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Murphy, Southwest Racing Stable Top Owner Standings at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino

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SHELBYVILLE, Ind. (Nov. 9, 2018) – From the first day of racing in 2018 at Indiana Grand, the partnership of Bruce Murphy and Genaro Garcia's Southwest Racing Stables made an impact on the owner standings. The group scored the 2018 Leading Owner title at the conclusion of the meet Wednesday, Nov. 7, scoring 25 wins during the 120-day racing meet.

"This is awesome to win this, and I cannot thank Genaro (Garcia) enough," said Murphy. "It's been fun from the very beginning and every year, I can't wait to get back the next year."

Murphy has been involved in horse racing in the state of Indiana for about 15 years, but it wasn't until he teamed up with Garcia in 2015 that everything began to fall into place. The longtime owner and operator of Murphy Trailer Sales in his hometown of Crawfordsville, Ind. had five wins over the first two seasons together. Their breakout year was in 2017 season when the stable expanded and earned 12 wins to crack the top 10. They returned in 2018 and were in contention from the start, taking the top spot this fall and cruising onto the title. Horses owned by Murphy and Southwest Stables had 25 wins over Marvin Johnson LLC, who finished second with 22 wins. A total of \$417,728 was accumulated by horses in their barn and the stable maintained a top three percentage of 44 percent.

"This is the first time I've ever won an award for anything so it's awesome," added Murphy. "And, to top it off, our two-year-olds ran second and third in the stakes on the final day of racing. We are already thinking about 2019. We've bought a couple of yearlings and I raised one so we hope to have some nice coming two-year-olds for 2019."

In addition to sharing the ownership title with Murphy, Garcia also picked up his second consecutive leading trainer title, sharing the honor with five-time leading trainer Tom Amoss. Both Garcia and Amoss could not be separated during the final day of racing, each scoring 45 wins to earn the title for their respective stables. Their stats were also very similar. Garcia had more second place finishers (35) compare to Amoss who had 21, but Amoss had a higher top three percentage (61 percent) compared to Garcia's 41 percent. Horses from Garcia's barn earned \$905,580 while Amoss horses earned \$961,748 for the season.

The 16th season of Thoroughbreds and Quarter Horse racing concluded 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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From left, Jon Schuster, vice president and general manager, Bruce Murphy, Genaro Garcia, Rachel McLaughlin, on-air racing analyst, and Kevin Greely, director of racing make the special presentation for 2018 Leading Owner at Indiana Grand.