



Antonio Duran Stable named Barn Crew of the Month at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino

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SHELBYVILLE, Ind. (Aug. 25, 2018) – The Antonio Duran Stable was honored Saturday, Aug. 25 as the “Barn Crew of the Month” sponsored by Indiana Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association (HBPA) and Texas Corral of Shelbyville, Ind. The award was presented for the month of August at Indiana Grand.

Duran’s barn is kept very neat and orderly at all times, which caught the eye of the selection committee for “Barn Crew of the Month.” Duran has a solid crew working with his 24 horses on Indiana Grand’s backstretch to merit the honor.

“I have a very hard working crew, and they put up with me,” said a smiling Duran.

“Nino (Hernandez) is the foreman of the barn and he never misses getting horses ready. They are all good workers and a great crew.”

The Duran Stable has six members currently overseeing operations at Indiana Grand. Members of the barn include Jose “Nino” Hernandez, Carlos Miranda, Jesus Dellas, Estevan Lara, Gustavo Doniz and Jeannette Hernandez.

Duran and his wife, Katie, an attorney in Indianapolis, race under the stable name Rancho Monarca. They are just one of several operations that have acquired land in Shelby County over the past five years, showing the economic impact Thoroughbred racing is having on the area surrounding Indiana Grand. The Durans have brood mares, weanlings and yearlings at their farm, just north of Shelbyville and at the conclusion of the meet at Indiana Grand in November, they will head to their winter base in Williston, Fla.

“We break our yearlings at our farm in Florida,” said Duran. “We have a little leg up track there and I have a field I use to get my yearlings started. Then, once they get going, we move over to the training center where they have a bigger track before heading back to Indiana in the spring. We have eight yearlings to break from our mares this year, so we will be busy.”

The Duran Stable received a \$200 gift certificate to Texas Corral for being named “Barn Crew of the Month.” The local restaurant is located on Route 9 just north of Interstate 74 in Shelbyville. Brian Elmore, executive director of the Indiana HBPA, made the winner’s circle presentation during the races.

The 16th season of Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing continues through Wednesday, Nov. 7. Racing is conducted Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 2:05 p.m. EST with Saturday racing beginning at 6:05 p.m. EST. A special Thursday racing program will be held Sept. 6 with a 2:05 p.m. post time.

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