



# Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, Inc. NEWSLETTER

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2005

## 2005 PENNSYLVANIA DERBY



*Crowd enjoying the beautiful day at the PA Derby. Below Photo of the Winner's Circle*

Labor Day 2005 was a picture perfect day to highlight our biggest day of racing in the Keystone State, Pennsylvania Derby Day.

Picnickers with family in tow queued up early to stake their claim to a picnic table. An outdoor concert and kiddie rides and games created a carnival atmosphere on a day that weathermen described as "beautiful".

With over \$1,000,000 in purses up for grabs, the competition figured to be keen. Racing secretary Sal Sinatra along with assistant Phil Parker assembled the largest field ever for the Pennsylvania Derby. It was 14 three year olds

who loaded in the gate for the Derby in what seemed like a contentious race. The crowd made Tracy Farmer's "Sun King" the 6/5 favorite and he rewarded his many backers in the crowd with a facile 3 length win.

Trained by Nick Zito and ridden by Raphael Bejarano, "Sun King" parlayed a win in Delaware's Leonard Richard Stakes and a second place finish in Monmouth's

Haskell to springboard to the PA Derby Winner's Circle.

California based "Southern Africa", accompanied by trainer Mike Puhich and rider Tyler Baze, made the cross country trip a success by closing from

out of the clouds to nose "Smoke-screen" for the place.

The ladies also had their day in the sun, as two supporting stakes were slated for fillies. In the 8th running of the \$100,000 Pennsylvania Oaks, favoritism fell to Live Oak Plantation's "Hide and Chic", coming off a 2nd place fin-

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LARRY RIVIELLO  
President

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE . . .

June 16th the Groom Elite program began classes at Philadelphia Park. After many hours and weeks of schooling the Groom Elite program held their graduation ceremony in the Pennsylvania Derby Room.

My wife Betty and I attended the ceremony and it was very gratifying to see the grooms receiving a completion certificate and a jacket embroidered with the Groom Elite logo and rightfully so, a proud look on each face. Grooms are a very important segment of the racing industry. What would we do without them?

Saturday, July 23rd the Pennsylvania Day at the Races was held with each Pennsylvania Bred race worth a guaranteed \$50,000. Congratulations go to the following:

The Flatterer Steeplechase Stake was the first to be off at about 2 1/16 miles for 4 year-olds and up went to Party Airs, owners Sarah K. & Kenneth L. Ramsey, trainer Thomas H. Voss.

The Devil's Honor Handicap for 3 year-olds and up at 7 furlongs was won by E & G Stables' Senor Cielo Two trained by Jayne Vaders.

The Iroquois Handicap for 3 year-olds and up at 1 1/16 miles was won by Nittany Express, owned by Green Eyed Stable and trained by Todd M. Beattie.

Next came the Ambassador of Luck Handicap for fillies and mares 3 years old and up at 7 furlongs. Valley of the Gods was the winner, owned by David O'Neill and trained by Keith Barron.

The race named after our sadly missed friend, the Robert W. Camac Memorial Stake for 3 year olds and up going 5/8 on the turf was taken by

Kenyon G. Furlong's Shades of Sunny, trainer T. Bernard Houghton. It was my privilege and honor to make the presentation to Mr. Furlong and his connections.

Lastly, but in no way least, the Mrs. Penny Stakes 1 1/16 on the turf for fillies and mares 3 years old and up went to Dynamic Cat, owned by Augustin Stable and trained by Jonathan Sheppard.

What a great day of racing to showcase our PA Breds!

August 6th was the \$100,000 guaranteed Larry Riviello President's Cup. Legal Control won the 1 mile 70 yards contest for 3 year-olds, owner Fitzhugh, LLC and trainer Richard W. Small. Again, I was privileged to make the trophy presentation to Mr. Fitzhugh.



President Larry Riviello & Director Beth Ann Brown-Gambone make President's Cup Presentation

I publicly thank management and my horse men and women for bestowing the honor of posting a race in my name.

After the Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission meeting on August 17th, the Equine Health, Care and Safety Committee met, chaired by Commissioner Rick Abbott.

Agenda items included: "Milk-shaking in thoroughbreds", points for discussion on pre-racesodium bicarbonate administration were 1. Update on sodium bicarbonate performance issues. 2. Discussion with horsemen at both tracks.

3. Mechanism for unannounced pre-race surveillance - where and how? 4. Mechanism for payment of surveillance. There was an update on EPO detection and confirmation and "Alcohol in Thoroughbreds".

Our track was closed for training from August 11th until August 29th. There were no outriders available on opening day. The horsemen's thanks go to Danny Lopez, backed up by Steve Rowan for doing the job of the outriders.

The new race track surface has a bottom of 6 inches of limestone, 1.5 inches of clay, and topped with a mixture of sand and clay for a cushion.

Friday, September 2nd, the annual Pig Roast was held in back of the recreation hall from 11 am to 4 pm. We had great food, beautiful weather and a variety of music. The Chaplain's fundraiser was a rousing success. Lots of good prizes. If you missed it this year be sure you make it next year.

September 5th was a red-letter day for local trainer Alfredo "Freddie" Velazquez and his son, jockey Daniel Velazquez when they paired up to win the \$75,000 guaranteed 32nd running of the Steve Van Buren Handicap with Annika Lass. The 4 year old filly is owned by Anita Stable, named after Mrs. Anita Velazquez, Freddie's wife. A real family affair!

Also on Labor Day the 8th running of the \$100,000 guaranteed Pennsylvania Oaks for 3 year old fillies was won by Amazing Buy, owner Paraneck Stable and trainer Jennifer Pederson.

The 27th renewal of the Grade II, Pennsylvania Derby worth a whopping \$750,000 for 3 year old colts or geldings was the highlight of the day. Trainer Nick Zito brought his star, Sun King to win handily for owner Tracy Farmer.

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## REAL QUIET

Gentle breezes blowing through the trees, so serene on this August afternoon. But then the quiet is suddenly filled with the sounds of clapping and lively anticipation, a helicopter appears overhead; swooping down by the paddocks, then back up again. But everyone is looking towards the opening of the new stallion barn – someone is coming around the corner – Katherine Baker Knoll, the Lt. Governor? Dennis Wolff, the Secretary of Agriculture? No, it's a big stallion – all of a sudden it's real quiet here – NO, it's REAL QUIET – winner of the 1998 Kentucky Derby and Preakness, HERE, here in Grantville, PA.



Left to right: Ann Reigle, Dennis Wolff, Katherine Baker Knoll, Tom Reigle and Dennis Madonna

This was the setting for a "Welcome Real Quiet Party" on August 25, 2005 at Reigle Heir Farms, the stallion farm owned by Dennis Madonna. State and local dignitaries, investors, owners, breeders, family and friends along with all the farm staff gathered under a huge white tent in the middle of a large pasture to welcome the only graded stakes winning stallion standing at stud in Pennsylvania.

"Plans to bring this talented son of Quiet American to Pennsylvania have been in the works for several months," according to syndicate manager, Tom Reigle, "We're thrilled to have him. To my knowledge, there's never been a racehorse with such accomplishments standing in Pennsylvania."

Ten-year-old Real Quiet has sired 75 winners from 155 starters including four stakes winners in three crops, with earnings of \$3,366,205 through Septem-

ber 20, 2005. The 14-member syndicate is comprised of longtime owners and breeders as well as others just entering the business with this venture. "I'm so thrilled to come into this exciting business with a share in Real Quiet", said Jenna Paglia of Princeton, NJ. "His pedigree, which includes Mr. Prospector, Dr. Fager, In Reality and Raise a Native – with all that speed, he seems like the perfect addition to the Pennsylvania breeding program."

"The future of slots will improve Pennsylvania's equine industry. Real Quiet's move to the state is a significant step in securing that future," said Mike Jester of Lancaster, PA, whose financial backing, along with others, made this move possible. "He will stand for \$6,500 for the 2006 breeding season, with a reduction to \$5,000 for mares foaling in Pennsylvania."

Real Quiet joins Reigle Heir Farms other stallions: Bankers Gold, Cats Career, Caller ID, Mazel Trick, Patton, and Roanoke. ■

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All the horsemen, horsewomen and I wish a speedy recovery to Richard "Sonny" Mancini, home now recuperating from surgery. I spoke to Sonny; he is in good spirits and is doing well.

Congratulations to Tony Black and Kiely Waters on the birth of a beautiful baby girl. This is the first girl born in the Black family for many years. Tony, there are great opportunities for girl jockeys. ■

### *Thought of the Day*

Let's be THANKFUL for what we have because you never know what tomorrow will bring.

## Granny Youmans' Scholarship Fund at Philadelphia Park Racetrack



### TO QUALIFY FOR FUNDS THE APPLICANT MUST:

- 1 Be a licensed stable employee or assistant trainer at Philadelphia Park working full time for a minimum of 12 consecutive months;
- 2 Submit this application to the Scholarship Committee at least 30 days before the beginning of the course or program of study, and
- 3 Where applicable, be accepted in the program for which he/she is applying for assistance.

**Applications are available in the PTHA office.**



# Groom Elite Program Graduates



## CONGRATULATIONS!

Lorraine Baj	Troy Lynch
Jynx Bonilla	Allan Mason
Tyrone Brown	Denny Medina
Luis Colon Ortiz	Bob Nichols
Guillermo Delgado Garcia	Hipolito Nieto
Leo Espejel Ramirez	Rigoberto Orneas
Kim Faunce	Ysidoro Ornelas Granados
Dave Flood	Carlos Perez
Wilma Fournier	Sara Prado
Rodrigo Gallo	Ursulo Ramos Diaz
Ruben Garcia	Ruben Reyes-Padilla
Marianne Handel	Jose Solis Rueda
Jeff Harris	Lourdes Soto
Eddy Hernandez Sanchez	Elizabeth Soto
Absalon Hernandez Sanchez	Angela Soto
Tia Jones	Peggy Tzortzakos
Antonio Lopez	Jose Velez
Cecilia Loyola	Alex Zarate

## THE GOOD NEWS IS...

by *Pat Smith*

The good news is the track re-opened a day earlier than most horsemen expected and (evidently the outriders and ambulance as well). Now that it is worked through consistently, so far it seems to be a fair playing and a more buoyant surface with better cushion.

Thank goodness for the angel Nikki Yager who rescued an ailing filly that came out from the woods onto Galloway Road and led her to the stable gate by her neck like Roddy McDowell and Flicka. Somehow the sick filly had escaped her stall, wandered through the creek, shimmied under the fence and onto the road.

New Vocations has found many a racehorse a new home and includes to their roster, local favorite and PA-bred Rod, a new career in the Ohio sheriff's department. He was so popular in the parade that he has paved the way for more adoptions.


Freddie Velasquez had a family affair when their Annika Lass drove home the victor in the Steve Van Buren on PA Derby Day with son Danny in the irons.

## Horsemen Help to Baby Overwhelming!

The online auction [www.racingdreams.com](http://www.racingdreams.com) to benefit Jan Michael, grandson of Philadelphia Park trainer Don White and conducted under the auspices of Chaplain Jack Cordell of the Race Track Chaplaincy of America PA Division, raised over \$ 22,000 for the ongoing medical care of this prematurely born infant unable to swallow or breathe without aspiration.

"The Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (PTHA) and horsemen everywhere pitched in to help with promotion, bids and donations, and Don and I are so grateful to everyone for their generosity. We are very proud to be part of the horse industry and wish to extend our sincerest thank you to all who made it possible," said grandmother Jane White.

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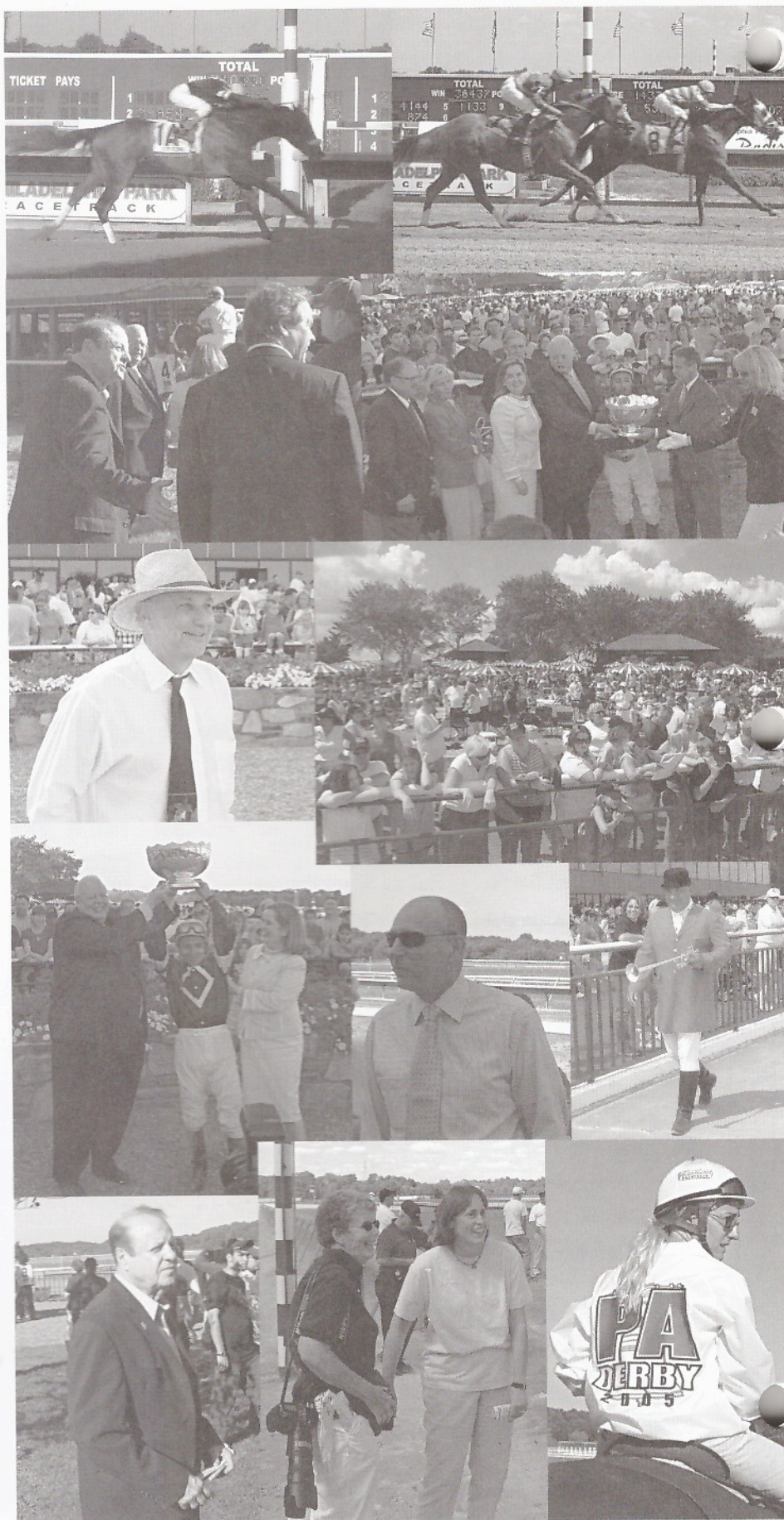
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ish in the Test Stakes at Saratoga. She could do no better than second however as Paraneck Stables "Amazing Buy", trained by Jennifer Pederson and ridden by Philly Park's leading rider Harry Vega, went gate-to-wire for the win. The 3 year old daughter of "High Yield" notched her 4th stakes score in the Oaks. The race was marred by the failure to load 9/5 second choice "Private Gift" in to the gate before starter Rusty Downes sprung the latch. It was the first in a series of frustrations for jockey Robby Albarado who was also attempting back-to-back PA Derby victories, but could no better than 7th aboard "Quadrant".

The \$75,000 Steve Van Buren Handicap, was won by one of "our own", as Anita Racing Stables "Annika Lass", under a smart ride by Danny Velazquez scored. Trained by Danny's dad, Freddie, the Florida bred daughter of Mister Jolie pushed her career earnings past \$213,000. The hard hitting gray miss was winning for the 7th time in just 13 career starts. Freddie was beaming in the winner's circle, proud of not only the fine effort by his son, but also of the 4 year old filly who has developed into one of the top female sprinters in the Mid-Atlantic. "Valley of the Gods", trained by Philly Park's own Keith LeBaron, got up for 2nd to create an "all Philly" exacta worth \$133.80!

The 2005 Derby Day will be remembered for "Sun King's" Derby win, an Oaks starter who wasn't and stakes success for Philadelphia Park horsemen. Like the weatherman said....it was a beautiful day. ■

*(article written by Dr. Appel)*





# PENNSYLVANIA DAY AT THE RACES





# A CHAT ON THE BENCH

...WITH JACLYN WASILUK

By Allan Mason

Jaclyn tells me how she has been awarded the "Race for Education Scholarship". This year there were only 28 recipients out of 400 people who applied. Apparently there are two versions of the scholarship. One is the Horsemen's Scholarship, for people who are already in the industry; the other is the Thoroughbred Scholarship, for students who want to go into the industry.

I found out about the scholarship because my mom is president of the chaplaincy in Florida (chapter in Tampa). She was talking about it to someone, I guess because they contribute money. My mom organizes a bunch of fund raisers, and stuff. The scholarship is based on grades [GPA], transcripts, and three essays.

*Do you live in Florida?*

That's where our home is. We race at Tampa Bay Downs. Their meet runs from December to May. Then we race up here for the summer. I leave next week because I have to start school, but my parents will stay till November.

*I assume you are in college right?*

Yes, this is my 3rd year in school. I am majoring in elementary education. I would love to teach third grade, or second grade, or right around there. Down the road I would like to open my own daycare, probably at the racetrack. We used to go to Rockingham Park when I was real young, and they had a daycare there. That was the only one that we've ever been at, that had an organized daycare for the kids whose parents are trainers and stuff. It's really hard for the trainers to have a place to send their kids because they have such weird hours. Some of them are here from 4 in the morning till 10.

Daycare is so expensive outside... I went to Rockingham like 4 or 5 years ago and I volunteered working there. It is sponsored by the state

and the chaplaincy. So for some people it is very inexpensive. I know our neighbors, something like half their paychecks go to daycare. I just love working with the kids. Everyone says I should stay and work with the horses. It's kind of like, if you do something all your life, you want to do something else.

*How long have you been in horse racing? Was it your entire life that your parents were trainers?*

Yes. My parents actually met at the racetrack, and they have been together ever since. She tells me about her older brother Philip, Peter her dad, and Sharyn her mom.

*How do you like college?*

I like it a lot. It's different. It's hard. I like going to classes. It's different from high school. You have to be more self motivated. I like it.

*Have you ever considered going on to grad school?*

I would like to at least get my masters. Teachers have told me that, if you are teaching, and go back to get your masters, while you are still teaching the school will help pay for it. So you may as well, as long as you are willing to do the work.

*Where do you go to school?*

University of Tampa.

This scholarship is for the last 4 semesters (2 years). I don't have to re-apply, as long as I keep my GPA above a 3.0, I think it is, and every semester I send them a letter to tell them about what I am doing, and how things are going and that I am still in my major.

Jaclyn tells me about how the 28 recipients of the scholarship this year had a big get together in Kentucky. They had a big weekend planned. We went to all the farms, and had a big picnic, meeting all the people. It was so awesome.



Dad Peter, brother Philip, Jaclyn Wasiluk, & mom Sharyn

*That must have been fun.*

It was. It was a lot of fun. It was Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and I came back on Monday. They had stuff planned for us every day.

My brother and I joke, that as soon as we walked, our dad put a shank in our hands. When I was little, we used to just mess around roll bandages, and clean buckets. Probably when I turned 14... I was able to run horses, so I started doing that, and walking. Weekends and breaks from school my brother and I would be at the barn working.

*Do you have any personal horses?*

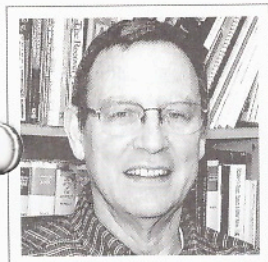
When I was in High School, I had a horse that we retired, a race horse. I would ride it at a farm. She was just my play horse. I used to go out there and ride her all the time. When I went to college, I was thinking, do I have time for to do that every day. I didn't want to ignore her. So she's up at a farm in Florida. She's in foal with her third baby. She's my pet. Her name is *Mr. Cardoon*, she responds with a smile.

I like the excitement of the racing. You can work with a horse, and work with a horse, then give it to the race and watch it run. It's a competitive sport, so you have to take the good with the bad. I love the horses, and I think that is why I can't go into the business. It's because I get so emotionally involved with the horses. Say my dad gives me 5 horses to groom for the summer, ... those 5 horses will be my pets, and if one of them gets claimed

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## Chaplain's Corner ...



CHAPLAIN, JACK CORDELL

### ANNUAL CHAPLAIN'S FUND RAFFLE A SUCCESS

by Chaplain Jack Cordell

The Chaplain's Benefit Raffle was a great success this year, thanks to the following businesses and individuals who donated to the event held at the Annual Backstretch Pig Roast on Friday, September 2: Acme Market (Bensalem), All Star Pizza, Applebee's Restaurant, Bank of America, Big K-Mart, Bob Seeger (Trainer), Bound Beverages, Carl

Eisele, Inc., Deon Beverages, Dr. Debra Kriftcher, Dr. Roger Clymans, Fisher's Tudor House Restaurant, Giant Food Store (Bensalem), Great American Diner (Bensalem), Holland Floor Covering, Hooter's Restaurant, Kate DeMasi (Trainer), Lee's Hoagie House, Lisa Luongo (Horse Massage), McCafferty Auto Group, McDonalds, Nifty Fifty's, Old Country Buffet, Outback Steakhouse, Papa John's Pizza (Bensalem), Paul Briscione (Horse Teeth Treatment), Pizzaboli Restaurant, PTHA Tack Shop, Rachel's Restaurant (Holiday Inn), Reedman's Farm and Nursery, Ron's Backstretch Café, Sam's Club, Shop Rite Supermarkets, Tack Lady, Inc., T.G.I. Friday's Restaurant,

Uno's Chicago Grill (Franklin Mills), WaWa Stores, Wendy's Hamburgers. The total value of the prizes was over \$2,300.00.

We also express sincere thanks to the Mission Center of American Baptist Churches in the USA for supplying Philadelphia Eagles shirts and unmarked caps to the adults present at the Pig Roast, to Simon and Schuster Publishers for giving duffel bags to the children, and to Cunard Baptist Church (Fayetteville, WV) and Pine Grove Baptist Church (Jacksonburg, WV) for providing school supplies to the children. All the contributors enabled all of us to have a wonderful day. ■

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or hurt, I am bawling my eyes out.

Her story goes on about how she grew up, and it sounds as though she has a loving family, with a good down to earth background. Having been taught to work hard for what she has.

I like to live each day to its fullest. Never regret anything. Always smile, and hope the people around you will smile also. College has taught me to be my own person, be who you are, and not to settle for anything less.

Race for Education Scholarship's website is <http://www.racingscholarships.com>. The PTHA office could probably also help. ■

### Congratulations Dr. Rizen!



#### Dogwood Dominion Award Nominee

*In this year, 2005, we hereby cite*

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positive influence on the Thoroughbred racing industry.*

*W. Cottrill Campbell*  
W. Cottrill Campbell  
President, Dogwood Stable



## TROPHY LIST

DATE	OWNER	HORSE	TRAINER
8/6/2005	Galena Springs Farm	Mercy's Spirit	Sharon Banford
7/30/2005	Jack J. Armstrong	Good Future	Robert Mosco
7/16/2005	David O'Neill	Blondie's Tune	Keith LeBarron



# PTHA PIG ROAST 2005

AT THE RACETRACK



## CLOSE UP SIRES 1ST CROP GSW

First 7 starters: 4 w, 2- 2yo w, 2 alw winners, 1 multiple SW



Undefeated winner at 2, 3 yo **JOEY P.** won the 150K Jersey Shore Breeders' Cup S (**G-3**) at Monmouth 7/4/05 in record time of 1:08.30 for 6f. He won the 100K Friendly Lover Handicap at Monmouth 9/17, 6f, 1:08.59, to bring his earnings to \$276,541.

By **SEATTLE SLEW**'s champion son **CAPOTE**, Close Up is the winning ½ brother to G2 winner and millionaire **EISHIN TSURUGIZAN** (Jpn) and \$182,284 winner Linus.

His dam, a winning daughter of **FAPPIANO**, is out of multiple G1SW **VIDEOGENIC** (\$1,154,360) from the family of G1 **VALID VIDEO** (\$653,700), G2 **ZIGGY'S BOY**, **BUSTERBLOCK**, **JOE'S BEE**, etc

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## Backside View

Trainer *Donald Saville* has hung up his stopwatch and is retiring to spend time with his family in Florida. Good luck, *Don*.

*Charles "Chuck" Dion*, assistant for Derick Ryan, lost his father in August. *Chuck* retired and went home to help his mother and to spend time with his family.

*Guadalupe "Lupe" Guerrero* had a second surgery to remove a brain tumor that has been affecting him for the past year. Currently, he is at home recovering. Guardian angel *Diane Day* has been looking after Lupe's horses while he's away. Truly it's a case of horsemen helping horsemen.

Trainer *E. T. Garcia* is back on his feet and taking care of business. he may not be his usual self, but he is getting there.

Owner *Richard "Sonny" Mancini* was in the track recently after undergoing serious neck surgery. Get well, *Sonny*!

Class clown, *Tyrone "Darryl" Brown* has been in the hospital for extensive testing. Hopefully, he'll be back at work soon making us laugh.

It was learned recently that long-time trainer Fred Wilhelm passed away at the age of 80 after a lengthy illness. Fred has been missed since he went into the hospital about 6 months ago. Rest in peace, Fred.

We lost two more beloved, long-time race-trackers recently. Trainers *Richard Eder* and *Harry Jones, III* are sadly missed. *Richard*, who had been ill for some time had been staying mostly on the farm with his wife *Carolyn*. *Harry* was galloping and training two horses here at Philly, his wife *Cookie* works at Monmouth Park.



*Arden Lyn Paglia*, born June 1, 2005 in Cambridge, MA to *Jenna* and *Lou Paglia*, new shareholders in PA stallion, Real Quiet. *Arden* weighed 8lbs. 4ozs. and was 21 inches. PA owners and breeders *Jim* and *Dian Goss* are the proud grandparents of this little doll.

Because it is getting so late in the year, the very popular *Groom Elite 101 Program* will be postponed until early next spring. Schedules were just too tight to get everyone back again this fall.



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Anne Peters, Pedigree Specialist of Three Chimneys Farm, Midway, Kentucky says:

"LUCKY CLONE is by leading sire BROAD BRUSH, and is a full brother to BROAD BRUSH'S leading earner, Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) winner CONCERN. His dam is G1 winner FARA'S TEAM, far and away the best runner by her sire, TUNERUP. With this background of genetic upgrading, LUCKY CLONE has tremendous potential as a stallion."

- Lucky Clone won or placed in 21 of 30 starts.
- Out of TEST STAKES (G1) winner FARA'S TEAM (\$360,515).
- Full brother to Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) winner CONCERN (\$3,079,350) sire of 14 stakes horses and the earners of over \$5.1-million.
- Full brother to Martha Washington S. (G3) winner TENNIS LADY (\$283,047) and stakes-placed BROAD EXPECTATIONS.
- By leading sire BROAD BRUSH, second only to DANZIG in percentage of stakes winners from foals (15.2).
- Family of leading California sire STRIKE GOLD.

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