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EDUARDO GALLARDO WINS JUAN SAEZ LEADING APPRENTICE AWARD AT INDIANA GRAND RACING & CASINO



SHELBYVILLE, Ind.; - Oct. 29, 2016 - Eduardo Gallardo had a very successful 2016 season to earn honors as the track's top apprentice rider for the year. Despite several weeks off due to an injury, Gallardo, a native of Mexico, retained the top spot among all apprentice riders during the duration of the 2016 meet to be named the second recipient of the Juan Saez Leading Apprentice Jockey.

Gallardo began his career at Indiana Grand in 2015 after serving as an exercise rider for Steve Asmussen. He completed the 2016 meet with 23 wins and has earned 47 career wins to date.

"This award has a lot of meaning for us here at Indiana Grand because it's named after Juan Saez," said Jon Schuster, vice president and general manager of racing. "We congratulate you on a great year."

Joining Gallardo in the winner's circle for the presentation was Schuster, Kevin Greely, director of racing and Rachel McLaughlin, racing broadcast production manager.

"It is a great honor to receive this award," said Gallardo through an interpreter, Ramiro Torres, a valet at Indiana Grand. "I would like to thank everyone who was involved with me winning this award, including Jon Schuster, Kevin Greely, Rod Ratcliff, the outriders, the gate crew and the valets. I'd also like to thank my agent, Don Cespedes. I'm very happy to win this award named after Juan Saez. He is greatly missed but never forgotten. We love you Juan Saez."

Racing dates for 2017 will be approved and announced soon by the Indiana Horse Racing Commission.

About Indiana Grand Racing & Casino: Indiana Grand Racing & Casino holds multiple awards from industry publications for customer service, entertainment, gaming and dining. Located in Shelbyville, Ind., Indiana Grand features 2,200 of the latest slots and electronic table games in addition to a one-mile dirt race course and a seven-eighths mile turf course offering live Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing each year. Simulcast wagering is also offered year-round at Winner's Circle Brewpub & OTB located on the casino floor as well as an off-track betting facility located in Clarksville, Ind. For more information, please visit www.IndianaGrand.com.



Photo by Linscott Photography (From left - Jon Schuster, vice president and general manager of racing, presents the trophy to Eduardo Gallardo, 2016 leading apprentice. Kevin Greely, director of racing, also assisted with the presentation of the second annual Juan Saez Leading Apprentice Award.)