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## Next Membership Meeting:

April 14th, 2015 @ Copper Roux

## Trainers Panel

**Helen Pitts-Blasi, Ian Wilkes & Ron Mouquett  
with Mike Penna moderating!**

- RSVP's must be in by 5 p.m. April 10th, 2015.
- No RSVP's will be taken after the deadline.
- Walk-in seating very limited.
- Registration begins at 6:15 P.M. at Copper Roux (located at 861 South Broadway, Lexington, KY 40504 - look for map on RSVP confirmation email.)
- Dinner begins at 7:00 P.M.
- Cash, Check and Credit Card payments accepted at the door.
- Please list names of all attendees when making reservations.
- Do NOT RSVP by sending an email to [info@ktfmc.org](mailto:info@ktfmc.org), please follow the appropriate link at <http://ktfmc.org/meeting-information/> to guarantee your RSVP will be received.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Last week I received a phone call from a fellow farm manager concerning the availability of nurse mares this year. After a little investigating I discovered that a majority of nurse mares were returned not in foal/not bred last year. Between two of the biggest nurse mare suppliers, 70 mares came back NIF, with several other suppliers reporting similar situations. One nurse mare operator went as far as predicting he will be out of business if his nurse mares are returned empty again this year.

Gentlemen and ladies, we are not only hurting ourselves but also the individuals that make their living by providing us the nurse mares, when we need them. It is our responsibility to see that they are in foal when they leave our use. When you take on a nurse mare you are agreeing to absorb all the costs that are associated with them, this means checking them in foal!

The board of directors and I are currently working on some alternatives for those who don't have a teaser and hope to have them available shortly. - Randy

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## PRICES HAVE CHANGED FOR MEETINGS:

**Members - \$25**

**Non Members - \$30**

**Students - \$25\***

**\*Students must present a  
current student ID at  
meeting check in.**

## MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Randy Gilbert.

Past Farm Managers of the Year in attendance were Alfred Nuckols, Bill Wofford, Steve Johnson, Neil Howard, and Scooter Hughes.

The treasurer's report was given by Gus Koch. The club currently has about \$32,000 balance and has collected approximately \$22,000 in dues.

Gus Koch also reported that the Annual Don Snellings KTFMC Trail Ride will be on Sunday, June 7 at the Life Adventure Center in Versailles. Watch emails for details.

The Colostrum Bank continues to be low at Hagyard's and Rood and Riddle. Randy Gilbert reminded everyone of the colostrum pint competition. The large farm division is for farms foaling over 50 mares, and the small farm division is farms foaling under 50 mares. All proceeds go to Central KY Riding for Hope.

Stacy Rogers-Clark provided information the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance, which is both an accrediting foundation and a fundraising foundation.

Fred Sarver provided information regarding the KEEP license plates, which will feature a Tony Leonard Seattle Slew photograph. Jayson Page from KEEP explained that KEEP has received legislative approval for the license plant, but they still need a certain number of people to sign up before the plates can be produced. Finally, Joe Clabes, a KEEP representative, provide highlights on several pieces of legislation with which KEEP is currently involved.

The night's featured speaker was Ray Paulick, publisher of the Thoroughbred industry website, paulickreport.com.

Mr. Paulick spoke on several subjects, including:

-The merger of TVG and HRTV. He has seen mixed reactions as to the merger. Some of the favorite shows and personalities from HRTV are gone. He stated that HRTV did not seem to have a viable business model, as their revenues were based on commercials. They were losing ~\$3 million per year. TVG existed to allow betting from home, and this has been a successful business model from the beginning.

-The Jockey Club's purchase of 51% of The Blood Horse from TOBA. The magazine has shrunk since the banking crisis in 2008, largely due to the difficulty in getting advertisers. Many weekly news magazines have struggled since that time for the same reasons. Printing a weekly news magazine may not be wise, in his opinion.

-Bad news can be good for the healthy horse industry. He discussed several ex-

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## MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES CONT.

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amples of 'negative' stories that led to positives for the industry and helped the horse industry's image in the public eye. Animal welfare is a great issue in the public. Many people say the public does not understand the racing industry. Mr. Paulick said the racing industry does not understand the general public. We, as an industry, need to show that we are responsive to the public's concerns on issues such as medications, use of the whip, aftercare facilities/programs, etc.

The meeting concluded with Mr. Paulick selecting the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance to receive the honorarium gift.

The next meeting, featuring a panel of trainers, is scheduled for early April at Copper Roux.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Parker  
KTFMC Secretary

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## THINGS TO KNOW

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**SAVE THE DATE**

2015 KTFMC  
Golf  
Scramble

Tuesday  
June 23<sup>rd</sup>

Questions or Comments: [GolfScramble@ktfmc.org](mailto:GolfScramble@ktfmc.org)



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### APRIL

- 3rd - Keeneland Spring Meet Opens
- 5th - Easter Sunday
- 13th - 18th - OBS Spring 2yo in Training Under Tack Show
- 14th - KTFMC Membership Meeting - Trainer's Panel
- 21st - 24th - OBS Spring 2 yo in Training Sale
- 24th - Keeneland Spring Meet Closes

### MAY

- 1st - Oaks Day
- 1st - Derby Eve Lexington
- 2nd - Derby Day
- 5th - Cinco de Mayo
- 10th - Mother's Day
- 13th & 14th - FT Midlantic Under Tack Show
- 18th & 19th - FT Midlantic Under Tack Sale
- 25th - Memorial Day

### JUNE

- 7th - KTFMC Trail Ride (Tentative Date)
- 8th - 13th - OBS 2 yo and Horses of Racing Age - Under Tack Show
- 16th - 19th - OBS 2 yo and Horses of Racing Age - Sale
- 21st - Father's Day
- 23rd - KTFMC Golf Scramble

### JULY

- 4th - Independence Day
- 9th - FT KY Selected Horses of Racing Age Sale

### AUGUST

- 10th - 11th - FT Saratoga Yearling Sale
- 16th - FT NY Preferred Yearlings
- 24th - FT TX Summer Yearlings
- 26th - KTFMC Sporting Clays

### SEPTEMBER

- 7th - Labor Day