

NED BONNIE KEYNOTE SPEAKER FOR STAN BERGSTEIN WRITING AWARD TEAM VALOR'S \$25,000 HONOR TO BE PRESENTED ON NOVEMBER 14 IN KY. NOV. 1 PUBLICATION DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR THIRD ANNUAL AWARD

Edward "Ned" Bonnie will deliver the keynote speech at the third annual Stan Bergstein Writing Award presentation in Lexington on November 14 at the Thoroughbred Club of America.

Bonnie is a longtime equine attorney and member of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission.

"Ned has been at the forefront of the medication issue as long as anybody and his work has been admirable and important," said Team Valor CEO Barry Irwin, who created the \$25,000 award not long after Bergstein died in 2011. "I look forward to hearing what Ned has to say at the award ceremony."



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Bonnie had a fan in Bergstein himself. In reviewing Bonnie's 2004 position paper "Do We Really Want to Stop the Misuse of Drugs in Horses?," Bergstein wrote the following in a column for Daily Racing Form:



Ned Bonnie

"Bonnie is a Yale-educated lawyer, a horseman all his life, who rides, trains, and sells hunters, jumpers, and steeplechasers. He knows Thoroughbred racing thoroughly and is a respected authority who has acted as counsel on medication issues for owners, trainers, veterinarians, jockeys, feed men, and blacksmiths. He knows as much about the illegal medication issue as anyone in racing."

Bonnie certainly has a distinct perspective. Early in his legal career, he galloped horses at Churchill Downs in the mornings before work. He represented owner Peter Fuller in challenging the 1968 disqualification of Dancer's Image from victory in the Kentucky Derby. Later, he was involved in the crafting of the Interstate Horse Racing Act of 1978, and just last year he played a part in preparation of reform legislation, the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act, that would give the United States Anti-Doping Agency authority over drugs in American racing. Bonnie also was instrumental in devising drug rules for the horse show world. He currently is chairman of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission's rules committee.

Created to promote and acknowledge journalism that effects change, the Stan Bergstein Writing Award is open to stories about horse racing from a North American publication or website between November 2, 2013 and an upcoming deadline of November 1, 2014.