



Ontario Racing is responsible for setting an annual program of races, attracting new horse owners, implementing breed improvement programs, growing the fan base, and connecting the industry with the government and general public.

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*All-Around Quarter Horseman and OR Board Member Bob Broadstock on the Energy, Fans, and Stars of Quarter Horse Racing*

“As a group and as an industry, we try our best to make the fans’ experience the best it can be. Any interaction between the fans and horses and horsepeople is important in making a day at the races a memorable one.” Bob Broadstock and the Quarter Horse industry are hard at work putting on events and races that create lifelong fans.

[Read the full article here](#)

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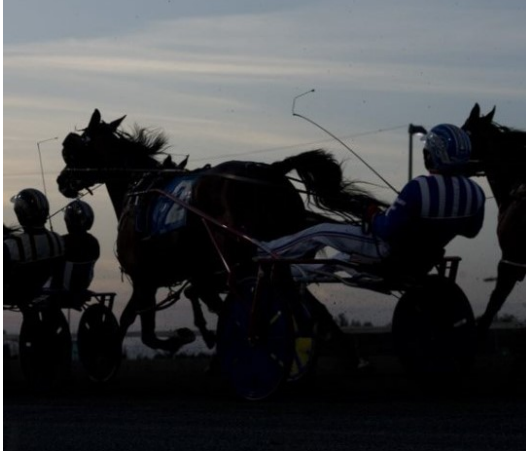
**Buckets, Barns, and Breakaways Aren't Just for Horses**

You might know Rick Vaive from any one of his 876 NHL game appearances, his four years as captain of the Toronto Maple Leafs, or being the first 50-goal scorer in TML history. Did you know he has a decades-long love for horse racing?

TheStable.ca offers the opportunity for ANYONE to share 1% to 100% ownership of a standardbred racehorse, and Rick Vaive is one who chose to get on-side.

[Read on](#) to hear how he went from horse fan to horse owner.





## Fall for Ontario Sired Action

Introducing TWO new fall race series for Ontario Sired horses! With purses totalling more than \$740,000, the new [Autumn Series](#) and [Harvest Series](#) will be contested at Woodbine Mohawk Park, The Raceway at Western Fair District and Flamboro Downs. Come and see these two- and three-year old trotters and pacers take their shot at 2018 glory!

Photo by Michael Burns

## More to the Track

The racetrack near you could be hosting more than horse races. Visit '[Special Events](#)' to see dates and locations for these summer events:

- Children's Day
- Fundraiser for Noelle's Gift
- Annual Corn Roast
- Derby Hat Day
- Goodbye Summer Party



## THE PICK **8** HANDICAPPING CONTEST

**Contest Opens Friday August 24th  
at 11:30am**

**Online Entries Only**

**www.ajaxdowns.com**

**1st \$200.00 - 2nd \$100.00 - 3rd \$50.00**

**Online registration closes at 11:30am August 26th 2018 - SHARP!  
Post Time for Live racing 12:55pm!**

**Top 3 Finishers will be invited/eligible for the  
2017 VIP Handicapping Championship Monday October 15th 2018  
Championship Prizes**

**1st- \$2000 2nd -\$1000 3rd - \$500**



## ORMP Deadline Approaching

Have you enrolled your Standardbred mare in the Ontario Resident Mare Program? Enrollment means that you, your mare, and the 2018 foal are eligible for Ontario Bred Rewards.

For more information and enrollment forms visit [OntarioRacing.com](http://OntarioRacing.com).

DEADLINE FOR 2018 FOALS: September 1st, 2018

**Ontario's horse racing industry is set to receive up to \$104.8 million annually in government funding.**  
**What does the long term funding agreement mean for horse racing in Ontario?**

- It is intended to strengthen and sustain horse racing and breeding in Ontario
- OLG will transfer up to \$104.8 million dollars to Ontario Racing annually for 19 years starting April 1, 2019
- Additional funds for the Racetrack Sustainability Innovation Fund and Horse Improvement Programs

Racing Operations: \$91.4 Million	Capital Improvements*: \$6 Million	Purse Enhancements*: \$4 Million	Administration: \$3.4 Million
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\*Grassroots and Signature only

**What does the funding mean for race participants?**  
 It means guarantees of purse payments, staking programs and coordinated race schedules for all OR member tracks.

**Will all of the \$104.8 million go to race purses?**  
 The majority of the funding is designated to race purses—a total of \$95.4 million dollars between Racing Operations and Purse Enhancements.

**Will any of the horse improvement programs (QHRIDP, SIP, TIP) be affected?**  
 The industry-renowned HIPs will continue. Contact Ontario Racing for details.

**What are the benefits for smaller tracks?**  
 The Capital Improvements and Purse Enhancements monies are designated for Signature and Grassroots racetracks. The Racetrack Sustainability Innovation Fund is an additional \$6 million investment over 3 years for regional tracks.

**Why does the government provide funding to this industry?**  
 Supporting jobs in rural communities and strengthening local economies is part of the overall objective to keep Ontario strong.

**Contact Ontario Racing for more information**



**Will all racetracks and breeds have a voice in funding and industry decisions?**  
 The new Board of Directors of Ontario Racing is made up of ten representatives from a fair distribution of racetracks and associations, lead by an Independent Chairperson.

	STANDARDBRED			THOROUGHBRED	
RACETRACK SEATS:	Premier	Signature	Grassroots	Premier	Signature
Independent Chair					
	HORSEPEOPLE			BREEDERS	
ASSOCIATION SEATS:	Quarter Horse	Standardbred	Thoroughbred	Standardbred	Thoroughbred

[www.ontarioracing.com](http://www.ontarioracing.com)



**Dates of Note:**

- **Wanna Drive:** The Wanna Drive program is your opportunity - for race fans and racetrack visitors young and old - to take a ride behind a Standardbred racehorse alongside a professional driver. The final Wanna Drive date for the season is August 31, Grand River.
- **Ontario Sires Stake Finals:** Go to your nearest OSS divisional qualifier to pick your winners for the semi-finals and finals. Check the [schedule](#) for the race date and track nearest you; divisionals are happening across Ontario all summer. Woodbine Mohawk Park will host the semi-finals and finals: Grassroots Semi-Finals are September 20 and 21, Grassroots Championships are September 29, and Gold Super Finals are October 13.



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