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Ten Years in the Making

Bringing slots to Pennsylvania

Pewter Stables Smokin Nails, trained by Kate DeMasi breaks her maiden by nine lengths on July 26, 2005 for \$14,184. December 15, 2006, when the slots are up and running in the temporary location at Philly Park, this same race would pay approximately \$18,900.

Plans take form

Ten years ago, Larry Riviello, PTHA President, Michael Ballezzi, Executive Director, Sal DeBunda, Vice President, Lobbyist Steve Wojack and Senator Vincent Fumo began crafting legislation to bring slots to Pennsylvania. They worked tirelessly over the past ten years with the result of improving horseracing in Pennsylvania as their goal.

Tax relief from slots

In 2002, while campaigning, Governor Ed Rendell makes the pairing of gambling revenue with property tax the major issue of his campaign.

Rendell signs Slot Bill into law

Governor Ed Rendell signed laws at Philadelphia Park on Monday, July 5, 2004 allowing 61,000 slot machines in the state at 14 sites, including seven racetracks.

The state's share of revenue from slots will be used to cut property tax rates by about 20%.

"It isn't a panacea, but it certainly isn't the demon it's been made out to be," Rendell, who made slot machines a focal point of his 2002 election campaign, told the Associated Press.

The law will allocate slots to existing and pre-approved Thoroughbred tracks and one new harness track. The four tracks already in operation in Pennsylvania are Philadelphia Park, Penn National Race Course; Pocono Downs harness track, and The Meadows harness track.

Two proposed tracks have been granted licenses-Chester Downs and Marina, which will partner with Harrah's Entertainment Inc., and MTR Gaming's Presque Isle Downs near Erie. Two additional track licenses are still up for grabs.

The licensing process could take up to 1 1/2 years, but racetrack owners will be able to apply for conditional licenses in order to move ahead with construction of slots parlors.

The state House of Representatives approved the measures on the morning of

July 4. The Senate approved the slots bill on July 2 and the property tax measure on July 3.

Following the vote, Sen. Vincent J. Fumo, the Philadelphia Democrat who was one of the bill's chief architects, said that the billions of dollars that Pennsylvanians gamble in other states, such as New Jersey, would come home to roost and create countless jobs. "This is a competitive decision we're faced with, we're keeping our money inside our borders," Fumo said.

Pennsylvania is the 18th state to legalize slot machine gambling, according to the American Gaming Association.

Slots applicants named

PA Gaming Control Board received 25 application submissions for operator licenses. State gambling regulators released a list of hundreds of investors, executives and companies that have a hand in the 25 applications for licenses to operate slot machine parlors in Pennsylvania.

Gaming board adopts tougher ethics code

State gambling officials say a strengthened ethics policy will make their decisions on awarding slots licenses more transparent, guided by due process and less vulnerable to lawsuits.

PA Gaming Control Board approves six manufacturer licenses

The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board voted unanimously to award licenses to six companies that filed applications to be manufacturers of slot machines and associated equipment. All six licenses are subject to a series of 40 conditions set by the Board to ensure that the requirements of the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act and Board regulations are met.

Board issues temporary license

On September 27, 2006, Philadelphia Park was granted a temporary gaming license. This will allow work in the Grandstand to move ahead with the installation of 2,000-2,500 slot machines. The slots are expected to be ready for customers to start playing on December 15, 2006.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Larry Riviello, President

Tuesday, August 15th - The Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association Benefits Committee met. In my opinion, this is one of the most important committees. In attendance, Executive Director Ballezzi, Sal DeBunda, Connie Youmans, Ed Simon, attorney Nancy Wasch and yours truly.

The goal of the Benefit Committee is to provide the best insurance obtainable to eligible trainers, their families and to their employees at no or minimal cost to the trainers. Then to provide eligible trainers and their employees with a retirement benefit from the PTHA.

Friday, September 1st - The annual pig roast. As usual great food, good music, a real get together for a fun day. Make sure you plan to be there next year.

Tuesday, September 5th - The Steve Van Buren Handicap, \$100,000 Guaranteed for Fillies and mares going 7 furlongs was captured by Splended Blended, owner Peter Vegso and trainer William Mott.

Tuesday, September 18th - The Pennsylvania Breeders Advisory Board held a conference call to discuss raising the Owner Bonus Award to 35% at Philadelphia Park and 30% at Penn National. The Board agreed it was time.

Saturday, September 23rd - A picture perfect day for racing, sunny & clear, perfect turf conditions. The Larry R. Riviello President's Cup Stake, \$100,000 Guaranteed was contested on the turf, this was the first time this race was run on the turf at a distance of 1 1/8 miles. The winner, Interpatation, a 4 year old gelding ran it in 1:51.95. It certainly put smiles on the faces of owner Elliott Mavorah, trainer Robert Barbara and jockey Tom G. Turner.

Local trainer Ramon Preciado and owner Victory Thoroughbreds finished third with Just Thunder losing second by a head to Great Try.

I was privileged to present the winning trophy to trainer Robert Barbara.

I wish to publicly thank management and my horsemen and horsewomen for bestowing the honor of posting a race in my name.

Wednesday, September 27th - The Gaming Control Board headed by board chairman Tad Decker awarded temporary slot licenses to Philadelphia Park, Pocono Downs, The Meadows and Penn National. Slots should be operational at Philadelphia Park sometime around December 11th to the 27th. I'll see you at the slot machines. Good Luck!!!

My deepest gratitude is extended to everyone who contributed to our success in achieving slots in Pennsylvania. Thanks again.

I thank Governor Rendell for having the wisdom and foresight to know the importance of slot revenues for the State of Pennsylvania and the horse racing industry.

Saturday, October 7th - What a day for racing at Philadelphia Park! The \$50,000 Pennsylvania Bred Pistol Packer Handicap for fillies & mares 3 years old and upward, then the 16th running of the \$100,000 Gallant Bob Handicap for three year olds, and the 37th running of the \$500,000 G-2 Fitz Dixon Cotillion Breeders' Cup Handicap for three year old fillies. That race was renamed to include the late Fitz Dixon.

The Pistol Packer was taken by trainer Ramon Preciado's Raging Rapids, for owner Victory Thoroughbreds, LLC.

Diabolical took the Gallant Bob Handicap for owner Puglisi Stables & Steve Klesaris, trained by Steve Klesaris.

India put on one great show to win the G-2 Cotillion for owner Lyon stable & trainer Todd A. Pletcher.

Congratulations to all three sets of connections.

Wednesday, October 11th - The second meeting of the Pennsylvania Racing Breeders Coalition met in Harrisburg. In attendance: Larry Riviello, Pres. PTHA; Michael P. Ballezzi, Ex. Dir. PTHA; Edward Simon, Statistician PTHA; Todd Mosteller, PHBPA Ex. Dir; Paul Spears, Ex. Dir. Standardbred Breeders of Pa; Ron Battoni, Ex. Dir. Pennsylvania Harness Horsemen's Assn; Peter Giangulio, Pres. Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Assn.; Mark McDermott, Ex. Dir. PHBA; Michael Allen, PTHA attorney.

Congratulations to our PTHA Executive Director Mike Ballezzi for being unanimously elected as the first chairman of Pennsylvania Horse Racing and Breeders Coalition. The nomination was made by Mark McDermott, seconded by Ron Battoni and unanimously approved.

Chairman Ballezzi then established two committees:

Lobbyist and Marketing Committee - members Mark McDermott, Paul Spears and Mike Ballezzi.

Health Care & Pension Committee - members Ron Battoni, Todd Mosteller and Mike Ballezzi.

Mark McDermott moved to use the name Pennsylvania Horse Racing and Breeders Coalition. Peter Giangulio moved to have quarterly meetings.

With the slot revenue in place we hit a homerun with the bases loaded. We now must make sure we touch all bases. Your Pennsylvania Horse Racing and Breeders Coalition will fulfill this obligation.

I was talking to Keith Jones our track announcer. Keith is in good spirits and doing well after his surgery. We all sincerely wish him a speedy recovery.

Congratulations to Nick Santagata on his 4,000th winner. While he wanted to make this memorable event at Philadelphia Park with all his friends around him, he earned his milestone at Penn National. Still, he was happy to make it. ■

Thought of the Day
You will discover the truth in time.

From the desk of the Executive Director **Michael Ballezzi, Esq.**



Perhaps it is time to openly debate whether the Pennsylvania Horse Racing Commission's application of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's zero tolerance drug policy is unnecessarily restrictive, biased, excessively punitive and unjust.

Perhaps it is time to openly acknowledge that the PHRC is enforcing 19th century standards with 21st century technology.

Perhaps it is time to openly question the PHRC's zero tolerance drug policy that calls as positive 11 ng/ml of benzoylecgonine (BZE) cocaine, as was recently called by the PHRC laboratory.

Perhaps it is time to remind the PHRC that a nanogram (ng) is one billionth of a gram or to put this infinitesimally small amount in perspective, one nanogram can be compared to one second in the life of a 32 year old. Has anyone heard of environmental contamination? Perhaps it is time to ask the PHRC if it can warrant that its detention barns, employees and licensees are drug free and have not contributed to possible environmental contamination.

Perhaps it is time to openly compare PHRC's zero tolerance drug policy with other racing jurisdictions that have established thresholds for drugs above zero when those tolerance levels are shown to be non-performance enhancing. This is the case in Florida, Ohio, California, Louisiana, Illinois, Indiana and other racing jurisdictions which have established 150 ng/ml of cocaine as the minimum threshold to be considered a positive.

Perhaps it is time that the PHRC review the rules, regulations and laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that have established less than 150 ng/ml of cocaine as non-actionable for the most security sensitive employees and less than 300 ng/ml for all other Commonwealth employees.

Perhaps it is time to request the PHRC review carefully and thoroughly a drug policy that places at jeopardy the licenses, reputations, and businesses of professional horsemen and horsewomen.

Perhaps it is time to review carefully and thoroughly a drug policy that utilizes the "absolute insurer" rule to hold horsemen completely responsible without an iota of quantitative

consideration prior to calling a positive often resulting in loss of purse and unwarranted suspensions and fines.

Perhaps it is time to be clear that the PHRC is not being asked to diminish or weaken its strong vigilant policy against those who would compromise and ruin our industry through illicit doping practices. But rather to reconsider the policy which calls as positive drug levels which are clearly deminimus and consequently have no effect whatsoever on racing performance, the outcome of a race or the betting public.

It is time that the PHRC adopt a drug policy that is consistent with those racing jurisdictions that acknowledge non-performance enhancing thresholds and withdrawal times as fair, reasonable and in the best interest of racing.

But most importantly, it is time for the Pennsylvania Horse Racing Commission to participate in an open and honest dialogue with horsemen and horsewomen throughout the Commonwealth, free from the cloak and dagger attitude that horsemen are the bad guys and that the Commission is the omnipotent know it all for justice and righteousness. ■



10/21/06 Executive Director, Mike Ballezzi, discusses medication issues with PTHA members

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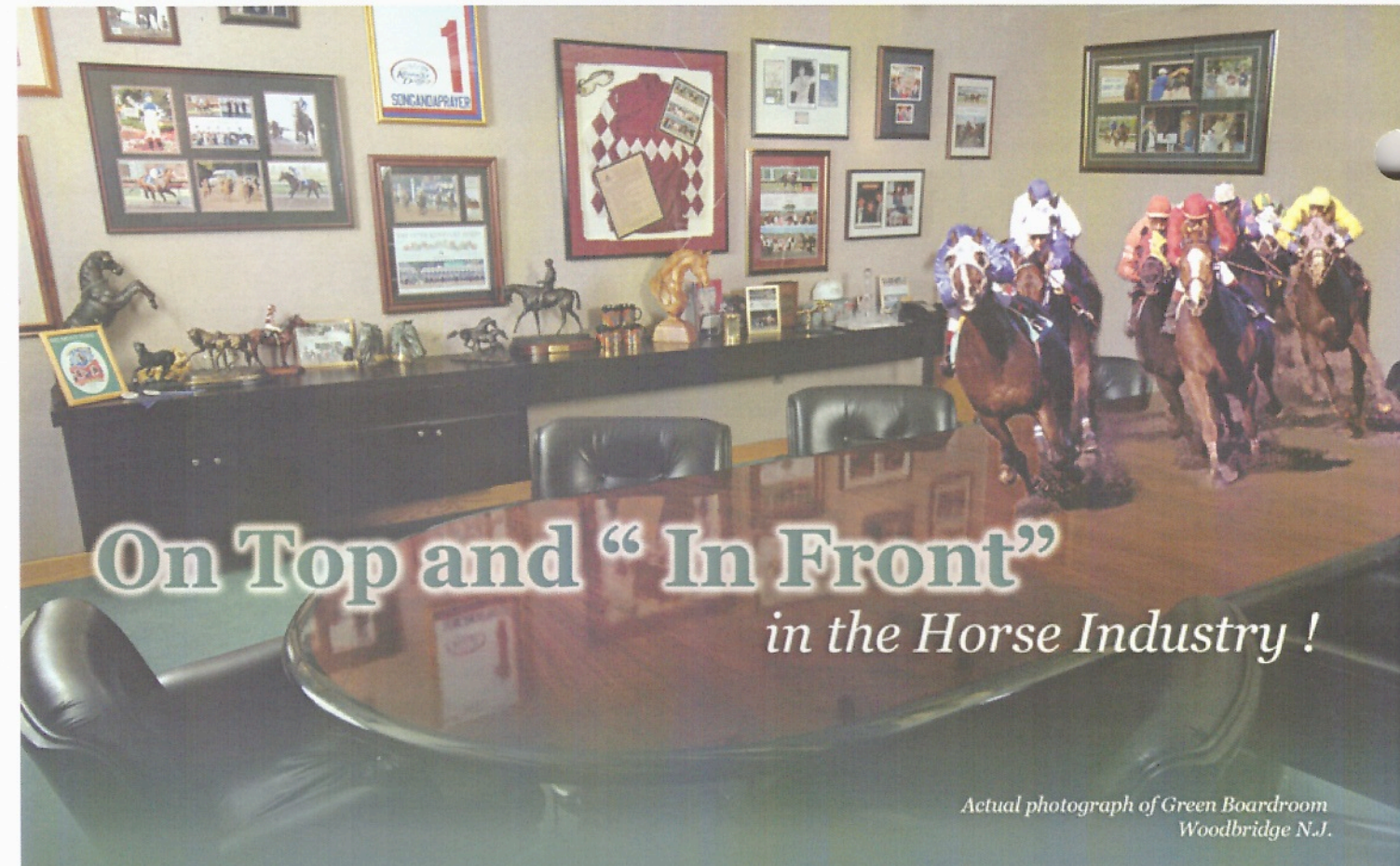
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I. HORSE FARMING - A BUSINESS OR A HOBBY?

A. General Explanation

Section 183 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) provides that a taxpayer cannot deduct expenses of an activity, which are greater than the income from that activity if the activity is "not engaged in for profit". In other words, losses from an activity deemed to be a HOBBY cannot be deducted against income from other sources.

In determining whether an activity is engaged in for profit, all facts and circumstances with respect to the activity are taken into account. Although a reasonable expectation of profit is not required, the facts and circumstance must indicate that the taxpayer entered into the activity or continued the activity with the objective of making a profit.

B. Factors Used to Determine Character of the Activity

In determining whether or not an activity is engaged in for profit, the IRS regulations list certain factors, which are to be considered. No one factor is controlling.

- \$ Whether the taxpayer carries on the activity in a business-like manner.
- \$ The expertise of the taxpayer and his advisors.
- \$ The time and effort expended by the taxpayer in carrying out the activity.
- \$ Expectations that assets used in the activity may appreciate in value.
- \$ The success of the taxpayer in carrying on other similar or dissimilar activities.
- \$ The taxpayer's history of income or losses with respect to the activity.

\$ The amount of profits in relationship to losses and to the relationship of the taxpayer's overall investment in the activity.

\$ Substantial income from sources other than the activity.

\$ Elements of personal pleasure or recreation.

Tax Tip - If your horse business begins losing money every year for a number of years, and the IRS is auditing your returns, you must be able to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the IRS that this business will be profitable in the future. This requires adequate planning, which should begin well before the IRS decides to audit you.

C. Presumption that the Activity is a Business

The IRS regulations also provide that if a horse activity shows profits in two years during a specified seven-year period, such an activity will be "presumed" to be a business. In the case of a new activity, two profit years during any of the first seven years of operation triggers a presumption that it is a business activity for all of those seven years, provided the taxpayer makes a special election by the due date of the tax return for the third tax year.

Tax Tip - This election should not be made without very careful thought. A number of considerations must be taken into account before such election is made. It is always better to show two profit years, if you can, in a seven-year period, even though the profits are small in relation to the losses. ■

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Forty Niner – Banker's Lady, by Nijinsky II

- The Mid-Atlantic's Leading Juvenile Sire of 2006
 - Current 2YO's include Graded SW **LISA M** and Graded-placed **My List**
 - Sire of 27% Graded Stakes Horses/Stakes Horses, incl. 2006 **G1 SW DISTINTOYDIFERENTE** and 2005 Champion 2YO **DAPHNE**
 - From his first two crops, sire of 80% runners, 76% winners, over 14% \$100,000-plus earners and average earnings per runner over \$46,000.
- 2007 Fee-\$3,500



CERTAIN STORM

Storm Cat-La Affirmed, by Affirmed

- Full brother to BERNSTEIN, a Leading 3rd Crop Sire with 19 SWs
 - Full brother to 3-time G3 NYRA SW **CARESS**, dam of G1 2YO SW **SKY MESA**
 - Twelve Stakes Horses under the 1st dam alone, incl. **WISEMAN'S FERRY**
 - Full siblings have sold for \$5.5-million, \$3.1-million and \$1.5-million
 - First outstanding crop arrived in 2006
- 2007 FEE-\$2,500



COASTAL STORM

Storm Cat-Pearl City, by Carson City

- Pennsylvania's Leading Freshman Sire of 2005 and Leading Second Crop Sire of 2006
 - #1 Pennsylvania Sire by 2006 Atlantic Region-Bred Juvenile Earnings
 - Sire of 100% 2YO Winners/Runners in 2006, incl. SW **FANCY DAN**
 - By Leading Sire **STORM CAT** out of **HENNESSY'S** Grade 1 half-sister **PEARL CITY**
- 2007 FEE: \$2,500



LITE THE FUSE

Buckaroo-Annie's Dream, by Droll Role

- Pennsylvania's Leading Sire by 2006 Earnings, Winners, Stakes Winners & Stakes Wins
 - #1 Mid-Atlantic-Based Sire by 2006 Mid-Atlantic Sire Production Index
 - Sire of 33 Stakes Horses (13%), incl. 2005 Classic winner **ABLO**
 - Ten 2006 Stakes Horses, incl. **SUPER FUSE**, **FEROCIOUS WON**, **I CANT REFUSE**, **FIRE THE FIRM**, **FOLLOW THE LITE**, **PAPA FUSE**, 2YO **GOING BALLISTIC** and NCR SW **SPANISH LULLABY**
 - Pennsylvania's Leading Sire of 2004, 2005 & 2006 with \$13.2-Million Lifetime
- 2007 FEE- \$3,500

REAL QUIET

Quiet American - Really Blue, by Believe It

- The ONLY Sire in America standing outside of Kentucky with two Grade 1 SWs in 2006
- Sire of **eleven** Stakes horses in 2006, incl. Grade 1 SWs **PUSSYCAT DOLL** and **WONDER LADY ANNE L**
- Sire of 21 lifetime Stakes Horses (38% Graded), incl. 2006 Graded SW **REAL CANDY** plus 2006 Graded SPWs **Quiet Kim** (G1) and **Smart n'Quiet** (G3)
- Champion 3YO, Kentucky Derby and Preakness (Gr. 1) SW by the broodmare sire of 2006 Classic winner **BERNARDINI**

2007 FEE-\$5,000

SIPHON

Itajara - Ebrea, by Kublai Khan

- A Top Three Pennsylvania Sire by both 2006 Earnings & Winners
- Sire of at least one Graded winner in each of his first four crops, incl. Grade 1 winners **I'M THE TIGER** and **SIPHONIC**
- Five 2006 Stakes Horses, incl. Grade 2/Grade 3 SW **SIPHON CITY** (\$369,866) and undefeated 2YO SW **MASTER'S HAND**
- Sire of 50% Graded Stakes Horses/Stakes Horses, incl. Champion 3YO **SIPHONICA**, **SIPHONIZER** (G2) and **SHARP IMPACT** (G3)

2007 FEE-\$5,000

WHEATON

Alydar-Terlingua, by Secretariat

- Co-Second Leading Pennsylvania Sire by 2006 Winners
- The Nation's Leading Juvenile Sire by 2004 Winners
- Sire of 24 Stakes Horses (over 10%), incl. **SANTANA STRINGS** (G2) & **RADICAL RILEY** (G3)
- 2006 Stakes Performers, incl. G2-pl SW **DESERT WHEAT**, G3 SPW **Winnies Tiger Too** and NYRA NTR SPW **Melodeeman**
- Half-brother to Leading Sire **STORM CAT** & 3/4-brother to **PIONEERING** (#1 Sire by 2006 Stakes Wins)

2007 FEE-\$3,500

WILL'S WAY

Easy Goer-Williamae, by Tentam

- Pennsylvania's #2 Sire by 2006 Atlantic Region-Bred 2YO Earnings
- Winner of the Travers S.-G1 and the Leading Son of Champion, **EASY GOER**. His 126 Beyer is highest in the past decade.
- Sire of 16 Stakes Horses (14%), incl. Cigar Mile H.-G1 SW & Millionaire **LION TAMER** (3rd in 2005 Breeders' Cup Sprint-G1)
- Additional Graded SWs incl. **WILLY O'THE VALLEY** (G3) and **LIBRADA'S WILL** (G3)
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First foals arrive in 2007

CHANGEINTHEWEATHER

Gone West—Meteor Colony, by Pleasant Colony

Two-year-old Grade 1 winner, earned \$441,247. Winner of G1 Grey Breeders' Cup S at 2. Won or placed in seven stakes at distances of 1 1/16 to 1 1/4 miles. Posted triple-digit Beyers in three consecutive graded stakes. Out of a winning full or half-sister to champion **PLEASANT STAGE** (\$844,272) and three GSW. First foals 2-year-olds in 2007. **\$3,500 live foal. \$3,000 for mares foaling in PA. BC nominated.**



First PA crop arrives in 2007

DUCKHORN

Not For Love—Ten's Testamony, by Deputed Testamony

Multiple graded stakes winner of \$747,812 and leading sire **NOT FOR LOVE**'s top earner. **DUCKHORN** won the G2 Hawthorne Gold Cup, the G3 Ben Ali S (by 7 lengths), the 1 1/8 mi. Northern Dancer S in 1:48 1/5 and the 1 1/4 mi. Harrison E. Johnson Memorial H in 2:00 3/5. From the family of champion **ALL ABOARD**. **\$2,500 live foal. \$2,000 to mares foaling in PA. Reg. PA sire, BC nominated.**



First crop yearlings are AWESOME!

QUARRY

Forty Niner—Bound, by Nijinsky II

15 winners from 24 starters including Iroquois H winner **NITTANY EXPRESS** (8 wins, \$200,414, twice sp), allowance winners **Gold Stones** (4 wins, \$77,934), **Smarty Nicole** (\$46,305), **Silent Quarry** (\$43,060), **Holdeverything** (\$38,074), and first-time starters **Dena's Quest** and **Lady Zoe**. **MR. PROSPECTOR**-line sire from immediate family of champions and leading sires **SADLER'S WELLS** and **NUREYEV**. **\$2,000 live foal. \$1,500 to mares foaling in PA. Reg. PA sire.**



AVERAGE earnings per winner \$40,503

DIGAMIST

Blushing Groom (Fr)—Disconiz, by Northern Dancer

G1 stakes winner at 2 and sire of 20 stakes horses competing around the world, including champions **ROMANONO** (in Panama) and **Kalaf** (in Austria). Hollywood Park track record-setter **Dig for It** (\$543,618, G1-placed), etc. Sire of 12 \$100,000-plus earners, five over \$200,000. **\$1,500 live foal. \$1,000 to mares foaling in PA. Reg. PA sire.**



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In the Spotlight

Philadelphia Park Trainers Feature



Newcomer Ron Dandy makes his mark in PA.

Veteran trainer, Ron Dandy decided to move a large part of his operation to Philadelphia Park in 2005. A native of Nova Scotia, Ron calls Massachusetts home but he's becoming quite a fan of PA racing. His barn of 24 claimers also boasts a fantastic assistant, Juan Martinez who has worked with Ron for 20 years. Ron has been a trainer for over 25 years and his wife, Cathleen, also a trainer, maintains the Suffolk Downs barn. "Everyone has made us feel so welcome here," says Ron as he moves between stalls checking his charges. "I can't wait to see the purses rise when the slots begin. I've got some tough horses ready to compete."



Longtime Philly Park trainer, Philip Aristone, ready for slots.

As an assistant to trainer, Ben Perkins, Sr., Philip could never have predicted all the changes he's seen over the years. Philip took out his training license in 1977 and has enjoyed many successes. His barn currently houses 32 racers - mainly claimers, his horses include many PA homebreds. "I am so excited to see all of the tremendous changes in Pennsylvania racing, particularly at Philly Park," states this busy trainer. "We will need to upgrade our stock, but I feel we will be given every opportunity to share in the

wealth. We are lucky to have such a strong organization looking out for our interests, especially Director Michael Ballezzi. He has assured us all that changes will only affect us in positive ways."

Philip's family is in the construction business but his older brother, Menotti, built his career as a jockey during the sixties and seventies. Watching his brother and exercising horses gave him his start and interest in horse racing. His three girls - Angel, Donna Marie and Christina, while not in the business, support their dad as fans.



Sue Jenkins continues the family tradition of working with horses.

Proud of her heritage as the daughter of Edwin Hineman, longtime Pennsylvania thoroughbred owner/breeder and supporter/advocate - Sue is delighted to be the first woman to hold a thoroughbred trainers license in Pennsylvania. Sue has maintained a stable of claiming horses for owners that include William Brady, Joseph Daniero and her brother, Edwin Hineman, Jr. The horses she trains are all PA breds. Sue is also very committed to the program and will foal her mares at her Horsham, PA farm. "This new direction for Pennsylvania racing - the slots, the new purse structure - it's all such a good thing," exclaims this hardworking trainer. "Sure, we'll have to develop our barns to compete but we will be given the opportunity to finally make a better living - all of us, trainers, owners, backside help - we'll all share in the rewards." ■

FASTNESS

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Multiple G-1 SW and millionaire **FASTNESS (IRE)**, winner of the G1 Eddie Read Handicap twice, has arrived at Greenfields Farm in Colts Neck, New Jersey, for the 2007 breeding season.

Stakes winner at 2, **FASTNESS** went on to win or place in 13 stakes in 24 lifetime starts in France and the United States, 12 of them graded, earning \$1,581,165. He equaled the track record in the G-2 Shoemaker Breeders' Cup Mile, set a new course record in the G-2 Citation Handicap at Hollywood Park, 1-1/8 mi T, and set a new stakes record in the G-3 Inglewood Handicap at 1-1/16 mi. He was second in the G-1 Breeders' Cup Mile at 5.

FASTNESS has sired MGSW and Champion 3yo colt in Canada **LE CINQUIME ESSAI** (\$1,192,718 to August, 2006); **MAKE THE BEND**, winner of the Vincent A. Moscarelli Memorial S and 3rd in the G-3 Pennsylvania Derby; SW **MULTIPLICITY**; stakes placed **Summarily**, **Cubbie's Grey** and **Well Fella**, 2nd in the Juvenile Hurdle S in Ireland; and multiple G-3 placed **Fast City**.

FASTNESS, son of Rousillon by **RIVERMAN**, champion miler in France, G-1 SW in Europe and the US and sire of 20 stakes winners and 3 champions, is out of the Troy stakes winning mare **CITY FORTRESS**, dam of additional SW **DESERT BOY** and stakes placed **City Hall**.

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BACKSIDE *View*

Let's Go Racing has a new time slot on CN8, Friday mornings at 1:00 am and Friday nights at midnight.



Saturday, October 21st was **Abe Simoff** Day at the Races. Abe attended the Philadelphia Park Races with his family some 30 strong to celebrate his 80th birthday. Way to go Abe! Good to see you out and about.

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On October 28th **Harris J. Sklar** author and photographer of *A Backstretch Journey The Life Behind the Scenes at a Race Track* held a book signing in the Philadelphia Park track kitchen. Many may remember Mr. Sklar a couple of years back going around the backstretch with **Dr. Brian Rizen, MD** to photograph and interview different people doing their jobs. He obtained a publisher and the book is lovely (a preview copy was in the PTHA office one day). The author is donating a portion of the proceeds to **The Backstretch Fund** in **Chaplain Cordell's** office here at Philadelphia Park.

Bad news, trainer **Marty Fallon** passed away recently while visiting his brother **Clifford Fallon** in his hometown of Louisville, Kentucky. Marty was buried there near other family members.

More bad news, **Helen Steenson**, long time stable employee and friend, passed away on October 7th after several months of illness. It seemed like half of the backstretch attended her funeral, most wearing her favorite color purple, presided over by **Chaplain Jack Cordell**. She is survived by her daughter **Blandine** (aka **Brandy the ponygirl**) and brother **Jim**.

Mrs. Jane White emailed with the news that **Flying Pigeon** has been retired to Old Friends, a Kentucky facility for retired thoroughbreds in Georgetown, Kentucky (www.olderfriendsequine.com). **Flying Pigeon** stood in PA, a son of the Round Table/Princequillo line from 1998 through 2005. He first stood at English Acres Farm in Hanover and finally at Maui Meadow Farm in West Chester. Happy retirement **Flying Pigeon**, Jane's going to miss you.

Be sure to get your copy of the newest book by **Irene Coletti**, *Fallen Eagle*. Irene is the mother of trainer **Ed Coletti**.

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

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Chaplain Jack Cordell

SCARS: BAD AND GOOD

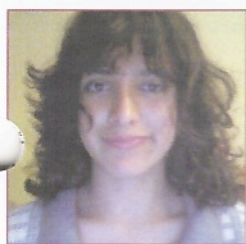


Over a lifetime, everyone collects scars – literal and figurative, physical and emotional. Physical scars show where the wound has healed. Figurative scars are another matter - sometimes healing, sometimes not. Near my right eye is a lifelong reminder that my dad had left the car glove compartment open, and his small son flew into the sharp corner of the door when dad had to slam on the brakes. The mark is a reminder of the event. Some of you reading these words bear marks on your body from where horses have stepped on, bitten, kicked, or thrown you. You can recall those times right now. Healed, yes; but marked. Although “minimally invasive” surgery works wonders to prevent large scars, many of us still carry ridges that remind us of a scary surgery or an accident from which we have recovered. We got marked for life.

Although they are usually bad, scars can signal something good. A wound from military combat, for example, is a badge of honor. The Purple Heart medal testifies that the person risked life for his/her country. The apostle Paul said, “I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.” His courageous faith resulted in physical evidence. Indeed, Jesus bares marks on his body demonstrating his love for us. Isaiah proclaimed, “By his wounds we are healed.” Scars are not always bad. Often, they are signs of courage, hope, and healing.

Whatever marks you carry on your body or in your mind can be turned into something good, too. Allow God to touch your “scars” and turn them into things of beauty. Let him heal the scar tissue gathered on your soul. As someone has suggested, turn your “scars into stars” with the touch of God's gracious hand. Ask him. See what he will do. ■

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED



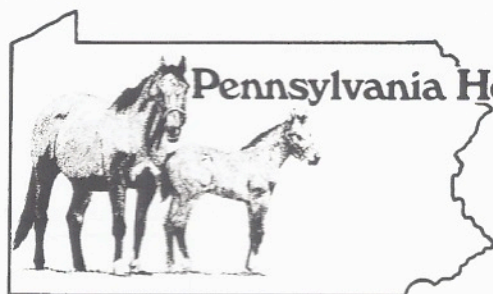
Angela Soto, a second-year student at the School of Visual Arts in New York City, has received a grant of \$500 for the first semester of this school year. Angela has worked as a stable employee and in the Phonebet department at Philadelphia Park. Angela is a Fine Arts major at the school. The funds will help to provide her with books and art supplies. We wish Angela well and hope to see her at the track again soon.

The scholarship is from the “Granny Youmans Scholarship Fund,” named in memory of Catherine Youmans, the mother of Connie Youmans, PTHA Office Manager. “Granny” Youmans was a longtime loyal supporter of the Chaplain's work at the track. ■

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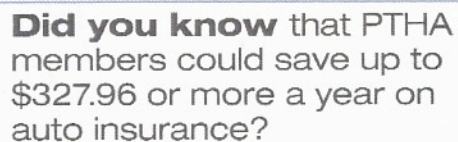
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