

# Newsletter

## Change for the Spring 2015 Meet at Rosecroft

### **Maryland Preference Eligibility**

Horses that are privately purchased by a Maryland resident will not be considered Maryland owned if purchased within 60 days of the start of the Meet. Such horses may become eligible for a race preference and/or bonus after 60 days from the transfer of ownership as recorded by the USTA.

Horses purchased at a public auction are exempt from this rule.

Horses purchased by way of an on-line sale or auction are considered horses that are privately purchased.

Horses that were previously trained by a non-Maryland trainer will not be considered Maryland trained until 60 days after its last start under the non-Maryland trainer.



| CSOA 2015 Meeting Dates  |                    |
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| <i>All Meetings will be held at the Grasonville VFW at 6:00 PM</i> |                    |
| February 18, 2015<br><i>Annual Meeting/Election</i>                | August 4, 2015     |
| March 16, 2015   | September 21, 2015 |
| April 27, 2015   | October 19, 2015   |
| June 1, 2015   | December 7, 2015   |



| 2 Year Old Maryland Sire Stake Dates |             |                        |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| 7/19/2015                            | Ocean Downs | Prelim - All Divisions |
| 7/26/2015                            | Ocean Downs | Final - All Divisions  |
| 8/16/2015                            | Ocean Downs | Prelim - All Divisions |
| 8/23/2015                            | Ocean Downs | Final - All Divisions  |
| 9/26/2015                            | Rosecroft   | Prelim - All Divisions |
| 10/03/2015                           | Rosecroft   | Final - All Divisions  |

| 3 Year Old Maryland Sire Stake Dates |             |                        |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| 7/23/2015                            | Ocean Downs | Prelim - All Divisions |
| 8/2/2015                             | Ocean Downs | Final - All Divisions  |
| 8/20/2015                            | Ocean Downs | Prelim - All Divisions |
| 8/27/2015                            | Ocean Downs | Final - All Divisions  |
| 9/29/2015                            | Rosecroft   | Prelim - All Divisions |
| 10/06/2015                           | Rosecroft   | Final - All Divisions  |

| 4 & 5 Year Old Maryland Sire Stakes |             |                        |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| 4/25/2015                           | Rosecroft   | Open Pace              |
| 5/9/2015                            | Rosecroft   | Open Trot              |
| 6/28/2014                           | Ocean Downs | Open Pace<br>Open Trot |

| Maryland Standardbred Race Fund Dates |             |                            |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| 7/12/2015                             | Ocean Downs | 2 Year Old - All Divisions |
| 7/16/2015                             | Ocean Downs | 3 Year Old - All Divisions |
| 8/9/2015                              | Ocean Downs | 2 Year Old - All Divisions |
| 8/13/2015                             | Ocean Downs | 3 Year Old - All Divisions |

Check out the Cloverleaf S.O.A.'s website at [www.cloverleafsoa.org](http://www.cloverleafsoa.org) to sign up for the CSOA Membership e-mail mailing list.

## Cloverleaf Standardbred Owners' Associations Inc. Annual Horse Awards

In order to recognize our Owners and Member's achievements, the Awards Committee will be considering nominations for the 2014 awards, which will be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet held in February of 2015. The Awards Committee will put forth their best effort to nominate all eligible horses, but it is the ultimate responsibility of the Owner or Trainer to submit their horse's name for consideration by **January 10, 2015**.

### Criteria: *(not inclusive)*

- Money won
- Performance record
- Speed record
- Head to head competition

### Eligibility based on:

- For all age-gait-sex awards, all of the owners must be members of the Cloverleaf Standardbred Owners' Association (C.S.O.A.).
- For the Horse of the Year at each track, all owners must be members of C.S.O.A. and the horse had to race a minimum of 4 times at Rosecroft or 4 times at Ocean Downs, at the respective track. If a horse is sold from one C.S.O.A. member to another C.S.O.A. member, all starts will be considered and if the horse receives an award, both owners receive awards.
- If a horse is sold from a C.S.O.A. member to a non-member, or vice versa, only the starts under C.S.O.A. ownership will be considered.

### Awards to be given:

| <u>TROT</u>                                 | <u>PACE</u>  |
|---|--------------|
| 2 y.o. Colt                                 | 2 y.o. Colt  |
| 2 y.o. Filly                                | 2 y.o. Filly |
| 3 y.o. Colt                                 | 3 y.o. Colt  |
| 3 y.o. Filly                                | 3 y.o. Filly |
| Older Trotter of the Year                   |              |
| Older Pacing Horse/ Gelding of the Year     |              |
| Older Pacing Mare of the Year (4 y.o. & up) |              |
| Ocean Downs Horse of the Year, Trot or Pace |              |
| Rosecroft Horse of the Year, Trot or Pace   |              |

### Special Award:

A horse that has made an impact nationally or internationally.

A horse that has died (Posthumously)

A horse that exhibits an outstanding year and failed to win the award in its given category because of a horse of national prominence.

The Awards Committee encourages members to submit nominations to the C.S.O.A. Office at PO Box 156, Temple Hills, MD 20748 or [cloverleaf@erols.com](mailto:cloverleaf@erols.com) or by calling 301-567-9636.

## Recent actions taken by the Maryland Standardbred Race Fund Advisory Committee and the Maryland Racing Commission:

**Item 1 - Subject to future action, when there are 3 horses in either the MSS or MSRF, the purse distribution will be:**

| <u>Change</u> | <u>Present Distribution</u> |
|---------------|-----------------------------|
| 55%           | 60%                         |
| 30%           | 30%                         |
| 15%           | 10%                         |

**Item 2 - Subject to future action, the qualifying times in either the MSS or MSRF will be the same at Ocean Downs and Rosecroft:**

| <u>Change</u> | <u>Present Times</u> | <u>OD</u> | <u>Rosecroft</u> |
|---------------|----------------------|-----------|------------------|
| 2-P           | 2:08                 | 2:07      | 2:08             |
| 2-T           | 2:10                 | 2:09      | 2:10             |
| 3-P           | 2:07                 | 2:06      | 2:07             |
| 3-T           | 2:09                 | 2:08      | 2:09             |

*Note: Both of these items received 100% approval from the Advisory Board and Racing Commission. Before the changes can be enacted, the public has time to comment and the Racing Commission must give its final approval.*