

TEXAS THOROUGHBRED HBPA, INC.
2004 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION
BIOGRAPHIES

LARRY J. CHRISTOPHER

OWNER



Larry J. Christopher is the owner and president of Northcutt Woodworks, L.P. a molding manufacturing business in Crockett, Texas. Mr. Christopher is currently a Texas Thoroughbred HBPA Board Member and was first appointed to the board in 2002 because of the wisdom and leadership qualities he exhibited as Chairman of the Texas Racing Commission.

Mr. Christopher was appointed to the Texas Racing Commission in 1995 by former governor and current President, George W. Bush. Later that year he was chosen to serve as Chairman of the Commission and served in that capacity until his term expired in 2001. During Mr. Christopher's tenure on the Racing Commission, that agency made many improvements in the rules and regulations that affect horsemen. He was also at the forefront of the movement that required Manor Downs to comply with the law and offer racing opportunities for Thoroughbreds. Mr. Christopher has also been on the Board of Regents at Stephen F. Austin University and he was on the Board of Directors of the Association of Racing Commissioners International from 1999 until 2000.

In 1996 Mr. Christopher purchased Park Hill Farm and began a breeding operation. The first horse foaled at Park Hill was Nanie's Dinner who won the Texas Thoroughbred Associations' Champion Three-Year-Old Filly in 2000 and the Texas Thoroughbred Association's Champion Older Mare in 2001. After his term expired on the Texas Racing Commission and a replacement was named in 2001, he began racing his Thoroughbreds in Texas. Currently he has six broodmares in addition to raising, racing and selling foals. His horses have raced at the Fairgrounds, Lone Star Park, Louisiana Downs and Sam Houston Race Park.

Mr. Christopher's goals have been to improve the quality of Texas breeding and racing stock and to keep Texas racing equal to, or better than, our adjoining states. He is a big advocate and proponent of legislation that will give Texas horseracing the tools necessary to offer the highest purses in the country. His loyalty to the horsemen in this state and the horse racing industry are unsurpassed.

BETHE DEAL

OWNER



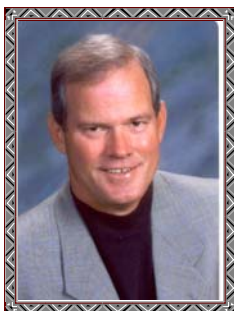
Bethe Deal is the owner and manager of Sabinal Horse Farm – Inside Move, Inc. in Sabinal, Texas. Her facility specializes in boarding, prepping and sales of thoroughbred race horses. Mrs. Deal, who was born and raised in the Uvalde area, lives at the farm with her husband Scott and two children, Colt and Callie. She is a member of the Texas Thoroughbred Association and serves on the breeding and sales committees of that organization. She is also the president of the Race Track Chaplaincy Council at Retama Park.

Mrs. Deal comes from a family with a long and successful history in Texas horse racing. She is the great-grand daughter of Texas Horse Racing Hall of Fame member Emerson F. Woodward and the daughter of Robert (Bob) Woodward. In 1990, she began managing her father's horse farm and eventually she made her dream come true by having her own horse farm. She has raced her horses at Lone Star Park, Louisiana Downs, Retama Park and Sam Houston Race Park.

Mrs. Deal is not only committed to making sure that our industry passes legislation approving video lottery terminals in Texas, but she also wants to make certain that horsemen are given a fair share of the revenue generated by those machines. She believes that the only way to accomplish this goal is to have all Texas horsemen, regardless of the breed of horse they may own, strongly and completely united as a group striving for a revenue distribution comparable to our surrounding states. She is also keenly aware that horsemen will need to continue to work together if such legislation is passed in order to ensure that we develop a racing program that will benefit all Texas horsemen.

TOM DURANT

OWNER



Tom Durant is the owner and operator of several successful car dealerships in the Granbury and Grapevine area. He was born in Ruston, Louisiana and now resides in Granbury, Texas, where he lives on a farm with his wife Susan and their four children. He is currently a Texas Thoroughbred HBPA board member and was first elected to that organization in 2000.

Mr. Durant entered the horse business in the early 1980s with mostly quarter horses and served as a director and eventually as president of the Texas HBPA.

When the original Texas HBPA divided Mr. Durant played a key role in creating the Texas Horsemen's Partnership, and he continued to serve the horsemen as president of the Texas Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association. In 1995, the Texas Quarter Horse Association named him "Horseman of the Year".

After obtaining considerable success in quarter horse racing, he sold his interests in them and starting buying and racing Thoroughbreds. His meteoric rise in the Thoroughbred industry has been remarkable with horses that have won national attention and earned him the title of "Leading Thoroughbred Owner" numerous times at tracks such as Lone Star Park, Retama Park, Louisiana Downs and Keeneland.

Mr. Durant has always made sure that all horsemen are respected and protected when dealing with the Texas Racing Commission or the various tracks in Texas. He wants to ensure that all organizations representing Texas horseracing are united and working together for the common good of our industry.

ANDY KONKOLY

TRAINER



Andy Konkoly was born in Detroit, Michigan and currently resides in Houston, Texas with his wife Joyce. Andy is a self employed and completely devoted race horse trainer.

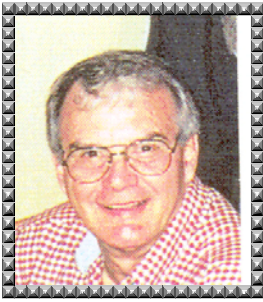
Mr. Konkoly claimed his first race horse in 1985. He won the very next start to establish his first win. At that time the Konkolys owned a farm which did some breeding and boarding. He was not satisfied with being just an owner, so he decided to go into training his own horses himself.

Horses are truly Mr. Konkoly's only real interest. He has started horses all over the United States including, Arlington Park, Beulah Park, Detroit, Hawthorne, Hoosier Park, Lone Star Park, Manor Downs, Penn National, Philadelphia Park, Sam Houston Race Park, Thistledown and Trinity Meadows, just to name a few.

Mr. Konkoly has three college degrees, experience dealing with elected officials and a history of owning a private business. If elected to the board, his experience and education will be put to use by trying to improve racing in general and making it better for all horsemen, racetracks, and vendors in the industry.

JOHN LOCKE

TRAINER



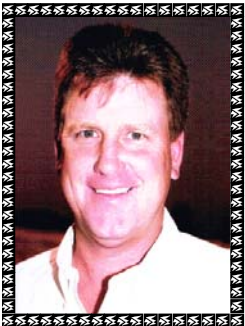
John Locke was born in Covert, Kansas and resides in Houston, Texas with his wife Marilyn. John and Marilyn have one son and three grandsons. Mr. Locke graduated from Kansas State University in 1972 with a degree in veterinary medicine and practiced from 1972 until 1989, when he sold his practice and became a full time race horse trainer. His family was also involved in horse racing when he was a child and as a young man John also owned race horses.

Mr. Locke has started horses at race tracks across America including Ak-Sar-Ben, Canterbury Park, Churchill Downs, Fairgrounds, Keeneland, Lone Star Park, Louisiana Downs, Oaklawn Park, Remington Park, Retama Park, and Sam Houston Race Park as well as others. He has also participated on numerous local horsemen's committees at the tracks where he is racing.

If elected to the board his goal will be to make horse racing in Texas profitable for all Texas breeders, owners and trainers by promoting and supporting new gaming opportunities such as video lottery terminals at tracks. He is also committed to preserving the horsemen's best interests in the percentage of the revenue derived from simulcast handle.

RANDY MAYFIELD

TRAINER



Randy Mayfield was born in Ranger, Texas and now lives in Grand Prairie, Texas with his wife, Heather, and son Ryan. Randy began his racing career in 1975 as a jockey. He was also an assistant trainer to Tommy Morgan for 16 years, but for the last 8 years Randy has been training on his own.

Mr. Mayfield is extremely proud of his accomplishments while working for Tommie Morgan. They ran in the Kentucky Derby in 1985 and finished seventh. On his own, he trained a horse by the name of Gold Nugget for Leland Cook that won 7 stakes races across America. Also recently with Coastalota Randy has won 7 stakes races in Texas.

Randy has started horses at Del Mar, Fairgrounds, Gillespie County Fair, Lone Star Park, Louisiana Downs, Manor Downs, Oaklawn Park, Retama Park and Sam Houston Race Park.

Mr. Mayfield believes that Texas has all of the potential to have the best racing in the United States. If elected, he wants to make sure that the Texas Thoroughbred HBPA is doing everything it can to get the horsemen of Texas informed and active in passing legislation that will add money to the horseracing industry. He also wants to make certain that horsemen's rights are protected and work is done to achieve uniform medication standards that will allow everyone to compete on a level playing field.