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TOBA TO HOLD PEDIGREE AND CONFORMATION CLINIC, OWNERSHIP SEMINAR IN SOUTH FLORIDA

LEXINGTON, Ky. -- The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (TOBA) will hold a Thoroughbred Ownership Seminar on Thursday, March 22 at Gulfstream Park and a Pedigree and Conformation Clinic Sunday, March 25 at Palm Meadows Training Center in Boynton Beach, Fla.

The Thoroughbred Ownership Seminar, sponsored by Blood-Horse Publications, will feature discussions on industry business issues, options for acquiring horses including partnerships, auctions and claiming as well as a discussion about veterinary topics. Speakers include trainer Dale Romans and WinStar Farm President Elliot Walden, Syl Kiger, Armando Hernandez, Amanda Simmons, Jim Culver, Jamie Hill, Terri Pompay, Stacie Clark and Dr. Michael Chovanes, VMD. The seminar will begin at 8 a.m. and will include breakfast, lunch and an afternoon of racing. The registration fee for the Ownership Seminar is \$75 for TOBA members and \$100 for non-members and includes all support materials, admission to the track and meals.

The Pedigree and Conformation Clinic will begin at 8 a.m. at Palm Meadows Training Center in Boynton Beach. Clinic topics include pedigree theory, a practical approach to planning a mating and conformation from a veterinary perspective. A live conformation workshop is also scheduled. Speakers include Nick Zito, Byron Rogers, Dr. Debbie Spike Pierce, Barry Berklehammer, Robert Hammond, Niall Brennan and Pete Bradley. The registration fee for the clinic is \$125 for TOBA members and \$175 for non-members and includes all support materials, breakfast and lunch. Complete agendas for both events can be found on www.toba.org.

TOBA's next educational event will be an Ownership Seminar at the Kentucky Derby Museum on Thursday, May 3 in Louisville, Ky. A complete 2012 seminar and clinic schedule is available at www.toba.org. For more information, please contact Amy Bunt at 859-276-2291 or abunt@toba.org.

TOBA, based in Lexington, Ky., was formed in 1961 and is a national trade organization of leading Thoroughbred horse 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, The Racing Game, Sales Integrity Program and Claiming Crown. Thoroughbred Charities of America (TCA) is the charitable arm of TOBA. TOBA is the owner of The Blood-Horse Inc., and is represented on the Board of Directors of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association as a founding member.

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