

TEXAS HBPA, INC.
2004 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION
BIOGRAPHIES

ANTHONY AREY

TRAINER



Born in Greenville, Texas Anthony Arey today resides in Rowlett, Texas with his wife LaDonna and son, Austin. Mr. Arey graduated from East Texas State University in 1983 with a degree in Industry and Technology with a minor in Business. Mr. Arey is employed by and trains for his father Geral DeWitt. Anthony first started in horse racing as an owner in 1988.

Mr. Arey has started horses at the following racetracks; Bandera Downs, Blue Ribbon Downs, Delta Downs, Fair Meadows at Tulsa, Gillespie County Fair, Lone Star Park, Louisiana Downs, Manor Downs, Remington Park, Retama Park, Sam Houston Race Park, Sun Ray Park, Sunland Park, The Woodlands and Trinity Meadows to name a few.

Mr. Arey enjoys horseracing but when time allows he also enjoys spending time with his son and family and hunting. If elected Anthony strives to see that the horsemen get an equal shake in racing.

BRAD BOLEN

TRAINER



Brad Bolen was born in Crane, Texas and currently resides in San Angelo, Texas with his wife and children. Mr. Bolen owns and trains at Bolen Racing Stables, a public race horse training stable that he started over seventeen years ago.

Mr. Bolen is a current Texas Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association Board Member and serves on the Texas Horsemen's Partnership, LLP Management Committee in addition to his service on numerous backside committees in the past. Mr. Bolen has started horses at the Gillespie County Fair, Lone Star Park, Manor Downs, Retama Park, Ruidoso Downs and Sam Houston Race Park as well as many others.

If he is elected, Brad would like to make sure the horsemen are represented on Board in all areas of the state. He feels with possible VLT legislation on the horizon, the horsemen have to be represented..

DR. TOMMY HAYS

OWNER



Dr. Tommy Hays was born in Thibodaux, Louisiana and lives in Elgin, Texas with his wife. He is an owner and a veterinarian at the Elgin Veterinary Hospital, a large animal clinic.

Dr. Hays is currently a board member on the Texas Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association. He is also a member of the American Quarter Horse Association, Texas Quarter Horse Association, American Association of Equine Practitioners and the Texas Thoroughbred Association.

Dr. Hays first became involved in horse racing in 1985, when he bought a multiple stakes producing mare at the Heritage Sale named Oh Whatalady. Since that first purchase Dr. Hays has been very fortunate to have this same mare produce several stakes horses for him. Currently he has several stakes winning horses including Can't Stay Gotta Run and Spark A Fortune, that are some of the best he's ever had.

Dr. Hays has started horses at Delta Downs, Lone Star Park, Los Alamitos Race Park, Manor Downs,

Remington Park, Retama Park, Ruidoso Downs, Sam Houston Race Park and Sunland Park.

As a full time veterinarian Dr. Hays stays very busy, but when time permits he enjoys going to the horse races, hunting and fishing. If Dr. Hays is re-elected he is determined to help unite all racing interests in Texas and to promote VLT legislation.

JIM HELZER

OWNER



Jim Helzer is the President and Vice Chairman of the board for Eagle Supply Group, Inc., a drywall, masonry and roofing material distributor in Mansfield, Texas. Mr. Helzer was born in Loveland, Colorado and resides in Arlington, Texas with his lovely wife Marilyn. Jim and Marilyn Helzer established JEH Stallion Station in 1994 at the former site of Phillips Ranch in Frisco, Texas. In 1998 JEH moved to its present location in Pilot Point, Texas and today it is one of the Southwest's leading equine facilities. In 2003 JEH Stallion Station was renamed JEH Stallion Station East and a newly created JEH Stallion Station West was established in Hondo, New Mexico in partnership with R. D. Hubbard.

Mr. Helzer currently serves on the Board of the Texas Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association as its' President and serves as a member of the Management Committee of the Texas Horsemen's Partnership.

Mr. Helzer is also a Director of the American Quarter Horse Association and serves as the Chairman of the AQHA Racing Council and Race Committee. He is a member and past President of the Texas Quarter Horse Association, and a member and past Director with the Texas Thoroughbred Association.

Jim and Marilyn Helzer started racing Quarter Horses in 1962 in Colorado and have successfully raced Quarter Horses and Thoroughbreds throughout the United States, including California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Kentucky, Maryland, New York, Oklahoma and Texas. Needless to say, Mr. Helzer's true interests lie in breeding and racing Quarter horses and Thoroughbreds.

The Helzer's have been very fortunate to have many successful horses including several All American Futurity finalists and one All American Futurity winner Refrigerator who set a new stakes record with that win. In over six seasons of racing, Refrigerator earned \$2,126,309, which is still the leader among Quarter Horses and won 10 champion titles while owned by the Helzer's.

Mr. Helzer's goals include helping to achieve better backside medical assistance for all of the THP membership, better living quarters at race tracks and to improve our purses for all horsemen.

DONNA MUSHINSKI

OWNER



Donna Mushinski lives in Hearne, Texas with her husband of 32 years Kie, who is also her trainer. She was born in Bay City, Texas and today works as Sales Manager for David Gardner's Jewelers, a jewelry designer business. Mrs. Mushinski is a member of both the Texas Quarter Horse Association and American Quarter Horse Association.

The Mushinski's were first introduced to horse racing in the 1970's and after falling in love with the sport went to their first yearling sale in 1982 and purchased a filly. This same filly later became a brood mare and encouraged them to expand their racing endeavors.

Today they still continue to breed and raise their own race horses, which brings the Mushinski's great satisfaction. They thoroughly enjoy introducing people to the sport by forming new racing "partners" and highly encourage everyone involved in racing to do the same.

Mrs. Mushinski states, "My favorite motto is: What would you attempt to do...if you knew that you could not

fail? With this constant reminder, I am challenged to confront unfamiliar ideas! I dream too big for most, not big enough for others, but at least I will give it a try. I love this racing business and want to be a part of making it strong in Texas. I want to be informed and then inform others on how we can make Texas racing fruitful with lots of benefits for those who choose to race here!”

OCTAVIO SAENZ, JR.

TRAINER



Octavio Saenz, Jr. was born in Alice, Texas and lives in McDade, Texas where he is self employed and also works for the Circle MS Ranch as Ranch Foreman. At the ranch Mr. Saenz manages the farms daily racehorse breeding, raising, breaking, training, lay-ups and cattle operation.

Mr. Saenz is a member of the American Quarter Horse Association, Texas Quarter Horse Association, American Paint Horse Association and American Beefmaster Association.

From the time Mr. Saenz was a very small child he recalls going to many match races in South Texas, with his grandfather and friends. At first Mr. Saenz only participated as a spectator with his family, which only strengthened his love for fast horses. When Mr. Saenz was a young man in his early twenties he purchased his first racehorse and began to train for himself and race at brush tracks in south Texas.

Mr. Saenz greatest experiences include back to back stakes championships with the same horses in consecutive years, some of which include the following stakes races: Manor Downs Handicap, Manor Downs 550 Stakes, Tower of the Americas, Comal County Handicap and the Rio Grande Handicap. Mr. Saenz has started horses at Delta Downs, Gillespie County Fairgrounds, Lone Star Park, Manor Downs, Retama Park, Sam Houston Race Park and Sunland Park.

If elected Mr. Saenz fully supports passing legislation that would approve VLT's to enhance the racing industry so that Texas is capable of being on an equal playing field with the surrounding states. He also supports uniform medication and veterinarian rules for all jurisdictions. Mr. Saenz feels the quality of life for the people living on the backside is in great need of improvement.

M. HEATH TAYLOR

TRAINER



A native of Carrollton, Kentucky, Heath Taylor today lives in Ledbetter, Texas with his wife Tracy and their children, where they own and operate Heath Taylor Racing Stables. Mr. Taylor is a member of the Pacific Coast Quarter Horse Association, Louisiana Quarter Horse Breeders Association, American Quarter Horse Association, and an AQHA Professional Horseman and on AQHA's Team Wrangler.

As a child Mr. Taylor was raised in Kentucky around the best Thoroughbreds in the country. His father owned Quarter horses and their family raced horses in Kentucky. Mr. Taylor bought his first horse in 1980 at a Tattersalls sale in Lexington, Kentucky, which won its' first race, and he was hooked from there.

Mr. Taylor has worked or been involved in every facet of horseracing, both equine related and administratively. Mr. Taylor previously worked at the Texas Quarter Horse Association as the Director of Racing and was the Assistant Publicity and Marketing Director at Los Alamitos Race Course in California. Mr. Taylor has started horses at all racetracks in Texas and many others around the United States.

Mr. Taylor enjoys racing, breeding and selling Quarter horses and spending time with his wife, children and family. Mr. Taylor desires to improve Texas' portion in the ever evolving and competitive sport of horse racing and to improve purse money available to race for in Texas as we try to compete with gambling expansion in neighboring states.