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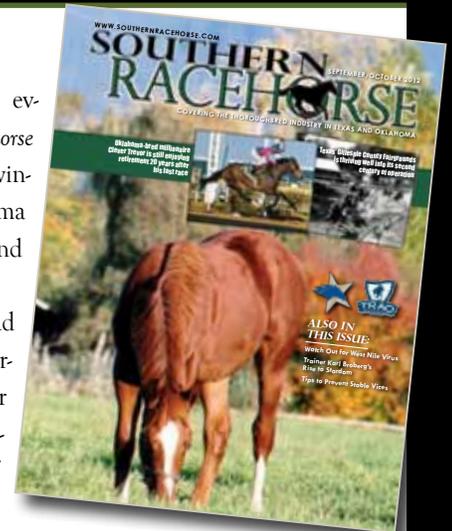
The inaugural issue of *Southern Racehorse* magazine has been mailed to all members of the Texas Thoroughbred Association (TTA) and the Thoroughbred Racing Association of Oklahoma (TRAO). With a circulation of more than 4,000, *Southern Racehorse* is the largest Thoroughbred racing and breeding publication in the region.

The first issue features a look at the incredible history of racing at Texas' Gillespie County Fairgrounds going back more than 100 years and a story about 26-year-old Clever Trevor, the Oklahoma-bred millionaire who is still enjoying retirement. The issue also includes a profile of leading trainer Karl Broberg, important information about West Nile virus in the region and advice on preventing a variety of stable vices. The TTA and TRAO have also provided

membership updates, and every issue of *Southern Racehorse* includes photos of stakes winners at Texas and Oklahoma tracks and for Texas-bred and Oklahoma-bred horses.

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letter or the *Southern Racehorse* Stallion Register, [click here](#).



## Mary Ruyle named executive director of TTA

Mary Ruyle has accepted an offer from the Board of Directors of the Texas Thoroughbred Association to succeed Dave Hooper as executive director effective November 1. Hooper recently announced his resignation to take a position as association steward at Fair Grounds Race Course.

Ruyle will reach her 25th anniversary working for the TTA on January 16, 2013. She was first employed as bookkeeper for the association. In subsequent years, additional duties were added, and her title was changed to office manager. She has worked in the areas of accreditation, horse auction sales, TTA-sponsored races, membership, meeting planning, the Political Action Committee, the Texas Thoroughbred Educational Fund and The Paddock Foundation. In 2000, she was named business manager, a position she has held ever since.

"She knows every aspect of the organization's operations and statutory responsibilities," said Hooper. "She also knows more members on a personal basis than any staff member that I know. She is readily accessible, knowledgeable on all aspects of the Texas racing industry and knows the major players within the various organizations. The Board could not have made a better choice."

Commenting on her appointment after the TTA Board action on October 4, Ruyle said, "It has been my great fortune to work alongside and learn from some of the most knowledgeable people in horse racing, and I look forward to expanding my role in the industry."



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## Politicallycorrect wins thrilling Oklahoma Derby



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**Politicallycorrect (#3) gets up to win the Oklahoma Derby**

The \$400,000 Oklahoma Derby on September 30 at Remington Park was a wide-open affair at the top of the stretch run as six competitors were lined up from the rail out. The widest of the sextet prevailed as Politicallycorrect, despite drifting to the far outside of the stretch, won by three-quarters of a length under Hall of Fame jockey Kent Desormeaux.

Owned by Kenneth and Sarah Ramsey of Nicholasville, Kentucky, and trained by Wesley Ward, Politicallycorrect gave those connections their second win in the Oklahoma Derby in the last three years. They scored with Pleasant Prince in the 2010 race.

As the field of 10 made its way into the stretch, Desormeaux was able to move Politicallycorrect off the rail, where he had been stalking the pace until the end of the final turn. Once in the clear, the gelding made up ground to join the chase for victory but didn't take the straightest path to the finish.

"He gave me a great ride until I swung him out," Desormeaux noted. "When I swung him out, he did explode and take off, but he was drifting on me. When I tried to correct him, he slowed down, so I didn't do that again. As long as he was progressing and I felt like we were going to get him (Willy Beamin), I was just going to let him drift. I was thankful there was no one on the outside."

Willy Beamin, winner of the Grade 1, \$500,000 King's Bishop at Saratoga in late August, took the lead inside the eighth pole but could not hold off the outside charge of Politicallycorrect, settling for second. Called to Serve, third in the Grade 2, \$750,000 West Virginia Derby at Mountaineer in August, was just a head behind the runner-up in third.

Master Rick, third in the Grade 2, \$500,000 Super Derby at Louisiana Downs, set the pace in the derby, giving way at the top of the stretch, with fractions of :22.20 for the quarter-mile; :47.58 for the half-mile and 1:12.29 for three-quarters of a mile. Willy Beamin led after a mile in 1:37.36 before the winner hit the finish, handling 1

$\frac{1}{8}$  miles in 1:50.23 over the fast track.

The Remington Park main track was sloppy when racing started but improved throughout the card to be fast by the Oklahoma Derby.

Bred in Kentucky by the Ramseys, Politicallycorrect is by Kitten's Joy from the Tale of the Cat mare Exceedexpectations. The Oklahoma Derby was his third career win from a dozen starts, and the first-place check of \$240,000 moves his overall money to \$351,375.

This was the first Oklahoma Derby win for Desormeaux in his first attempt.

Rounding out the finish in the field of 10 were Suns Out Guns Out, Prospective, Daddy Nose Best, Master Rick, Ted's Folly, Speightcity and Diamond Joe.

The Oklahoma Derby was supported by four other divisional stakes events on the biggest day of the Remington Park season. Only the Derby and Remington Park Oaks had winners who scored by more than a head.

### \$250,000 Remington Park Oaks

The 3-year-old fillies took the main track three races prior to the Oklahoma Derby with a gate-to-wire victory in speedy Sticks Wondergirl, who took the Oaks.

Owned by the Nicholasville, Kentucky, partnership of Alvin Haynes and Beth Burchell, Sticks Wondergirl was ridden by Jon Court, making every pole a winning one in



Dustin Orona Photography

**Sticks Wondergirl**

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the 1 1/16-mile event. Trained by Greg Burchell, Sticks Wondergirl stopped the timer at 1:44.05 over the muddy main track.

Beaten even-money favorite Jemima's Pearl tried to reel in Sticks Wondergirl in the stretch but could only get within three-quarters of a length, settling for second. Yankee Union pressed the winner throughout the race before tiring in the final furlong for third.

Lightly raced, Sticks Wondergirl won her third race and first stakes from just four starts. The Oaks was the third consecutive triumph for the daughter of Stevie Wonderboy out of the Quiet American mare Y Country. She earned \$150,000 for the Oaks to bump her career money to \$191,638.

### \$200,000 Remington Park Sprint Cup



#### Alsvid

In the most exciting finish of the day, Alsvid won a microscopic photo-finish over Apprehender to capture the Sprint Cup by a nose. Owned by Black Hawk Stable of Elk City, Oklahoma, and trained by Chris Hartman, Alsvid swept the big sprint races at Remington Park this season, adding the Sprint Cup to his score in the \$100,000 David M. Vance Stakes in August. Regular rider Chris Landeros was up for the victory as the pair covered six furlongs in 1:09.46 over the good main track.

Alsvid took the lead in the Sprint Cup in the stretch and looked like he was going to draw clear. Apprehender had other ideas after pressing the pace until the stretch; he did not yield when the winner passed, digging in to battle to the finish. Que Posse was five lengths behind the top two.

A 3-year-old gelding by Officer out of the Afternoon Deelites mare Reagle Mary, Alsvid won his third career Remington Park stakes race and his seventh race overall from 10 starts. His fourth overall win at Remington Park was worth \$120,000 and moved his career earnings to \$361,465. Alsvid was bred in Kentucky by Yanagawa Stud.

### \$125,000 Remington Green Stakes

Due to more than three days of rain in Oklahoma City, all of the Derby Day turf races were pulled from the turf course with the exception of two stakes events. The Green was run over good turf with Lockout just getting up over Golden Yank in the final strides.

Owned by Oklahoma Horse Racing Hall of Famer John Oxley of Tulsa and trained by Mark Casse, Lockout was ridden by Jermaine



#### Lockout

Bridgmohan, who made a triumphant return to Remington Park. Bridgmohan was the leading rider at Remington in 2009 with 82 wins.

Lockout sat just off the pace set by Global Power and then made his winning run in the lane. He hooked up with Golden Yank with less than a furlong to go and then just edged the veteran 7-year-old by a head at the line, covering 1 1/16 miles over the sod in 1:42.21.

Global Power finished third as the beaten 7-5 wagering favorite.

Bred in Kentucky by Columbiana Farm, Lockout is a 3-year-old colt by Limehouse out of the Wild Deputy mare Non Sibi. The Green represented his third career win from nine attempts and made another \$75,000 to go into his lifetime bankroll of \$258,527.

### \$50,000 Ladies on the Lawn

Oklahoma-bred fillies and mare competed in the other turf stakes on the card, going 7 1/2 furlongs. Skedee battled for the lead



#### Skedee

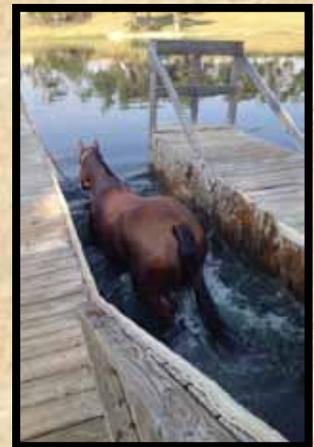
throughout the race in just her second start since last November and then reached down for a courageous finish to just defeat the closing Oopsville Slew by a head. Owned by the Ringwood, Oklahoma, partnership of Robert Poteet and John and Mary Lowder, Skedee provided her connections with an emotional victory. Poteet, who co-bred Skedee with John Lowder, passed away earlier in the week.

Trained by Mary Lowder and ridden by Benny Landeros, Skedee was 3-1 in the wagering. Miranda Diane set the pace before tiring to third.

The Ladies on the Lawn was the eighth win from 28 career starts for Skedee, a 7-year-old mare by Sefapiano out of the De Sarmiento mare Phuri Dai. Her seventh Remington Park win was worth \$30,000 and jumped her lifetime money to \$362,752.

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### Oklahoma stallion Liquor Cabinet gets first winner

Freshman Oklahoma stallion Liquor Cabinet (Ire) was represented by his first winner on September 29 as his son Irish Dancer won a maiden claiming sprint at Remington Park. The 2-year-old gelding, who was bred in Oklahoma by John and Jenny Beal and runs for owner Andrew Smith, went wire-to-wire and held on to win at odds of 25-1 despite going seven-wide into the stretch. The Paul Smith trainee had finished third in his prior start and has now banked \$11,295 in his young career.

Liquor Cabinet, who stands at Oklahoma Equine Hospital in Washington, Oklahoma, is an 11-year-old son of Hennessy who ran first or second in 10 of his 12 career starts, including a victory in the Aqueduct Handicap (G3) by nine lengths with a 113 Beyer Speed Figure. His dam is the Grade 1-placed Jade Hunter mare Key Hunter, and his female family also includes Grade 2 winner Pants on Fire, Group 1 winner and champion Ministrella and Horse of the Year Saint Liam.

### Oklahoma stallion Podium moves to Caines Stallion Station

Podium, a \$500,000 Keeneland September sale yearling who stood last season at Bigheart Thoroughbreds in Garber, Oklahoma, has been relocated to Ellen Caines' Caines Stallion Station near Wynnewood, Oklahoma, for the 2013 breeding season. His fee will be \$1,000.

The 8-year-old Podium is bred similarly to successful stallion Sky Mesa, as both are by Pulpit out of a graded stakes-producing Storm Cat mare. Podium is a half brother to Grade 2 winner and young stallion Half Ours, and his dam, Zing, is a full sister to successful sire Yankee Gentleman.

Podium's first foals are yearlings of this year.

### Texas stallion Gaff off to fast start at stud

Gaff, a son of Maria's Mon who stands at Seguin Horse Center in Seguin, Texas, has jumped out to a big early lead on the list of leading freshman sires in the Lone Star State. The multiple Grade 3 winner, who previously stood in Florida and Louisiana, already has three winners in his first crop with progeny earnings of \$83,358. His top earner is Bloody Smart, a Florida-bred filly who has banked \$37,596 with a record of 7-1-0-3.

Gaff won eight of 23 career starts while banking nearly \$570,000 on the track. He won five stakes, including Gulfstream Park's six-furlong Mr. Prospector Handicap (G3) in track record time and the Aegon Turf Sprint Stakes (G3) at Churchill Downs, and placed in five others while running in the U.S., Ireland and the United Arab Emirates.

Gaff will stand the 2013 season for a \$1,500 fee.

### Touch Tone relocates to Lane's End Texas

Texas stallion Touch Tone, who earlier this year sired the first two finishers with Im a Bear and Perfect Meadow in the \$75,000 Texas Stallion Stakes (Got Koko division) at Lone Star Park, has been relocated from JEH Stallion Station near Pilot Point, Texas, to Lane's End Texas near Hempstead.

Touch Tone, a 14-year-old son of Pick Up the Phone, hit the board in seven of eight career starts with wins in the \$250,000 Iowa Derby and \$100,000 Alysheba Breeders' Cup Stakes. He also placed in four graded stakes, including a strong second to Horse of the Year Point Given in the \$1.5 million Haskell Invitational Handicap (G1).

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