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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...



Larry Riviello President

Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day. That's it. Summer has ended.

In the course of our fast summer, Philadelphia Park renovated the main track and reopened for train-

ing on Wednesday, Aug. 25th. Track good but needs to be turned over.

Loaded Gun won the Philadelphia Park Breeder's Cup Grade III Handicap, beating Artax, the 7-10 favorite, and going wire to wire with fractions of 21, 44, 56 3/5 and 108 2/5. Loaded Gun is conditioned by our

Memorial local trainer and owner Janis Gerace.

The 12th Annual Pig Roast, sponsored by the PTHA and Philadelphia Park was held Friday, Sept. 3, behind the Recreation Hall. Good food, great fun with music by Jody King's Band.

A raffle was held to benefit the Chaplain's Program. A great turnout.

Thanks to Mike Ballezzi and Connie for all their input.

Let's not forget the Pennsylvania Derby. Smart Guy, under jockey Bobby Colton, dueled with Ghost Ring and prevailed at the wire.

Congratulations to owners Stuart Taub and David Malatesta, racing under the name Goodfellas Stables. By the way, as I've always said and have mentioned in previous newsletters, this is the only business one can invest \$10,000 one year and the next be worth \$1 million.

Smart Guy was purchased as a yearling for \$10,000 at the Timonium Maryland Sale.

I suggested to management that the silks of the Pennsylvania Derby winner be displayed as they are at Churchill Downs after the Kentucky Derby. Why not?

This year's Pennsylvania Derby, by the way, had the best attendance and handle in 10 years.

Good atmosphere and good racing will do it.

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THE LITTLE HORSE THAT COULD — A PENNSYLVANIA DERBY FANTASY

This year's Pennsylvania Derby at Philadelphia Park went beyond fiction into the realm of fantasy, the kind of story that not only doesn't happen anymore but that no one who knows anything at all about thoroughbred racing would even dare to dream.

SMALL GUY, LARGE HEART — Smart Guy (closest to the rail) is practically dwarfed and hidden alongside Ghost Ring during a stretch-long duel in the Pennsylvania Derby but nothing could conceal the courage of the Tim Ritchey-trained colt, who at the top of the lane briefly lost a lead he had held since the gate opened but fought back to regain the front. "He hates to get passed," Ritchey said simply following the race.

At least we can begin with someone who wasn't aware of the most basic facts of the Sport of Kings and so was probably eligible to fantasize.

"I didn't know the difference between a filly and a gelding," Stuart Taub admitted about his knowledge of the game when he first got into it only two years ago.

Taub was saying this about an hour after the colt he owns in partnership with fellow Delaware resident David Malatesta captured the 21st running of the state of Pennsylvania's premier race, with an overall purse of \$300,000 as the prize.

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NOTES FROM NEW BOLTON CENTER

{This is the first in a series of articles by the staff of the New Bolton Center, the University of Pennsylvania's prestigious School of Veterinary Medicine.}



DR. KAREN SHULER conducts test on backstretch of Philadelphia Park.

As many of you may have noticed, staff members from the University of Pennsylvania's School of Veterinary Medicine, New Bolton Center have been conducting endoscopic examinations of horses following racing. The primary goal of this study is to determine the extent of Exercise-Induced Pulmonary Hemorrhage (Bleeding) and the influence that administration of Lasix may have on this condition. Drs. Ric Birks and Larry Soma head the project along with the assistance of Dr. Karen Shuler, who recently completed advanced training in surgery at New Bolton Center, Donna Teleis and numerous veterinary students. For this study, an endoscopic examination is conducted of the upper airway and entire windpipe an hour to an hour and a half following a race. This time-frame was chosen because it is the ideal time in which to examine horses to establish if they have bled or

not. This study is being conducted through the cooperation of the Philadelphia Park horsemen, the PTHA, commission veterinarians, and the Pennsylvania Horse Racing Commission.

Through August 8, 1999, 70 individual trainers have volunteered horses for this study, with a total of 170 examinations. Of the 170, 80 horses were examined once, 29 twice, and 9 have been examined three times. The entire exam is displayed on a television monitor and is video taped. This allows the trainers, and others associated with the horse, the chance to see the same structures at the same time as the veterinarian. Structures such as the pharynx, the entrance to the airway, and the upper and lower portion of the windpipe are examined. The scope is long enough to examine the airway to the point where the airway splits into the left and right lung. An additional advantage of the scope being used is that the diameter is quite small. This allows an examination to be made with very little irritation of the airway structures. Although the main purpose of the study is to determine the amount of bleeding that occurred in the lungs during a race, other changes and/or problems can also be identified, such as evidence of a 'flipped palate,' abnormal function of the 'flaps' at the entrance to the windpipe, and any inflammatory changes or damage to the upper airway, gutteral pouches, larynx or pharyngeal areas. Along with the endoscopic examination, wash samples are being collected from the windpipe to look for the presence of abnormal mucus or cells that could indicate inflammatory changes in the lungs.

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THE LITTLE HORSE THAT COULD

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Smart Guy, a small colt with a large heart, went to the lead at the start of the 11/8 mile test, surrendered the advantage briefly in the stretch to Edward P. Evans' Ghost Ring and then pinned his ears back and surged to score by a head at the wire.

Of course, nobody buys a horse for \$10,000 anymore and then goes on to win a \$300,000 stake.

Except that's exactly what happened when local area trainer Tim Ritchey went to the Timonium yearling sale two years ago with \$50,000 of Taub and Malatesta's cash to spend.

"We had some money to invest," explained Taub, who is in the telecommunications business, "and we thought we could put it into the stock market where we'd have no control or into a racehorse where we'd at least have some say."

Malatesta, who is in the entertainment business, had owned thoroughbreds previously without much success but the purchase of Smart Guy was his first venture with Taub.

What better way to start in a new business than to save money on the initial buy.

"I got you a horse for \$10,000," Ritchey informed the partners by phone.

"What can you get for \$10,000?" they said.

The answer in this particular case was a Pennsylvania Derby winner.

The obvious question is how can that happen in a day when research on bloodlines is so precise and technology is so advanced that the information is disseminated widely and rapidly?

Smart Guy's pedigree was OK. His sire, Smarten, won the first Pennsylvania Derby in 1979.

Ritchey believes the answer to why Smart Guy went at such a bargain basement price had mostly to do with his size.

"He's just over 15 hands and that might be pushing it a little," he said. "It's rare that a horse his size can go so far (9 furlongs) in this caliber race."

Everything was rare about this colt. He wound up with Ritchey and Taub and Malatesta, who race under the banner of Goodfellas Stables, because the trainer had the good sense and keen eye to consider more than just size.

"What I saw was a very athletic looking individual," explained Ritchey, 48, who started out in thoroughbred racing 25 years ago chasing purses of \$1,200 at Waterford Park, now Mountaineer, in West Virginia and wound up in the 1990s as the leading trainer at Delaware Park in three different years and, of course, as the conditioner of a colt who won \$180,000 in winning the Pennsylvania Derby.



OUR CUP RUNNETH OVER — Nobody deserved to celebrate more than Stuart Taub (l.) and David Malatesta after Smart Guy, the first horse they owned in partnership under the banner of Goodfellas Stable, captured the \$300,000 Pennsylvania Derby.

An interesting sidelight is that Smart Guy's sire won just under \$70,000, or more than \$100,000 less, in capturing the inaugural Pennsylvania Derby in 1:49.1 or 1/5 of a second faster than his colt managed this year. It's also noteworthy that Smarten won the first running and Smart Guy won the last Derby of the millennium.

The victory brought Smart Guy's career earnings to \$373,290. Finishing third in the race behind Ghost Ring was Pineaff, the morning line favorite in the Derby on the strength of his victory in the Tampa Bay Derby over big-time runner Menefee, who won the Haskell Stakes and finished second in both the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness.

It turned out that Pineaff, five lengths behind the place finisher, was no match for the little horse that could — "I thought I was beat," admitted jockey Robert Colton of the point in the race when Ghost Ring edged in front of him — or the all local area Dream Team of Taub, Malatesta, Ritchey and Colton.



PTHA TROPHY WINNERS JULY - SEPTEMBER



HORSE	OWNER	TRAINER		
BRILLIANT CATCH	CHARLES L. BIGGS	WILLIAM D. STARRITT		
HIGH MOUNTAIN ROAD	HIGH MOUNTAIN THOROUGHBREDS	MARK SINATRA		
SCARLET CARPET	C.B. LYMAN JR., & J.W. HOLMAN JR.	GUADALUPE PRECIADO		
OPEN ICE HIT	C. NOTARFRANCESCO & J. CARTAGENA	JULIO CARTAGENA		
BANK WON	ANITA RACING STABLE	ALFREDO VELAZQUEZ		
CAROLS SECRET VISA	LABET, INC.	ERNEST CRANFIELD		
GRANDMASTER A.P.	THREE BROTHERS STABLE & ALPALA FARMS	ROLANDO LIMA		
APRIL GIRL	PATRICIA L. BOSLEY	PATRICIA L. BOSLEY		
TRADER HILL	DAVID & HEATHER ANDERSON	LESLIE SAUNDERS		
POWAY TITAN	WINBOUND FARMS	DAVID IWERSON		
FRENCH REALITY	CHARLES W. BADDELEY	CHARLES W. BADDELEY		
BROTHER RABBIT	LITTLE TIMBER RANCH	CARL AUWARTER		
ALYDISK	SUSAN LE BARON	KEITH LE BARON		
BALLDO	MARY G. STABLES CORP.	MARY M. GOODMAN		
LIANG'S DANCER	JOHN J. WALLACE	RICHARD VEGA		
SMOKING FLO	WILLIAM J. HARTWELL	JOSEPH P. SPAZIANO		
DREAMFINDER	DANIEL J. LOPEZ	DANIEL J. LOPEZ		

ABOVE THE MADDING CROWD — Jockey Alex Cole has an excellent view of fans milling around the winners circle as he negotiates an exuberant leap from the saddle after scoring in an allowance race on Pennsylvania Derby Day at Philadelphia Park.





HUGA JOCK — Stuart Taub shows what he thought of Bobby Colton's ride aboard the Goodfellas Stable's Smart Guy in capturing the Pennsylvania Derby.

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Considerable anecdotal information has accumulatwhich attempts describe the degree of bleeding which has occurred following a race in thoroughbred horses. Unfortunately, there are few scientific studies that have examined the extent of EIPH or the effects of lasix on preventing or modifying hemorrhage in thoroughbreds or other competitive animals. One study published almost 20 years ago indicated that approximately 60% of the horses examined showed a slight reduction in hemorrhage following the administration of furosemide. The number of horses was very limited and none of the horses were examined more than once. Also, many of the horses were examined during training runs and not actual races.

Lasix has been administered to horses as a treatment for EIPH for over 25 years. Despite its extensive use (currently 95-98% of thoroughbreds in the United States race on Lasix), little information has been published which describes its effect on bleeding in horses. Another important piece of

information that is missing is whether or not a given dosage of Lasix has consistent effects in the same horse, or if there are any benefits to increasing or decreasing the dosage. The dose of Lasix that is allowed in the State of Pennsylvania ranges from 100 to 150 mg (2 to 10 cc) to be given IV 4 hours before a race. The effect of various doses on bleeding has not been described. This can only be determined if an individual horse is examined a number of times. Often if a horse is observed to bleed through Lasix, the dose of Lasix will be increased before the next race in the hope that bleeding can be controlled. At the present time, there is no information available suggesting that a higher dose would be more effective in controlling bleeding.

There have been a number of studies showing that Lasix is linked improvement in performance in both thoroughbred and standardbred horses. The improvement in performance can be substantial. One important issue is that this improvement in performance has not been linked to any studies indicating that hemorrhage has been reduced. If the outcome of our present study shows that the amount of hemorrhage is

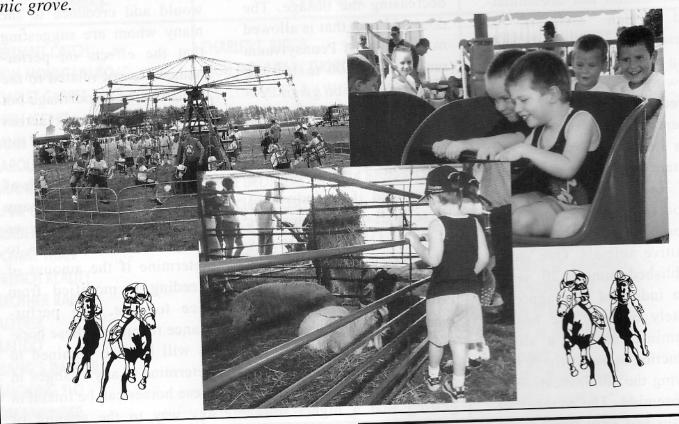
reduced by the administration of Lasix, this would lend credence to the possibility that the improved performance in horses is not modified by Lasix, this would add credence to the many whom are suggesting that the effects on performance are not related to the reduction of hemorrhage but related to other factors which allow the horse to run faster.

One of the major goals of this study is to get as many repeat observations in as many horses as possible to determine if the amount of bleeding is modified from race to race. The performance records of these horses will be also obtained to determine if any changes in these horses can be linked in any way to the amount of hemorrhage.

We would like to extend a special thank you to Mr. Michael Ballezzi and Connie Youmans of the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, and to all of the owners, trainers, grooms, handlers and horses Philadelphia Park. Without each and everyone of you, including those whose horses, for one reason or another, we were unable to scope, this study would not be possible.

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FUTURE RACING FANS —Children were preoccupied during most of the Pennsylvania Derby festivities with the rides in a kiddy-sized amusement park, including the Whip and Ferris Wheel, and with a petting zoo that included some exotic but tame animals such as a miniature horse. But they might have gotten a taste of the racing game when they took part in pony rides. Their parents and guardians were entertained by live bands and singers in the picnic grove.



Answers to Last Month's CAN YOU IDENTIFY THEM:

- 1) PTHA Secretary Connie Youmans
- 2) Pony Person and Clocker Brandy Steenson
- 3) Owner/Trainer Pat Bosley

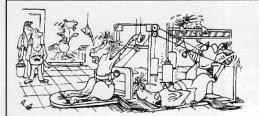


TO YOUR HEALTH

Two important health concerns can be addressed free of charge by horsemen and horsewomen at Philadelphia Park in the coming weeks when the Bucks Count Department of Health provides mammagrams to screen for breast cancer and show to prevent flu.

The flu shots will be administered No 22 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Further information on the mamma grams can be obtained at the PTHA office as it becomes available.



BAGKSIDE VIEW UP CLOSE & PERSONAL

Anniversarys • Birthdays • Special Occasion Announcements • Get Well Wishes • etc.

Family, friends and horsemen throughout the tristate area are mourning the death on Sept. 10 of **Anthony D. Nini**, respected breeder, owner and past president of the New Jersey HBPA. **Nini**, who raced under the name of Narrowbrook Farms, entrusted horses for many years to local legendary trainer **Marty Fallon**. His daughter, **Janice Nini**, currently trains thoroughbreds at Philadelphia Park.

Also sadly missed is **Jeanette R. Johnson**, the Pennsylvania Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association's Secretary Treasurer and founder of the Association's Free Clinic, who died Sept. 3. She was 63 and lived in Middle Paxton Township.

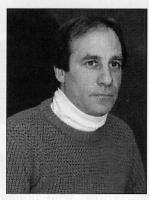
Michael Gavin, 48, a long-time groom at Philadelphia Park who was remembered by Chaplain Nicholas Salios as a man who had his own struggles in life but was always willing to help others, died Aug. 14 of complications following a stroke. He was 48.





Those wedding bells will soon be heard for local trainer **Steve Rowan** and his assistant **Teresa Hagemeir**, who haven't said exactly when. Stay tuned.

Wishes for speedy recovery goes out from the entire Philadelphia Park racing community to trainer and PTHA board member **Ralph Riviezzo**, who underwent quadruple heart bypass surgery.



Hopes for an equally swift recovery are extended to **James M. Penny**, VMD, the local track veterinarian since thoroughbred racing was conducted at Liberty Bell, who is recovering at home from an illness.

To Place your Anniversary, Birthday, Special Occasion, Get Well Wishes, etc. in this space, please contact the PTHA office at: 215.638.2012. There is no charge for items submitted to the "Backside View".

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Horsemen and management personnel and their families gathered Sept. 3 on the backstretch at the Annual Pig Roast for food and fellowship. Children made "noodle pigs" and "pig foot prints," played "pig ball." "penny on a pig," "spooning corn" and "three pigs in a race" to name just a few events of the day.

Of course, there were prizes for everyone, some of which included pig planes, pig jewelry, stuffed pigs,pig games, pig books and pig candy. Even after it was over it wasn't over as kids painted pictures into the evening. (Thanks, Brianne, for the assist).



Older folks had their fun, too. A raffle was sponsored to benefit the chaplaincy and \$270 was realized. Those who donated items: Cloud Nine, Duffy's Tack Shop, Neil's Turf Supply and the PTHA. Thanks to Bruno Pasceri for his assistance at the booth. Old-time softball games were organized by Felisa Dunn and went extra innings because the participants didn't want the fun to stop.

Congratulations to The

Corporation, under the leadership of Rick Fisher, for capturing the championship 1999 of Philadelphia Park Softball League. The title game with Cloud Nine was close and wasn't decided until the bottom of the seventh inning, All the teams — The Captains, Cloud Nine, The Corporation, Gambo-Reeds, Monarchs, PTHA, Sackers and Y2K — deserve applause for a good season well played.

Next up is the soccer league under the leadership of Jim Gagliano with the expectation that six teams will compete on a field to be erected in the softball area. Biff Campbell, farrier here at Philadelphia Park, is serving as the league commissioner.

On a more serious note, let's take good care of ourselves so we can perform the jobs we need to do in the workplace. The LaSalle School of Nursing continues to address medical concerns at its clinic every Tuesday from 9 a.m.-12 noon in the classroom adjacent to the track kitchen.

A doctor has been secured for the first time by the Chaplaincy and with the cooperation of the PTHA for on-site health care every other Tuesday, 9 a.m.-12 noon. Dr. Rosemary Harris, of Westminster Hospital, will bring with her several interns to assist. There will be no cost to horsemen for the medical care.

October is Breast Cancer



Chaplain Nicholas Salios

Month and a screening has been scheduled through the Bucks County Health Department. Every woman should check to see at what age screening is appropriate and how often. Information will be available.

Flu shots have also been arranged and, again, are free of cost to horsemen and horsewomen. The nurses will administer the shots Monday, Nov. 22, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

The Child Care Assistance Project has been submitted with a list of parents and children who signed up in the Chaplain's Office. We look for positive results to report in the near future.

English As a Second Language classes will resume on the backstretch. Anna Vega, our Lady of Fatima, is working with Father John Meyer to brings us a program for those interested. More at a later date.

Wanted: Movies in Spanish to show in the Recreation Building. If you have any movie tapes for use in a VCR, please contact the Chaplain's Office.

BULLETIN BOARD

HORSEMEN'S PURCHASING ASSOCIATION "Quality Shavings, Feed & Supplements at Discount Prices" 9/18/99 Price List

Feed		Supplements	
Alfalfa Cubes	\$ 7.25	Finish Line Poultice 23#	\$ 16.25
Barley, Steamed/Crimped	\$ 8.25	Finish Line Poultice 45#	\$ 27.00
Bran, Rice	\$ 28.00	Uptite Poultice 22#	\$ 17.80
Bran, Wheat	\$ 8.00	Uptite Poultice 48#	\$ 36.00
Calf Manna	\$ 15.00	Azo-Free/3 tube treatment	\$ 42.00
Forage Alfalfa	\$ 10.00	DMG-It 5#	\$ 19.75
Legends 14% protein	\$ 7.80	Extrolyte 5#	\$ 14.50
Performance TC	\$ 10.50	Extrolyte 25#	\$ 51.50
Respond 12.5% protein	\$ 8.50	Fat Cat 5#	\$ 14.35
Saddle Up 12%	\$ 5.75	Fat Cat 25#	\$ 55.40
Stables Choice 12% protein	\$ 6.25	Flex-It 5#	\$ 67.60
Super Horse 14% protein	\$ 8.50	GoMax Gal.	\$ 10.90
Sweet Rely	\$ 8.50	Golden Energizer Gal.	\$ 12.00
		Horse-Shoe 2#	\$ 13.75
		Iron Horse Gal.	\$ 17.00
		MSM - 1#	\$ 18.00
OATS		MSM - 2#	\$ 35.25
Crimped Oats	\$ 6.50	Lact-Ezz/pkt	\$ 5.50
Hulless Oats	\$ 9.25	Pelleted Horse Wormer	\$ 7.00
Whole Oats	\$ 6.50	Redcell Gal.	\$ 13.10
		Redglo Gal.	\$ 18.50
ICE 30#	\$ 3.00	Vita 99 5#	\$ 23.50
		Vita 99 25#	\$ 88.25
SUPPLIES		Vita B-1 Crumbles 2.5#	\$ 6.70
3M Patches 100/Box	\$ 38.00	Vita B-12 Crumbles 2.5#	\$ 7.75
Alcohol 70% Gal.	\$ 5.25		
Bigeloil Gal.	\$ 25.00	SHAVINGS	
Bowie Clay	\$ 8.75	Air Dried: Rip O Bec	\$ 2.85
DMSO Gal.	\$ 22.00	Kiln Dried: Laurentian	\$ 2.65
Furacin 1# 12/Case	\$ 38.20	Kiln Dried: Factor	\$ 2.70
Golden Energizer	\$ 12.00		
Reducine Hoof Dressing	\$ 13.25		
Salt Brick	\$ 1.45		
Salt Brick Holder	\$ 3.15		
Shampoo (Man O' War)	\$ 8.20		
Vet Wrap 18/cs	\$ 25.25/cs		

THE PTHA AND THE
NEWSLETTER STAFF WISH EVERYONE A
SAFE AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN



Entering Philadelphia Park nowadays is like arriving in a whole new world. Finally, the people upstairs (management) realize that the racing fan is the important entity at the race track. Of course, the casinos have always catered to the customers with percs such as free drinks.

I can readily understand our management's decision in putting their money into transforming Philadelphia Park into a Turf Club instead of building a new Turf Club. For about the same amount of money, they have set a new standard for providing services to the long-

neglected racing fan.
It's about time and
I, for one, hope it
is so successful
that other race
tracks will follow
suit.

Of course, this is all about

where the gambling dollars are being spent and don't think for one moment the casino interests aren't watching what happens here at our race track. Our efforts to get the state to give us the slot machines are a well-known fact as is the part the casinos have played in trying to stop the legislation.

Little Delaware, where purses have risen to over \$200,000 a day, is one example of the impact of slots and now West Virginia, with slots at Charlestown, has seen its purses



Iz Schwartz

almost triple. Only in Pennsylvania, Maryland and New Jersey are certain politicians resisting the legislation needed to get help for our race tracks while at the same time supporting state lotteries as well as church bingos, etc.

Gambling is growing by leaps and bounds all over the county and no amount of political opposition can stop it.

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STEVE VAN BUREN (wearing baseball cap) adds touch of class to DerbyDay doings as President Riviello and Board Members Salvatore M. DeBunda and Dr. Steven A. Appel (all to Van Buren's right) join him in the winner's circle.

A highlight of Pennsylvania Derby Day came when Steve Van Buren, one of the greatest backs in football history who played for the Philadelphia Eagles (back in my time), was honored in the winner's circle.

Another nice touch on Derby Day was a full team of Clydesdales trotting down the stretch to circus music. A beautiful sight.

Sad to report that the Saturday TV

show, "Let's Go Racing." will not air again until next March.

Saturday, Sept. 11, 7th race, a Match Series contest at Delaware Park, the 31st running of the Wilmington Handicap, \$100,000 guaranteed.

Power By Far, trained by Philadelphia Park-based Anthony Correnti and

owned by Barbara Geraghty, experienced a frightening mishap.

Power By Far, sitting third and moving up the inside to take the lead, suddenly was stopped by front runner L.B. On Tour, who broke down. Power by Far went down.

Thank God jockey Roberto Alvarado and horse were not injured.

A tough business.

Local rider Ambony Black is one of five nominees for the George Wolf Memorial Jockey Award, presented annually at Samu Amba.

Keeping up with business: Mike, Sal and I met with NTRA Commissioner I'm Smith Tuesday, Sept. 17. at the Meadowlands, and were updated in the NTRA and TVG.

Ambony Nini, father of local trainer Janice Nini, passed away Sept. 10.

New Jersey
HBPA was a man whose
handshale was guarantee enough in any
dealers.

A few days after his death, Janice Name won the 18th race at Philadelphia Park with Mountight Bay. Someone was looking down on her.

Reminder There will be racing on some Wednesdays and Fridays, which are normally dark through the end of the year.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Be careful what you wish for because you might get it (rain).

PENNSYLVANIA DERBY MILESTONES

Broad Brush gave the Pennsylvania Derby it's most unforgettable moment in the 1986 running of the race when he opened a three-length lead at the top of the stretch only to bolt to the outside rail, threatening to throw Hall of Fame rider Angel Cordero Jr. over the fence in the process. In the meantime, Glow, who finished third under Eddie Maple, briefly took the lead.

Cordero said later he considered jumping off his colt to save himself serious injury, but regained command by hitting Broad Brush across the nose with his whip, steered him away from the rail and won the race by 11/4 lengths over Sumptious, ridden by Pat Day, while far out in the middle of the track in sloppy going.

The home team captured Pennsylvania's biggest race in 1992 when Philadelphia Park-based Pam Shavelson sent out Thelastcrusade, owned by her parents' Petrified Stable, in a wire-to-wire effort

Stable, in a wire-to-wire effort under Philly Park rider Victor Molina that marked the first time a gelding had won the race. It also marked the first time a woman trainer conditioned a Derby winner. Hall of Fame trainer Woody Stephens, since deceased, won the Pennsylvania Derby a record three times, with Smarten in the stake's first year, 1979, with Morning Bob in 1984, and with Cefis in 1988.

Western Playboy set a Derby record of 1:47 3/5 for the nine furlongs in winning the 1989 edition by the largest margin of victory in the history of the Grade III event, 17 lengths.

Finishing second was . . . what's the difference?

THE MONEY GAME

The last Pennsylvania Derby of the millennium was also the richest — in more ways than one.

The Labor Day card included six stake races with purses totalling \$623,000, including \$300,000 for the Derby, making it the most money ever offered on one racing program in state history.

Racing fans — 15,243 showed up at Philadelphia Park for the action — also took a significant role in the money game, wagering \$2,830,800 on the 12-race program, an increase in handle of 19.6 percent over Pennsylvania Derby Day, 1998.



GOODFELLAS, GOOD CHEER — Dave Malatesta (white coat) and Stuart Taub (dark coat) raise the trophy for winning the Pennsylvania Derby with Smart Guy.



HER NAME WAS ADRIAN — She was one of the more than 15,000 fans who attended the festivities at Philadelphia Park for the 21st running of the Pennsylvania Derby and she came more to cheer jockeys and take their pictures with a little throwaway camera she brought with her than anything else. She also wasn't adverse to having her picture taken with the riders, as witness her happy pose here with Victor Molina, one of Philadelphia Park's top reinsmen. Luckily for Adrian, when she called out, "Yo," the riders accommodated her gladly, a reaction she might not have gotten with spoiled athletes in other sports.

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