

TEAM VALOR NOMINATES FORMER JOCK'S STORY FOR BERGSTEIN AWARD REV. EDDIE DONNALLY WRITES CONFESSION, PRESCRIPTION ON BUZZERS AFTER MURKY ALLEGATIONS, PIECE FOR THE *PAULICK REPORT* GOES DEEP

Use of illegal electrical devices in American horse racing was a damning part of recent undercover video distributed by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, but there was little specific information presented along with the anecdotes from several horsemen who were secretly being filmed.

In a May 6 [story](#) for the *Paulick Report* website, Rev. Eddie Donnally provides a very specific and personal account of his own use of electrical device as a jockey, and he also suggests a course of action to rid them from the sport. Team Valor International has nominated his piece for the 2014 Stan Bergstein Writing Award.



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Donnally admits to using a “machine” at least 50 times during his riding career and details how he evaded officials, both in the jockeys’ room and out on the track. He also describes how and why he thinks they work.

“I detail best practices here not as an incentive for other riders because I’ve already said, the reward does not justify the risk,” wrote Donnally, who is now an ordained minister, after a stint as a Turf writer for the *Dallas Morning News*. “Instead, I want racing authorities to know what to look for.”

Team Valor CEO Barry Irwin said Donnally’s article is full of merit.

“Eddie lays it all out there, including what racing can do to stop it,” he said. “That is exactly the kind of writing that this award is intended to promote and reward.”

Last year, *Paulick Report* publisher Ray Paulick won the second annual writing honor, which carries a winning prize of \$25,000.

Other nominated stories so far in 2014 are by Frank Angst of the *Blood-Horse* on [drug compounders](#) and Joe Drape of the *New York Times* in a [piece](#) titled “Despite the Evidence, Trainers Deny a Doping Problem.”

Team Valor encourages writers and editors to submit stories for consideration for the award to Jeff Lowe at jeff@teamvalor.com by November 1.