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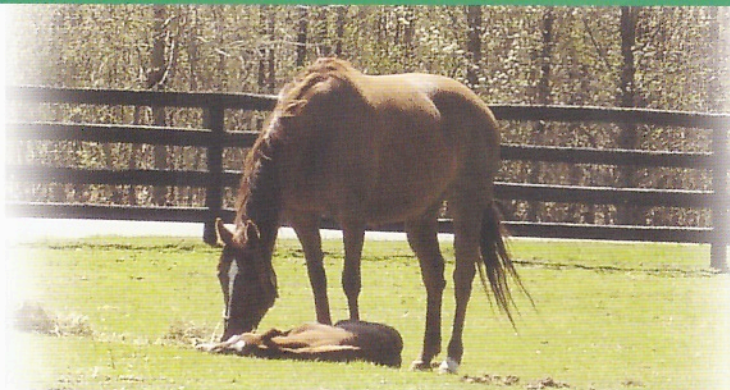


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On Thursday, May 3, 2007, the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horseman's Association's attorneys Pelino & Lentz filed a petition with the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board officially opposing the proposal by Greenwood Gaming, the owner of Philadelphia Park Casino and Racetrack, to have its temporary facility deemed permanent. The PTHA is seeking to require Greenwood to build the original stand-alone \$300 million casino it committed to during the licensing process. "Philadelphia Park's proposal is unacceptable and is a transparent attempt to avoid the financial investment it committed to as a condition of its gaming license," said Michael Ballezzi, Executive Director of the PTHA. "If the demand for slots at Philadelphia Park is as high as its owners maintain, then it should be making every effort to move ahead with construction of a stand-alone facility that can hold additional slots machines and will provide both slots and horseracing patrons with a complete entertainment experience."

President Larry Riviello said "We must take a stand to make Greenwood Gaming do what is right and fair for the horseman of Philadelphia Park. We've been pushed aside like horse racing doesn't belong here."

On June 5, 2007, the PTHA was granted the right to intervene in proceedings to determine whether the temporary slot-machine facility should be considered permanent. "We are pleased that the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board granted us the ability to be a party to the consideration of Philadelphia Park's proposal," said Mike Ballezzi. "Making the current conditions at the casino and track permanent would be a disaster. Philadelphia Park made a commitment to the commonwealth, to local residents, and to local governments that it would invest \$300 million in a new facility that would spur economic development and create new jobs. They should not be allowed to back away from that commitment."

The PTHA was happy to receive the news that Greenwood has withdrawn its petition before the Gaming Control Board that sought to have the current facility deemed permanent. Remaining guardedly optimistic, Mike Ballezzi stated, "This is great news if Greenwood Gaming has truly withdrawn the petition and plans to move forward with their original master plan for Philadelphia Park. There has been an outpouring of complaints about their intention to abandon the commitment in a new facility. We hope Greenwood's executives are responding to that concern and intend to adhere to the plans submitted in the original application to the Gaming Board. But given our past experience, we know that things are not always as they seem when Greenwood is involved," says Ballezzi. "I really hope this is not the case, but this could be just a ploy on Greenwood's part to avoid the timeline set by the Gaming Board for the submission of a new master plan. If true, it amounts to little more than Greenwood thumbing its nose at the Gaming Board, local residents who

have expressed concerns about conditions at the facility, and the horsemen we represent."

Ballezzi noted that Greenwood's legal counsel, at an earlier hearing, expressed concern about being able to meet the deadline of August 10th for the submission of a new master plan. "If they are withdrawing this proposal temporarily just to avoid the deadlines established by the Gaming Board, then Greenwood Gaming is more arrogant than I imagined," said Ballezzi. He noted that Philadelphia Park needs to be pressured to adhere to its original master plan and that Greenwood needs to do more to assist live racing given the delays in constructing a new facility. The PTHA has asked the Racing Commission to hold hearings about what Philadelphia Park is doing to improve live racing given schedule delays in the construction of a new facility, attendance declines at the track, and a significant drop in the live handle.

In other track news, purse increases were announced. Beginning July 14, Philadelphia Park will increase daily purses by almost 20% to about \$210,000 per day.

"With this increase, we tried to address some of our key races," said Director of Racing Sal Sinatra. "For instance, the maiden special weights have gone from \$28,000 to \$34,000, and the first-level allowances race will jump from \$30,000 to \$37,000. We're also pleased that we could bump several of our major stakes as we head toward the fall season."

"Many of our horsemen have labored long and hard to have an opportunity to compete for purses like this," said Mike Ballezzi. "News like this is nothing but positive for both them and their families."

Five stakes will see increased purses. The Turf Monster Handicap slated for September 3rd will go from \$150,000 to \$200,000. The Larry Riviello Presidents Cup run on September 15th will get an identical increase. Two stakes set for September 29th will see an increase. The Gallant Bob goes \$150,000 to \$250,000 and the My Juliet goes from \$150,000 to \$300,000 (which includes a \$50,000 Breeders Cup bonus). And finally, the Grade II Fitz Dixon Cotillion Handicap, placed on the calendar as a Breeders Cup prep on September 22nd, will offer a purse of \$750,000, up from \$500,000.

Ballezzi noted that one of the keys to maintaining the long-term livelihood of horseracing is attracting younger people to the racetrack by providing a quality product. "One of the major elements of the Pennsylvania Gaming Act was to enhance live horse racing in Pennsylvania," said Ballezzi. "But Philadelphia Park's entire philosophy of treating track patrons as second class citizens, combined with the abysmal conditions, is actually hurting live horseracing. This was clearly not the intent of the legislature or the Governor when they expanded slot machines to Pennsylvania's racetracks."

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Larry Riviello, President

Another disappointing year for the Triple Crown races, Curlin's victory over Street Sense in the Preakness means there will be no Triple Crown winner this year. Curlin's winning by a nose at the wire proved to be an exciting race. We all know that feeling, losing by a nose at the wire.

How about Rags to Riches beating Curlin by a head? History 102 years in the making. That's the stuff that keeps us all in the business.

Well, there's always next year.

Monday April 23, Insurance Committee meeting - Frank Spezzano and Harry Steitz, representing the IRUS Corporation and attorney Nancy Wasch met with executive director Michael Ballezzi, director Beth Ann Brown-Gambone, consultant Edward Simon, director Sal DeBunda on conference phone and yours truly. After a long discussion the IRUS representatives were to get back to us with another set of cost and coverage figures. As of now, no acceptable quote has been submitted.

Monday April 30, The Pennsylvania Horse Racing and Breeders Coalition met in Harrisburg. Under new business, was the discussion of merging the two racing commissions. The board agreed not to support a merger.

May 3rd the headlines read, "Horsemen seek to block Philadelphia Park's efforts to have facility deeded permanent". The PTHA filed an official opposition to the Greenwood Gaming, owner of Philadelphia Park Casino and Racetrack, proposal to make the grandstand their permanent facility. Our filing went to the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board to be heard.

Thursday, May 10th Mr. Paul Spears of the Standardbred Breeders of Pennsylvania prepared the letter to Governor Rendell informing him of the Coalition's position on the merger. The Coalition respectfully advocates that the independence of both racing commissions and their individual executive secretaries be preserved in their present form. The Coalition recommends that the two commissions continue to explore co-operative approaches to common issues such as drug testing and enforcement. The letter was signed by the entire membership of the Coalition.

Well done to John Servis for his 1,000th win in the 10th race on May 1st with the 4 year old filly Love for Pleasure, a Pa-Bred 4 year-old-filly owned by SMD, Ltd and bred by SMD, Ltd and William Schwartz.



Saturday, May 5th, a nice one for Barbara Geraghty and trainer Anthony Correnti for her homebred colt Power By Leigh winning the \$60,000 Guaranteed Lyman Sprint Handicap. Rider Jose Flores had the mount.



"FILLIES FOOT RACE FOR THE CURE"

May 13, 2007

Erluis Vaz

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Philadelphia Park



Saturday, May 12th, congratulations also go to Spring Water Farm, rider Vladimir Diaz and trainer John Randolph for winning the \$60,000 Guaranteed Pistol Packer Handicap with S W Aly'svalentine, bred by D and Mrs. Richard Reveley.

The Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association recently held their annual elections and the following members were voted into office: Peter Gianguilio is president, Francis J. Puleo is vice president, Roger E. Legg is secretary and Brian N. Sanfratello is treasurer. Robert A. Szezyller resigned as vice president. Congratulations and good luck to all in their endeavors.

May 13th, Mother's Day, was an exciting day for everyone at the track as it was the inaugural running of the Fillies Race for the Cure. What a day! The jockeys had a fifty-yard foot race out of the gate, there was a silent auction down by the paddock, T-shirts and hats were sold and more than \$7,000 was raised for breast cancer research and awareness. The special jockey race was won by Erluis Vaz, Nelson Calo placed and David Mello was in the show spot. There may have been a small infraction by Joanne McDaid, but Jose Flores did not file an objection.

The feature race on the card, the Fillies Race for the Cure, was won by Kenwood Racing's Exchanging Fire, trained by Stephen R. Mick and ridden by Rodrigo Madrigal, Jr. Many thanks to everyone who helped put this important fundraiser together. All in all, it was good fun for everyone.

Wednesday, May 16th Executive Director Michael Ballezzi made a presentation before the commissioners of the Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission. He called their attention to management's not conforming to our contract. Executive Director Mike Ballezzi addressed the commissioners during their monthly meeting to comment regarding

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our dissatisfaction in the performance of management at Philadelphia Park in, among other things, their handling of backside improvements. He also stressed concern about the continued decline in the "live handle". Last, certainly not least, were his comments regarding the limited accommodations for the racing patrons and owners at Philadelphia Park.

Thursday, May 24th the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association held their annual Iroquois Awards in Hershey, Pa. A lovely night, as usual, Mark, Dorothy and Robbie did a splendid job of putting everything together for a night of good fellowship and camaraderie. Congratulations to all the winners listed elsewhere in this edition.

Monday, May 28th Smart and Fancy showed her style in the 1st running of the \$100,000 guaranteed Turf Amazon Handicap going 5/8 on the turf. She is owned by Richard Frisina, trained by Anthony W. Dutrow and was ridden by Harry Vega.

Saturday, June 2nd the \$60,000 Pa Bred Caught in the Rain Handicap for three year olds and up going 1 mile and 70 yards was run. The always right there Raging Rapids, trained by Ramon Preciado and owned by Victory Thoroughbreds LLC, was in her favorite spot for the 4th time this year.

Saturday, June 9th the always popular \$60,000 Peppy Addy Stakes for three year old Pa Breds was renewed at 1 mile and 70 yards. The Dee Curry trained Mr. Boxcar, owned by Smarty's Gift Stable was the unanticipated winner.

Saturday, June 16th we had two great stakes fields. First up was the \$60,000 Pa Bred Russian Rhythm Handicap for fillies and mares three and up going 5/8 on the turf. Jet Away Jane, owned by Golden Oak Farm, LLC and trained by Thomas R. Miller was the popular winner. Next up

was the inaugural running of the \$100,000 guaranteed Jostle Stakes for three year old fillies at 6 1/2 furlongs. Cranes Racing Stable took away the win with their Akronism, trained by Timothy F. Ritchey.

Saturday, June 23rd the Foxy J G Stakes was contested over 1 mile and 70 yards. The Pennsylvania Bred \$60,000 for 3 year old fillies saw the Fiasco Farms, LTD filly Who's Happy take the purse. Trained by Tim Woolley the race capped a wonderful day of racing.



FILLIES RACE FOR THE CURE
Allowance / Purse - \$30,000

Kenwood Racing's
Stephen Mick, Trainer
Rodrigo Madrigal, Jr., Rider
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In the Spotlight



Geoff Moulton - A Hometown Hero Making A Difference

When Geoff Moulton started his healthy riding regime three years ago, after being diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes, he never thought he would become famous. He has not only become a famous "Hometown Hero" but he is making a difference in many lives. Wednesday, May 16, 2007 was designated LIVESTRONG Day in Pennsylvania, thanks to Geoff. He has also been named the Philly City Mentor for the 2007 LIVESTRONG Challenge. Busy working on the plans and details for the August 26th event, Geoff comments, "If we do the work, we will make a difference."

His tireless work and miles of riding have not only helped with fundraising, but he is also a passionate advocate for the three charities he supports. In 2006 he completed three rides for charities and with the help of his team of sponsors raised close to \$6,000. Goals are higher this year and he is looking forward to new challenges both in miles and fundraising. Geoff rides in the following events:

April	Horsham Rotary River Ride (Fun ride)
May	Tour de Cure (Diabetes) - over \$3,500 raised
July	American Cancer Society
August	LiveStrong Challenge Philadelphia (Cancer survivors) - Help Needed!
September	MS City to Shore (MS) - fundraising going well

More information about Geoff and his generous work can be found on his teams website, <http://www.the20muleteam.com>. When you visit this site, you can also find links for becoming a volunteer, participant and sponsor, as well as checking out the link to his blog. "I continue to do training rides as often as I can so that I will perform well during the rides", says this generous leader. Geoff has been married to his wife, Linda, for 40 years this September. The couple have two children, Maura and Michael and two grandchildren, Elias and Evangeline.

Geoff owns and operates a computer troubleshooting company, Diagnostic Tools, and serves as webmaster for the PTHA - <http://www.patha.org>.

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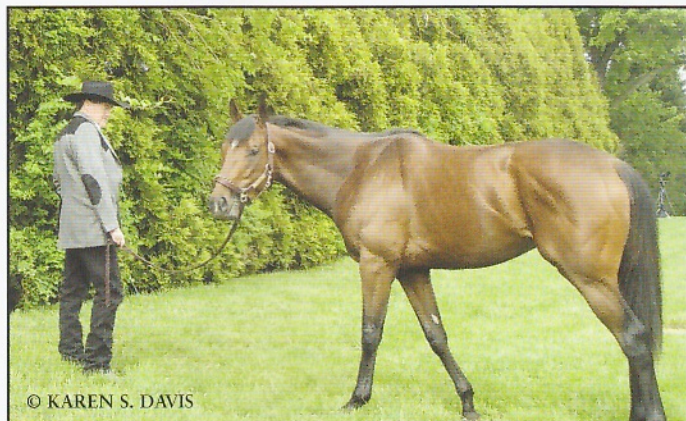
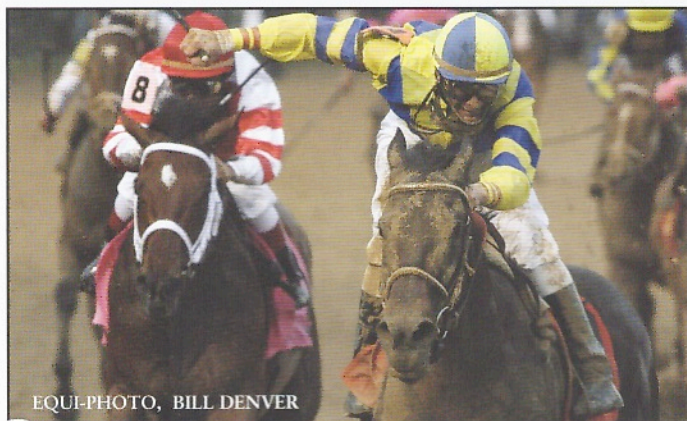
DATE	OWNER	HORSE	TRAINER
4/14/2007	Joseph Asbell	Sweet Salvation	Philip Aristone
4/21/2007	Par 3 Stables	Yes My Dear	Jayne Vaders
4/28/2007	Hope Racing Stable	Conqueror	Guadalupe Preciado
5/5/2007	Jimmy Bunch	Thisisfortheb	Scott Lake
5/12/2007	Pez Stable	Velvet Hope	Ronald Dandy
5/26/2007	Plumstead Stables	Sambumbe	Robert Seeger
6/2/2007	M. Dubb, S. Goldfarb & Cast of Characters	Johnny Bright Eyes	Anthony Dutrow
6/9/2007	Puts & Calls	Sandy Soiree	Carol Lynn LeVine
6/16/2007	Mainline Racing Stable	Philly Gal	John C. Servis
6/23/2007	Gumpster Stable, LLC	Harvest Lisa	Eberd Estrada

PENNSYLVANIA NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED IN TRIPLE CROWN SERIES 2004-2007

For the fourth straight year Pennsylvania Thoroughbred racing has been put in the national spotlight. In 2004 it was PA bred Smarty Jones, owned by the Chapmans Someday Farms in New Hope PA winning the Derby and Preakness; 2005 saw Afleet Alex, owned by Cash Is King Stables led by Chuck Zacney of Phoenixville PA, who won the Preakness and Belmont; 2006 Derby winner Barbaro was raised on his owners, the Jacksons, Lael Stables farm in West Grove PA. That brings us to 2007.

This year found two PA bred contenders on the Triple Crown trail. The 2006 PHBA champion 2-yr. old, Great Hunter, bred in Pennsylvania by Ivy Dell Stud is 3-4-1 in 10 starts win earnings of \$772,500. Great Hunter finished thirteenth in the Derby, skipped the Preakness and is currently sidelined with ankle chips he sustained while prepping for the Belmont. Trainer Doug O'Neill says he will be back in training after the surgery and an approximate 90 day recuperation.

Hard Spun finished a very close second in the Derby, third in the Preakness and fourth in the Belmont for Pennsylvania owner Rick Porter. With 9 Starts: 5 - 1 - 1, and winnings of \$1,043,470, Hard Spun was bred by Brushwood Stables Elizabeth Moran.



JACKSONS PRESENT BARBARO STAKES TROPHY

On May 20, 2006, Gretchen and Roy Jackson were anticipating a visit to the Pimlico Winners Circle with their Derby winner, Barbaro and his trainer, Michael Matz. Now, one year later, here they were presenting a trophy to Matz in honor of the horse all three cherished.

It seemed only natural to Roy and Gretchen Jackson that Chelokee, a three-year-old colt trained by Michael Matz, won the inaugural running of the \$100,000 Barbaro Stakes by 4 3/4 lengths at Pimlico Race Course. "We're very grateful it turned out the way it did," said Roy. "We're ecstatic that the first trophy goes to Centennial Farms and Michael. I don't think if I had written the script, I could write in any better."

The Jacksons were presented with a flag displaying their white, blue, and green stable colors, which was delivered to the track by Nick Burke, one of five parachutists from the Wings of Blue, the United States Air Force Academy's parachute team. The bottom of the flag read, "Barbaro...a nation's horse."





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Take Control with a Retirement Strategy

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When asked, most people continue to say that retirement is their most important financial goal. We all know we can't work this hard forever. With all the new retirement program incentives, the federal government is clearly telling us that we need to be more self-reliant. Yet, when it comes to actually doing something about retirement, many of us say things like:

- *I've got too many other financial needs between now and retirement.*
- *I've got a pretty good mental picture of what I need to do, so I don't need anything formal.*
- *Retirement is a long time off-I've got plenty of time to get serious.*
- *I'm about to retire-there's nothing I can do at this point to change things.*

So why do so many Americans not have a retirement strategy? Very often, it simply comes down to procrastination.

In a recent study, 57% of participants said they felt more confident about meeting their retirement goals once they had a strategy in place. Source: Retirement Confidence Survey, Employee Benefits Research Institute - April, 2004.

Yet, it is often those journeys that are most daunting to begin that are most rewarding to complete. The confidence to begin can come from something as simple as a vision of where the road leads and a road map to take us there.

That's what a retirement strategy is all about. It's the roadmap that shows us where to go, provides signposts along the way, and gets us back on track if we make a wrong turn. With a retirement strategy in hand, you have a better chance of getting where you want to be in the years to come-without it you may be wandering the wilderness or, worse yet, remain stuck in the same place you are today.

Conflicting Financial Priorities

Especially for young people starting out, other financial needs like saving for a down payment on a home, taking a family vacation, or paying for a child's college education can seem more pressing than saving for retirement.

But, that's why a retirement strategy is so essential. A retirement strategy doesn't ignore these important financial objectives-it prioritizes them along with saving for retirement. A retirement strategy helps you decide whether you can really afford the home of your dreams or another more modest one; guides you among the confusing array of college savings alternatives; and gives you an idea of the cash that may be available to enjoy along the way.

A retirement strategy puts you in the driver's seat and starts you on your journey to help you retire with confidence.

I Don't Need Anything Formal

You need a mental picture, a vision, of where you want to be in retirement, no doubt about it. But, without a formal plan for getting there, that mental picture or vision is no more than a good intention, and we all know where the road littered with good intentions leads.

Your retirement strategy is the formal plan that transforms good intentions into concrete objectives and tactics to help achieve them. Just as importantly,

the formality of a retirement strategy lends itself to monitoring and updates to reflect career changes, shifts in the economy, and modifications to the tax law.

Instead of seeing your retirement strategy as something fixed and rigid, think of it as organic and flexible.

I've Got Plenty of Time

When you're in your thirties or forties, retirement can feel like it's a long time off. But ask anyone who is looking the "Big 50" in the eye, and they'll tell you it sneaks up on you fast.

To put it in perspective, think about this. To save \$1 million by age 65, a 25 year-old needs to put away about \$500 per month, assuming he or she can earn 6 percent interest in a tax deferred account. On the other hand, a 50 year-old needs to save a little over \$3,400 per month to reach the same goal.

A retirement strategy helps you figure out how much you'll need to retire on and how much you'll need to sock away to get there. A retirement strategy takes into account how long you have until retirement and how you feel about investment risk.

It's never too soon to start and it doesn't get any easier the longer you wait.

I'm about to Retire

People who are nearing retirement often feel that it's too late to do anything. With people living longer, they don't realize that they could actually wind up spending one third of their life in retirement. National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 6, United States Life Tables 2002, November 10, 2004. The truth is there's plenty that can and should be done.

A retirement strategy helps you decide when to begin receiving Social Security and how to take distributions from employer-sponsored plans. A retirement strategy is essential for consolidating and repositioning assets as you move from an accumulation mode to a spending mode.

Another important consideration-people used to think of retirement as a one time event. Thanks to today's advances in medicine and medical technology, we're living longer, healthier lives. Reaching what used to be considered retirement age-one's mid-sixties-is not the end of the line, but more likely the beginning of a new journey. One for which a road map-a retirement strategy-can come in handy.

Bottom Line

There are plenty of reasons not to diet, exercise, or begin a good book. There are also plenty of reasons not to do something about your retirement.

But, thinking about retirement doesn't have to be overwhelming. You can take control with a formal retirement strategy.

A licensed financial professional can get you started today. ■

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Race Date	Track	Name of Race	Eligibility	Distance
Fri May 6	Phila Pk	Lyman Sprint H.	3YO & Up, c & g	6 Fur
Wed May 11	Penn Nat	Danzig S.	3YO, c & g	6 Fur
Fri May 13	Phila Pk	Pistol Packer H.	3YO & Up, f & m	6 Fur
Wed May 18	Penn Nat	Wonders Delight S.	3YO, fillies	6 Fur
Fri Jun 3	Phila Pk	Caught in the Rain S.	3YO & Up, f & m	1 M 70 yds
Fri Jun 10	Phila Pk	Peppy Addy S.	3YO, c & g	1 M 70 yds
Fri Jun 17	Phila Pk	Russian Rhythm H.	3YO & Up, f & m	5 Fur - Turf
Fri Jun 24	Phila Pk	Foxy J G S.	3YO, fillies	1 M 70 yds
Wed Jul 6	Penn Nat	Watchman's Warning S.	3YO & Up	1 1/16 M
Pennsylvania's Day At The Races - Philadelphia Park - Saturday, July 28th				
Fri Jul 29	Phila Pk	Camac Memorial H.	3YO & Up	5 Fur - Turf
Fri Jul 29	Phila Pk	Flatterer H. - Steeplechase	3YO & Up	2 1/16 M Hurdle
Fri Jul 29	Phila Pk	Ambassador of Luck H.	3YO & Up, f & m	6 1/2 Fur
Fri Jul 29	Phila Pk	Mrs. Penny S.	3YO & Up, f & m	1 1/16 M - Turf
Fri Jul 29	Phila Pk	Devil's Honor H.	3YO & Up	6 Fur
Fri Jul 29	Phila Pk	Smarty Jones Classic	3YO & Up	1 1/16 M
Fri Jul 29	Phila Pk	Northern Fling H.	3YO & Up, PA-Sired f & m	1 1/16 M
Fri Jul 29	Phila Pk	Ga Hai H.	3YO & Up, PA-Sired f & m	6 Fur
Fri Jul 29	Phila Pk	Captain My Captain H.	3YO & Up, PA-Sired	6 Fur
Fri Jul 29	Phila Pk	Nepal H.	3YO & Up, PA-Sired	1 1/16 M - Turf
Wed Aug 31	Penn Nat	Betty's Hat S.	3YO & Up, f & m	1 M - Turf
Fri Sep 9	Phila Pk	Power By Far H.	3YO & Up	6 Fur
Thu Sep 22	Prsq Isle	Malvern Rose S.	3YO & Up, f & m	6 1/2 Fur
Thu Sep 22	Prsq Isle	First Approach S.	3YO & Up, f & m	1 1/16 M
Thu Sep 22	Prsq Isle	Presidentialaffair S.	3YO & Up	6 1/2 Fur
Thu Sep 22	Prsq Isle	Willy Wank S.	3YO & Up	1 1/8 M
Thu Sep 22	Prsq Isle	Cozy Lace S.	3YO, fillies	6 Fur
Thu Sep 22	Prsq Isle	Lil E. Tee S.	3YO, c & g	6 Fur
Thu Sep 22	Prsq Isle	Lil E. Tee S.	2YO, c & g	5 1/2 Fur
Fri Sep 30	Phila Pk	High Yield S.	2YO, c & g	1 1/16 M - Turf
Fri Oct 7	Phila Pk	Alphabet Soup H.	3YO & Up	5 Fur
Wed Oct 19	Penn Nat	Blue Mountain Juvenile S.	2YO, fillies	5 Fur
Fri Oct 21	Phila Pk	Bless Me Twice S.	3YO & Up, f & m	5 1/2 Fur
Fri Nov 4	Phila Pk	Docent H.	3YO & Up	1 1/8 M
Fri Nov 25	Phila Pk	Pennsylvania Nursery S.	2YO, c & g	7 Fur
Fri Dec 2	Phila Pk	Eavesdrop S.	2YO, fillies	6 Fur
Fri Dec 9	Phila Pk	Le Grand Pos H.	3YO & Up	5 Fur

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GREAT HUNTER

Bred by Phil Fanning's Ivy Dell Stud

(c., 2004, by Aptitude - Zenith, by Roy)

Great Hunter won the G1 Breeders Futurity at Keeneland, was second in the G2 Del Mar Futurity, the G2 Best Pal S., and third in the G1 Breeders Cup Juvenile and the G3 Hollywood Juvenile. He was never off the board in seven starts, and was ranked at 123 pounds on the 2006 Experimental Handicap.

PA-Bred Champion Two Year Old Filly

CAJUN HOTTIE

Bred by Ron Glorioso and Mark Rosen

(f., 2004, by Dixieland Heat - Hot Little Dish, by Turkey Shoot)

She won three of her final four starts of the year, and capped her season with a five length score in the Blue Mountain Juvenile S. at Penn National, earning \$47,010.

PA-Bred Champion Three Year Old Colt or Gelding

ARSON SQUAD

Bred by Dr. Donald Dreyfuss' E & D Enterprises

(g., 2003, by Brahms - Majestic Fire, by Green Dancer)

He won four of ten starts, along with three thirds, earning \$384,450, with victories in the G2 Swaps Breeders Cup S. at Hollywood Park, and the San Pedro S. at Santa Anita.

PA-Bred Champion Three-Year-Old Filly

HAILIE'S GIRL

Bred by Carmello Zappulla's Kimberlite Farm

(f., 2003, by Lucky North - Invitetheblues, by Cure the Blues)

She repeats as a Pennsylvania divisional champion, winning four of 11 starts, including a win in the Foxy J. G. S. at Philadelphia Park, and seconds in the Miss Woodford H. at Monmouth, the Ambassador of Luck H. at Philadelphia Park, and the Wonders Delight at Penn National.

PA-Bred Champion Older Male

MASTER COMMAND

Bred by Brushwood Stable (Elizabeth Moran)

(horse, 2002, by A. P. Indy - Lady Lochinvar, by Lord At War)

He won three of seven starts, earning \$466,098, with victories in the G2 Meadowlands Breeders Cup and the G3 Donald Schaeffer Handicap at Pimlico, and a third place finish in G3 Iselin Breeders Cup Handicap at Monmouth Park.

PA-Bred Champion Older Female

S W ALY'S VALENTINE

Bred by Rich and Gale Reveley

(f., 2002, by Malibu Moon - S W Phoebe, by Allen's Prospect)

She too is a repeat PA-Bred divisional champion, with three wins and a third in seven starts, including victories in the Katteget's Pride S. at Laurel, the Ambassador of Luck H. at Philadelphia Park, and the Missy Good S. at Penn National, for seasonal earnings of \$145,920.

Turf Horse of the Year

HEAVENLY RANSOM

Bred by Brushwood Stable (Elizabeth Moran) and sold as a yearling for \$22,000 at Keeneland

(f., 2002, by Red Ransom - Heavenly Cat, by Tabasco Cat)

She won three of four 2006 starts early in the year, all on the grass, including the G3 Wilshire H. at Hollywood Park, getting a mile in 1:33. Her 2006 bankroll was \$132,520.

Jumper of the Year

MIXED UP

Bred by William Pape and Jonathan Sheppard

(g., 1999, by Carnivalay - Oh Nonsense, by Oh Say)

This veteran won three of seven starts - the G1-NSA New York Turf Writers at Saratoga, the Flatterer S. at Philadelphia Park, and the Marcellus Frost at Percy Warner, while earning \$204,900. 2006 was his second consecutive PA-Bred championship season.

PA-Bred Claiming Horse of the Year

RAGING RAPIDS

Bred by Fiasco Farms, Ltd. (Juanita Bennett)

(m., 2001, by Roanoke - Enraged, by Pine Bluff)

She was claimed for \$10,000 in April, and through year's end, won seven races, including a five length score in the Pistol Packer H. at Philadelphia Park for Victory Thoroughbreds and trainer Ramon Preciado.

Broodmare of the Year

TURKISH TRYST

Owned by Brushwood Stable (Elizabeth Moran)

(m., 1991, by Turkoman - Darbyvail, by Roberto)

She is the dam of HARD SPUN (4 wins in 4 starts, \$160,970), OUR RITE OF SPRING (3 wins, \$141,000), and stakes placed Wild Current (7 wins, \$273,218).

Leading Award Recipient Pennsylvania Breeding Fund

THOMAS N. REIGLE

Total Awards Earned - \$139,206

For over twenty years, Reigle and his wife Ann operated Reigle Heir Farm in Grantville, standing several of the state's leading stallions while there. It was mainly through stallion awards earned by the offspring of them that Reigle was able to collect \$129,339 in stallion awards, and another \$9,867 in breeder awards.

Leading Overall Breeder of Pennsylvania-Breds

BRUSHWOOD STABLE (Elizabeth Moran)

Total Earnings - \$998,659

One of the leading commercial breeders in North America and headquartered in Malvern, Chester County, Brushwood was the breeder of the earners of \$998,659 last year, headed by Master Command (\$466,098). Another Brushwood-bred is Hard Spun, undefeated to this point in his four race career, and an early favorite for the 2007 Kentucky Derby.

Pennsylvania's Stallion of the Year

PATTON

(h., 1991, by Lord At War - Slew Me Down, by Seattle Slew)

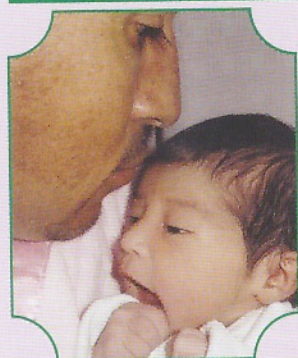
For the second time in the past three years, he led the list of Pennsylvania stallions in progeny earnings with at least one crop of Pennsylvania-Breds at the races. Prior to his relocation to Castle Rock Farm for 2007, he stood at Reigle Heir, then Regal Heir Farms.



L-R Larry Riviello, Mike Ballezzi, Mark McDermott, Todd Mostoller, Joe Santanna

BACKSIDE *View*

Long timer E.T. Garcia is home from the hospital after a bout with pneumonia. Wife Hilda and daughter Annie are there to dote on him. You know he'll try to sneak off to the track, he's a tough man to keep down.



Take a look at this cutie! **Samantha Rossana Estrada** beautiful daughter of Eberd and Rossana weighed in at 5 lbs 13 oz and a whopping 19 3/4 inches long, she was a delight to see on June 3rd at 11:55 a.m. Eberd, you did good!

Trainer Carl Jones is back from Dallas, TX after spending a week preparing for his Southwest Airlines Ground Operations test. He passed with an admirable 98.7%. He made arrangements through his schedule so that he will be able to keep training his horses every morning (he has 9). Sounds like a pretty full plate. That's Carl with both of his arms on the railing at the top of the steps.



On a sad note, we lost Stephen Neczypor recently. Those of us that knew him remember his charming ways, he spoke kindly to each of us and was a wealth of information about so much. During the PTHA elections he was depended upon to keep the rules according to the ByLaws and Robert's Rules of Order. He held court in the track kitchen every race day. Steve is sadly missed.

If you have news to report please contact the PTHA office and we may get it in a future edition.

IN MEMORY - JOSEPH DANIERO

Joseph Daniero was a first class owner of thoroughbred horses and he will be greatly missed. He enjoyed all aspects of the racing business including being an owner and breeder. Joseph served on the PTHA Board of Directors for six years, from 1992 - 1998, as treasurer. We could always depend on him to give competent, understandable advice and solutions. Joseph worked for over thirty years at Delaware Investments in Philadelphia.

Of all of his accomplishments in the industry, he is probably best remembered for his star thoroughbred, Batty, trained by Suzanne Jenkins. As a two-year-old, Batty won the 1987 Remsen Stakes (G-1), Malus Stakes, World's Playground Stakes, and Locust Stakes. He was second in the Comet Stakes and third in the Mayflower Stakes. At 3 he was third in the Woodbury Stakes and Iberis Stakes. His winnings totaled \$250,308 in 15 starts: 5 - 1 - 3. A good amount in 2007, but really nice earnings in the 80's.

This was an exciting time in Joe's life and provided thrills for the rest of us who knew him. We all search for that one Big Horse and Joe got him. Memorial donations may be made to Carolina House, In Memory of Joe Daniero, 176 Lassiter Homestead Road, Durham NC 27713.

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By Chaplain Jack Cordell



A BATTLE OF WILLS

Jockeys and exercise riders amaze me. Day after day they mount half-ton animals to use their skill and just plain guts to ride those creatures around the oval at high speeds. But who's in control, the rider or the horse? When I first came to the track, I thought the rider was always in control until I watched some very talented riders on some very difficult horses. To become a winner, the horse must be willing to obey the rider. Of course, this delicate dance includes the wishes of the trainer. If the horse cooperates with the rider and the trainer, surely good things can happen. The will of the horse is crucial. In short, it's often a battle of wills.

Here's another lesson for life from the racetrack. In his prayer to the father, Jesus said, "not my will, but yours be done." Those were not idle words. Jesus was facing death on a cross, but was willing to forego his wishes to obey the will of the father and endure profound suffering for us. The world around us urges us to do our own thing, regardless of how it might impact others or ourselves. If it makes us feel good, we must do it. Living by that narrow, selfish credo leaves a trail of destruction in its wake. In contrast, doing what God wants for us leads to strength and happiness.

Who's in control, God or you? If I demand the control and ignore the consequences, I will be a loser. When I give over the reins of my life to God, true happiness follows. Whose will do you prefer — yours, or God's? How you decide will bring happiness or heartache, contentment or contention. It's up to you. "Not my will, but yours be done." ■



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