



BREEDING SHED

Keeping the Membership informed, LTBA President Warren J. Harang, III

The 2022 thoroughbred yearling sales have concluded with numbers up across the board. The LTBA's Breeders Sales of Louisiana, which held its Yearling Sale followed by Mixed Session October 1st, is no exception. The 2022 sale grossed \$1,690,600, nearly double the 2021 gross of \$898,000. Yearling average and median were \$16,739 and \$10,000 up from 2021 numbers of \$13,027 and \$8,000 respectively. One of my goals for the LTBA has been to raise the value of our product and I am very pleased to see these numbers increasing.

Delta Downs 2022-23 Season is underway with an 84 day race meet with Premier Night on February 4, 2023. Premier Night is the first of the Louisiana Bred stakes days of the year and features ten stakes exclusively for accredited Louisiana Breds.

New Orleans Fair Grounds is forgoing its traditional

Thanksgiving opening to start its 151st season on November 18. The anticipated increase in monies from Historical Racing and Sports Wagering are beginning to be evident, with a total of twelve new stakes races for Louisiana Breds worth \$850,000 in purses, including six new Louisiana Bred stakes on opening weekend. This brings the number of stakes for Louisiana Breds up to 29 with a total of \$2.475 million in purses. Add to that \$50,000 Maiden Special Weight purses and Allowance purses ranging from \$46,000 to \$52,000 making it evident that it does indeed pay to breed and race Louisiana Breds.

Champions Day is coming up December 10th. As always, this is the premier day for Louisiana bred racing, attracting strong competition and the best state bred runners. This event attracts several state legislators so they can see what our industry is about as well as giving our breeders an opportunity to

voice concerns to the lawmakers. I look forward seeing many of you at the races. This year the Race Central Party is moving trackside where we will feature live music as well as food and beverages. Food will be served from 12:00-3:00 p.m. and Rick Mocklin and Southern Voice Band will entertain from 3:00-6:00 p.m. Bring your friends! Bring your family! Everyone is sure to have a great time.

I encourage everyone to be actively involved in all aspects of our industry. Come to a board meeting; be informed and involved. We at the LTBA are doing all we can to be of service to you, the breeders. If you have any questions about our program, the staff in our office at Fair Grounds is happy to help. I personally am always happy to hear from you, especially with suggestions for improving our program.

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