



Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, Inc.

# NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On Sept. 22, our Board of Directors unanimously voted trainer Eugene Koons and Isadore Schwartz the honor of lifetime memberships in our PTHA. Well deserved.

Eugene Koons has spent over 50 years in thoroughbred racing. Isadore Schwartz has owned and bred horses for over 50 years.

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On Tuesday, Sept. 28, John Servis saddled Flaming Bridle for the 9th race, an allowance in which his charge established a track record for seven furlongs, with fractions of 21.4, 43.3, 1:07.3 and 1:20.3.

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Thanks to Dr. Larry Soma and Dr. Cornelius Uboh of New Bolton for attending our general

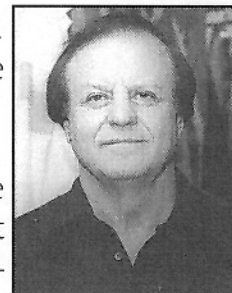
membership meeting held Oct. 2. They gave a very informative report on clenbuterol.

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Dr. Birks reported at the Commission meeting at Philadelphia Park that a preliminary study shows no difference in bleeding with the use of lasix.

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Chairman Mr. Walker announced long-serving Director of Enforcement Anton Leppler has been selected by the Ridge administration to become the new Executive Secretary of the Harness Racing Commission. We wish Anton the best.

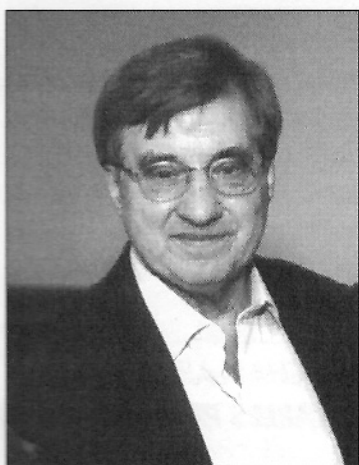


**Larry Riviello**  
President

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## HEART AND SOUL OF A RACETRACK, CHAPLAIN NICK AND ROSE RETIRE

by Larry McMullen



**CHAPLAIN NICK**

There was a time not too long ago when a chaplain seemed out of place on the backstretch of a racetrack.

But that was before Chaplain Nick Salios.

He was a pioneer, first coming to Philadelphia Park in 1980, serving as part-time chaplain both here and at Penn National, putting in half a week here, half a week there.

Now that he's retiring, he looks back and remembers that the racetrack seemed as strange to him at first as he was to the people who worked on the backstretch.

He even bought a book about the racing game so he could learn the language.

In time, he would understand the racetrack is no different from the community outside its gates, with the same joys, the same sorrows, the same difficulties.

"Philadelphia Park covers roughly 600 acres," he has said. "Draw a circle around 600 acres in any community and you'll find pretty much the same problems we have here."

Because he could not always be on hand here in the early years as racetrack chaplain, his wife Rose, who was ideally suited for the job, assisted him on a volunteer basis.

Rose attended Cushing College in Bryn Mawr, where she majored in social work. Over the years, she has received training as a counselor in drug and alcohol addiction as well as in marital and behavioral problems.

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## FROM CHAPLAIN NICK AND ROSE, BLESSINGS AND FOND FAREWELL

What a surprise on Friday, Oct. 29! Prior to this time, it was shared with us that a farewell luncheon would be given for us in the track kitchen. When we arrived that day, at first sight we saw "chef hats," skirted tables, banquet-size food displays and trays of decorated cakes. With this came a pumpkin of flowers, baskets and a table for two. Other tables were filled with many who would join us for lunch and a time to say goodbye.

We thank you for such kindness and good cheer on a day which was difficult for both of us as we prepare to leave Philadelphia Park after many years. We take with us many memories and the added realization that where you work each day always presents an opportunity to be part of the larger family in the community of the race track.

We've been invited into your lives in a variety of ways, your joys and your sorrows, a privilege for any chaplain and wife over such a long period of



**VAYA CON DIOS** to Chaplain Nick Salios and his wife, Rose, who formed a team that carried the chaplaincy at Philadelphia Park from 1980 to the verge of a new millennium.

time. We pray God will continue to bless you as you go into the future with a new chaplain.

Sincerely,  
**CHAPLAIN SALIOS AND ROSE**

## NEW CHAPLAIN ANSWERS TRUMPETS AND BUGLES

If all you had to go by was background and training, you might have some trouble deciding just what job Charles Patane was best suited for on the backstretch of a thoroughbred race track.

What you would discover first was that as a 12 year old, he cleaned stalls at the Brookside Stables in Babylon, New York, in exchange for the privilege of riding the stable's horses in the evening. Eventually, he would manage the stables during his summer vacation months.

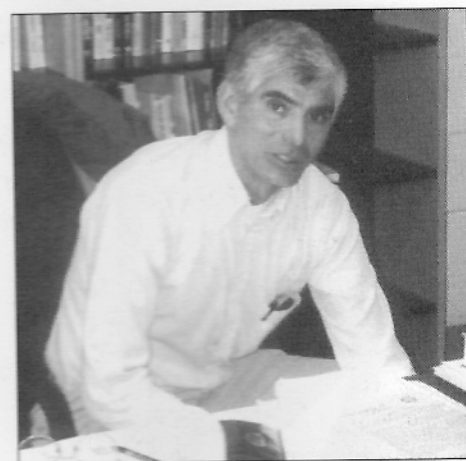
Later, his love of horses would lead him to enrolling in the State University of New York to major in equine animal science. After that, he attended

Eastern States Farrier School in Phoenix, N.Y.

It was in the last week of farrier school that he decided he had a different calling in life. In 1978, he entered the Nyack College for Biblical Studies and Theology, where he received a B.A. He received his M.A. and M. Div. at the Biblical Theology Seminary in Hatfield, Pa. He then completed post-graduate work at Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia.

Since, he has served as chaplain at Atlantic City Race Track in 1991, 1995 and 1996 and this year at Colonial Downs in Virginia.

As the new interim chaplain at Philadelphia Park, replacing



**CHAPLAIN  
CHARLES PATANE**

Chaplain Nick Salios, it might be said that Charles Patane not only continues to answer a trumpet call from on high, he also responds to a bugle call to post.

# CHAPLAIN'S CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE

**WEDNESDAY  
DEC. 8, 5:30 P.M.**

Caroling at the dorms begins from the Rec Hall. Christmas Candlelight Service in the Rec Hall at 6:30 p.m. with Christmas dinner following.

**SATURDAY  
DEC. 18, 10 A.M.-12 NOON**

Christmas party in the Rec Hall for all children of Philadelphia Park horsemen. Santa's workshop, country store, puppet theatre, face painting, movie theatre and live musicians providing Christmas music. Santa and Christmas gifts. Pizza lunch. Registration begins

in the Chaplain's Office after Thanksgiving.

**MONDAY, DEC. 20  
AND**

**TUESDAY, DEC. 21**  
Delivery of Christmas gifts to the dorm rooms by Chaplaincy and crew.



**WEDNESDAY  
DEC. 22, 6:30 P.M.**

Special Chapel Service and meal afterwards for those remaining on the backstretch. Cans of homemade Christmas cookies distributed as the

evening concludes and residents return to their dorm rooms.

## REMINDERS:

**HEALTH CLINIC EVERY TUES..  
9 A.M.-12 NOON**

LaSalle nurses in the classroom adjacent to the track kitchen.

**AA MEETINGS  
EVERY WEDNESDAY,  
12:30 P.M.**

With the chaplain in the classroom adjacent to the track kitchen.

## CHAPLAIN NICK AND ROSE RETIRE

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The Chaplain, of course, has also received the same kind of training as a counselor and even spent a year in the Berlitz School of Languages studying Spanish so he could better serve a large part of the backstretch community.

He holds two graduate degrees, a Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Divinity, and studied at the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia.

He has served in so many different kinds of ministries, including the Army and suburban churches, it has helped him in adapting to any situation.

He spent 20 years in the Army, including a stint at Valley Forge Military Hospital during the Vietnam War and achieved the rank of Major. His work in the community when he was pastor of a church in middle-class Olean, N.Y., led the mayor to present him with the key to the city.

He's a Baptist minister but at the racetrack, as in the military, he

serves as an ecumenical minister, which means he doesn't attempt to force his religious beliefs on anyone.

"We have the exact same approach as a military chaplain," he said.

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The thing about trust for a chaplain is that the more he builds, the more he's needed.

Eventually, Chaplain Nick had to give up serving two racetracks and became full time at Philadelphia Park.

He was the fourth chaplain in the entire country to serve full time at a racetrack.

He has been instrumental at Philadelphia Park in establishing a health clinic that is staffed by student nurses from LaSalle University. He counsels individuals about all the varieties of problems that plague mankind. He is always there, too, at the happy times, the weddings, the christenings, and he and Rose preside joyfully at the Christmas party in the Rec Hall for the children and at the holiday meals served for backstretch personnel.

The kind of trust he inspires on the backstretch is such that race-track people know they can turn to him even in their most desperate hours, including the man who was on the verge of taking his own life after his wife and child were killed in an accident.

Chaplain Nick introduced him at chapel that night to another man who had lost a child in an auto accident and together they talked to the man who didn't want to live anymore and held him and shared his suffering.

In the end, he would hand over to the Chaplain a deadly knife he had planned to use on himself.

"I don't need this anymore," he said.

And now Chaplain Nick and Rose are retiring. He said he'll continue to work part time for the Racetrack Chaplaincy of America, helping to assign ministers, and plans to serve as interim pastor at churches that need him.

But he and Rose are leaving Philadelphia Park for now.

They take with them the heart and soul of a racetrack.



# SIMPSON ECLIPSES MOST BUG RIDERS

by Larry McMullen

If she stands on tip toes, she might be 5 feet tall, so you could guess that Rolanda Simpson wouldn't be much of a basketball player.

You'd be wrong.

She was Most Valuable Player for Evangel Christian school's basketball team in Louisville, Kentucky, her last couple of years in high school.

If she went to a banquet and ate all the food before the other guests arrived, she might weigh 100 pounds tops so you could guess she wouldn't be able to control a thoroughbred race horse weighing 1,200 pounds or so.

Another bad guess.

She's won more than 100 races at Philadelphia Park and surrounding race tracks this year, figures to be somewhere close to 150 victories by the end of 1999 and is probably the favorite to capture the Eclipse Award as the Nation's top apprentice jockey.

By the way, when you finally realize it isn't wise to bet against Rolanda Simpson doing anything she sets her mind to, you might also want to consider not ever betting against a Philadelphia Park jockey winning the Eclipse Award as top apprentice in the country.

Winners of the award in its 26 years of existence who did most of their riding locally include Art Madrid, Steve Capanas, Juan Umana and Robert Rosado, who shared the honor in 1997 with Phil Teator, who rode in New York and had almost 100 fewer winners for the year than Rosado.

Which illustrates a point made by Lou Yanuzzi, Rosado's agent, who notes the Eclipse voters tend to favor riders in New York, California and Kentucky, states where purses are generally highest. Teator, for instance, accounted for more than \$1 million more in purses in 1997 than Rosado despite the lesser number of winning mounts.

Somehow, Yanuzzi seems to have figured how to overcome the disadvantages since he is also



**ROLANDA ON THE MOVE** — Eclipse Award favorite Rolanda Simpson starts her days early on the backstretch at Philadelphia Park.

agent for Simpson, who has ridden locally since March of this year.

She came here from Turfway Park in Kentucky, where she registered her first five wins. She won with her first race ride ever, Sept. 24, 1998, on something called Tsunami Finish. She was 18 years old.

She was a quick learner. No one in her family ever had anything to do with horse racing. Her father is a supervisor in a chemical plant. Her mother is a housewife. She has a brother in construction work.

The way she got into the sport, she woke up one morning in her home town of Shepherdsville, Kentucky, not far from Louisville, when she was 16 and decided she wanted to be a jockey. Just like that. No advance warning. No talks with friends who said things like she was the perfect size to be a race rider.

She supplies her own lightning bolts of inspiration.

She went to Churchill Downs and got a job walking hots. The first time she got a chance to jog a horse, it ran off with her. When she finally managed to pull the animal up, the trainer approached and asked her how she liked going fast.

He really didn't have to ask.

Rolanda Simpson has a smile that can light up the surrounding area.

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# ROAD TO THE BREEDERS' CUP BEGAN AT PHILADELPHIA PARK

The simple truth is, you can get there from here.

Louis Albertrani is living proof.

From his beginnings as an assistant trainer to Louis Gurino at Philadelphia Park in the late 1980s, Albertrani traveled a road that led him to the winners' circle at Gulfstream Park in the 1999 Breeders Cup Sprint as the trainer of Artax, whose time of 1:07.8 for the six furlongs shattered the record for the event set by Elmhurst in 1997 at Hollywood Park.

Albertrani was still at Philadelphia Park when he took out his first trainer's license in 1992. His first winner as a trainer, Belle Summer in 1994, also came locally. His first stakes winner was Trevelyan at Penn National in 1996.

He moved his base of operations to Delaware Park in 1996 when that track got slot machines, causing purses to increase dramatically.

Trevelyan was his only stakes winner prior to Artax, whom he trains for Ernie Paragallo's Paraneck Stable.

In capturing the Breeders' Cup in track record-equalling time at Gulfstream after setting sprint marks at Aqueduct and Belmont earlier in the

year, Artax thrust himself into the battle for Horse of the Year honors, especially in light of a number of stunning upsets on the Breeders Cup program, including losses by Silverbulletday in the Distaff and Chilukki in the Juvenile Fillies.

He also thrusts Louis Albertrani into an exclusive circle of trainers who have conditioned winners

during thoroughbred racing's ultimate day of champions and added luster to the list of accomplishments by Philadelphia Park horsemen.



**CELEBRATION** begins for Artax victory.

*(See Gallery of Champions on pgs. 6&7 for photos of all Breeders Cup Winners).*

## SIMPSON ECLIPSES MOST BUG RIDERS

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All she said was, "Wow."

"He just dropped to the rail on his own and I let him run," she says now.

The joy she experienced in that wild ride let her know she had chosen the right career.

She isn't overwhelmed by her early success, however, and understands the edge all apprentice riders have because of weight allowances. She also credits local trainers like Bob Seeger and Bobby Robbins for letting her ride good horses.

She said she would stop riding altogether after her apprenticeship ends if she can't be good at it anymore.

"I don't want to win two races a week and try to hang on," she said

She's not bragging. It's not her style. She is telling a simple truth.

In high school, she played softball in addition to basketball. She was Most Valuable Player at that, too.

She was also good at academics, especially math, at Evangel, a private school that demanded excellence in the classroom.

"I think I'll go back to school when I lose my bug," she said. "You need something to fall back on."

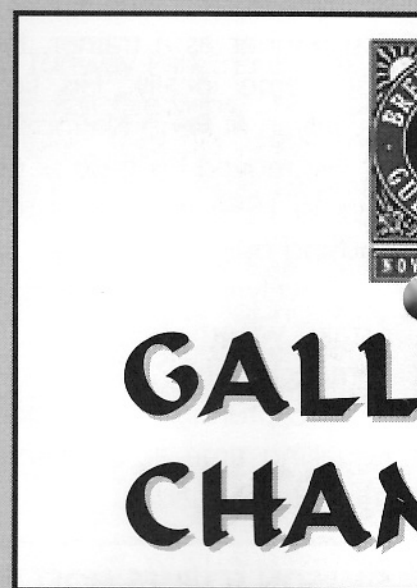
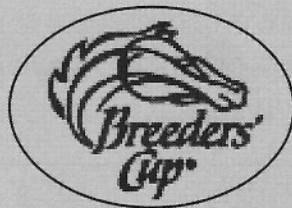
An Eclipse Award might also serve the purpose.



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Beautiful Pleasure



**JUVENILE FILLIES**  
Cash Run



**FILLY & MARE TURF**  
Soaring Softly



**JUVENILE**  
Anees






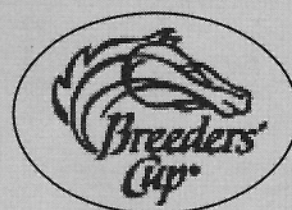
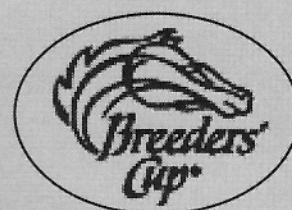
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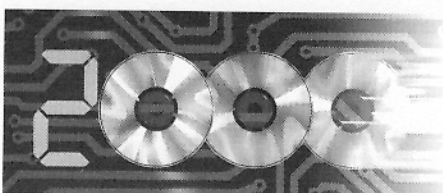
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Y2K is almost here and the new millennium poses many problems for racing and the racing business.

That's nothing new for us in this business. We can start with the problem of who will control racing on cable television.

Currently, there are four companies vying for the top spot on cable. They are our own The Racing Channel run by Greenwood, TVG, which has the backing of the NTRA, Magnum (Stronach) and Churchill Downs.

The last two are buying up every race track, anywhere and everywhere, to get night and day racing on cable. Wouldn't



it be better if they all combined their best efforts into one controlling company and gave us all the best we could get from the situation?

The next problem I see is the NTRA, which has done quite well with the business end of racing but, for me, not enough in the area of bringing back true racing fans to our live racing. As stated in this column years ago, they would do well to copy the Japanese, who created a whole new fan base in a short period of time.

The NTRA has done little in the direction of universal regis-



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tration and universal medication controls. I know these last items are difficult to achieve, but with the clout of the NTRA, it can be done. And with the benefits to owners, trainers and all other people concerned with racing, it would be a real achievement for the NTRA.

Now I want to wish everyone a happy New Year and a happier century to come.



## PTHA TROPHY WINNERS SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER



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DEMON'S MISS	JOSEPH ASBELL	ROBERT JACOBS
NORTH HILLS	NORTHLAND FARM	STEVE ROWAN
SETTLER'S CROSSING	WONDER WHEN STABLE	MICHAEL O'DEA
ROKEBY ROCKET	JERRY K. HUMPHREYS	RONALD VOSS
FREE VERSE	COUNCIL ROCK RACING	CHARLES R. ROBBINS
THREADNEEDLE	NIGEL SHIELDS	GRAHAM RENNISON
UNCONDITIONAL LOVE	JULIO R. CARTAGENA	JULIO R. CARTAGENA
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TWISTY	STANLEY T. GREENE	THOMAS M. GREENE
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Bran, Wheat	\$ 8.00	Uptite Poultice 22#	\$ 17.80
Calf Manna	\$ 15.00	Uptite Poultice 48#	\$ 36.00
Forage Alfalfa	\$ 10.00	Azo-Free/3 tube treatment	\$ 42.00
Legends 14% protein	\$ 7.80	DMG-It 5#	\$ 19.75
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Sweet Rely	\$ 8.70	Fat Cat 25#	\$ 55.40
<b>OATS</b>		Flex-It 5#	\$ 58.60
Crimped Oats	\$ 6.50	GoMax Gal.	\$ 10.90
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Whole Oats	\$ 6.50	Iron Horse Gal.	\$ 19.30
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<b>SUPPLIES</b>		MSM - 2#	\$ 35.25
3M Patches 100/Box	\$ 38.00	Nutrient Buffer Gal.	\$ 36.00
Air Power 1/2 oz each	\$ 2.45	Lact-Ezz/pkt	\$ 5.50
Alcohol 70% Gal.	\$ 5.25	Pelleted Horse Wormer	\$ 7.00
Applicator can w/brush	\$ 4.50	Redcell Gal.	\$ 13.10
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Bandages, Polo	\$ 11.50	Vita 99 25#	\$ 88.25
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Bigeloil Gal.	\$ 25.00	Vita B-12 Crumbles 2.5#	\$ 7.75
Bowie Clay	\$ 8.75	Vitamin E & Selenium	\$ 9.50
Bridle, Headstall	\$ 12.65	<b>SHAVINGS</b>	
Cotton, dozen sheets	\$ 5.50	Air Dried: Rip O Bec	\$ 2.85
Dyna-Block	\$ 12.00	Kiln Dried: Laurentian	\$ 2.65
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Furacin 1# 12/Case	\$ 39.00	<b>MORE SUPPLIES</b>	
Furacin Single Jar	\$ 3.75	DMSO Gal.	\$ 22.00
Halter, Nylon leather headstrap	\$ 11.40	DMSO Gel	\$ 6.75
Reduce Hoof Dressing	\$ 13.25	DMSO Pint	\$ 3.95
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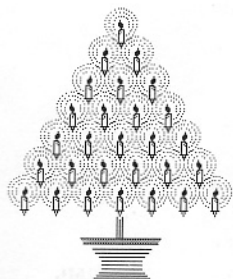
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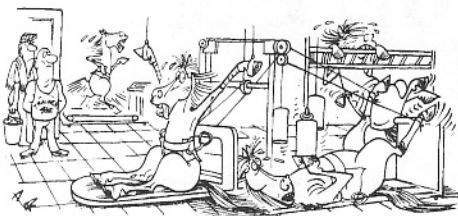
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# BACKSIDE VIEW

## up close & personal

*Anniversaries • Birthdays • Special Occasion Announcements • Get Well Wishes • etc.  
Information can be submitted in the PTHA office, or by calling 215-658-9433.  
All Announcements are free. Photos can be submitted and will be returned.*

**Guadalupe Preciado** was already the embodiment of the American dream



when he became a citizen of the United States this past September. **Preciado** came to this country on his own from his native Mexico when he was 15 years old, got a job as a hot walker at Monmouth Park, worked his way up to groom

and went on to become one of the most successful trainers at Philadelphia Park and at other area race tracks. He explains simply but elegantly what citizenship means to him: "I'm proud to be an American."

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Horsemen and horsewomen here are mourning the death of **Jay T. Mourar**, who was a horse breeder and owner for 75 years and whose daughter, **Linda Lee Manchio**, and granddaughter, **Belinda Manchio**, train horses locally. **Mourar** (in wheelchair) is shown in the winner's circle at Philadelphia Park this past September with his granddaughter (on crutches) and his daughter, standing alongside Bay Valay, whom she trains for Tomorrow's Dream Farm.



Also sadly missed is **Richard Petty**, who trained horses in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland and operated September Farm in Beverly, N.J. **Petty**, who retired from training in 1989 but continued to own race horses until the end, died at his home in Beverly after a long illness.

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A hearty welcome to new PTHA employees **Leslie Saunders**, who runs the recently opened HPA tack shop in the Administration Building, and **Vanessa Froelich**, benefits coordinator.



# NEW HEALTH PLANS OFFERED

PTHA members will now be able to choose from among three new health insurance plans being offered through IRUS Corporation.

Those members already enrolled in Medigroup may choose to stay with that plan if they wish. Medigroup, however, will no longer be available to members signing up for the first time.

The three plans being offered

instead are Keystone HMO, Qualmed Plans for Health HMO and Conestoga Life/Preferred Care PPO.

All of the plans require completion of a general health questionnaire, proof of age and some form of verification of a business entity or employment. Requirements vary based on the plan and the carrier chosen.

Harry Steitz of the IRUS Corporation will be in the PTHA office in the Administration Building from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dec. 14, Jan. 11 and Jan. 25 to answer all questions. In addition, members can call either Steitz or Bob McElwee at (215) 423-7400.

Steitz will also schedule more visits to Philadelphia Park if needed.

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Congratulations to trainer Robert Camac and owner Arthur Appleton for capturing the 30th running of the \$200,000 Cotillion Handicap (Grade II) for three-year-old fillies at Philadelphia Park with Skipping Around, who upset the favored New York invader Strolling Belle, Michael McCarthy in the irons.

Michael is still recovering from an injury that happened when his mount flipped over in the paddock at Delaware Park. We wish him a speedy recovery. Michael's stats at Delaware show 199 first-place finishes, 147 seconds and 103 thirds. An impressive record.

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The five-year-old gelding SW Clarence won the \$50,000 Iroquois Handicap for Pennsylvania bred. The trainer is Thomas Lingenfelter, the owner, Spring Water Farm.

Bristling, a seven-year-old gelding, won the \$50,000 Lyman Sprint Championship for Pennsylvania bred. Eugene Weymouth is the owner-trainer.

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A retirement luncheon honored Chaplain Nick Salios in the backstretch kitchen Friday, Oct. 29. The turnout was tremendous,

with his friends, co-workers, horsemen and management all joining together to wish him well. There was plenty of good food for all.

The 5th race at Philadelphia Park on Monday, Nov. 15, the Nicholas Salios Retirement Classic, was named in his honor.

Chaplain Salios' services spanned 20 years at Philadelphia Park. Nick was always available to our horsemen, seven days a week, early morning until midnight if need be.

I, the Board of Directors of the PTHA and all horsemen and horsewomen at Philadelphia Park wish Nick the best. He will be missed by all.

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Point of interest:

The New York Racing Association will not allow the use of nasal strips for racing until further notice. The nasal strips, intended to aid breathing, will be allowed during training hours.

Three horses won at the Breeders Cup at Gulfstream Park with the aid of the nasal strips, Cash Run, Cat Thief and Anees.

Shouldn't the program reflect this equipment along with blinkers and lasix?

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Match Series winners:

Three-year-old Sprint — Search For Luv, Gary Capuano, trainer.

Three-year-old long — Smart Guy, Timothy Ritchey, trainer.

Three-years-old and up Sprint — Loaded Gun, Janis L. Gerace, trainer.

Three-years-old and up Sprint, Fillies and Mares — Crab Grass, Barclay Tagg, trainer.

Three-years-old and up, Long, Turf — Proud Run, Richard J. Hendriks, trainer.

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Christmas Shoes, trained by J.W. Boniface and owned by Patricia Runyon, captured the \$50,000 added Blue Mountain Futurity for two-year-old Pa. bred fillies at six furlongs at Penn National in Sunday, Nov. 14.

Classic Verse, trained by Ernest Cranfield and owned by Jack Gambone's Valley Forge Stable won the \$50,000 added Pennsylvania Futurity at 1 1/16 miles for two-year-old colts and geldings at Philadelphia Park on Nov. 20.

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The Board of Directors and I wish all our members a Merry Christmas and may the new millennium bring you good health and a successful year of racing.

## THOUGHT FOR TODAY

*Believe me, what matters most is what you learn after you know it all.*



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