

Arabians at Delaware
Park

- > March 4, 2012—The 25th Annual Darley Awards. Additional details on page 2.
- > Live racing will resume at Delaware Park in April or May of 2012.

The Inside Track

Total Races, Purses and Handle Up Over 2010 Meet

There were nine more Arabian races held in 2011 compared to 2010 and that was enough to also raise the total amount of purses and handle over their 2010 counterparts. And it is encouraging to see that the number of individual starters was up 26% from last year. Total owners declined only slightly from last year.



Rich Frynchman, bred and owned by Dianne Waldron, was the leading earner in 2011. Photo by Elaine Kucharski.

By keeping much of the purse money in the overnight account, the average purse for overnight races increased 18%. This did result in a lower average stakes purse, but at an average of \$28,580, the stakes purses at Delaware Park were still the largest in the United States. The most significant declines were seen in the average handles, which could be an indication of an economy that still hasn't really recovered.

The leading horse by earnings for the meet was Dianne Waldron's Rich Frynchman (TH Richie x Frynch, by Dormane) with \$55,000 and wins in the Bob Magness

Derby and Delaware Park Classic H. (GI). Bill Waldron once again was on top of the owner standings by earnings with \$123,808. He also tied for eighth overall at Delaware Park by number of wins with 11. Tracey Nunley (trainer of Rich Frynchman among others) claimed the leading trainer spot by earnings with \$220,676, and was 13th overall by number of wins with 17.

Overall, this year showed an improved meet with solid numbers and the first time in several years where we didn't see steep declines in multiple categories. It gives a good base to build upon for 2012. General statistics covering the last five years can be found in the chart below.

DELAWARE PARK RACING STATISTICS

	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Total races	87	78	95	137	142
Total starters	116	92	158	172	179
Starts/horse	6	6	5	6	6
Starters/race	7.8	7.5	8.4	7.5	7.2
Total owners	44	46	64	74	83
Total purses	\$1,073,8352	\$940,100	\$1,122,700	\$1,848,808	\$1,925,018
Total handle	\$9,429,384	\$9,223,069	\$11,230,725	\$13,955,751	\$17,982,588
Avg. overnight purse	\$9,993	\$8,473	\$8,496	\$9,763	\$9,859
Avg. overnight handle	\$11,480	\$115,872	\$122,577	\$102,649	\$123,777
Avg. stakes purse	\$28,580	\$31,738	\$31,036	\$35,328	\$37,489
Avg. stakes handle	\$86,995	\$131,294	\$93,002	\$97,289	\$145,157



Trainer Tracey Nunley is all smiles after winning the Delaware Park Arabian Classic H. (GI) and the leading Arabian trainer title. Photo by Elaine Kucharski.

The Silver Anniversary of the Darley Awards

December 1, 2011 ~ The 2012 HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Flat Racing Festival Darley Awards will take place on Sunday, March 4.

In the tradition of this important awards ceremony and on its 25 anniversary, the most excellent owners, breeders, trainers, jockeys and horses in USA will be honored. Five nominees will be named in each category and the best will be awarded as Champion. The categories are: 3 Year Old Filly, 3 Year Old Colt, 4 Year Old Filly, 4 Year Old Colt, Older Mare, Older Horse, Breeder, Owner, Trainer, Jockey, and Horse Of The Year. The Arabian Racing

Cup and its USA Voting Academy will decide the winners.

In addition, five exciting new awards will be presented. The HH Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak Darley Award will honor women who have distinguished themselves in 2011 as owner, breeder, trainer and jockey in international Arabian racing. The 5th award is for Woman of The Year and may be presented as a posthumous award. The International Judges for the HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Flat Racing Festival Darley Awards will decide these winners. Two ARC Stewards hold positions as International Judges.

The HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Flat Racing Festival Darley weekend will also be highlighted by two prestigious races:

Sam Houston Race Park, Houston Texas, Saturday, March 3, 2012

HH SHEIKH ZAYED BIN SULTAN AL NAHYAN CUP - Grade III For Four Year Olds and Upward, Distance Seven Furlongs, Purse \$30,000 Added.

HH SHEIKHA FATIMA BINT MUBARAK LADIES IFAHR CUP For Fillies And Mares Four Year Olds and Upward, Distance Seven Furlongs, Purse \$25,000 Added.



Happy New Year!

Reminders from the Arabian Horse Association

Stallion Reports Due

Don't forget! Stallion Reports must be postmarked by December 31 of each breeding year in order to avoid late fees. AHA requires a stallion report for all U.S. registered purebred Arabian stallions bred to all U.S. registered purebred Arabian mares. Go to the website, <http://www.arabianhorses.org/registration/forms/StallionReportForm.pdf> to

download this report and then mail, email or fax it to 303-696-4599.

Do Your Horses Have Pending Registrations?

It's that time of year again when your AHA Customer Service team works very diligently to complete your pending purebred or Half-Arabian registration by the end of the year. You may have already received a

call regarding any registrations that you may have pending, if not, look forward to hearing from them soon. They want to assist you wherever possible.

You can contact Customer Service at 303-696-4500, option, #2, with any questions or transaction information.



Tips on Taking Conformation Photos

Most of us are not professional photographers, but we've all seen enough pictures of horses to know a good photo when we see one - and a bad one. They say no photo is better than a bad photo, and with good reason. It's surprising to see the number of poor quality photos used to sell horses. If you have horses for sale that need marketing photos, the best advice would be to hire a professional. It is money well spent to have quality pictures that speak volumes and can sell your horses. But, if that is simply not in your budget, here are some thoughts to consider. Some of them seem obvious, but considering the quality you might see out there, apparently not all people think about it.

1. Take your time. Don't expect to pull your horse out of the stall, snap a few photos and be done in 5 minutes. Plan on taking as much time as you need to get the job done right.

2. Make sure your horse is clean. This is one of those obvious ones, but there are plenty of sale pictures of dirty horses. That is simply amazing.

3. Try to pick a day when it is overcast, but still fairly bright. If you must shoot on a sunny day, make sure the sun is at your back and be aware of shadowy areas that could show up on the horse. (For example, if the horse's head is turned toward you it can throw a shadow on the horse's neck and body distorting the scene.)

4. For a full body shot, stand opposite the horse's heart-girth. If you stand too far forward, it makes the head look too big and the body underdeveloped. If you want a ¾ shot that emphasizes the hind end (like what is common in Quarter Horse photos), take two steps in the direction of the rear of the horse.

5. Make sure you have both ears forward, and often it looks better if the head and neck are in a longer, natural position.

6. Typically, the legs are set such that the far (furthest from you) front leg is slightly behind the closer front leg and the far hind is slightly ahead of the closer hind leg.

7. Unless there is a specific background element you want to include, fill the frame with the horse. You can also crop out the background later.

8. Speaking of background, pay attention to what's behind your horse. With photo editing software today, this isn't as important as it used to be, but it is still best to choose a non-cluttered background. Simple is good.

Time, patience and paying attention to details will really pay off in the end. Good luck!



Here are two examples of outstanding conformation photos.

The three photos below do not show these sale horses to the best of their abilities.



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Delaware Park Collects 3,587 Pounds of Food for the Food Bank of Delaware

From the Delaware Park Press Box

Newark, Del., November 29, 2011 — Delaware Park's patrons donated nearly two tons of food to help feed hungry people throughout Delaware.

"We are pleased with the results and it is gratifying to know that we were able to help other Delawareans in their time of need," said Andrew Gentile, Delaware Park Chief Operating Officer. "Much appreciation goes out to our guests who made this happen."

This is the third year that Delaware Park held their 10-day drive by offering 10 free slot dollars to customers who donated canned goods to the Food Bank.

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