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## Remington Park Thoroughbred Purses On The Rise

**Justin Cassity**

Executive Director

Already a lucrative racing proposition, the 2007 Remington Park Thoroughbred Season is getting richer, as horsemen's purses have been increased.

Remington Park and the Oklahoma Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association, also known as the Thoroughbred Racing Association of Oklahoma, are proud to announce an increase of more than \$700,000 in available Oklahoma-bred Fund purse money. This increase took effect Opening Night, Aug. 2 at Remington Park.

The increase in available Oklahoma-bred Fund money will be realized immediately. The increase is applicable to all overnight races (non-stakes events) in the upcoming season.

Starting near \$185,000 in average daily purses for the Remington Park Thoroughbred Season, the mark is above the record-level established during the 2006 meeting.

"This is the beginning of a new era in Oklahoma horse racing," said Joe Lucas, President of the TRAO.

"This increase in Oklahoma-bred Fund money is an indication of great things to come."

The Oklahoma-bred Fund money serves as a bonus supplement to all Remington Park purses and is awarded to the top three finishers in a race, provided they are an eligible and accredited Oklahoma-bred.

The upward trend in purse monies is another example of the success of the Remington Park Casino operation.

The casino generates revenue for horsemen's purse accounts, as well as money for the State of Oklahoma Education Fund.

Since the opening of the Remington Park Casino in late 2005, more than \$12 Million has been realized for Oklahoma Education.

The 69-day Remington Park Thoroughbred Season began Aug. 2 and

continues through Dec. 1.

The normal race card will consist of at least nine races. Regular post times for Thursday, Friday and Saturday racing is 6:30 p.m. with Sunday afternoon racing at 1:30 p.m.

Remington Park is open daily at 10 a.m. for simulcast racing and casino gaming.

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## Cassity Joins Thoroughbred Racing Association

Justin Cassity comes to Oklahoma with a horse racing industry pedigree that goes back five (5) generations.

As the TRAO Acting Executive Director since July 1, his previous experience has included being a groom, trainer, racing secretary, director of racing, jockey agent, executive director of Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association and a consultant for several states working to improve returns to horsemen from simulcasting.

Justin's multi-faceted assignment is to:

1) improve TRAO's administrative operations and delivery of services to horsemen;

2) move partnerships and cooperation between TRAO and the racetracks to the next level;

3) increase revenue from dissemination of each racetrack's simulcast signal; and,

4) facilitate contribution of an equitable share of handle on interstate simulcasts at all OTBs in the state to Oklahoma horsemen.

TRAO's board of directors feel fortunate to have Justin's services.

Dividends have already been realized and Oklahoma Thoroughbred horsemen are the beneficiaries.

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## FREE DVD

OHBPA/TRAO-member owner of each horse's winning performance will receive a FREE DVD

Courtesy of Remington Park, in cooperation with **OHBPA.**

For more information contact:  
Danielle Barber at [okhbpa@earthlink.net](mailto:okhbpa@earthlink.net)  
or  
Sandy Steinberg at 405-419-4459

## TURF WORK AT RP

To work on the turf course, all shoes must be ground flush. No toe grabs, no level grips, no rims, no stickers, no turn downs or blocked heels.

## GROOM OF THE WEEK

The **OHBPA** will sponsor Groom of the Week. The winner will receive \$50. For nominations, please contact Danielle Barber at 405-427-8753.

## CHIROPRACTIC CARE

When: Wednesday  
Where: Chapel at RP  
Time: 9 - 11 a.m.  
Cost: \$10  
**OHBPA Member.**  
Cost: \$20  
**NOT an OHBPA Member.**



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# Oklahoma HBPA Guidelines

**These guidelines** have been established to outline the benevolence benefits funded by the Trust division of the Thoroughbred Racing Association of Oklahoma.

This guideline will briefly explain the outline of benefits and eligibility for the program. While this guideline is as accurate as possible, this document is not the final disposition.

### FACTS:

This is not an insurance program, it is an owner funded assistance program. This program is not intended as a substitute for private insurance. All TRAO members are urged to purchase insurance from a provider in case of a catastrophic illness. The benevolent Trust Committee has the final determination of all claims eligibility:

TRAO members (Owners, Trainers, Asst. Trainers & licensed Full-Time employees for the current meet. (Full-Time employees must be employed for (30) days.

Proof of employment must be presented (OHRC licenses and Payroll verification) Eligibility starts once a member has (3) starts at the current meet

Owner, Trainer & Asst. Trainers dependents under the age of (18) are eligible.

### BENEFITS

Medical: \$2,500 per calendar year (Includes RX) Dental: \$250 per calendar year: Vision \$200 per calendar year. Death: approved on and individual case basis. No family shall receive over \$4,000 per calendar year.

All appointments must be made by the Office Manager in the TRAO office. If you use your private physician, pre-approval must be obtained from the Office Manager at the TRAO office.

### The following procedures are not covered.

Any illness/injury derived from an employment situation (Workman's Comp, etc.) Any drug/alcohol substance abuse scenario's Cosmetic surgery Mental/Nervous illness No benefits after (15) days upon closure of the live meeting No benefits if filed after (60) days of service.

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## BRD 2007 Season

**Blue Ribbon Downs (BRD)** in Sallisaw, Oklahoma opened its 2007 race meeting August 10 and will conclude December 9. BRD has made major renovations to the racing surface.

The 67-day meet will have races for Thoroughbreds, Quarter Horses and Paints/Appaloosa. Races for Thoroughbreds are to average two (2) per program, for an approximate total of 134 races.

## First Annual Summer Sale

**The first** annual Oklahoma City summer Thoroughbred Yearling Sale was held Saturday, August 18 at the State Fair Grounds

"We couldn't be happier with our first sale," said Sale's Manager Terri Carter. "The purses at Remington have created a market for the Oklahoma bred."

There were 40 horses sold, at an average of \$8,360 per horse. "Right now Oklahoma is the place to be for thoroughbred racing in this region." Carter stated.

## Remington Park Via Computer

**Remington Park** races can be seen live on computer through the Web site [mecvideo.com](http://mecvideo.com). In addition to the race, horses are shown in the paddock, post parade and winner circle presentation. Wagering is not available through the Web site.

HRTV shows many of RP's races; but, sometimes their scheduling prevents all races from being shown.

When that happens, it is usually too late to drive to RP or a simulcast facility.

Cost for the service is \$4.99 a month for a single track.

Or, for \$10.99 a month, all of Magna's tracks are available as a "bundle." Go to <http://mecvideo.com> and follow the instructions – the small screen can be enlarged.

"User name" and "passwords" are required to all be in lower case.

2007 FAIR MEADOWS at TULSA LEADERS (THOROUGHBRED ONLY)

Rank	Owners	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Win%	\$%
1	Jimmy R. Skinner	24	6	5	4	25	63
2	Steve Williams	17	5	0	3	29	47
3	Center Hills Farm	8	3	0	3	38	75
4	David's Racing Stable	11	3	4	1	27	73
5	Jimmie Hale	18	3	1	2	17	33
6	Sassy S Stables, Inc	3	2	1	0	67	100
7	Misty Meadows Farm	9	2	3	0	22	56
8	Jerry Garner/Terral Hogan	9	2	1	1	22	44
9	Velma Morton	9	2	1	0	22	33
10	Rudy I. Munoz	10	2	1	1	20	40

Rank	Owners	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Win%	\$%
1	Mike Teel	33	11	6	7	33	73
2	John A. Martin	30	7	6	6	23	63
3	Clifton D. Brooks	35	6	6	7	17	54
4	Jody Pruitt	17	5	3	3	29	63
5	Steve Williams	17	5	0	3	29	47
6	Tommy Gene Rippee	13	4	0	1	31	38
7	Ricky J. Gustafson	15	4	5	2	27	73
8	Boyd Caster	15	4	2	2	27	53
9	Ron David	16	3	4	2	19	56
10	Jory Ferrell	18	3	5	5	17	72

Rank	Jockeys	Mounts	1st	2nd	3rd	Win%	\$%
1	Curtis Kimes	129	34	17	20	26	55
2	Benny C. Landros	99	17	14	14	17	45
3	Scott E. Young	119	17	14	20	14	43
4	Tonja A. Arruda	101	13	16	11	13	40
5	Richard M. Vasquez	55	12	12	8	22	58
6	Floyd Wethey, Jr.	40	8	4	3	20	38
7	Ashton Fitzpatrick	54	8	8	5	15	39
8	Mike Fretz	90	8	10	15	9	37
9	Agustin F. Rodriguez	64	7	3	5	11	23
10	Mario Galvan	62	6	6	9	10	34

32 days (actually, it was mostly nights) of racing that wrapped-up July 28 at **Fair Meadows at Tulsa (FMT)** may be counted as a "bull's-eye" in terms of hitting the target of an average of five (5) Thoroughbred races per program, with purses averaging \$10,000 per race. For the 159 Thoroughbred races, purses averaged \$49,122 per program and \$9,825 per race.

Jimmy Skinner was the leading Thoroughbred owner with 6 wins from 24 starts for a 25% win average and a 63% in-the-money.

Mike Teel lead Thoroughbred trainers with 11 wins from 33 starts for a win average of 33% and 73% of his starts were in-the-money. John Martin was second with 7 wins from 30 starts



**NEW  
HORSEMEN'S  
REP AT BRD**

**Shane Miller** is the OHBP/TRAO representative at Blue Ribbon Downs. In addition to shoeing horses, he is also a trainer and is on the grounds daily. Shane's primary responsibilities are to assist members with benevolence claims and to facilitate the HBPA's mission of "horsemen helping horsemen." For the Thoroughbred horsemen stabled at BRD, as well as those hauling-in, Shane is there to help. [okhbpa@yahoo.com](mailto:okhbpa@yahoo.com)

**HORSEMEN'S  
LIAISON**

For your convenience, Remington Park has a Horsemen's Liaison, Sandy Steinberg. Trainers entering horses in stakes events should contact Sandy regarding lodging for owners, ground or air transportation for horses, as well as other details. For more information call 405-419-4459

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SEPTEMBER 29, 2007.  
FOR MORE  
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## FLU SHOTS

FLU SHOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE BY THE OHBPA OCTOBER 5, 2007 IN THE CHAPEL AT REMINGTON PARK. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE OHBPA OFFICE AT 405-427-8753 [okhbpa@earthlink.net](mailto:okhbpa@earthlink.net)

## REMINGTON PARK PURSE DISTRIBUTION

Total Purse Distribution	\$2,656,930
Average Daily Purse Distribution	\$166,058
Average Purse	\$18,451
Total Number of Starters	1,277
Average Starters per Race	8.75

Figures Through 16 Live days (August 26, 2007)

## BLUE RIBBON DOWNS PURSE DISTRIBUTION

Total Purse Distribution	\$88,875
Average Daily Purse Distribution	\$9,875
Average Purse	\$5,555
Total Number of Starters	149
Average Starters per Race	9.31

Figures Through 8 Live days (August 26, 2007)



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