



Ontario Racing is responsible for setting an annual program of races, attracting new horse owners, implementing breed improvement programs, growing the fan base, and connecting the industry with the government and general public.

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### *Spotlight on Racehorse Ownership: Jim and Graeme Bruce*

It's only been 14 months since father and son team Jim and Graeme Bruce ventured into racehorse ownership - and it kicked off with a bang!

"Getting into horseracing and learning all about it has been amazing," said Graeme, who had been to watch racing a few times through corporate functions. "I always thought that one day, if the opportunity ever came up, I could get a racehorse," said Bruce.

The pair now share ownership in six horses. "With [ownership] partnerships you can collectively spend a bit more on a horse or have shares in a few horses so that you get to see your horses race frequently. It's fun and we love it."

**Read more of their story**

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### **OSS Race Series Cross the Finish Line**

The OSS Gold and Grassroots weeks-long series have come to a close. Grassroots Finals were held September



29, with reigning Lampman Cup champion driver Sylvain Filion taking three wins throughout the night ([full results](#)). Gold Super Finals were held October 13; starting off the event, a bet-to-win on 16-to-1 shot Smoke And Mirrors paid \$34.10 when the trotting filly claimed her fourth career victory ([full results](#)).

## Racing Delivers Unbeatable Experiences

Through his frustration with the industry over the years, John Burness' enthusiasm is still strong both for the love of the animal and the excitement of winning a race. For over 40 years, the owner of the recent Grade 1 winner Johnny Bear has known that horses are good for the soul. "I wouldn't have it any other way." [Full story](#)



## More to the Track

The racetrack near you could be hosting more than horse races. Visit '[Special Events](#)' to see dates and locations for these summer events:

- Hallowe'en at the Raceway
- Veteran's Day
- Fan Appreciation Day

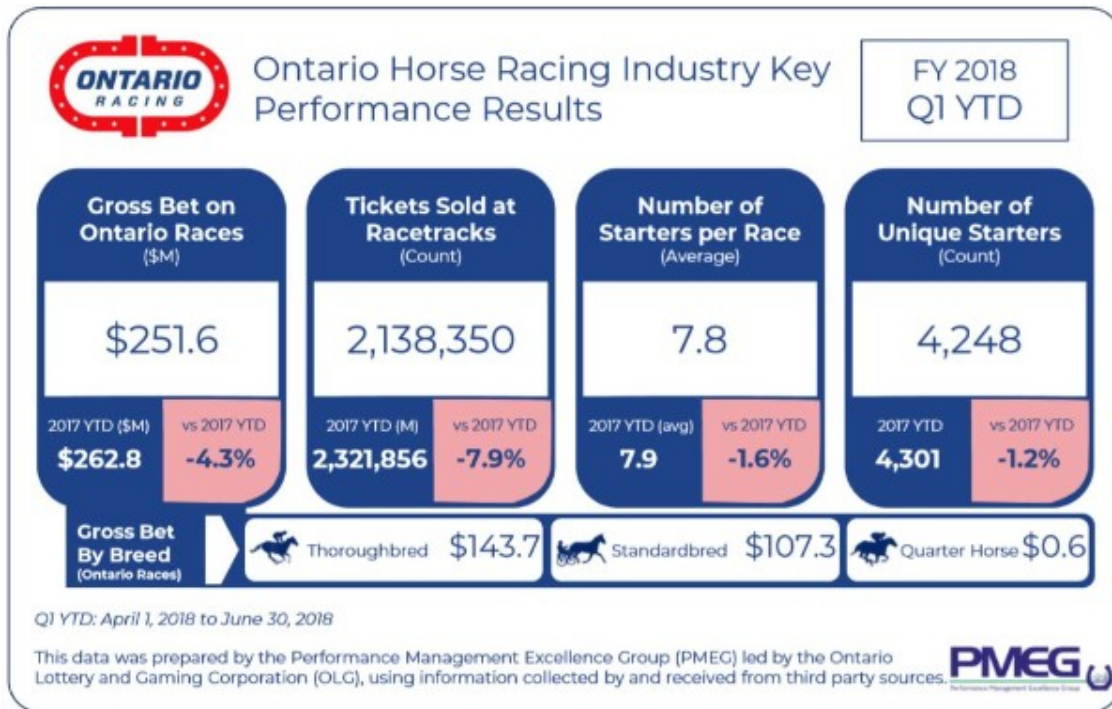
### Tuition Awards from Equine Guelph for grooms, trainers, and students

Equine Guelph has changed the lives of thousands of horse owners and horses, providing evidence-based, online educational pathways to learning. Financial awards are available to educate future industry professionals to be champions for the health and welfare of horses.

Visit [Equine Guelph](#) for information on upcoming submission deadlines.

### ORMP Mare Enrolment Forms for 2019 Foals Are in the Mail

Standardbred Mare Owners (or Lessees) must enroll their mare(s) in the [Ontario Resident Mare Program](#) for each foaling year that they wish their foals to be registered as Ontario Bred, and thereby be eligible for related financial benefits.



Past quarterly key performance results are available [here](#).



### Dates of Note:

- **Racetracks racing this month:** [Flamboro Downs](#), [Fort Erie Race Track](#), [Leamington Raceway](#), [Rideau Carleton Raceway](#), [The Raceway at Western Fair](#), [Woodbine Mohawk Park](#), [Woodbine Racetrack](#). Schedule accurate as of October 11, 2018. Please confirm dates and post times with your local track.
- **Season closing dates:** Fort Erie Race Track (Oct 16), Ajax Downs (Oct 22), Leamington (Oct 28).
- **QHRIDP deadlines approaching:** October 29: Third Start Bonus applications due. November 6: Owner applications and AGCO licences due for Breeders and Stallion owners to be eligible for Breeders' and Stallion Awards. November 6: Mare Breeding Incentive applications due. November 30: Report of Mares Bred due. Contact QHRIDP Program Coordinator Kathie Wilkinson if you're in need of more information - [ghprogram@ontarioracing.com](mailto:ghprogram@ontarioracing.com).



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