



# PTHA NEWS

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*We ARE Pennsylvania Racing*

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## PA Derby and Cotillion Share Spotlight on Sept. 22 Parx Festival of Racing Starts Labor Day



### 2012 FESTIVAL OF RACING

- Mon., September 3 SMARTY JONES DAY**  
\$350,000 Gr. 3 Smarty Jones Stakes  
\$350,000 Gr.3 Turf Monster Handicap (BC Challenge Race)  
\$200,000 Turf Amazon Handicap
- 50% purse increase in overnight races -- total 11 race card \$1,300,000
  - Smarty Jones Bobble head Giveaway
  - Team Smarty Autograph Session

- Sat., September 8 PA DAY AT THE RACES**  
\$100,000 Mrs. Penny  
\$75,000 Mr. Jenny Handicap  
\$75,000 Banjo Picker  
\$75,000 Roanoke  
\$75,000 Dr. Theresa Garafolo Memorial
- Five additional PA-bred races -- total 10 race card \$600,000
  - Breeders' luncheon and gifts

- Sat., September 15 OWNERS APPRECIATION DAY**  
\$250,000 PTHA President's Cup
- 100% increase in overnight races --total 10 race card \$750,000
  - Parx starters preferred
  - Gifts and luncheon for owners/trainers with horses racing

- Sat., September 22 PA DERBY and COTILLION STAKES DAY**  
\$1,000,000 Gr.1 Cotillion Stakes  
\$1,000,000 Gr.2 PA Derby  
300,000 Gallant Bob Handicap  
\$75,000 Alphabet Soup (PA-breds)
- 50% increase in overnight races -- total 12-race card \$3,000,000
  - PA Derby Hat Giveaway
  - Philly 57 live television coverage
  - Parx/PTHA 2012 Hall of Fame Induction

- Sat., October 6 LADY'S DAY**  
\$75,000 Brandywine Stakes  
\$75,000 PHBA Distaff (PA-breds)
- 50% increase in overnight purses -- total 10-races, all fillies and mares, worth \$650,000
  - Special pink gift for ladies

For the first time in the history of Parx, both the PA Derby and the Cotillion Stakes, each offering a \$1 million purse, will be carded September 22, the fourth weekend of the Parx Festival of Racing.

The Festival, which kicks off on Labor Day, Monday September 3 with Smarty Jones Day, also features the annual Owners Appreciation Day on September 15, and PA Day at the Races on September 8.

It closes on October 6 with Ladies' Day and an all filly and mare race card.

"Putting both of our million dollar graded three-year-old races on one card is definitely a 'Super Saturday' of racing," said Director of Racing Sal Sinatra. "On top of that, the timing sets up perfectly as preparation for the Breeders' Cup just 6 weeks later." (continued on page 3)



### Gallant Bob and 12 Others to 2012 Parx Hall of Fame

#### HORSES

Gallant Bob  
Devil's Honor  
Cheating Arthur

#### JOCKEYS

Jeff Lloyd  
Jake Nied  
Matt Vigliotti

#### TRAINERS

Dennis Heimer  
Walter Reese  
Marty Fallon

#### OWNERS

Roland Aristone  
Keystone Stable

#### SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

Larry Riviello  
William Hogwood

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The highlight of Parx 2012 Festival of Racing is on September 22, a super Saturday of \$3,000,000 in purses headed by the Grade 2 \$1,000,000 PA Derby and the Grade 1 \$1,000,000 Cotillion Stakes. The day also includes two additional stakes, the traditional PA Derby hat giveaway and live TV coverage by Philly 57.



## President's Message

Salvatore M. DeBunda, Esquire



As we move into late Summer at Parx Racing, I don't think anyone would argue that the heat has been on in more ways than just through the weather this year. The racing industry nationally has been under a magnifying glass for its medication rules, track safety issues, and care of its horses. Statewise, potential budget cuts to our Race Horse Development Fund were looming, and the PTHA has been right there through all of it, working toward protecting our product, our jockeys and horses, and most importantly, the future of the industry which has provided for all of us through jobs, pensions and medical care.

As you know, we dodged the bullet with only very small cuts to the Fund, in part due to the hard work of Mike Ballezzi and myself as we educated the legislators who would eventually vote on Governor Corbett's budget. I'd like to personally acknowledge and thank everyone who helped to reduce the cuts to our fund: whether it was through writing letters to legislators, or talking to potential owners and breeders and voicing your confidence in the Thoroughbred industry, or, as many of you did--just staying true to Parx Racing by filling races and purchasing the goods and services that are needed to run your businesses.

Thanks to the tremendous efforts of our lobbyists, S. R. Wodjak and Associates, F. Joseph Loeper of Loeper & Associates, and public relations firm Bellevue Communications Group, the legislators learned how important the state's racing industry is to agriculture and the Commonwealth's economy. Thanks also to the PA Equine Coalition and their lobbyists without whose support the battle would not have been successful.

The PTHA is working hard with other horsemen's groups, statewide and nationally, to address medication issues, especially the use of Lasix as race day medication. We hope you will all take a look at an article reprinted with permission of the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association here in our newsletter that basically explains everything you need to know about Lasix and why we believe that it is a therapeutic medication that helps our horses, and is not a performance enhancing drug that should be eliminated. We trust you will come away understanding the positive effects it has on the safety and health of our horses, and therefore racing.

September is the most exciting time of year for our track: the 2012 Festival of Racing, which showcases the best we have to offer to other horsemen, and also the public, whose interest in racing is our responsibility to nurture. The Director of Racing Sal Sinatra and track management have put together five weekends of racing, highlighted by September 22nd's PA Derby and Cotillion Stakes, both offering \$1 million purses and a date that is encouraging to trainers whose horses are headed for the Breeders' Cup.

Please join all of us during the Festival of Racing--but especially on September 15, Owners Appreciation Day. Horsemen are invited to a luncheon, and those owners and trainers with horses racing that day will benefit from a 100% increase in purses, as well as gifts and a great day of racing - the feature race the \$250,000 PTHA President's Cup. I am looking forward to presenting the trophy and meeting many of our members.

PRESIDENT, PTHA

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Salvatore M. DeBunda".



PTHA's

## Annual Pig Roast

Friday, August 31 from 11 to 3

**Fun, food, music and mechanical bullriding!**  
**All racetrack personnel, owners, trainers and their families invited.**

**Join us adjacent to the rec hall for a great afternoon!**





Parx jockey Joe Hampshire on the big screen ready to throw out the first ball at a Red Sox baseball game at Fenway Park on July 21, the day after he was inducted into the New England Turf Writers Hall of Fame in Danvers, MA (top); Hampshire and his son Josh, and daughter Sheri with his Hall of Fame plaque. Trainer Ron Dandy attended to accept the award for sprinter Concord Bound, which Hampshire also rode. Photos by Daniela Mangini

### Parx Festival of Racing continued from page 1

Sinatra's plan is likely a good one, as last year's Breeders' Cup Lady's Classic featured Cotillion winner Plum Pretty, and runner-up It's Tricky, while the first, second, and third place PA Derby runners competed in the Classic.

Smarty Jones Stakes winner Wilburn ran in the Dirt Mile, and the Turf Monster Handicap, this year a Breeders' Cup Challenge race, produced four Turf Sprint horses, including winner Regally Ready and runner-up Country Day.

The 2012 Festival kicks off on Labor Day, with Smarty Jones Day. The Champion PA-bred and winner of the Kentucky Derby and Belmont Stakes is the namesake of the Grade \$350,000 feature race, on a card that also includes the Grade 3 Turf Monster Handicap. There will be an autograph signing by Smarty Jones' owner, Pat Chapman, trainer John Servis, and jockey Stewart Elliott.

PTHA President Sal DeBunda has asked all owners to join in for Owners Appreciation Day, the feature race the \$250,000 President's Cup, on September 15, while the PA Breeders will have their day and a full card of state-bred races on September 8.

The Festival will end with an all-filly card on Ladies Day, October 6.

### Parx Hall of Fame Induction PA Derby Day

Thirteen new members of the Parx Hall of Fame will be honored on September 22 with presentations in the winners circle between races. Fans can view racing memorabilia from Parx' best horses, trainers, owners and jockeys, ranging from silks, photos, Peb caricatures and more on the third floor, leading into the Steak House.

This year's Special Recognition Awards go to William Hogwood, Deputy Chairman of Parx Casino and Racetrack, and past PTHA President Larry Riviello.

"We are very proud to honor these great people and horses that have contributed so much to the history of our racetrack," said Edward Lehman, Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee, which held its inaugural presentation last summer. "We hope the public will join us down near the winners circle to acknowledge them."

## PTHA New Sponsor of *It's Post Time* Radio Show

Most Friday nights at 5 p.m., the voice of PTHA Executive Director Mike Ballezzi joins with radio host and former horseman JJ Graci on Graci's *It's Post Time*. Their discussions encompass all aspects of Thoroughbred racing, Parx Racetrack, and other news regarding issues that are important to our industry. PTHA President Sal DeBunda, and TFH Program Administrator Barbara Luna have also been guests on the show.

"I have known JJ Graci for many years, and the PTHA is happy to support a radio show hosted by a horseman and for the horsemen," said Ballezzi. "*It's Post Time* truly gives voice to those of us who work hard to improve the industry, and to those that are making headlines at the races."

Graci earned his trainers licence in the late 1960s, working at Dover Downs. "My daughter has taken over that end of it now," said Graci. "I started a show because racing needs a unified voice that is supported by the different horsemen's groups," he said. "We could accomplish this free, live and worldwide to our listeners"

*It's Post Time* can be heard live on iTunes, or with the TuneIn Radio app on a Smart phone, or by logging in to [sofloradio.com](http://sofloradio.com).



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## PTHA Soccer 2012

Trainers Kate DeMasi, John Servis, Scott Lake, Cal Lynch and Eberd Estrada each sponsored a soccer team in the PTHA's 2012 league.

The championship game, held on July 29 was won by Scott Lake's team defeating DeMasi's in overtime 5 - 4 in the final game.

The MVP trophy was awarded to Lake's goalie, Jose Roca, who works on the backside for trainer Bobby Robbins.

Team captain is David Garcia (aka Coyote), assistant trainer for Scott Lake.

This is the third year for the PTHA Soccer team, managed by jockey Victor Molina. The PTHA pays for use of the soccer field on the corner of Richlieu Road and Galloway Road, within walking distance of the stable gate, as well as the insurance, referees and the trophies for the Championship.



## Independence Day Picnic, June 29, 2012



# The Lasix Question

Reprinted with permission from the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association  
*This is the first of a 3-part series to be continued in the PTHA News*

## What is exercise-induced pulmonary hemorrhage?

A horse affected by EIPH--a bleeder--suffers from ruptured blood vessels in the lungs during the stress of training or competing. This condition affects not just Thoroughbred racehorses, but all equine athletes, including polo ponies, 3-day event horses, barrel racers and steeplechasers.<sup>1</sup> The severity of the condition is determined by the amount of blood in the horse's trachea, and graded on a scale of 0 to 4.

If a horse is graded as a 4, there is blood covering the entire trachea and performance is severely affected; if the horse is off the charts and in crisis, there is blood draining from one or both nostrils (epistaxis). In those cases, the condition can be critical.

Some 60% of sudden deaths in racing have been attributed to pulmonary hemorrhage.<sup>2</sup> Studies have proven that the vast majority of race horses will suffer EIPH at some point during their careers, and that even a grade 2 can affect a horse's performance by as many as six lengths.<sup>3</sup>

First documented in the early 1800s, EIPH had long been suspected to have a negative impact on a racehorse's ability to perform at its peak level. But, until the early 1970s, the only symptom of EIPH beyond the subpar performance was epistaxis. That changed with the introduction of the fiberoptic endoscope 40 years ago, which, for the first time, allowed a veterinarian to examine the horse's upper respiratory system, and determine the origin and severity of the bleeding. Not only did this ground-breaking advance in diagnostics prove that the blood originated from the lungs, but also demonstrated that EIPH was prevalent even when epistaxis was not evident.

Dr. Ken Hinchcliff, the recognized leader in EIPH research, was lead author on studies conducted in Australia and South Africa, which proved definitively that EIPH affects the majority of Thoroughbred racehorses. The results from his Australian study, released in 2005, determined that 55% of horses suffered some level of EIPH, and was the first to clearly demonstrate the connection between EIPH and poor performance.<sup>3</sup> Subsequent studies have found that the prevalence of EIPH is even higher. If you scope a horse after three successive strenuous workouts, nearly 100% will be diagnosed with EIPH by the third scope.<sup>4</sup>

**The horses involved in the South African study competed in two races eight days apart. Those that bled were not given extra time to recover, yet Lasix proved highly effective in alleviating the problem.<sup>3</sup>**

Dr. Hinchcliff then set out to determine if the most common treatment for EIPH, the administration of Lasix, was, in fact, effective. The results of the study, conducted under racing conditions in South Africa, were published in the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association in July of 2009.<sup>2</sup> Not only was the study able to quantify the impact on performance with regard to the severity of the EIPH, but proved that Lasix was highly effective in alleviating the condition. A small percentage of the 152 horses involved in the study evidenced the highest degree of bleeding without Lasix--grades 3 and 4--but not a single horse evidenced a grade higher than 2 after the administration of Lasix. Twice as many horses were completely unaffected by EIPH when treated with Lasix as when racing without it.

The scientific evidence is irrefutable. Horses bleed. Lasix works. But, despite this evidence, many in our industry are staunchly opposed to the use of Lasix. What are the common objections to using an effective medication to treat a condition that is at minimum uncomfortable and distressing for the horse, and, at maximum, fatal?

## Separating Fact from Conjecture...

### 1) Racing in the U.S. survived without Lasix for hundreds of years. Why do we need it now?

- Lasix wasn't even approved for veterinary use until 1967.<sup>5</sup> Just a few years later came the introduction of the fiberoptic endoscope, an equine medical advancement that finally allowed the definitive diagnosis of EIPH. Anecdotal evidence that Lasix had the potential to treat EIPH led to clinical trials in the 1970s. States began permitting its therapeutic raceday use that decade.
- There have been many, many advances in medical science, in technology, in the sport of horse racing, in everyday life, that were not available 50 or 100 or 200 years ago.

- penicillin
- the internet
- cell phones
- the starting gate
- women no longer smoke or drink during pregnancy
- football players wear helmets and pads
- wearing seatbelts is mandatory by law
- young children must ride in car seats

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- nuclear scintigraphy • daily low-dose aspirin is a to prevent heart attacks and strokes
- “Because we got along without them,” is no argument for not taking advantage of these advancements now.

## **2) They race without Lasix in Europe, in Hong Kong, in Japan. Why do we need it in the U.S.?**

- Outside of the United States, the majority of racing jurisdictions still use archaic medical science when it comes to an official diagnosis of EIPH.<sup>6</sup> If a horse does not show evidence of epistaxis (bleeding from one or both nostrils), they are not considered bleeders. With the modern technology available to aid in diagnosis, this is the medical equivalent of refusing to use an X-ray machine to diagnose fractures.

**It is irresponsible to wait for a horse to be in crisis to make a diagnosis.**

**Horses are not allowed to race on Lasix in Europe or Australia, but it is regularly used during morning workouts. Why would horsemen use it in the mornings, if not to treat EIPH?**

- Outside the United States, the majority of racing jurisdictions fail to officially acknowledge the prevalence of EIPH, despite the incontrovertible evidence that it affects the majority of horses. **BUT**, trainers in Europe and Australia use Lasix during training on a regular basis. The trainers acknowledge its effectiveness in treating EIPH-- the **ONLY** motivation for using Lasix during morning workouts is the alleviation of EIPH.<sup>4</sup>
- European trainers have been known to use adjunct bleeder medications in competition. Nick Henderson had a positive for Tranexamic Acid in 2009 with a steeplechase horse owned by The Queen. Henderson's response to the positive? “I was very surprised,” he told The Guardian. “I didn't think we had administered anything terribly illegal...” He told a panel of the Royal College of Veterinary Services convened to hear the case that “plenty of trainers” were using the banned medication, and concluded, “The horse was not doped. She was given a drug for her own benefit.”<sup>7</sup>

## **3) Human athletes are not allowed to compete on medication. Why would we race horses on medication?**

- **This is a complete misconception.** Pro athletes are banned from competing on certain medications--steroids, human growth hormone and illegal narcotics top the list of specifically banned substances. But Quarterback Tony Romo took pain-killing injections to his ribs DURING four

straight games at the beginning of the 2011 season.<sup>8</sup> When pro tennis player Novak Djokovic beat Rafael Nadal, in the U.S. Open final in September, he was popping pain pills DURING THE MATCH.<sup>9</sup>

- Olympic athletes, long perceived as being completely drug free, have a lengthy list of approved medications from the World Anti-Doping Agency that can be used on the day of competition, including: anesthetics such as novocaine, xylocaine and even adrenaline; antidepressants; antihistamines; asthma drugs; caffeine; muscle relaxers; pain relievers and anti-inflammatories; sedatives; and ulcer medications. Even cortisone injections are permitted on the day of competition. Diuretics can be used if a Therapeutic Use Exemption has been issued to the

athlete.<sup>10</sup> (A list of WADA's approved drugs is attached).

- The medications approved for use in competition in human athletics are not nearly as tightly controlled as in Thoroughbred racing. The raceday use of Lasix is highly regulated. It must be administered no less than four hours prior to a race, in strictly controlled dosages, by a licensed veterinarian (in New York, Lasix is administered by veterinarians employed by the New York Racing Association, eliminating the practice of having a private veterinarian in a horse's stall on raceday).

**That daily low-dose regimen of aspirin you take every day to prevent heart attacks and strokes?**

**You couldn't give it to a racehorse within 96 hours of competing, or you'd end up with a positive test.**

“Virtually no member of a baseball, basketball or football team in America could pass the post-race drug testing that racehorses pass every day. In New York, more than 40% of the equine competitors are tested after each and every race. The testing standards in Thoroughbred racing are second to none.” NYTHA presentation for NY State Senate Racing Committee hearing.<sup>5</sup>

- In a statement released last May, the Association of Racing Commissioners International revealed, “The ‘anti-doping’ standards in horse racing are more aggressive than those deployed in the Olympics. In fact, the worldwide annual drug testing budget of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) is dwarfed considerably by the collective investment made by the state racing commissions in just one country, the United States. U.S. state racing commissions commit over \$35 million annually to directly test for medication violations. By comparison, the World Anti-Doping Agency's world-wide effort relies on \$26 million in funding. The financial statements published on their website reveal that, of that amount, \$1.6 million is specifically earmarked for testing fees.”<sup>12</sup>

**U.S. state racing commissions spend more than \$35 million annually for drug testing. The World Anti-Doping Agency's drug-testing budget? \$1.6 million a year.**

# Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain Rick Bunker

This has been a summer of challenges and even tragedies for many of us. It is only natural that some have considered quitting, questioned the value of continuing, worried whether they would be able to go on, and “why?” was wringing through their psyches. Know that our prayers, hearts, and hands are reaching out to you; and, may we all be encouraged with this story that bespeaks of the inextricable connectedness of triumphs and trials.

In August of 1965 Robin Lee Graham set out to sail around the world alone at 16, making him the youngest, at the time, to do this great feat. He set out in his own 24 foot fiberglass sloop, the Dove, a boat usually regarded as a day-sailor. The voyage was to take him nearly 5 years. National Geographic has three articles on his experience.

He started as an immature, searching kid. He experienced, as you would expect, many trials. There was an ocean storm that smashed his boat broadside, his mast snapped in two by a wave, he barely missed total destruction in a water spout, and twice when he forgot to hook-up to the lifeline he was washed overboard (Isn't that just when it would happen). He went through such despair in the doldrums – a windless, currentless portion of the sea around the equator – that he completely gave up. He, insanely, doused his boat with kerosene and set it on fire. He changed his mind, quickly, and nearly burned himself to death putting the fire out. Weird things are done when one is out in the middle of the ocean for months on end.

After five years he sailed into Los Angeles harbor and was greeted by boats, banners, crowds, media people, and blasts from steam whistles. The joy of returning was far different and deeper from any other sailing experience he had known. He would have never felt those emotions though if he was only returning from a pleasure outing off the coast. The pain and agony of his around the world trip made possible the powerful pleasure of his return. He left a 16 year old kid and returned a 21 year old man.

Many were impressed by the mental health which this self accomplishment had brought to him. There were publishers and movie agents who tried to entice

him with around the country trips, all the hype and fame of talk shows and the comfort of fat expense accounts. He declined them all. He proceeded with his plans for college at Stanford, but the foolish ideas being espoused there made it seem more alien than any of the islands and nations he had visited in his great trek and more frightening than the waves and winds of the most stormy seas. Robin was instead drawn to buy himself a farm in Montana and build a cabin from hand cut logs where he still lives ‘the good life’ today with his family.

Your life's journey may not be printed in any earthly publication, but it is being recorded more completely than those of the rich and famous and will be more rewarded

than anyone on earth could compensate you. You will look back, one day, and celebrate the triumphs as well as the tears.

Philip Yancey writes in his book *Where is God When It Hurts* (at the end of ch.4), “Pain cannot be extracted from life's experiences and roundly condemned. A kneejerk reaction against God for allowing pain is futile. It is too closely woven into the fabric of our sensations and often it is necessary to pleasure and fulfillment.

“When I am old I hope I do not die between sterile sheets, hooked up to a respirator in a germ free environment. I hope I am on a tennis court straining my heart with one last...smash, or perhaps huffing and puffing along

a trail to lower Yosemite Falls for one last feel of the spray against my wrinkled cheek.

“If I spend my life searching for happiness through drugs, comfort and luxury it will elude me. Happiness recedes from those that pursue her, happiness will come upon me unexpectedly, as a byproduct, a surprising bonus for something I have invested myself in and most likely that investment will include much pain. It is hard to imagine pleasure without pain.”

My friends, remember this promise to you from God's Word, the Bible, **“the eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His.”**

2 Chronicles 16:9 (NASB)




• According to the RCI, “In 2010, 324,215 biological samples were taken and tested. Lab results show that 99.5% of those samples were found to contain no foreign or prohibited substance. In other words, only 1/2 of 1% of samples tested was found to have contained a substance in violation of the rules. An examination of racing commission data also reveals that, in those relatively rare instances when

**“Horse racing’s anti-doping program tests for more substances at deeper levels than any other professional sport. These facts are inexplicably ignored by many who wish to opine on this matter and have been successful in drawing attention to their assertions by spinning negative headlines about the sport. The perception created is not consistent with the facts.” Ed Martin, RCI “Drugs in U.S. Racing - 2010”**

a violation of a medication rule does occur, most were associated with a legal substance administered in the normal course of equine care by a licensed veterinarian and cannot be characterized as ‘horse doping’ or as indicative of a ‘drugging.’ Those substances that could legitimately be construed as a ‘horse doping’ (RCI Classification Categories I and II) represent just 47 instances out of 324,215 samples tested in 2010. That represents 0.015% of all samples tested. The use of terms like ‘rampant,’ ‘endemic,’ ‘widespread,’ ‘chemical warfare,’ or ‘racing’s drug addiction’ do the sport and the tens of thousands of families who rely on it a great disservice.”<sup>12</sup>

#### **4) Lasix is a performance-enhancing drug.**


- Much has been made of the effects of weight loss on an athlete’s performance. The weight loss effect of Lasix is comparable to the weight loss a horse might experience if denied hay and water for 24 to 48 hours before a race, as was often the practice before the advent of Lasix. While Lasix use is strictly controlled, there is no oversight for if or when a trainer takes away a horse’s nutrients. Will this necessitate the introduction of security to ensure that all trainers observe the same protocol? Will it lead to headlines proclaiming, “Horses Starved and Dehydrated Before They Race”?
- Lasix does not allow a horse to perform beyond its peak natural ability. It alleviates, but does not eliminate, a condition that hampers peak performance. Anecdotally, historically and scientifically, it has been demonstrated clearly that EIPH adversely affects performance. Horses run slower when they bleed. Anecdotally, historically and scientifically, it has been demonstrated clearly that Lasix is significantly effective in minimizing EIPH. The refusal to connect these dots is the height of, “Don’t confuse us with the facts.”
- Even those who once had been staunchly opposed to Lasix have recognized that it is a performance restorer not an



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enhancer. A 1988 Washington Post article entitled, “Handlers Hope Lasix Will Help Private Terms Regain Lost Form,” documented how GI Wood Memorial winner Private Terms’ form deteriorated due to EIPH, then was restored when he was put on a Lasix regimen. According to the article, trainer Charlie Hadry, “reiterated his belief that the use of Lasix in no way diminishes Private Terms’ status as a racehorse of high quality. It’s not a stimulant, Hadry said, but a drug that rids the body of surplus fluids and simply will allow Private Terms to run to his potential.”

Then 80, the late Stuart Janney Jr., owner/breeder of Private Terms, and of the great Ruffian, was quoted in the article, saying, “I know I was very much opposed to using Lasix or anything else at one time. But I’ve had [bleeding] happen so many times to so many of my horses that I don’t feel that way any more. I’ve gotten to be an old man, and I even have to take Lasix once in a while.”<sup>14</sup>

**“No amount of Lasix will make a horse run past his ability.”**

*Dr. Scott Palmer, past President of the AAEP*

**PART TWO OF THIS ARTICLE WILL APPEAR IN  
THE OCTOBER ISSUE OF THE PTHA NEWS**



## The Reality of Racing's Benefit from Casino Revenue in NY

### A Letter From Jeffrey Cannizzo, E. D., NY Thoroughbred Breeders, Inc.

*This letter originally appeared in the August issue of NY Breeder magazine.*

Following the release in July of the New York State Franchise Oversight Board's 2011 annual report, I began to read that members of the Board were expressing the need to review whether racing has "actually benefited" from the enhanced purse structure funded by Genting's Resorts World casino at Aqueduct.

I interpret this as a desire on the part of the Oversight Board to see evidence that the 6.5% share of VLT revenue that NYRA allocates to purses is having the desired positive bottom-line effect on the state's thoroughbred industry. I suggest that the Board might be asking a slightly different question, namely "Are the increased purses actually stimulating the job-creating, job-sustaining and tax-paying complex of activities, goods and services that make up the world of breeding and racing, and therefore are they making a positive contribution to the economy of the state?"



Holiday Resort Casino

The short answer is a resounding "yes," but the longer answer needs to be spelled out.

Racing first. Most people have read about the dramatic bottom-line success of the NYRA race meets since the new purse structure kicked in. Total handle on the Aqueduct winter/spring meet was up 22.6% compared to 2011, while the Belmont spring/summer meet, which could also measure success by its influx of new horseman from out-of-state and high quality of competition, showed a 9.4% increase in handle over last year. The well-documented correlation between increased purses, increased field size, and increased handle is

therefore playing out perfectly according to script. As the new purse structure kicks in this year at Saratoga, historically New York's most lucrative race meet, NYRA will most likely set records for pari-mutuel wagering both on and off the track. I believe the verdict is in: the business of New York racing, considered in isolation, has benefitted from the higher purses.

But New York racing does not exist in isolation, and I would like to focus next on the positive effects of the new VLT-fueled purse structure on New York racing's closest partner: New York's breeding industry, whose fortunes – make no mistake – rise and fall with NYRA's.



Saratoga's purses also reflect increased purses due to VLT revenue

In a nut-shell, the recent explosion of economic activity in the breeding sector is directly attributable to NYRA's VLT-fueled purses, and this growth in the breeding industry is translating into concrete benefits for the state.

After a decade of decline during which the selection of a VLT operator was stuck in political limbo, the selection of Genting instantly produced positive results for breeders. Let me begin with the 2011 two-year-old sales – the first major horse auctions to take place in the sure knowledge that Resorts World would be opening its doors for business later in the year.

With the assurance that revenue would soon begin to flow to increase purses at the racetrack and incentive awards for breeders from the New York Breeding & Development Fund (the Fund), New York-bred two-year-olds were nearly twice as valuable in 2011 as they were the year before, generating \$9,578,600 in gross sales, compared with \$5,082,300 in 2010. The results of the 2011 Fasig-Tipton New York-bred yearling sale in August were even more dramatic: total sales increased over the previous year by a staggering 83%. It was not the nature of the New York-bred that had changed in a year, but his value in the eyes of prospective owners, whose eyes were firmly fixed on the horse's earning potential at the New York racetracks.

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**(NY Casino revenue cont. from page 9)**

Next came the breeding boom of 2012. Once NYRA officials announced a 36% purse hike for the 2012 Aqueduct winter/spring meet, and the Fund followed suit with a VLT-fueled 50% across-the-board increase in breeders' awards for 2012, the economic engine of the breeding industry began to work in overdrive.

Stallion owners announced they were bringing high quality individuals to stand at stud in New York. Many Kentucky operations initiated partnerships with New York farms with a view to bringing their mares here to foal. The anticipated influx of mares into the state led to the reopening of major commercial breeding operations and purchase of New York



farm properties that had long been on the market.

The preliminary reports from the Fund on the 2012 foal crop offer early confirmation that the breeding industry has been revitalized virtually overnight. Mares flocked to state to foal, and as of May 31 nearly 40% more thoroughbred foals had been born in New York than by the same date last year.

Let's turn now to the all-important trickle-down effect of

increased purses on the state.

Along with influx of upwards of 500 new mares into New York this year comes an increased demand for goods (hay, bedding, feed, equipment) and services (vet, farrier, sales prep, boarding, transportation, stud fees), along with increased capital expenditure (barns, fences, tractors, etc.). According to the Economic Equine Study done by Deloitte in 2005, horse owners in the state spend \$2.4 billion annually in goods and services, while New York State collects over \$120 million annually from the equine industry in taxes. Most important the breeding industry offers New York State what it needs most: jobs, jobs and more jobs, with each mare creating or sustaining four direct or indirect jobs.

Flash back two years. The 2010 breeding season was a disaster. After ten years of political wrangling over a VLT operator, with no end in sight, the foal crop of 2011 fell off dramatically to its lowest level in a more than a decade (1,450), with only 725 foals on the ground through the first five months of 2011. In 2012, with VLT revenue driving the engine, 1,011 foals were born in New York in the same time frame. And growth is stimulating more growth. Fasig-Tipton has recently added a new fall mixed sale to take place in Saratoga in response to "feedback from several clients in New York State." The marketplace for New York-breds is booming.

So if the Franchise Oversight Board chooses to review the effects of VLT-fueled purse hikes, I believe it will find that is not merely racing that is "actually benefitting." Profits are coming to the state from the increased pari-mutuel tax revenue generated by the higher purses. A revitalized breeding industry is putting farmland back into service and agricultural service providers back to work across the state. Last but not least, with the Saratoga purses attracting the best our sport has to offer, tourists will be supporting the local economies of upstate New York like never before. If this isn't the kind of economic development we seek for the Empire State, I don't

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# Parx' Castillo Family Successful in Both Hemispheres



Richard Castillo is as well travelled as Ritz Cafe, his 9-year-old Chilean bred gelding. Castillo was Ritz's (his new name since retirement into Turning For Home) regular rider in Chile, winning six in a row with him.

The Castillos -- brothers Richard, Oliver and Freddie, as well as Freddie's wife, Michelle, have found the winners circle many times in both the Northern and Southern Hemispheres. Michelle and Richard are now licensed trainers at Parx racing, and don't seem to miss the action from the backs of their horses, as long as they can still make it to the winners circle.

Richard and his wife, Silvia and their young daughter moved to Chile in 1997. Castillo had been riding at Philadelphia Park, but had been born in the South American country, moving to the U.S. at the age of 10.

"Although we have always considered the United States our home," said Castillo, "we stayed 11 years in Chile this time, had two more daughters and a very good life."



Richard Castillo as Ritz Cafe's regular rider scoring one of their six consecutive victories together in Chile. The colt was injured after being sent to California in 2008, and was reunited with Castillo at Philadelphia Park. Time off with his former rider got him back to the winners circle.

Richard encouraged his brother and sister-in-law, both who had been riding in New England, to join the rest of his family in Chile, and Richard, Michelle, and their daughter Amanda moved in 1999.

Richard had paved the way for both of them. He was a leading rider who rode many of the top horses in the country, including Lido Palace, 2000 Chilean Horse of the Year, before the horse shipped into California trainer Bobby Frankel's barn, and adding America stakes victories, and eventually retiring to stud at Northview, PA, before being purchased last year by Haras El Centauro in Peru.

He and a lesser known chestnut colt, named Ritz Cafe, scored six consecutive wins together, and ended up in Richard's Parx stable when he returned to the United States and began training.

At the time Michelle and Freddie came south, there was only one other female rider in the jockey colony at Club Hipico, the country's grass track, and Hipodrome de Chile, the dirt oval. No women worked with the horses or on the backstretch.



Michelle and Freddie Castillo have the distinction of being the only husband and wife to finish in a dead heat together! The above photo is from 2003 at Hipodromo de Chile, Michelle in the blue silks on the inside.

"They only race four days a week, and there are often 20-horse fields with 18 races a day," said Michelle. Michelle watched replays of head-on views of some of the races before actually riding, and found herself squeamish about the size of the fields, rare back in New England.

Freddie began winning races, and both he and his brother found an agent for Michelle. Soon Michelle fell into what she admitted was a fairy tale life.

"I was a rarity in Chile," she said. "Blonde and blue-eyed, and a woman. But by the end of our first year there, I had one day where I won 17 races on the 18-race card."

In Chile, racing, the horses and their jockeys are held in high esteem by the public. "Everything revolves around soccer and horseracing," said Michelle. "Jockeys are the stars."

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# Backstretch Views



## PTHA wishes Parx security guard speedy return



Much-loved security guard Rich Citrino was sent off to cataract surgery last month with well wishes from the staff of the PTHA. Expected to return to work in late August, Rich is an important member of the Parx staff, who always greets everyone with a kind comment, and if you're lucky, a sandwich and homemade cake! Thanks to Rich, our backstretch is safe and well-fed. Hurry back soon!



## She caught a fish THIS BIG!

Stephanie Smith of the PTHA Office spent time off this summer fishing in Canada, and look what she reeled in! The perch was 37.5" long and weighted in at 15 pounds. Stephanie threw him back...

## Obituaries

### Trainer Efrain T. Garcia



E. T. Garcia and Counselor R.H., Angel Cordero aboard at the old Tropical Park in 1968.

Along with his wife, Mr. Garcia leaves his three daughters Crisele, Lourdes and Annie, as well as good friend and former employee Agustin "Cholula" Solis.

Former Philadelphia Park/Keystone leading trainer Efrain "E.T." Gracia passed away in his sleep on July 12 at the age of 87 at his home in Miami Springs, said his wife of 57 years, Hilda.

Garcia set up his stable at Keystone Racetrack in 1980 and earned five training titles between 1989 and 1992.

Mr. Garcia and his wife made many friends in their years together racing all over the East Coast, including in New England and Florida.

"When we married in 1955, my mother told me I'd be living like a gypsy married to a horse trainer, but we made so many friends," said Mrs. Garcia. "He loved to have people over, and every Sunday all the jockeys like Angel Cordero, Eddie Belmonte, Jorge Velazquez, Braulio Baeza, and even Tommy Trotter would stay for dinner."

He had been living in Florida with his family since retiring four years ago. "He was happy to be home with his daughters, although it did take him awhile to get over getting up early and going to the barn," said Mrs. Garcia.

### Catherine "Kitty" Dandy, mother of trainer Ron Dandy

Our condolences to Ron Dandy on the passing of his mother, Kitty Dandy, on July 24 at Legend Rehabilitation and Nursing Center. Her family was there with her. During her life, she enjoyed gardening, her shih tzu Gilly, and spending time with her many friends and her family.

Ron, was especially close to her, and shared this photo of her with him last year as he accepted his award at the New England Turf Writers Hall of Fame ceremony and dinner. "My mother was in her 80's, and had never been in a winners circle photo with me before -- she was just never at the track on the days that I won-- but she got her picture with me accepting my Hall of Fame plaque," said Dandy. "There was nothing better in the world than to have her there. I gave her my plaque, and she carried it with her all the time."

Mrs. Dandy was predeceased by her husband of 43 years, Henry, in 1987, and leaves two sons, Ron and Harold, and large family and group of friends who loved her.







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She had just made leading rider before she and Freddie were to return to the U.S., "she said. "And then I got hurt.

"But the Mayor prepared a big presentation for my send-off, before returning to the States," she said. "He even gave me the key to the City,"

The Castillos agree that racing in Chile is a different way of life. No medication for horses on race day, and each groom cares for only three horses. A groom's duties include breaking and galloping the horses, and taking them for relaxing walks under saddle in the afternoons are not uncommon.

After his sixth win, Ritz Cafe was sent to California to race against easier company, but ended up with an injured suspensory. Because Richard was willing to give the horse a year off, his owner paid to ship him to Philadelphia Park, where Castillo took over as trainer, earning his license last summer. After rehab, with his youngest brother, Oliver aboard, Ritz Cafe would win one more race before retiring into Parx' Turning For Home program for retired racehorses.

Michelle and Freddie returned to the United States in 2003. Michelle recently got her trainer's license, and has saddled two winners at Parx this summer. She and her husband split duties between the track and the former Mt. Holly training center in NJ, where they both care for their horses.



**Congratulations to trainer and PTHA board member Butch Reid, and owner Thomas McGrath of Swilcan Stables. Their Poseidon's Warrior scored at 36-1 in the Alfred G. Vanderbilt Stakes at Saratoga earlier this month. It was the first Grade 1 victory for the colt, who defeated heavily favored Shackelford, who was last. Poseidon's Warrior, a son of 2004 Vanderbilt winner Speightstown may next appear in the Grade 1 Forego on September 1. Reid's wife and assistant trainer, Ginny, and daughter Whitney, were also in the winners circle.**



# Turning For HomePage



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The PTHA's Executive Director Michael Ballezzi and Turning for Home's Program Administrator Barbara Luna have been spreading the word about the Horsemen's organization's model program for retired racehorses. While many racetracks have called to find out out TFH has saved nearly 800 horses in just 4 1/2 years, other groups have asked us to join panel discussions and seminars to discuss everything from business plans to the legalities of saving horses from slaughter.

On August 14, Luna appeared as a panelist at the 2012 Saratoga Institute on Racing and Gaming Law at the Gideon Putnam Hotel in Saratoga. Sponsored by the Albany Law School, the two-day conference covered racing and retired horses, ownership responsibilities and on-track injury reports. Trainer Gary Contessa moderated the panel on Anti-Slaughter and Racetrack Retirement Programs, in which Luna presented a short video, and discussed the Turning For Home program.

The second day of the conference was dedicated to Gaming.

The International Conference of Racing Analysts and Veterinarians has asked Michael Ballezzi to represent Turning For Home and speak to a group of international veterinarians about

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to drug metabolism, and attending veterinarians are from all over the world."

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Equine Retirement in an all day session on Animal Welfare on September 17.

Dr. Larry Soma from New Bolton Center will act as host of the five day Conference and said the audience for the week's discussions will be racing chemists, and regulatory and track veterinarians.

"The Conference takes place every two years, and this is the second year that it has been held in the United States," said Dr. Soma. "The topics vary from animal welfare

## Our Recent Graduates



**JUST TURN WEST** above, after a successful day in the jumper ring;

**LONG ISLAND DUCK,** right, completing his dressage test for his new adopter.



**INDY KNIGHT** (left) has found a new job in the dressage ring.

**OVERBID,** below, and 9-year-old Julia have taken to the air in the gelding's new career.



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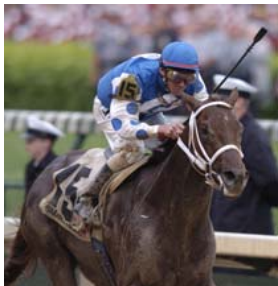
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