

Triple Crown Affair Racing Toward the Gate

by Joy Donovan on March 10, 2009

Trish Biddle, painter of "What Are the Odds?," will serve as honorary chairperson of the Triple Crown Affair. The fundraiser for Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains is set for May 16 at Lone Star Park. Art used with permission of Trish Biddle."



If the third time's the charm, then expect the Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains' third annual horse race fundraiser to be a charming event.

The Triple Crown Affair, an afternoon of horse racing, food and musical entertainment, is set for 3 p.m. May 16 at Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie. Previously the fundraiser has been scheduled the day of the Kentucky Derby, but this year's event will be held the same day as the 134th running of the Preakness Stakes. That race, one of three "jewels" in horseracing's triple crown, will be simulcast during the Girl Scout event.

Not only will the fundraiser focus on the horse race, the event will include passed appetizers, a dinner buffet, auctions and entertainment by Johnny D & the Doo Wopps. Cocktails are included in the ticket price, although signature drinks such as mint juleps, Belmont breezes and black-eyed Susans will be available for an additional charge.

Serving as the mistress of ceremonies will be meteorologist Rebecca Miller of Channel 33, with author and sports authority Scott Murray acting as auctioneer. Artist Trish Biddle, who has been selected as the featured artist of both the Kentucky Derby and the Westminster Dog Show, has been named honorary chair for the event.

The planning committee racing to finish details on this charity event includes women from throughout Tarrant County. They include chairwoman Lizann Cundall, Rebecca Barksdale, Peggy Firestone, Jan Grondahl, Cyndi Honeycutt, Colleen Meadows, Leah Rennhack, Judy Rupay, Michelle Sager, Jacqueline Siegel, Janet Smith, Diane Stow and Patty Williams.

Ticket prices are \$150 per person, and prices for sponsorship tables of 10 start at \$1,500. Contact development director Lee Koch at 817-735-5313 or lkoch@gs-top.org.

Proceeds will be devoted to Girl Scout programs. Check www.gs-top.org.

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1. Carol Bice
March 8th, 2009 at 3:56 pm



Planning an Event?
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I read the article about the Girl Scout Fundraiser and it reminded me of the great times we had the last two years at the horse races.

Last year, I brought two tables of friends because it had been so much fun the first year. Now, each of them can't wait to come back for the third season. They even called to make sure they were included in the guest list.

I heartily recommended this as possibly the top social event of the year.

Carol Bice

2. Fonda Martin
March 9th, 2009 at 8:03 am



Last year was our (Reggie & Fonda Martin) first time. We invited friends from Lafayette, LA and we really enjoyed the event so much that I've bought a table this year.

I'm looking forward to inviting other friends that have never been apart of this great event, it is such a great social event and a great time of the year.

See you there. It is a must for the Spring!

Fonda Martin

3. Mary Burnette
March 9th, 2009 at 9:20 am



THE Party of the Year!

4. Jacqueline Siegel
March 9th, 2009 at 5:15 pm



This will be my first year to attend. I have heard so many great things about the event! I can't wait to go!

5. Klaus Koch
March 10th, 2009 at 6:22 am



My wife drags me to all these events, but this is one that I actually look forward to attending rather than dread! I have even convinced my Lions Club buddies to get a table the last 2 years and this year as well. The food is great because you actually have a selection - carved beef tenderloin and Virginia ham, Maryland crab cakes, bread pudding with bourbon sauce among other choices rather than the standard rubber chicken. Plus an open bar! The band is very good and isn't too loud like the bands at other events. All for \$150! What a deal!

6. Rebecca Barksdale & John Fletcher
March 10th, 2009 at 7:38 am



We enjoyed seeing all the ladies in colorful outfits and festive hats.

That, combined with the excitement of a day's races highlighted the Kentucky Derby live on TV, plus incredible food, made for a great day and evening.

The leisurely pace of the day allowed us to visit with friends throughout the event. We're definitely coming back!

Rebecca Barksdale & John Fletcher

7. Patty Williams
March 10th, 2009 at 10:57 am



This is a great article! I had so much fun at the event last year that I joined the committee! I am really looking forward to the Triple Crown Affair. This year I am bringing some horse racing enthusiasts with me so they can help me with my betting. Last year I didn't do so well on the races I picked. I chose the horses by the name I liked (kinda like how I choose my teams in the football pool.) It's a wonderful event — the folks are fine, the food is fabulous, and the festivities...fantastic!

8. [Renova Williams](#)
March 10th, 2009 at 6:48 pm



My husband and I went to the inaugural Girl Scout "Derby" fundraiser because we were friends with the organizer, Lee Koch, and wanted to support her latest "cause."

We returned every year since for a more selfish reason, it is FUN, not to mention it is also for a good cause.

I told Lee early on I send my Girl Scout money and thin mint orders to my little grand daughter's troop in North Carolina, but can now also be counted as happily supporting the local Girl Scouts as we look forward to this annual fundraising social.

Even their lines are fun—getting betting tips on the horses from total strangers, cashing in (sometimes), or ordering "refreshments." See you there!

9. [Terry and Barry Clark](#)
March 11th, 2009 at 11:17 am



Barry and I have enjoyed this event and plan to put another table together for the third year! It is fun, fashionable and entertaining. Count us in.

1 [Cecilia Monacelli](#)
March 11th, 2009 at 11:34 am



Raised by a Thoroughbred Horse Jockey, another day at the races wasn't exactly how my husband wanted to spend his weekend. When I told him that the event would benefit the Girl Scouts — he tried to convince me to buy several dozen boxes of cookies in lieu of attending (peanut butter of course — his favorite). He's smart enough to featur out that his plea would fall on deaf ears — my friend Lee Koch was the event organizer ... we were going. He pleasantly tagged along, intending to spend the afternoon talking with Klaus (Lee's husband) about his/their favorite topic — cars. That wasn't to be the case — the place was filled with energy and the thrill of seeing those very large, but gorgeous animals manuveoured by some very small, but phenominal athletes is a site to behold. He had the time of his life! I don't need to convince him this year.

1 [Janet Smith](#)
March 11th, 2009 at 12:08 pm



I can't wait for this event! It promises to be exciting because there are fabulous live auction items that I want to bid on. All the "in" people will be there and having so much fun.

1 [Lizann Cundall](#)
March 11th, 2009 at 12:15 pm



I attended this event for the first time last year and had such a blast, I volunteered/was volunteered to chair it this year! The food was really delicious, and the live auction items, which included a 5 night safari in South Africa, a week in the Cayman Islands and a Derby Day event in Kentucky, were fabulous and fiercely bid on. This year we have a repeat of the safari, some spectacular jewelry, a "Hell's Kitchen"-type event for 8, with a celebrity chef and co-host as well as some spectacular trips. This is the most fun you can have for a \$150 ticket! No beads, heels and tiaras needed - just some comfortable clothes and a keen eye for betting on the horses.

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