



PTHA NEWS

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Successful 2013 Fall Festival of Racing

The 2013 Fall Festival of Racing at Parx Racetrack made us proud to be Pennsylvania horsemen. Nearly \$10 million in purses were awarded, including \$3 million on PA Derby Day, which featured an exciting rematch between Will Take Charge and Moreno, who had been separated by just a nostril in the Travers Stakes (G1) one month ago.

Also on Derby Day were a sensational performance in the G1 Cotillion, the \$300,000 Gallant Bob, and inductions for three horses and four celebrated horsemen into the Parx Hall of Fame.

Throughout the rest of the Festival, Pennsylvania horsemen were rewarded for their dedication to our state: the PA Horse Breeders' Association sponsored PA Day at the Races, while the PTHA thanked owners with our annual Owner's Appreciation Day.

Full coverage of the Fall Festival of Racing can be found throughout this volume of PTHA News.



The 2013 PTHA President's Cup field heads past the stands for the first time.

Photo: Nikki Sherman/PTHA

Will Take Charge Does Just That in Pennsylvania Derby

Will Take Charge always had the pedigree to be great - he is out of multiple G1 winner Take Charge Lady, and is a half-brother to Florida Derby winner Take Charge Indy. Yet despite his fancy family, Will Take Charge struggled early in his career to gain footing in the three-year-old championship standings.

His early disappointments were perhaps due to his size, as the handsome chestnut colt stood right at 17 hands. So, when the flashy chestnut colt shocked Saratoga with a thrilling, come-from-behind victory in the Travers Stakes, many wondered if the race was a fluke.

However, the G2 Pennsylvania Derby at Parx Racetrack proved that the Midsummer Derby was real; as Will Take Charge stormed through a hole on the rail, en route to a 2 1/2 length victory, he showed any remaining naysayers that he had finally grown into his huge frame.

Winning trainer D. Wayne Lukas was thrilled with the way his colt trained up to the race, saying "He was like a lead pony in the paddock, and was on his toes yesterday while schooling. He's been a big, gangly horse who is just finding his feet now."

The mile and an eighth race drew a field of eight, including the two-pronged Godolphin entry of Transparent and Romansh. Also entered was Dwyer (G2) winner Moreno, who was most recently second in the Travers after holding on to the lead from the start until the very last few strides. As the lone front-runner in the race, Moreno received heavy action at the betting windows. Rounding out the field in the Derby were Blue Grass Stakes (G1) winner Java's War,

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Willis & Glenda Horton and D. Wayne Lukas celebrate after their Derby victory.

Photo: Bill Denver/EQUI-PHOTO



Will Take Charge rockets to victory in the \$1 million Pennsylvania Derby at Parx Racetrack.

Photo: Bill Denver/EQUI-PHOTO

President's Message

Salvatore M. DeBunda, Esquire

Congratulations to the winners of our marquee races, the Grade 1 Cotillion Stakes and the Grade 2 Pennsylvania Derby! We saw two incredibly impressive animals in Close Hatches and Will Take Charge, and we are excited to see where they go from here in their quests for divisional honors.

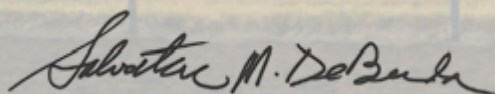
The 2013 Fall Festival of Racing here at Parx was extraordinarily successful! We witnessed yet another historical season, distributing nearly \$10 million in purse money in September, including \$3 million on Pennsylvania Derby Day.

We were thrilled to have coverage of our featured races live on Comcast SportsNet, where they brought in some incredible talent: NBC Sports broadcaster Laffit Pincay III, NBC Sports broadcaster and track announcer Mike Battaglia, NYRA analyst Maggie Wolfendale, NBC10 meteorologist Sheena Parveen, and sportsjournalist Dick Jerardi.

We also inducted new faces into the Parx Hall of Fame. I am honored to have been chosen as one of these newest members, after eighteen years of dedicated service to "the sport of kings". I would like to congratulate the other 2013 inductees: trainers Mark Reid and Guadalupe Preciado, and jockey Jose Flores, as well as the connections of horses Cagey Exuberance, Fire Plug and Win Man.

We are proud to announce that our very own Turning for Home has passed the 1,000-horse mark in taking care of our retired equine athletes, while taking in a record number of horses each week over the past few months. Turning for Home was featured on the Comcast SportsNet broadcast, with special host Sheena Parveen, and was also chosen to be on Channel 6abc's *Rescue Me* segment that airs each Sunday.

Despite the incredible success we have had, we still have plenty of work to do as we head into the fall. Executive Director Michael Ballezzi and I continue to fight for horsemen's rights in Harrisburg, especially about the lingering attacks on the Pennsylvania Racehorse Development Fund. We have a lot of work to do in order to accomplish our goals, but we will not rest until we receive our "fair share" of the gaming proceeds.




PTHA President Sal DeBunda and colleagues in the winner's circle for Archer and Greiner Day at the Races on June 25, 2013.



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Redemption in \$250,000 PTHA President's Cup

Owners James Covello and James Dolan have had their eyes on the \$250,000 PTHA President's Cup for a long time; in 2011 their colt Citrus Kid finished second behind two-time winner Stormy Lord. This year, they returned with a striking chestnut son of First Samurai named Swift Warrior, who was seeking his own validation after a disappointing series of setbacks as a youngster. The colt was originally on the Kentucky Derby trail as a juvenile, but was forced to the sidelines after suffering a condylar fracture. So, for all connected with Swift Warrior, redemption was the goal in the featured race on PTHA Owner's Appreciation Day.

Luck held on their side, and as Swift Warrior struck the front at the top of stretch, hopes for redemption turned sweet. The five-year-old colt crossed the wire a length and a quarter in front of his eight rivals, sending his victorious connections to the winner's circle to collect their new crystal trophy from PTHA President Salvatore DeBunda.

Afterwards, James Covello was all smiles as he said, "We've run here (at Parx) at lot, and it's great to come back here. I think the track and the PTHA have put on an amazing



Swift Warrior wins the \$250,000 PTHA President's Cup.

Photo: Barbara Weidl/EQUI-PHOTO

event today, and that's what makes this game great."

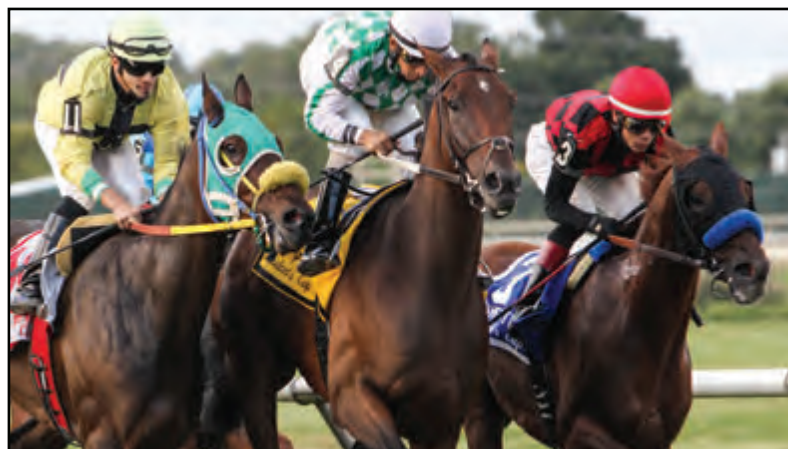
Finishing second in the mile and an eighth event was the Phipps Stable's Reflecting, followed by six-year-old Change of Command. The final time was 1:47.91.

For more photos and Owner's Appreciation Day results, turn to pages 8-9.



PTHA President Sal DeBunda presents the President's Cup trophy to the connections of Swift Warrior.

Photo: Nikki Sherman/PTHA



Swift Warrior hugs the rail early in the President's Cup.

Photo: Nikki Sherman/PTHA

Free Public Wi-Fi Now Available

Guests and members of the PTHA are now able to access the internet in the racetrack's administration building.



Check entries, read your email, or surf the web on your own devices!

(PA Derby coverage, continued from page 1)

Todd Pletcher-trained Battier, and listed stakes winners Speak Logistics and Fury Kapcori.

At the break, Will Take Charge broke smoothly from the outside post position and settled in fifth, letting rival Moreno set a solid pace that was prompted by California invader Fury Kapcori. As usual, Will Take Charge took his time getting into stride, but once the field hit the top of the stretch, the chestnut son of Unbridled's Song exploded, rocketing through along the rail and pulling away to an easy victory.

Moreno valiantly held on for second, over fast-closing Battier. The three-year-olds completed the race on a fast track in 1:49.28.

According to trainer Lukas, Will Take Charge will get a well-deserved five-week break before focusing on the long-term goal of the Breeders' Cup Classic at Santa Anita. "I think we are very much in the picture for three-year-old champion, so we're on to the next page after this."

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While the PA Derby is always the highlight of Pennsylvania horse racing, the race card also featured one of the country's most prestigious races for three-year-old fillies, the \$1 million Cotillion Stakes. The Grade 1, mile-and-a-sixteenth contest drew a competitive field of nine, after the scratch of My Flag Stakes winner Flash Forward.

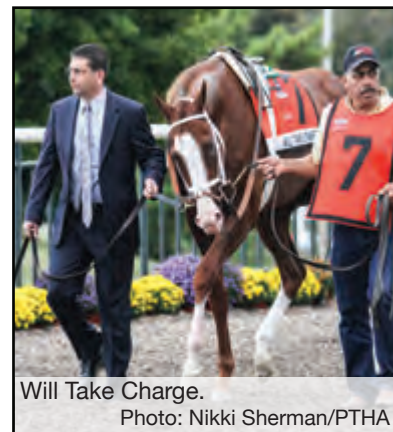
Favored in the betting was Juddmonte Farms' Close Hatches, recent winner of the Mother Goose Stakes (G1) at Belmont. However, also entered was undefeated speedball Sweet Lulu, who was exiting a head victory in the Grade 1 Test Stakes at Saratoga on August 24. Additional competitors included G3 winners My Happy Face and Seaneen Girl.

In the gate, Shadwell Stable's Asiya reared up and broke through, also sending stablemate Carnival Court into a panic. While the two Kiaran McLaughlin trainees were reloaded into the starting gate, the remaining fillies stood calmly and were ready to roll at the start.

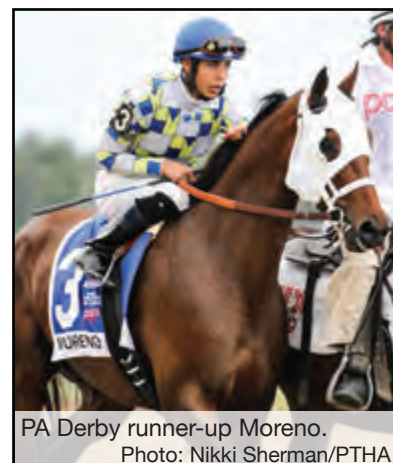
Jockey Mike Smith, aboard Close Hatches, was determined not to let Sweet Lulu run off to an easy lead, and shadowed the chestnut filly throughout the early stages of the race. Three lengths back was My Happy Face, ridden by local phenom Kendrick Carmouche.

At the top of the stretch, Close Hatches made her move, passing Sweet Lulu with ease. The three-year-old daughter of First Defence went on to a solid two-length victory in 1:37.03. Sweet Lulu held on for second by a nose over Calder Oaks winner Street Girl.

Close Hatches' thrashing of her competition in the Cotillion leaves winning trainer Bill Mott with tough decisions heading into the Breeders' Cup. Mott also trains two-time Eclipse Award champion Royal Delta, who could be entered in either the Distaff or against the boys in the Classic. Always stoic, he refused to lean either way so early in the championship season, and was more interested in touting his younger mare's impressive race. "I was really pleased with Close Hatches' run, and especially with how good she looked."



Will Take Charge.
Photo: Nikki Sherman/PTHA



PA Derby runner-up Moreno.
Photo: Nikki Sherman/PTHA



Close Hatches rolls to victory in the G1 Cotillion S.

Photo: Nikki Sherman/PTHA



Close Hatches and Mike Smith enter the winner's circle.

Photo: Nikki Sherman/PTHA

Winning jockey Mike Smith also noted that he could feel right from the start how fresh the filly was under him. This ended up being a perfect setup for stalking Sweet Lulu. "I could have been on the lead if I wanted, to be honest with you," Smith said after the race.

For now, Close Hatches will remain a possible entry for the Breeders' Cup, depending how she trains up to the race. According to Juddmonte's racing manager Garrett O'Rourke, "There won't be pressure on us to take a filly that's anything less than kicking down the barn because we've always had it in the back of our minds that there is next year too."

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Nine horses went to the gate in the \$300,000 Gallant Bob Handicap, a six furlong dash for sophomores that has a storied history of producing top young sprinters, including last year's Breeders' Cup Sprint champion, Trinniberg.

Favored in this year's edition were Grade 3 winners Rainbow Heir and Clearly Now, but at the wire it was a sneaky rail trip by rider Paco Lopez aboard City of Weston that produced an upset. Clearly Now moved up in midstretch to pass the leading Black Hornet, and finished second, a half-length in front of the pacesetter.

City of Weston, a gray son of Holy Bull, stopped the clock in 1:09.63. The winner's share of the purse doubled the colt's career earnings.



Undeclared Sweet Lulu runs out to the early lead.

Photo: Nikki Sherman/PTHA



City of Weston en route to a victory in the Gallant Bob H.

Photo: Bill Denver/EQUI-PHOTO

PENNSYLVANIA'S DAY AT THE RACES

September 7, 2013 • Parx Racetrack



CLASSY COCO

\$75,000 Dr. Teresa Garofalo Mem.

Breeder: Jonathan Thome &
Mr. & Mrs. Rick Abbott
Owner: Michael R. Cox
Trainer: T. Bernard Houghton
Jockey: Matthew Rispoli



NORMAN ASBJORNSEN

\$75,000 Roanoke S.

Breeder: Thomas G. McClay, Harry C. Nye III &
Horseshoe Valley Equine
Owner: Happy Go Lucky Stable
Trainer: Scott Lake
Jockey: Frankie Pennington



THIS AIN'T NO BULL

\$75,000 Marshall Jenney H.

Breeder: Classic Thoroughbred XVIII
Owner: Cavanaugh & Breen Farm
Trainer: Cynthia G. Reese
Jockey: John Bisano



FERSMILEY

\$75,000 Banjo Picker Sprint

Breeder: Patricia Leigh Wood &
Moss Creek Farm
Owner: Half Hollow Racing LLC, Triple F
Stable & Ira Keeperman
Trainer: Lisa Guerrero
Jockey: Pedro Requena



SKI HOLIDAY

\$75,000 Mrs. Penny S.

Breeder: George Strawbridge Jr.
Owner: Augustin Stable
Trainer: H. Graham Motion
Jockey: Kendrick Carmouche



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Congratulations to the Newest



Guadalupe Preciado is awarded his Hall of Fame plaque by PTHA Board member Randy Swisher.

Photo: Barbara Weidl/EQUI-PHOTO



PTHA President Sal DeBunda receives his Hall of Fame plaque from Executive Director Mike Ballezzi & Dr. Steve Appel.

Photo: Barbara Weidl/EQUI-PHOTO



Jose Flores receives his Hall of Fame plaque from PTHA Board member Dr. Steve Appel.

Photo: Barbara Weidl/EQUI-PHOTO



Mark Reid receives his Hall of Fame plaque from his brother, PTHA Board member and trainer Butch Reid.

Photo: Barbara Weidl/EQUI-PHOTO



New Hall of Fame Inductee Cagey Exuberance.

Photo: Coglianese Photos



New Hall of Fame Inductee Fire Plug.

Photo: Kim Pratt



PTHA Board member and Hall of Fame Chairperson Kate DeMasi and PTHA Board member Mary Kernan present the Hall of Fame plaque to the connections of Win Man, including Betsy Gambone, Caitlin Gambone, and Jake Neid.

Photo: Barbara Weidl/EQUI-PHOTO

Members of the Parx Hall of Fame



Jose Flores with his wife and one of his sons in the winner's circle after his induction.

Photo: Anna Cascio/PTHA



Mark Reid and his family in the winner's circle after his induction ceremony.

Photo: Anna Cascio/PTHA



Guadalupe Preciado and his family in the winner's circle after his induction ceremony.

Photo: Anna Cascio/PTHA



Salvatore DeBunda and his family and friends in the winner's circle after his induction into the Hall of Fame.

Photo: Anna Cascio/PTHA

Congratulations to the 2013 PTHA

The Laurels

Owner: Robert Tresente

Nice n' Sweet

Owner: Iwin Farms LLC

Radio Relay

Owner: William A. Campbell

Royal Affair

Owner: Swilcan Stables

Steve's Adventures

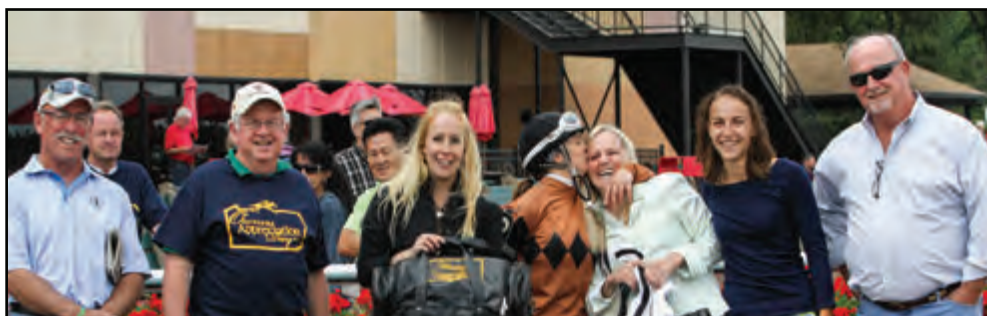
Owner: Jerrold Blackman

Whistle Included

Owner: John M. Rodriguez



Royal Affair wins for Swilcan Stables.
Photo: Nikki Sherman/PTHA



Maria Remedio gives Virginia Reid a happy hug after their win.

Photo: Nikki Sherman/PTHA



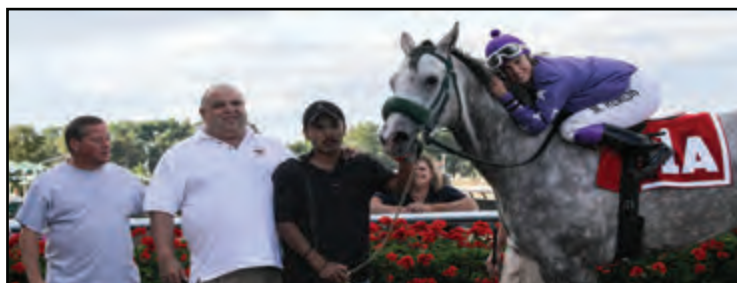
Bugler Rich Garrick entertains young fans between races.
Photo: Nikki Sherman/PTHA



Hallie Brooks and Kaz Zealous battle to the wire in the ninth race.
Photo: Nikki Sherman/PTHA



Saddle towels were embroidered with the day's logo.
Photo: Nikki Sherman/PTHA



Major Highway gave his connections a victory in an allowance.
Photo: Nikki Sherman/PTHA

Owner's Appreciation Day Winners

Super Slam

Owner: Stony Brook Stables

Primal Baby

Owner: Peter Kazamias

Hallie Brooks

Owner: Silver Trail Stables LLC

Major Highway

Owner: Andrew Sulley

Swift Warrior

Owner: James Covello &
James Dolan

Isabella Swift

Owner: Club Risque Stable



Frankie Pennington gives a fist bump after a win aboard Radio Relay.

Photo: Nikki Sherman/PTHA



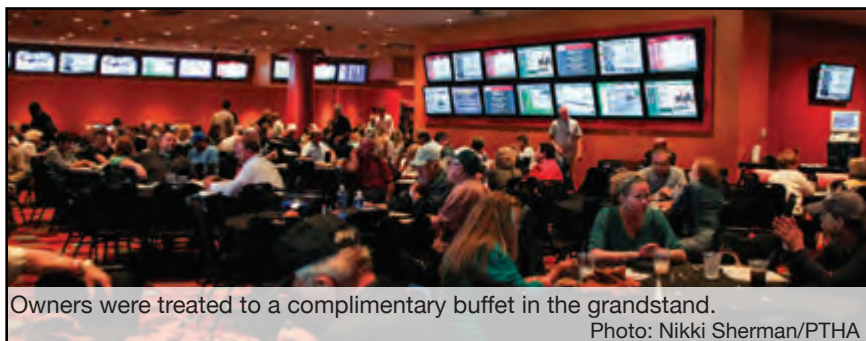
Primal Baby en route to a win under rider Erluis Vaz for owner/trainer Peter Kazamias.

Photo: Nikki Sherman/PTHA



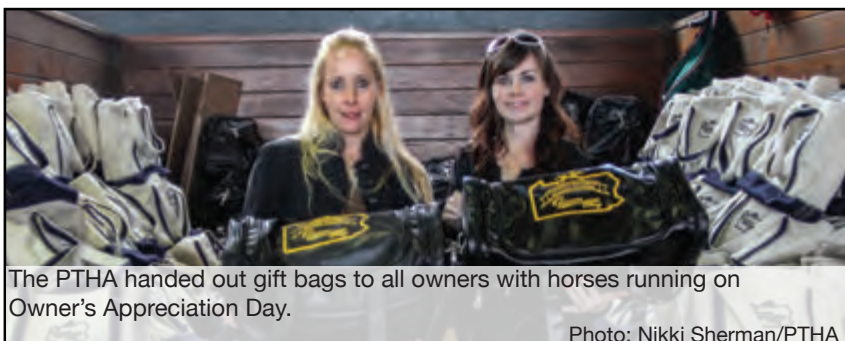
Happy owners on Owner's Appreciation Day.

Photo: Nikki Sherman/PTHA



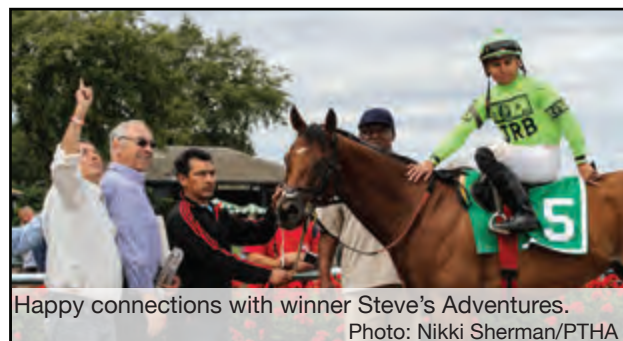
Owners were treated to a complimentary buffet in the grandstand.

Photo: Nikki Sherman/PTHA



The PTHA handed out gift bags to all owners with horses running on Owner's Appreciation Day.

Photo: Nikki Sherman/PTHA



Happy connections with winner Steve's Adventures.

Photo: Nikki Sherman/PTHA



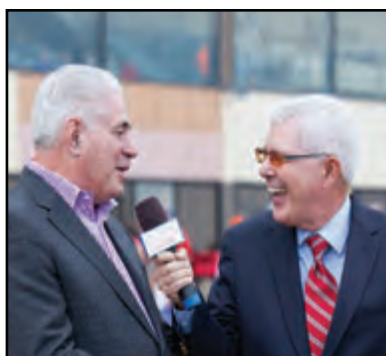
Cotillion

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Ponies and riders take a break between races on Derby Day.

Photo: Nikki Sherman/PTHA



Mike Battaglia and PTHA President Sal DeBunda.

Photo: Anna Cascio/PTHA



High fives all around for the connections of Roadhog.

Photo: Anna Cascio/PTHA



Roadhog wins the \$75,000 Alphabet Soup Handicap.

Photo: Bill Denver/EQUI-PHOTO



Mike Smith is thrilled with his Cotillion victory.

Photo: Nikki Sherman/PTHA



A great crowd turned out for Derby Day, including many who watched Gallant Bob contender Clearly Now in the walking ring.

Photo: Nikki Sherman/PTHA



Trainer Bill Mott.

Photo: Nikki Sherman/PTHA



Local horsemen watch the Derby horses, and even take some photos.

Photo: Nikki Sherman/PTHA



Comcast SportsNet featured live coverage of both the PA Derby and Cotillion Stakes.

Photo: Nikki Sherman/PTHA



The Philadelphia Soul joined Parx horsemen in the winner's circle for the \$75,000 Soul Starter Handicap.

Photo: Anna Cascio/PTHA



Owner Willis Horton leads Will Take Charge into the winner's circle.

Photo: Anna Cascio/PTHA



The 2013 Cotillion Jockeys: Mike Smith, Luis Saez, Julien Leparoux, Irad Ortix, Jose Ortiz, Joshua Navarro, Paco Lopez, Angel Castillo, Kendrick Carmouche.

Photo: Nikki Sherman/PTHA



City of Weston's groom celebrates a win in the Gallant Bob.

Photo: Nikki Sherman/PTHA



Asiya (4) and Carnival Court (2) break through the gate prior to the Cotillion.

Photo: Nikki Sherman/PTHA



D. Wayne Lukas & Luis Saez.

Photo: Nikki Sherman/PTHA



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Swim To Win

Congratulations to the connections of GUSTAVIAN.
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winner of the \$150,000 G1 Lonesome Glory at Belmont

A photograph of a jockey in a white and blue uniform riding a brown horse. The horse is in motion, and the jockey is holding the reins. The background is blurred, suggesting a racetrack setting.

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SMARTY JONES

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Edge of Reality holds off Speak Logistics in the G3 Smarty Jones S.
Photo: Nikki Sherman/PTHA



Stormofthecentury (8) holds off Tightend Touchdown and defending champion Ben's Cat (left) to win the G3 Turf Monster.
Photo: Nikki Sherman/PTHA



The field in the 1 1/2 mile Greenwood Cup (G3) rounds the final turn.
Photo: Nikki Sherman/PTHA



TURF MONSTER



Pat Chapman presents a plate to trainer Tony Dutrow, jockey Stewart Elliott, and owners The Elkstone Group.

Photo: Nikki Sherman/PTHA



2010 Breeders' Cup Marathon winner Eldaafer held off Indian Jones to cross the million-dollar mark in career earnings.

Photo: Barbara Weidl/EQUI-PHOTO



Silverette wins the \$200,000 Turf Amazon Handicap on the turf.

Photo: Nikki Sherman/PTHA

Summer's End Pig Roast

On August 30th, we closed out the summer with our annual Pig Roast, held in a tent adjacent to the administration building.

Ron's Backstretch Cafe supplied hundreds of hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, ice cream, watermelon, and, of course, the Labor Day traditional roasted pig!

A crowd of over 300 trainers, barn workers, office employees and their families attended the event, which also included a raffle sponsored by Chaplain Rick Bunker to benefit the Chaplaincy.

All in attendance enjoyed the food, music, dancing, fun bounce, and even the familiar mechanical bull.



Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain Rick Bunker

**You crown the year with Your goodness,
and Your paths drip with abundance.**

- Psalm 65:11 (NKJV)

This is already another record setting year for the benevolences that are distributed through the Chaplain's Office – and it could not be the case without you. Thank you to all those who have been so generous in sharing from your abundance to help those who are having a difficult year!

There were nearly 200 book bags filled with school supplies that were given out during the Pig Roast. That is almost double the amount that was ever given before! We have also awarded seven, \$1,000.00 Granny Youmans Scholarships this year so far. Last year there were five and that was a record – so we have a new record this year and there are still a few months to go.

I am excited about what is to come as we approach the end of the calendar year. We will soon be celebrating Christmas – the biggest and best time of the year.

I want to congratulate the new inductees into the Parx Racing Hall of Fame – **Guadalupe Preciado, Mark Reid, Jose Flores, and Salvatore DeBunda**. As we look at the accomplishments that qualified them for this honor it makes us think of what makes for greatness.

Persistent hard work comes to mind and perhaps ought to be tied for first place in anyone's list. Thomas Edison said that, "genius is 90 percent perspiration and 10 percent inspiration." That is another way of saying that the road to greatness is paved with hard work.

All of our honorees say that they never stopped learning as well. Alexander Pope said that, "a little Learning is a dang'rous Thing." He immediately went on to say that much learning was the key to success. He wrote:

*A little Learning is a dang'rous Thing;
Drink deep, or taste not the Pierian Spring:
There shallow Draughts intoxicate the Brain,
And drinking largely sobers us again.*

I call this a poem because of the meter and rhyme, it is titled "An Essay on Criticism." It is something that in this amazing day in which we live you can read in its entirety through the wonders of the internet and I encourage you to do that. It is a collection of witticisms from the ages that Pope puts in his own engaging words.

There is one other set of lines which I must share with you.

*Learning and Rome alike in Empire grew,
And Arts still follow'd where her Eagles flew;
From the same Foes, at last, both felt their Doom,
And the same Age saw Learning fall, and Rome.*

This says to me that the hard work that led our 2013 Hall of Fame Inductees to be chosen is the stuff that makes for the rise of families, communities, and nations. It may seem simple – I suppose it is; but, it is not easy. Although ask them and they will tell you that it was worth it. All the sweat, stress, and strain were worth it. It wasn't easy – that's worth saying again. There are always those whose criticisms almost make us quit. Thanks to all of you who keep on and never quit. With that thought I share another from Theodore Roosevelt as I pray that you be blessed by God with the strength to fight the good fight whether a recognized hall of famer or not:

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; because there is not effort without error and shortcomings; but who does actually strive to do the deed; who knows the great enthusiasm, the great devotion, who spends himself in a worthy cause, who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement and who at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly. So that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."

Extra Special Upcoming Events

Halloween Party: October 26, 2013, 1-3 PM Recreation Hall

Christmas Party: December 21, 2013, 1-3:30 PM Recreation Hall



Parx jocks faced off against Monmouth's jocks twice over the summer in two softball games to benefit the Permanently Disabled Jockeys' Fund.

Photo: Bill Denver/EQUI-PHOTO



Roberto Rosado hits the ball during the softball game.

Photo: Bill Denver/EQUI-PHOTO



2013 Soccer League Champions, sponsored by trainer Ramon Preciado.

Photo Courtesy: Victor Molina



The HPA partnered with Agway Feeds to bring samples and specials to horsemen in July.

Photo: Nikki Sherman/PTHA



The Budweiser Clydesdales came back to Parx in August for the Budweiser Made in America celebration over Labor Day weekend.

Photo: Nikki Sherman/PTHA



Backstretch Views



Get Well Soon...

Best wishes for a healthy recovery to the mother of trainers **Mike Petro** and **Kathy Ritvo**, jockey **Nick Petro**, and late rider **Louis Petro**. She had open heart surgery this past month. The Petro family has been plagued by heart conditions, and we will continue to be thinking about the Petros, especially during this difficult time.

Condolences...

On Thursday, September 19, we lost a great man when 62-year-old **Robert "Bob" Girard** passed away after battling an illness. Bob was the husband of PTHA Board member **Lisa B. Allen** and the father of Melissa Girard, Robert Girard II, as well as stepfather of Ainsley Allen. He also leaves behind grandson Connor Girard Crawford. Bob was a member of the Ewing, NJ Police Department for over a quarter of a century, holding positions as both an officer and a detective. In his free time, Bob enjoyed traveling, following the New York Yankees, and especially dedicating time to automobiles.

More notes...

At the beginning of June, trainer **Alan Bedard** was playing soccer with some friends when he took a bad step, and tore his ACL and meniscus. Luckily, he was covered by our new Reliance Accidental Insurance policy, so he was provided with nearly \$1,500 in medical insurance for his reconstructive surgery, which included a new tendon and screws. Alan made a point to stop by the PTHA offices, so that he could personally thank Executive Director Mike Ballezzi, "People don't thank Mike enough for everything that he does, especially with the health insurance for those of us on the backstretch. This insurance policy really helped after being out for six weeks."

Ten-year-old **Logan Martel**, daughter of jockey agent **Bobby Martel**, made her first trip to northern New York a memorable one. Bobby and Logan went fishing in the town of Pulaski, and hooked 8 fish in just 40 minutes. Bobby took some fantastic photos of the event, and shared them with the local website. The very next day, the duo was walking out to the water for some more fun, when a fellow fisherman's son called out, "You're the reason we're here! We saw your picture on the website!" Logan was absolutely thrilled, and for that day was the most "famous" girl on the water!



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RACEHORSE RETIREMENT PROGRAM

Turning for Home, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, has safely retired over 1,000 horses from Parx Racing since May 2008, and is considered a model program for the racing industry.



NBC10 meteorologist Sheena Parveen interviews trainer Scott Lake for a feature on Turning for Home, which aired on Comcast SportsNet during the PA Derby broadcast.

Photo: Nikki Sherman/PTHA



When Fantasy Lane Stable heard that their former horse African Knight was in the program, many of their partners sent over donations! Because of their generosity, he is now at After the Races.

Photo Courtesy: Bonnie Hutton

Success Stories



Thunder of India loves his new home, and especially enjoys going foxhunting with his new friends.

Photo Courtesy: Karla Schmidt



Celtic Country has a new home in Connecticut, when she was adopted on September 7th!

Photo Courtesy: Carrie Bliven

If you come to the Turning for Home office in the Administration Building, you'll see some friendly new faces ready to help horsemen find homes for their retirees, and adopters search for a new OTTB.

Nikki Sherman joined the PTHA staff on July 15th, and is excited to re-join the equine industry. She first entered horse racing when she was sixteen years old, participating in the inaugural Kids to the Cup internship at Colonial Downs in 2001. Since then, she has worked at tracks and farms from Pennsylvania to Kentucky. You may have seen her on the rail with cameras slung over her shoulder, as she has a bachelor's degree in photography. Nikki has been published online and in print, including multiple *The Blood-Horse* covers and a *Thoroughbred Times* spread.



Nikki Sherman with Kentucky Derby and Dubai World Cup winner Animal Kingdom at Fair Hill.



Danielle Montgomery examines one of the Turning for Home horses.

Danielle Montgomery is a familiar face at Parx, as she began her career in the Thoroughbred industry right over in Barn 35 26 years ago, and since then has done everything from training to exercise riding, and breaking yearlings to managing broodmares. She is excited to be back, and is looking forward to working alongside her fellow horsemen and favorite athletes. Danielle feels that Turning for Home is the perfect fit for her experience, and is pleased to join the distinguished group of equine professionals and volunteers that make the program work to help owners and trainers provide the best possible second career for their generous athletes.

This is What It's All About, Isn't It?

**They've given us all they've got.
Now let's take care of them when they
need us most.**

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Sumfun with his new friends on Long Island.



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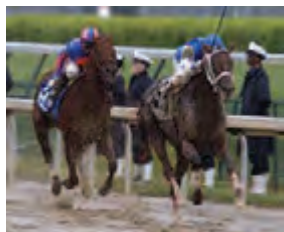
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