



ROAP Announces Pete Pedersen Award Special Selection Committee

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Lexington, Ky. (September 26, 2014) — The Racing Officials Accreditation Program (ROAP) announced the Pete Pedersen Award special selection committee today. The award, named in honor of the long-time outstanding steward and noted journalist Pete Pedersen, will be presented at the annual University of Arizona Race Track Industry Program's Global Symposium on Racing and Gaming in December in Tucson, Ariz.

The Pete Pedersen Award special selection committee is composed of five members from ROAP affiliate organizations: Rick Baedaker (ARCI / California Horse Racing Board), Tim Capps (University of Louisville), Alan Foreman (Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association), Terry Meyocks (Jockeys' Guild) and Scott Wells (Thoroughbred Racing Association). They will choose the award recipients from nominations compiled by the nominating committee.

"We are very excited to have such a diverse group of individuals on the selection committee," stated Hugh Gallagher, chairman of ROAP. "Each member represents a different facet of the industry, which is important in selecting stewards for this prestigious award."

Nominations are due October 15, 2014. Those wishing to make nominations for the award can do so online at horseracingofficials.com or by mail to Cathy O'Meara, ROAP Coordinator, 821 Corporate Drive, Lexington, KY 40503.

The criteria to be used in determining award recipients includes length of service as a steward, special contributions as a steward, participation in industry integrity initiatives, participation in racing public educational programs, mentoring stewards and racing officials, and participation in educational programs for stewards and racing officials.

ROAP, which receives primary funding from The Jockey Club and is based in its Kentucky office, is a 501(c)(6) organization whose board of directors is made up of representatives from 18 industry organizations and eight at-large representatives. Stewards and judges receive their accreditation and continuing education credits through this program. The website address for ROAP is horseracingofficials.com.