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Top Owners, Breeders to be Honored at 30th Annual TOBA National Awards Dinner

Lexington, Ky. – The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association announced today that the 30th annual National Awards Dinner will be held Friday, September 11 at Hill ‘n’ Dale Farms in Lexington, Ky. The National Awards Dinner honors owners and breeders from 24 states and Canada. Also honored are four Regional Owners of the Year, National Owner of the Year, two National Breeders of the Year, Broodmare of the Year, Rood & Riddle Sport Horse of the Year, and recipient of the Robert N. Clay Award (recognizing a member of the Thoroughbred racing community who has made an outstanding contribution to preserving land for equine use).

“We are honored that Hill ‘n’ Dale Farms will host this year’s National Awards Dinner,” said Dan Metzger, president of TOBA. “Hill ‘n’ Dale provided a spectacular setting for our 2007 dinner and we are excited to return for what promises to be a special evening honoring the leading owners and breeders in Thoroughbred racing.”

Hill ‘n’ Dale’s general manager Jared Burdine commented, “We are honored TOBA has selected us to host an evening that is centered around the top breeders in our industry. We’re excited to have the breeders, the very ones who support our stallions, on the farm for what should be a great night.”

The dinner is sponsored by Stoll Keenon Ogden, Stronach Group and Adena Springs, H.E. “Tex” Sutton Forwarding Company, Jackson Family Wines (Official Wine Sponsor of the 2015 National Awards Dinner), Tito’s Handmade Vodka (Official Vodka Sponsor of the 2015 National Awards Dinner), Woodford Reserve, Zoetis, FLAIR Nasal Strips, NTRA/John Deere, Daily Racing Form and Blood-Horse.

Tickets for the National Awards Dinner may be purchased at www.toba.org.

About Hill ‘n’ Dale Farms

Hill ‘n’ Dale Farms, owned by president John G. Sikura, is a full service Thoroughbred farm encompassing 1,300 rolling acres of prime Kentucky bluegrass. Hill ‘n’ Dale currently stands 10 stallions: Atreides, Concord Point, Flashback, Maclean’s Music, Midnight Lute, Misremembered, New Year’s Day, Power Broker, Stormy Atlantic and Violence. Hill ‘n’ Dale is also home to breed shaping mares including Supercharger, Teeming, Blind Luck, Silverbulletday, Shameful, Indian Blessing, Serenading, Streaming, Fascinating, Midnight Lucky, Smart Surprise, Dazzling, Taste of Heaven, Drifting Cube, Lady Tak and Motokiks. Hill ‘n’ Dale Sales agency is a leading consignor with a history of producing unique results and has established four new world record prices at public auction including Better Than Honour for \$14,000,000 (current world record for a broodmare), Playful Act for \$10,500,000, Stardom Bound for \$5,700,000 (current world record for a two-year-old filly), and most recently sold the 2014 Tapit - Serena's Cat weanling filly for \$3,000,000, which is the current world record price for a weanling.

About TOBA

TOBA, based in Lexington, Ky., was formed in 1961 and is a national trade organization of leading Thoroughbred 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, Claiming Crown, Ownership Seminars, Ownerview.com and the Sales Integrity Program. TOBA provides international representation for U.S. owners and breeders on the International Grading and Race Planning Advisory Committee, International Cataloguing Standards Committee and International Breeders Federation. Thoroughbred Charities of America (TCA) is the charitable arm of TOBA. TOBA and The Jockey Club Information Systems are owners of the Blood-Horse LLC. TOBA is represented on the board of directors of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association and the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium as founding members.