

## Act 71 has benefit the PASS Fair Circuit since 2007

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When the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act, also known as "Act 71", was passed in 2004 it let the way to assist the horse racing industry with monies going to the Breeders Fund and also to increase the purses at the three major pari-mutuel harness racing tracks, Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs in Wilkes Barre, Pa., Harrah's Chester Casino and Racetrack in Chester, Pa, and Meadows Racetrack & Casino in Washington, Pa and also to increase the purses in the Pennsylvania Sire Stake Program at the pari-mutuel tracks and also on the Fair Circuit at 16 County Fairs which provide harness racing during the summer months.

The three harness racing tracks, Meadows, Harrah's and Mohegan Sun were granted their permanent casino licenses on December 20, 2006. (Each of them had an temporary licenses which was granted to them back on September 27, 2006). The funding of purse monies to the three pari-mutuel racing tracks for overnight racing and the Pennsylvania Sire Stake Program at both the pari-mutuel tracks and the county fair tracks started in 2007.

In 2007, the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes program on the Fair Circuit saw their purses increase three times the first year of monies flowing from the casino into the Sire Stake program based on the Act 71 bill.

Many men and women each year, day in, day out, dedicated their time to race at the PA County Fairs in the PASS program. People like, Roger Hammer, Todd Schadel, John McMullen Jr., David Brickell, Joyce Lineweaver, Winston Lineweaver, Stephen Schoeffel, Walter "Boots" Dunn, Joseph Offutt, Timmy Offutt, Jason Shaw, Christopher Shaw, Robert Rougeaux, Cindy Truitt, Kenneth Weaver and many more. There are 16 County Fairs with harness racing and addition of five 2-day events (not connection to the Fair dates). The PASS program runs from June to September each year at the County Fairs. In 2010 over 2 million dollars was given out in purse money at the PA County Fairs for the PASS program.

Here is the stats for the top 20 drivers and trainers from 2007 to 2010 who race on the PA County Fair Circuit in the PASS program (including Quaker State program and overnight series).

### Top 20 Drivers in the PASS Circuit at the PA County Fairs (2007-2010) (based on earnings)

|                   | Starts | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | UDR. | Earnings      |
|-------------------|--------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------|---------------|
| Roger Hammer      | 807    | 316             | 153             | 101             | .539 | \$ 964,426.11 |
| David Brickell    | 636    | 183             | 133             | 108             | .461 | 577,029.12    |
| Stephen Schoeffel | 658    | 168             | 154             | 128             | .450 | 519,577.91    |
| Timmy Offutt      | 546    | 102             | 115             | 103             | .367 | 385,493.97    |

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|---------------------|-----|----|-----|-----|------|------------|
| Christopher Shaw    | 694 | 93 | 116 | 134 | .291 | 357,031.80 |
| Todd Schadel        | 366 | 95 | 80  | 58  | .434 | 324,467.17 |
| Robert Rougeaux     | 538 | 77 | 106 | 127 | .331 | 298,409.58 |
| Edward McNeight Jr. | 353 | 82 | 64  | 59  | .389 | 248,296.72 |
| Bryce Truitt        | 347 | 68 | 67  | 65  | .366 | 229,428.35 |
| Randal Neal         | 343 | 62 | 78  | 73  | .378 | 229,217.86 |
| Winston Lineweaver  | 419 | 56 | 81  | 82  | .306 | 221,806.09 |
| Joseph Offutt       | 295 | 48 | 68  | 67  | .366 | 180,424.50 |
| Wilbur Yoder        | 232 | 49 | 47  | 41  | .383 | 173,285.88 |
| Kimberly Good       | 211 | 40 | 47  | 55  | .400 | 128,367.95 |
| Brian Zendt         | 113 | 31 | 22  | 21  | .444 | 116,436.21 |
| Brad Provost        | 244 | 16 | 37  | 54  | .224 | 110,396.96 |
| Eric Neal           | 141 | 27 | 22  | 26  | .340 | 95,773.66  |
| Christopher Offutt  | 146 | 18 | 30  | 26  | .297 | 81,194.19  |
| Marty Wollam        | 63  | 23 | 9   | 12  | .508 | 74,149.95  |
| Jordan Miller       | 113 | 33 | 21  | 11  | .428 | 71,295.51  |

Top 20 Trainers in the PASS Circuit at the PA County Fairs (2007-2010)  
(based on earnings)

|                   | Starts | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | UDR. | Earnings      |
|-------------------|--------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------|---------------|
| Roger Hammer      | 737    | 283             | 123             | 103             | .523 | \$ 868,911.21 |
| Joseph Offutt     | 738    | 128             | 164             | 149             | .364 | 487,978.85    |
| Stephen Schoffel  | 524    | 141             | 120             | 98              | .459 | 415,913.18    |
| Walter Dunn       | 365    | 81              | 91              | 49              | .405 | 323,995.45    |
| Robert Rougeaux   | 500    | 68              | 100             | 120             | .327 | 284,142.43    |
| David Brickell    | 267    | 98              | 60              | 44              | .547 | 262,016.67    |
| Todd Schadel      | 261    | 72              | 48              | 42              | .432 | 243,010.63    |
| John McMullen Jr. | 223    | 70              | 49              | 36              | .490 | 212,300.89    |
| Jason Shaw        | 489    | 58              | 74              | 105             | .274 | 208,203.12    |
| Kenneth Weaver    | 237    | 85              | 36              | 34              | .491 | 199,758.08    |
| Clifford Neal     | 232    | 34              | 52              | 53              | .347 | 147,392.70    |
| Cindy Truitt      | 168    | 37              | 27              | 34              | .377 | 129,057.07    |
| Randal Neal       | 151    | 39              | 28              | 21              | .408 | 125,659.81    |
| Robert Krenitsky  | 101    | 33              | 29              | 13              | .529 | 123,601.16    |
| Kimberly Good     | 200    | 42              | 41              | 47              | .402 | 120,998.08    |
| Syl King Jr.      | 207    | 27              | 29              | 35              | .265 | 116,777.69    |
| Terry Altmeyer    | 228    | 29              | 43              | 43              | .295 | 113,252.60    |
| Joyce Lineweaver  | 202    | 24              | 28              | 34              | .252 | 105,472.02    |
| Susan Brickell    | 66     | 31              | 12              | 13              | .636 | 92,452.11     |
| Richard Gillock   | 118    | 23              | 27              | 16              | .367 | 88,873.68     |