

# SUNSHINE STANDARD BRED

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## We'll be back. You can count on it! Good luck.

### Legislative Update

By Christine Garrity

It is unfortunate to report that the Florida legislative session closed without passing legislation that would grant the standardbred horsemen the same legislative protection that thoroughbreds and now quarter horses received.

The language that would have granted the standardbred horsemen the right to a contract spelling out purse enhancements from slots revenues with track management in order to enable track management to renew its slots license annually died in committee. The language in Senate Bill 640 did **not** go forward because of the standardbred language. [*It was not our fault!*]

To be more precise, the bill stalled because the main portion of the bill would have created an approximate \$8 million annual budgetary loss to the state from revenues that would have been discontinued from jai alai and greyhound facilities that do not have slot machines. They would have received total tax relief from their card room and would have been mandated to remit 6% of card room proceeds to jai alai and greyhound purses.

The Board is reviewing alternative methods to achieve our legislative goals.

### Summer Hours and Plans

The FSBOA office will be open throughout the summer except for two weeks in July. Probable closed dates are July 21 – August 9. The office will be open between the hours of 8 am to 2 pm, M-F. Rosie Huff will be on a leave of absence so Jim Ripoll will be the only person in the office during the summer. FSBOA Director Dave Myrick will also be stopping by the office occasionally if and when needed.

Most all important information relative to Pompano's horsemen will be disseminated through the FSBOA Web

site: [www.flstandardbreds.com](http://www.flstandardbreds.com). (See last page) The cost of producing and mailing a newsletter has increased substantially over the past few years. Therefore, we are going to shorten the length of the newsletter, to the size of the one that you are reading now, and plan on using the FSBOA Web site and email "blasts" whenever possible to disseminate the latest news. Horsemen are urged to continue referencing the FSBOA Web site. At the same time keep in mind that during the summer month's noteworthy news is scarce, at best.

Email addresses. There are approximately 659 members of the FSBOA. Unfortunately not all members have email addresses on file with the FSBOA. Presently we have less than 250 email addresses in our database. If you do have an email address and want to be included in the email blasts, send the FSBOA a short email, [fsboa@att.net](mailto:fsboa@att.net), and we will include your email address in our address list. Then you will be assured of getting important news during the coming months.

The FSBOA will be hard at work throughout the summer months, especially when September rolls around, preparing for the 2010 – 2011 stakes season and meet. There is also a mixed horse sale to manage in December. And, a 2011 membership drive. We cannot lose our determination to succeed in our struggle for parity with the thoroughbreds and quarter horses. We might have lost a battle—there is still a war to be won!

To all horsemen and horsewomen, have a very successful and great summer. We'll see you all back at Pompano in the fall.

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## **THE FINISH LINE and more**

By Jim Ripoll

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### **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

There have been several instances in the past when members have voiced their objections regarding the \$60 cost of membership. We thought that an explanation was warranted so that it is perfectly clear where that money goes.

Almost two thirds of the \$60 dollars in dues, \$37 to be exact, goes toward the payment of the third party liability insurance. Keep in mind that this insurance is mandatory in order to be able to be stabled and race at Pompano. Then there are other insurances to pay, i.e., sulky repair, horse removal. And of course office supplies, postage, printing, taxes, and much more. It all adds up!

### **SHORT NEWSLETTER**

The obvious fact that this newsletter has fewer pages than all previous newsletters is not a mistake. Like all major news outlets in the country, and we do not claim to be a major news outlet, the FSBOA would like its members to frequent the FSBOA Web site for information rather than depend upon the news in print. Aside from the fact that it is a cost-cutting measure, members are able to obtain important information much faster than the postal service can offer.

Presently Jim Ripoll is working on redesigning the entire Web site. This process is not an easy undertaking because of all new developmental techniques available. We hope to have the site up and available to all members in the next few months. Certainly, before we start back racing again. Our domain name will change as well.

The new domain (url) will be [www.floridasboa.com](http://www.floridasboa.com) Not to worry. When we are ready to implement the change-over, if you use the old domain name to access the site, you will be automatically redirected to the new domain. Once that happens be sure to bookmark the new site.

Keep in mind that the FSBOA Web site development is a one person endeavor. Feedback from the members would be welcome, as long as that feedback is constructive and not destructive. At some particular point in time we hope to accept advertising to help defray the development and publishing costs. Finally, we will be looking for photographs that would be of interest to other members. We know everyone has their favorite horse photo that they would like to share with other horsemen. But, we will be looking for crisp, clear and unusual photographs that will make other horsemen and horsewomen sit up and take notice. A short story should be included with the photograph.

### **STAKES ELIGIBLE HORSES**

This short newsletter contains a listing of those two- and three-year-old horses eligible to race in the Florida stake series. If you are the owner or trainer of a horse who you believe to be

eligible to race in the Florida stake races in 2010 and that horse is NOT included in the listings, you must contact the FSBOA office as soon as possible so that we can review and possibly correct the information.

This listing is also published on the FSBOA Web site.

### **VANCE SCHOLARSHIP**

There was only one entrant for the Vance scholarship award this year. Therefore, by default, that worthy person is Kristy Hennessey.

After reviewing her credentials and application, it was agreed that she would have been a top competitor for the award even if there were more entrants. Congratulations to Kristy! We hope your college education will be the first stepping stone to a very successful and prosperous life and career.

### **FOALS OF 2010**

As this newsletter went to press, there were only six foals reported to the FSBOA this year. Normally we would include a page almost exclusively to foals born this year but unfortunately, room in this short newsletter was at a premium. The foal listing is included on the FSBOA Web site. Be sure to check it for facts and changes. Surely there were more than six foals born this year!

### **2010 YEARLING SALE**

All yearlings placed in the FSBOA 2010 horse sale MUST be tattooed before sale date (Dec. 12, 2010). Please call Buddy Hasher; 352-572-1826 to make an appointment to have your yearling tattooed. The space was not available in this newsletter to print a list of those registered yearlings. However, the listing does appear on the FSBOA Web site.

### **LAST BUT NOT LEAST!**

Have a great summer and be sure to check the current FSBOA website frequently for up-to-date information. [www.flstandardbreds.com](http://www.flstandardbreds.com)