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Continuing Education

U of A at Cal Expo	May 24-25
USTA Ohio	October 2010
Oregon/Washington	September 2010
U of L in Louisville	November 2010
Delaware	November 8-9

60-hour Accreditation Schools

USTA Harness School in Ohio
October 11-19, 2010

Flat Racing School Southern California
January 2011
(specific location TBA)

ROAP Board Meeting
April 14, 2010
in
Lexington, KY

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2009 Year in Review



Notes from the Chairman, Stan Bowker

2009 was a very busy year for the Racing Officials Accreditation

Program (ROAP) and 2010 promises to be even busier.

In 2009, the University of Louisville held an eight-day full school that included a two-day continuing education class. Rich Wilcke and Tim Capps hosted more than 40 potential new stewards as well as experienced stewards for the CE portion over the eight days.

The Delaware Racing and Harness Commissions, led by John Wayne and Hugh Gallagher, hosted a two-day continuing education session at Delaware Park, while Dr. Ted Hill and his counterparts in New York hosted a one-day session at Belmont Park. Other CE sessions were also held in Washington (hosted by the Washington Racing Commission), Ohio (hosted by the USTA) and Maryland (hosted by the NSA).

One of the highlights of the year was the Annual ROAP Officiating Horse Racing Conference held in Tucson to help kick-off the annual symposium sponsored by the University of Arizona. Many thanks to ROAP board member Alan Foreman, who organized the conference and provided legal input into the discussions that had a primary focus on medication issues.

A new program for 2009 was the start up of a On Call Stewards Program, patterned after

the Veterinarian On-Call program sponsored by the American Association of Equine Practitioners. The On-Call Stewards Program provides support for the working stewards officiating at major stakes races shown on television.

Frank Lamb, Hugh Gallagher, Dennis Oelschlager, Kim Sawyer, Eddie Arroyo and I went through extensive training on how to work with the media, both print and electronic, prior to beginning the program. Hugh was first up working the U.S. National Steeplechase Championships. Denny then worked the Bank of America AQHA Racing Challenge at Los Alamitos and Frank and I finished out the year at the Breeders' Cup World Championships.

Already in 2010

Three continuing education classes have been held. Wendy Davis, with support from Charla Ann King and the Texas Racing Commission, held a 16-hour class at Lone Star Park. Bill Gallo and the National Steeplechase Association held an eight-hour session in Fair Hills, MD. Tim Capps and Hugh Gallagher conducted a 16-hour class at Tampa Bay Downs.

We now have a number of stewards accredited for more than one group—e.g. flat racing and harness racing or flat racing and steeplechase. ROAP is working to formalize its policy on cross-over accreditation and continuing education. Since most of the CEs involve administrative procedures that really are not that different, so will be combining many of those classes.

Upholding the integrity of racing is our most important responsibility.

What is ROAP?

ROAP accredits and provides continuing education for racing officials, stewards and judges to ensure integrity and promote consistency in the regulation of horse racing. ROAP is a collaborative effort of many organizations representing all types of racing. Through this participation, these organizations are supporting the common goal of ensuring the integrity of the pari-mutuel racing industry.



More than 1,000 people have participated in the ROAP programs, which have been conducted throughout the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico since 1989. Candidates for accreditation have also come from Europe, Asia, Africa, the Caribbean and South America.

ROAP in Action in 2009



Frank Lamb, On-Call Steward

- Introduced the On-Call Stewards Program at the Breeders' Cup World Championships, the U.S. Steeplechase Championships and the AQHA Bank of America Racing Challenge Championships
- Conducted the Second Annual Conference on Officiating Horse Racing, focusing on the legal aspects of officiating
- Launched a more user-friendly website with educational resources and interactive learning tools, video surveys, employment listings, and a public database that serves over 1,000 racing officials
- Approved and assisted with coordination and presentation of six continuing education courses attended by numerous racing officials and two 60-hour long accreditation schools.
- Promoted the 2009 ROAP Points of Emphasis: conducting mock hearings, writing rulings and daily reports, and considering mitigating and aggravating factors when reaching decisions on penalty phase.
- Produced quarterly ROAP newsletters

NEW ROAP COORDINATOR

ROAP is pleased to have Cathy (McNeeley) O'Meara join us as Coordinator of Racing Officials. Cathy has been with The Jockey Club since 2006 assisting with its many industry and safety initiatives. She obtained her bachelor's degree from Virginia Tech and a master's degree in business administration from Sullivan University.

She replaces Jennifer Voss-Franco who joined ROAP two years ago when the board determined a fulltime professional was needed to manage the day-to-day operations. She did an outstanding job and we are sorry to see her leave to accept another opportunity in the horse industry.

Cathy brings a unique and diverse skill set to the organization and we are confident that she will help ROAP meet and exceed its objectives going forward.

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2010 Officers
 Chairman: Stan Bowker
 Secretary: Wendy Davis
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Goals for 2010

- Enhance communication networks through YouTube and Facebook channels
- Continue effort for 100% adoption of Accredited Stewards and Judges Model Rule
- Develop relationships for regional continuing education programs
- Encourage interactions of current officials through web and video surveys
- Expand the On-Call Stewards Program
- Energize the newly formed Fundraising Committee to strengthen ROAP's role within the industry
- Increase visibility of ROAP, including logoed merchandise
- Work on strategic planning to determine the strengths and weaknesses of ROAP as well as the direction the board should be taking the organization in the next few years



STEWARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dr. Ted Hill, who has chaired the Stewards Advisory Committee since the formation of ROAP, is stepping down from that position. But before doing so, he and his committee have been working to finalize the Points of Emphasis for 2010. They will be formally presented to the ROAP board for approval at the April board meeting.



ROAP owes Ted a great deal of gratitude for his efforts on behalf of ROAP. He is not leaving ROAP and will remain on the board.



ROAP Points of Emphasis – 2010

- Review procedures with all officials at the start of each race meet
- Stress review of routine procedures and mechanics
- Consistency — review of inquiries, objections, and other racing incidents with all stewards and alternates weekly
- Video surveys — encourage maximum participation in ROAP video surveys, online and CE
- Riding Crop — stress the proper use of the riding crop with jockeys/drivers

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