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Michigan Harness Horse Industry Celebrates Success *Congratulations to the 2015 Award Winners*

LANSING, MI - The Michigan Harness Horseman's Association Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony held January 23, at the Crowne Plaza, Novi, MI, announced the 2015 State Champion race horses and award winners for everything from *Caretaker of the Year* to *Hall of Fame* inductees. Michigan's harness racing returns on March 18, 2016, at Northville Downs following an amazing past year for many Michigan Standardbred racehorse farms.

Larry Smith received the 2015 *Dan Rathka Memorial Award Horseperson of the Year*. The following members and horses were inducted into the Michigan Harness Racing *Hall of Fame*: Brad Kramer, Kelly Goodwin and Patti Gira, and Standardbred horses: LOCKKEEPER and MIDNIGHT JEWELL.

Michigan horseman Kelly Goodwin was awarded 2015 *Trainer of the Year* and Mariah Write was awarded *Rising Star of the Year*. The evening culminated with the charity art and silent auction raising thousands of dollars for the MHHA Scholarship Fund.

Congratulations to all of this year's award winners: the following awards were presented on January 23, 2016 at the annual Harness Horseman's banquet:

2015 APPRECIATION AWARD

Joe Hollenbeck

2015 RISING STAR OF THE YEAR

Mariah Wright

2015 CARETAKER OF THE YEAR

Mary Beth Stanley

2015 TRAINER OF THE YEAR

Kelly Goodwin

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2015 HEADLINER OF THE YEAR

SF Donttallonme

2015 DRIVER OF THE YEAR

Brad Kramer

2015 BREEDER (S) OF THE YEAR

Oscar Sievert
Mike & Libby Myers

2015 AGED TROTTER OF THE YEAR

NATURAL FORCES

2015 OWNER OF THE YEAR

Shirley Lepler Halas

2015 AGED PACER OF THE YEAR

SF DONTPELLONME

2015 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

LOCKKEEPER
MIDNIGHT JEWELL

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Brad Kramer
Kelly Goodwin
Patti Gira

The 2015 State Champion Harness Horses with their owners, drivers, time and purses are listed below:

2 Year Old Filly Trotter – COVER MY ASSETS

Coventry – Ok's Noble Asset

Program Earning: \$41,275. Record: 2:07.4

Owners: Darwin & Ann Shaver; Laura Perniciaro

Trainer: Brian Boring

Breeders: Darwin & Ann Shaver

Driver: Brad Kramer

2 Year Old Colt Trotter – PHAT STACKS

Lockkeeper – Carly Karlee

Program Earning: \$47,927. Record: 2:04.2

Owners: Tim Roach

Trainer: Tim Roach

Breeders: Stephen G. Moore & Nancy L. Roach

Driver: Tim Roach

2 Year Old Filly Pacer – KICKITINKATE

Cam Terrific – Anubis

Program Earning: \$52,071. Record: 2:01.4

Owners: Pamela Sievert

Trainer: Oscar Sievert

Breeders: Oscar Sievert

Driver: Peter Otten

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2 Year Old Colt Pacer – **NURSERY ED**

He's All That – Hawaiian Ukulele

Program Earning: \$43,143. Record: 2:01.0

Owners: EJ Underwood III

Trainer: Darrell Wright

Breeders: EJ Underwood III

Driver: Darrell Wright

3 Year Old Filly Trotter – **PT KAYE**

Southwind Russet – Simply Patty

Program Earning: \$52,299. Record: 1:57.2

Owners: Cliff & Beverly Makin

Trainer: Cliff Makin

Breeders: Cliff & Beverly Makin

Driver: Larry Smith

3 Year Old Colt Trotter – **OL'S WHATASURPRISE**

Prise Speed – Ol's Miss Dakota

Program Earning: \$38,018. Record: 2:04.2

Owners: Rebecca Putnam

Trainer: Rex Putnam

Breeders: Rebecca Putnam

Driver: Rex Putnam

3 Year Old Filly Pacer – **GIRLLOOKATTHATBODY**

Mandardt – Key To The Future

Program Earning: \$55,353. Record: 1:55.3

Owners: Kelly Goodwin & Libby Myers

Trainer: Kelly Goodwin

Breeders: Mike & Libby Myers

Driver: Brad Kramer

3 Year Old Colt Pacer – **IWILLMAKEYOU SAYWOW**

Manhardt – Earhart Hanover

Program Earning: \$50,928. Record: 1:54.4

Owners: Kelly Goodwin & Libby Myers

Trainer: Kelly Goodwin

Breeders: Mike & Libby Myers

Driver: Brad Kramer

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