

January 2020

Roy Cobb's homebred Mr Money Bags will be crowned as the 2019 Texas Horse of the Year at the Texas Thoroughbred Association's annual meeting and awards banquet on March 21 at Sam Houston Race Park. The night will also celebrate divisional Texas-bred champions with awards based on points earned in stakes performances during the year.

Sired by Silver City, who formerly stood at Valor Farm in Pilot Point, Texas, Mr Money Bags had a tremendous 3-year-old campaign in 2019 with six wins from nine starts and earnings of \$328,470. The gelding was undefeated in his home state, winning a division of the Clarence Scharbauer Jr. Texas Stallion Stakes Series and the Groovy Stakes at Sam Houston and another division of the Texas Stallion Stakes at Lone Star Park. The Mike Neatherlin trainee also proved himself against open company with two stakes wins at Zia Park, highlighted by a victory in the \$250,000 Zia Park Derby. Mr Money Bags also earned the award for Texas Champion 3-Year-Old Colt/Gelding. The Texas-bred kicked off his 2020 campaign over the weekend with a dominating victory in the \$75,000 Stonerside Sprint at Sam Houston.

As the leading Texas-bred money earner for the year, Mr Money Bags earned his breeder Roy Cobb the *BloodHorse* Breeder of the Year Award. Texas-bred Miss Photogenic, a two-time stakes winner on the track, earned the Texas Broodmare of the Year Award as the dam of Mr Money Bags.

Valor Farm, with a stallion roster that includes the state's leading sire Too Much Bling, will be honored as the leading Accredited Texas-Bred money earner for 2019.

The human awards—the T.I. "Pops" Harkins Award for lifetime achievement and Allen Bogan Memorial Award for TTA

member of the year—will be announced at a later date. The Texas Champion Claimer award will be determined by an online vote in February.

Invitations for the event are being mailed to all TTA members and more information will be posted on the TTA website.

Following is the complete list of the 2019 champion horses:

2-Year-Old Filly: Gee She Sparkles (by Race Day) • Owners: GFB Racing LLC and Danny Pish • Breeder: Inside Move

Co-2-Year-Old Colt/Gelding: Bubba Bling (by Too Much Bling) • Owner: Darren Fleming • Breeder: James Wessel

Co-2-Year-Old Colt/Gelding: Moro Said Ready (by Moro Tap) • Owners: Penn Family Racing and Kevin Clifton • Breeder: Kevin Clifton

3-Year-Old Filly: Ima Discreet Lady (by Discreet Cat) • Owners: Duane Coker and Raymond Todd White • Breeder: Larry Huntsinger

Older Filly/Mare: Shes Our Fastest (by Oratory) • Owners: Mark Norman and Norman Stables LLC • Breeder: Eureka Thoroughbred Farm

Older Horse: Redatory (by Oratory) • Breeder/Owner: James Wessel

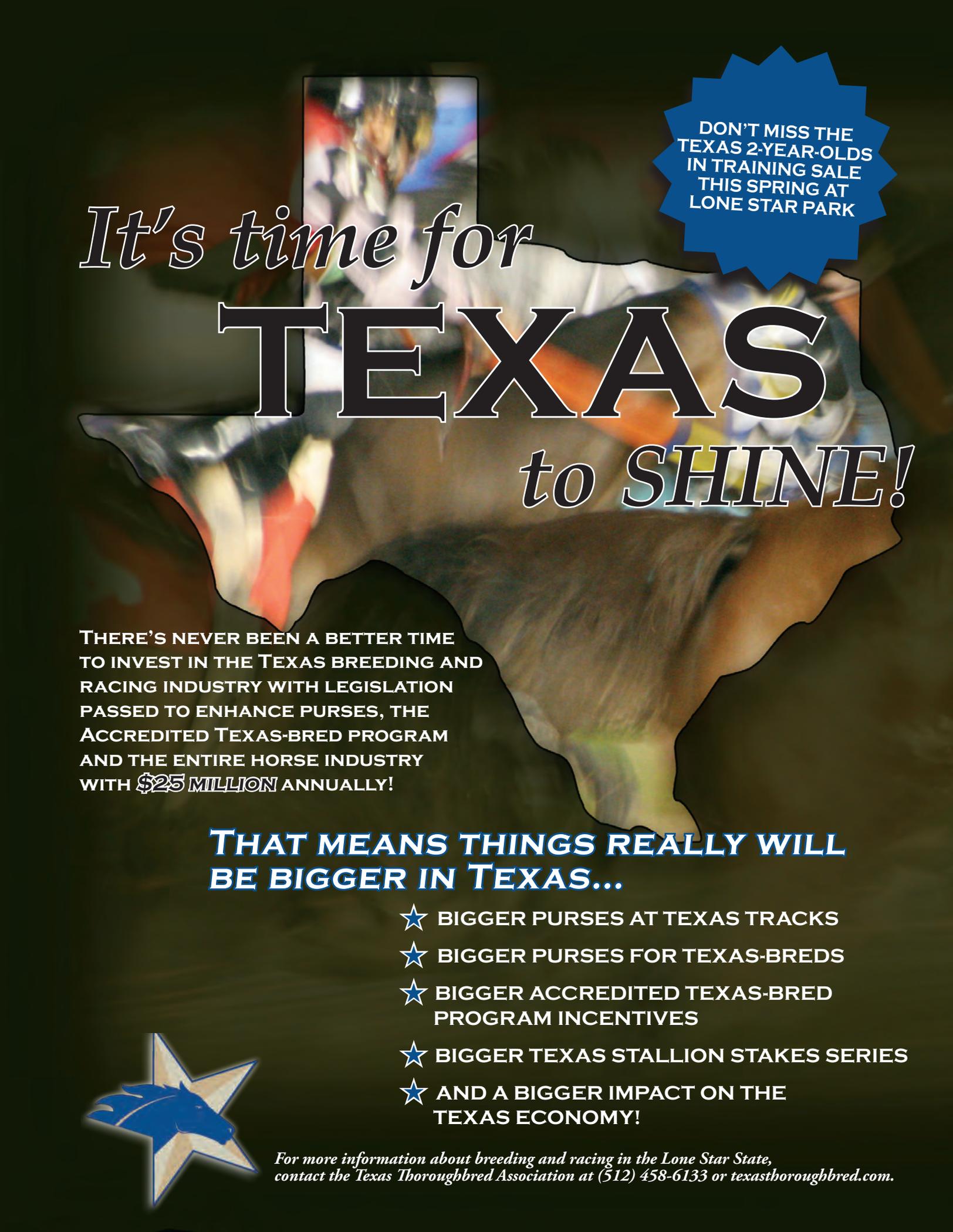
Champion Broodmare: Miss Photogenic (by You and I)

Horse of the Year and 3-Year-Old Colt/Gelding: Mr Money Bags (by Silver City) • Owner/Breeder: Roy Cobb ■



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Mr Money Bags



DON'T MISS THE
TEXAS 2-YEAR-OLDS
IN TRAINING SALE
THIS SPRING AT
LONE STAR PARK

It's time for

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to SHINE!

THERE'S NEVER BEEN A BETTER TIME TO INVEST IN THE TEXAS BREEDING AND RACING INDUSTRY WITH LEGISLATION PASSED TO ENHANCE PURSES, THE ACCREDITED TEXAS-BRED PROGRAM AND THE ENTIRE HORSE INDUSTRY WITH **\$25 MILLION** ANNUALLY!

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- ★ BIGGER PURSES AT TEXAS TRACKS
- ★ BIGGER PURSES FOR TEXAS-BREDS
- ★ BIGGER ACCREDITED TEXAS-BRED PROGRAM INCENTIVES
- ★ BIGGER TEXAS STALLION STAKES SERIES
- ★ AND A BIGGER IMPACT ON THE TEXAS ECONOMY!



For more information about breeding and racing in the Lone Star State, contact the Texas Thoroughbred Association at (512) 458-6133 or texasoroughbred.com.

Incentive and Bonus Programs Announced for Texas 2-Year-Olds and Horses of Racing Age Sale

The Texas Thoroughbred Association has announced two new programs to make buying, selling and racing horses in Texas more lucrative for horsemen. The Texas 2-Year-Olds in Training and Horses of Racing Age Sale, set for April 3 at Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie, will offer a rebate program for consignors and a purse bonus program for graduates of the sale.

Thanks to the passage of H.B. 2463, which injects up to \$25 million annually into the Texas horse industry, funds are available that will be used to rebate up to half of the \$500 consignment fee for ALL horses entered in the sale who pass through the ring, even those that are not Texas-breds.

ALL sale graduates (horses that pass through the ring), again including horses not bred in Texas, will be eligible for a purse bonus program with money paid out to owners of horses finishing first, second or third in any races at Texas tracks in 2020. The amount of the bonus payouts will be based on a percentage of purse earnings which will depend on the number of eligible horses hitting the board in Texas races, but it will be administered similarly to the Accredited Texas-Bred Program with the money being paid out in January 2021 for all races through December 31, 2020.

“The goal of these new programs is to encourage horsemen to buy and sell their

horses in Texas, and then to keep those horses racing in Texas to add to what already creates a significant impact on the state’s agricultural and overall economy,” said Mary Ruyle, executive director of the TTA. “We’ve already seen more interest in Texas racing and breeding with the boosted purse structure at the current Sam Houston Race Park meet. We expect that to continue at Lone Star Park and Retama Park, and we believe these programs will only enhance that interest and participation.”

For more information about the sale, go to www.ttasales.com. ■



The Texas 2-Year-Olds in Training and Horses of Racing Age Sale will be held April 3 at Lone Star Park.

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DEADLINES AND MORE DEADLINES!

TTA members are reminded about some upcoming deadlines:

- **Texas Thoroughbred Education Fund** scholarship applications for the 2020-2021 school year must be received by February 15. These scholarships are available to benefit TTA members and their children and may be used for education at any accredited ju-

nior college, four-year university, post-graduate degree program or other accredited or state-recognized industry/training program in Texas or out-of-state. Contact Mary Ruyle at 512.458.6133 for information

- The deadline is February 1 for early payment of the **annual stallion administrative fee** of \$200

- The \$250 second payment for the **Texas Thoroughbred Futurity** is due February 15

Contact the TTA office at 512.458.6133 for any questions about deadlines and payments.

TEXAS IS TRENDING UP!

WITH \$25 MILLION ANNUALLY BEING INJECTED INTO THE TEXAS RACING INDUSTRY, THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A BETTER TIME TO BUY AND SELL AT THE TEXAS 2-YEAR-OLDS IN TRAINING AND HORSES OF RACING AGE SALE!

Last year's sale featured an average price of more than \$23,000!
This is the Southwest's premier juvenile sale!



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**A \$140,000 Palace Malice
filly consigned by Twin
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**TEXAS 2-YEAR-OLDS IN TRAINING
AND HORSES OF RACING AGE SALE**

AUCTION: APRIL 3, 2020

BREEZE SHOW: APRIL 1, 2020



TTA SALES

For more information, go to www.ttasales.com
or call Tim Boyce at (972) 523-0332 or the Texas
Thoroughbred Association office at (512) 458-6133.

Lady Apple Wins Grade 3 Houston Ladies Classic to Cap Meet's Strong Opening Month

Sam Houston Race Park kicked off its 26th season of Thoroughbred racing on January 10 and featured one of the track's biggest ever nights of racing on January 26. The 39-day meet got off to a strong start with increased handle and attendance, plus a larger horse and trainer population compared to last year, thanks to increased purses. Maiden and allowance races are being offered at \$36,000 and \$37,000, respectively, compared to \$20,000 and \$21,000 last year, and claiming purses are up approximately 80 percent.

On the January 26 card, Lady Apple upset millionaires Serengeti Empress and Street Band in the \$300,000 Houston Ladies Classic (G3). Trained by Steve Asmussen with Ricardo Santana Jr. in the irons for owners Phoenix Thoroughbred III and KateRich Stables, Lady Apple earned her

sixth win from 12 starts and boosted her bankroll to \$990,150.

The card also included the \$200,000 John B. Connally Turf Cup Stakes (G3), won by Dot Matrix. The new \$200,000 Texas Turf Mile went to local connections as Texas-based Red Lane Thoroughbreds LLC and trainer Danny Pish took the one-mile test with Bodecream, a Kentucky-bred gelding by Bodemeister. In other stakes action that day, Texas-bred Mr Money Bags, fresh off being named the 2019 Texas Horse of the Year, defeated open company in the \$75,000 Stonerside Sprint Stakes. The son of Silver City, who runs for breeder Roy Cobb and is trained by Mike Neatherlin, won by nearly seven lengths with Ernesto Valdez-Jiminez riding the gelding to a six-furlong clocking of 1:09.94. ■

TTA ANNOUNCES MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION SUPPORTING THOROUGHBRED AFTERCARE

The Texas Thoroughbred Association is offering the TEXAS TRI-FECTA, which provides three years of membership for the price of two. That means a three-year traditional individual membership is just \$120 (save \$60) and joint memberships (for couples and business partners) and family memberships (parent[s] and children under 18) are just \$200 (save \$100).

Plus, the TTA will donate \$20 in your name to one of the following Thoroughbred aftercare organizations: LOPE Texas, Remember Me Rescue or The Paddock Foundation.

This promotion is good for new members and renewals, even if your membership is not yet expired. This promotion ends June 30, 2020, and one lucky new or renewing member will be drawn at random to win a lifetime TTA membership valued at \$2,000.

To take advantage of this special discount, call the TTA office at (512) 458-6133, join/renew online at www.texasoroughbred.com or use the application form in this newsletter.



Lady Apple



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HIT THE TEXAS TRIFECTA!

Get a Three-Year TTA Membership
for the Price of Two!



All renewals and new memberships will be entered into a drawing
for a free lifetime TTA membership valued at \$2,000!

There has never been a better time to be involved in Texas racing and breeding with \$25 million annually being injected into the industry thanks to new legislation. And there has never been a better time to join the Texas Thoroughbred Association or renew your membership with this special promotion offering one year free with any three-year membership or renewal. Even if your current membership is not due to expire soon, you can still take advantage of this deal.

Help yourself to savings while also helping our Thoroughbred athletes after they leave the track! For every new membership or renewal through this promotion, the TTA will donate \$20 to your choice of Thoroughbred aftercare organizations.

You can choose to have your donation go to:

- LOPE TEXAS (www.lopetx.org)
- REMEMBER ME RESCUE (www.teamkeen.com)
- THE PADDOCK FOUNDATION (www.paddockfoundation.com)

*To take advantage of this offer, call the TTA office at (512) 458-6133 or
go to www.texasthoroughbred.com.*



TEXAS TRIFECTA

Join or renew your Texas Thoroughbred Association membership for two years and get *ONE YEAR FREE!*

Plus the TTA will contribute \$20 in your name to ONE of the listed Thoroughbred aftercare organizations.

This membership is a:

- NEW MEMBERSHIP
- RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP

Choose your donation:

- LOPE Texas
- Remember Me Rescue
- The Paddock Foundation

Please enroll me at the TTA Membership Level selected:

- Traditional (individuals 18 and over) \$120 (SAVE \$60!)
- Joint (Couples/Business Partners) \$200 (SAVE \$100!)
- Family (Parent[s] & Children 17 and under) \$200 (SAVE \$100!)

Name (Required) _____

Business/Farm Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Email Address _____

How did you find out about TTA? _____

I would like to pay my TTA membership dues by:

Check or Money Order (made payable to Texas Thoroughbred Association)

Credit Card: American Express MasterCard Visa

Card # _____ Exp. Date ____/____/____ CCV# _____

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Billing Address for Credit Card _____

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Please return this form along with your membership dues to:

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TTA dues are not deductible as a charitable contribution for federal income tax purposes, but may be partially deductible as a business expense. TTA estimates that 35% of your dues are not deductible because of TTA lobbying activities on behalf of members. Please allow two weeks for membership processing.

To join or renew online, go to texasthoroughbred.com. Membership promotion ends June 30, 2020.