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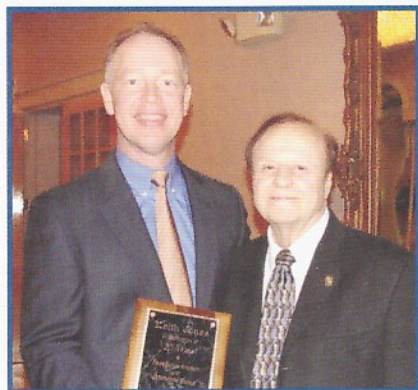
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## 2005 Pennsylvania Horsemen's Awards

Wednesday, March 8, 2006 – Celebrations



*Keith Jones accepts the Special Achievement Award from PTHA President Larry Riviello*

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### Congratulations to the Winner!

We have a name for our newsletter – “PTHA News, We ARE Pennsylvania Racing”. This name was sent in anonymously so we put the names of those other members who had submitted names and drew a winner.

Ron Abrams, you have won the following prizes:

- A \$25 gift certificate from the Bensalem Giant Foods
- A \$25 gift certificate from the Horsemen's Purchasing Association
- Four coupons from TGI Fridays of Bensalem
- An hour massage from Bensalem Muscle Therapy

Congratulations again to our winner and thanks to everyone who entered the contest.

If you weren't in attendance, you missed a wonderful time - more than 200 partying horsemen enjoyed great appetizers with liquid refreshments followed by a scrumptious dinner. The big surprise of the evening was a special award given to Keith Jones, Philadelphia Park Track Announcer/PR Director for his many years of service to the PTHA horsemen. Shortly before dinner, Larry Riviello, PTHA president announced a new award. He and Mike Ballezzi, PTHA executive director, feigned an inability to read the plaque and asked Keith's help. When he read the inscription, he realized the award was actually his; becoming momentarily speechless - he was truly surprised by the recognition.

Thanks to Steve Appel, PTHA treasurer, for chairing the Awards Banquet Committee and assuring its success. Special guests in attendance were Michael Colucci, Geoffrey Moulton, Ed Simon, Ben Nolt, Jr. and Steven Andersen from the NTRA.

There was solid competition in each of the award categories. Congratulations to all of the winning connections and their horses, and all of the nominees. Captions listed below for pictures of award winners found on page 12 of the centerfold spread.

(1) Senior Cielo Two, 2005 Horse of the Year - Vice-President Sal DeBunda, breeder of Senor Cielo Two and President Riviello give the award to Jayne Vaders, trainer, accepting on behalf of owners E & G Stables with jockey, Frankie Pennington.

(2) Director Guadalupe Preciado presents the Leading Trainer award to Scott Lake with Scott's wife, Jennifer and asst. trainer David Garcia.

(3) Leading Trainer "B" Division, Robert "Butch" Reid accepts his trophy from Director Scott Lake with Virginia and Whitney Reid.

(4) Treasurer Dr. Steve Appel presented the trophy for Leading Apprentice Jockey award to Joanne McDaid, as her agent, Gary Yager, watches.

(5) Vice-President Sal DeBunda presents the Leading Owner trophy to Richard Cory Day accepting for Plumstead Stables' Robert J. Seeger.

(6) President Larry Riviello presents the Leading Owner "B" Division to Vice-President DeBunda on behalf of SilverRod Stables, Inc.

(7) Bernie Murray, owner of 2 yr. old Colt/Gelding winner, Sky Valley Road, accepts from Director Mary Kernan with Tom Iannotti, assistant trainer for Anthony Dutrow.

(8) Director Beth Ann Brown-Gambone presents the award for 2 yr. old Filly, Smart and Fancy, to Mrs. Kimberly Dutrow, accompanied by Jorge Milan and Tom Iannotti.

(9) Director Guadalupe Preciado presents the trophy for 3 yr. old Colt/Gelding, North Potomac, to Director Ralph Riviezzo accepting for trainer Ramon Preciado and owners Nick Ciocian and Raymond Vitolo.

(10) Claiming Horse of the Year went to Senor Cielo Two, President Riviello gave the trophy to trainer Jayne Vaders accepting for owners E & G Stables, jockey Frankie Pennington looks on.

(11) PTHA Treasurer Dr. Steve Appel hands the trophy to Director Beth Ann Brown-Gambone on behalf of owner Mrs. Thomas W. Baker and trainer Eberd Estrada for their winner in the 3 yr. old Filly category, Miss Start Me Up.

(12) Vice-President Sal DeBunda presents to Danny Linongelli and Steve Krebs, the award for 4 & up Colt/Gelding winner, Banjo Picker.

(13) Director Kate DeMasi presents the trophy for 4 & up Filly/Mare winner, Valley of the Gods, to owner David O'Neill and trainer Keith LeBarron.

(14) Winningest Horse, Senor Cielo Two trophy given by VP Sal DeBunda to Jayne Vaders, trainer for owners E & G Stables.

(15) Outstanding Claim - Max West, trophy presented by Ben Nolt, Jr. to owner/trainer Juan Carlos Guerrero with Jaime Guerrero.

(16) Harry Vega won the trophy for Leading Rider. Edward Allard accepts for Harry from Treasurer Dr. Steve Appel.





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# THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Larry Riviello, President

Put your snow shovels away and bring out your lawn mower. Winter is over and it is time for good Spring and Summer racing.

In early January, 2006 Mike Ballezzi requested management meet with us regarding the rats, cats and pigeon problems in the barn area. On Saturday, January 14th after a general membership meeting, management complied. Mike and I met with Sal Sinatra and Joe Wilson. Also present were Glen Campbell, Wildlife Conservation Officer of Bucks County and Larry Pierson, Jr., from Wildlife Pest Control. The meeting was productive, a big thank you to management for their support by paying the expenses incurred for addressing the wildlife problems. The rat situation is slowly improving. The cats were caught neutered, inoculated for Rabies and a small snip of the ear will distinguish that the cat has been treated, a long process but it is working.

February 11, 2006 a general membership meeting was held on the topic of independent contractors. Honored speakers were Sal DeBunda, Paul Fitzmaurice and Gary Fry from the law firm of Pelino & Lentz and our CPA, Michael Colucci. A presentation was made to advise horsemen of the Law pertaining to employer and employee versus employer and independent contractor. Trainers were also advised that wage and hour laws apply to the racing industry. CPA Mike Colucci is making himself available for answering questions when in our offices.

On Saturday, February 11th Ramon Preciado had an amazing day. On that day's card he won 4 races and 1 second. Apollo's Rooks, Preclude, Scorese Kids and Plain N Fancy won and Just Thunder was second. Congratulations to Ramon and his connections.

More congratulations go to John Servis and his Rockport Harbor making his start in 10 months with Stewart Elliott in the irons. He won the \$100,000 Essex Handicap at Oaklawn Park by 2 1/2 lengths after covering the 1 1/16 in 1:47 3/5. It takes a great trainer to have a horse come back and win a \$100,000 stake going a distance after a 10 month layoff. When Rocky ran back in the G-3 \$150K Razorback Breeders' Cup Handicap that old injury received in the G-2 Remsen came back to haunt him and he finished fifth.

Servis' distaff star Round Pond won again at Oaklawn Park in the \$175,000 G-3 Azeri Breeders' Cup Stake going 1 mile and 1/16th. She went head and head with Happy Ticket, finally prevailing by a mere neck, they returned a whopping \$5.00 exacta. What a race!

Friday, March 3rd from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm a meeting was held with Ms. Melinda Morris Tucker, Director of Race Track Gaming from the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board. The purpose of the meeting was to assure the horsemen get the right distribution of money from the slots revenue and our health care

program will be able to be put in place. In attendance, Mike Ballezzi, Sal DeBunda, Mark McDermott, Beth Ann Brown-Gambone, Todd Mostoller, Connie Youmans and yours truly Larry Riviello. A recommendation from Melinda Tucker was to meet with the Department of Revenue to ascertain proper procedures on the transferring funds to horsemen's hands. We all agreed. In my opinion I feel very confident in Melinda, she knows the Law and has a background of thoroughbred racing. I also have equal confidence in Mike Ballezzi and Sal DeBunda.

The annual Pennsylvania Horse Awards ceremony was held Wednesday, March 8th at Celebrations on Galloway Road in Bensalem. Hors d'oeuvres, open bar, delicious dinner, great atmosphere and wonderful company with whom to enjoy it all. If you did not attend make plans to be there next year. Horsemen and horsewomen compete against each other all year. They join together at the awards ceremony to honor their fellow horsemen. This is the American way.

I was privileged and honored to present a plaque of recognition to my friend Keith Jones for his 20 years service to PTHA horsemen and as emcee of the annual ceremony. Many thanks to Keith and to Dick Jerardi for hosting "Let's Go Racing" that airs on CN8 every Friday at 2:30 pm and midnight.

Thanks to Bruce Casella for video coverage of the awards ceremony, Keith Jones Master of Ceremonies for the 20th year, awards committee chairman Steve Appel, Mike, Connie, Cathy, Maggie, Anita and Leslie for putting this ceremony together in a first class fashion. Further thanks to Executive Secretary Ben Nolt, Jr. of the Pennsylvania Horse Racing Commission, Mark McDermott of the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders' Association and PHBA board member Brian Sanfratello for their attendance.

Congratulations go out to Peter Giangulio, newly elected president of the PHBA. It will be my pleasure to work together with Peter, Mark and their Board.

I take a moment to mention the passing of Roy (Chappy) Chapman the proud owner and breeder of that great colt Smarty Jones. ■

## Thought of the Day

*Smiles and laughter are contagious -  
So be contagious.*

## TROPHY LIST

DATE	OWNER	HORSE	TRAINER
1/7/2006	Pewter Stable	Catch the Rhythm	Kate DeMasi
1/14/06	Circle S Ranch, Inc.	Seemein Seattle	Floyd Snyder
1/21/06	Kamikaze Stable	Mimi's Seven	Donald Reeder
1/28/06	Patricia Slattery	War in the Sand	David Dotolo
2/4/2006	Lisa Allen	El Frio	Randy Allen
2/11/2006	William J. Hartwell	Preclude	Ramon Preciado
2/18/2006	No Trophy Race		
2/25/2006	Michael Spak	Splinter One	Ronald Wendling
3/4/2006	Victory Thoroughbreds LLC	Mr Shaanshu	Ramon Preciado
3/11/2006	Theodore Bartels	Press My Bet	Darren Silvers
3/11/2006	Vicki & Bill Poston	Southern Trieste	H. Graham Motion



# GRADE 1

## POWER

*Two sires of recent  
G1 SWs move to  
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Coasting home by  $5\frac{3}{4}$  lengths to complete 7f  
in 1:21 $\frac{1}{2}$

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Wiring a full field of 14 to draw off by over  
3 lengths

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ITAJARA—EBREA, BY KUBLAI KHAN

*Sire of*

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## From the desk of the Executive Director **Michael Ballezzi, Esq.**



As horsemen we are often quick to criticize our industry, especially those responsible for putting on the show, whether it be management, the stewards, or the racing commission. Without question the criticism is often warranted and often I am the most verbal critic. However, though we may be quick to criticize we must also be willing to quickly acknowledge and praise those in our industry that act in ways that are responsible, equitable and beneficial.

Such a case in point occurred recently when the Pennsylvania Horse Racing Commission's lab called a number of alcohol positives. Many of you attended a PTHA general membership meeting several months ago where I stated that the PHRC had received information of possible I.V. alcohol use on race day. As a result of that information the PHRC screened an entire racing card for alcohol and came up with eight positives. The PHRC advised that though it would not call the eight screened as positives, deciding instead to issue a strong warning. However, the PHRC did reiterate that the use of I.V. alcohol was a violation of the PHRC's drug policy. And further, I should alert the membership that any further positives would be addressed punitively.

Unfortunately, recently the PHRC lab reported three positives for alcohol. I became involved when the three trainers came to me and categorically denied using I.V. alcohol at any time. However, after further discussion and information it was determined that all three trainers had used a mixture of Bigeloil and DMSO as a sweat prior to going to the paddock. As a result of this information I contacted Dr. Larry Soma at the New Bolton Center, and

inquired about the use of the Bigeloil/DMSO sweat. Dr. Soma was of the strong opinion that the use of Bigeloil alone was not the problem but when combined with DMSO, he would expect to find alcohol in the bloodstream and thus the cause of the positives.

Armed with this new information I contacted Ben Nolt, executive secretary of the PHRC and informed him of Dr. Soma's opinion. Mr. Nolt informed me that the lab was preparing to call two additional positives. At my request Mr. Nolt agreed to contact the lab and place a hold on the three called positives and the two new positives until he had an opportunity to speak with Dr. Soma.

Much to Mr. Nolt's credit within the hour he contacted, Dr. Soma, the PHRC Lab and returned a call to me advising that the PHRC would withdraw the positives, release the purses and take no action against the trainers. Further, the PHRC would conduct additional studies on Bigeloil and other alcohol based products used in conjunction with DMSO. We are reminded however that the use of alcohol based products and DMSO when found in blood samples on race day though technically not performance enhancing are nonetheless violations of PHRC's zero drug policy and must be avoided.

Though I have been quick to criticize in the past, it is my responsibility Mr. Nolt, on behalf of the PTHA, to praise your swift, responsible, fair and intelligent response which remedied a potentially unfair prosecution of innocent horsemen. ■

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# Deciding on a Stallion for Your Mare

*Making sense of Hypo-Mating, Werk, Nicks, Dosage and all those things you see on stallion pages*

White, owner of Thoroughbred MATCH, a nicking service and stallion representative for Believe in Saints, Harrington Sound, Close Up, Fastness (Ire), Flying Pidgeon and Marco Bay provides this answer for us. If you have any questions or need further help, please contact Jane at (215) 633-7092 or by email: askjane@msn.com

**A**NICK is a cross or mating, a letter or number giving an idea of how successful the runners of the stallion's sire line when crossed with the mare's sire line have been at the races. On the letter scale of Jack Werk ratings, an "A" simply means that the two sire lines have produced stakes winners far better than other matches which may have not (the "D" and "F" ratings). Northern Dancer line stallions bred to Mr. Prospector line mares, for example, have produced hundreds of stakes winners and so the match is called an A nick. Jack Werk and Roger Lyons developed the CompuSire program, which assigns a number for the nick, called a "sire affinity index" or SAI. On this scale, a 1 is considered average, 1.25 the minimum to be considered a good or A/B nick, and the higher the number, the stronger the chance of producing an unrestricted stakes winner. This program matches 4 sire lines of the stallion to 4 sire lines of the mare, yielding 16 nicks, and the closer the number is to the direct cross, the better.

**INBREEDING** is a term that refers to a duplication of the same ancestor in a pedigree. "Princequillo 3 x 4" simply means that Princequillo appears in the 3rd and 4th generations of the horse (usually the 3 refers to the 3rd generation of a sire and the 4 refers to the 4th generation of a dam). A stallion can be inbred as well as the mare that you are considering so that a foal could have 4 crosses to the same ancestor. While some breeders have found racing success by purposely inbreeding, the amount and location in pedigree is important, and others prefer "hybrid vigor", a pedigree free of duplicated ancestors that could pass on undesirable characteristics to the foal.

A **DOSAGE PROFILE** is a series of 5 numbers created by Dr. Steven Roman representing the altitudinal type contributions of certain influential sires (chefs-de-race) present in the first 4 generations of a horse's pedigree. The points contributed by these sires fall into 5 categories: Brilliant (speed), Intermediate, Classic, Solid, and Professional

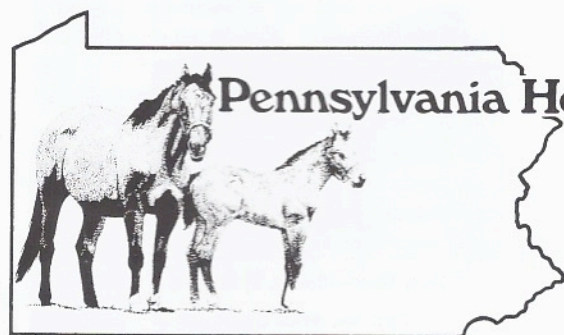
(stamina). The value of the number is influenced by the position of that sire in the pedigree: the first generation sire contributes double the points of the second-generation sire, etc. The sire must be designated as a chef-de-race to contribute any points, however.

As an example, a dosage profile of 8-6-7-0-0 indicates that the horse will have speed to sprint but will probably not be able to run a distance (over 1 mile), whereas a dosage profile of 8-6-10-6-4 indicates that the horse should be able to perform well at any distance. If the profile distribution looks like 0-0-0-5-7, you definitely have a very long distance runner - or perhaps steeplechaser - on your hands.

The body type of a horse has much to do with how it runs; that is, whether it will run short or long. Generally speaking, the shorter and blockier the body, the more likely it will be that the horse will sprint (under 1 mile) while the longer the body, the more likely it will be that the horse will be a "router" and run at a distance of ground over 1 mile.

A **QUALITY RATING (QR)** is a number designated by Jack Werk, which reflects the number and types of chefs-de-race in the pedigree. The higher the number, the greater "quality" of the sires present. Stakes winners tend to average a quality rating of 6 or 7 although there are plenty of exceptions. The **DOSAGE INDEX (DI)** indicates the racing distance aptitude of the foal or ratio of speed to stamina. A low number indicates stamina/route, a high speed/sprint. Most Kentucky Derby winners have had DI values below 4.00. In theory, a number higher than 4.00 predicts that the racer would not be able to run the Derby distance of 1-1/4 mile as a 3yo in May. A perfect DI value is 1.00. A vast majority of horses have DI values below 4, however, so knowing the actual number is useful only if it is way out of line: an 11 flagging a sprinter, for example, or a 0.70 flagging a router.

The **CENTER OF DISTRIBUTION (CD)** is another number indicating the balance of speed and stamina in a pedigree relative to the midpoint of zero (theoretical perfect balance) on a scale of +2.00 for pure brilliant (speed) to -2.00 for pure professional (stamina). The Kentucky Derby guideline places the desired number below 1.25 and again, the vast majority of Thoroughbreds have CD's below 1.25. ■



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*Duckhorn*

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*Lil's Lad*

**Pine Bluff—Totemic, by Vanlandingham**

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Incl. triple '05 SW **RAVING ROCKET**  
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BC Nominated



*Digamist*

**Blushing Groom (Fr)—Disconiz, by Northern Dancer**

Group 1 winning 2YO  
Sire of over 20 SHs and 11 six-figure earners  
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# In the Spotlight

Interviews with the 2005 Pennsylvania Horsemen's Awards Individual Winner Categories.



## Senor Cielo Two, Winningest Horse, Claimer of the Year and 2005 Horse of the Year

Bred by PTHA first Vice President, Sal DeBunda, in Pennsylvania in 2000, this dark brown gelding says his whole family has always been in the horse racing business. His father, Partner's Hero, now a stallion in Maryland, won 557K racing from 2 to 4. His mother, Seniorita Cielo, a daughter of Conquistador Cielo, always told her son he was destined for greatness. "I remember mom telling me to think like a champion and run like the wind. She said to focus on my grandsires, Danzig, Conquistador Cielo, Mr. Prospector and Northern Dancer and what they have passed to me. Wow, that was a lot of pressure, but I guess it paid off," he says as he proudly looks at his trophy. While racing in 2005, he was employed by E & G Stable – Eric Fral, a partner in the business with his brother Gregg says of SCT, "This guy is a real diamond in the rough. He's an honest blue-collar worker – always trying." His immediate supervisor, Jayne Vaders, comments, "What an easy guy to work with. He learned his job so well and is loved by all his co-workers." When asked about his relationship with his boss, Senor Cielo Two grins as he says, "Jayne was my favorite supervisor. She always passes out mints for a job well done. And I get lots of them!"

### Joanne McDaid, Leading Apprentice Jockey

Joanne was born in Donegal, Ireland. In 2003 she moved to New York and began galloping. Joanne started her riding career at Suffolk Downs before moving her tack to Philadelphia Park in 2004. One year later she topped the apprentice jockeys with a record 92-98-91 from 818 starts. "I just love what I do," she says. "I love the horses, the trainers, the owners – there's always something new." She works hard beginning early in the morning

working the horses, then a quick trip to the gym before riding as many races as possible and then back to the gym. She is quick to compliment how friendly, helpful and welcoming the jockey community has been. When asked if there's anything else she wants to tell about herself she first wants to thank her agent, Gary Yager, for helping arrange all her mounts. "About myself – well, I want to keep learning, gaining experience and more opportunities. Oh, and I like winning races and awards too," she says with her charming Irish lilt.

### Harry Vega, Leading Jockey

Horses have been a part of Harry's life for a long time – as soon as he could get his work permit at age 16, he began cleaning stalls and hot walking in New York. He was soon "adopted" by Santa and Angel Cordero and moved to Kentucky with them. "That whole family are not just my friends, they are my brothers and sisters," says Harry. "Angel has been my teacher and mentor." Harry started riding in Detroit and had nine wins his first meet. He then spent some time riding in New York before moving to Philadelphia Park. He and Amy, his wife of 12 years, live in Delaware with their children Tyler, 4, a carbon copy of dad, Devin, 6, an Olympic ice-skating star in the making, and Mercedes, 21, who enjoys horses almost as much as her dad. In closing Harry says he wants to continue to win at 24-25% and earn many more riding titles (Harry completed his 3,000 win in 2005 as well). "I enjoy the challenge of constantly trying to better myself, being part of this team and learning from professionals like my friend, Tony Black."

### Scott Lake, Leading Trainer

For Scott, this award is his seventh straight at Philadelphia Park. Growing up around Penn National, he shadowed his father's trainer when the elder Lake purchased his first horse in 1976. Scott became a licensed trainer in 1987, starting out at Penn. He now has 180 in training with stalls at Belmont, Pimlico, Laurel, Charles Town, Gulfstream and, of course, Philadelphia Park. His most famous racers are Thunderello, who placed in the Breeders Cup Sprint and Shake You Down, claimed for 65K, who placed third in the Breeders Cup Sprint and won 1.3 million. "I look forward to continuing this streak," Scott says, "and also 400 wins each year." "This is the greatest game played outdoors – I wish more young people would become involved." He races his own stock under Home Team Stables. His best was Elfin Glen, a 10K claimer who won over 350K, including a

stakes. Scott's wife, the former jockey, Jennifer Stisted, rode Elfin Glen. Scott and Jennifer just welcomed their first son, Nathaniel, born on February 15, 2006, into their family joining his two sisters, Emily, 7, and Cora, 2 1/2.

### Robert "Butch" Reid, Leading "Division B" Trainer

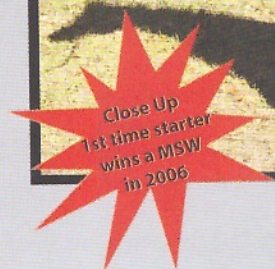
Introduced to horseracing at the original Garden State track in New Jersey, horses have become a family affair for the Reid brothers. Butch started working as a groom, hotwalker and assistant for his brother, Mark, who now operates a bloodstock business. Their brother, Brian, also a former trainer, has horses in training with Butch who took out his license in 1983. Butch's wife, Virginia, exercises the 10 horses he has in training at Philadelphia. His daughter Whitney, 15, is the only one not involved with horses, right now field hockey is her sport. Although this is his first award, he has trained some nice horses – among them is Majestic Sweep who won the Ohio Derby and placed in the Jersey Derby in 1992. "Although this is a very tough business," says this soft spoken gentleman, "it is also very rewarding. I love the horses, the people, all of it and the future of racing here in Pennsylvania is looking quite nice."

### Bob Seeger, Plumstead Stables, Leading Owner

Learning from long-time leading trainer at Philadelphia Park, Marty Fallon, Bob quickly went from spectator to full-time owner/breeder/trainer. In the business 23 years, he now has 40 horses in training. Bob and his wife Roberta have a beautiful farm where their retired runners live the good life, but he spends most of his time at the track. According to Bob, "If you aren't there training in the morning and then observing all day long, you lose out. You have to see who you might claim and how your competition is running." He's obviously good at all these elements – in the last 10 years he was Leading Trainer for two and Leading Owner for seven. Some of his best horses include Tri For The Gold, Golden Lake, Tragedy (a 6,500 claimer, winner of 250K and Claimer of the Year at Philly) and Star Dancer (a 5K claimer, winner of 240K and Claimer of the Year at Philly). "Good people working for and with you, your team – that's what has helped me all these years." When asked about the future of racing at Philadelphia Park now that slots are coming, Bob smiles and says, "It will be a new way of doing business with purses more than doubling – we have to be ready for the competition." Bob Seeger will not only be ready, he's eager for the challenge.

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**Herb Silver, SilverRod Stables, Inc.  
Leading "Division B" Owner**

Herb and his brother and partner, Bernard, enjoyed a long working relationship. Both retired from the financial services business they owned for 30 years, they are now totally immersed in the horseracing business. They currently have five horses in training with Ed Lehman who Herb is quick to compliment for their success. One example was Tropical Punch, a 25K claimer who won more than 250K for SilverRod Stables, including a win in the Maryland Million Distaff. Herb and his wife Irene have two daughters, Amy and Sherri. Bernard and his wife Doran have four children, Rick, Scott, Brett and Tara. "With slots coming to Pennsylvania, racing is going to get better and better," says Herb. "This business is so infectious and we're having fun together."

**Keith Jones, Special  
Award Winner**

Keith Jones, Track Announcer and PR Director at Philadelphia Park for the past 20 seasons was recognized for outstanding service to PTHA Horsemen. An avid golfer, Keith has always been competitive and driven to achieve his

goals. He got his start in the business at the rebuilt Garden State Park in New Jersey in 1985 by using that drive. While working for the publicity department, this enterprising young man took binoculars and a tape recorder up on the roof of the grandstand. As the announcer called the race below, Keith practiced watching, calling and bringing each horse across the finish line by name. When his boss saw what he was doing he took his tapes to the president of the track. They encouraged him to keep practicing and he eventually moved from apprentice to assistant to the main track announcer. Of his many accomplishments since those early days, Keith is most proud of his children. Colin, his 15-year-old son is a student at Council Rock North where he plays basketball. His Marine stepson, Jamie, 21, is married to Drennen and has just been deployed to Iraq. Keith has also been the announcer for the Philadelphia Phantoms for 10 seasons, a regular on the CN8 show, "Let's Go Racing" for the past four years and has been named the commercial spokesman for Chapman Ford. When asked about his time at Philadelphia Park, Keith smiles warmly and says, "It is a blessing each day to be doing something I love so much." ■

*Congratulations to everyone and  
best of luck in 2006!*

## BACKSIDE View

Robert Seeger a.k.a., Plumstead Stables was seriously injured recently in an automobile accident. The good news is, he's up and moving around, albeit a bit slowly. Unfortunately, he couldn't make it here from his home in Florida where he was recuperating, in time for the Pennsylvania Horsemen's Awards on March 8th to accept his leading owner award in person. Regardless he was thrilled about earning the award and is already working on 2006.

Our little Kimmie, Kimberly Christman that nearly everyone at the track watched grow up, and her spouse Nelson Collazo welcomed Nicholas Daniel Collazo on Thursday, March 9, 2006. Nicholas weighed 6 lbs and 13 oz and is 20 inches long. Congratulations and the best of luck to the new family.



## The Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association Salutes Roy V. Chapman 1926-2006



The whole community that is Philadelphia Park - staff, owners, trainers, jockeys, backside employees - was saddened to hear that one of our family members was gone. The Chapman's are not just names in stories about Smarty Jones, they are horsemen everyone knows and loves. They're one of us.

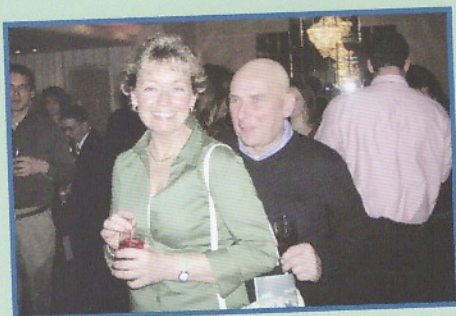
We cheered when the gutsy PA-bred, Smarty Jones, moved from breaking his maiden and winning the Nursery Stakes at Philadelphia Park to his Road to the Roses. We screamed and yelled on that first

Saturday in May and then two weeks later when he crossed the finish line first at Pimlico. We cried and hugged and still said he was the best and a winner in our hearts when he placed in the Belmont. But beyond the horse are his owners - Roy and Patricia Chapman. We cheered when they came into the winners circle, pride beaming from their faces each time their horse brought them there - a total of eight times. We hear of people rescuing animals and giving them a new lease on life, more time here on earth. That is what Smarty Jones did for Roy Chapman.

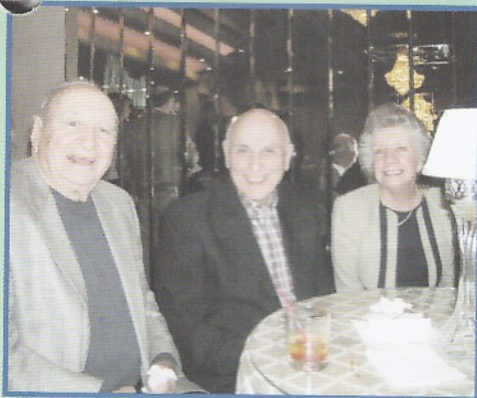
Pat recalls the first horse they purchased, Small Victories. She laughs as she remembers the name and how he won the first time out. "Chappy gave me the seed money but told me it was my venture - he wanted me to put it all in my name and I managed our horse business. That was 19 years ago."

"We had so much fun racing at Philadelphia Park and from Pennsylvania," she says. "My goal now is to have a couple homebreds, maybe sired by Smarty. Working with a professional like John Servis has been so rewarding," commenting on her trainer. When asked if there's anything she would like people to know about her friend and husband, Roy, or their famous horse, Smarty, she answers with a warm smile on her face, "The time with both of my guys was wonderful and exciting - just much too short."











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- First foals due in 2006.

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#### COASTAL STORM

*Storm Cat-Pearl City, by Carson City*

- Son of STORM CAT, sire of 8 champions
- Out of Gr.1 winning mare, PEARL CITY, half-sister to HENNESSY
- A 2005 leading sire of first crop 2yos
- Coastal Storm was unraced due to a training injury as a 2yo.

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*Buckaroo-Annie's Dream, by Droll Role*

- Leading Stallion in PA
- Won the Carter H. (Gr.1) twice
- Millionaire sire of 10 stakes winners/11 stakes performers
- Sire of 75% winners from starters
- \$2.0 million average progeny earnings (2003-05)

2006 Fee-\$3,500



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*Mr. Prospector-Too Chic, by Blushing Groom*

- Full brother to Champion Older Mare, QUEENA (\$565,024) and CHIC SHIRINE (\$237,944), Gr.1 winner and producer of two Gr.2 winners
- His dam, TOO CHIC, was a Gr.1 winner.
- 38% winners from first crop to race in 2005

2006 Fee-\$2,500



#### WHEATON

*Alydar-Terlingua, by Secretariat*

- Half-brother to STORM CAT
- Sire of 9 stakes winners/7 stakes performers, including SANTANA STRINGS (Saratoga Gr.2-2005)
- Leading sire of 2yo winners in NA in 2004
- 71% winner from starters
- \$1.6 million average progeny earnings (2003-05)

2006 Fee-\$3,500



#### WILL'S WAY

*Easy Goer-Williamae, by Tentam*

- Leading son of champion, EASY GOER
- His 126 Beyer is highest in the past decade.
- Won: Gr.1 Whitney H. and Travers S.
- Won or placed in 11 of 13 starts
- Sire of LION TAMER, winner Gr.1 (Cigar Mile) and 3 Gr.2 stakes; ran 3rd in 2005 Breeders' Cup Sprint (Gr.1)
- \$1.3 million average progeny earnings (2003-05)

2006 Fee-\$3,500

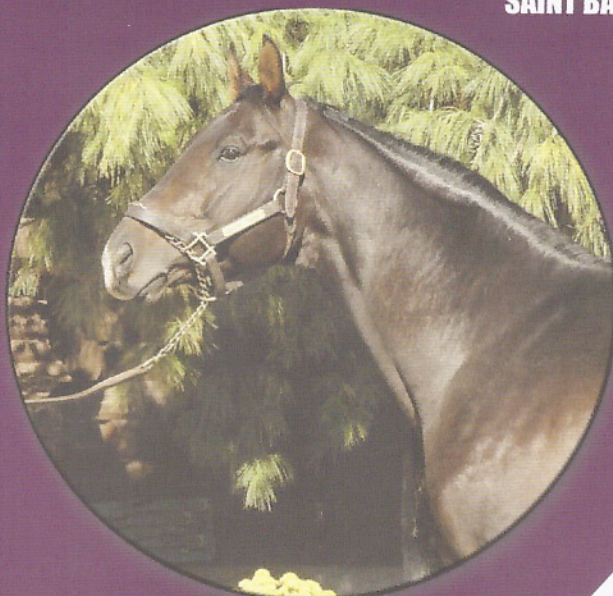




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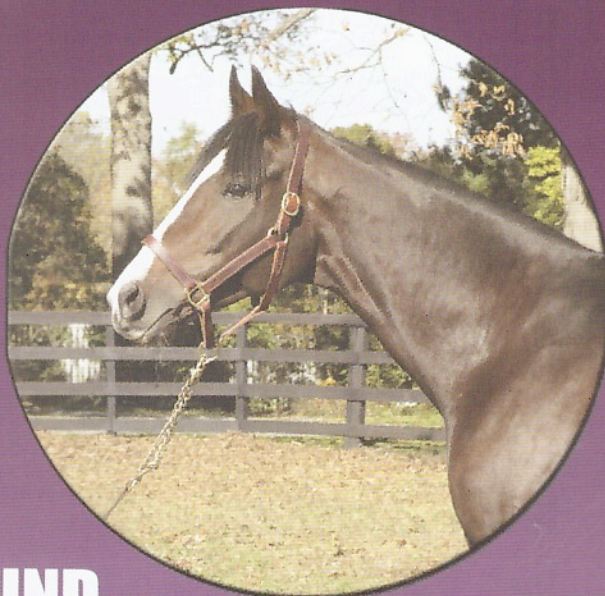
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By Chaplain Jack Cordell



## MAKING THE IMPOSSIBLE POSSIBLE

"Son of Man" is a horse at Philadelphia Park. Hold on. Isn't that the most common name Jesus used of himself? Yes, it is. But when Eddy Pabon bought his horse, he told me he wanted to name him Son of Man. Sure enough, Eddy got his horse and gave him the name. Alas, Son of Man now gives us a lesson in faith.

In a recent race the odds were 45-1 against Son of Man. But he won! (Can you hear Keith Jones shouting "H-e-llo!" at the end of that race?) When I have groups for track tours, Son of Man almost always gets a visit. Eddy poses proudly, displaying his "45 to 1" horse for the group photo.

Jesus, the Son of Man from heaven, said, "with God all things are possible." In short, God makes the impossible possible. He calls us to believe, to trust, to try him even when the odds look incredible.

What unbelievable odds are you up against - faltering health, a poor relationship, terrible finances, unthinkable failure, or an uncertain future? Jesus really meant it when he said, "with God all things are possible." Fear

freezes us in our tracks, paralyzing faith. But "God tries our faith so we will try his faithfulness." When the odds are great, God's power is greater. It's not about the odds. It's about the God who transforms the impossible into the possible. Are you willing to believe the Son of Man against all odds? ■



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