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LOWA GREYHOUND ASSOCIATION FWS FWS FWS

aturday 09/07/13 11:00 a.m. lowa Greyhound Association Annual Election of Officers & Membership meeting. Altoona, lowa Prairie Meadows meeting room.

*We changed our "ANNUAL" meeting date from January to September to accommodate the Dubuque kennels that leave with their greyhounds when the track closes & to avoid bad weather.

Those up for re-election are: David Robinette 3 year board

News from the
National Greyhound
Association for District
representatives
submitted by our
District rep. Bob Rider
from Vinton, IA and IGA
Alternate Board member

Members that will be on the ballot for the C districts that will be held this fall are 3C Julia Ward, Abilene, KS - Kenny Allen, presently the president of the NGA Board, is retiring.

On the ballot from the district 1C will be S. Lester Raines, present board member from Charleston, WV.

On the ballot from 2C will be Steve G. Gilster, present board member from Allen, TX.

Thanks for the job you have done Kenny Allen.

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We want to thank Legislative Consultant Don Avenson & his team who watches over anything & everything that goes on at the Capitol that might endanger our live racing & livelihood. Also thanks to Jim Quilty Legal Consultant & Nick Mauro for the IGA who at a minute's notice can get things accomplished.

On 07/02/13 The Iowa Greyhound Association was awarded the annual promotion fund by the Iowa Racing & Gaming Commission for 2014. Jim Quilty & Nick Mauro attended.

The IGA sent a Memorial to the family of Rachel Boelman who died of cancer. Rachel was our news coordinator & artist for the quarterly IGA news. She worked at the Humboldt Independent Newspaper in Humboldt, Iowa. She will be missed. *See obituary. Bob McKinnon sent the following e-mail to me. "Very sorry to hear about Rachel. She always did a nice job with the IGA magazine & my "stuff". We are going to miss her. Putting out a magazine like that, four times a

year, is no small matter. I didn't know her personally, maybe a couple of short conversations on the phone. I had no idea she was ill". The IGA will continue working with JEN to carry on the work that Rachel did for us in Humboldt.

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Be sure to check-out the Stakes Races at Dubuque & Bluffs Run in this publication. Bev Yates, IGA board member's greyhound- L Tootie won the Puppy Stakes on June 22 & L Peanut ran 4th. See photo & article. *In the December edition of the IGA news you will see the winners of the lowa Breeders Classics & other stakes races at Dubuque & Bluffs Run.

DK's Flow Master owned by IGA president Bob Hardison won the \$60,000 Open Stakes Race at Bluffs Run on July 27, 2013. Two of his other greyhounds ran third and fourth in the same race. Congratulations Bob!

The Iowa State fair begins
August 8-18 at the fairgrounds
in Des Moines. Tara & Eric
Hill & Heartland Greyhound
Adoption (IGA members) will be
hosting our booth in the Varied
Industries Building. Bev Yates
has purchased a large canvas
banner that will be displayed
in our booth at the fair. Bev's

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grandson Cale Yates was the designer. As our IGA news goes to press before the fair dates, check out all the photos & news in our December publication.

How about a "Good News" story? Read the amazing news coming out of Florida.

Other news worthy articles to read in this publication:

Mystique Tries Connecting
Racing, TPC
Casino Decision "13" It's Hard
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Study - Commission Article
by Jack Ketterer
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I was invited to a picnic for family & friends on July 13 by Bev Yates of Underwood, Iowa. There were approximately 70

ads in our publication. We

in attendance. Bev prepared a feast fit for a king. A year ago Art Yates passed on to a better place. If he would have been here, he would have been telling us about his most recent Juvenile win by greyhound- L Tootie & other pups in the litter. Bev races her greyhounds in the Harlan Brothers Kennel at Bluffs Run. The trainer is her daughter Lori Fortune. WE know Art was looking down on all of us with approval. He is missed.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

The IGA continues to host lowa Legislators and neighbors at our farms to show them what is involved in raising and racing greyhounds in lowa.

The farms & kennels continue to hire students for part time summer help. This helps the students with their expenses. Some even continue in the industry.

WE have a new 9 ft by 4 ½

ft banner designed for our booth at the Iowa State Fair. We also have 3' x 6" banners that are placed on the outfield fences at baseball fields. The banner lets people know that

we have LIVE greyhound racing in lowa.

The IGA officers & board hope you all continue supporting the IGA, the NGA, your greyhound adoption groups at Bluffs Run (Heartland Greyhound Adoption) & the Dubuque Greyhound Adoption at the racetrack. Attend your Association ANNUAL meeting & get involved. See you at Prairie Meadows Racetrack & Casino on 09/07/13.

Minutes printed and submitted by Executive Secretary, Gloria Sanders



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KC And All ran 2nd in Fall Futurity.

Bean/Stout Kennel won 2010 Kennel Championship. "KC And All was a huge part of it. He retired winning 70 percent of his starts. He best local and outside All-Americans in the Sprints. He was everything you want in a greyhound. No weaknesses. Strong in all aspects. Extreme early speed, box to wire no matter what hole he was in. Could have easily went to World Classic." - Joe Osborne-Trainer

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News from ... Bluffs Run

DK'S FLOW METER \$60,000 OPEN CHAMPION



By Steve Sigafoose 7/28/13

Dk's Flow Meter's impressive triumph in the \$60,000 Open at Bluffs Run on Saturday, July 27, highlighted a big payday for the Hardison Kennel.

In addition to the victory, the kennel picked up a third-place finish from Sh Avatar and a fourth place from Chipper.

"All three greyhounds ran good races," said owner Bob Hardison. "We were fortunate to have three in the final. (Trainer) Darren (Flahive) has done an outstanding job with them. But you always worry about the three taking each other out (in the race)."

That fear especially held true when Dk's Flow Meter drew the one box, Chipper got the two box and Sh Avatar had the four box. Fears were compounded when the boxes opened at the break. Chipper, the longest shot of the trio, broke a solid second. But Flow Meter, send off as the second favorite, broke sixth and Avatar, the patrons' betting favorite, broke last.

That haunted Sh Avatar; the No. 1-ranked greyhound at Bluffs Run, as he ran in traffic in the rush to the first turn and found himself in sixth place in the early going.

Dk's Flow Meter, however, had a clean run to the first turn, taking the lead from Top Of The Pile (Plum Creek), who came out of the three box.

"I though he was in first or second," said Flahive. "I couldn't tell for sure because I was trying to watch all three of our greyhounds."

Once in the first turn, and on the rail, Dk's Flow Meter took off. The 67-pounder, born April 25, 2011 out of Kelsos Fusileer-Dk's Xplode, pushed his lead to four lengths. He commanded the field down the backstretch with Top Of The Pile chasing.

"Flow Meter has preferred the outside boxes," said Hardison, "but the last three times he has been in the one box he has won."

As the field rounded the far turn and entered the homestretch, the Open got interesting. Top Of The Pile made a move on Flow Meter.

"He looks early speed," said Hardison about his champion, "but he has not been easily caught. He doesn't like to be caught."

Dk's Flow Meter was not to be caught. He finished a length ahead in a time of 30.65 seconds for the 5-16 mile.

"We felt," said Flahive, "Sh Avatar was the one to beat, but we also thought Flow Meter was capable."

The Open championship was a bit of sweet revenge for Dk's Flow Meter. It came a month after the \$60,000 Juvenile. Flow Meter went into the Juvenile as the winningest greyhound in the field of 96. But, after a first-round win, he stumbled badly and was eliminated after a sixth and a seventh in his last two races.

"He underperformed," said Flahive, "maybe it was trainer error."

"In a month," said Hardison, "he's grown up."

Top Of The Pile's second was impressive, maybe needing only a few more yards to catch the leader in a strong finish.

"We knew the one (Dk's Flow Meter) would be tough in that box," said Plum Creek trainer Monte Hoopes. "He (Pile) ran a good race for us; maybe late we had a chance." Sh Avatar rallied late to overtake Chipper for third. Avatar was a length and a half back and Chipper two lengths back.

Then there was a gap. Topline Drive (Keeper-Red Rock)



was a steady fifth despite traffic and crowding and finished five lengths back.

Boc's Sluicey (Boeckenstedt) was sixth, with trouble, 11 lengths down.

Sweet Finish (Petzold) was third early then faded in the backstretch in finishing seventh.

Hilco Kola (Bean & Stout), who had made the final with a terrific semifinal win, rounded out the field.

By the numbers this was an outstanding field. Seven of the greyhounds are among the top 20 on the Bluffs Run victory board.

They are No. 1 Sh Avatar 35-21-4-6; No. 2 Dk's Flow Meter 37-20-3-5; No. 3 Sweet Finish 32-15-10-0; No. 5 Top Of The Pile 32-13-9-7; No. 16 Hilco Kola 38-9-6-4; No. 18

Chipper 28-9-4-7 and No. 20 Topline Drive 26-9-3-3. The eighth greyhound, Boc's Sluicey 33-7-10-4, was coming off a third-place finish in the \$60,000 Juvenile final.

As for the money, the Hardison Kennel picked up \$39,000 for the efforts of its three greyhounds Flow Meter picked up the \$30,000 for the win; Sh Avatar got \$6,000 for third and Chipper got \$3,000 for his fourth. It is the kennel's second stakes win of the year as Sh Avatar won the year opening \$60,000 Team Survivor.

"I am lucky to have a nice staff," said Flahive, praising assistant trainers Dave Dotson, Paige Huckabay and Jamie Fidler and helper Sandy Pflueger.

Top Of The Pile earned \$15,000 for his second. The fifth through eighth place finishers each earned \$1,500.



L Tootie Juvenile Stakes Winner

With an explosive mid-homestretch charge, L Tootie of the Harlan Brothers Kennel claimed the \$60,000 Juvenile Stakes title Saturday, June 22, at Bluffs Run.

"Dad would have been proud," said trainer Lori Fortune. Her father, the late Art Yates had from the very beginning "thought this litter would be special."

Dad had a point. Littermate L Peanut rallied in the homestretch to pick up prize money by finishing fourth in the Juvenile final. In the race before the Juvenile championship, L Kylie, who had made it to the Juvenile quarterfinals, moved up to Grade B with an impressive come-from-behind victory. Two days before the big race, L Cayden stayed in Grade A with a nice win.

All are out of a June 4, 2011 litter from Kiowa Mon Manny-Slatex Porsche.

Despite having the most wins of any of the finalists,

L Tootie's record is now 32-11-6-4, the pup went to the boxes as the second pick in the race behind Boc's John Luke (Boeckenstedt), who came to the final as the top points earner from the qualifiers.

Tootie broke fifth (it looked better than that) behind Boc's Sluicey (Boeckenstedt), who popped the one box.

"We felt good," explained Harlan Brothers assistant trainer Joe Bloom, "about having Tootie in the seven box and Pencil in the two. Our dream draw would have been Tootie in the eight and Pencil in the one, so one box off wasn't bad."

L Tootie chased Boc's Sluicey to the first turn, then slipped to third as Boc's John Luke, working the rail, took over second as the field moved into the backstretch.

"She broke good," said Bloom. "When she got around

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Left to right: Joe Bloom – Asst. Trainer, Bev Yates – Owner, Lori Fortune – Trainer, Clay Yates, Rafael Arroyo – Leadout, Kodi Smith – Asst. Trainer.

the first turn in good shape, I knew she had the closing speed."

L Tootie and Boc's John Luke traded putting their noses in front of each other for second in the backstretch as Boc's Sluicey kept a length's lead. The space between the trio of leaders narrowed as the field reached the far turn and L Tootie took over second for good.

"You are always nervous," said Bloom, "without the lead, but I was confident until she took the lead."

Coming into the homestretch, Boc's Sluicey drifted a bit to the midtrack, forcing L Tootie to take an outside step to get around her rival. That proved not a problem. It took until the midpoint of the homestretch for L Tootie to catch Boc's Sluicey, but once there, L Tootie accelerated to produce a going-away three length victory. Her time for the 5-16 mile course on the hot day of 30.62 seconds was the best on the Saturday card.

"Her homestretch run," said Bloom, "was like she's done. Still, it was like Lori told me this morning when she said 'I thought it would be an exciting race."

Boc's John Luke 18-7-5-4 slipped to the rail and hustled up to nip kennelmate Boc's Sluicey 26-6-7-3- for second place by .01 of a second, giving the Boeckenstedt Kennel a nice two-three payday.

"It would have been nice," said assistant trainer Cathy

Gubbels with a gracious smile, "after getting dressed up to be able to go out and get your picture taken (with the winner's trophy).

"We're pleased; our greyhounds ran good races. (In a perfect world) it would have been nice if Boc's John Luke had had the one box (instead of the five) and Boc's Sluicey had the eight (instead of the one), but we're proud of them."

L Peanut 26-5-6-2 broke third but ran fifth for most of the race before her homestretch rally for fourth, six and a half lengths off the pace.

That run left Hilco Single (Bean & Stout) 12-5-2-2 fifth, eight lengths back.

The last three greyhounds all suffered trouble and paid for it. P Kay Chilly (Petzold) 33-8-3-5 finished just ahead of Kl's Bubba (Legg) 16-4-2-4 for sixth. Boc's Phantom (Boeckenstedt) 26-7-4-3 rounded out the field.

In handing out the checks, L Tootie picked up \$30,000; second place was worth \$15,000; third place paid \$6,000 and fourth was worth \$3,000. The fifth through eighth-place finishers each received \$1,500.

But being pups, all of the finalists look to have bright futures.

"L Tootie has a lot of time to improve," said Bloom, "before the (\$500,000) lowa Breeders Classic (in the fall), which is what we're really shooting for."



No Bluff--It's Killer Dare

By Steve Sigafoose

Switching gears in smooth style, Killer Dare of the Harlan Brothers Kennel rolled to the championship in the final of the \$60,000 3-8 Mile Derby at Bluffs Run on Saturday, May 4.

How Killer Dare got to the provided just as much drama than the 82 pounder's title run. The son of Gable Dodge-Slatex Sarah Liz, born Oct. 16, 2010, was enjoying an exceptional career as a sprinter. He was a second team All-American on the 5-16 mile course, collecting \$170,990 in earnings in 2012.

However "Alan Hill (one of his owners) loves the 3-8 races," explained Harlan Brothers trainer Lori Fortune. "He urged us to try Killer Dare in the 3-8."

It wasn't an easy decision.

"We struggled with it," said Fortune, "so much so that he got his second start, he needed to have two starts in 3-8 to qualify, on the day the entries for the stakes were due."

Killer Dare opened the Derby stakes with a 13-length win then had the kennel worried with a fifth and a fourth.

"He got tangled up when he finished fifth," said Fortune, "and he got stepped on before he rallied for the fourth. We had to baby him before the semifinal race."

Killer Dare faced a win or go home situation in the semifinal. Getting the one box, Dare exploded in the homestretch for a decisive six-length win.

"We want him," said Fortune, "in the one or the eight box."

"He had the one box," added assistant trainer Joe Bloom, "when he missed setting the track record (at Bluffs Run) for the 5-16 course by only three one-hundredths of a second."

Fate helped again as Killer Dare drew the one box for the championship run.

Killer Dare broke well in the championship race, second just behind Copy Cat (Plum Creek), who came out of the two box. It was critical for the pair to break well considering the short run from the 3-8 boxes to the first turn in the race.

Joining the pair was SH Limitless (Hardison), the top point

Switching gears in smooth style, Killer Dare of the Harlan Brothers Kennel rolled to the championship.

earner in the four rounds of qualifying. He broke from the six box. Just behind the trio was Vision Revision (Plum Creek). Vision Revision, who won in each of the

first three rounds of qualifying, broke from the eight box.

Swinging out of the first turn into the homestretch for the first time, it was Vision Revision taking the lead with Killer Dare second. Down the homestretch and entering the escape turn, Boc's Steelforce (Boeckenstedt) claimed second from Killer Dare.

But the champion retook second as the field hit the midway point of the backstretch. That left Vision Revision to overtake and Killer Dare did that in the far turn. Once Dare took the lead in the far turn, the homestretch drive was a one greyhound show as Killer Dare pulled away for a six-length decision in a time of 39.18 seconds.

"At first," said Fortune, "we were worried about trouble. After he got out, we knew he could close We feel he is one of the fastest greyhounds in the country."

Killer Dare moves to 24-8-4-3 on the year.

Vision Revision, 17-6-3-4, easily took second.

SH Limitless, 22-6-3-3, rallied in the homestretch for third, 10 lengths behind. Boc's Steelforce, 22-4-5-3, had to settle for fourth.

Nuts O (Plum Creek), 17-3-4-3, broke seventh, dealt with traffic and wide turns in a fifth-place finish. Kl's Nessa (Legg), 21-6-4-4, broke last, was blocked early, stumbled, but rallied to take sixth.

VJ Splittin Aces (Legg), 19-3-3-2, was crowded early and blocked in the first turn on the way to settling for seventh. Copy Cat, 19-4-5-2, stumbled in the first turn and went wide in the far turn in finishing eighth.

As far as the purse goes, Killer Dare earns \$30,000; Vision Revision \$15,000; SH Limitless \$6,000 and Boc's Steelforce \$3,000. The bottom four greyhounds each earn \$1,500.

Now the debate goes on whether to run Killer Dare in the 5-16 or 3-8 races.

"We'll just have to decide," said Fortune while noting the 3-8 races do pay a bit more, "but we want to have him in the 5-16 stakes races, especially in the (\$500,000) lowa Breeders Classic." It was left to Bloom to have the final say.

"I love to give you a quote," said Bloom, "but I'm too happy."

On a special Memorial Day performance, Dubuque **Greyhound Park** ran its 2013 \$2,000 Memorial Sprint stakes race, over the 3-16ths mile course. This \$2,000 short race had eight handpicked sprinters that had a chance to show their quick breaking ability, but only one greyhound stood out from the pack and was the favorite of the race, Ketchup Packet of the Copper Kettle Kennel. His impressive breaking speed is tough for any dog to match and as the box opened he shot out of the box and never looked back to win the Memorial Sprint by 4 lengths. Pat C Lane of the Pat C **Greyhound Kennel** and WW Dorothy of the Clayton Black Kennels battle it out for second place and Pat C Lane won the duel to take second place and WW Dorothy finished third. Jns Monti Cristo of the Jackson Greyhounds kennel just missed third place by 100ths of second.



Pictured left to right: Brian Carpenter, Director of Racing; Tom Rogers, Racing Secretary; Jake Ungs, Owner of Ketchup Packet; Taylor Lynch, Leadout; Carlton Hanson, Trainer for the Copper Kettle Kennel; Mark Dunnuck, Assistant Trainer; Copper Kettle

A Stellar Debut



What a debut.
Quirky Darius broke
on top and went box to
wire Saturday night at
Dubuque Greyhound
Park to win the Maiden
Debut.

Darius, from the Oxbow-Trow Kennel, cruised to a 31.60. After the strong break, Darius turned it on in the back stretch. WW's Revise tried to run him down, but Darius would have none of that.

Darius paid \$8, \$4.60 and \$3.20. The trifecta, 3-7-8, paid \$376.50.



On Thursday, July 4th, Dubuque Greyhound Park ran its 45,000 King and Queen Championship. The battle of the sexes began with twenty-four males and twentyfour females. This year was such an exciting stakes event with Superior Product of the Superior Kennel trying to break Dubuque's 13 wins in a row record set back in 1991 by Noble Bahama. Going into the first round of the stakes event Superior Product had nine wins in a row. He won all three preliminary rounds giving him twelve wins in a row with sixty points putting him on top. To tie the record Superior Product had to win the Kings and Queens but

with so many great dogs in the race nothing was guaranteed. His on brother Superior Panama of the Superior Kennel had 9 wins out 13 starts sitting in the 3 hole and there half-sister, Superior Kotton, sitting in the 2 hole with Roc A By Msmolly of the Jackson Greyhounds Kennel who was the 2012 King and Queen championship sitting in the 4 hole. As the race went off the three family members broke out on top but it was a whole different story going into the first turn. Jf Callin Radar of the Jackson Greyhounds Kennel got on top with Quirky Chandler of the Oxbow-Trow kennel right behind challenging

him and Allisonracinteam of the Hardison & Hambleton Kennel following the leaders and Superior Product not far behind. As the greyhounds were coming around the far turn into the final stretch Allisonracinteam put it into a higher gear and drove up to the leaders to win the \$45,000 King and Queen Stakes by half a length. Making Allisonracinteam the thirteenth queen to win the King and Queens stakes at Dubuque. Quirky Chandler in second and Jf Callin Radar just short of winning the race took third. Superior Product ends up fourth place and the 1991 record still stands for another day.

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In Remembrance

Rachel Boelman

Funeral services for Rachel Ann Boelman, 62, Belmond, were held Saturday, May 25, at Andrews Funeral Home, Belmond. She died Wednesday, May 22, 2013, at lowa Specialty Hospital-Belmond, surrounded by her loving family.

Andrews Funeral Home of Belmond was in charge of arrangements with Pastor Jim Gochenouer officiating. Those left to cherish her memory include, her husband of nearly 43 years, Verlyn Boelman, Belmond; sons, Lane Boelman, Austin, TX, and Reed (Anna) Boelman, and their two sons, Thomas "Peanut" and Joseph "Joe V" all of Redwing, MN; mother, Ilene Kalkwarf, Belmond; brother, Earl (Julie) Kalkwarf, Belmond; also a niece, Jessica (Travis) Roma, Colorado Springs, CO; and Andy Kalkwarf, Wichita, KS; also numerous other nieces and nephews, and countless friends. She was preceded in death by her maternal and paternal grandparents, and her dad.

Rachel Ann Kalkwarf, daughter of Robert and Ilene (Tegland) Kalkwarf, was born Feb. 25, 1951, in Belmond. She attended and graduated from Belmond Community Schools in the Class of 1969 and then went on to further her education at Iowa State University in the Clothing and Textiles sector.

Rachel was united in marriage to Verlyn Boelman on June 27, 1970, at St. John Lutheran Church, Belmond. Their union was blessed with two sons, Lane and Reed, both of which were the "Apple of Rachel's Eyes." Following their marriage, the couple made their home and raised their children in Belmond, before moving to

Marble Falls, TX, in 1981, where they lived until returning to Belmond in 1989.

During their years in Texas, Rachel was employed with the Highlander Newspaper. Rachel was employed as a graphic designer with the Humboldt Newspaper in Humboldt, for the past 23 years until her health forced her to retire from this occupation, which she loved.

The main focus in Rachel's life was her husband and two sons. She absolutely relished her role as a nurturing and devoted life partner to Verlyn and mom to her boys. Both Lane and Reed reflect fondly back on their years growing up and the fact that they could always count on Rachel looking over their shoulder and cheering for them in all that they were involved in. Whether, it was an athletic event or any other extracurricular activity, Rachel and Verlyn rarely missed being there to support them in their successes and lift them up in their failures. She truly was their life cheerleader.

In more recent years Rachel loved playing the role of "Grandma Rachel." She couldn't wait to spoil them when the family got together and they knew just how to grab ahold of her heartstrings.

Rachel enjoyed golf and for many years she and Verlyn were active members of the Belmond Country Club, where she played in ladies tournaments and couples events with Verlyn. She enjoyed spending time with her many friends. Rachel enjoyed music and was the organist at the St. John Lutheran Church in Belmond for many years. She was one who enjoyed the simple pleasures of life and never cared too much about materialistic things in life; however, she truly appreciated the comforts of her most recent vehicle, "Rachel's Rav."

Those wishing to express their sympathies through a memorial in Rachel's name may wish to consider the American Cancer Society, Hospice of Wright County, the family or the donor's choice.



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IOWA RACING AND GAMING COMMISSION MEMBERS

In May of 1983, the lowa Racing and Gaming Commission was created by the Pari-Mutuel Wagering Act. The Act provided for a Commission consisting of five members who shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate, and who shall serve not to exceed a three-year term at the pleasure of the Governor. No more than three members of the Commission may be affiliated with the same political party. The Commission is charged with the administration of the lowa Pari-Mutuel Wagering Act and Excursion Boat Gambling Act which mandate that the Commission shall have full jurisdiction over and shall supervise all race meetings and gambling excursions governed by lowa Code Chapters 99D and 99F. The Commission appoints an Administrator for a four-year term, responsible for the daily operations of the Commission.

The Commissioners can be reached through the Commission office 717 E. Court, Suite B, Des Moines, Iowa 50309; 515/281-7352; fax number 515/242-6560 or at the address and phone number listed below.

Carl Heinrich - Mr. Heinrich lives in Council Bluffs. He is past president of lowa Western Community College and is currently serving on various boards, including the American Red Cross. Commissioner Heinrich's political affiliation is Republican. His term on the Commission expires April 30, 2014. Commission Heinrich can be reached at 816 Birchwood Circle, Council Bluffs, IA 51503, 712-323-7253.

Kristine Kramer - Ms. Kramer lives in New Hampton. She owns K and W Motors, Ltd in New Hampton. Commissioner Kramer's political affiliation is Democrat. Her term on the Commission expires April 30, 2015. Commissioner Kramer can be reached at PO Box 263, New Hampton, IA 50659-0263, 641-330-2968. kandwmotors@iowatelcom.net

Jeff Lamberti - Mr. Lamberti lives in Ankeny. He is an attorney and is president of Block, Lamberti, Gocke and Ahlman law firm. Commissioner Lamberti's political affiliation is Republican. His term on the Commission expires April 30, 2014. Commissioner Lamberti can be reached at Black, Lamberti, Gocke and Ahlman, 210 N.E. Delaware Avenue, Suite 200, Ankeny, IA 50021, 515-964-8777. jeff.lamberti@ankenylaw.com

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Heartland Greyhound Adoption kept busy last fall, bringing greyhounds into our program, adoptions and education! We were at the Des Moines Pet Expo on Oct. 20 and 21 at the Iowa State Fair Grounds. This two day event sees thousands of pet lovers come through, many of them stopping to say hi, ask questions and talk greyhounds. Typically HGA has several people apply for greyhounds at this event.

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Newsletter Editor: Talene McCullough, Altoona, 515.979.6929, irish2777@yahoo.com Heartland Greyhound Adoption has had a busy spring and summer. Adoptions have been steady. It seems like we did not have a low like in the previous years around the holidays. We are easily adopting out a greyhound a week.

Come and see the greyhounds at the lowa State Fair. We are ready with volunteers each day. Our goal is to have a greyhound at the fair every day. Stop by and to say hi, if you are in the building. We love helping with the IGA in the booth. It is a good bridge between the racing industry and the adoption side. It helps to show the public that once done racing greyhounds make wonderful pets. It is always an on going education for people that are not familiar with the breed.

Word is spreading quickly that lowa greyhounds are healthier, happier, smarter, and taken care of better than greyhounds from other areas. Jody Evans has organized moving three different loads of greyhounds to the Cowley Prison System in Pueblo Colorado through Friends of Retired Racing Greyhounds and we are working on the fourth dog haul there. This has proven to be a great relationship. It allows us to follow the greyhounds through an 8 week fostering/training program. The greyhounds go to inmates who are close to getting out of the facility, and it is a reward program for them. Most of the retired racers are adopted upon leaving the prison program. So, if Jody calls your trainer asking if you have greyhounds to go to prison in Colorado, you are now familiar with it. We have also been helping move greyhounds to Northern Lights Adoption center in Coon Rapids, MN. As long as the greyhounds are going to reputable greyhound adoption groups, we are glad to help. Most of you have been working with this group for several years. We just help with the leg from the track to northern lowa.

Prairie Beach is Heartland Greyhound Adoption's annual fundraiser. This helps us with costs that go above and beyond for the greyhounds. As you know costs keep rising for all of us and this is our way of fundraising for broken leg greyhounds, and just the cost of the vetting and food while they are in the program. The event will be Sunday, September 1st at Haines Park in Altoona. This year the theme is "Greyhounds in History." Greyhound owners and interested parties are invited to attend and spend a fun day filled with activities for the family and their greyhound.

We continue to host meet and greets in Des Moines twice a month. Council Bluffs, Omaha, Coralville, and have even Mason City have meet & greets once a month. We will be in the Prairie Meadows parade on August 3rd, and the Great Iowa Pet Expo in October.

'A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity, an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty" ~ Winston Churchill

2013 is flying by and we have been successful in keeping our livelihood going in lowa. Thanks to the hard work of our Legal and Lobbying teams and the understanding of our Legislators of the importance of our industry.

I thank God for all the jobs that have been saved and the young people that have the opportunity to continue their education. from Greyhound racing purses. It seems to be a never ending battle but anything worthwhile is worth the effort. Lets hope we can continue to work together to keep Greyhound Racing in lowa.

We need the support of EVERYONE to keep this industry alive. Continue to work with our great adoption groups here in lowa and the surrounding states. Hopefully we can get more greyhounds in the therapy groups across the country. They are a great help to the

veterans returning with mental and physical health problems.

I appreciate the help and support of everyone that has helped and worked with me. I am hoping to put together an online auction before the end of the year. Anyone that can help or has ideas please contact me or Gloria Sanders.

Looking forward to starting on 2014. We are going on 30 years working to make a go of the greyhound industry. Some families are in third generations.

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Casino Decision '13: It's Hard Rock Sioux City

COUNCIL BLUFFS, In a 3-2 vote, the lowa Racing and Gaming Commission on Thursday awarded a state gaming license to the developer of a Hard Rockbranded casino.

The \$118.5 million project incorporating the historic Battery Building in downtown Sioux City beat out three other land-based bids.

They included Penn National Gaming Co., which operates the Argosy Sioux City gambling boat, which will be replaced by the Hard Rock, most likely in summer 2014.

Penn, which offered a pair of Hollywood-themed land casino proposals, becomes the first lowa operator forced out of a market through competitive bidding since the state legalized casino gambling in 1989.

While all the developers offered strong proposals, the three commissioners in the majority said the Hard Rock plan offered the best option to grow casino revenues, tourism and economic activity in the state and local community.

"I just felt there was a slight edge on the overall economic impact for Hard Rock," IRGC Chairman Jeff Lamberti said after the meeting at the Mid-America Center in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Commissioners Carl Heinrich, of Council Bluffs, and Kris Kramer, of New Hampton, joined Lamberti in voting for the Hard Rock. Commission Vice Chair Greg Seyfer, of Cedar Rapids, supported the Hollywood Casino in downtown Sioux City, while Commissioner Delores Mertz, of Algona, favored the Warrior Casino & Hotel.

The nail-biting vote Thursday capped nearly five months of deliberations by the commissioners, and an emotional, high-stakes fight for more than a year that led to the high-profile breakup of Penn and Missouri River Historical Development, the local nonprofit group that has shared the state gaming license for the Sioux City riverboat since 1993.

After talks between MRHD and Penn on a long-term deal that would have included a new land casino collapsed last summer, the IRGC took the unprecedented step of putting the Woodbury County license up for bid.

Last fall, MRHD switched its allegiance to Sioux City Entertainment, the Las Vegas-based Hard Rock developer.

Bill Warner, president of Sioux City Entertainment, was beaming after the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino supporters
Ashley French, left, and Demaree
Donaghu hug following a meeting
of the Iowa Racing and Gaming
Commission Thursday in Council
Bluffs, Iowa. The gaming panel
awarded a casino license for a
developer to create a Hard Rock
casino and hotel in Sioux City.
vote.

"I'm obviously excited," Warner said. "I feel very good. I feel very thankful for the support of people of Sioux City."

Penn spokeswoman Karen Bailey said the company was "obviously disappointed" with the IRGC's decision Thursday, and how it would impact the company's employees and shareholders.

The vote left many Argosy Casino employees who traveled by bus to Council Bluffs shocked as they filed out of the meeting. Several employees, wearing T-shirts that read "I Love Hollywood Casino," left in tears.

Heinrich said he hopes Hard Rock would "take into consideration the existing employees."

"They are dedicated employees. That should be a consideration in my opinion," he said.

Like Hollywood supporters, the vote was disappointing to those who backed the \$122 million Warrior project, which would have centered around the historic Warrior Hotel and Davidson Building at Sixth and Nebraska streets.

Lance Morgan, CEO of Ho-Chunk Inc., which led the Warrior development, said the group spent in excess of \$800,000 putting its bid together.

"We've spent a lot of money, we put a lot of effort into it," Morgan said. "From a positive standpoint we really raised our standpoint in the community and I think that will lead to more opportunities."

Ho-Chunk is the economic development corporation owned by the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska.

A potential court fight looms over the selection. Last year, Penn asked a state judge to review the IRGC's decisions to put the Argosy's license up for grabs, and not approve a contract extension between Penn and MRHD. In a separate court filing, Penn also is suing MRHD for breach of contract.

April 18, 2013, Sioux City Journal

How about some AMAZING news from the Sanford Orlando Kennel Club?!

Outpacing the national statistics, Sanford Orlando Kennel Club (SOKC) continues to post impressive wagering gains posting one of its largest wagering months in recent memory during the month of May. The Longwood, FL greyhound racing track just concluded a record setting month with a 26.7% increase in total on track wagering versus the same month last year.

The track showed on-track wagering increases versus the comparable dates the prior year on all but one day, May 31st. Versus May 2012, wagering on the tracks live races was up 44.9% for the month, import simulcast handle was up 22% and export handle on the track's live races was up 42.8%

"I can't remember the last time I've seen 30-straight days of on-track increases," said General Manager Mike Newlin. May started out with the largest Derby Day

handle since 2007 for SOKC and continued to roll the remainder of the month, Newlin said. "We've had a few two and three week runs of consecutive increases and we've averaged about 8% up every month this year. To be almost 27% ahead in one month is truly amazing in this industry these days," he added.

"I have to give credit to our management team, our staff members and corporate leadership for believing in the plan, the changes, and the lofty goals we set at the beginning of the year."

2013 Year to Date SOKC handle statistics:

Live On-Track Handle: +22.4% Import On-track Handle: +8.7% Export Off-Track Handle: +30.1%

Total Handle: +17.9% (\$26.2 million (2013) vs.

\$22.2 million (2012))









Mystique tries connecting racing, TPC

By Andy Piper, TH staff writer

Mystique Casino President and CEO Jesus Aviles continues touting postitve effects emanating from The Player's Choice Sports Bar. he hopes to connect those vibrations with the greyhound racing season, which goes live Saturday, April 27.

On Saturday evenings, parimutuel machines will randomly print TPC coupons for appetizers, sandwiches, burgers, wraps, mixed drinks and draft beer. The idea is to give bettors incentive to stop by the bar, which opened in September, and bar patrons an incentive to visit the track. A similar Friday night promotion offers random \$1 and \$5 wagering coupons.

"The way our facility was constructed fefore the renovation created very little synergy with the dogs," Aviles said. "As we made our \$13 million renovation in 2008, it enjanced a little more with the dogs. With the TPC eliminating that big wall that blocked the races from the casion, you see a little more interac-

racing returns

Live racing open at Mystique on Saturday, April 27, with the \$2,000 Inaugural Stakes on the matinee card at 1 p.m. and the Maiden Debut on the evening card at 7 p.m.

tion with the greyhound customers and casino customers, and it goes both ways."

Aviles said TPC is the epicenter and has changed the casino's demographics on Friday and Saturday nights by attracting a younger, livelier crowd. live racing brings its hare of loyal followers, Aviles said, and the casino benefits.

"When you bring in a strong entertainer, it brings people to the facility and the dogs are entertaiment," Aviles said. "As the dogs open, we will see increased visitiation and hopefully, those people will partake of the restaurant, the bugget, TPC and, of course, the gaming."

Director of Racing Brian Carpenter said a couple new wagers are available this season. A 10 cent pick four and a \$1 pick three will both be paid daily to complement the popularity

of the 10 cent superfecta.

"We're becoming known for our 10 cent supers paying out well," Carpetner said.

Carpenter said the track will export its live races for the third staight year. According to the lowa Racing & Gamily Commission website, Dubuque's races generated \$2,855,635 in 2012 and \$2,120,247 in 2011 in off-site wagers. The tack's on-site live wagering declined slightly in 2012 with \$1,818,997 compared to \$1,880,687 in 2011.

"It is true racing has suffered in popularity over the last decade," Aviles said. "Is that attrition going to continue? It's hard to tell. There are loyal fans out there that love to play, but when you graph it all out, it has a downward trend."

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National Gambling Impact Study Commission

Mr. Jack Ketterer

Chairperson James: I'd like to turn now to Mr. Ketterer, and thank you so very much for being here today and participating on this panel.

Mr. Ketterer: Thank you, Madam Chair and members of the committee for the opportunity to speak to you today.

I'm going to briefly tell you about my duties and responsibilities as Administrator of the Racing and Gaming Commission in Iowa, and although we have pari-mutuel greyhound and horse racing as well as river boat gambling under our jurisdiction, on behalf of the Greyhound Track Operators Association, I'm going to comment on some facts about the greyhound industry. The horse racing industry, I think, appears to be well represented today. I will next try to give you the benefit of our experience in Iowa with the pari-mutuel industry, and in the time remaining I'll try to attempt to relate the economic and social impact in Iowa.

Our Commission has jurisdiction and supervision over all licensed race meetings and gambling operations, presently numbering two greyhound tracks and one horse track, all with limited casino operations, and ten river boat casinos. We thoroughly investigate applicants for licenses through the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation to determine their suitability. Both the Commission and the DCI have a full-time presence at each facility to enforce compliance with statues and rules. Without belaboring the point, the Commission has very broad powers to enter and search facilities, gain access to documents, conduct drug testing on humans and racing animals, investigate violations, and impose penalties, including suspension or revocation of licenses.

Although greyhound racing did not come to lowa until 1985, the pari-mutuel history of the sport dates back to 1919. Today the pari-mutuel racing, breeding, and maintenance of greyhounds in the United States are a \$2.3 billion industry. The industry accounts for up to 33,000 jobs which are directly related to racetrack and agricultural operations. There are currently 49 greyhound tracks operating in 15 states. Many tracks have been fixtures as an entertainment attraction in their respective communities for decades, and have reputations as model corporate citizens in those communities.

Pari-mutuel racing came to Iowa during the throws of one of the worst agricultural recessions in memory. The industry was seen as a catalyst to develop breeding industries and to create demand for agricultural products and services. Creation of jobs was another goal, for some communities experienced at that time the highest unemployment rates in the nation. The law required all licensees to be not-profit corporations. This insured that any profits would be reinvested in the facility or distributed as grants throughout the surrounding communities to qualified recipients under Internal Revenue Code Section 501C. The tracks were initially successful. They began to succumb to competitive pressures as the decade closed. Simulcasting was introduced as an additional form of entertainment and revenue source and remains very popular with patrons today, but it could not stem the downward spiral of the taxes and revenues. After much public discussion, polls showed public support for allowing slot machines at racetracks. In April of 1994, the Iowa General Assembly passed a bill allowing certain electronic games at currently licensed racetracks. The Legislature chose to only allow slot machines in the traditional form, recognizing some reports that video gambling machines were one of the most addictive sources of gambling, and so our racetracks do not allow video poker, video blackjack.

The Legislature included public policy provisions in the bill, which I believe are worth emulating and considering by any other state choosing to introduce gaming at racetracks. First, a local county referendum was required. The slot machines were not forced to find a local community. One track, Waterloo Greyhound Park, failed to pass a referendum in two attempts and is now closed.

Second, by limiting gaming licenses to only current licensees holding a license at that time, law-makers effectively capped the number of racing facilities where slot machines could be introduced. There would be no fairground-type facilities that would open for a two-day race meet and have slot machines the remainder of the year. People were already accustomed to gambling being conducted at those sites. This was not invasive of people's daily environment. The same Des Moines Register poll showed people overwhelmingly opposed to slot machines in taverns, bowling alleys, fraternal lodges, et cetera.

Third, revenues were first to be applies to retiring outstanding debt on the racetrack facilities, but the clear emphasis later in the bill once that goal was established, was to use revenues to supplement purses for the owners of winning greyhounds and horses. The direction was and is to preserve the industry that was the focus of the original bill.

Fourth, a portion of the tax revenue was dedicated for the treatment of problem gamblers. This program generates over \$2 million annually for awareness literature, media exposure, and counseling for problem gamblers. Our Commission, as well, works closely with the Director of the Iowa Gamblers Treatment Program by one, giving him a forum in our public meetings to describe new programs being introduced; two, requiring licensees to post materials in conspicuous locations of their facilities, and to send employees to classes which help to identify problem gamblers; and three, insuring that licensees cooperate with the director in his efforts by having him report to our commission at the annual license renewal hearings for our licenses.

The economic results for the racetracks in Iowa have exceeded expectations.

I've included a report from the Director of the Breeders Registry showing the increase in activity as a result of the increased purses. Our two greyhound tracks now have purse structures ranking in the top 12 in the nation. Our horse track is on a

five-year plan steadily increasing purses toward a similar ranking. I've included a study by two Iowa State economics professors on the economic contribution of the horse track to Central Iowa.

Due to the unexpected economic success of the racetracks, the nonprofit corporation licensees have made unprecedented contributions to qualified recipients in surrounding communities. Since the introduction of slot machines at the greyhound facilities in lowa, the nonprofit licensees have given over \$20 in grants for schools, computers, scholarships, emergency rescue equipment, a new library, recreational facilities, vehicles to transport the children and the elderly, just to name a few. Another \$70 million has been endowed in a foundation which will benefit lowans for years to come. \$25 to \$30 million has gone to Central lowa through contributions to Polk County from the Prairie Meadows Racetrack.

In conclusion, the greyhound industry has been providing jobs, entertainment, economic development, state and local government revenue, and financial support as a corporate citizen in the communities in which tracks are located for 80 years. The industry is convinced and it has seen graphic evidence that its survival depends on its ability to meet the competition. Iowa is an example of how the industry can be preserved and nurtured in a very controlled, strictly regulated manner. Iowa may not have the exact blueprint, but we would at least give guidance, I believe, to other states that are considering this as an alternative form of gaming at racetracks. Using safeguards such as those contained in the Iowa laws of blueprint, a \$2.3 billion industry can remain thriving into the next

Thank you very much, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Thank you, and thank you, Mr. Ketterer for being here to represent the greyhound industry and being understanding about the logistics as we work through putting together this meeting.





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