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Marvin Johnson Stable selected as Barn Crew of the Month at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino



SHELBYVILLE, Ind. (Oct. 27, 2018) – The Indiana Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (HBPA) selected the final Barn Crew of the Month Tuesday, Oct. 23 with the team behind the Marvin Johnson Stable receiving the award. The crew of seven, plus Johnson and his wife, Kris, received a \$200 gift certificate to Texas Corral, the co-sponsor of the event.

The award for Barn Crew of the Month began this summer with the Indiana HBPA and Texas Corral going together to provide a reward for those on the backstretch at Indiana Grand to be honored for their hard work keeping a clean and tidy shedrow and adding extra care to the horses in the barn. The vote was unanimous from the panel of judges to select the Johnson Stable for the October award, which was presented in the winner's circle Tuesday, Oct. 23 by Brian Elmore, executive director of the Indiana HBPA.

"Everyone in our barn has done a good job this year," said Johnson. "I am very blessed to have such a good crew. They work for me here and at the end of the meet, they go elsewhere but when we come back here in the spring, they always come back to work for us and I really appreciate that. They work hard and I'm glad they are being rewarded with this honor."

The Johnson team has done exemplary work this season. Heading into the final week of action, the stable has won 34 races in 227 starts with purses in excess of \$828,000. The team is currently ranked fourth on the list of leading trainers for 2018 at Indiana Grand.

Although they still call Nebraska home, the Johnsons purchased a small farm just minutes from Indiana Grand in 2013. Since that purchase, they have created a mini farm to supplement their stalls on track. Many of their horses are shuttled back and forth during the season with 30 maintaining a residence full time at the track. The farm now includes an equicizer, paddock space and even room for Johnson's stallion, Gold for Cash. The Johnsons also raise several Indiana sired babies at their mini farm each year, giving them a well-rounded operation in the Indiana racing industry.

The Johnson Stable will enjoy a trip to Texas Corral for their award as Barn Crew of the Month. The restaurant, located on Route 9 just north of Shelbyville, provides a popular spot for horsemen following the racing programs with a wide array of menu items, from ribs and steaks to specialty drinks and oversized appetizers. The Johnson Stable is the fifth recipient of Barn Crew of the Month in 2018.

The 16th season of Thoroughbreds and Quarter Horse racing continues through Wednesday, Nov. 7. Racing is conducted Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 2:05 p.m. with Saturday racing beginning at 6:05 p.m.

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