



Indiana Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders Association



## TOBA Names Finalists for National Owner of the Year

LEXINGTON, Ky. – The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association announced today that eFive Racing, Godolphin, Juddmonte Farm, Rockingham Ranch and the partnership of Winchell Thoroughbreds and Three Chimneys Farm have been selected as finalists for the TOBA National Owner of the Year.

The TOBA National Owner of the Year will be announced live at the TOBA National Awards Dinner, which will be held on Saturday, September 8 at the Woodford Reserve Club at Kroger Field in Lexington, Ky.

TOBA will also honor breeders from 23 states and Canada. The National Breeder of the Year and the National Small Breeder of the Year will also be disclosed at the TOBA National Awards Dinner.

Other TOBA national award winners include Win Approval, dam of World Approval, who has been named as the National Broodmare of the Year and Mended, who will be honored as Claiming Crown Horse of the Year, presented by the National HBPA.

The Rood & Riddle Sport Horse of the Year will go to Arglye, owned by Skyeler Voss and owner/breeder George Strawbridge will receive the Robert N. Clay Award, which recognizes a member of the Thoroughbred community who has made an outstanding contribution to preserving land for equine use.

“On behalf of our board of trustees and our members, we congratulate all of the winners of the national and state awards,” said Dan Metzger, president of TOBA. “They represent excellence in Thoroughbred racing and breeding on both the national level, as well as regionally and TOBA is honored to share their successes with them.”

Tickets to the TOBA National Awards Dinner can be purchased at [www.toba.org](http://www.toba.org) or by calling Meredith Downey at (859) 276-6793.

A complete list of state winners is as follows:

### State Breeders of the Year:

Arkansas: Bill McDowell  
 California: Richard Barton  
 Canadian: K5 Stables  
 Florida: Charlotte Weber/ Live Oak Stud  
 Illinois: Nancy Vanier  
 Indiana: Michael E. and Penny S. Lauer  
 Iowa: Allen Poindexter  
 Kansas: Lance and Valerie Gabriel  
 Kentucky: Charles Fipke  
 Louisiana: Bertram and Richard Klein  
 Maryland: Howard M. Bender  
 Massachusetts: Joseph DiRico  
 Michigan: Lisa Campbell

Minnesota: Curtis Sampson  
 New Jersey: Isabelle Haskell de Tomaso  
 New York: Chester and Mary Broman  
 North Carolina: Nancy Shuford  
 Ohio: Robin Murphy  
 Oregon: James and Carol Owens  
 Pennsylvania: Elizabeth Moran  
 South Carolina: Franklin Smith Sr.  
 Texas: Craig Upham  
 Virginia: Mr. and Mrs. C. Oliver Iselin  
 Washington: Tim Floyd

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### About TOBA

TOBA, based in Lexington, Ky., was formed in 1961 and is a national trade organization of leading Thoroughbred owners and breeders. TOBA’s mission is to improve the economics, integrity and pleasure of the sport on behalf of Thoroughbred owners and breeders. Projects managed by TOBA include the American Graded Stakes Committee, Claiming Crown, Ownership Seminars, Breeding, Conformation & Pedigree Clinics, TOBA Owners Concierge, OwnerView and the Sales Integrity Program. TOBA provides international representation for U.S. owners and breeders on the International Grading and Race Planning Advisory Committee, International Cataloguing Standards Committee and International Breeders Federation. Thoroughbred Charities of America (TCA) is the charitable arm of TOBA. TOBA Media Properties, a subsidiary of TOBA, owns The Horse magazine, Eclipse Press and is co-owner of BloodHorse LLC. TOBA is represented on the board of directors of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association and the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium as founding members.