



*Dear Governor Carney and racing fans:*

*It is an honor to report the activities of the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission for 2020. Delaware Park entered its 83<sup>rd</sup> season of live racing in 2020.*

*Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the racing meet at Delaware Park began three weeks behind schedule on June 17<sup>th</sup>. The overall race schedule was reduced from 85 days to 65 days. Covid-19 safety protocols were put in place ensure safety of employees, horsemen, jockeys, and fans alike. I am pleased to report because of our efforts, there were zero reports of positive cases among stable area residents.*

*As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, The Delaware Handicap, the signature event of the summer meet, was forced to reduce the purse by \$300,000 to a total purse of \$400,000. Additionally, the overall stakes schedule was reduced by 35% because of the pandemics impact on sports betting and casino operations coming to a halt.*

*Because the Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks ran later in the year, the \$300,000 Delaware Oaks was highlighted as a prep race for the Kentucky Oaks featured as "Road to the Kentucky Oaks. The first four finishers earning points towards possible entry into the Grade 1 event at Churchill Downs ran on September 4<sup>th</sup>. The Delaware Oaks attracted a talented group of fillies. Two finishers, "DREAM MARIE" and "HOPEFUL GROWTH" went on to compete in the Kentucky Oaks at Churchill Downs.*

*The Delaware Handicap continues to be a major summer focus for fillies and mares on their way to national championships such as the efforts of "BLIND LUCK", "HAVRE De GRACE", "ROYAL DELTA" and "SONGBIRD". "DUNBAR ROAD" was crowned winner of the 2020 Delaware Handicap and continued her success finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the national championship in the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Distaff in November.*

*The Commission continued to strive for regulative uniformity within the Mid-Atlantic region as well as nationally. DTRC Chairman, W. Duncan Patterson and past Chairman of the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI) continued to advocate for medication uniformity. The Commission continues to adopt new rules and regulations in the hopes to eliminate those who do not race their horses honestly and do not have the welfare of the horse as their utmost priority. The Commission recognizes the importance to adopt those stringent polices that are garnered to support the Delaware Horsemen's Association and Delaware Park Race Track.*

*The information in this report will give you an overview of the various activities and programs that the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission oversees. As always, the ultimate goal is to provide the best efforts in regulating this great industry.*

*Sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Crane".

*Sarah Crane  
Executive Director*

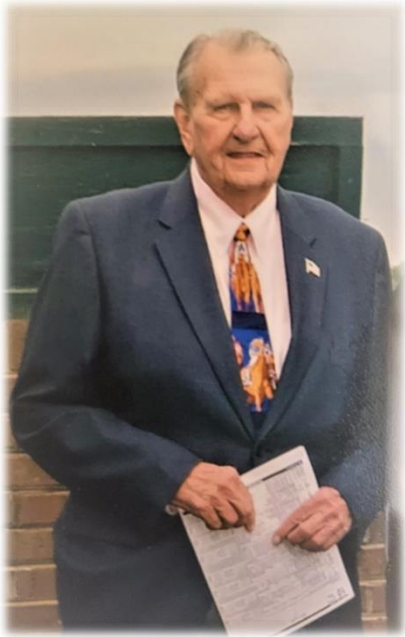
## IN MEMORY AND RECOGNITION

### **John F. Wayne 1954-2020**



The Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission would like to recognize the service of long time Executive Director John Wayne. John served as Executive Director from 1999 – 2020, he was well known in the racing community and will be missed. John passed away unexpectedly in 2020.

### **Fredrick “Fritz” Burkhardt 1936-2020**



The Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission would also like to recognize the service of Fredrick “Fritz” Burkhardt. Fritz was a long-time steward in Delaware, his duties as steward began in 1987 and he served as such until 2020. Fritz passed away in 2020.

Fritz and John were well known and respected throughout the racing industry; they will be missed.

## THOROUGHBRED RACING COMMISSION MISSION STATEMENT

The Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission regulates and oversees the sport of Thoroughbred and Arabian racing in the state.

The Commission's main objectives are to eliminate fraudulent activity that would undermine the public trust, bringing violators of commission rules, regulations and Delaware law to justice; to protect, preserve and promote agriculture and horse racing by preventing and eliminating corrupt practices; ensure fairness in licensing and patron decisions; and ensure that the state and betting public receive fair percentages of the wagering dollar by overseeing audits.

## 2020 DELAWARE THOROUGHBRED RACING COMMISSION

W. Duncan Patterson, **Chairman**  
Edward J. Stegemeier, **Secretary-Commissioner**  
Henry J. Decker, **Commissioner**  
Debra M. Killeen, **Commissioner**  
Richard A. Levine, Esquire, **Commissioner**

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John F. Wayne, **Executive Director**  
Sarah A. Crane, **Executive Director**  
Andrew G. Kerber, Esquire, **Commission Counsel**

## **SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE**

Michael T. Scuse

## 2020 COMMISSION COMMITTEES

W. Duncan Patterson  
ARCI Drug Testing Standards and Practices Committee, Chairman  
Ex-Officio Chair, ARCI  
Mid Atlantic Best Practices Committee

Edward J. Stegemeier  
Delaware Jockeys Health and Welfare Benefit Board, Chair  
Delaware Commissions Equine Forensics Drug Testing Committee, Chair  
ARCI Jockey Health and Safety Committee Member

Harry J. Decker

ARCI Equine Health & Safety Committee, Member

Sarah A. Crane

Mid Atlantic Best Practices Committee, Member

Safety Committee, Member

Organization of Racing Investigators, Member

National Racing Compact Board, Member

### 2020 THOROUGHBRED RACING COMMISSION STAFF

\* William Troilo – **Acting Chief State Steward**

\* Robert Colton – **Association State Steward**

\* Eric Coatrieux – **Association State Steward / Safety Steward**

\* Sarah Crane – **Investigator**

*\* Denotes certification through Racing Officials Accreditation Program (ROAP)*

Susan J. Botts VMD, **Chief Commission Veterinarian**

Robert Calley DVM, **Associate Commission Veterinarian**

Virginia Gillam DVM, **Associate Commission Veterinarian**

#### **Alternate Associate Comm. Veterinarians:**

Sarah Jay DVM

Karen Lopez DVM

Richard Brown VMD



## DELAWARE THOROUGHBRED RACING COMMISSION ONLINE

In accordance with an initiative on the part of the Delaware Department of Agriculture, the Commission's transparency was increased to improve data available to the public. Those initiatives included the posting of the Stewards' Daily Reports, Veterinarian Scratch Reports, and all Administrative Rulings on disciplinary actions. Also, the navigation pane titled "Trainer's Shed Row" displays important industry updates and worthwhile links.

A full array of racing related information and links can be accessed by visiting URL:  
<http://dda.delaware.gov/thoroughbred/index.shtml>

## DTRC BUDGET FY 2020

Personnel	\$ 1,073,200.00
Travel	\$ 25,000.00
Contractual	\$ 200,400.00
Supplies	\$ 20,100.00
Capital	\$ 86,800.00
Fingerprinting	\$ 110,000.00
Equine Drug Testing	\$ 275,000.00
Research and Development	\$75,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,865,500.00</b>

All funding for the DTRC comes from the Appropriated Special Fund (ASF) derived from licensing fees and fines.

Cost of regulation (Administration, Stewards, and Veterinarians Salaries, benefits, plus 100% costs of equine drug testing are borne by the Delaware Racing Association – Delaware Park)

No general fund money is used in the operation of the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission.

## 2020 DELAWARE PARK SEASON OVERVIEW

Due to the Covid – 19 Pandemic there were 20 fewer days of racing in 2020, 65 race days were completed from the originally scheduled 85. Delaware Park was forced to cancel two (2) days due to weather related incidents, however those days were made up in the final week of racing.

Delaware Park paid out a total \$ 14,805,500.00 for the 65 day meet for Thoroughbred and Arabian Racing.

In 2020 a total of 148 horses were claimed at Delaware Park. A total of \$1,369,500.00 was spent on horses purchased via claiming races.

There were 556 total races run with a total of 4,180 starters, giving Delaware Park an average field size of 7.52 starters per race.



## 2020 DTRC REVENUE

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Licenses Issued</b>	<b>Licensing Fees</b>	<b>Fines Collected</b>	<b>Total Revenue</b>
2020	3961	\$ 174,215.00	\$ 27,800.00	\$ 202,015.00
2019	3955	\$ 155,460.00	\$ 21,027.67	\$ 176,487.67
2018	4135	\$ 157,515.00	\$ 27,263.99	\$ 184,778.99
2017	5049	\$ 194,425.00	\$ 36,081.23	\$ 231,226.23

## 2020 EQUINE FORENSIC DRUG TESTING

Number of Urine Tests Post Race	702
Number of Blood Tests Post Race	601
*Special Tests	33
Out of competition tests	123
Pre-race Blood Gas	601
State Veterinarian Required Testing	27

\*Special Tests are those tests requested by the stewards due to investigative reasons, random selection post-race, or based off race performance.

For the 2020 live racing meet, a total of 4,180 horses competed in 556 races. Of those races, the DTRC was alerted to (6) six positive post-race samples. They are as follows:

July 22 – Positive: Flunixin, Phenylbutazone (Stacking Violation)

Disposition: Loss of Purse, \$500.00 Fine and Trainer Suspension 15 days.

August 24 – Positive: Methocarbamol

Disposition: Loss of Purse, \$1000.00 Fine

September 16 – Positive: Dexamethasone

Disposition: Loss of Purse, \$1000.00 Fine

September 21 – Positive: Caffeine

Disposition: Pending Hearing

October 5 – Dimethyl Sulfoxide (DMSO)

Disposition: Pending Hearing

October 8 - Flunixin, Phenylbutazone (Stacking Violation)

Disposition: Loss of Purse, \$500.00 Fine and Trainer Suspension 15 days.



## 2020 DELAWARE RACING HANDLE INFORMATION

Information provided by Delaware Park Race Track and Slots, Simulcast

	2017 81 Days of live Racing	2018 81 Days of live Racing	2019 81 Days of live Racing	2020 65 Days of Live Racing
Live (On Track)	\$ 5,052,222.00	\$ 4,348,777.50	\$ 3,892,140.00	\$ 2,874,221.50
Simulcast Export	\$ 90,716,673.00	\$ 107,692,279.43	\$ 100,308,150.01	\$ 90,084,474.52
Simulcast Import	\$ 26,972,320.00	\$ 27,519,662.70	\$ 25,280,103.30	\$ 14,960,980.00
<b>Total Wagering</b>	<b>\$ 117,688,993.00</b>	<b>\$139,560,719.63</b>	<b>\$ 129,480,393.31</b>	<b>\$ 107,919,676.02</b>

2020 Average Handle Per Race \$167,192.00. Per race handle was up 6.1% from 2019





2020 DELAWARE CERTIFIED THOROUGHBRED PROGRAM (DCTP)

Information provided by the Delaware Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (DTHA)

Year	# of Starters	# of Starts	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	25% Certifier Bonus	25% Owner Bonus	Total Bonus Paid for Year
2020	297	800	105	93	114	105	111	\$ 704,127.50	\$ 604,127.50	\$ 1,308,255.00
2019	258	757	103	100	104	107	114	\$ 607,970.00	\$ 508,720.00	\$ 1,116,690.00
2018	292	694	104	100	119	N/A	N/A	\$ 591,342.50	\$ 491,342.50	\$ 1,082,685.00
2017	229	625	87	71	89	N/A	N/A	\$ 431,127.50	\$ 351,502.50	\$ 782,630.00

DELAWARE CERTIFIED APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR WEANLINGS AND YEARLINGS

2020 DCTP Applications – 318 \* *Pending Late Mail*

2019 DCTP Applications – 272

2018 DCTP Applications – 301

2017 DCTP Applications – 240



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Delaware Certified Thoroughbred Program (DCTP)

Delaware Horsemen's Association (DTHA)

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The Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission Looks Forward to Continued Success In 2021

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