



PTHA NEWS

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Next Step: Breeders' Cup for Cotillion and PA Derby Winners



Enthusiastic crowd awaits post time for the \$1 million Gr1 Cotillion S. (top left); Bill Hogwood and Dr. Corinne Sweeney join My Miss Aurelia's rider, Corey Nakatani and owner George Bolton for the trophy presentation (top right); Questing, on the inside will take on My Miss Aurelia again in the Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic (above)

California, here they come! Once again, the top finishers of Parx Racing's \$1 million Gr1 Cotillion Stakes and \$1 million Gr2 PA Derby plan to compete in the November 2nd and 3rd Breeders' Cup at Santa Anita.

PA Derby winner, Paul Reddam's Handsome Mike, third place runner Magic City Thoroughbred Partners' Golden Ticket, and Godolphin Racing's Alpha all head to the Classic, while one-two Cotillion finishers My Miss Aurelia and Questing move on to the Ladies' Classic the first Saturday in November.

Trinniberg, who was second as the favorite in the \$300,000 Gallant Bob, is pre-entered in the Breeders' Cup Sprint

"Our 'Super Saturday' of the Cotillion, PA Derby and Gallant Bob Stakes was a major stepping stone for many of the horses heading to the Breeders' Cup," said Parx Director of Racing Sal

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PTHA's Owner Appreciation Day Huge Success



For the second year in a row, 5-year-old Canadian invader Stormy Lord took the \$250,000 PTHA President's Cup on the turf, highlighting an afternoon of 100% increases in overnight purses on a 12-race card worth nearly \$900,000. Although Parx starters were preferred, David Wilmot's Canadian-bred shipped from his home-base at Woodbine a few days prior to the race, and increased his career earnings to \$1,153,686, and remains undefeated in his two starts at the Bensalem, PA track.

PTHA Vice-President Steve Appel presented the crystal trophy to the winners, Kinghaven Farm, Ltd., and jockey James McAleney (left).

Owners and trainers who were racing horses that day were treated to gifts, including an overnight bag full of items emblazoned with the PTHA's blue and gold logo, and over 400 PTHA members attended a complimentary buffet luncheon on the third floor. (continued on page 7)

President's Message

Salvatore M. DeBunda, Esquire



We can all be proud of the efforts that Parx Racing and the PTHA put forth together to showcase an exciting four weekends of our Festival of Racing.

Starting with Smarty Jones Day, fans demonstrated that their support and dedication still runs high for the compact PA bred who was Three-Year-Old Champion eight years ago as they gathered to collect Smarty Jones bobbleheads and stayed for the 12-race Labor Day card.

What followed in the next three weekends were great racing, the opening of the Parx Hall of Fame on the third floor of the grandstand, crowds of PA breeders and owners who supported PA Breeders Day and the PTHA's Owner's Appreciation Day, and a grand finale of two \$1 million graded stakes races showcasing the top three-year-old colts, geldings and fillies--all in one day!

I'd like to extend my thanks and gratitude, along with that of PTHA Executive Director Mike Ballezzi and the PTHA board to our owners, trainers, staff and the Parx management for putting on a show like no other. After the pressure earlier in the year and the hard work involved in encouraging the Governor and legislators to maintain the Horse Racing Development Fund budget, and our involvement in talks with national racing boards over medication rules, it truly was rewarding to see what can happen when we all work together.

With the first weekend in November quickly approaching, I'd like to offer the best of luck in the Breeders' Cup Championships to every participant, but especially those who chose Parx Racing along the way for their final preps. Safe trips to everyone.

In other news, it should be noted that the PTHA's retirement program for racehorses, Turning For Home, has been publicly recognized around the WORLD! Both Mike Ballezzi and Program Administrator Barbara Luna have kept a full schedule since the spring accepting invitations to join conference calls, meetings and seminars to speak of our success in providing safe retirement for over 825 Parx horses who had been injured or were noncompetitive and could no longer race.

In September, Dr. Lawrence Soma of New Bolton Center and a leader in drug testing in racehorses, invited Mike and Barbara to speak at the International Conference of Racing Analysts and Veterinarians in Philadelphia. With welfare of the horse part of the itinerary, veterinarians, stewards, and interested racing officials from all over the world attended the week-long conference. Since then, Barbara has gotten phone calls and emails from racetracks in the United States, and most interesting, an inquiry from the Equine Welfare Officer of Victoria Racing, Home of the Melbourne Cup, in Australia!

And on a final note: on page 8 of this edition of the PTHA News, please note the Pennsylvania legislators and representatives who are on the ballot this November. We have listed those who are supportive of our industry, and ask that you, in return, support them in their efforts during this election.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Salvatore M. DeBunda". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

PTHA PRESIDENT

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Sinatra. "Parx Racing's goal of hosting the Championship contenders here for their final performances before the biggest day of racing in the world has been accomplished."

HORSE	PARX PREP	BREEDERS' CUP
It's Tricky	2011 Cotillion (2nd)	Ladies' Classic
My Miss Aurelia	2012 Cotillion (1st)	Ladies' Classic
Questing	2012 Cotillion (2nd)	Ladies' Classic
Birdrun	2011 Greenwood Cup (2nd)	Marathon
Not Abroad	2012 Greenwood Cup (3rd)	Marathon
Chamberlain Bridge	2012 Turf Monster (3rd)	Turf Sprint
To Honor and Serve	2011 PA Derby (1st)	Classic
Alpha	2012 PA Derby (unpl)	Classic
Handsome Mike	2012 PA Derby (1st)	Classic/Mile
Golden Ticket	2012 PA Derby (3rd)	Classic
CC's Pal	2012 My Juliet (2nd)	F/M Sprint
Nicole H	2012 My Juliet (4th)	F/M Sprint
Poseidon's Warrior	2011 Gallant Bob (2nd)	Sprint
Trinniberg	2012 Gallant Bob (2nd)	Sprint



Handsome Mike's only other win was his maiden victory at Santa Anita over a year ago, but the son of Scat Daddy had picked up checks in all five graded stakes attempts this year. He is heading toward the Breeders' Cup Mile or Classic, and both Golden Ticket, 3rd in the PA Derby and Alpha, favored, but last in the PA Derby, are headed to the Classic.

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Parx Hall of Fame Opens on Parx Third Floor; 2012 Inductees Honored on PA Derby Day



Parx Racing's Hall of Fame, located on the third floor of the grandstand, celebrated its opening on September 22, Cotillion and PA Derby Day. Induction ceremonies for the 2012 honorees were held between races in the winners circle.

For the second year in a row, Parx Racing and the PTHA honored a new group of horses, trainers, jockeys, owners, and those recognized for their special achievements in the racetrack's history. And as of September 22, fans can visit the new Hall of Fame, located on the third floor in the hallway to the Steakhouse, for a stroll down an artfully decorated 'memory lane.'

"Having the Hall of Fame opened to the public brings back memories to people who have been fans of racing since back in the '70s," said PTHA Board member and Hall of Fame Chairman, Ed Lehman. "On the day it opened, the fans showed they loved it, remembering some of the glory days of the old Keystone Racetrack."

Especially popular is a wall full of drawings by Peb, wellknown caricaturist of Thoroughbred racing's horses and people.

Immediately noticeable as guests enter the hallway is a nearly life-size sepia wall covering of Kim Pratt's photo of Champion Smarty Jones with exercise rider Pete Van Trump aboard, and trainer John Servis alongside on the stable pony.

A look straight ahead, and a glass enclosed sculpture of a standing Smarty Jones commemorates the PA-bred colt who put Pennsylvania on the map as a leader in both the racing and breeding

industry, and who was a 2011 inductee into the Hall of Fame, along with his owners and breeders Pat and Roy Chapman, trainer Servis, and jockey Stewart Elliott.

The warm, dark wood paneling on either side of the hall is in contrast to the bright colors of the leading owners' silks on one side, and on the other, photos of the inductees above burnished plaques bearing their names and achievements

Although the induction ceremonies will be held once a year during the Festival of Racing, the memories can be enjoyed daily up on Parx' third floor. **(continued on page 4)**



Representative Scott A. Petri of PA District 178, and PTHA Board Member and Hall of Fame Committee Chairman Ed Lehman.



Jockeys Jake Nied, Matt Vigliotti, and Tony Black, accepting for Jeff Lloyd. (Right, Bill Hogwood with Special Achievement award, among his family and Parx friends.



PTHA Executive Director Mike Ballezi presenting The Roland Aristone Award to PTHA Board member Phil Aristone and family (left). Above, Noreen Carpenito with award for Devil's Honor, along with trainer Walter Reese and his wife, Cynthia.



PTHA President Sal DeBunda and Bill Hogwood (above far left); PTHA Board Member and Chairman of Hall of Fame Committee Ed Lehman with Walter Reese, Special Achievement inductee, PTHA past president Larry Rivello and his wife Betty; From far left, the family of the late trainer Marty Fallon; Marya Montoya on behalf of her father, trainer Goose Heimer, with Ed Lehman and her brother, B.G. Other 2012 honorees were Keystone Stables, Owner, and Horses Cheating Arthur (trained by Dennis Heimer); and Gallant Bob.

The Lasix Question (Part 2)

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This is the last of a two-part series. Part 1 can be found in the August issue of the PTHA News or at nytha.com

Why is there such widespread use of Lasix?

- There is a cumulative effect that can increase the severity of EIPH each time it occurs. An analogy would be metal fatigue in airplane wings. The airplane is subject to ongoing stress that creates tiny fractures in the wings. Over time, as the stress continues, the fractures worsen, and can lead to catastrophic failure. "In the long term, reducing the severity of bouts of EIPH is beneficial to the health of the horse's lungs. The presence of blood in them has been shown to induce permanent changes in their tissue structure," then-AAEP President Dr. Robert D. Lewis stated in a 1995 press release.

"People who are advocating the elimination of [Lasix] have to explain why they want to deny a horse medicine that has been shown to be beneficial to the horse's health and well-being."

*Michael Davis, physiological sciences professor and Oxley Endowed Chair in Equine Sports Medicine at Oklahoma State University's Center for Veterinary Health Sciences.*⁷

- Speaking during the International Summit on Race Day Medication, EIPH and the Racehorse, Graham Motion and Christophe Clement, two of the four trainers invited to speak, voiced the opinion that it is necessary to be proactive in the prophylactic treatment of EIPH. "I certainly breeze some of the 2-year-olds on Lasix, even if they haven't been bleeding previously," said Motion, who has not had a single positive test since taking out his trainer's license 18 years ago. "Prevention is important--I don't want them to start bleeding that early." Clement, who also boasts a pristine record, remarked, "If a horse bleeds, right away, you've got a situation. You've got to do everything you can. You can't avoid bleeding--it's a fact of life. What you can avoid is it becoming chronic." It should be noted that both Motion and Clement are originally from Europe.

- Proper maintenance of EIPH is key to maintaining the health of the equine respiratory system, and is in the best interest of the horse.

Does Lasix mask other medications?

- During the International Summit on Race Day Medication, EIPH and the Racehorse, Dr. Richard Sams,

PhD, director of HFL Sport Science Inc. in Lexington, stated that, after the American Association of Equine Practitioners came up with a universally accepted standard of practice for Lasix in 1983--recommending that it be administered intravenously and at a time four hours prior to a race--the concern that Lasix could affect the detectability of other medications was addressed.

"That concern is largely eliminated when [Lasix] is administered in a tightly controlled environment, as it is in the United States," Dr. Sams said. He concluded, "I don't refer to [Lasix] as a masking agent. Its impact on post-race testing is not very significant."

- In an article in *Daily Racing Form*, Steven Crist said, "The whole issue of whether Lasix can mask other drugs was a valid concern a generation ago--perhaps the best reason to oppose its use--but from all veterinary accounts this is now a non-issue. The vastly increased precision of testing, and a greater reliance on plasma rather than urine tests, has made this a moot point."

"Furosemide does not interfere with drug detection, provided that it is administered at least four hours prior to racing and within an intravenous dose range of 250 to 500 mgs. New, ultra-sensitive instrumental testing, combined with the regulatory control outlined above, precludes the possibility of furosemide interference with drug testing."

Dr. George Maylin, director of the New York State Racing and Wagering Board's Equine Drug Testing Program at Morrisville State College.

Does the use of Lasix contribute to fewer starts per horse per year? Will it weaken the breed?

- The average number of annual starts per horse has dropped dramatically in the U.S., from a peak of 11.31 starts per year in 1960 to 6.06 starts per year in 2010. But the trend started before the advent of Lasix, with the average dropping to 10.23 by 1975. When the AAEP standard for Lasix administration was approved, the average was down to 8.28 annual starts, but it held relatively steady for the next decade, with the average at 7.84 starts in 1994. It has declined incrementally since.

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There is no anecdotal or scientific evidence to single out Lasix as the cause for this decline.

- There are many potential contributing factors to the decrease in the number of starts. The '80s saw the demise of "Millionaire's Row," that area of the Belmont Park backstretch where the old (and wealthy) names in racing stabled their horses. The stalls had been filled with the Rokeby and Greentree and Calumet and Darby Dan horses, horses bred from meticulously selected bloodlines that prized soundness. As the venerable family stables cut back or disappeared completely, the explosion of the commercial breeding industry was underway, and the standards of the breeding industry changed.

An emphasis was placed on precocious speed with less regard for soundness. Stallions went to the breeding shed after making just a handful of starts because there was so much money to be made in stud fees. Foal surgeries to correct conformational flaws became common-place and acceptable. Young horses, formerly turned out and toughened in very natural conditions, were suddenly being raised like hothouse flowers. All of these factors could contribute to raising softer horses that don't race as often.

The vast majority of the horses in Hinchcliff's South African study bled. They were not American-breds, but were just as prone to the condition as American horses.

- There is a misconception that horses in countries that do not allow the raceday use of Lasix average more starts per year than those in the U.S. In fact, the average in Europe falls short of the U.S. The worst is Ireland, which now averages just 3.77 starts per year. In Germany, lauded for its high standards, the average is 4.82; in France, 5.01; in England, 5.33. Australia's average is similar to the U.S. at 6.14 annual starts, but New Zealand averages 5.64 starts a year.

- Another potential factor in the decrease in the number of annual starts is the fact that a premium is placed on a trainer's winning average. Bobby Frankel, who was known to scratch his horses if the conditions did not appear favorable for a victory, was hired by Juddmonte Farm based, in part, on a computer analysis that highlighted his exemplary win percentage. A 10% strike rate is a strike against a trainer. The acceptance of the "bounce" theory, quantifying the effect of a peak effort on a horse's next start, has also tempered a trainer's enthusiasm for running back on less than a month's rest

The public is anti-Lasix.

- There has yet to be a published survey that directly addresses the Lasix issue. The survey questions posed are ambiguous, generic and, at times, leading. The results are much what you would expect if you asked the public, "Do you think kids should take drugs?" when trying to determine if there was support for medicating asthmatic children.

- Attempts have been made to show a correlation between the raceday use of Lasix and the issue of steroids in baseball. The fact is, when the call came to ban steroids in Thoroughbred racing, the response was a unified stand to phase out the medication as quickly as possible. In stark contrast to the Lasix issue, horsemen supported the elimination of steroid use, because there was no single therapeutic application for steroids. There is a single scientifically supported use for Lasix. Horses bleed. Lasix works.

- During a presentation of the McKinsey Report during The Jockey Club's 2011 Round Table Conference on Matters Pertaining to Racing, a pie chart purporting to support the conjecture that the public is anti-Lasix demonstrated that 74.5% of those who responded to a survey of members of the Horseplayers Association of North America were for the elimination of raceday medication. In fact, according to the HANA website, the question posed was, "Do you support The Jockey Club's position on raceday medication." Responders had to click on a link to the TJC position; it was not posted with the survey. The question was clearly slanted; no clear-minded individual could in any way interpret this survey as an objective attempt to find the truth about the Lasix issue. An earlier survey of HANA members, conducted in 2009, found that only 59% were "extremely" concerned over the ILLEGAL use of medication and drugs. That means 41% did not consider illegal medication a major concern. Go figure.

- Despite the depth and breadth of the McKinsey Report presented at the Round Table, the published results did not include any specific reference to Lasix in any of the polls of the public, racing fans and industry stakeholders.

"Medication of horses" was considered a significant issue by 78% of stakeholders interviews, but only 25% felt that medication issues "adversely impacted wagering."

- In a 2011 survey of racing fans included in the McKinsey Report, only 36% felt that "medication was one of the top three issues facing racing."

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Trainers and owners with horses entered in the 12 races card were presented with gift bags, while the winning owners and trainers received an attractive leather carry-on bag, full of even more gifts!



Making his traditional dismount, veteran jockey Tony Black teams up with Richard Vega for a win on Smart Tori, for his sons, owners Anthony and Nicholas. His mother, Maggie, below, with Tony, Jr.



Owners Appreciation Day Luncheon



Goodwood Racing II (left) took advantage of the 100% increase in the Owners' Appreciation Day purses and sent out two-year-old Purple Egg for an 6 3/4 length win in a \$94,000 first level allowance race. The Lion Heart colt, may enter the Gr2 Nashua Stakes at Belmont November 4. Kentucky Derby prospect anyone?

The PTHA Supports the Following Candidates.

Please support them with your vote on November 6.

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But 78% “would stop betting if they knew horses were not treated well.” One could easily argue that banning Lasix, a medication that safely and effectively treats a condition suffered by the majority of racehorses, could be defined as not treating the horse well. After Lasix was permitted for raceday use in New York 16 years ago, the incidence of epistaxis following a race immediately dropped 76%. 23 How do you explain to racing’s fans a willingness to let 76% more horses suffer critical bleeding from the nostrils after they run, and put them at risk for a condition that, when severe enough to cause epistaxis, can be fatal?

“We know from a scientific and a medical perspective that furosemide is good for horses that race, but is it good for the business of racing? That paradox is one we’ve made an enormous effort to try to resolve. Fundamentally, we believe what’s good for the horse has to be good for racing.” Dr. Scott Palmer, past president of the AAEP

• In a *Daily Racing Form* article headlined, “Banning Lasix Won’t Stop the Bleeding,” Steven Crist said, “If you poll civilians about whether racing [or water polo, or your local crafts fair] would be better off without ‘performance-enhancing drugs,’ they will answer in the affirmative.

From personal experience, however, I see no evidence that this translates to Lasix keeping anyone away from racing. Over the last decade, I have conducted over 100 question-and-answer seminars with tens of thousands of fans and players at tracks and betting parlors across the country. The next one I meet who thinks Lasix is a major issue, or a reason not to play the races, will be the first.”

THE REAL ISSUE...

Those opposed to the use of Lasix trumpet they are concerned, first and foremost, with the welfare of the horse. But the arguments offered against the use of Lasix never address what is in the best interest of the horse.

Opponents are concerned about what the international racing community thinks, what the public thinks, the long-term effect on the breed, testing standards, etc. There isn’t a single argument that stresses the health and welfare of the horse.

The majority of horses bleed when under exercise induced stress. It is result of their physiology. EIPH affects performance horses of all breeds. It is a condition

that is at minimum uncomfortable and distressing for the horse, and, at maximum, fatal. The only way to eliminate EIPH completely is to shut down the racetracks and put all the horses out to pasture. That is not an option.

If there was a viable alternative to Lasix, the industry would embrace it. But opponents have no researched and reasoned plan for dealing with EIPH in the future. The thinking seems to be, “eliminate Lasix and somehow the horses will stop bleeding.” That’s not going to happen. There is a problem, and ignoring it isn’t the solution.

We do have a safe, effective treatment that allows horses to perform, not over and above their natural ability, but to the highest level their natural talent dictates. Until a better option is discovered, it is unarguably in the best interest of the horse--and, by extension, in the best interest of the sport and the industry--to alleviate EIPH with Lasix.

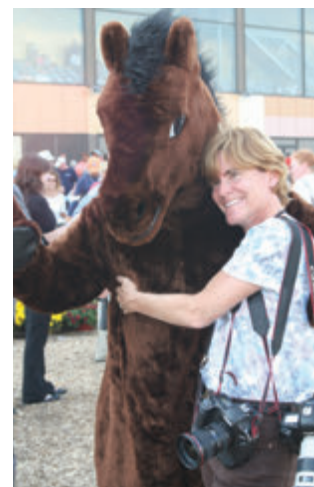
DID YOU KNOW... that on September 22, Parx had two Eclipse Award winning photographers in our midst?

Not only did our Super Saturday of the \$1 Million Gr1 Cotillion and the \$1 Million Gr2 PA Derby attract stellar fields of horses, trainers and jockeys, but our own Eclipse Award winning photographer Kim Pratt (difficult to find without a camera in front of her) and Barbara Livingston, author and photographer, were out shooting all day. Newsletter editor Barbara Luna happened to capture Livingston with Parx, the horse, while Pratt was a bit more evasive...

Special thanks to Kim, however, for her help with photos for the Parx Hall of Fame and the PTHA News!



Kim Pratt, above, with Rockport Harbor, won the 1985 Eclipse Award, while Barbara Livingston, right, won it in 1992 and 2001.





\$1 Million Cotillion and Bring Festival to



PTHA Board Member Phil Aristone and his wife, Sandy at PA Derby Day celebration.



Ramon Dominguez and connections of John Ricelli's Crushing, accepting a PTHA gift bag.



(Above) PTHA President Sal DeBunda joins Bob Green, Cal Lynch and family, and jockey Irad Ortiz, Jr. for the PA Derby trophy presentation. (Above, right) William Hogwood, Dr. Corinne Sweeney, and Joe Wilson.



Dick Jerardi and Chris Lincoln co-hosts of Philly 57's full coverage of the Cotillion S. and the PA Derby in their booth near the paddock. Caton Bredar and Bruce Casella were the other half of the team.



PTHA Executive Director Mike Ballezzi and Parx, the Horse, in the winners circle.



And \$1 Million PA Derby Exciting Finale



Shivananda Racing, whose favored Trinniberg was second in the Gallant Bob. The colt heads to the Breeders' Cup Sprint.



GSP Racing Stable's Well Spelled, winner of the \$300,000 Gallant Bob S., Pablo Fragosa aboard.



In the paddock before the Derby above; Cotillion winner My Miss Aurelia in the walking ring before the race (right).



JJ and Samm Graci, broadcasting It's Post Time live from the clubhouse (above). The Gleaves and Seahorse Stable and Bruce Hollander's Casaba in the barn Derby morning.



Northcote Enterprises Sweet As You Are, trained by David Dotolo, winning the \$100,000 Mrs. Penny Stakes on Pennsylvania Day at the Races on September 8.

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Congratulations from the PHBA!

	BREEDER	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY
\$100,000 Mrs. Penny S.				
Sweet As You Are	Northcote Enterprises	L.A. Thoroughbreds	David Dotolo	Angel Castillo
\$75,000 Banjo Picker Sprint S.				
Sloane Ranger	Vicky Schowe	Vicky Schowe	Martin Ciresa	Frankie Pennington
\$75,000 Marshall Jenney H.				
Closing Vision	Timothy Gardner	Happy Got Lucky St.	Scott Lake	Frankie Pennington
\$75,000 Roanoke Stakes				
Tujoes	Barbara Brown	Briardale Stable	Steve Klesaris	Angel S. Arroyo
\$75,000 Dr. Theresa Garafolo Memorial				
Spring Dance	James M. Courtney	James M. Courtney	Tim Kreiser	Angel R. Quinones



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Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain Rick Bunker

I will sing of the loving kindness of the LORD forever; To all generations I will make known Your faithfulness with my mouth. – Psalm 89:1

While reporting on an event where several people had already spoken and there were a couple on the program still scheduled to speak, Will Rogers said of the celebratory speechifying that, "Everything had already been said, but not everyone had said it."

These past many weeks have been filled with historic events worthy of the greatest celebrations. I have enjoyed the special race days, dinners, lunches, and dances. I have also learned much more about the history of this great racetrack and the people and organizations that made this commendable history. It has been good that these people and events were recounted and remembered even for those who know it best.

It is a true saying that repetition is the mother of education and if we are to know, to celebrate, to be encouraged by, and to learn from accomplishments of the past they must be oft repeated. I hope that there will be many opportunities every year to trumpet the triumphs earned and truths learned from the past. It is a great comfort, as we face the unknown of tomorrow, to be reminded of all that we have already overcome in the past. It should let us know that our God who does not change will surely help us through whatever is before us as well.

A portion of one of the most holy sections of Scripture, known as the Shema, tells us that: "these words... shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise" (Deuteronomy 6:6-7). God knew that we would forget and become fearful in the present if we did not constantly remind ourselves and one another of His faithfulness and goodness to us in generations past.

We are proceeding through the season known as fall, which the Encyclopedia Britannica says got this name because it is the time of year when the leaves fall from the trees; and, I would add the time of year when the temperature begins to drop and the sun begins to travel lower to the horizon through the sky. A time when we are told that we become ready to hibernate, withdraw and fall asleep. It need not be a time when positive recollecting and reflection would fall from our repertoire of healthy habits and practices.

Of course a more traditional title for the season is Harvest-time and some even think that autumn means season of harvest. This is what I hope will happen for us this fall. That we will harvest, that is bring in, look over, store up, and share the good memories and experiences and not let them just fall to the ground to be forgotten without learning and being edified by them.

This will help us prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday to be sure. As we look back with a positive attitude we will surely discover much to be thankful for.

When Robinson Crusoe was wrecked on his lonely isle, he drew up in two columns what he called the evil and the good. He was cast on a desolate island, but still alive—not drowned, as all his ship's company was. He was divided from mankind and banished from human society, but he was not starving. He had no clothes, but he was in a hot climate where he didn't need them. He was without means of defense, but he saw no wild beasts, such as he had seen on the coast of Africa. He had no soul to speak to, but God had sent the ship so near to the shore that he could get of it all things necessary for his wants. So he concluded that there was not any condition in the world so miserable but there was something negative or something positive to be thankful for in it.

May all of our experiences not 'fall to the ground' but that we are able to glean the purpose that God has in them for us.

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: ... He has made everything beautiful in its time" (Ecclesiastes 3:1+11).

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October 20, 2012
Registration 8 a.m. • Race starts 10 a.m.



Backstretch Views



‘Mariachi Man’ Lalo Cruz Brings Music to the Backstretch



When Eduardo Cruz was a boy living in the small railroad town of Coachiti in Central Mexico, his grandfather played in a mariachi band made up of a trio of guitarists. Young Eddie, or ‘Lalo’ as he is called, loved to sing, but was too shy to perform in front of a crowd. He could only sing out loud up in the mountains where his audience was only the family’s goats and cows that he cared for. His grandfather’s battery operated radio played the music of Elvis Presley, which Cruz memorized, writing the words phonetically until he learned English and understood the 50’s era love songs.

“I would go to church, and loved the music, wanting to sing there,” said Cruz. “That was what eventually taught me to be unafraid of singing in public.”

One time, he sat listening to his cousin, who was a member of a band, try to hit the high notes in a popular song, Sombras, or “Shadows.” Lalo was able to hit the correct notes, and his talents became well known.

One of seven brothers and two sisters, Cruz said his family was poor, and eventually moved to the United States, where his brothers and father took up trades like masonry, electric work, construction and landscaping in Texas. He and one of his brothers move to Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, near the American border, and started working on a racing Quarter Horse ranch, where he exercised the horses bareback.

With music still his passion, he continued singing in a cousin’s band in Waco, TX, and entering contests or auditions. His wife, Claudia, who he married in 2003, surprised him at one audition with the black, gold and white costume he still wears for his performances.

His experience with the Quarter Horses eventually led him to Philadelphia Park, where his mariachi performances have come full circle. Recently, Parx Racing’s Chaplain Rick Bunker invited Cruz to participate in services in the rec hall for backstretch employees.

He and Claudia both work on the backstretch, his wife with Steve Klesaris, and Eddie a freelance exercise rider.



Next Step--State Championship Soccer Shoot Out!

Ainslie Allen, 11-year-old daughter of PTHA board member Lisa Allen-Girard and trainer Randy Allen, has qualified for the State Soccer Shoot-Out.

As her father explained, a goal net is set up with square shaped targets numbered according to difficulty. The higher the square is on the net, the higher the score, as the difficulty in aiming increases with the height. Each contender kicks 15 soccer balls into the net, scoring as the ball meets the target.

Ainslie is in the 6th grade at St. Ephrem School in Bensalem.

She is the PA Elks Southeast District Champion, and will compete for the state title on Nov. 10th at Penn State.





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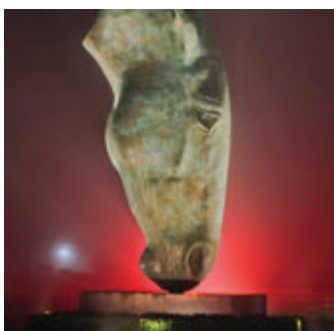




PTHA President Sal DeBunda and Turning For Home Program Administrator Barbara Luna accept a check for \$50,000 from Parx COO Joe Wilson (far left) and CEO Anthony D. Ricci. The PTHA's retirement program for its racehorses opened in May, 2008, and has safely retired 825 Thoroughbreds.

The donation was made during the unveiling of "Horse At Water," a sculpture by Nic Fiddian Green, which was imported from England and placed in front of Parx Casino near Street Road. The sculpture appears to float in mid-air, and is equally dramatic no matter what the weather or time of day.

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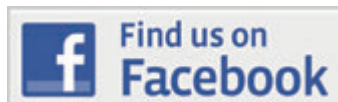
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All of us at Turning For Home would like to thank Dr. Tom Lurito for his devotion to the mission of our organization, and his time and patience in evaluating our horses at Parx Racing. Your efforts have helped us become a model program for other tracks!!!

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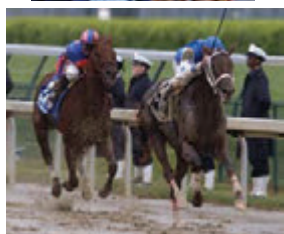
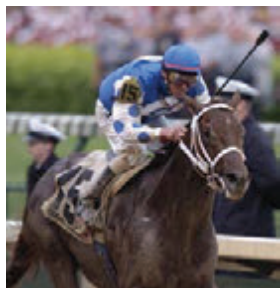
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