

NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2017

A QUICK REMINDER REGARDING THE ELECTION ALL BALLOTS NEED TO BE RETURNED TO THE HBPA OFFICE BY MONDAY APRIL 17TH AT 4 PM. BALLOTS WILL BE COUNTED ON TUESDAY APRIL 18TH. WE WILL SEND OUT THE RESULTS ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 19TH.

Through the efforts put out by President Lloyd Yother, Bas Aja, Marvin Fleming, Dr. Santoro and myself. I am happy to announce the \$250,000 Breeders Awards money was put back into the new State Budget for 2017. After several meetings with many legislators, Rep. David Cook took the lead and was able to have the breeders' awards added back into the State Budget. Arizona horseman and horsewomen owe a big Thanks to Rep. David Cook.

Bas Aja, President Yother and myself along with Turf Paradise management will be continuing to work at the legislature and with the Arizona Racing Commission to reduce and eventually phase out the RWA tax on our handle. We have had some valuable feedback from Legislators hopefully we can have this tax eventually eliminated.

Some dates of importance I want to make everyone aware of:

April 15th Entry Day for the Arizona Breeders Day Races to be run on April 22nd. Nine thoroughbred races and two Quarter horse races for Arizona breds. We will be adding an additional \$5000 per race for the nine thoroughbred races, from the Arizona Incentive Fund.

April 29th The last day the training track will be open for training.

May 3rd The last day the pool will be open.

May 7th The last day of live racing and the last day main track will be open for training.

May 12th the HBPA office will be closed for the summer.

May 13th Motorcycle racing from 10 am – 4 pm. I understand the noise is extremely loud and if you still have horses on the grounds you may want to have someone attending them during the motorcycle races.

May 14th All horses and equipment must be removed from the grounds.

May 15th Backside is closed!