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TRAINER CARROLL HONORED AS SOUTH CAROLINA BREEDER OF THE YEAR

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Trainer Henry Carroll was honored with the Othniel H. Wienges Award as the South Carolina Thoroughbred Owners' and Breeders' Association's 2011 breeder of the year on Saturday evening during the organization's awards dinner at the Kershaw County Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center in Camden.

Carroll, owns Lafayette Farm in St. Matthews, South Carolina, was also selected as the winner of the Frank H. Whiteley Award for outstanding service. Carroll trained 1997 champion sprinter **Smoke Glacken** and multiple Grade 1 winner Yankee Affair.

He bred the SCTOBA's co-outstanding older horse of 2011, Fancy Up, a four-year-old filly by Smoke Glacken out of Fancy Footwear, by Olympio.

Other SCTOBA winners of 2011 include:

- Outstanding three-year-old, I Suppose (Just a Miner—Golden Advantage, by Tactical Advantage), breeder Hamilton Smith; and
- Outstanding co-older horse, Cat o' Nine Tails (Prized—Early Cat, by Afternoon Deelites), breeder, Laurence Stoney Jr.

"The association takes great pride in the graduates who have either been bred or trained in South Carolina, and is privileged to be able to honor those horsemen who have put forth great effort into achieving that success," said SCTOBA President Lee Christian.

Retired Racing Hall of Fame jockey Pat Day was the awards dinner's featured speaker. He ministered to inmates at the Wateree Correctional Facility (home of the South Carolina Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation program) in Rembert on Friday.

"I think part of the importance of having somebody from the national scene (Pat Day) come to South Carolina is to make them aware that there are things going on in the Thoroughbred industry within the state," Christian said. "We keep telling people that, but it's great to hear from those individuals who are respected on the national level. We're very fortunate to have speakers like Pat Day."

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