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### **HILL 'N' DALE FARMS TO HOST 2007 TOBA NATIONAL AWARDS DINNER**

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LEXINGTON, Ky. – The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association announced today its 2007 National Awards Dinner will be held at John G. Sikura's Hill 'n' Dale Farms on Saturday, September 8, 2007. This marks the first time that the event will be held on a Saturday.

"Hill 'n' Dale is honored to host the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual TOBA Awards Dinner," said John G. Sikura, owner of Hill 'n' Dale. "We congratulate all the national award winners on their achievement. It is the contributory success of each state which makes TOBA a truly national organization".

The TOBA Awards Dinner honors the achievements of Thoroughbred owners in the four major North American racing regions and breeders in 26 states. Also honored at the dinner are the National Breeders of the Year, National Owner of the Year, recipient of the Industry Service Award and New Owner of the Year. "It is an honor to be associated with Hill 'n' Dale as the host farm for the National Awards Dinner," said Dan Metzger, president of TOBA. "Hill 'n' Dale provides a spectacular setting for an evening that recognizes the best in our sport."

Entertainment for the evening will be announced at a later date. Past performers at the annual event have included Uncle Kracker, Three Dog Night, Sawyer Brown, Clint Black, Blood Sweat & Tears, Alison Krauss & Union Station and Ray Charles.

Sponsors of the 2006 TOBA National Awards Dinner included Vinery, Youbet.com, Stonestreet Wines, Blue Grass Airport, Grey Goose, John Deere, The Blood-Horse, Dodge, Daily Racing Form, Woodford Reserve and The Greatest Game.

TOBA, based in Lexington, Ky., was formed in 1961 and is a national trade organization of leading Thoroughbred horse breeders and owners. TOBA's mission is to *"improve the economics,*

*integrity and pleasure of the sport on behalf of Thoroughbred owners and breeders.”* Projects managed by TOBA include the American Graded Stakes Committee, Sales Integrity Program, The Greatest Game and Claiming Crown. TOBA is also represented on the Board of Directors of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association as a founding member. TOBA is also the owner of the The Blood-Horse, Inc. For more information please visit [www.toba.org](http://www.toba.org).

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