



Longtime Team Member Pat Hankins Honored at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino

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(Photo at right) Pat Hankins of Shelbyville, Ind. receives an award for her years of service from the Indiana HBPA. Representing the Indiana HBPA, from left, is Katie Kunz-Duran and Tianna Richardville, board members. Rachel McLaughlin, on-air racing analyst for Indiana Grand, assisted with the presentation (far right).



SHELBYVILLE, Ind. (Nov. 7, 2018) – Pat Hankins of Shelbyville, Ind. has been an integral part of the horse racing program at Indiana Grand since its inception in 2003. She served as the horsemen’s bookkeeper from 2003 through the 2008 racing season before moving to the grandstand as a program seller on the first floor. Even though she wasn’t working with the horsemen, she continued to maintain friendships with them and greeted them daily from her post in the first floor grandstand. The conclusion of the 2018 racing season will mark the end of an era for Hankins as she moves into retirement. She was honored by the Indiana Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association (HBPA) during the final day of racing for the 2018 season Wednesday, Nov. 7 at Indiana Grand.

Tianna Richardville and Katie Kunz-Duran, both board members of the Indiana HBPA, made a special winner’s circle presentation to Hankins following the second race of the day for her dedication and assistance to the horsemen in Indiana.

“On behalf of all the horsemen and the Indiana HBPA, this is a token of our appreciation for all your years of service to us as the horsemen’s bookkeeper,” said Richardville. “You oversaw all the horsemen’s accounts for almost six years and we wanted you to know how much we appreciated you.”

Hankins is a native of Wadsworth, Ohio. While working as a school bus driver, she met her husband, Kenny, who was a truck driver from Shelbyville. After the couple married, they moved to Shelbyville where they have lived for the past 38 years. Together they have three children Rich, Connie and Kim along with several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

“I appreciate this so much, and I was so surprised,” said an emotional Hankins. “I’ve enjoyed every minute working here and I’m so thankful for this honor.”

The 16th season of Thoroughbreds and Quarter Horse racing comes to a close Wednesday, Nov. 7. Racing will resume in April 2019 with dates expected to be released by the Indiana Horse Racing Commission in December 2018.

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(Above photo) Pat Hankins is joined by several fellow team members from Indiana Grand along with horsemen and members of the Indiana HBPA for a special presentation for her retirement during the final day of racing in 2018 at Indiana Grand Wednesday, Nov. 7.