SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE HBPA

What the NHBPA Offers,
How It Can Help Your Affiliate,
and How to Sign Up

What is Social Media?

Social media are primarily Internet- and mobile-based tools for sharing and discussing information among human beings. The term most often refers to activities that integrate technology, telecommunications and social interaction, and the construction of words, pictures, videos and audio. This interaction, and the manner in which information is presented, depends on the varied perspectives and "building" of shared meaning among communities, as people share their stories and experiences. Businesses also refer to social media as user-generated content (UGC) or consumer-generated media (CGM).

• Examples:



















What Social Media Can Dofor Your HBPA Affiliate?

- Two-way communication with your members and supporters
- An extremely fast way to communicate information
- A fast and effective way to dispel rumors
- Build a sense of community among your members and supporters
- A low-cost fundraising tool
- A way to get your point of view out unfiltered by the media

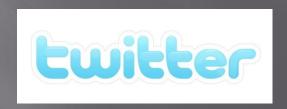
What Social Media Does National HBPA Employ?



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National HBPA Facebook Page: http://www.facebook.com/NationalHBPA



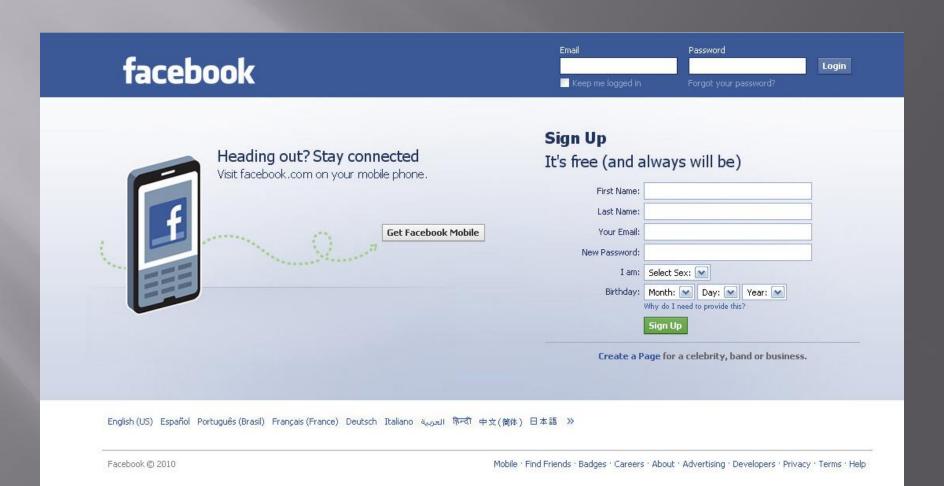
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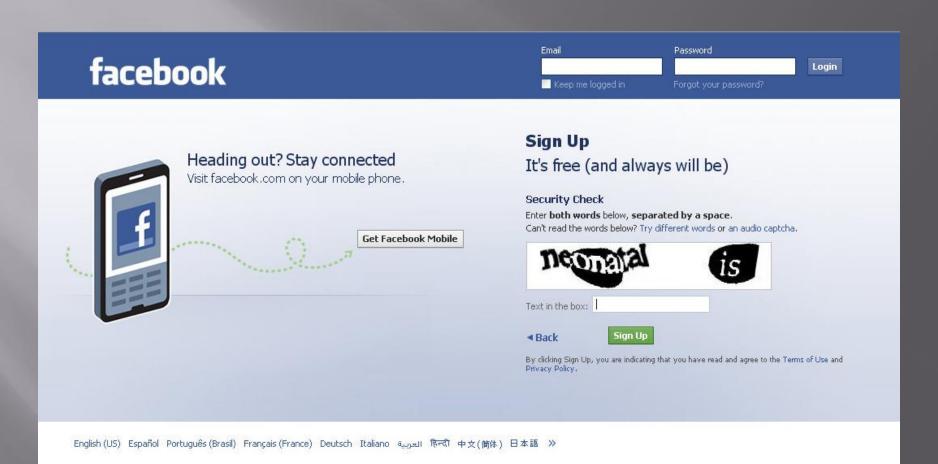
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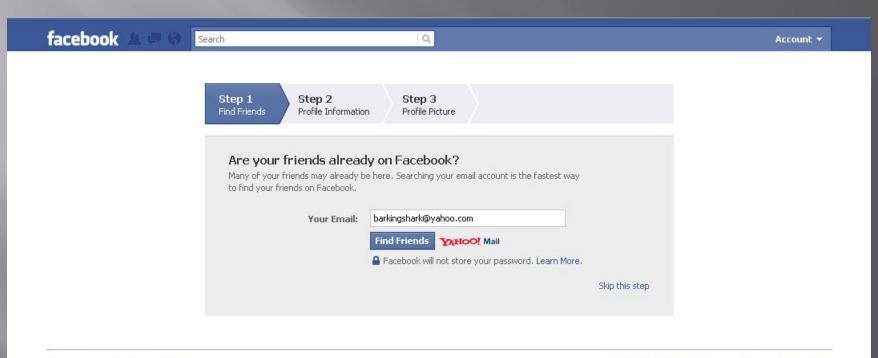
- Used to post news, information, and editorials related to the programs of or industry issues impacting the National HBPA and/or its Affiliates
- Posts go up minimally every Tuesday and Friday morning – more frequently if we have additional content
- All HPBA affiliates are eligible and encouraged to submit articles and/or editorials. Rule changes, political call to actions, granting of local races dates, stall application deadlines, etc. are excellent information to submit for posting. Just email it to me and ask me to post it.

National HBPA Facebook and Twitter Pages

- We use the pages as a news aggregators, posting headlines and links to all the racing industry business news we can find so that you our page/feed followers can find the news all in one place.
- We update the page/feed Monday-Friday at least once, often twice or more per day. It is updated usually at least once or more every weekend.
- We can post quick updates from the National HBPA or its affiliates (a few sentences max) at any time, as well as posting updates while in or shortly after industry meetings.







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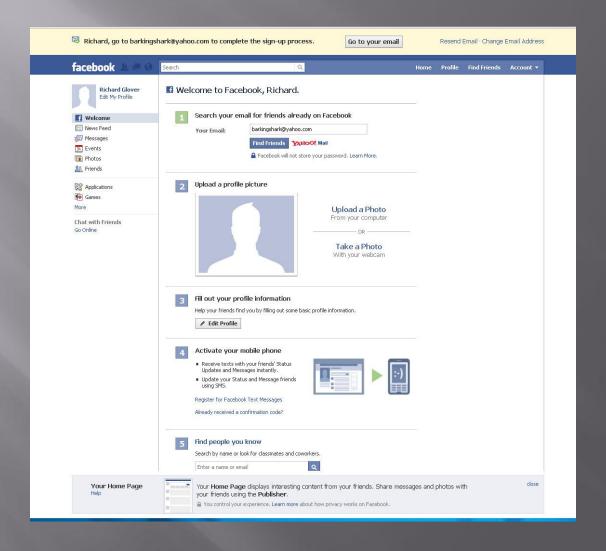
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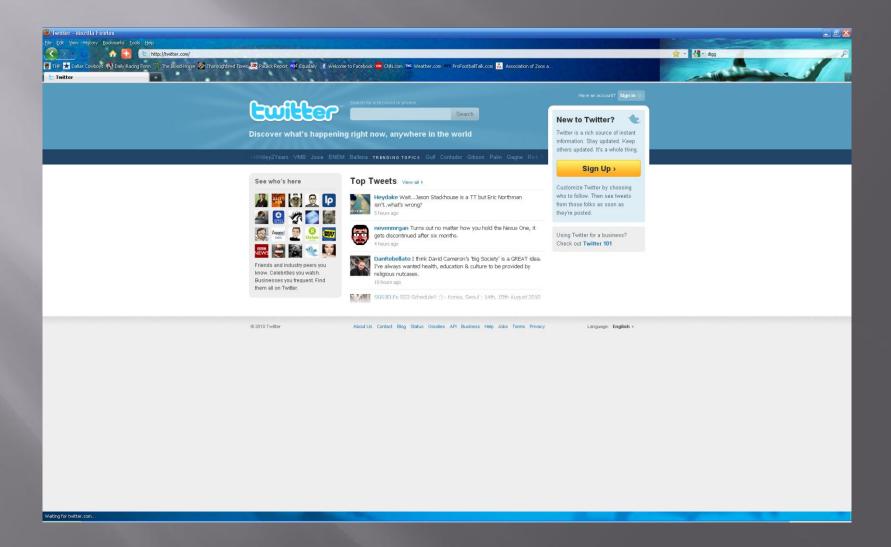
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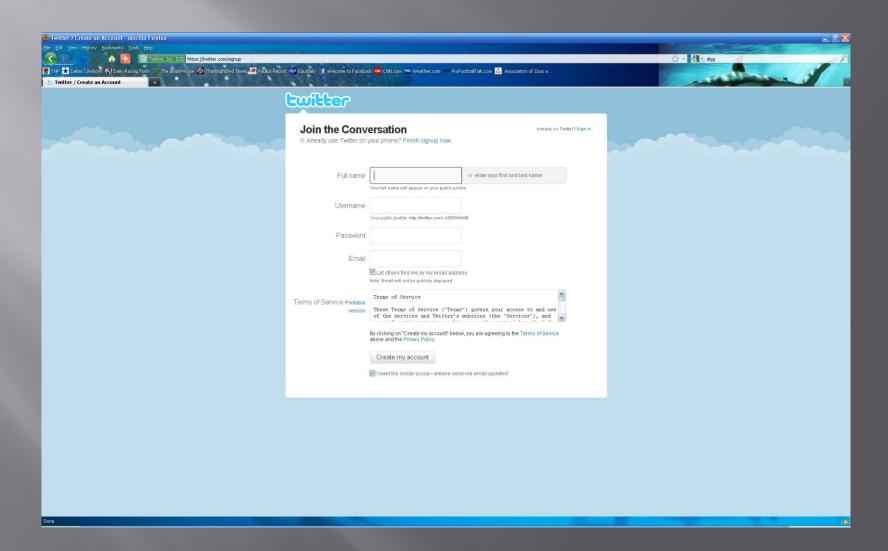
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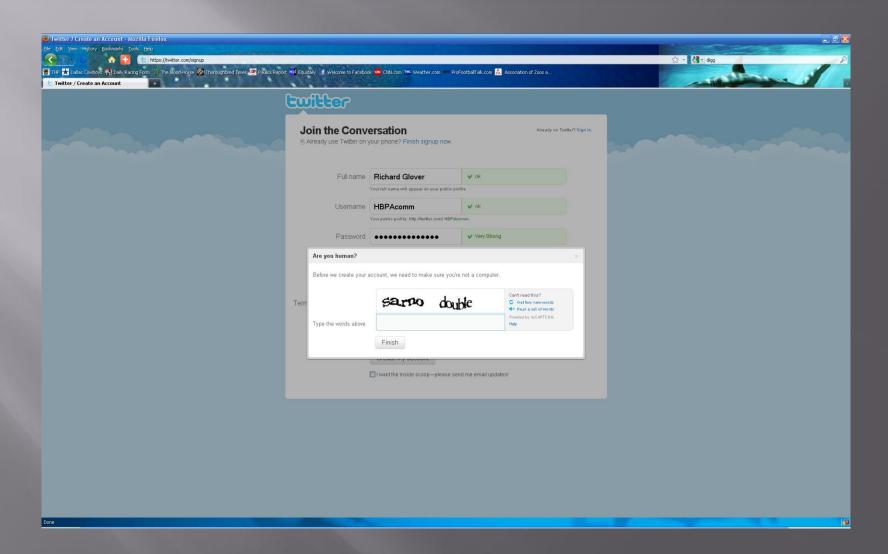


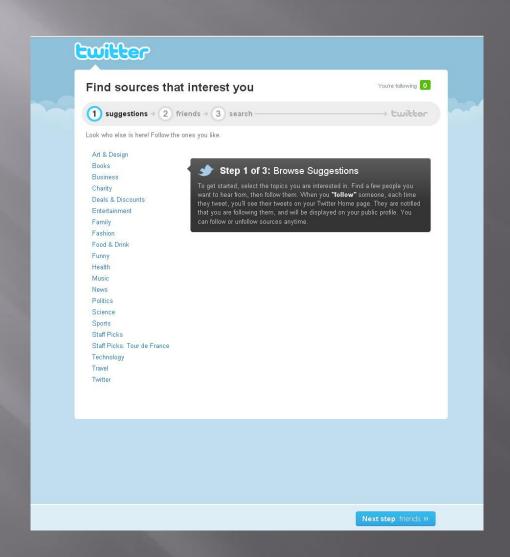
How To Follow National HBPA on Facebook

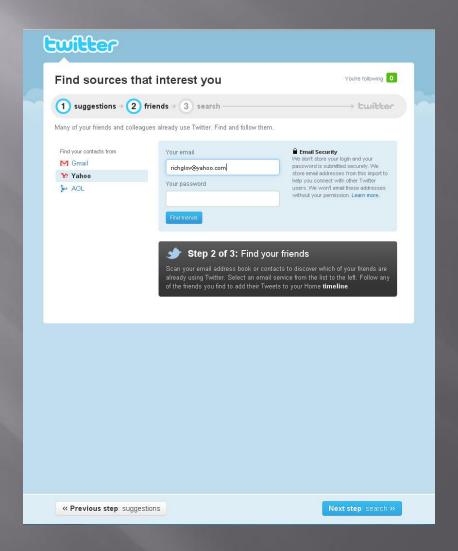
- Sign into your Facebook account and type "National HBPA" into the Search bar at the top of the page. Our page and the HBPA logo should come up. Click on the page and then click on the "Like" logo with the thumbs up on it. Or ...
- Visit <u>www.facebook.com/NationalHBPA</u> and then type your email address and password in at the top to sign into your account. Then click on the "Like" logo with the thumbs up on it.

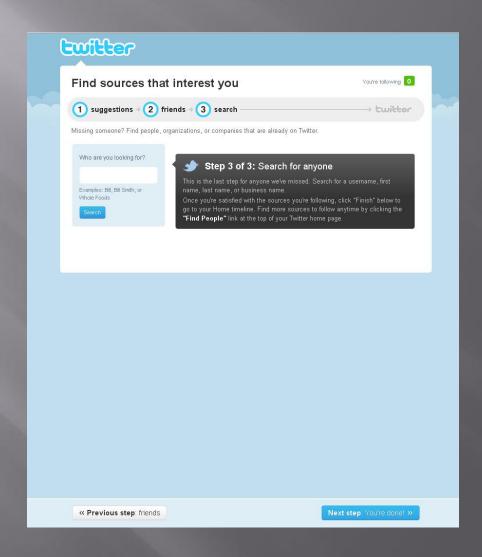


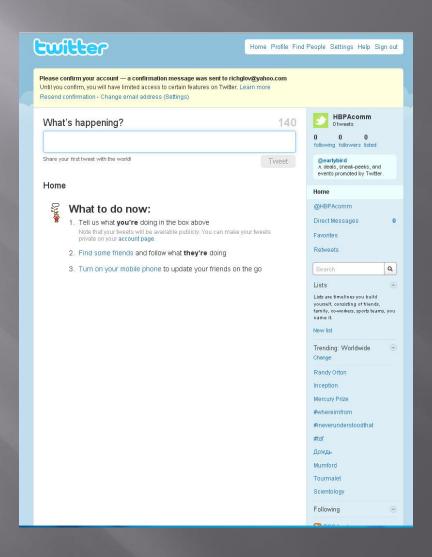












How To Follow National HBPA on Twitter

- Sign into your Twitter account, click on the "Find People" link at the top, and while in the "Find on Twitter" tab, type "NationalHBPA" (no spaces) into the Search bar. Our page and the HBPA logo should come up. Click on the link to our page and then click on the "Follow" logo with the head and shoulders on it. Or ...
- □ Visit <u>www.twitter.com/NationalHBPA</u> and then click on "Sign In" on the top right. When the sign in drop down box appears, type your email address and password in at the top to sign into your account. Then click on the "Follow" logo with the head and shoulders on it.

Social Media Is Where Technology is Heading – Don't Be Left Behind!

- If you and your organization aren't on Facebook, you are already behind the times. Consider that Facebook currently has over 400 MILLION active users, and 50% of those users sign into their account on any given day. People spend over 500 BILLION minutes per month on Facebook.
- Twitter has over 190 monthly users.
- If you do sign your organization up on a social media site, it is ESSENTIAL that you update your page/feed on a REGULAR basis (can be news, photos, links to other places/articles on the web, etc.)
- Be sure to promote your social media on your website and on any printed material you mail to your members (put at least "Follow Us on Facebook (or Twitter, etc.) and a logo for that social media site).