



# PTHA NEWS

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## PA Day at the Races #6!

The third floor PA Derby Room was the site of the sixth annual PA Day at the Races, hosted by the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association. Over 500 owners, trainers, breeders, officials and guests enjoyed a great day of racing which included the Flatterer Hurdle Handicap 2 1/16 miles on the turf and five stakes races - each with a \$50,000 purse.

The second running of the Flatterer Hurdle was won by the favorite, Mixed Up, owned by William Pape, trained by Jonathan Sheppard and ridden by Danielle Hodsdon. 2005 Pennsylvania Horsemen's Award winner for 4 yr. old and up colts, Banjo Picker, made his tenth win the Devil's Honor Handicap. Ridden by a very happy Tara Hemmings. Banjo Picker is owned by Danny Limongelli and trained by Steve Krebs. Jockey Edwin Perez crossed the finish line aboard R. Earl to capture the Iroquois Handicap for Cleon Cassel and trainer Tim Shea.

Taking Risks Stable's Namequest took the Robert Camac Memorial Stakes. Ridden to victory by Victor Molina, this turf veteran is conditioned by Ben Feliciano Jr. In the final stakes of the card, Philly star rider, Tony Black rode All Dolled Up to her stakes victory in the Mrs. Penny Stakes. She is trained by Ramon Preciado and owned by Ellendale Racing.

PHBA President, Peter Giangiulio introduced Board Treasurer, Brian Sanfrantello who served as the Master of Ceremony for the day. Brian happily passed out \$50 vouchers and travel bags to winners of the drawings. Other board members attending the event include Tom Reigle, Liz Merryman, Michael Jester, Joe Numan, Dr. Richard Reveley, Francis Puleo and Secretary, Roger Legg. PTHA President Larry Riviello, Executive Director Mike Ballezzi and Director/Owner Betsy Brown-Gambone also joined in the festivities.

Thanks to Mark McDermott and Dorothy Weber for all the hard work making this event come together. The buffet was great and everyone was happy to get the newly designed hats.



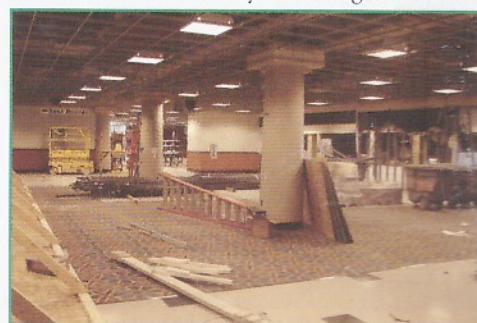
PHBA president Peter Giangiulio (center) talks with Betty and Larry Riviello, PTHA president

## The Times They Are A-Changin'



As Bob Dylan so aptly put these words into song - the times they are a-changin' at Philly Park. But in this case, the changes are very, very good. Good for racing in PA - good for trainers, owners, employees of Greenwood Racing, backside employees and also the betting public.

All the changes being implemented with the addition of slots mean higher purses and a higher supplement percentage for owners and breeders. This translates to a better product - full fields of good horses. This also has a "trickle down" effect in the community with larger crowds - buying food, staying in local hotels and shopping in area stores. The impact will also be felt by all the suppliers involved in the equine industry.



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So as the times keep on "a-changin' " - we will all be cheering them on and enjoying our front row seat.





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# THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*By Larry Riviello, President*

Summer went by fast. I always wanted summer to last longer; but this is one summer I wanted to go faster. Why? It will be closer to December, the month slots will be activated.

Friday, June 9th - A general membership meeting was held in the recreation hall. Pennsylvania Racing Commission executive secretary Ben Nolt, Jr. attended, also Dr. Larry Soma from New Bolton Center and state vet Dr. Craig Goldblatt. Thanks to all of them for attending a productive meeting on positives.

Sunday, June 11th - Fegentri European Amateur Riders Race "The Michael "Spider" O'Hara Memorial Classic". The winner was Speedy Freddie, a 4 year old colt ridden by jockey Daniell Mangini who carried 136 pounds to victory for owner/trainer Juan Ortiz.

Wednesday, June 21st - Executive director Mike Ballezzi and I attended the monthly commission meeting held at the Equine Toxicology Research Lab, West Chester University, West Chester, PA. We toured the facility and the lab is first rate.

Saturday, June 24th - A great day for trainer Ramon Preciado! He won the \$100,000 My Juliet Stakes with Notimetoquit, owners Nick Cioeriar and Raymond Vitolo, and ridden by jockey Harry Vega.

Another Ramon runner, Ellendale Farm's Pocomoonshine ran at Delaware Park in the \$100,000 Sussex Stakes.

Tuesday, July 4th - Trainer Guadalupe Preciado sent out Hailes Girl to win the \$50,000 Foxy J.G. Stakes for 3 year old Pennsylvania bred fillies. Owners are the partnership of Horse Racing Stable and Secluded Stable.

Monday, June 26th - Mike Ballezzi and I attended a luncheon at Kenny's Restaurant in Harrisburg where Governor Rendell was the guest speaker. In the Governor's presentation he spoke of his visit to see Barbaro at New Bolton Center. Governor Rendell also gave New Bolton Center's management a check from the state to the amount of \$13 million to upgrade the facility.

Mike Ballezzi mentioned to the Governor that the Pennsylvania horsemen and breeders have in place a coalition to be united to protect our interests. John Servis was also a guest.

Saturday, July 8th - Congratulations to Robert Seeger for winning the \$50,000 Peppy Addy Stakes for 3 year old registered Pennsylvania bred with Chase the Line, owner/breeder Plumstead Stable and jockey Frankie Pennington.

Sunday, July 9th - Walnut Green held their first annual Man of the Year Award presentation and yearling show. My wife Betty and I attended. It was a great day, perfect weather, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Mark Reid welcomed everyone. Russell Jones presented the Walnut Green Man of the Year Award to Governor Rendell.

The yearling show consisted of six well bred beautiful foals. A colt by Fusaichi Pegasus, out of More Breeze. A filly by Vindication, out of Indigene. A colt by Unbridled's Song, out of Outlasting. A filly by Not for Love, out of My New Pal. A colt by Forest Camp, out of Occhi Verdi(Ire). A colt by Songandaprayer, out of Sweet Proud Polly.

Wednesday, July 19th - The Equine Health and Care committee met. Chairperson Commissioner Rick Abbot scheduled a busy agenda. Discussions on heat stroke (the prevention and care), medications, milk shakes, EPO, SARI (State Animal Response Team), recent flooding in Pennsylvania, activated CART Teams, track surfaces and veterinarians issued EHVI.

Thursday, July 20th - Pennsylvania Racing and Breeders Coalition met in Harrisburg. Ms. Melinda Tucker, director of racetrack gaming and assistant chief counsel Kevin Hays both with the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board attended. The agenda was to have a mission statement, an organizational structure, decide on a name, who would be members, the board, the hiring of employees or independent contractors and dues.

In attendance were representatives from the Pennsylvania HBPA, Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association, Pennsylvania Harness Horsemen's Association, Meadows Standardbred Owners' Association, Standardbred Breeders' Association of PA, Hanover Shoe Farm, last but in no way least, The Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association's that was represented by Salvatore DeBunda, VP, Michael Ballezzi, executive director and yours truly Larry Riviello, president.

Saturday, July 29th - PA Day at the Races was a perfect day for racing, congratulations to President Peter Giangulio, executive secretary Mark McDermott and executive secretary Dorothy Weber for a well organized and exciting day of racing, a truly great showcase for our Pennsylvania bred. Our horsemen competed against each other but later congratulated each other. This is the American Way.

It was my pleasure to see Mrs. Pat Chapman in attendance. Pat is an outstanding lady and a credit to Pennsylvania racing and breeding.

Congratulations to all the winners and their connections, details are covered in the front page article.

Is he, or is he not, the best? Our Inquirer handicapper Craig Donnelly selected all eight winners at Delaware Park and seven winners at Philadelphia Park on the same day, June 22, 2006!

I'm sorry to report the passing of Fitzgerald "Fitz" Eugene Dixon, Jr., the chairman of our racing commission for so many years. His steering helped put Pennsylvania racing in the forefront of the entire country. ■

## Thought of the Day

*There is nothing that neither cost so little nor goes so far as courtesy and respect.*



## PA Day at the Races #6!







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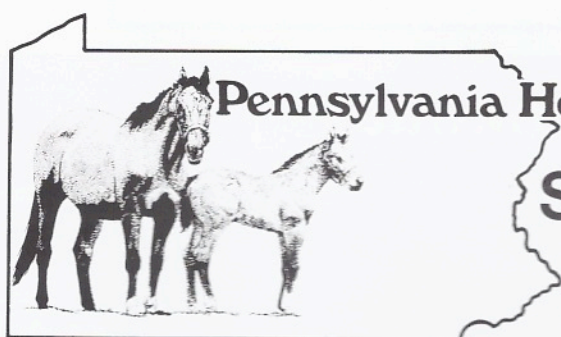
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## 4th of July Cookout

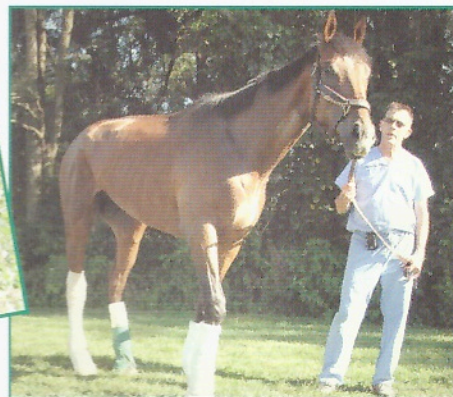
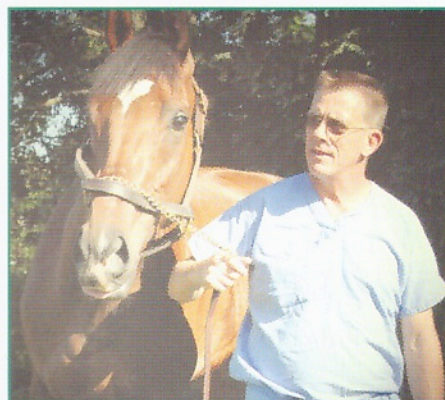


Over 400 gathered on the backside this year to celebrate Independence Day this past 4th of July. Young and old enjoyed the food provided by PTHA and Philadelphia Park. Activities, organized by the chaplain's office, were enjoyed by all the children. Rocco Gabriella, DJ, provided the entertainment.



# SOME GOOD NEWS FOR BARBARO!!!

*A visit outside with Dr. Richardson to graze*



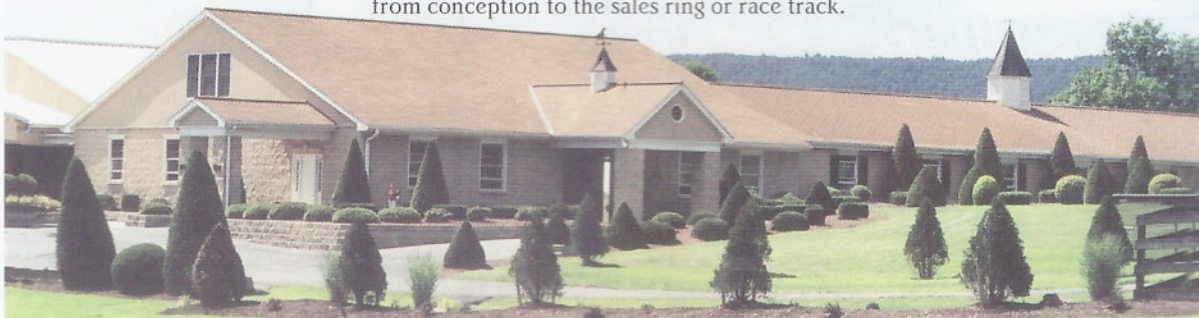
Sabina Louise Pierce with the University of Pennsylvania has shared her pictures of Barbaro.

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# TROPHY LIST

DATE	OWNER	HORSE	TRAINER
5/6/2006	Hope's Racing Stables & Kay Holman	Afleet Deputy	Lupe Preciado
5/13/2006	Emmanuel Tzortzakis	Mr Twix	Emmanuel Tzortzakis
5/20/2006	Frederick Campbell	Tactical Blast	Frederick Campbell
5/27/2006	Jack Armstrong	Manhattan Miner	Stephen Mick
6/3/2006	Rhythm Stable	Ronnet	Victor Collazo
6/17/2006	Art Turchi	Crystal Beach	Frank Turchi
6/24/2006	JPK Stable	Comes a Tide	Keith LeBarron
7/8/2006	Helen Alexander	Crevice	Michael Matz
7/15/2006	Daniel Ljoka	Nikolay	Kim Swentkowski
7/22/2006	Fast Forward Racing Stable	Dixie Avenue	Guadalupe Preciado
7/29/2006	Millenium Group	Sam's Song	Edward Coletti
8/5/2006	Anita Racing Stable	Sox It To Me	Alfredo Velazquez
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# In the Spotlight

## Mark Reid - Thoroughbred Bloodstock Agent

As the new owner of Walnut Green, Mark is totally immersed in the acquisition and sales of thoroughbreds, along with building his new business. He has put together an impressive group of officers and advisors. Joining him in the venture as minority partners, are former owner Russell Jones, trainer Anthony "Tony" Dutrow and Jim DiCicco, Rancocas Valley High School coach. His advisory board is comprised of Hall of Fame trainer Bobby Frankel, Eclipse Award winner Todd Pletcher, Hall of Fame jockey, Jerry Bailey, Len Friedman of the Ragozin Speed Sheets and Dr. Dean Richardson, Chief of Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania's New Bolton Center.

A thoroughbred trainer for 25 years, Mark now leaves that aspect of the business to brother Butch. "I still hold the all-time leading trainer position at Garden State," Mark laughs. "Scott Lake just overtook my stats at Keystone."

His brother, Robert E. "Butch" Reid, Jr. trains horses from his barn at Philadelphia Park. Butch was the 2005 winner of the PTHA 2005 Horsemen's Award for Leading Division B Trainer with a 28% win record. Their brother, Brian, owns several of the horses in Butch's barn. Keeping track of bookkeeping is his wife of 34 years, Barbara. They have two sons: Mark Jr., Vice President of Walnut Green, who is responsible for advertising, web page content and sales prep while son, Sean, is a practicing attorney and also provides legal counsel. Sean and his wife, Sara, have one son, Zachary.

When asked about future plans for Walnut Green, Mark proudly states, "I want Walnut Green to be the premier thoroughbred business in Pennsylvania. We are positioning our company for the huge growth in the industry when slots are installed. We have acquired over 30 top broodmares and will be adding proven stallion superstars to the program. When the purses double and then triple, we'll be ready." ■

## Walnut Green First Annual Man of the Year Award and Yearling Show



Celebrating Walnut Green's first year with new owner, Mark Reid, guests were treated to a wonderful party. Gathered on the lush turf, we enjoyed scrumptious food along with a few surprises. Mark thanked his board members in attendance, Russell Jones (former owner of Walnut Green), Tony Dutrow and Jim DiCicco. Other special guests in attendance were recognized for their support of the industry - Dr. Dean Richardson, Barclay Tagg, Graham Motion, Chuck Zacney and Bobby Frankel, celebrating his birthday.

Special guest and honoree, Governor Ed Rendell accepted his award as the first recipient of the Walnut Green Man of the Year award. Governor Rendell spoke about his love of horse racing and complemented the many people who contribute to this vital Pennsylvania industry,

including Mr. and Mrs. Roy Chapman, owners of Smarty Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jackson, owners of Barbaro. Special recognition was given to Chuck Zacney and the other connections of Afleet Alex for their continued efforts raising money for pediatric cancer research with Alex's Lemonade Stand. The governor stressed that the combinations of not only these nationally recognized people and horses, but everyone working so hard in the industry, brought attention to our state and the wonderful product we produce.

Then the stars of the afternoon arrived - the yearlings Walnut Green is sending to the sales.

Thanks for a wonderful event, Mark - we look forward to next year! ■





## BACKSIDE *View*

### Rerun, Inc.

Information was passed along about a thoroughbred rehabilitation organization called Rerun, Inc. Rerun was founded in 1996 in Kentucky as a nonprofit thoroughbred adoption program and currently operates chapters in Kentucky, New York and New Jersey.

Their mission is to help ex-racehorses find a second career by placing them in adoptive homes. Rerun's endeavor is to promote the versatility of thoroughbreds in all types of riding disciplines and makes every effort to match physical and mental conditions of ex-runners with the experience and desires of approved adopters. At times thoroughbreds coming off the racetrack experience physical problems that may require rest, veterinary assistance and/or rehabilitation. They strive to provide them with the necessary care relying on the assistance of volunteers and professionals experienced in horsemanship. Over the years ReRun has placed hundreds of ex-racehorses in adoptive homes with second careers in hunter, jumper and dressage disciplines. They always do their utmost to match horses with a lifetime friend and family. To learn more about this great organization, visit their web site: [www.rerun.org](http://www.rerun.org)



### Doctor Doo Wop

Speaking of rehabilitation, look what *Doctor Doo Wop* is doing now. Owner/breeder Dr. Roberta "Bobbie" Schneider, half of Tudox Stable, couldn't wait to show off his new vocation as a show hunter. He was Pennsylvania bred yearling and two-year-old PA State Champion in the breeding division, broke his maiden as a three-year-old in maiden special weight, then was retired due to an injury and was rehabilitated at Tudox Farm. When he was well enough, he went to Exceller Farm, one of the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation's foster farms and was adopted. His new owner, Jamie Kelsey of Pleasant Valley, NY shows him off by jumping him bareback and barefooted in her prom dress. This is surely a first.



### Ms. Julianna Guerrero

Please meet Ms. Julianna Guerrero, born July 21st, weighing in at a level 6 pounds. What a cutie! Her father, trainer Juan Carlos, mother Lisa and big sister Isabella (who will be 3 on 9/19) are ecstatic to have little Julianna home with them.

### Memorial Service for Raymundo Ayala

On August 9th a memorial service was held in the Philadelphia Park Thomas C. LeVine Recreation Hall for the friends of our dear friend, stable employee Raymundo Ayala who passed away on August 3rd, just 4 months past his 76th birthday. Ray left us as he lived, with his beloved horses. A familiar face around Philly Park for many, many years he is sadly missed by everyone who knew him. Ray is survived by his brothers Jose and Salvador and his sisters Angelina and Hotilia. Surviving children are Alicia, Hortencia, Malia, Rosa, Angel and Roberto.

### Update on Trainer Michael Rea

Here's an update on trainer Michael Rea. Mike was tragically injured in a training accident on June 16th at Fair Hill. His family is happy to report he is in rehabilitation and is coming along, although it will be a very slow recovery. The automobile raffle held to benefit Mike was won by an HRTV employee in California. Everyone across the country wanted to help Mike. Thanks to all the many horsemen, vets and vendors that bought tickets. Keep your prayers going up for Mike and his family. If you would like to send him a card, send it to Mike Rea, c/o PTHA Office, P. O. Box 300, Bensalem, PA 19020 and we will make sure he gets it.

### "Abe Simoff's 80th Birthday Classic"

Barbara Feldman told her father Abe Simoff (Abe is also father to Andrew and Richard along with two other children) that she knew there was nothing he needed that she could buy him for his 80th birthday, how about choosing a benefactor and we'll make a donation. Abe responded he would like it to be the horsemen's association at Philadelphia Park. So Barbara and her husband Roger Feldman sent a generous check to the PTHA in celebration of Abe's 80th! A race will be named for him and as soon as Abe picks a date, we'll take a picture and put it in a future issue. Go Abe!



# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Chaplain Jack Cordell



## OPPORTUNITIES OF A LIFETIME

Last Thursday morning something happened that pressed home a vital lesson. My friend's life ended in Barn 15. His heart gave out. The passing of that gentle, quiet, friendly man reminded me afresh that life constantly offers us loads of opportunities: a chance to meet a new friend, to visit a new place, to help someone in need, to learn from someone willing to share the wisdom, even to avoid making a bad choice.



In Raymundo Ayala's case, it was an opportunity to enjoy his friendliness, kindness, and love for his family. At every Wednesday night worship, he would inevitably request prayer for various family members. When he handled the overhead transparencies containing the words of the songs for worship, we dubbed him "Music Director." He nudged me to speak Spanish, encouraging me to be patient but to speak the language (an opportunity not yet properly used).

It entered no one's mind at Wednesday night worship that Raymundo would leave this earth on Thursday morning. It had been our opportunity to revel in the glow of his smile, his friendly greetings, and his sincere good-byes. Now that he's gone, it gives me pause to hope that we did not take him for granted, or ignore his presence while he was with us. A few days ago, a friend told me that life offers each of us a limited number of very special days (opportunities) and we do well to celebrate them when they come. Like memorable days, good friends can be opportunities we take for granted, ignore, or forget. Be careful.

The Bible says, "Be very careful, then, how you live - not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity. . . ." (Eph. 5: 15, 16a). A contemporary version of the passage renders it, "So watch your step. Use your head. Make the most of every chance you get." God gives you and me just so many days on earth. If we receive each one as a chance to love and trust God and to impact people for good, we will live life to the fullest and make the most of those fleeting opportunities life hands us. Seize every opportunity. You won't live to regret it. ■

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