



# Maris Farms Triple 'PIG' Crown series bringing new racers, same message

Season of fun on tap with bevy of new racing hogs in annual Seattle Children's fundraiser

A fresh batch of racing pigs will embark on a month-long battle at Maris Farms for the 13<sup>th</sup> season this October, along with a seasoned batch of event and pig group sponsors to support them when the Buckley farm hosts its now infamous Triple 'PIG' Crown racing series. In the spirit of horse racing's famous Triple Crown series, 12 piglets will vie (through qualifying races throughout the month) for one of four spots in 3 marquee races – the PIGtucky Derby (Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm), the SQUEAKness (Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm) and the BOARmont Stakes (Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> 2 pm) – and try to become this season's premier porcine at PIGlico Downs. Nnighttime glow-in-the-dark races will also return starting the second weekend.

Farm visitors who happen upon the weekend races can place bets on the hog(s) they believe will win (qualifying or marquee races), and 100% of those "bets" are donated to Seattle Children's Hospital. Fans will be amused and entertained by these celebrity-named pigs – which, once again, will feature a few of the Seattle radio scene's most well-known radio 'jocks' or themes from their shows.

The Triple 'PIG' Crown racing series is pleased to have White River Drive In of Buckley back as the title sponsor - along with three 'race group' sponsors – Blazing Bagels, Dillanos Coffee Roasters and Westside Pizza. These sponsors' financial and in-kind contributions help defer the costs associated with putting on the 5-week race event as well as providing prizes for those who pick race winners. The event receives financial and in-kind donations from several other partners as well, including Sparkling Ice, Molen Orthodontics, Smith Brothers Farms, Goodwill, Salish Lodge and the Washington Athletic Club.

To date, the racing series has raised close to \$29,000 for charity (more than \$23,000 over its first nine years for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and a little more than \$6,000 for Seattle Children's Hospital since 2015), event coordinator Steve Templeman said.

## The 2019 Triple 'PIG' Crown racing series, presented by Wally's Drive In, features the following three racing groups and their corresponding sponsors:

**Movers & Shakers SWINES presented by Westside Pizza** – #1 Albert EinSWINE, #2 Tommy HilPIGer, #3 E-LOIN Musk and #4 Jeff BOARzos

**Talking Heads Hogs presented by DILLANOS COFFEE ROASTERS** - #5 David LetterHAM, #6 Jimmy FalLOIN, #7 EILOIN DeGeneres, #8 ConHAM O'Brien

**Bonneville Boars, presented by BLAZING BAGELS** – #9 Fastest-15 (Dori Monson show on 97.3 KIRO FM) #10 The Know It All (John & Curley on 97.3 KIRO FM), #11 True2TheBlue (Mariners on 710 ESPN), #12 The Go-To-Guy (Jim Moore on 710 ESPN)

