win

aboard Affirmed in the 1978 Triple Crown is the last time the elusive honor has been achieved in horse racing.

The Triple Crown living legends lead an exclusive list of other Hall of Fame riders that will be in attendance for "Jockeys and Jeans," including Laffit Pincay Jr., Pat Day, Chris McCarron, Walter Blum, Bill Boland, Randy Romero, Patricia "PJ" Cooksey, Dave Erb, Earlie Fires, Sandy Hawley, John Rotz, Mike Manganello, winner of the 1970 Kentucky Derby aboard Dust Commander, and Mary Russ Tortora, first female jockey to win a Graded Stakes race. All jockeys are coming together for one message and one reason: to support fellow riders and PDJF.

"Serving as host of 'Jockeys and Jeans' is another example of our commitment to racing and the progress we are achieving in horse racing, not only in the state of Indiana, but on a national level," said Rod Ratcliff, chairman and CEO of Centaur Gaming. "It's very important to us that both of our facilities, Hoosier Park and Indiana Grand, step up as leaders in the horse racing industry for worthwhile events such as this one, and we are very proud to be part of this event."

Honorary guests for the event will be Michael Straight, Stacy Burton and Jack Fires, all jockeys who experienced on-track incidents that ended their racing careers. They will join Ron Turcotte in showcasing the importance of PDJF and the value of awareness and support of the organization, which currently assists 61 disabled jockeys.

"The list of former jockeys that have eagerly stepped forward to support 'Jockeys and Jeans' is overwhelming," said Jon Schuster, vice president and general manager of racing at Indiana Grand. "This is a very rare occasion to have such talent in one place at one time. The prestigious races and number of wins that these riders have accumulated during their stellar careers is unparalleled. We are very proud to partner with the 'Jockeys and Jeans' committee and join them on their mission to raise awareness and funding for a cause that is so important in our industry."

In addition to racing legends, several local celebrities will be in attendance, including Bobby "Slick" Leonard, 2014 Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame inductee, Rupert Boneham, winner on the "Survivor" television series, Darnell Hillman, two-time ABA champion, Don Buse, two-time ABA and NBA All Star, and Mel Daniels, three-time ABA champion and Hall of Fame member. The celebrities are part of the honorary committee for "Jockeys and Jeans" who are showing support and furnishing auction items for the silent and live auctions. Other honorary committee members include Gary Player, professional golfer, Ty Murray, nine-time World Champion Bull Rider and seven time World Champion All Around Cowboy, Mari Hulman George, chairman of the board of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Dan Issel, Hall of Fame professional basketball player, John Ortiz, actor, Richard Papiese, owner of Midwest Thoroughbreds, Keith Hernandez, Major League baseball player and Thoroughbred Trainer Dale Romans.

Tickets to the event will be available soon and may be reserved by calling (317) 421-0000 during business hours at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino. The cost is \$50, which will include food, beverage and exclusive access to the event.



More information about the second annual "Jockeys and Jeans" event may be found on Indiana Grand's website at www.indianagrand.com or through the official "Jockeys and Jeans" Facebook page.

The "Jockeys and Jeans" committee, which consists of five former jockeys, was formed in 2014 with a mission to increase awareness and raise funding for PDJF. The inaugural event raised more than \$22,000 and was held at Tampa Bay Downs. More information about the committee and the event may be found on their Website at www.jockeysandjeans.com.

APPOINTMENTS MADE TO INDIANA'S THOROUGHBRED BREED DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

State of Indiana Horse Racing Commission: Governor Mike Pence has re-appointed Wendy Brown, and newly appointed Peter Sacopulos and Jonathan Schuster to serve on the Thoroughbred Breed Development Advisory Committee. This committee makes annual recommendations to the Indiana Horse Racing Commission on its Thoroughbred Breed Development Program. All appointees will serve a four-year term through January 31, 2019.

Wendy Brown has served as Chairwoman of the committee since her appointment in 2011. She has owned thoroughbred racehorses for over thirty years and has participated in Indiana's pari-mutuel racing program since its inception in 1995. She also served as a Director of the Indiana HBPA from 1996 – 2008 and currently serves on the Board of Directors for Friends of Ferdinand. Mrs. Brown owns and operates Sawmill Run Farm on the northwest side of Indianapolis.

Peter Sacopulos, Esq., is a partner in the law firm of Sacopulos, Johnson & Sacopulos in Terre Haute, Indiana, where he represents clients in a wide range of equine matters. He also owns and manages Green Gables Stud, located in Clay County, Indiana. Mr. Sacopulos is a member of the American College of Equine Counsel and serves on the Board of the Indiana Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association. Mr. Sacopulos has written extensively on equine law issues in numerous publications including The Horsemen's Journal, Midwest Thoroughbred Magazine, Equestrian Professional Newsletter, Al Badia Magazine and the Horse Resource. He is a frequent speaker at equine conferences and has presented at the National Equine Law Seminar in Lexington, Kentucky, and earlier this month at the National HBPA 2015 Winter Convention in Carefree, Arizona and the Saratoga Institute on Racing & Gaming in Saratoga Springs, New York.

Jonathan Schuster is Vice President and General Manager of Racing for Indiana Grand Racing & Casino, where he oversees all racing operations at the Shelbyville, Indiana racetrack. He has been with the racetrack since 2002, when Indiana Downs was constructed and opened to the public. Mr. Schuster holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Arizona and is a graduate of the prestigious University of Arizona Race Track Management Program. He has also held leadership positions in the horse racing industry for several decades, including posts at Penn National Race Course in Pennsylvania as Pari-mutuel Manager and Simulcast Coordinator.

The new appointees replace Paul Tinkle (deceased) and Steve Stults, both who served with distinction and whose terms have expired.

Winners Circle Celebration

ITOBA Awards Banquet

INDIANA GRAND

April 18, 2015

Tickets available with membership

RSVP requested

REMINDER

from the office of the IHRC:

Please remember that Thoroughbred Breed Development Program rules require that any mare which enters the State of Indiana for foaling after November 1 must be registered within ten (10) days of foaling. **If this deadline is not met, the mare and foal will be ineligible for registration.**

You can find registration forms, lists of registered mare/foals and stallions and additional information about the Thoroughbred Breed Development Program at www.in.gov/hrc/tb.htm

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Trainers are readying the competition, Indiana Grand continues facility improvements, and we all anxiously await the opening of racing in Indiana.

Indiana Horse Racing Commission 2015 Race Dates



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Post Times	
Tuesday - Thursday	2:05 pm
Friday - Saturday	5:05 pm

Quarter Horse Race Days	
Will be posted when available	

Thoroughbred & Quarter Horse
2015 Race Dates
(April 21 - October 31, 2015)
approved by the Indiana
Horse Racing Commission
November 17, 2014.

Turf Festival July 14 - 16



2015 INDIANA BRED STAKES SCHEDULE (listed by age)

Date	Race	Distance	Purse	Age	Sex
2 Year Olds					
Sept 30	The Indiana Stallion Stakes (*S)	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	2 year olds	F
Sept 30	The Crown Ambassador (*S)	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	2 year olds	
Sept 30	The Hillsdale Stakes	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	2 year olds	
Sept 30	The City Of Anderson	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	2 year olds	F
Oct 31	The Indiana Futurity	1 mile 70 yds	\$85,000 added	2 year olds	
Oct 31	The Miss Indiana Stakes	1 mile 70 yds	\$85,000 added	2 year olds	F
3 Year Olds					
June 10	The Swifty Sired Stakes (*S)	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	3 year olds	F
June 10	The Sagamore Sired Stakes (*S)	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	3 year olds	
July 15	The Ellen's Lucky Star Stakes	1 Mile (T)	\$85,000 added	3 year olds	F
July 15	The Snack Stakes	1 Mile (T)	\$85,000 added	3 year olds	
Aug 12	The Indiana First Lady Stakes	1 Mile 70 Yds	\$150,000 guaranteed	3 year olds	F
Aug 12	The Governor's Stakes	1 Mile 70 Yds	\$150,000 guaranteed	3 year olds	
Aug 26	ITOBA Stallion Stakes - Colts	1 Mile	\$75,000 added	3 year olds	C/G
Aug 26	ITOBA Stallion Stakes - Fillies	1 Mile	\$75,000 added	3 year olds	F/M
Oct 7	Hoosier Breeders Sophomore Stakes	1 1/16 Mile	\$85,000 added	3 year olds	
Oct 7	Hoosier Breeders Sophomore Stakes	1 1/16 Mile	\$85,000 added	3 year olds	F
3 Year Olds and Up					
July 16	The Shelby County Stakes (*S)	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	3 and up	F/M
July 16	The William Henry Harrison Stakes (*S)	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	3 and up	
Sept 9	The Florence Henderson Stakes	1 1/16 Mile (T)	\$85,000 added	3 and up	F/M
Sept 9	The A.J. Foyt Stakes	1 1/16 Mile (T)	\$85,000 added	3 and up	
Sept 30	The Merrillville Stakes	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	3 and up	F/M
Sept 30	The Brickyard Stakes	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	3 and up	
Oct 7	The Richmond Stakes (*S)	1 1/16 Mile	\$85,000 added	3 and up	F/M
Oct 7	The Gus Grissom Stakes (*S)	1 1/16 Mile	\$85,000 added	3 and up	
Oct 31	The Frances Slocum Stakes	1 1/16 Mile	\$150,000 guaranteed	3 and up	F/M
Oct 31	The Too Much Coffee Stakes	1 1/16 Mile	\$150,000 guaranteed	3 and up	

(*S) denotes this is for Sired Horses. (T) denotes this is a Turf Race. F denotes for fillies only. F/M denotes for Fillies and Mares.

See ITOBA.com for the nomination schedule and details of the exclusive
2017 ITOBA Stallion Season Auction Stakes Races