

World Greyhound Racing Federation  
2000 Conference - Sydney

**SPEAKER** MR GARY GUICCIONE

**TOPIC** The Grass Roots:  
Latest methodologies for Caring - Track Surfaces

**DATE& TIME** Day 1 - Friday 10th November 2000  
2.45 - 3.00pm



**PROFILE OF SPEAKER AND SYNOPSIS**

**ORGANISATION** Executive Director - NGA, Co-ordinator, AGC  
National Greyhound Association and American Greyhound Council, Inc

**BIOGRAPHY**

Gary Guiccione has been involved with Greyhounds practically his entire life, working at the old Butte, Mt., track in the paddock and in his father's kennel in the late 1950s. He compiled Brood Matron and Sire Standings while in high school and college, then worked summers during college at the Black Hills Track in Rapid City, South Dakota. He joined the staff at the National Greyhound Association in 1971 and became its Executive Director / Keeper of the Stud Book in 1982. Gary has held those positions, as well as being Executive Editor of the 'Greyhound Review', to the present. Gary has been an official with the American Greyhound Council since its inception in 1987, addressing animal welfare issues and greyhound care. Author of six books on Greyhound breeding and bloodlines, including Vols. 1 and 2 of 'Great Names in Greyhound Pedigrees'. Gary has written countless articles and columns in the American Greyhound publications over the past 30 years. Gary and his wife Terri are the parents of 7 (seven) children and reside in Abilene, Kansas.

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## **SYNOPSIS – Latest methodologies for Caring - Track Surfaces**

\*Is it a fact that greyhounds in the USA in general have more race starts than greyhounds in Australia. Why?

### 1. Economics - Breeder's View ~ Gary Guccione

- Cost of breeding, raising, training
- Number of greyhounds bred and raised per year
- Cost of operating kennel
- Addressing injury issue

### 2. Economics - Track Operators View - *Dan Luciano*

#### Competition

- Casinos
- Horse tracks
- Greyhound tracks
- Other forms of entertainment

#### Business Model

- Employment
  - Taxes
  - Economic impact
  - Proliferation of simulcasting
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- Population preferences

"Latest methodologies in caring for track surfaces" - *Dan Luciano*

1. General composition of tracks in USA
2. Overview of Survey Results
3. Discussion of typical track preparation
4. New products available for use