



Indiana Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders Association



## e Five Racing, Charlotte Weber, Isabelle Haskell de Tomaso and Win Approval, Top Winners at 33rd Annual TOBA National Awards



LEXINGTON, Ky. – The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association’s 33rd Annual National Awards Dinner was held at the Woodford Reserve Club at Kroger Field in Lexington, Ky. on Saturday, September 8. Bob Edwards of e Five Racing was named TOBA’s National Owner of the Year, and Charlotte Weber was named the National Breeder of the Year. Isabelle Haskell de Tomaso was named National Small Breeder of the Year and Win Approval, was honored with the National Broodmare of the Year title.

The National Awards Dinner, hosted by Jill Byrne of Breeders’ Cup Limited, also honored the achievements of Thoroughbred owners in the four major North American racing regions and breeders in 23 states and Canada.

Mended, who won the 2017 Claiming Crown Jewel Stakes, was honored with Claiming Crown Horse of the Year, presented by the National HBPA.

The Rood & Riddle Sport Horse of the Year went to Argyle, owned by Skyeler Voss. This award was presented to the owner of the ex-Thoroughbred that has accumulated the most points in competition, as tracked by the United States Equestrian Federation.

In addition, George Strawbridge received the Robert N. Clay Award. In partnership with the Equine Land Conservation Resource, this award recognizes a member of the Thoroughbred community who has made an outstanding contribution to preserving land for equine use.

The State Breeders of the Year toured Spendthrift Farm and were honored at an awards luncheon at Portofino’s on Friday, September 7.

A complete list of winners is as follows:

**Finalist for Owner of the Year:**

- e Five Racing
- Godolphin
- Juddmonte Farms
- Rockingham Ranch
- Winchell Thoroughbreds & Three Chimneys Farm

**State Breeders of the Year:**

- Arkansas: McDowell Farm
- California: Richard Barton
- Canada: K5 Stables
- Florida: Charlotte Weber
- Illinois: Nancy Vanier
- Indiana: Michael E. & Penny S. Lauer
- Iowa: H. Allen Poindexter
- Kansas: Rocking G Horse & Cattle
- Kentucky: Charles Fipke
- Louisiana: Richard Klein
- Maryland: Howard M. Bender
- Massachusetts: Joseph DiRico
- Michigan: Lisa Campbell
- Minnesota: Curtis A. Sampson
- New Jersey: Isabelle Haskell de Tomaso
- New York: Chester & Mary Broman
- North Carolina: Nancy Shuford
- Ohio: Robin Murphy
- Oregon: James and Carol Owens
- South Carolina: Franklin G. Smith Sr.
- Texas: Craig Upham
- Virginia: Mr. & Mrs. C. Oliver Iselin
- Washington: Tim and Nicole Floyd

**National Broodmare of the Year:**

- Win Approval

**Claiming Crown Horse of the Year:**

- Mended

**Rood & Riddle Thoroughbred Sport Horse of the Year:**

- Argyle

**Robert N. Clay Award:**

- George Strawbridge

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