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Royal Currier Named Parx Horse of the Year



The MAT Stables of Michael Ciacci and Gerani Morris earned Leading Owner, and took home trophies for both Three-Year-Old Colt or Gelding and Horse of the Year for their Royal



PTHA President Sal DeBunda (right) presents Royal Currier's Horse of the Year trophy to MAT Stables Michael Ciacci and Gerani Morris. *Photo by Anna Cascio*

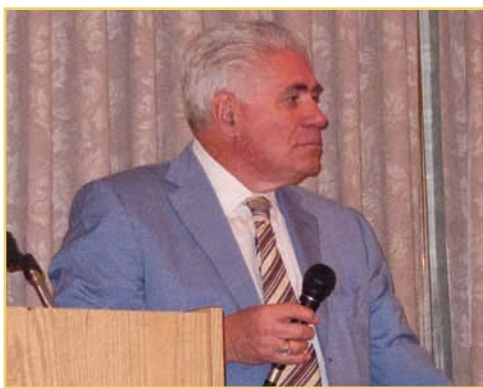
Photo right shows Royal Currier galloping back from his win in the Southampton Stakes last year. *Photo by EquiPhoto*

Currier at the March 14 Horsemen's Awards Dinner.

Sponsored by the PTHA and Parx Racing, the annual banquet honored the "best in our business," according to PTHA Executive Director Michael Ballezzi, who opened the evening to a crowd of nearly 300 trainers, owners, jockeys and their families. "This night is dedicated to the talent, hard work and integrity of the men and women of Parx Racing."

After acknowledging 2011 as a year of "firsts," including the new Hall of Fame, a Parx-based Breeders' Cup winner, Afleet Again; full health care and pensions for trainers, Ballezzi then thanked PA Horse Racing Commissioner **(continued on page 6)**

Membership Unites to Confront Governor's Budget Cuts



Executive Director Michael Ballezzi and President Salvatore DeBunda presented somber news to Parx horsemen at the March 15 General Membership meeting, held at Celebrations in Bensalem.

"The things we have worked so hard for in the last 10 years are at risk because of Governor Corbett's budget proposal which would cut \$72 million from the Race Horse Development Fund," said Ballezzi in front of the crowd of nearly 200. "Thirty percent reduction in purses, elimination of payback to last, a decrease in pensions, and a major reduction

in breeders awards are in serious jeopardy."

Prior to Act 71, Pennsylvania saw an exodus of owners, breeders, trainers, and others involved in the industry, to other states. Act 71 changed that, and people came back to Pennsylvania, and the racing industry was revitalized: new jobs, an economic boost to other segments of the agricultural industry that provide goods and services to the racing and breeding industry.

"Significant cuts will kill the growth of this emerging industry, and the jobs and hundreds of million dollars that Act 71 created will flow out of Pennsylvania," said PTHA President Sal DeBunda. **(continued on p.12)**



Attendees at the PTHA General Membership meeting on March 15 listen as President Sal DeBunda (above, right) speaks on the PA budget's effect on our racing industry. *Photos by Anna Cascio*

President's Message

Salvatore M. DeBunda, Esquire



By the time you read this, our annual Horsemen's Awards banquet will be over, trophies accepted, and accolades expressed for the best accomplishments of 2011. Time, money and extraordinary efforts were invested by thousands of horse owners, breeders and jockeys, and their victories were rewarded with an evening celebrating their common passion: the Thoroughbred racehorse.

In spite of the gaiety of the evening, it was difficult for us all to ignore the cloud that currently hangs over our industry. Governor Corbett's recent announcements to take an additional \$72 million from the Race Horse Development Fund (RHDF) will mean a significant drop in purses and benefits which will adversely effect every area of PA's racing industry, and destroy many jobs that had been cultivated by Act 71.

Our horsemen's group, along with the other groups and breeders have been meeting with legislators to explain the impact of the additional take on Pennsylvania's racing and agricultural industry. The Pennsylvania Equine Coalition appeared before the Appropriations Committee and the House of Representatives to discuss the impact on racing, and we have sent out press releases to highlight the impact on racing.

What can we do?

1) Write letters to your legislators and senators, explaining to them what the loss of funding would do to your businesses and the state's agricultural industry. If you need help, the PTHA office has sample letters which we can help you to fill in with your specific information.

2) Be assured that Executive Director Mike Ballezzi and I, the other horsemen's organizations, our colleagues in both the Thoroughbred and Standardbred industries, our lobbyists and colleagues in the will aggressively fight this bill in order to save what we have worked so hard to gain in the last six years.

On a positive note, the Backstretch Renovation project is still moving ahead, with two new barns currently under construction. That will bring the total to 13, with ground being broken for four more before the end of 2012. The older barns 19-27 are currently undergoing electrical and carpentry rehabs and cobweb and dust blowouts, with half of them done by the end of March. Major efforts are being undertaken to improve the drains in between their barns until new barns and wash stalls are built. While it may seem intrusive and an inconvenience during the process, we appreciate everyone's patience as we continue to create a safe and improved barn area.

As another matter of importance, on March 25, The New York Times published a front page article that was less than favorable to the commercial racing industry. I encourage each of you to read this article which can be found on our website (www.patha.org), as well as the PA Equine Coalition response on page 4 and 5 of this newsletter.



Updated drainage work currently being done between all barns will help create a safe and improved barn area.

PRESIDENT, PTHA

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Sign on to our website or see us in the PTHA Office to find out about how you can help alert your legislators and Senators to the serious impact that depriving the Race Horse Development Fund of \$72 million will have on farmers, trainers, breeders, veterinarians, blacksmiths and other related business in your communities. www.patha.org. Form letters available.

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From the desk of the Executive Director

Michael P. Ballezzi, Esq.



Integrity, Safety, Fairness

I have always believed and have continually acted on the fundamental principal that as the Executive Director of the PTHA I am responsible for protecting horsemen. The word "protective" is in the title of the the largest and original horsemen's association: the National Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association.

The mission of all horsemen's associations is to protect horsemen. It is the opinion of this Executive Director that this mission is best accomplished by guaranteeing that the Equine Industry is grounded on the principles of: Integrity, Safety and Fairness.

To guarantee the **Integrity** of our Industry, horsemen's associations must be ever vigilant and tireless in their efforts to rid the industry of those unscrupulous individuals who misuse and abuse drugs to gain an illegal, immoral and unethical advantage. To these individuals there must be zero tolerance. This rightful effort to protect horsemen by maintaining the highest standard of Integrity in our Industry is best achieved by the joining of the major stakeholders of our industry. Horsemen, Operators, Regulators and Legislators must join together in establishing laws, rules, regulations and guidelines that are strictly enforced and which guarantee to all participants in our industry a level playing field.

To guarantee the **Safety** of our Industry, horsemen's associations must ensure that our Industry provides our horses the best and safest training and racing facilities available, state of the art drug testing and monitoring which protects and ensures the health and safety of our horses, and well trained racing officials and regulators who have the vision to develop fair and equitable standards and to oversee the operation of our industry. The three most important safety measures are:

1. Strict compliance and enforcement of medication rules.
2. Maintenance of a safe racing surface.
3. Competent and dedicated racing regulators and officials.

To guarantee the **Fairness** of our Industry, horsemen's associations must ensure that our Industry continues to strictly apply and enforce the rules of racing and establishing new rules and regulations. Rules which prohibit and punish the use of illegal drugs. Rules that demand strict safety standards for the protection of our horses. Rules that expel "cheaters." Rules that protect the betting public. Rules that protect honest horsemen.

Clearly, It is my opinion, that in order to deliver on my responsibility to protect horsemen I must strive to maintain and develop an Industry based on **Integrity, Safety and Fairness**. The Industry as a whole and the individual horsemen are one and the same. Each of us is tied to the other by our duty and responsibility to the other. By protecting the horsemen I must strive to guarantee the Integrity, Safety and Fairness of the Industry and by guaranteeing the Integrity, Safety and Fairness of the Industry, I am achieving my responsibility of protecting the horsemen.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael P. Ballezzi". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" and last name "Ballezzi" clearly distinguishable.

Executive Director

Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association



March 30, 2012

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PA Equine Coalition Calls for Statewide Meetings to Assess and Enhance Safety Regulations for Race Horses, Jockeys, Drivers

Highlights new safety and health regulations implemented in Pennsylvania in recent years, emphasizes commitment to continue to work for additional changes

HARRISBURG, PA – The Pennsylvania Equine Coalition - a statewide group representing more than 10,000 trainers, owners and breeders of the horseracing industry in Pennsylvania – today called for a series of meetings on the state level made up of key stakeholders in the Pennsylvania horse racing industry with the goal of improving the health and safety of horses, jockey and harness drivers in Pennsylvania.

The Pennsylvania Equine Coalition's desire is to conduct a thorough review of existing regulations, as well as identify opportunities to strengthen regulations and their enforcement. Stakeholders to be included in the meetings and discussions would include representatives from the Pennsylvania horsemen and equine breeding associations, racetrack operators, the Pennsylvania State Horse and State Harness Racing Commissions, jockeys and harness drivers associations, as well as the working veterinary community.

"The Pennsylvania equine industry takes the safety and health of our horses, jockeys and drivers extremely seriously," said Salvatore M. DeBunda, President of the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association and a member of the Pennsylvania Equine Coalition. "Here in Pennsylvania, the equine industry and regulators meet on a regular basis to discuss a range of health and safety issues, ranging from medication and guidelines to track surface and breeding practices. Our members, working together with regulators and other stakeholders, need to continue to build upon the changes and success we have had in Pennsylvania by identifying additional opportunities to enhance the health and safety of our horses, jockeys, and drivers."

"While the New York Times' analysis of racehorse injuries and incidents found that Pennsylvania's thoroughbred racetracks were all better than the national average, we recognize that when it comes to safety and health of horses, jockeys, and riders, there are always opportunities to make further improvements," said Todd Mostoller, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association. "Presque Isle Downs in particular demonstrated the best safety rates in the country, due in large part to the installation of Tapeta Footings, a synthetic racing surface. The installation of the surface was made possible through a financial commitment made by Presque Isle Downs and our association. Even so, the Pennsylvania Equine Coalition hopes these meetings will help identify further opportunities for improvements related to health and safety."

The Pennsylvania Equine Coalition highlighted a number of aggressive changes in Pennsylvania that have taken place – many within the past three years -- designed to improve health and safety in horse racing and address past problems or concerns. These include:

- In the last 5 years the horsemen have given New Bolton Center over \$1 million for research and testing for drugs.
- Reducing the permissible level of Phenylbutazone, a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug often referred to as bute, by 60 percent -- from 5mg/ml to 2 mg/ml (August 2010).

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(Pennsylvania Equine Coalition press release continued from previous page)

- Prohibition of the use of Capsaicin and any products which contain Capsaicin, with a positive test resulting in a Class 1 medication violation. Research conducted by the University of Pennsylvania concluded the use of Capsaicin topically on equine joints may have an analgesic effect. The use of red pepper in the daily care of horses has been discouraged. (November 2010)
- New policy guidelines were adopted discouraging the use of the anti-inflammatory Dimethyl Sulfoxide (DMSO) being administered topically, intravenously, or orally on race day and establishing a threshold of 10mg/ml for violations. This threshold had the effect of essentially banning the use of DMSO within 48 hours of a race.
- Prohibition of the use of anabolic and androgenic steroids was adopted in November 2007, with direction to discontinue use as of December 1, 2007.
- Ban on inter-articular injections of corticosteroids within 7 days of a race, the only state in the country to put in place this requirement.
- Mandatory pre-race inspections for all participants.
- Partnership between operator and Horsemen to install Tapeta Footings track surface at Presque Isle, a \$6.4 million expense, which has resulted in Presque Isle having the lowest breakdown or incident rate in the country according to the New York Times' analysis. The Horsemen's contribution was made possible by Act 71, The Race Horse Development and Gaming Act.
- Implementation of pre-race test for plasma total carbon dioxide (TCO2) concentration to detect "milk shaking," which is the administration of a mixture of bicarbonate, sugar and other substances to enhance racehorse performance

Daily interaction between track superintendents and horsemen regarding track surface to help avoid incidents and injuries.

- Establishment of highly respected horse retirement programs by the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (PTHA), which races at Parx, and the Pennsylvania Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association (PHBPA) at Penn National Racetrack. Horsemen organizations have partnered with the track operators to establish programs to find racing thoroughbreds new homes after their racing careers have ended. Ex-race horses find new careers as polo ponies, trail horses, therapeutic riding horses, event horses, and even Western reining horses.

The Coalition also noted that the New York Times article focused heavily on quarter horse racing, a form of racing that is not legally permitted in Pennsylvania. In fact, Pennsylvania does not even permit betting on quarter horse races via simulcasts. As such, attempting to make comparisons to the legalized and regulated thoroughbred and standardbred racing in Pennsylvania would be unfair. While the Coalition noted its members do not necessarily agree with all of the conclusions or statements contained in the reporting, they are appreciative of the attention that it has brought to this important issue.

The Pennsylvania Equine Coalition is a statewide group representing more than 10,000 owners and trainers of the horseracing industry in Pennsylvania. Members of the coalition include the Pennsylvania Harness Horsemen's Association, the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, the Standardbred Breeders Association of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association, the Meadows Standardbred Owners Association, and the Pennsylvania Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association.

This release was written in response to an article in the March 25, 2012 New York Times written by Walt Bogdanich, Joe Drape, Dara L. Miles, and Griffin Palmer.

(Banquet from page 1)

Ray Hamm for his attendance at the PTHA banquet.

President Salvatore DeBunda spoke of the many 2011 milestones, but looked to the tough struggle ahead, assuring horsemen that he, Ballezzi and the PTHA board are “100% committed to a fight that has just begun in maintaining our funding.”

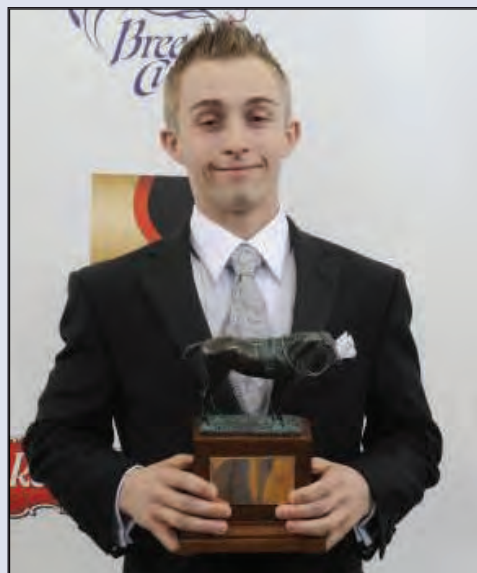
Hosted once again by track announcer Keith Jones, the awards presentations after dinner were highlighted by Kasey K Stables’ 2011 Breeders’ Cup Marathon winner Afleet Again, based at Parx and trained by Butch Reid, winning Leading Older Horse or Gelding Honors.

Reid and his wife and assistant Ginny joined Silver Lake Stables’ Craig Donnelly to accept Leading Three-Year-Old Filly honors for Donnelly’s multiple stakes winning Ann’s Smart Dancer.

The annual Turning For Home benefit auction, organized by volunteers Joi Hollister and Debbie Ulmer, proved once again, to be succesful in raising money for the retired horses from Parx, and raffles generously supported by all of the banquet attendees, added another \$1,500 to the non-profit’s coffers. (see auction donors on page 15).



Entry into the Horsemen s Awards Banquet on March 14 took everyone through TFH s Silent Auction (top); The PTHA s Connie Youmans, Stephanie Smith and Leslie Saunders (l to r); Chaplain Rick Bunker could not be at the banquet but sent a beautifully produced video for his annual invocation (bottom). Photos by Anna Cascio



Frey Adds PA Horsemen’s Award to His Eclipse as Nation’s Top Apprentice

Parx Racing has bragging rights to two of the country’s top apprentices: both Rosario Montanez (PTHA Horsemen’s Awards winner as Leading Apprentice last year) and Kyle Frey won Eclipse Awards as leading bug riders in successive years. In a strange twist, Montanez nearly won it again in 2011, but an evaluation of his stats showed that voters included his wins as a journeyman, and a re-vote was ordered.

Frey emerged the leader with 153 wins from 884 mounts and was honored at the Eclipse Awards ceremony on January 16 in Beverly Hills, CA.

In November, 2008, Frey rode his first race at Golden Gate Fields in CA, and just 4 months later shifted his tack across the country to Parx, where he won with his first mount on March 8, a \$7,500 claimer trained by Ed Auwarter, a 27-1 shot named Indy’s Spell.

From a racing family, Frey caught the eye of agent Mark North, who himself was a former jockey whose valet was Kyle’s grandfather, a leading rider in the 80s. Frey’s father is currently Russell Baze’ valet.

“I first saw Kyle at the track in California,” said North. “He was so comfortable, so relaxed on a horse and had no fear whatsoever. I saw he was someone I really wanted to work with. Our goal was to win an Eclipse as tha nation’s top apprentice.”

Kyle’s desire to ride grew from his first visit to the track. “Once I saw the horses, and heard the sound of them galloping, it was all over,” he said. “I live for the thrill of it, so I am always going to give 100%.”

Kyle admits moving to the East from California was a bit nerve-wracking. “It was two opposite worlds,” he said. “But winning the Eclipse award is everybody’s dream.”

Northview's McEntee Fears for Future of Racing and Breeding Industry in PA

As manager of bloodstock for the Pennsylvania division of Northview Stallion Station, Carl McEntee's responsibility is to expand the bloodstock coverage, a job that could become increasingly difficult if Governor Corbett has his way and redistributes money that was earmarked for the state's Horse Racing Development Fund (HRDF). A cut in the increased breeding and racing incentives established in 2004 with the passage of the Race Horse Development and Gaming Act (Act 71) could result in a decrease in purses and breeders' fund money.

Northview's Pennsylvania division was established in Peach Bottom, PA, as a direct result of Act 71. After 25 years in Maryland, Richard Golden, Northview's owner, expanded his operation and purchased 200 acres of what had been a dairy farm, and built the breeding farm on the same high level as a Kentucky operation.

Northview's PA stallion roster includes the state's four leading stallions, through 3/23/12.

"To date, Mr. Golden has invested over \$15 million in just a few short years in Pennsylvania," said McEntee. "Jump Start is the top stallion with 24 stakes winners; Kentucky Derby winner and PA-bred Smarty Jones is the prodigal son, which we brought back from Kentucky; E Dubai is a multiple graded stakes winner and son of Mr. Prospector; and Silver Train is a Breeders Cup Sprint winner. This caliber of stallion was not in the state, but we were able to bring them in because of Act 71. We have helped elevate the quality of racing and breeding in the state.

"And up until February 7, when the announcement was made about the cut to our fund -- just one week before breeding season opened--things have died down" he said. "There has been a lull in the phones ringing with people asking about breeding contracts.

As a fifth generation horseman, McEntee loves the sport of horseracing. "It is my whole life, and has been in my family since the 1860's," he said. "And if I feel this strongly about it, I want to do something to effect some sort of change to protect it. I have always tried to instill in my children that you have to stand up for what you want, and that is exactly what I intend to do."

Although Northview is one of the biggest Thoroughbred farms in the state, McEntee acknowledges that there are many smaller farms that have been "kicking along for years, making their living breeding and raising horses," he said. "We have to be conscious of and care about the over 70,000 jobs that the equine industry, along with its ancillary businesses, has created for residents. The industry is spread far and wide, and we must do something about preventing its demise."



Carl McEntee, fifth generation horseman and bloodstock manager of Northview Stallion Station in Peach Bottom, PA.



Senator Lloyd Smucker visits with Smarty Jones in a recent visit to Northview Stallion Station in PA. Photo by Jeb Hannum III

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2012 mare and foal at Northview, a scene McEntee is afraid will become rare if money is taken from Pennsylvania racing purses and breeders fund. Photo by Jeb Hannum III

The PTHA Congratulates All of the

HORSEMEN'S AWARDS

MARCH 14, 2012 at



(R) Phil Aristone, trainer and owner of Leading Two-Year-Old Filly, Pink Candy, and PA Horse Racing Commissioner Ray Hamm. (L) Robert and Susan Krangel with Kasey K Racing partners, trainer Butch Reid, and (far left) Ginny Reid with Afleet Again's Leading Four-Year-Old & Up trophy.



(Clockwise from above) The MAT Stable group; PTHA President Sal DeBunda and Cheryl Finocchiario; Mr. and Mrs. Kendrick Carmouche and Sal Sinatra with the Leading Jockey presentation, Phil Aristone presenting owner/trainer Luis Calderon and friends with trophy for I'm Sure, Claim of the Year; Ed Lehman presenting Two-Year-Old Colt II Vilano's trophy to trainer Susan Crowell and owner Chuck Russo.



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PTHA President Sal DeBunda presents award for Leading "B" Trainer to Ed Lehman (above). Jockeys Corey Orm and Adam Bowman attended banquet (right).



(Clockwise from above) B-C Stables accepting award from Randy Swisher for Winningest Mare, Muffin Top, with trainer Guadalupe Preciado and Wendy Mutnick; Craig Donnelly/Silver Lake Stable, owner of Ann s Smart Dancer, Leading Three-Year-Old Filly with Randy Swisher; Keith Jones amid the evening s trophies on the dais; PA Horse Racing Commissioner Ray Hamm presenting Leading "B" Owner trophy to Joe Klaus of Joey P Stables.



2008 Parx Champion Whistle Pig Retires Just Shy of \$1 Million Mark



Whistle Pig (inside) winning the Presidentialaffair H. at Parx, a race his trainer, Andy Carter, felt was his best effort. Whistle Pig was just short of \$1 million in earnings when he retired to the Houghton s Sylmar Farm, where he was foaled. EquiPhoto

Just shy of the \$1 million mark in earnings, eight-year-old PA-bred, Whistle Pig retired to his breeders, Ron and Betsy Houghton's Sylmar Farm in Christiana, PA in mid-January. His unusual name and exciting style of racing gained him fan devotion, while earning Sylmar Farm over \$272,000 in Pennsylvania breeder awards.

Claimed from his fourth start against \$10,000 maidens by Andy Carter and HACK Stables, Whistle Pig stayed with Carter for five years until his retirement, compiling 17 wins in 62 starts, winning \$999,497, finishing second in his last start on December 19 at Parx.

"I had been looking forward to his retirement," said Carter. "I wanted to make sure that we never had to run him for a tag, so he'd not get claimed, and that he'd retired safely. Now all of the pressure is off."

The Houghton's had no problem watching their homebred race for a new owner. "How could we?" said Betsy. "We earned all that money in breeders awards without having to spend a penny. But we were thrilled to have him back in his retirement. I never mind when one of our horses gets claimed, as they are all PA-breds. Honestly, we'd never have done as well with him because his best racing was at Presque Isle, and that is just too far away for us to ship to run."

The son of Patton ventured out of state only rarely in his 58 starts after the claim, with three trips to Delaware, and once for a try in the Bold Venture Stakes at Woodbine just last year.

"The day I claimed him, he was just another horse," said Carter. "But by the second day, I told one of my partners (in HACK Stables) that I thought he may be the best horse I had ever had."

Whistle Pig was named 2008 Leading Older Colt or Gelding at the PTHA Horsemen's Awards Banquet after winning four PA-bred stakes, including the Yankee Affair Stakes at Presque Isle.

Jockey Joe Hampshire, who won three stakes races with "The Pig," agreed with Carter's assessment of the big bay.

"He was a push-button horse," said Hampshire, who rode Whistle Pig to five of his career wins, including the Lyman Sprint at Parx, and the Presidential Affair Handicap at Presque Isle. "He had his own style of running and would take himself way out of it, then come running late, from inside or outside.

"He had such a following at Presque Isle, partly because of his unique name, and because he won the first stakes race ever carded up there. Fans would come over to the barn to see him -- they'd text me to see when he'd arrive --he was that popular.

Hampshire stopped in Carter's barn the day Whistle Pig left for his retirement. "I will really miss him."

Betsy Houghton named the colt after sending in 25 names to the Jockey Club for 25 other foals. "I was just tired of trying to think of new names," she said. "It means 'groundhog,' but that had no particular meaning for me. Track announcers did love calling his name, though, especially Philly's Keith Jones."

Carter saddled Whistle Pig to a second in his final starts in December of last year. His last win, just a few weeks before, was described by Equibase as "Split foes, in time" as he demonstrated his typical breathtaking finish.

"I knew it was time for him to retire," said Carter. "He never was a fan of hard, winterized tracks. Someone who knew the Houghtons suggested that they may love to have him back, and Danny DuBuc, his regular shipper, insisted on taking him. I have been out to visit him on the farm, and he recognized my voice right away, as I knew his when I heard him yelling.

"Things are a lot quieter in the barn right now, but that kind of horse just doesn't come up often."

"We have him turned out in a big 45-acre farm with all of the barren mares," said Betsy, who has successfully found homes for many of the Sylmar homebreds. "And he is just as happy as a lark--he loves his new life. He's not gong anywhere-- he will have a forever home right here where he was foaled."



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Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain Rick Bunker

And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years: - (Genesis 1:14 (ASV))

It will soon officially be, as of the writing of this article, spring. We would not know it if it were not for the calendars. I thought spring had already started a dozen times since the beginning of the year. The winter has been historically mild, and I still would not know that it were actually spring without the calendar to tell me. Sometimes I wake up in the middle of the night and I don't know if it is 1 o'clock or 4:45 and the alarm is about to go off. Without the clock I have no idea.

One particularly harsh punishment that is perpetrated sometimes is to put someone in solitary without windows, clock, and leave the lights on all the time, or off all the time. It can drive most people crazy in just a few days. Within ourselves we have little sense of time. The creation of God, and God Himself, is the true measure of time and all else.

If we are not careful we can get rather confused – even our calendars need adjustments. In 1582 when some first stopped using the Julian calendar and converted to the Gregorian calendar we had to skip 10 days in October. It took over 1500 years for the calendar to get that far off, that's pretty good if you ask me, I sometimes don't even know what day of the week it is. Older calendars were adjusted every couple of years, and even more often, so farmers could plant at the proper times, festivals could be celebrated in timely ways, and we could keep accurate records.

We have always known when our calendars were falling behind because of the lights in the heavens. Without them we would not have been sure. We might

have thought how the flowers are blooming early this year, but we would not have been sure. God and His created time pieces are the most reliable time keepers.

There have been times when God's people were wondering and worrying, that God had lost track of time. The Israelites in Egypt for that 400 years waiting to be delivered to the Promised Land, and those who had been waiting even longer for the Messiah to come were laboring under extreme anxiety and misapprehension. Wondering, what time is it? Has God forgotten about us? Has God changed His mind and gone back on His promise?

Jeremiah looked out over what had once been the most blessed and beautiful city in the history of the world, Ancient Jerusalem, and saw it's burned and utterly broken buildings and streets filled with rubble and death. He thought that all was lost. He thought that this was surely a game changer and the great and glorious plans of God were thwarted. He writes that

he was "far from peace...and my strength and my hope have perished." And then, a light from outside of himself entered into his spirit and ministered to him this truth recorded in the Bible book of Lamentations: "22: Through the LORD'S mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. 23: They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness."

The external events of springtime are a most visceral and profound reminder that God keeps His promises. That God's creation is amazingly resilient and able to provide so many wonderful blessings. May this season call us out of whatever dark winters our souls may be wrestling with and help us to see the goodness of the Lord all around us and work by His light and in His might.

Even the darkness is not dark to You, and the night is as bright as the day. Darkness and light are alike to You. – Psalms 139:12



PTHA & CHAPLAIN'S EASTER PARTY

April 7, 2012

in the Rec Hall from 1 to 3 p.m.

Fun, Food, Games, Easter Egg Hunt

Special Visit from the Easter Bunny!!

(General Membership meeting from page 1)

President DeBunda then asked for all members to help by writing letters.

“Although a final vote on the Governor’s budget will not take place until late May or June, the time for us to act is now,” said DeBunda.

The PTHA office has provided guidelines and sample letters for you to contact your local elected officials, senators and legislators to explain the benefit of a vibrant racing and breeding industry in Pennsylvania.”

Both Brain Sanfratello, President of the PA Breeders, and Joe Loper, former State Senator, and now a lobbyist, were in attendance at the meeting. They both, along with DeBunda and Ballezzi, agreed that the one positive note is that the legislators are really paying attention.

“They listen to us, and our promises to continue to increase the quality of racing and breeding,” said DeBunda. “We did not sugar coat our message, and we really need these legislators to protect us now.”

Members can contact the PTHA office or stop by for samples of letters to be sent to each legislator.

2012 PA-BRED STAKES SCHEDULE

4/14 Parx	Lyman H.	3&Up, 7F	\$75,000
	Foxy J G S.	3&Up, f&m, 7F	\$75,000
6/1 Pen	Danzig S.	3yo, 6F	\$75,000
	Wonders Delight S	3yoF, 6F	\$75,000
6/15 Pen	Lyphard S.	3&Up, f&m, T	\$75,000
7/6 PID	Leematt S.	3&up, 1M	\$75,000
	Northern Fling S	3&up, f&m 1M	\$75,000
7/28 Parx	Crowd Pleaser S.	3yo, 1 1/16T	\$75,000
	Power By Far S.	3&up, f&m, 6F	\$75,000
8/3 Pen	Robellino S.	3&up, 1 1/16T	\$75,000
	Russian Rhythm S	3yo&up, f&m, 5/8T	\$75,000
8/10 PID	Malvern Rose S.	3yof, 1 1/16M	\$75,000
9/7 PID	Mark McDermott S.	2yo, 6F	\$75,000

Pennsylvania's Day at the Races Sat. Sept. 8 at noon Parx

9/8 Parx	Banjo Picker Sprint	3&up, 6F	\$75,000
	Roanoke S.	3&up, 1 1/16M	\$75,000
	Marshall Jenney H.	3&up, 5/8T	\$75,000
	Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial S.	3yof, 6F	\$75,000
	Mrs. Penny S.	3yo&up, f&m, 1 1/16T	\$100,000
9/22 Parx	Alphabet Soup H.	3&up, 1 1/16T	\$75,000
10/5 Pen	Ligature S.	3&up, f&m, 6F	\$75,000
10/6 Parx	PA Breeders Distaff	3&up, f&m, 1 1/16M	\$75,000
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Backstretch Views



Our Racing Community Mourns the loss of

Michael Pacitti, Trainer All of us at Parx Racing will miss trainer Michael Pacitti, who passed away Wednesday, January 26. He is survived by his wife, Kathy, who works in Parx' maintenance office, his parents, Vince "Pop" and Ann Pacitti, in-laws Frank and Lillian Steich, and many nieces and nephews, as well as all of his friends from the Parx backstretch.



Mike and his wife, Kathy, who met in high school when Mike worked at Liberty Bell.

A memorial service was held in the rec hall shortly after his death, with his many backstretch friends relating their love of the affable trainer.

Pacitti, who had been fighting cancer for 10 years, worked with his horses in Barn 31 until the day of his death.



Jockey Agent Joe Rosen

Agent Joe Rosen passed away on January 21 after a long illness. Best remembered as leading East Coast rider Chuck C. Lopez' agent, Rosen had also handled the books of Philadelphia Park riders Stewart Elliot and Tony Black.

He is survived by his sister Claire, brother Jeff, daughters Maggy and Abby, and granddaughter Maizie.



Former Jockey Dr. Anthony Trebino

Anthony Trebino, a well loved former jockey who rode on the East Coast, passed away on January 17. Trebino gave up riding to earn a medical degree, and was an anesthesiologist at

the time of his death. The photo, right, shows his first "retirement party" before leaving for school, in the jock s room at Atlantic City Race Course



Katherine "Kay" Holman, Owner and Breeder

Katherine J. Holman (nee Johnson) of Malvern, 76, of Malvern, died on February 7, 2012. She was the beloved wife of Joseph W. Holman Jr.; loving mother of Jeff Harper (Alana) of Downingtown, Jay M. Harper of San Francisco, CA, Carolyn E. Harper of Baltimore, Md. and Katherine H. Pancoast of Malvern; and dear grandmother of seven.

Holman, along with her husband and Maui Meadow Farm, were longtime breeding and racing partners since the 1980s. One of their best years was in 1997 when their Red Hot Iron earned the PA Breeders' Best Filly or Mare. A "show horse" mother to her daughters, Holman also hosted many shows at the family's Hi-Bid Farm in Malvern. Her love of Jack Russell Terriers was well known, and for many years, she also hosted terrier trials.

Relatives and friends attended Kay's life celebration service on February 15, at St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church in Malvern, as well as an informal gathering at Radnor Hunt. Memorial contributions may be sent to Turning for Home Racehorse Retirement Program, P.O. Box 300, Bensalem, PA 19020 or to Russell Rescue, P.O. Box 4324, Lutherville, MD 21094.

Our condolences to trainer/owner John Maria, whose daughter, Nancy M. French passed away in Delaware on March 2. She was the mother of John III, Tammy and Dylan. A memorial service was held on March 26 at the Mulligan Funeral Home in Philadelphia.



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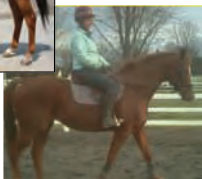
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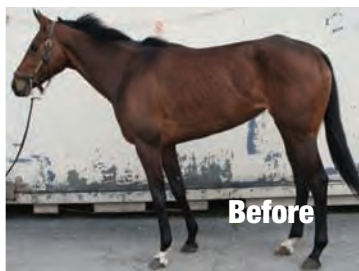
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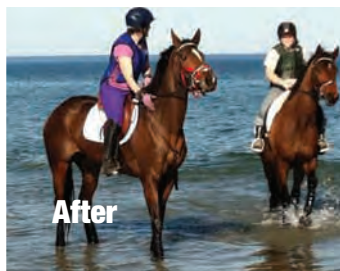
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Time Heals All... PIPER'S FORT



After two years at Eileen Munyak's Hill Haven Farm, months of stall rest and eventual limited turnout, Piper told us he wanted a job! An energetic and outgoing young gelding, who at one time was trained by D. Wayne Lukas, this son of Point Given made a complete turnaround after a severe ankle injury. On February 5, Piper was sent to After the Races in Nottingham, PA, and under the care of Bonnie Hutton, he is learning to neck rein and trail ride, and is turned out happily with a mini, a 30-year-old gelding, and a 6-year-old mare. Who would have thought?

There is nothing like time and patience...thank you, Eileen!



Many thanks to Dr. Pete Bousam and Dr. Mike Karlin of **MID ATLANTIC EQUINE HOSPITAL** for their emergency care of Turning For Home retiree, **Circus**, taking him in not once, but TWICE!

The Clinic, located at 40 Frontage

Rd., in Ringoes, NJ, has also named Turning For Home as a beneficiary of the **June 13 Golf Tournament at Hillsborough Golf and Country Club, NJ**. We hope to help support them by asking anyone who loves to play golf to sign up for the Tournament by contacting Beth at Mid Atlantic: 609-397-0078.

Update on Circus: retired due to a slab fracture in his knee, he came out of surgery with Dr. Hogan very well. He is a kind, quiet gelding, will be suitable for trail riding. Adopters

take note! Email turningforhome@patha.org for pictures and information.

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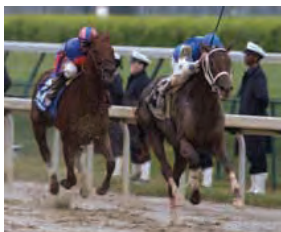
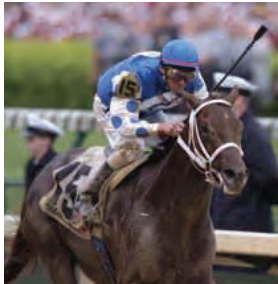
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