



## The New Mexico Breeders Report

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### MAIL IN BALLOT INFORMATION



In order to receive a mail in ballot to vote for the 2021 NMHBA Board of Trustees you **MUST** be a 2021 member no later than December 7th, envelopes postmarked by this date will also be accepted! Below are the individuals who are running for the NMHBA Board.

### Thoroughbred Trustee Nominees



#### Renee Abdouch

My love affair for horse racing began in 1992, when my life partner of 48 years, Gary W. Clements purchased a filly named Dean Alicia. Trained by the late Bob Arnett she won The Fair Queens Handicap, La Señora Breeders Cup in



#### E. Glen Berry

Glenn Berry nickname Ace - Graduated form Keller High School in 1969 and Tarleton State University 1974 with Bachelor of Science in General Agriculture. In 1977, I married my



#### Helen Nave

Helen Nave got her start in the horse racing business in 2007 from her good friend and neighbor, Steve Prather of Doubletree Farms. She bought Cats Bounty who was in foal with a colt, Comic Smarty Cat, who ran third in

1992 and The Bold Ego Handicap in 1995 all before gaming.

My name is Renee Abdouch and before I began managing GW Stables in 2003, I was an educator for the El Paso Independent school District for 30 years. I received a Bachelor of Science in 1976 and a Masters in Education from the University of Texas at El Paso in 1978 and received the top 10 teacher award in 1986.

In 1997 we purchased GW Stables in Anthony, New Mexico and in 1998 acquired Eishin Storm. Eishin Storm sired 91 registered New Mexico foals over 19 years at our farm under our immediate supervision.

I served on the Sunland Park committee, for the New Mexico Horsemens Association, representing horse owners for the following years: 2013 - 2017, 2019. As we close the 2020 Horse racing season under obstacles none of us have ever faced before, I promise to work hard for every breeder in the state and be fair in my decisions for all breeders in the Land of Enchantment. My 28 years of experience will help me make the right decisions to support and allow the horse racing industry to strive once again. Thank you for your support for the New Mexico Breeders Association Trustee position.

college sweetheart, Linda Read. We operated Keller Feed and Supply and I trained running quarter horses at Texas racetracks in the late 70's. In 1980 we moved to Coahoma, Texas to run her fathers ranch. In 1996, we started our own ranch and still operate it today. I have one son, Cash and his wife Leslie and three grandchildren Callie, Read, and Reese. In the past, I have served on the board of Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo, the Howard County Junior Livestock Association, and the Coahoma FFA booster club. I am currently serving on the Howard County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Howard County Range and Livestock Committee. In 2012, I came back to the racetrack by racing and breeding New Mexico Bred thoroughbreds. In 2019 we raised the Copper Top Futurity winner Shame On Read, our first home bred stakes winner.

We own a home in Ruidoso and spend the summer there for the race meet. We have run horses at Sunland, Ruidoso, Albuquerque, and Hobbs. It would be a honor and privilege to serve on the NMHBA board.

the 2011 Sierra Blanca Handicap at Ruidoso Downs. Cats Bounty's next foal by Comic Genius was a filly, Comicsperfectstorm who won four stakes in New Mexico from 2010-11, including the 2011 Rio Grande Seniorita Futurity, the 2011 Sierra Starlet Handicap, the 2011 Chief Narbona Stakes and the 2011 New Mexico Classic Cup Championship Filly Stakes.

Comic Hot Toddy is one of three winners produced by Comicsperfectstorm. Comic Hot Toddy won the 2020 Rio Grande Seniorita TB Futurity. She is a half sister to Comic Hot Rod, a son of Abstraction who ran second in the 2018 Rio Grande Senior Futurity. Another Broodmare, Pot of Concern, purchased from V. J. Callaway has produced the 2015 Totah Stakes winner Mr. Digger and full brother Digger's Gold who was runner-up in the 2020 Rio Grande Senior TB Futurity. Helen has been successful in raising orphans with Way Nifty, the winner of the 2017 Steve Prather Memorial and Spec, the winner of the 2019 Coppertop Trial. She attributes much of her success to her trainer Todd Fincher. She is also a partner with the Lucky Ladies and runs a few Quarter Horses. Helen is on the Zia Park Horseman's Committee and serves on the board of the Lea County Cowboy Hall of Fame.



### Susie Prather

Owner of Doubletree Farm in Hobbs, NM and is a Licensed Thoroughbred owner and breeder. She has spent her entire life in south eastern New Mexico. Horses have always been a part of her life since a small child and she has spent the past twenty years breeding and raising thoroughbred race horses.

In addition to owning and breeding she also stands several stallions, offers year around mare care and foaling services, she also enjoys cow work on her quarter horses and spending time with her family and friends. After seeing and feeling the deterioration of our industry in New Mexico and the place we are presently in



### Verner Query

My name is Verner Query and I have been a member of the NMHB Association for many Years. I have been in the racing industry as an owner, trainer, breeder and buyer for fifty years in New Mexico. I am the author of THE NEW MEXICO MILLION which is currently being considered by our members to help promote the breeding, sales and racing of the New Mexico bred thoroughbred. I am currently serving as a trustee and would be proud to continue serving again if elected.



### Pamela Sena

Pamela Ginnings-Sena began her love for horses showing throughout the Southwest for 20 years. She then began raising NM bred sale colts, which led her into the racing world, where she was hired by Michael Weatherly to manage his breeding farm. After years of breeding and racing, and seeing the decline in the industry, she partnered with Danna Buechler and together they manage Dilly Dilly Racing, a small percentage thoroughbred syndicate aimed at allowing the smaller owner the opportunity to race thoroughbreds without all the expense. Pamela's hope is that her business will encourage more people to join the sport and grow the numbers in NM. To date, Dilly Dilly has 12 thoroughbreds, both Open and NM bred and race at all NM



she feels a personal responsibility to serve and to be part of the solution. The need for horseman's voice needs to be heard as owners, breeders, trainers etc. She would be honored and excited to serve on the New Mexico Horse Breeders Board.

racetracks. This summer, they were the second leading thoroughbred owner at Ruidoso Downs, and plan to keep building relationships with more owners and breeders to get participation up! Pamela believes in the strength of the NM Bred program and encourages all members to get involved and help educate NM to the benefits of horse breeding and racing. Not only is horse racing the third leading industry in the state, but with memberships in excess of 5000, the ability to get legislative action taken to increase race dates, purses, and incentives for NM breeders, trainers and owners needs to be advanced, thus increasing interest/involvement in our industry. Pamela is a member of the NMHBA, NMHA, Jockey Club, AQHA, and co-sponsors "Pink Day at the Races" at all NM racetracks. She and her husband Frank own and manage Rocky Top Horse Transport. They have a small group of thoroughbred broodmares, all bred to NM stallions.

## Quarter Horse Trustee Nominees



**Vanessa Alexander**

Joshua and I have a small place in Belen where we board and foal out client mares, as well as a couple of our own. Our backgrounds are in law enforcement; Josh is currently a K9 Officer and 17 years of Corrections before that, and I have 15 years of experience in several fields. I was born in NM and lived in Ruidoso until my mother got engaged and we moved to a ranch in Oklahoma. Ranching off horseback and team penning had me hooked on horses shortly. Later, back in NM, I barrel raced and as a hobby I'd "recycle" horses coming off the track into new careers. I've qualified for NBHA world finals twice, have won numerous buckles and a few saddles. We've only been breeding for a handful of years, and we've been fortunate to have already bred a few stakes-level horses, including our first racehorse, which was a blast. At the time of this writing, the election is a week away and our racinos are still closed. 2021 is going



**Norman Allen**

Norman Allen and his wife, Kelly, own part or all of 27 horses, all of which have or will run in the state of New Mexico. Norman wants to contribute to the future of NM horse racing by contributing his time and efforts to the New Mexico Horse Breeders' Association, using his business experience and talents to assist the Board through these uncertain times in a logical and reasonable manner. He started his career as a CPA in public practice and spent over 30 years representing clients in many different industries before joining one of the largest privately owned oil and gas service companies in North America as their CFO in 2016. His experiences with all sectors



**Jim Hernandez**

Jim Hernandez, owner of The Quarter Company LLC. is an owner and breeder of Thoroughbreds and Quarter Horses, both in New Mexico and California. While attending school in the late 90's Mr. Hernandez trained racehorses in the Northern California fair circuit. Training Stakes winners such as Market Demand, Signed First Class, The Chillmaster, Sonia Sonadora and World champion 2 yr old Appaloosa Colt, Six Cees Caper. In 2003 Mr. Hernandez purchased a 100 acre farm in Chamberino, NM from long time NM horse racing supporters and breeders, Butch and Izora Southway. In 2008 he purchased a second horse farm, this time in Los Banos, CA. The New Mexico farm became The Quarter Company NM Div. and the California farm became The Quarter Company CA Div. The NM Farm is home to 15 of TQC's thoroughbred broodmares, 5 of TQC's quarter horse broodmares and 2 of TQC's thoroughbred stallions, Justin Phillip and

to test all of us, and if elected I look forward to working with the NMHA, the NMRC, and the tracks to recover from 2020. I have a statement on my Facebook that's public and anyone can read, if you'd like to know more about my thoughts and what I think should be accomplished in the future.

of the financial community and his interactions with regulatory authorities over the years will enable him to contribute toward the future of this organization that we all desperately need to succeed in order to maintain the viability of horse racing in New Mexico.

Sway Away. The NM Farm is also the home of 2019 NM Quarter Horse Freshman Sire TF Featured Effort, JM Specialwynn and thoroughbred stallions Shame On Charlie and Alsono. The California farm concentrates on sales preparation of yearlings and breaking and training for pinhooking investments and the breaking and training of horses that will join the TQC Racing stable. TQC's racing stable has runners competing on New Mexico, California and Oklahoma racetracks. With limited exposure to thoroughbreds Mr. Hernandez has already selected and developed G3 Stakes Winner A To The Z and G3 Stakes Placed Raging Whiskey. Mr. Hernandez currently serves on the AQHA racing committee, he has served for CHRB and serves on California Agricultural and Insurance boards.



### **Mike Logan**

I am both an owner and breeder of racing quarter horses since 1976. In 2014 my wife Yealonda and I moved near Hondo, NM where we manage the daily operation of our horse farm.

I am nearing the end of my first term as a NMHBA board member. I have had the pleasure of serving as the Vice President in 2020.

During my term I have worked on several projects, including the Stakes Committee and the

Race Dates Committee. I am committed to continue working to reward owners and breeders for their investment in the New Mexico Horse Breeder Assoc.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mike Logan



### **Annette McCloy**

Hello, I am Annette McCloy, current NMHBA Board member. My husband and I have been residents of New Mexico for the last 20 years moving here to ranch. We have lived in Tatum, NM for the last 7 years and that is when we began to breed both quarter horses and thoroughbreds. At present we have 8 quarter horse broodmares and 2 thoroughbred mares. I like to breed both open and NM bred. Then you have more racing opportunities for the big races. We have been in the racing industry for 10 years and breeding for 7. I believe in the NM bred program. If you are fortunate to win a breed race or one of your babies' win, the award checks in November are a good surprise. We have been fortunate enough to win the Zia Futurity, Zia Derby, and New Mexico Classic Derby. The purses are good. I have been involved in agriculture all my life. My Dad was a farmer, my husband and I have farmed and came to New Mexico to ranch. We are the parents of three daughters and 7 grandchildren. I would like your vote for another term on the board. Having completed my first term, I believe we have tried to protect your New Mexico bred investment and promoted the horses. We have a board of different individuals striving to promote your product. I believe this board has protected your money by monitoring our investments closely, sticking to a strict budget, promoting our horses and running a successful mare export program.

**SORRY**

**OUR LOBBY IS  
CURRENTLY NOT  
ACCEPTING  
VISITORS**



**Starting Monday November 16th the Lobby will be closed again in order to follow government guidelines. Business can still be done Via mail, telephone, or online. We can be reached via telephone M-F 8:30-5:00PM at 505-262-0224**



[Return Form](#)

### Export Broodmare return forms

**Foaling season is fast approaching at just a couple of months away! Those that participated in the export broodmare program and took mares home out of state need to remember to submit their return forms as they start bringing their pregnant mares back to New Mexico to Foal. Fees do apply if a form is not on file prior to foaling.**

**Register your NM Bred foals before January 1st!**



Remember, you can **start** the NMHBA registration process the day your foal is born! You **DO NOT** need to wait until you receive the QH or TB certificates. But remember the horse is not an official New Mexico Bred until the certificates have been finalized.



***Current membership is required in order to register any horses***



**We are anticipating that we will have the NMHBA incentive checks mailed out on November 24, 2020 so be on the look out in the weeks to come for your incentive checks.**

**Sustaining payments are due at Ruidoso Downs on December 1st.**

**Ruidoso Downs Nomination  
Information**



## Racing News



### Zia Park in Hobbs has suspended live racing through November 30.

Per the [Paulick Report](#)

"Pursuant to restrictions put in place today by New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham, Zia Park's current live racing meet has been suspended through Nov. 30.

Effective Monday, Nov. 16, all non-essential businesses, including horse racing, are required to cease in-person activities until the end of the month.

The current Zia Park race meet is scheduled to run through Dec. 23. Further updates on the 2020 Zia Park racing schedule will be provided as they are made available.

Current training days and hours of operation will remain in effect."

Trainer Nancy Summers and jockey Duane Sterling teamed to win three of the eight New Mexico Cup Thoroughbred stakes run at Zia Park on Wednesday. A total of \$1,184,402 was wagered on the 10-race program, and the [link](#) will take you to our exclusive recap of the program!



Seven New Mexico Cup Quarter Horse stakes were run Monday at Zia Park, topped by the \$360,345 New Mexico Cup Futurity (RG2). Icy Morning Breeze, a homebred Winners Version filly trained by Jackie Riddle for owners William and Mary Robertson, won the 350-yard stakes. Hector Aldrete rode Icy Morning Breeze, who increased her lifetime earnings to \$184,244 from five outs. The [link](#) will take you to our exclusive recap of all seven races

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Agenda 10/22/2020

Minutes 8/18/2020

Minutes 09/23/2020

Minutes 8/11/2020

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## OWNERS!

Do not forget that all owners running a NM Bred on the track must be an active member of the NMHBA within 90 days of placing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd. If you do not comply you will forfeit your incentive awards. Tell your friends and continue to pass the word along!



Membership Application

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Starting with Quarter Horse foals born in 2019, the breeder of record will be whoever owned the mare at the time of **conception**. QH foals born prior to 2019 the breeder of record will still be owner of the mare at time of foaling.

Thoroughbreds remain the same, owner at time of foaling.

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## Additional forms & Documents

Membership Form

Export Broodmare Fact Sheet

Broodmare Registration Form

New Mexico Bred



Stallion Registration Form

NM Bred w/ Embryo Transfer (QH Only)

EVA Booster

EVA Certification Initial

Export Broodmare Form

Export Broodmare Return Form

Mare in foal to leave to a sale

NMHBA By-Laws



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