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### **30<sup>th</sup> Annual TOBA National Awards Dinner Award Winners Announced**

Lexington, Ky. – The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association’s 30<sup>th</sup> annual National Awards Dinner will be held Friday, September 11 at Hill ‘n’ Dale Farms in Lexington, Ky. The National Awards Dinner honors the achievements of Thoroughbred owners in the four major North American racing regions and breeders in 23 states and Canada.

The following regional owners will be honored:

Eastern Region Owner of the Year: Juddmonte Farms  
Midwestern Region Owner of the Year: Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC  
Southern Region Owner of the Year: Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey  
Western Region Owner of the Year: Kaleem Shah

A National Owner of the Year will be selected from these regional owners. The National Owner will be revealed at the Awards Dinner.

The state and Canadian breeders of the year are:

Arizona: Triple AAA Ranch	Minnesota: Rake Farms
Arkansas: McDowell Farm	New Jersey: Bright View Farm, Inc.
California: Nick Alexander	New Mexico: J. Kirk & Judy Robison
Canada: Sam-Son Farm	New York: Chester & Mary Broman
Florida: Ocala Stud	North Carolina: Steve Laymon
Illinois: Richard & Karen Papiese	North Dakota: Bill Maulding
Indiana: Michael E. & Penny S. Lauer	Ohio: 3 Clovers Farm
Iowa: William Hobbs	Oregon: Dr. Rodney E. Orr
Kentucky: Kenneth & Sarah Ramsey	South Carolina: Franklin G. Smith
Louisiana: Charles Craig Smith	Texas: Estate of Clarence Scharbauer, Jr.
Maryland: Howard M. Bender	Virginia: Estate of Edward P. Evans
Michigan: Arnold Farms, LLC	Washington: Todd & Shawn Hansen

TOBA’s National Breeder and National Small Breeder of the Year will be announced at the Awards Dinner.

TOBA will also honor Robert Sanford with the Robert N. Clay Award. In partnership with the Equine Land Conservation Resource, this award recognizes a member of the Thoroughbred community who has made an outstanding contribution to preserving land for equine use.

Additionally, TOBA will honor Fun House as the National Broodmare of the Year. This award offers catalog designation from the North American International Cataloguing Standards Committee.

Owned by Carl Bouckaert, Nathalie Bouckaert Pollard and Jack Michael Pollard, Jr., successful competitive eventer Mensa G (Colonial Affair – Fire the Secretary, by Stop the Music) will be named the Rood & Riddle Thoroughbred Sport Horse of the Year. This award is presented to the owner of the ex-Thoroughbred racehorse that has excelled in sport horse competitions as tracked by the United States Equestrian Federation.

The dinner is sponsored by Hill ‘n’ Dale Farms, Stoll Keenon Ogden, Stronach Group and Adena Springs, H.E. “Tex” Sutton Forwarding Company, Jackson Family Wines (Official Wine Sponsor of the 2015 National Awards Dinner), Tito’s Handmade Vodka (Official Vodka Sponsor of the 2015 National Awards Dinner), Woodford Reserve, Zoetis, FLAIR Nasal Strips, NTRA/John Deere, Daily Racing Form and Blood-Horse.

TOBA Owners Concierge Service Director Christina Bossinakis is hosting the Awards Dinner. Bossinakis was a writer/editor for the Thoroughbred Daily News for over 14 years, served as an on-air host/handicapper for Gulfstream Park, and has been a regular guest commentator on TVG.

Tickets for the National Awards Dinner may be purchased at [www.toba.org](http://www.toba.org).

TOBA, based in Lexington, Ky., was formed in 1961 and is a national trade organization of leading Thoroughbred breeders and owners. TOBA’s mission is to improve the economics, integrity and pleasure of the sport on behalf of Thoroughbred owners and breeders. Projects managed by TOBA include the American Graded Stakes Committee, Claiming Crown, Ownership Seminars, Breeding, Conformation & Pedigree Clinics, TOBA Owners Concierge and the Sales Integrity Program. TOBA, in collaboration with The Jockey Club, has also created a free information resource called OwnerView to provide pertinent information to new, prospective and current Thoroughbred owners. TOBA provides international representation for U.S. owners and breeders on the International Grading and Race Planning Advisory Committee, International Cataloguing Standards Committee and International Breeders Federation. Thoroughbred Charities of America (TCA) is the charitable arm of TOBA. TOBA Media Properties, a subsidiary of TOBA, owns The Horse magazine, Eclipse Press and is co-owner of The Blood-Horse LLC. TOBA is represented on the board of directors of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association and the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium as founding members.

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