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## JUDY HORTON DISCUSSES THE STATE OF WYOMING RACING



**Tucson, AZ** — The Race Track Industry Program hosted Judy Horton on Wednesday, April 12. Horton reflected on her experiences in the racing industry in the RTIP's Joe Hirsch Speaker Series.

Horton grew up in the equine industry, and her father was a Quarter Horse and Thoroughbred trainer. She served as a racing commissioner in Wyoming for eight years, and she currently works as an event coordinator and in public relations for Wyoming Downs.

During her visit, Horton discussed her role as a racing commissioner and some of the politics involved in regulatory positions. She gave an overview of Wyoming's tumultuous

history with legalizing historic racing and the implications that these revenues have on Wyoming's racing and breeding industries.

Horton also talked about her work with Wyoming Downs and the tentative plans for the 2017 race meet. Among her planned events are a youth weekend to teach children about horse racing, handicapping seminars, and a brew fest. She noted the popularity of the track and that it successfully attracts people from in-state as well as residents from Salt Lake City, Utah.

### **ABOUT THE RACE TRACK INDUSTRY PROGRAM:**

The University of Arizona Race Track Industry Program offers a Bachelor's degree program with an emphasis on the pari-mutuel racing industry and hosts the annual Global Symposium on Racing & Gaming held every December in Tucson, Arizona.

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