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**Kenneth & Sarah Ramsey, Steve Coburn & Perry Martin, Fun House
Top Winners at 30th Annual TOBA National Awards Dinner**

Lexington, Ky. – The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association’s 30th Annual National Awards Dinner was held tonight at Hill ‘n’ Dale Farms in Lexington, Ky. Kenneth and Sarah Ramsey were honored for the second year in a row as TOBA’s National Owners and Breeders of the Year, and Steve Coburn and Perry Martin were named the National Small Breeders of the Year. Fun House, dam of Untapable, was honored with the National Broodmare of the Year title.

The National Awards Dinner, hosted by Christina Bossinakis of the TOBA Owners Concierge, also honored the achievements of Thoroughbred owners in the four major North American racing regions and breeders in 23 states and Canada.

St. Borealis, who won the Tiara Stakes in the 2014 Claiming Crown, was honored with Claiming Crown Horse of the Year, presented by the National HBPA. This was the first year that the National Awards Dinner celebrated the Claiming Crown Horse of the Year.

The Rood & Riddle Sport Horse of the Year went to three-day eventer Mensa G, owned by Carl Bouckaert, Nathalie Bouckaert Pollard and Jack Michael Pollard, Jr. This award was presented to the owner of the ex-Thoroughbred that has accumulated the most points in competition, as tracked by the United States Equestrian Federation.

In addition, Robert Sanford received 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.

The evening’s awards ceremony can be viewed at www.bloodhorse.com/tobaawards.

The State Breeders of the Year were honored at an awards luncheon at Hill ‘n’ Dale Farms this afternoon, prior to the awards dinner.

A complete list of winners is as follows:

Regional Owners of the Year:

Eastern Region: Juddmonte Farms

Midwestern Region: Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC

Southern Region: Kenneth and Sarah Ramsey

Western Region: Kaleem Shah

State Breeders of the Year:

Arizona: Triple AAA Ranch

Arkansas: McDowell Farm

California: Nick Alexander

Canada: Sam-Son Farm

Florida: Ocala Stud

Illinois: Richard & Karen Papiese

Indiana: Michael E. & Penny S. Lauer

Iowa: William Hobbs

Kentucky: Kenneth & Sarah Ramsey

Louisiana: Charles Craig Smith

Maryland: Howard M. Bender

Michigan: Arnold Farms, LLC

Minnesota: Rake Farms

New Jersey: Bright View Farm, Inc.

New Mexico: J. Kirk & Judy Robison

New York: Chester & Mary Broman

North Carolina: Steve Laymon

North Dakota: Bill Maulding

Ohio: Blazing Meadows Farm and 3 Clovers Farm

Oregon: Dr. Rodney E. Orr

South Carolina: Franklin G. Smith

Texas: Estate of Clarence Scharbauer, Jr.

Virginia: Estate of Edward P. Evans

Washington: Todd & Shawn Hansen

National Broodmare of the Year:

Fun House

Claiming Crown Horse of the Year:

St. Borealis

Rood & Riddle Thoroughbred Sport Horse of the Year:

Mensa G

Robert N. Clay Award:

Robert Sanford

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