



PTHA NEWS

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A Crucial Time in Our Legislature

When the state legislature approved Act 71 in 2004, which legalized slot machines at racetracks and stand-alone casinos in Pennsylvania, it made a commitment to allocate a portion of the money to the racing industry. During the debate on the legislation, horse breeders and owners expressed concern about the impact it would have on horse wagering in Pennsylvania, which had traditionally funded purses and breeders incentives. Our concerns were well founded: national studies show that when slot machines are introduced at racetracks, pari-mutuel wagering at racetracks is reduced by up to 39 percent.

In exchange for the support of the racing and breeding industry, casino operators agreed to an assessment on their slots revenues that would be placed into a new fund, the Race Horse Development Fund. The fund offsets the lost revenue and negative impact of slots on horse wagering, providing money for purses and breeders incentives.

But despite that legislative commitment that the funds would go solely to the racing and breeding industry, the legislature has repeatedly raided the fund and used portions of it to fund other budgetary needs unrelated to the racing industry.

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2014 Fall Festival Schedule Announced



OWNERS APPRECIATION DAY Saturday, August 23

- Featuring 12 races w/ doubled purses, including Turning for Home S.
- All owners with horses entered for OAD will receive a free gift
- Free buffet lunch in the grandstand



SMARTY JONES DAY Monday, September 1

- 10th anniversary of Smarty Jones' Triple Crown run
- Featuring 12 races including G3 Smarty Jones S., G3 Turf Monster H., G3 Greenwood Cup
- All purses enhanced 50%



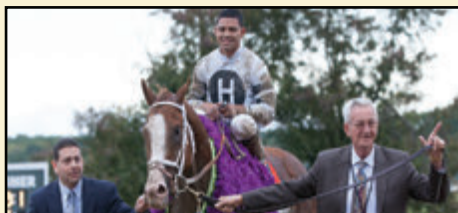
PA's DAY AT THE RACES Saturday, September 6

- Featuring 11 races including \$100,000 Mrs. Penny S. and four \$75,000 stakes: Marshall Jenny H., Banjo Picker S., Dr. Theresa Garofolo Memorial & Roanoke S.



HALL OF FAME DAY Saturday, September 13

- Featuring 10 races including \$250,000 PTHA President's Cup
- 2014 Hall of Fame Inductions throughout the card
- 2014 PTHA Man of the Year Award



PA DERBY & COTILLION DAY Saturday, September 20

- Featuring 12 races including G1 Cotillion H., G2 PA Derby, G3 Gallant Bob H., & Alphabet Soup S.
- All remaining races on card to have purses doubled



BREAST CANCER AWARENESS & 5K DAY Saturday, October 11

- Featuring 10 races including Cornucopia S., First Responder S., Silver Goblin Starter H.
- Female jockey challenge



President's Message

Salvatore M. DeBunda, Esquire

Since the introduction of slot machines in our state, money allocated to the horse racing industry through Act 71 has been a focal point in Harrisburg. Our opposition in the Pennsylvania state legislature adamantly tries to push our backs against the wall, but PTHA Executive Director Mike Ballezzi and I, along with our fellow lobbyists and the Pennsylvania Equine Coalition, refuse to allow them to take what is rightfully ours.

Each and every year, we must push for our money to stay in the Race Horse Development Fund. Four out of the past five years, nearly \$50 million was taken each year to help balance the state's budget. Through a determined effort by the PA Equine Coalition, we succeeded in reducing that amount for the new fiscal year to \$17.6 million. While there will be approximately \$177,000 per week removed from purses here at Parx, I want to stress a few important points. This will *not* affect our healthcare and pension plans. Also, after the initial 22 weeks in which funds will be removed by the state, both purses *and* breeders awards will return to their original amounts.

In addition, we are glad that new eyes will be focused on those diverted funds in the future, thanks to the recent report by Pennsylvania Auditor General Eugene DePasquale. We have been saying all along that funds were being misused, and this report only solidifies the evidence.

As summer moves towards fall, we are preparing for an exciting Fall Festival here at the PTHA, kicking off on Saturday, August 23rd with our sixth annual Owners Appreciation Day. Three weeks later, we will present the 2014 Man of the Year Award along with the \$250,000 PTHA President's Cup. That same day, we will induct nine new members into the Parx Racing Hall of Fame, including one of my own horses, Roamin Rachel. I would like to congratulate the other new inductees, especially my fellow PTHA Board members: Mike Ballezzi, Steve Appel, and Phil Aristone.

And of course, on Saturday, September 20th, we will crown two three-year-olds in the winner's circle following our signature events of the year: the \$1,000,000 Cotillion H. (G1) and Pennsylvania Derby (G2). We hope to see you here!

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Text message alerts from the Racing Office are back! To enroll, text "parxracing" to 95577 from your cell phone.

All trainers **MUST** provide the Racing Office with a copy of their current workmen's compensation information prior to shipping in.

Parx Horsemen Around the Nation

June 15 - **PEGASUS S. (G2)**

Monmouth Park, 1 1/16 miles
3rd - LYNX

O: Peachtree Stable
T: Cathal A. Lynch
J: Frankie Pennington

July 3 - **BEAUTIFUL DAY S.**

Delaware Park, 6 furlongs
2nd - OFFLEE GOLDEN

O: Pewter Stable
T: Kathleen A. DeMasi
J: Kendrick Carmouche

July 5 - **OH SAY S.**

Delaware Park, 6 furlongs
2nd - FAVORITE TALE

O: PJG Stable
T: Guadalupe Preciado
J: Jose Flores



Photo: EQUI-PHOTO

July 5 - **DELAWARE OAKS (G2)**

Delaware Park, 1 mile
2nd - JOINT RETURN

O: Main Line Racing Stable
T: John C. Servis
J: Kendrick Carmouche

3rd - AIBHILIN

O: Margaret & David Wimer
T: Cathal A. Lynch
J: Edwin Rivera

July 12 - **FORT DELAWARE S.**

Delaware Park, 6 furlongs
2nd - WON THE WAR

O: Momentum Stud
T: Scott Lake
J: Joshua Navarro

July 12 - **SWEET AND SASSY S.**

Delaware Park, 6 furlongs
2nd - WINNING IMAGE

O: Martin Scafidi
T: Michael Charles Aro
J: Jose Caraballo

July 20 - **MISS WOODFORD S.**

Monmouth Park, 6 furlongs
1st - STORMY NOVEL

O: Cam Allard
T: John C. Servis
J: Kendrick Carmouche



Falling Sky held off longshot Mezzano to win the **Donald Le Vine Memorial Handicap** under **Edgar Prado** on June 21. The four-year-old colt has now earned over \$385,000 for owners **Newtown Anner Stud & Joseph Bulger**. **Falling Sky** is trained by **George Weaver**. Last year's defending champion **Traffic Light** finished third.

Photo: Barbara Weid/EQUI-PHOTO



Steeplechasers came to Parx on July 1st! Three races were held throughout the card, with the winners being PA-bred gelding **All the Way Jose**, six-time winner **Choral Society**, and former Saratoga flat race stakes winner **Harrods Creek**.

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Assateague, under jockey **Joel Rosario**, wired the **Dr. James Penny Memorial (G3)** on July 8th for trainer **Michael Matz**. The 5yo daughter of Stormy Atlantic is a homebred for **Helen Alexander, Helen Groves** and **Dorothy Matz**.

Photo: Nikki Sherman



Ben's Cat posted a three-peat in the **G3 Parx Dash** on July 12th. Under rider **Julian Pimentel**, he stormed down the center of the turf course en route to the victory, propelling him over the \$2 million-mark for owner **The Jim Stable** and trainer **King Leatherbury**.

Photo: Nikki Sherman



LOOK AT THE SAVINGS PTHA MEMBERS HAVE RECEIVED!*



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As a result, since 2010, the legislature has diverted more than \$200 million in funding designated for the racing and breeding industry. Fortunately, we have made great strides in educating legislators about the importance of the Race Horse Development Fund as a major source of Pennsylvania jobs, as an economic driver of Pennsylvania's equine and agriculture industries, and as a major force in farmland and open space preservation.

In 2010, the legislature diverted \$68.8 million from the Race Horse Development Fund to the state "General Fund" to help balance the state budget. But as a result of our educational and advocacy efforts, we were able to reduce that amount down to \$17.6 million for the 2013/2014 fiscal year.

This Year's Budget

Entering this year's budget cycle, the leadership of the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horseman's Association had significant concerns about the stability of the Race Horse Development Fund.

"News reports were highlighting the fact that Pennsylvania was facing a \$1 billion budget deficit due to rising health and personnel costs and shortfalls in state revenues," noted PTHA Executive Director Michael Ballezzi. "The legislature was scrambling to find a source of funding to fill the \$1 billion budget gap, and some had their eyes on the \$250 million in the Race Horse development Fund."

Through the Pennsylvania Equine Coalition, the PTHA worked closely with Pennsylvania's other thoroughbred and standardbred horsemen and breeders organizations to launch a coordinated legislative outreach efforts with the leadership of the Pennsylvania House and Senate, as well as other key legislators and allies.

As a result of our efforts, we were able to keep the amount of funding that was diverted from the RHDF to the same level as last year - \$17.6 million. While any diversion of funding is unfortunate, keeping the diversion to the same amount as last year was a significant accomplishment given the budget environment which required the legislature to make cuts to a wide range of programs.

This \$17.6 million is expected to be used to help fund the Pennsylvania Farm Show, Pennsylvania Fairs, the Animal Health Commission, and the Pennsylvania Veterinary Laboratory.

Maintaining the diversion at last year's levels means that funding available for purses, breeder incentives, and healthcare costs will remain the same as last year. As was the case last year, the money will be taken from the Race Horse Development Fund over 22 consecutive weeks. This equals approximately \$800,000 per week statewide. At Parx, funding available for purses will decrease by approximately \$177,000 per week for those 22 weeks. Breeders funds at Parx will lose about \$35,000 each week during that period.

"We are fortunate that we were able to keep the diversion at last year's levels," said PTHA President Sal DeBunda, Esq. "But we have to remain vigilant. Rising health, pension and personnel costs are going to continue to drive the state budget higher and higher. Without new sources of revenue for the state, we are going to continue to be at risk."

DeBunda said education and outreach to legislators will remain key. He encouraged PTHA members to continue to communicate with their legislators about the importance of the RHDF for the equine industry, the regional economy, and preservation of open space.

25 Barns Done, 2 in Progress, 9 Left!



Race Horse Industry Reform Act Finally Moving Towards the Future

For several months, the Pennsylvania Senate has had its eyes set on updating the Race Horse Industry Reform Act (RHIR) of 1981, legislation that established the framework for oversight and regulation of the state's horse racing industry. The legislation, which has not been updated in more than 20 years, sets out regulations related to all facets of our industry, including licensing, allocation of race days, pari-mutuel wagering, and simulcasting.

It also established the two racing commission structure within the Department of Agriculture, which has led to the misuse of funds intended for the racing industry (see Auditor General's story on page 7).

Late last year, Senator Elder Vogel, chairman of the Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, introduced Senate Bill 1188 with the goal of updating RHIR Act of 1981. The original concept was to create a single Director of Racing in the state, regardless of horse breed, which would have given control of the industry to the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board. The PTHA did not support this plan, particularly since members of the gaming board have little knowledge or understanding of the racing and breeding industry.

"PTHA Executive Director Mike Ballezzi and I were able to successfully educate our representatives in Harrisburg, so they understood that we strongly opposed this option," said PTHA President Sal DeBunda, Esq.

Through the efforts of the PTHA and other members of the Pennsylvania Equine Coalition, the original legislation was

significantly amended to address many concerns raised by DeBunda, Ballezzi and other industry leaders.

As adopted by the Senate, SB 1188 will establish an independent racing commission, made up of five members, including one member from thoroughbred and one from the standardbred industry. These individuals are permitted to be active licensees. The other three appointees would not be permitted to be licensed or actively involved in equine racing within Pennsylvania. The bill also addresses concerns raised by the state Auditor General regarding the State Racing Fund.

"This legislation will bring the Race Horse Industry Reform Act into the 21st Century," said Vogel, who noted that over the past two decades there have been drastic changes in the way the industry is funded, raced and regulated. "S.B. 1188 makes a number of changes to licensure, fines, fees and the pari-mutual tax structure to properly fund regulatory oversight and drug testing."

The bill is now in the hands of the House Agriculture Committee, which will be reviewed later this summer.

"We expect the bill will receive active committee consideration during the fall session," said Gary Babin, who leads the PTHA's government relations efforts. "We will be fully engaged to help protect the interests of the equine racing industry in general, and more specifically, the interests of PTHA members."

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Banjo Picker Sprint	3yo & up	6 Furlongs	\$75,000
Roanoke Stakes	3yo & up	1 1/16 Miles	\$75,000
Marshall Jenney Handicap	3yo & up	5 Furlongs Turf	\$75,000
Dr. Theresa Garofalo Memorial	3yo	6 Furlongs	\$75,000
Mrs. Penny Stakes	3yo & up	1 1/16 Turf	\$100,000



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Pa. Equine Coalition Applauds Release of Auditor General Report Examining Diversion of Racing Funds

The Pennsylvania Equine Coalition applauded the release of a report by Pennsylvania Auditor General Eugene DePasquale that detailed how \$6 million in inappropriate charges to State Racing Fund were the result of overbilling to cover budget shortfalls and personnel costs that were not related to the operations of the state's racing commissions. The report was also critical of the General Assembly's diversion of the \$212 million from a separate fund, the Race Horse Development Fund (RHDF), since 2010 for purposes of addressing state funding shortfalls in other areas.

The Pennsylvania Equine Coalition is a statewide group representing more than 10,000 horse owners, trainers, and breeders that make up the horseracing industry in Pennsylvania.

"This report confirms what the Pennsylvania racing industry has been saying for a number of years: that money intended for the operation of the state's racing commissions and for breeders incentives was improperly diverted for other purposes," said Pete Peterson, spokesperson for the Pennsylvania Equine Coalition. "We greatly appreciate the efforts of Auditor General DePasquale in taking a closer look at this issue. These diversions resulted in less money being available for oversight of the industry and shortfalls in the operating budget of the commissions."

Peterson noted that last year, the Pennsylvania horsemen and breeders stepped up and urged the legislature to transfer funds intended for purses and breeders awards to address shortfalls in available funding from the State Racing Fund keep the racing commissions up and running. But in reality, this report shows that money from the Racing Fund was paying for far more than its intended purpose of covering racing commission operations.

Peterson also noted that the report highlights how – since 2010 – an additional \$212 million was diverted from the Race Horse Development Fund, which provides money for purses and breeders incentives. The RHDF was created as part of Act 71, which legalized slot machine gaming in Pennsylvania. Monies to RHDF are generated by an assessment on casino slots revenues.

"Economic data from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, released in 2010, shows that the live racing industry generates \$1.6 billion in annual economic activity and supports 23,028 jobs in Pennsylvania," said Peterson. "Every time that money intended for the industry is diverted, it creates uncertainty within the industry."

"When the amount of money available for purses and breeders incentives is in constant question, it discourages owners from making capital investments in their farms, it impacts the amount of money a buyer may pay for a Pennsylvania-bred horse and how many horses are bred in the state. Uncertainty results in less dollars invested in Pennsylvania, directly impacting more than 20,000 hard-working Pennsylvanians who rely on the industry for their jobs, including blacksmiths, stable hands, track workers, horse trainers, jockeys and drivers, veterinarians, and farmers who produce feed."

Peterson said the Pennsylvania Equine Coalition is reviewing the recommendations contained in the Auditor General's Report, but noted that the industry has urged lawmakers to establish independent thoroughbred and harness racing commissions, which would prevent funds intended for the oversight of racing from being diverted for other purposes.

For more information or to read the full report by the Auditor General, visit our website at <http://www.patha.org>.

Belmont Winner Ruler On Ice Retired



Photo: Bill Denver/EQUUS-Photo

2011 Belmont Stakes (G1) winner Ruler On Ice has been retired from racing, and in July shipped to owner George and Lori Hall's farm in Kentucky. The six-year-old gelding was trained throughout his career by Kelly Breen, who is based at Monmouth Park.

Ruler On Ice ran four times at Parx Racing, which included an allowance victory and a second-place finish in the G2 Pennsylvania Derby. The son of Roman Ruler, out of Champagne Glow, retired with four wins from 23 lifetime starts, earning over \$1.7 million.



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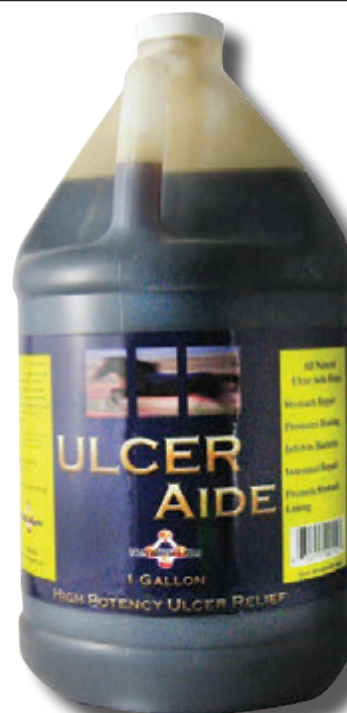
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Third-Party Lasix Administration Begins

Commencing on Monday, August 4th, Parx Racing will implement a mandatory third-party race day administration program of lasix, consistent with other local racetracks, in order to comply with the uniform medication rules established by the Racing Commission. Parx Racing is the last facility in the state to begin a program.

“We originally wanted security cameras in each barn, but that just wasn’t economical, so we examined how other racetracks were handling the issue. We wanted to take the time to make sure that our program was done right,” said PTHA Executive Director Mike Ballezzi, Esq.

Cost, efficiency and accuracy led directly to Dr. Celeste Kunz, whose Kunz Equine Veterinarians has been handling a similar program at Monmouth Park in New Jersey. She boasts an impressive 100% accuracy rating at the seaside track, and she is adamant that she will accept nothing less than perfection from her employees. All of her associates must sign an affidavit declaring that they will not actively practice on thoroughbred racehorses. This will protect the private veterinarians at Parx Racing, and keep the administration of lasix impartial.

“We want an easy, smooth transition for everyone,” Dr. Kunz assured horsemen at a PTHA General Membership Meeting on July 5.

The new system is linked to an in-today placard system, which makes the horse’s stall a quarantine area. Only trainers, caretakers such as grooms, and farriers are permitted inside the stall on race day. It is the trainer’s responsibility to post the placard on the stall door no later than 7:00 am on the morning of the race.

However, a private veterinarian may enter the stall in the event of an emergency if the Racing Commission veterinarian is contacted first. This means that in the event of an approved entrance to a quarantined stall by a private

veterinarian, the horse will not be an automatic scratch.

“If there is a legitimate emergency or if a horse has a problem such as a cough requiring a vet to scope the horse, it is important for horsemen to understand that anything they must do to protect their animal should be done,” noted Ballezzi.

Also, horses are not restricted to their stalls on race day, even though their stalls are quarantined. Horses are permitted to walk, graze and even train in the morning, so long as they are not treated by a veterinarian.

Kunz Equine Veterinarians will be using Salix, not a generic version, which will be administered intravenously between the allowable levels of 100-500 mg (2-10 cc). If a trainer is unsure of the amount to give an entrant, the default dosage will be 5 cc. A fee of \$20.00 will be deducted automatically from the horseman’s account through the track bookkeeper.

All horses on the lasix list will be expected to receive lasix unless told otherwise, so it is recommended that scratches be made with the stewards as soon as it is evident that the horse will not compete.

In addition, horses will no longer be treated without a trainer or designated employee present during the administration of lasix. That person will be required to sign the lasix slip, which will be kept on file until any blood clears with the Commission laboratory.

Because shippers will no longer be permitted to use private veterinarians for lasix administration, at time of entry, all trainers will now be required to designate a private veterinarian in the event of an emergency.

Questions regarding the third-party lasix administration program may be directed to Dr. Celeste Kuntz at 908-875-5075 or ckunzvmd@yahoo.com.

Preventing Heat Related Problems in Racehorses



Photos: Nikki Sherman

The summer months are a challenging time for any athlete, and there are plenty of them here at Parx! From people (jockeys, exercise riders, etc.) to racehorses, managing the effects of hot and humid weather could be the difference between life and death.

In June, the Pennsylvania Racing Commission released a list of crucial measures that horsemen should take in order to both prevent, as well as treat, heat-related problems in racehorses. The list also includes symptoms to watch out for. All horsemen are urged to review this information with barn staff.

The full list can be viewed on the PTHA website, <http://www.patha.org>.

Jeb Hannum Leaving PHBA

John "Jeb" Hannum will step down from his position as Executive Secretary with the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association (PHBA) in September. Hannum has served in the position for three years.

"It has been a great pleasure to work with the PHBA Board over the last three years. I have loved every minute of the job," he said. "The PA Breeding Program is one of the best in the country and it has been very rewarding to oversee and promote the program. We have worked hard to make the case that a vibrant racing program contributes to the state's agricultural economy and continued efforts to promote the program will be important."

Hannum increased the marketing of the Pennsylvania Breeding Program to attract new breeders and address competition from neighboring states. Hannum and the PHBA have worked to ensure the success of the breeding program with the state's two thoroughbred horsemen's organizations – the PTHA at Parx Racing and the PHBPA, which represents horsemen at both Penn National in Grantville and Presque Isle Downs in Erie.

"The PTHA and PHBPA have shown significant support for the PA-Bred program," continued Hannum. "They have been instrumental in helping us grow the restricted race program to over 500 races this year and helped to maintain the Owner Bonuses. With their support the program is on a solid ground to continue to grow."

PTHA Executive Director Mike Ballezzi said, "Jeb has been a great person to work with at the PHBA. His professionalism is second to none. We want to thank him for the time he has worked with the breeders, and wish him luck in his next endeavor."



Jeb Hannum (left) and PHBA President Brian Sanfratello (right) with Senator John Rafferty, Jr.

Photo: Nikki Sherman

Understanding Legislation

Pennsylvania Equine Coalition: a statewide group representing more than 10,000 horse owners, trainers, and breeders that make up the horse racing industry in Pennsylvania

The Racing Fund: funded by wagering & admission taxes, licenses & fees on the racing industry, covers part of the cost of operating the State Racing Commissions

Race Horse Development Fund (RHDF): a fund derived from a share of the slot machine revenue retained by facility operators, that provides money for purses and breeders' incentives, to help offset the adverse impact on para-mutual wagering from allowing slots play

2014-2015 Fiscal Budget: the budget from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, which will take ~\$17.6 million from the RHDF to provide funding for the PA Farm Show, harness racing fair circuit, New Bolton Vet and Animal Health Diagnostic Lab

Senate Bill 1188: legislation recently approved by the Senate that updates the RHIR Act and makes one independent statewide racing commission consisting of five members

Act 71: Known as the Race Horse Development and Gaming Act, it was passed in 2004 and legalized slot machines in the state of Pennsylvania

Race Horse Industry Reform Act (RHIR): legislation first adopted in 1981 that established the two separate Racing Commissions, providing for the funding and regulatory duties

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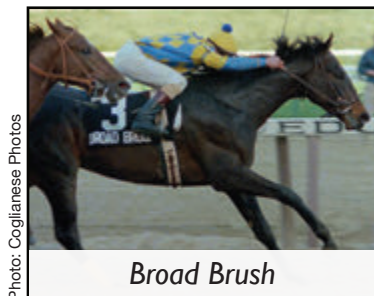
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What Ever Happened to Cotillion Winners...?

... PLUM PRETTY & HAVRE DE GRACE

Fitz Dixon Cotillion Handicap (G2) - October 2, 2010

Cotillion Handicap (G2) - October 1, 2011

All it took was two consecutive years of brilliance for the Cotillion Handicap to be upgraded to a Grade 1. It was almost inevitable, since it had become one of the premier races for three-year-old fillies in the nation.

In 2010, Havre de Grace and Blind Luck were entangled in a rivalry for the ages. They would meet six times over a span of just twelve months, and four of those races were decided by a neck or less. Blind Luck came into the Cotillion sporting five G1 victories, including victories over Havre de Grace in the Delaware Oaks (G2) and Alabama (G1) at Saratoga.

However, those who made Blind Luck the favorite for the Cotillion were unaware that Havre de Grace was about to tip the scale in her favor. The Fox Hill Farm filly by Saint Liam was finally ready to shine, and held off an incredible rally from Blind Luck to win the Cotillion. Havre de Grace would go on to defeat Blind Luck once more, in the G3 Azeri Stakes at Oaklawn Park, before facing the boys in 2011, en route to earning a stunning Horse of the Year title.

Also in 2011, Plum Pretty walloped the Sunland Park Oaks by 25 lengths, before a gutsy neck victory in the G1 Kentucky Oaks. Owned by Peachtree Stable, Plum Pretty then met the best females of her crop, narrowly being defeated by Zazu, It's Tricky and Royal Delta. However, in October, the Bob Baffert trainee was ready to turn the tables on her rivals, and Plum Pretty streaked home to an easy 7 1/2 length score.

By November of 2012, Havre de Grace and Plum Pretty were retired, and both had been entered in sales as broodmare prospects. Florida-based Mandy Pope had her heart set on both mares, and would not be denied, throwing down final bids of \$4.2 million at Keeneland for Plum Pretty and a world record \$10 million at Fasig-Tipton for Havre de Grace. Now, both mares share a paddock in Lexington, KY, where they are boarded at Timber Town Stable. This year, Havre de Grace foaled a gorgeous Tapit filly, while Plum Pretty graced Pope with a handsome colt by Distorted Humor. One can only hope that these foals are half as talented as their dams.



Plum Pretty with her 2014 colt by Distorted Humor.



Havre de Grace with her Tapit filly.

Farm Photos: Nikki Sherman



Plum Pretty wins the 2010 Fitz Dixon Cotillion Handicap (G2).



Havre de Grace wins the 2011 Cotillion Handicap (G2).

... JOSTLE

Cotillion Handicap (G2) - October 7, 2000

Before Smarty Jones, John Servis trained another outstanding racehorse, but it was a filly - Jostle. It was clear from the beginning that the daughter of Brocco was good: she broke her maiden at Monmouth Park by 8 1/2 lengths, and followed that up with three straight stakes victories. After two uncharacteristic off-the-board starts, Jostle won four of six races, including the Alabama (G1) over that year's Kentucky Oaks heroine Secret Status. The final win of her career came at her home track, Philadelphia Park, when she galloped home in the Cotillion by an easy 4 1/2 lengths.

Jostle has been offered for public auction three times at Keeneland November - in 2001, WinStar Farm purchased her for \$1.7 million, then attempted to sell her in 2007, but she failed to meet her reserve at \$1.3 million. In 2010, Ben Walden bought Jostle for \$40,000, and she now resides at his Pauls Mill Farm in Versailles, KY. Her best foal is a five-year-old gelding named Adirondack King, who won the Christopher Elser Memorial right here at Parx.



Jostle at Pauls Mill Farm.

... BEAR NOW

Fitz Dixon Cotillion Handicap (G2) - September 22, 2007

Bear Now was often overlooked during her career, despite earning the Sovereign Award as an Older Mare, which is the Canadian equivalent of the Eclipse Awards. The dark bay filly by Tiznow won three stakes at Woodbine as a three-year-old before entering the gate for the Cotillion, where she would face a fierce competitor. Octave was the overwhelming favorite, having snatched victories in the G1 Mother Goose and Coaching Club American Oaks. Yet, Bear Now was ready to roll at Philadelphia Park, and led from gate to wire, digging in down the stretch to win by two lengths over Octave.

After competing for another two seasons, Bear Now was retired to her owners' farm in Kentucky, Town and Country Farms, Corp. To date, she has had foals by Unbridled's Song, Malibu Moon and Bernardini. Her most recent offspring is a weanling filly named Bear She Goes.



Bear Now with her 2014 Bernardini filly.



Jostle wins the 2000 Cotillion Handicap (G2).

Jostle Race Photo: Kim Pratt



Bear Now wins the 2007 Fitz Dixon Cotillion Handicap (G2).

Plum Pretty, Havre de Grace, Bear Now Race Photos: EQUI-PHOTO

Racehorse Retirement: Then and Now

Thoughts from Program Administrator Danielle Montgomery



While following up with some of our previously adopted horses online this week, I stumbled across an interesting 1960s black and white photo of Kathryn Adams and her 1952 model Thoroughbred gelding, Regular Guy. It hit me that riders have been appreciating the value of ex-racehorses as show horses for a very long time. Even more relevant was his race record. According to Equibase, Regular Guy ran 54 times (earning him War Horse status) but only five times in

his two- and three-year-old years. He was given eight years off and came back to run 20 times as an eleven-year-old, as well as set a track record going 7 furlongs at Las Vegas Park in 1964! All in all, Regular Guy made \$6,337 (in an era when Native Dancer only made \$785,240 after winning 21 of 22 of our richest races), but most importantly he retired sound enough to go on to a successful second career with Kathryn. I'm not sure what he did during his hiatus, but he must have been injured at one point to leave the track. What horse owners need to absorb is that horses can make huge comebacks if given enough time and they can have a future if their last race isn't run too far past their breaking point.

There is no crystal ball to tell us what will happen in a horse race, but Parx has very good horsemen who know when to stop with their animals. One such connection is that of trainer Diane



Day and owner Judy Johnston, who called TFH to place their mare with the coincidental name, Show Me Now. After entering our program, Show Me Now underwent arthroscopic surgery with Dr. Janik Gasiorowsky at Mid Atlantic Equine Clinic, recovery and placement by Erin Hurley at South Jersey Thoroughbred Rescue & Adoption, and is now starting her show career, sound and happy for event rider Chelsea Nix.

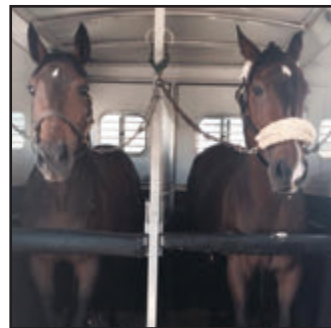
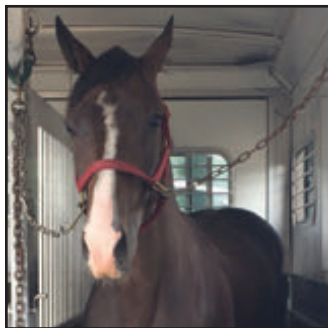
According to surgeon Dr. Patty Hogan, "This horse was a great candidate for the program, and had an injury that was fresh and very fixable. (She is) a great example of a trainer/owner recognizing that cutting their economic losses at that juncture is ultimately better for them and far better for the horse. This horse is a perfect example of how well that mindset can work for everyone."

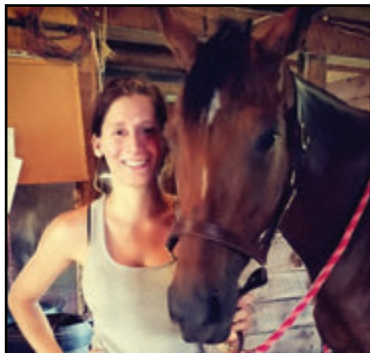
Another prime example occurred when trainer Keith LeBarron stopped on Hibernia Gold in 2009. Dr. Hogan was able to remove a chip from his right ankle. The PA-bred who made \$110,728 in 27 starts has gone on to win Grand Champion at the 2013 Eastern States Dressage and Combined Training Association Championship at the Horse Park of New Jersey. He also competes in cross-country for his proud new owner's daughter, Kim Caputo of Monroe Twp, NJ.



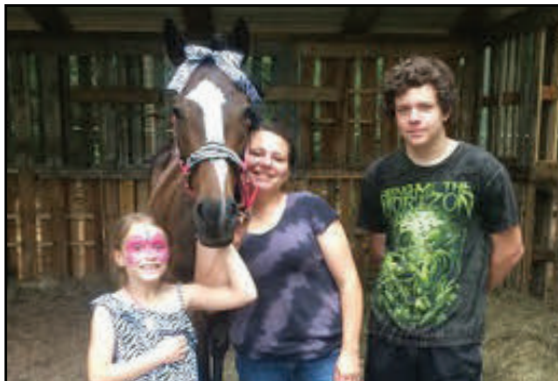
Kathryn Adams texted me about her experiences over the years, saying "I grew up about a mile from Santa Anita and my friend's dad was a trainer. My friends and I all rode OTTBs because for us it was an easy, affordable supply of awesome horses. I've had a few of them over the years and loved them all."

The joy of owning an OTTB may not have changed much, but now TFH bridges the gap so that adopters don't need to 'know somebody' on the track in order to find a good horse. We take each horse and do our best to find him a new home, but it doesn't work when they are too broken. One look at the Success Stories page on our website will show you that OTTB adoptions are as important as ever to the adopters and the lucky horses that find their way into second careers.

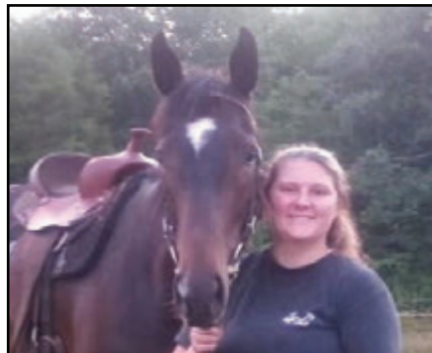




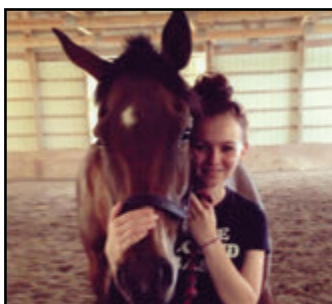
Victoria Rosenthal is excited to work with her brand new mare **Zastera**!



Jaz E Jaz was a fan favorite at Parx, and is now enjoying retirement with the Wooley family.



Tourliani will be hitting the trails with adopter Bailey Thomas in North Carolina.



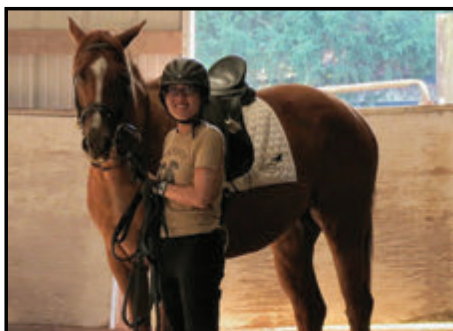
True Joanie True is enjoying retirement in Indiana with adopter Maddie Mazur.



Jeanne & Charlotte MacDonald of Maryland adopted **Gotta Bugatti**, and are looking forward to taking him into the show ring!



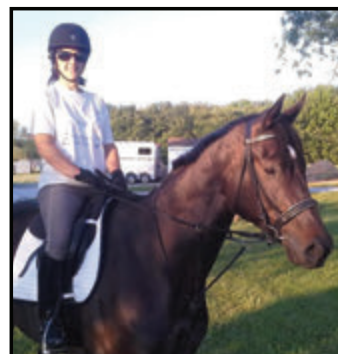
Perfectly Lovely will have a life of luxury in beautiful South Carolina.



Straight On has fully recovered from surgery performed by Dr. Patty Hogan in October, and was adopted by Theodora Chang in Virginia.



Everyone at Parx knew him as "Batman". Now, **Agents Bruce** is headed down to Mississippi!



Big Blackjack is learning to be an eventer with adopter Melissa Cavender.

Bella Bertie Goes Full-Circle Into New Career

Bella Bertie recently returned to Castle Rock Farm, where she was born in 2009. She raced her entire career as a homebred for Brandywine Bloodstock and trainer Guadalupe Preciado. In June, Bella Bertie found her new "mom" - Nancy Mkalech of Clifton, NJ! She even lives at the same farm as fellow TFH alum, **Zastera**!



Free Vet Care for Parx Felines



Over 150 barn cats were examined in early June right here on the Parx backside, where those that needed to be spayed or neutered were given the surgery. In addition, the remaining cats were trapped and treated with booster shots, as well as microchipped. The program is designed to provide basic veterinary care to all barn cats located in the barn area of Parx.

Denise Bash is the founder of Warrington, Pa.-based Animal Lifeline, and has been an important part of the program's creation. "We feel that we were very successful in our mission," she said.

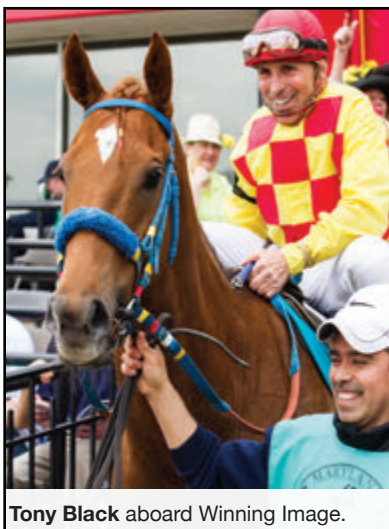


Photos: Dee Curry

In the future, horsemen who see a cat that needs medical attention, or even who see a cat whose ear is untipped, should contact trainer Dee Curry or Terry Weipert, both of whom have veterinary forms available. In addition, one of the primary goals of the feline program is to capture any kittens before they are eight weeks old. This will allow participating animal shelters to socialize the kittens and safely be able to offer them up for adoption.

Bash praised, "I think that Parx and its horsemen are now handling the feline welfare issue in a model way of what humane care should be."

Veteran Rider Tony Black Sidelined



Tony Black aboard Winning Image.

Photo: Nikki Sherman

Parx Racing Hall of Fame member Tony Black suffered a broken arm during morning training hours on Saturday, July 12th. The injury, which occurred when he was thrown to the ground after his mount reacted to a loose horse on the track, required surgery.

Black, age 62, has been semi-retired for a few years, but does ride a few top-level horses when the opportunity arises, including last year's Parx Champion Older Female, Winning Image. He had been scheduled to ride the mare at Delaware Park on the afternoon of the accident.

While the injury was significant enough to require surgery, Black would still like to return to the saddle a few more times before full retirement.

"I would hate to go out this way . . . but a lightbulb went off with this injury and I think it is time to leave the riding to the younger guys. What I would like to do is come back and ride two more winners, which would give me 5,210, a nice even number," he said.



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Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain Rick Bunker

“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.”

- Psalm 51:10 (NIV)

I was on vacation and I wasn't supposed to be checking my email but I did (every couple of days) and I got the message that the newsletter was going out a few weeks early because of the legislative challenges that we all need to be made aware of so we can react in a timely manner. It isn't as easy to get 'away' as it used to be before email, cell phones, texting, twitter and so many other 'conveniences'. It has had an effect on us in marked ways. One of the things that have been affected is our attention spans. Fifteen years ago our attention spans were an average of twenty minutes and now they are less than one minute. I don't know how these things are measured but we probably can all agree that it is increasingly difficult to focus on something without interruptions causing us to react to the point of distraction.

Some of the most creative and productive people say that focus, attention, dreaming, and imagining without interruption are essential to their creativity and productivity. Those things in and of themselves take great discipline and hard work. They are not easy, though there are many who would tell them that they are being irresponsible by not reacting to important issues, but if all we do is react, react, react, then we won't create much.

Did you notice that the words reacting and creating are made using the same letters? Not much difference between the two on the surface. With our short attention spans and lack of focus we might not even see any difference at all. But I hope that we

can still feel the difference, that we can sense the difference.

David wrote Psalm 51 right after he had realized, with the help of a friend, his life had become a mess. He wasn't aware of it without it being pointed out to him, but I give credit to David for the positive way that he received and responded to the admonition. He asks for purity of heart and steadfastness of spirit. That he might not be turned aside again from walking in the path of righteousness that God has prepared for us and is best for us.

King David was very creative. He extended the borders of Israel to their greatest extent, he conquered Jerusalem and made it Israel's capital city, he set up worship, arranged music, directed choirs and even invented the instruments for the musicians; but even David got caught up in the rat race of reacting. Even this creative, visionary man whose heart was "fully devoted to the LORD" (1 Kings 11:4), made destructive mistakes when he reacted to circumstances, rather than reflecting on the repercussions.

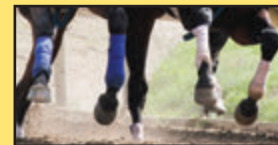
In another of his Psalms he gives us advice on how to maintain perspective and propriety. He says, essentially, in Psalm 131, that when we do not know what to do don't just do anything – take time out with God. He puts it this way: "I have stilled and quieted my soul; like a weaned child with its mother, like a weaned child is my soul within me." God, help us all to do this that we might fight and win the battles to which you call us today and tomorrow – Amen!



Photo: Nikki Sherman



Backstretch Views



Milestones...

Frankie Pennington, III competed in his very first leadline class on July 12, the **Totally Thoroughbred Horse Show** at Pimlico Race Course. He is the first child of current jockey **Frankie** and exercise rider **Jen Pennington**.



Off to the Championship...

Trainer **Kate DeMasi** set up a visit to the racetrack for the **Fox and Hounds Pony Club** with **Jen Pennington**. The Pony Club is celebrating a few of their members, who qualified to compete in the **Pony Club Championships** in Lexington, KY.

Do you have any news for Backstretch Views?

We're always on the lookout for the newest backstretch views! Contact **Nikki Sherman**, Marketing & Publicity Director, in the Turning for Home office, or send over an email at nsherman@patha.org.



In Memorium...

Five-year-old **Franky Talley** passed away on June 25 after a hard-fought battle with DIPG, a rare form of cancer that attacks the brain stem. A huge

community rallied on social media after hearing his story, bringing national attention to the disease. Franky was the grandson of late trainer **Mark Fusco**, and leaves behind his mom, **Tiffany Fusco**, and father, **Franklin Talley**. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to "Team Franky", c/o Chris Doerner, 210 Ivy Rd., Beverly, NJ 08010, or by Paypal to Dolltoyt@hotmail.com.



In Memorium...

Daniel Borislow passed away suddenly on July 21 at the age of 52. He was an innovator in the telecommunications industry, founding the incredibly successful Tel-Save in the late 1980s. Borislow most recently

founded magicJack Vocal Tec, Ltd. in 2007.

Horse racing was a natural draw for the Philadelphia native, who bought his first racehorse in 1991 with trainer John Scanlan. The most successful of his string was G1 winner Toccet, who walloped the Champagne S. at Belmont Park in 2002 by over eleven lengths. Borislow also owned Kentucky Derby runner Talk Is Money as well as Beautiful Bid, the eventual dam of Eclipse Champion Beautiful Pleasure and multiple G1 winner Mecke.

Just this past May, Borislow wagered on the Gulfstream Park Rainbow Pick 6 and shocked the nation with a hit for over \$6.6 million.

Borislow leaves behind his wife Michelle and two children, Danny and Kylie.

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Saturday, Aug. 23: Owners Appreciation Day

100% increase in overnight purses
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Complimentary buffet luncheon
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Monday, Sept. 1: Smarty Jones Day

10th anniversary of Smarty Jones
Featuring 12 races including 4 stakes
50% increase in overnight purses

Monday, Sept. 1: Memorial Day Picnic

All backstretch workers, trainers, owners
& families invited
Free food, drinks, music and games
Sponsored by the PTHA & catered by
Ron's Backstretch Cafe

Saturday, Sept. 6: PA's Day at the Races

Featuring 11 races including 5 stakes
dedicated to PA-breds

Saturday, Sept. 13: Hall of Fame Day

Featuring 10 races including \$250k PTHA
President's Cup
2014 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies

Saturday, Sept. 20: PA Derby & Cotillion Day

50% increase in overnight purses
Featuring 12 races including G1 Cotillion H.,
G2 PA Derby, G3 Gallant Bob H., etc.

Saturday, Oct. 11: Breast Cancer Awareness & 5K Race Day

5K race
Featuring 10 races including 3 stakes
Female jockey challenge

Ten Years Ago . . . Smarty Jones Retirement Ceremony



Photos: Nikki Sherman

**Fourth
of
July**



The annual Independence Day picnic, sponsored by the PTHA, was held on Friday, July 4th outside the Administration Building. Hundreds of people came out to enjoy the music, dancing, food, drinks and games, despite the chilly weather! The delicious food was catered by Ron's Backstretch Cafe.



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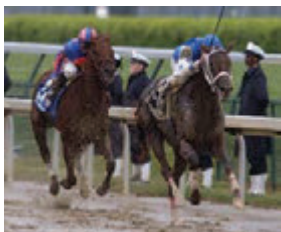
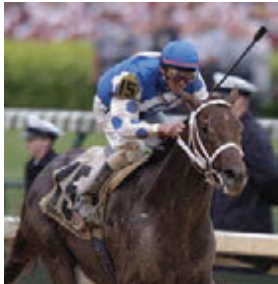
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