



Anthony Granitz Stable awarded first "Barn Crew of the Month" at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino

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From left, Brian Elmore, executive director of IN HBPA, Joe Davis, president IN HBPA, Joy and Anthony Granitz, Sixto Castro, Brooke Kegebein, race marketing intern and Rachel McLaughlin, on-air racing analyst at Indiana Grand.

SHELBYVILLE, Ind.; – June 30, 2018 – The Indiana Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association (HBPA) has teamed up with Texas Corral of Shelbyville, Ind. to implement a new award at Indiana Grand: “Barn Crew of the Month.” The first award was presented during the races Saturday, June 30 to members of the Anthony Granitz Stable.

A native of Chicago, Granitz relocated to Indiana approximately four years ago. His team works very hard to ensure their shedrow is always well manicured and the horses are well taken care of. Granitz currently has eight individuals who work with his stable of 22 horses. The team includes Cedrow Castro, Ella Aragon, Dean Wern, Liz and Charlie Diton, Eve Granitz and exercise riders Sixto Castro and Otto Thorwarth. Granitz also receives assistance from his wife, Joy, with book work and added touches around the barn, including flowers.

“Our crew works very hard in the barn,” said Granitz. “I also get help from my wife, Joy, and my daughter, Eve, is working with us this summer too. They are a great group, and we will take them all out to dinner at Texas Corral. I’d like to thank the Indiana HBPA and Texas Corral for this award.”

Indiana HBPA and Texas Corral’s “Barn Crew of the Month” will be presented during five months during the remainder of the 2018 racing season. The award will be presented on the last Saturday of July, August and September and then on Saturday, Oct. 20 to close out the 2018 racing season, which concludes Wednesday, Nov. 7.

Making the presentation to the Granitz Stable was Brian Elmore, executive director of the Indiana HBPA along with Joe Davis, president of the Indiana HBPA. Granitz and his wife, Joy, along with Sixto Castro, were on hand to accept the award, which includes a banner hung at their barn during the month as well as \$200 in dining credit to Texas Corral, located on Route 9 off Interstate 74 Exit 113 in Shelbyville. The restaurant offers a wide array of foods, from steaks and ribs to seafood and pastas. They are open for lunch and dinner seven days a week beginning at 11 a.m.

The Indiana HBPA provides numerous services to the horsemen at Indiana Grand. In addition to health care benefits, the organization provides a chaplaincy, representation for contract negotiations associated with horse racing in the state of Indiana and help promote the sport of Thoroughbred racing. The nearly 4,000 members of the Indiana HBPA are represented by a volunteer board, elected every three years by the membership. They work out of an office on the backstretch at Indiana Grand.

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 at 6:05 p.m. EST. Two Thursday racing dates will be held July 19 and Sept. 6 with a 2:05 p.m. EST post time.

About Indiana Grand Racing & Casino: Indiana Grand Racing & Casino holds multiple awards for customer service, entertainment, gaming, dining, and diversity. Located in Shelbyville, Ind., Indiana Grand features 2,200 of the latest slots and electronic table games in addition to a one-mile dirt race course and a seven-eighths mile turf course offering live Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing each year. Simulcast wagering is also offered year-round at Winner’s Circle Brewpub & OTB located on the casino floor as well as a Winner’s Circle OTB located in Clarksville, Ind.