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Awards BANQUET

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2025 QHRAI
Quarter Horse Racing Association of Indiana



*In Memory of those
who are gone
but not forgotten ...*

*Family, friends
and equine partners.*

Looking forward to an exciting year!

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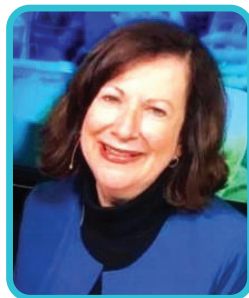
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SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

Martha Claussen

*Quarter Horse Analyst,
Racing writer, Handicapper*



Martha Claussen has been involved in the racing industry since 1997 when she joined Sam Houston Race Park as their publicity director. She was responsible for all racing information for American Quarter Horse and Thoroughbred meetings as well as publicity for the racetrack's numerous promotions and special events.

Following her 10-year tenure at the Class 1 track, Claussen began freelance writing, including a stint at the Houston Chronicle as well as features for Texas Thoroughbred and Louisiana Horse Magazine. In 2010, she was selected to coordinate the Q-Racing Aces, a fan education initiative created by the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA). The Aces made visits to a number of racetracks across the country including Ruidoso Downs, Prairie Meadows, Lone Star Park, Los Alamitos, Fair Grounds, and of course, Indiana Grand before it was renamed Horseshoe Indianapolis! It became very evident to Claussen that Quarter Horse racing deserved more attention and publicity than most jurisdictions provided. There was no better partner track in North America to team with board than Horseshoe Indy. The talented team of Eric Halstrom, Rachel McLaughlin, Tammy Knox and John Dooley enthusiastically grow their fan base with their coverage, special events and contests. Claussen continues to be inspired by the breeders in the Hoosier state and proudly shares the growth of purses, graded stakes and Indiana-bred champions in her role as Quarter Horse analyst at Horseshoe Indy!

The University of Miami graduate began her career with International Management Group (IMG) managing professional tennis tournaments. She is quick to acknowledge that working with jockeys is much more enjoyable than with the stars of the men's and women's professional tennis tour!

The native of Buffalo, New York became a lifelong racing fan since seeing horses run at Fort Erie in Ontario, just a ten minute drive from Buffalo, NY, over the Peace Bridge.

2025 QHRAI OPEN AWARDS

SYDNEY JACK (TX) - 60 AQHA Points

Owner: Gordon L. Timm, Jordan & Gabi Timm

Trainer: Tim Eggleston Breeder: Mary & Jack W Evans, Jr.

QHRAI HIGH POINT TWO YEAR OLD FILLY & QHRAI CHAMPION TWO YEAR OLD FILLY



2025 Stats: 6 starts, 1 win, 3 seconds,
1 third Earnings - \$35,108.

Sydney Jack is a 2 yr old filly by Dulce Sin Tacha out of Caldonia Rose by First Down Dash. She finished 2nd in her first two attempts, getting a win in the Stallion Service Auction Futurity trials to be the 2nd fastest qualifier. She came back strong from the trials finishing 4th in the RG3 Stallion Service Auction Futurity

HEZA HAWKEYE (TX) - 84 AQHA Points

Owner: R Chavez Racing, LLC

Trainer: German Rodriguez Breeder: Torres Buildings

QHRAI HIGH POINT TWO YEAR OLD COLT/GELDING



2025 Stats: 7 starts, 3 wins, 2 thirds.
Earnings - \$154,348

Heza Hawkeye is a 2 yr old gelding by Hawkeye out of Sheza Buggy by Azoom. He broke his maiden on his 2nd trip, setting the fastest time in the Heartland Futurity

trials, he won the Heartland Futurity. He continued on his winning ways in the RG3 SSA Futurity trials, also setting the fastest qualifying time; he had a troubled start in the finals finishing off the board. He came back strong qualifying for the Governors Stakes and finishing 3rd in the finals to top off his 2025 season. Nationally ranked 80th by earnings!

TW STREAKIN COWBOY (IN)

Owner: Thomas Wylie Trainer: Natasha Perez Breeder: Thomas Wylie

QHRAI CHAMPION TWO YEAR OLD COLT / GELDING
& QHRAI CHAMPION TWO YEAR OLD



2025 Stats: 5 starts, 3 wins, 1 second
Earnings - \$202,213

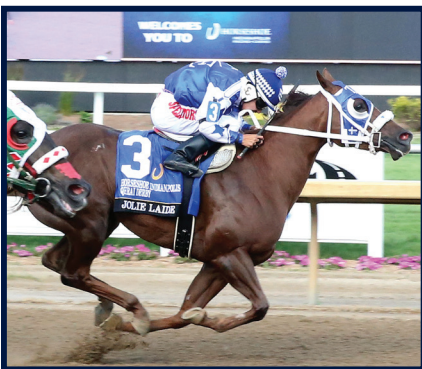
TW Streakin Cowboy is a 2 yr old homebred gelding by Flying Cowboy 123 out of WH Imastreakinbeach by Escondido Beach. He had a troubled trip in the Heartland Futurity trials, ran 2nd in his next out and never looked back, winning his next three races which included the Horseshoe

Indianapolis Juvenile Challenge Stakes, the Governors Stakes trial and winning the Governors Stake beating his opponents by 1 ½ lengths. Nationally ranked 50th by earnings!

JOLIE LAIDE (OK) - 76 AQHA Points

Owner: Doug Ruby Trainer: Tim Eggleston Breeder: Doug Ruby

QHRAI HIGH POINT THREE YEAR OLD FILLY &
QHRAI CHAMPION THREE YEAR OLD FILLY



2025 Stats: 6 starts, 2 wins, 1 second
Earnings - \$108,031

Jolie Laide is a 3 yr old filly by Big Lew out of Two Wines by Jesse James Jr. She won the Horseshoe Indianapolis QHRAI Derby, ran 2nd in the SSA Derby, qualifying for all stakes races entered, finishing 5th in the QHRAI Derby.

COWBOY ON THE FLY (NY) 98 AQHA Points

Owner: Anthony F. Cunningham

Trainer: Anthony F. Cunningham Breeder: Ed R Walsh

QHRAI HIGH POINT THREE YEAR OLD COLT / GELDING



2025 Stats: 8 starts, 1 win, 5 seconds, 1 third Earnings - \$59,682

Cowboy On The Fly is a 3 yr old gelding by Flying Cowboy 123 out of Don't Bug The Tres by Tres Seis. He hit the board in 7 of his 8 starts, running 2nd in the the Paul Martin Overnight Stakes and the QHRAI Derby, he added a 3rd

in the Derby Challenge. He ran 1st in an allowance race, finishing 2nd in two additional allowance races.

APOLITICAL WAGON (OK)

Owner: Darryl Murray Trainer: Jessica A Vazquez

Breeder: Bob Moore Farms, LLC

QHRAI CHAMPION THREE YEAR OLD COLT / GELDING & QHRAI CHAMPION THREE YEAR OLD



2025 Stats:

6 starts, 1 wins, 3 seconds, 1 thirds
Earnings - \$85,844

Apolitical Wagon is 3 yr old gelding by Apolitical Blood out of PYC First Prize Fany by PYC Paint Your Wagon. He was a consistent performer in 2025, finishing on the board in all of his 6 starts. He won the QHRAI Stallion Service Auction

Derby, ran 2nd in the Horseshoe Indianapolis QHRAI Derby and finished 4th in the QHRAI Derby.

AP MISS LUNAS TIDE (IN) 56 AQHA Points

Owner: Oscar Preciado Trainer: Oscar Preciado
Breeder: Oscar Alberto Preciado Garcia

QHRAI HIGH POINT AGED MARE



2025 Open Stats:
5 starts, 1 win, 1 second
Earnings - \$31,704.

AP Miss Lunas Tide is homebred 4 yr old mare by Rip Tide out of Jess Ready To Wear by Mr. Jess Perry. She ran 2nd Horseshoe Indianapolis Classic and won a tough allowance race all in open company.

TACHAS SECRET (IN)

Owner: Duke Racing, LLC Trainer: Ricardo Martinez
Breeder: Ricardo Martinez

QHRAI HIGH POINT AGED MARE QHRAI CHAMPION AGED MARE QHRAI CHAMPION AGED HORSE



2025 OPEN Stats:
3 starts, 2 win, 1 third
Earnings - \$ 91,062

Tachas Secret is a 5 yr old mare by Habits Secret out of Sin Tachas Angel by PYC Paint Your Wagon. This outstanding aged mare ran in three Open stakes races, winning the Bradford Stakes and the Horseshoe Indianapolis Classic and running a close 3rd in the Indiana Championships.

LETHAL FAST CASH (TX)

Owner: William F Collins Trainer: Anthony F Cunningham
Breeder: Mickey Tiner

QHRAI HIGH POINT AGED COLT / GELDING



2025 OPEN Stats:
7 starts, 1 second, 1 third
Earnings - \$ 15,053

Lethal Fast Cash is a 5yr old gelding by Lethal Corona out of Miss Fast Jeans by Ivory James. He ran 3rd in the Bradford Stakes, 4th in the Escondido Beach Overnight Stakes & 2nd in an allowance.

MR MICHEL (IN)

Owner: Alberto Valadez Trainer: Claudio Barraza
Breeder: Mark Michel

QHRAI CHAMPION AGED COLT / GELDING



2025 OPEN Stats:
1 start, 1 win Earnings - \$ 60,280.

Mr Michel is a 5yr old gelding by Kiss My Hocks out of Lovemelikethat by Likenothinyoueversaw, his Dam is in the QHRAI Hall Of Fame. Mr Michel showed his grit and determination in his only open start in Indiana, winning a tight race in the Indiana Championships.

Congratulations to our **BUCKLE WINNERS**

CHAMPION TRAINER:
ANTHONY F CUNNINGHAM

CHAMPION SOPHMORE JOCKEY:
ALBERTO CERON

CHAMPION OWNER:
CAMPOS FAMILY VENTURES, LLC

CHAMPION FRESHMAN JOCKEY:
YOVANI FLORES MUNOZ

CHAMPION JOCKEY:
LUIS EDUARDO LUNA DIAZ

CHAMPION SMALL STABLE TRAINER:
JAMES KEVIN GOODNIGHT

2025 HALL OF FAME *Michael D. Gross*

Mike Gross was introduced to racing as a teenager. It sparked an interest that he was able to act on in 2001, he partnered with George Farris on the horse La Tobago, who was a multiple stakes placed winner. He continued on with racing starting with initially breeding and transitioning to picking his winners!

Shortly after getting involved with racing, he joined the QHRAI Board of Directors, wanting to serve the industry and learn from other horsemen. He served from 2002 thru 2016. In 2004 the Association had a need and Mike accepted the position of Treasurer, providing all of the accounting services until 2016 when the needs of the Association became too much for a volunteer. During this time he also served as Chairman of the Quarter Horse Breed Development Advisory Committee for more than 10 years. He is most proud of his involvement in bettering the purse structure for Quarter Horse racing in Indiana.

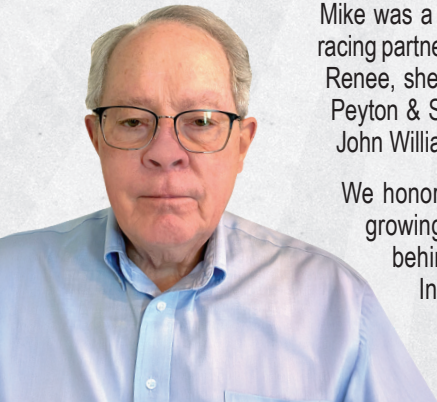
Over the years he has seen dramatic increases in the number of races and purses and an increase in oversight by regulatory agencies. He also notes the increase in quality of horses racing in Indiana.

As far as special memories, it hasn't been one thing that sticks with him it is more about the friendships made over the years that he values!

Mike was a practicing attorney for 42 years, retiring in 2021. His racing partner these days is his wife, Teresa. They have a daughter, Renee, she and her husband, Randy Graves have two children, Peyton & Savannah. Mikes's sister, Laurie Gross and her friend John Williams also enjoy watching the quarter horse races.

We honor Mike, as a man dedicated to an Industry that was growing and needed guidance. His work was done quietly behind the scenes but with a commitment to improving Indiana Quarter Horse racing that deserves recognition.

Thank you Michael D. Gross!

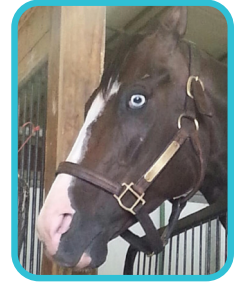


2025 HALL OF FAME HORSE INDUCTEE

Bright Eyed Vision

3-10-2006 | Ausual Suspect x Hope For Me x Shawne Bug

Bright Eyed Vision was an exceptional horse very professional, athletic, and truly a once in a lifetime runner. He loved to race and never cared about the track conditions. Whether it was muddy, sloppy, or raining, he always gave 100 percent.



He was also a very calm horse. I remember bringing him to the receiving barn at Indiana Grand and placing him in a corner stall where all the shipping horses passed while cooling off from works and in and out horses going to the main track to train. It was loud and busy with constant noise and movement, but he stayed relaxed. He would ignore the chaos, lie down, and rest. That meant a lot to me. He knew how to stay calm and save his energy for race day, which is something you don't see very often in horses. I truly believe this helped him perform so well.

When it came time to race, he always performed at a high level. He did everything right, stood calmly for the farrier (which was me, lol), traveled well, and handled hauling like a champion. I always kept his trailer window open, and people would take pictures while driving by because of his beautiful blue eyes.

He was definitely our spoiled horse in the barn. He raced smart and took care of himself, avoiding dangerous situations where other horses might collide at the start. Because of this, he was able to race often while always been sound. He had a huge heart and always looked out for himself. Jockeys loved riding him because he was easy to handle and always knew what to do during a race, very professional. I was truly blessed to train him and compete with him at the racetracks. I am very proud of him.

He now resides in Tucson Arizona and is a riding horse. And a very happy horse!!

Written by Efrain Bueno, owner/trainer

Racing Stats: 86 Starts – 20 wins, 17 seconds, and 8 thirds SI 114 Earnings - \$326,536
Stakes- 3 wins, 4 seconds and 1 third 679 AQHA points Indiana Bred

Accolades:

AQHA Superior Race Horse in 2011
1st Hoosier Park Classic
1st All American Congress Maturity
2nd All American Congress Maturity
3rd Indiana Grand Classic Stakes

Central Hi Point Aged Gelding in 2011
1st Kansas Jackpot Futurity
2nd Hoosier Park Classic, 2010, 2013
2nd Sterlie Bertram Memorial Stakes

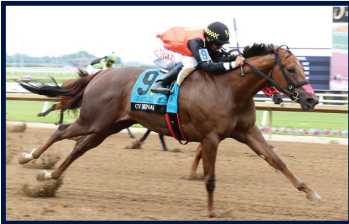
2025 QUARTER HORSE BREED DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

CV DENALI - 63 AQHA Points

Owner: Campos Family Ventures, LLC

Trainer: Claudio Barraza Breeder: Sheri Miller

INDIANA BRED HIGH POINT 2 YEAR OLD FILLY
INDIANA BRED CHAMPION 2 YEAR OLD FILLY



2025 Stats: 4 starts, 3 wins,
1 second Earnings - \$196,110
Program Awards - \$ 20,502

CV Denali is a 2 yr old filly by Escondido Beach out of Botticelli Shake by Genuine Botticelli. This filly raced four times, she

had three wins to include two futurity trials, winning the Gordon Mobley Futurity. She also finished 2nd in the RG3 Miss Roxie Little Futurity. Nationally ranked 54th by earnings!

TW NO BEACH SECRETS 83 AQHA Points

Owner: Thomas Wylie Trainer: Natasha Perez

Breeder: Thomas Wylie

INDIANA BRED HIGH POINT
2 YEAR OLD COLT / GELDING



2025 Stats: 7 starts, 3 wins,
1 second, 1 third. Earnings - \$82,185
Program Awards - \$14,262

TW No Beach Secrets is a 2 yr old homebred gelded son of Escondido Beach out of No Secrets Hereither by First Down Dash. He was in the mix in all of his races, finishing off the Board one time in his first start. He won 2 of the 3 futurity trials that he ran, finishing 2nd in the third. His first futurity final, the Gordon Mobley Futurity, he finished 4th. He won The QHRAI Stallion Service Auction Juvenile and finished 3rd in the RG3 Miss Roxie Little Futurity to complete his 2 year old season.

ROCK N THE BEACH 64 AQHA Points

Owner: Jeffrey Sheets Trainer: Tim Eggleston
Breeder: Jeff Sheets

CHAMPION INDIANA BRED 2 YEAR OLD
COLT / GELDING
CHAMPION INDIANA BRED 2 YEAR OLD



2025 Stats: 6 starts, 3 wins,
2 seconds, 1 third
Earnings - \$ 259,890
Program Awards - \$23,382

Rock N The Beach is a homebred 2 yr old gelding by Escondido Beach out of PYC Fast Girls Rock by PYC Fast Prize. Finishing 3rd in his first out, he continued to improve with a 2nd place finish in the Gordon Mobley Futurity trials and the Gordon Mobley Futurity. He broke his maiden on next start continuing his winning ways with two more wins, one in the RG3 Miss Roxie Little Futurity trial and winning the RG3 Miss Roxie Little Futurity! Nationally ranked 28th by earnings!

DRINKINATACARTELBAR

70 AQHA Points

Owner: Brian J. Elmore & Duke Racing, LLC
Trainer: Anthony F. Cunningham Breeder: Duane Swingley

INDIANA BRED HIGH POINT 3 YEAR OLD FILLY
CHAMPION INDIANA BRED 3 YEAR OLD FILLY



2025 Stats: 7 starts, 1 win, 1 second, 1 third
Earnings - \$ 48,320
Program Awards - \$ 12,251

Drinkinatarcartelbar is a 3 yr old filly by Five Bar Cartel out of Tru Lee Quick by La Jollaroid. This filly's win came in the Blue River Derby trials, where she qualified and then ran 2nd in the Blue River Derby. She also finished 3rd in the Sterlie Bertram Memorial stakes.

BEACH FIRST - 102 AQHA Points

Owner: Gregg Farris Trainer: Tim Eggleston
Breeder: Sheri Miller

INDIANA BRED HIGH POINT 3 YEAR OLD
COLT / GELDING

CHAMPION INDIANA BRED 3 YEAR OLD COLT / GELDING
CHAMPION INDIANA BRED 3 YEAR OLD



2025 Stats:

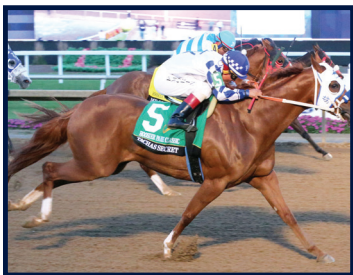
8 starts, 2 wins, 3 seconds, 1 third
Earnings - \$ 120,240
Program Awards - \$ 23,111

Beach First is a 3 yr old gelding by Escondido Beach out of Gevalia by Brimmerton. This gelding qualified for three Derby finals and one Invitational. He ran 4th in the Harley Greene Derby, finished 1st in the Blue River Derby and 2nd in the Sterlie Bertram Memorial Stakes. He also ran 2nd in the QHRAI Stallion Service Auction Invitational.

TACHAS SECRET - 106 AQHA Points

Owner: Duke Racing, LLC Trainer: Ricardo Martinez
Breeder: Ricardo Martinez

INDIANA BRED HIGH POINT AGED MARE
CHAMPION INDIANA BRED AGED MARE



2025 Stats: 6 starts, 3 wins, 2 thirds
Earnings - \$ 145,607
Program Awards - \$35,500

Tachas Secret is a 5 yr old mare by Habits Secret out of Sin Tachas Angel by PYC Paint Your Wagon. This outstanding mare ran in six races, all stakes races, hitting the board in all but one race in which she had a troubled start. She won the Bradford Stakes, the Horseshoe Indianapolis Classic and the Hoosier Park Classic. She ran third in the Born Runner Classic and the Indiana Championships. Ranked nationally 92nd by earnings!

STREAKINDOWNTHEBEACH

133 AQHA Points

Owner: Buddy Presley Trainer: Tim Eggleston

Breeder: Edward A Pennington

INDIANA BRED HIGH POINT AGED STALLION / GELDING
CHAMPION INDIANA BRED AGED STALLION / GELDING
CHAMPION INDIANA BRED AGED HORSE
INDIANA BRED HORSE OF THE YEAR



2025 Stats: 8 starts, 5 wins, 2 seconds
Earnings - \$ 137,030
Program Awards -\$32,951

Streakindownthebeach is a 5yr old gelding by Habits Secret out of Beach Runner by Escondido Beach. Streakindownthebeach had 8 starts, running 1st or 2nd in all of his trips

with the exception of 1 race, where he finished 4th.. He won two allowance races, the Easys Night Beat Overnight Stakes, the Air Born Leader Overnight Stakes and the Bob Woodard Memorial Classic. He finished 2nd in the Born Runner Classic and 4th in the Hoosier Park Classic. Nationally ranked 12th by wins.

OTHER WINNERS

SIRE OF THE YEAR

ESCONDIDO BEACH

(\$90,596 earned in awards)

BROODMARE OF THE YEAR

SIN TACHAS ANGEL

(\$20,781 earned in awards)

BREEDER OF THE YEAR

SHERI MILLER

(\$53,801 earned in awards)

TRAINER OF THE YEAR

TIM EGGLESTON

(26 INDIANA BRED WINS)

OWNER OF THE YEAR

DUKE RACING, LLC

(\$26,301 earned in awards)

JOCKEY OF THE YEAR

ROLANDO PINA

(14 INDIANA BRED WINS)

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