



# President's Update



By Dan Sullivan

## Thank you!

If you are reading this I wish to thank you. It means you care enough about Illinois thoroughbred horse racing to continue your subscription to the Illinois Racing News. It means much to the Board of Directors of the Illinois Breeders & Owners Foundation and to me, personally, to have your support as we go forward hoping we can secure the passage of a gaming bill that can revitalize horse racing in Illinois. I assure you that the ITBOF is doing everything possible through its two lobbyist to pursue the passage of that legislation.

I wish to thank you also as your receipt of this magazine constitutes support of our efforts to continue to provide a contemporary news source to the general public on the state of Illinois racing. We felt it to be very important to continue the Illinois Racing News when we were told the former publisher was abandoning the publication.

If you feel the same way then the ITBOF wishes to solicit you, but very softly, for assistance in several ways.

First, we solicit your subscription to the Magazine and we solicit your recommendation to your friends to subscribe to the Magazine. Your subscription will keep the Magazine viable as the former publisher did not pursue subscription renewals for some time. The ITBOF is supporting all shortfalls the Magazine faces over the near term but our organization tries to do as much as possible while minimizing any financial burden on members or other participants in the racing industry. Lord knows no Illinois breeder, owner or trainer loyal to Illinois has money to spare in these hard times.

Secondly, we solicit your membership as a premium member of the ITBOF. We have tried hard to give value for a paid membership in

recent years. It is my hope you can visit our web site and agree. I hope you join as a premium member.

Thirdly, and most importantly, we are trying to make this magazine your magazine. In order to do this we solicit your comments in any form. Please call, write, email or communicate through our web site as to ideas you may possess that would make this Magazine more responsive to your needs and the needs of Illinois racing.

Most importantly, I solicit your article for the Magazine. I know you have some views on Illinois racing or thoroughbred racing that provide an insight into our industry. I know you have frustrations with the existing system and you have views on how those frustrations could be avoided. I ask you to submit an article for our consideration. Just put it in a Word or other electronic format and send it to us. We will respond and, if at all possible, we will publish your views to generate the maximum participation in our programs.

So, in summary I thank you for reading this first hard copy of the IRN after ITBOF took over the task of publishing the magazine. If you subscribe I thank you and I solicit your subscription renewal. If you have ideas that express an opinion please share them. And, lastly, I sincerely solicit your submissions that will allow us to broaden the interest in the IRN.

ITBOF is doing everything it can for Illinois racing. I know that is what you want and deserve. Please help us in this endeavor—especially, the publication of this magazine.

So, Thank You!



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