



PTHA NEWS

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Parx Horsemen Invade Pimlico

Parx horsemen sent out a battalion of competitors at Pimlico Race Course over Preakness weekend, while the eyes of the nation were focused on the Baltimore racing oval to see if Kentucky Derby winner California Chrome would be triumphant in the second jewel of the Triple Crown.

The Parx invaders were highlighted by Swilcan Stables' Vero Amore, who ran a game second in the G2 Black-Eyed Susan Stakes. Trained by Butch Reid, the three-year-old daughter of Mineshaft nearly snatched the race with a sweeping move around the far turn, then hung on valiantly to finish second behind multiple stakes winner Stopchargingmaria.

"She came out of the race in great shape," said Reid. "We're looking forward to seeing where she goes next."

In addition, John Servis sent out Joint Return to a fourth-place finish in the Black-Eyed Susan for Main Line Racing Stable, and watched Cam Allard's Stormy Novel run a valiant second in the Miss Preakness Stakes just one race later. Joint Return was coming off an easy victory in the Calder Oaks in April.

Also competing in the Miss Preakness Stakes was the previously undefeated Cal Lynch-trained filly Our Lesmis. The three-year-old

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Vero Amore runs second in the Black-Eyed Susan Stakes (G2).



Stormy Novel finishes second in the Miss Preakness Stakes.

Chrome Reminiscent of Smarty

Ten years ago, Smarty Jones taught the nation that top horses don't always come from royalty. This year, a gusty California-bred colt reiterated that point, and sent the sports world on a five-week journey to the brink of history.

California Chrome put on a show all winter and straight through the spring, beginning with a victory in the final race at historic Hollywood Park. From that day until June 7th, he walloped all competitors that dared to test him, grabbing wins like the G2 San Felipe Stakes by over 7 lengths and the G1 Santa Anita Derby by over 5 lengths, as well as the Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes.

However, the brutal test that is the Triple Crown proved to be too much for California Chrome, and after a hard-fought mile and a half, he came up just two lengths short, finishing in a dead-heat for fourth, behind the winning Tonalist.



California Chrome at Pimlico Race Course.

Photos: Nikki Sherman

While luck did not hold out for California Chrome in the Belmont, his connections plan that their prized colt will continue to run this fall after he receives a short break.



President's Message

Salvatore M. DeBunda, Esquire

It seems like just yesterday that Executive Director Mike Ballezzi and I joined trainer and PTHA Board Member John Servis in New York, where we hoped to see our very own Smarty Jones capture the Triple Crown. This year, it was an honor to be present at Belmont Park as another chestnut colt made an attempt at history. I was joined by fellow PTHA Board Member Dr. Steve Appel.

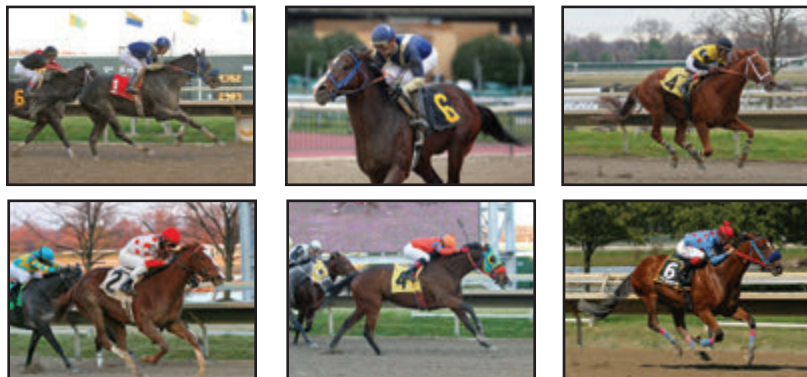
As I'm sure you know, the difficulty of overcoming the short break between races, coupled with the mile-and-a-half distance of the race, was too much to overcome for California Chrome. I found it fascinating to compare the hush that came over the massive crowd when it was evident that California Chrome could not catch the winner with my memories of when Birdstone took the lead in 2004, denying Smarty Jones from entering the record books.

Steve and I also had the privilege to be guests of owner Paul Conaway, whose recent stakes winner Favorite Tale contested the Grade 2 Woody Stephens on the Belmont undercard.

On the legislative front, Mike Ballezzi and I continue to press representatives in Harrisburg to favor our horsemen, especially with regards to the fiscal year's budget. We are also strongly opposing the proposal to create a single Director of Racing over the entire Pennsylvania horse racing industry, regardless of racehorse breed. We will be distributing a special edition of *PTHA News* next month regarding these legislative issues, so stay tuned for that in July!



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Reminder:

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Winning Horses Stables' Officer Alex bested five foes in the May 3 **Lyman Handicap**. The Officer colt is trained by **Lynn Whiting** and was ridden in the race by **Frankie Pennington**.

Photo: Barbara Weid/EQUI-PHOTO



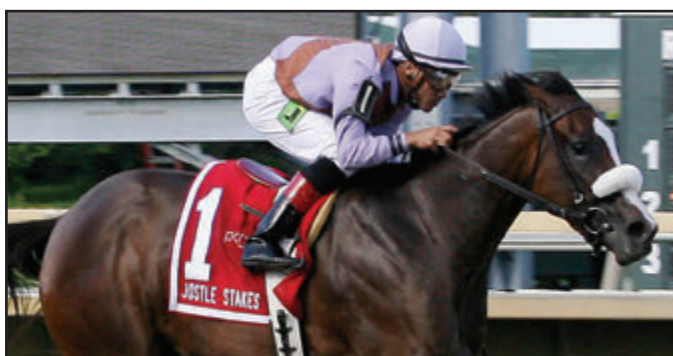
Where's Rosie B extends her winning streak to four with a victory in the PA-bred **Foxy J G Stakes** on May 3. She is trained by **Mario Serey, Jr.**, owned and bred by **Michael Jester**, and ridden by 2013 Parx Leading Apprentice **Hector Caballero**.

Photo: Barbara Weid/EQUI-PHOTO



Bridgehampton made her trip from New York a successful one, easily taking the May 24 **My Juliet Stakes**. She is trained by **Michael Hushion**, owned by **Barry Schwartz**, and was guided to victory by **Frankie Pennington**.

Photo: Nikki Sherman



Tea Time and rider **Joshua Navarro** ran off with the June 7 **Jostle Stakes**. The three-year-old daughter of Pulpit is owned and bred by **Sarah and Jon Kelly & Helen K. Groves**, and is trained by **Michael Matz**. This was her second stakes victory.

Photo: Barbara Weid/EQUI-PHOTO



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Legislators Visit Backstretch

On June 5th, a group of Pennsylvania legislators and their associates were invited to spend a morning at Parx Racing. PTHA Executive Director Mike Ballezzi spoke about how important horse racing is to the economy in our state, and then shared an eight-minute highlight reel of the documentary *Spirit & Speed*, which originally aired on television last year. After viewing the film, trainers John Servis and Butch Reid answered questions and gave tours of their barns.

The visiting group included:

- **Senator Kim Ward**
- **Representative Warren Kampf**
- **Mathew Meals**, Dept. of Agriculture, Deputy Secretary of Animal Agriculture
- **Walter Remmert**, Dept. of Agriculture, Acting Executive Secretary of Horse Racing, Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission
- **John L. McNally, III**, Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
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Mathew Meals, Mike Ballezzi, Sen. Kim Ward, Rep. Warren Kampf, and Russell Redding at the Servis barn.



Butch Reid watches a two-year-old return from the racetrack in front of a group of legislators during a tour of his barn.



Senator Kim Ward was ecstatic to have the opportunity to take a photo with PTHA Board Member **John Servis**, who trained Smarty Jones ten years ago. "The horse racing industry employs tens of thousands and brings in billions into our state's economy," Senator Ward noted on her Facebook page.



Photos: Nikki Sherman

Just Another Morning at Parx for Joanne McDaid

Parx Horsemen Invade Pimlico

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daughter of Yes It's True experienced a rough trip right from the gate and then ended up wide throughout the race, en route to a seventh-place finish. Pennsylvania-bred Our Lesmis is jointly owned by Lynch and Two Hands LLC.

In the very first stakes event of the weekend, trainer Mike Aro saddled seven-year-old Winning Image to a third-place finish in the Skipat Stakes for owner Martin Scafiadi. Winning Image had two straight victories under her belt in 2014, both stakes events in Maryland.

"This was her first time on a wet track, so we're proud of her," Aro said just moments after the race. "She'll get a short break at the farm and come back in mid-June."

On Preakness Day, trainer Guadalupe Preciado successfully sent out Quality Lass to a third-place finish in her first start of the year, the five furlong The Very One Stakes on turf. She is owned by West Point Thoroughbreds.

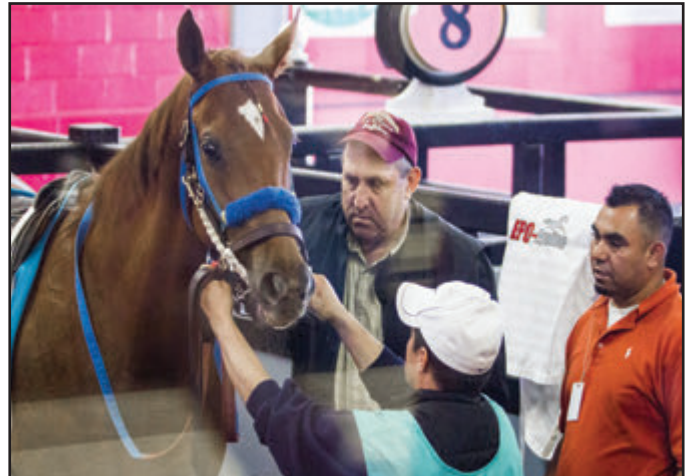
"She came out of the race well, and we will look at some races this summer," said Preciado.

And so, as the sun dipped behind the Pimlico grandstand on the third Saturday in May, the day ended on a successful invasion by Parx horsemen in Baltimore.



Joint Return heads to the paddock for the Black-Eyed Susan S with **Miguel Santiago** and **Deli Silvers** (obscured).

Photos: Nikki Sherman



Winning Image is saddled in the paddock by trainer **Mike Aro**.



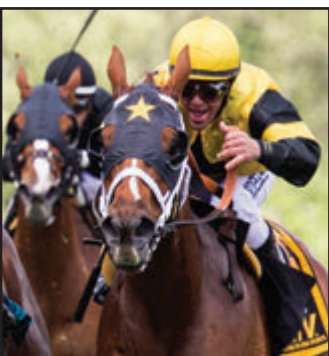
Our Lesmis is lead to the paddock by her groom **Javier Estrada** and trainer Cal Lynch's son, **Charlie**.



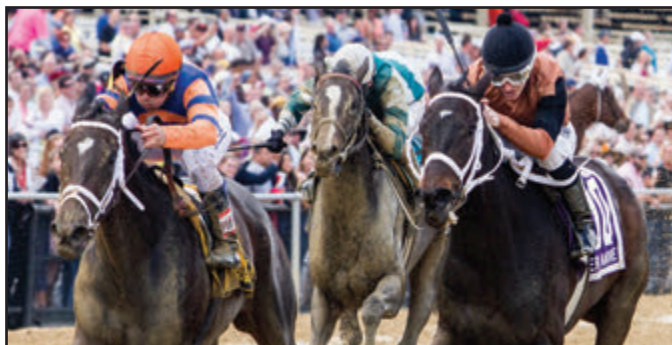
Winning Image heads to the track for the Skipat S under **Tony Black**.



Joint Return in the post parade with **Kendrick Carmouche**.



Quality Lass runs third in The Very One Stakes.



Vero Amore (right) battles to the wire with eventual winner Stopchargingmaria in the Black-Eyed Susan.



Guadalupe Preciado saddles **Quality Lass** for The Very One S.

Parx Owners Experience KY Derby

Two sets of Parx Racing owners had the opportunity to watch their horses contest the G1 Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands.

Bran Jam Stable has racing strings in Pennsylvania, New York and California. While they do have regular success here at Parx with trainer Lou Linder, Jr., California-based Peter Eurton trains the handsome son of Two Step Salsa for the partnership of Bran Jam Stable, Sharon Alesia, and Ciaglia Racing.

Dance With Fate entered the Derby sporting a resume that included a dazzling performance in the G1 Blue Grass Stakes on Polytrack at Keeneland, but that win left questions about how he would handle a regular dirt surface.

Also taking a shot in the Kentucky Derby was the syndicate group, West Point Thoroughbreds, which offers top-quality horses throughout the United States to syndicate members. West Point has horses at Parx Racing with Guadalupe Preciado. West Point sent out a stakes-placed colt named Commanding Curve, who is trained by Dallas Stewart.

Each ownership group then had the thrill of a lifetime, as both horses were side-by-side, *right* near the leaders at the top of the stretch. Commanding Curve was traveling a bit better than Dance With Fate, and closed like a freight train past the stands to finish second behind California Chrome. Dance With Fate did struggle with the dirt surface but his huge heart was still able to propel him to a fifth-place finish.



Dance With Fate in the Kentucky Derby post parade under jockey **Corey Nakatani**.

Photos: Nikki Sherman



Commanding Curve in the Kentucky Derby post parade under jockey **Shaun Bridgmohan**.

Free Vet Care for Parx Felines



Photo: Nikki Sherman

A Trap, Neuter & Release (TNR) program for cats at Parx Racing was announced on Saturday, May 17. Parx Director of Racing Operations, Joe Wilson, along with Racing Secretary Sal Sinatra, relayed the news to a full room of horsemen in the Rec Hall. The goal will be for all cats on the backstretch to be vaccinated, neutered and microchipped.

Mid-June was the targeted commencement date of the program, which will start with a focus on the feral cat population and then move in order numerically from barn to barn. The microchip will include a barn number noting where the cat is currently living.

Employees and volunteers who are participating in the TNR program will be feeding the Parx feral colony at specific times of day in order to aid in trapping the cats efficiently, so it is requested that horsemen do not feed the feral cats at this time.

Also, horsemen should not leave cat food out in the barn areas, especially at night, as leftover cat food can attract possums, skunks, foxes and rodents. The presence of these animals can increase the risk of transferring disease in the barn area.



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What Ever Happened to...Dulce Realidad?

On January 27, 2008, a brilliant chestnut filly named Dulce Realidad was saddled by trainer Richard Vega, and was quickly on her way to a scintillating career debut in a maiden special weight at Philadelphia Park, romping by an easy 5 3/4 lengths. The three-year-old filly was a Florida-bred owned by Panamanian powerhouse Stud El Aguila, and would be ridden in all of her starts by local legend Jose Flores.

Dulce Realidad only ran through June after that incredible first start, but she made her races count.

In her next start on April 6, a six and a half furlong allowance, she suffered her only career defeat, but was still second despite it being her first race in three months.

Just three weeks later, Dulce Realidad walloped an allowance field of sophomore fillies, duplicating her winning margin of 5 3/4 lengths from her debut. That race earned her a start in the May 13 Trevoze Stakes, in which the race was never in doubt; Dulce Realidad glided to victory by four emphatic lengths.

And finally, in what would be her final race, the lovely chestnut mare rewarded her connections with a victory in the Jostle Stakes on June 14.

“My wife and family loved her. We have a big picture of her in our hallway at home. It was a shame; we couldn’t get her races to go after she broke her maiden, but when she did run she was such a great filly,” remembers Vega.

Dulce Realidad retired with four wins from just five starts, and career earnings of \$221,300. The following spring, she was awarded Philadelphia Park Champion Three-Year-Old Filly, as well as Horse of the Year.

She is currently boarded at her birthplace in Kentucky, Brandywine Farm, where she shares a paddock with her mother, Cope With Reality. Dulce Realidad foaled a Yes It’s True filly on April 17, while her dam had a Trappe Shot filly just one day later. They are booked to Lookin At Lucky and Dunkirk for 2015 foals.



Dulce Realidad after her victory in the Jostle Stakes.



Dulce Realidad wins the Trevoze Stakes.



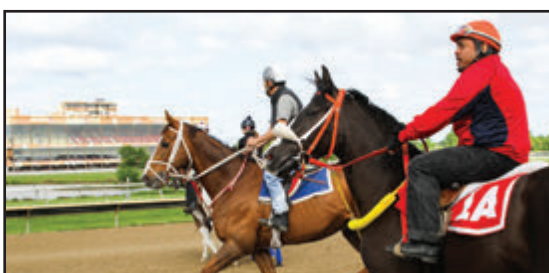
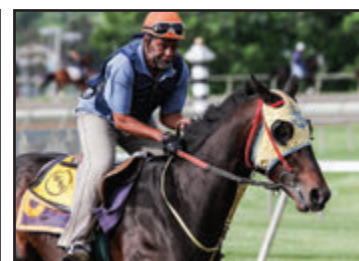
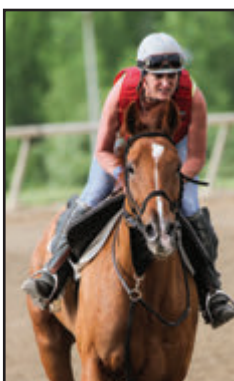
Photos: Barbara Weid/EQUUS-PHOTO (top left, top center)



Dulce Realidad (left) and her dam **Cope With Reality** enjoy a beautiful spring day with their 2014 fillies at Brandywine Farm in Paris, Kentucky.

Photos: Nikki Sherman (top right, bottom)

Around the Oval at Parx



Horseman's Profile: Marya Montoya

*Did you know that you can find racing royalty right here at Parx? Trainer **Marya Montoya** is the daughter of Parx Hall of Famer **Dennis "Goose" Heimer**, and is more than living up to her father's legacy. 2014 has been a banner year for Marya, and it's not even halfway through: in April she won three races in one week, and she has a promising young three-year-old named Wings of Fortune who gave the Montoya barn its very first victory in New York when he won at Belmont Park on May 21.*

What was it like to learn under your dad?

I always knew he was a good trainer. I started hotwalking when I was six. There was always this one horse I wanted to walk, and they would switch stalls and put another horse there so I would think I was walking this other horse. But then I figured it out. When I was 11, I started grooming, and when I was 12, I started taking two horses out in the soccer field. I could ride, because I rode show horses, but I'd just pretend I was a jockey out there. They tried to give me a stake horse one summer, because my dad said, "You're the only one who ices my horses!"

How do you think that growing up in the industry basically since you were born makes you different from other trainers?

I definitely got a huge perspective of every aspect of it. After my dad passed away I was at a farm and we had Lil E. Tee there, and we named him E.T. Phone Home because he would scream for his mother and she wouldn't answer him. There's nothing to say that that horse should have been anything, but he was. Just being able to see great horses like that was significant.

When my dad died, I galloped horses for Danny Lopez because I was still young. Then, because I knew my dad was a really good 2yo trainer, but I wasn't hands-on with him at the track, I went to work for John Saltzman down in Maryland. He's also a really good two-year-old trainer. I galloped for him for about six months, and then we bought our first two horses that were weanlings and we headed to Florida to break them. My husband Ross had always done that, but I hadn't yet. Then we came back up and



Photos: Nikki Sherman

those two horses we had, they were my guinea pigs. One won maiden special weight and an allowance race, and the other won for maiden fifteen.

Why do you think owners come to you looking for a trainer?

My last owner that came to me, Waldorf, he was looking for a female trainer and someone said to come see me. He came by and of course I'm covered in poultice. It's like 11:00; I couldn't look any worse! I called him that evening and we met the next day. And we've done really well together. I'm so grateful for everything he has done for me.

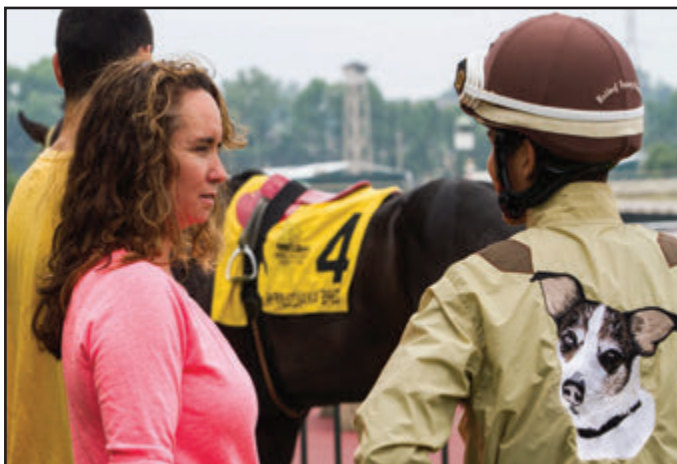
Do you think it makes a big difference that you can gallop all your own horses?

I really do. I think there's so many times that you can feel it, but you can't see it. I work all my babies until they get to a certain point. Even when we work a few together, I make sure they don't go by me so that I can look over and see how they're going.

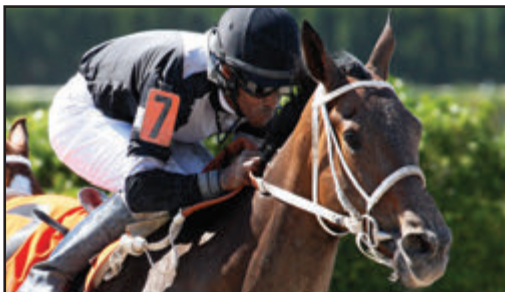
Is there anything that people don't know about you?

I think a lot of people don't know that because I run under Montoya, people don't know that my dad was a trainer. I think more people would recognize me if I used "Heimer".

The other thing is, we don't get horses that some of these other owners spend a hundred thousand for. I just got my first big opportunity with Waldorf, but before that, I had a filly we got for \$8,000, and she was second in a stake to Dreaming of Anna. We've done good with little horses. We bought a horse for \$1,500 and he won allowance races, a starter handicap, and was a favorite in a \$100,000 stake.



Parx Around the Nation



Joint Return won the **Calder Oaks** in Florida on April 12 at Calder Race Course.

Photo: Coady Photography



The Parx-based connections of **Joint Return** accept the **Calder Oaks** trophy: trainer **John Servis**, jockey **Kendrick Carmouche**, and owner **Main Line Racing Stable**.

Photo: Coady Photography



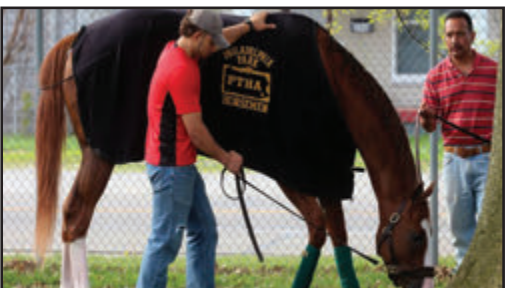
Two-time Parx Racing Older Mare of the Year champion **Winning Image** won the April 19th **Primonetta Stakes** at Pimlico Race Course.

Photo: Jim McCue | MJC



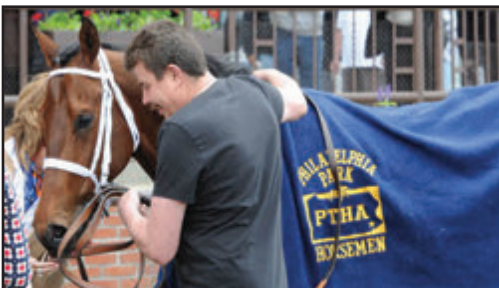
Take Charge Lady (right), dam of last year's PA Derby winner **Will Take Charge**, was named Kentucky's **Broodmare of the Year**.

Photos: Nikki Sherman



Will Take Charge grazes at Churchill Downs while wearing his PTHA blanket.

Photo: Mary M. Meek



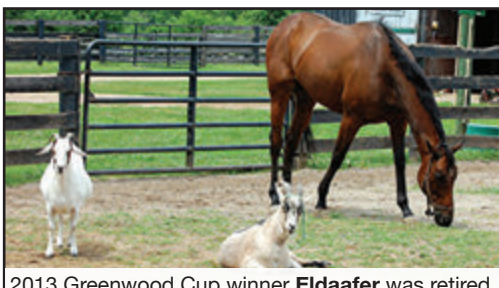
Favorite Tale won the **Gold Fever Stakes** at Belmont Park over Grade 1 winner Havana.

Photo: Adam Coglianese



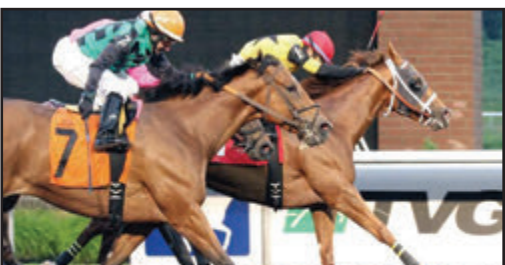
Joint Return returned to the winner's circle on June 4 in the Delaware Park **Our Mims Stakes**.

Photo: HoofPrints, Inc.



2013 Greenwood Cup winner **Eldaafer** was retired to Old Friends in Georgetown, Kentucky, along with his two goats, Google and Yahoo.

Photos: Rick Capone



West Point Thoroughbreds' **Quality Lass** came back on for a hard-fought win in the **Satin and Lace Stakes** at Presque Isle Downs on June 8.

Photo: Coady Photography

Parx Horses' Stakes Results

May 31 - **MOUNTAINVIEW H.**
3rd - **SAILOR'S REVENGE**
Penn National, 1 1/8 miles
O/T: Ramon Preciado
J: Jose Flores

May 31 - **PA GOVERNOR'S CUP**
3rd - **BOLD THUNDER**
Penn National, 5 furlongs (T)
O: Andrew Sulley
T: Patricia Farro
J: Orlando Bocachica

April 12 - **CALDER OAKS**

1st - **JOINT RETURN**
Calder Race Course, 1 1/16 miles
O: Main Line Racing Stable
T: John C. Servis
J: Kendrick Carmouche

April 19 - **PRIMONETTA S.**

1st - **WINNING IMAGE**
Pimlico Race Course, 6 furlongs
O: Martin Scafidi
T: Michael Charles Aro
J: Anthony Black

May 4 - **GOLD FEVER S.**

1st - **FAVORITE TALE**
Belmont Park, 6 furlongs
O: PJG Stable
T: Guadalupe Preciado
J: Jose Flores

June 4 - **OUR MIMS S.**

1st - **JOINT RETURN**
Delaware Park, 1 mile
O: Main Line Racing Stable
T: John C. Servis
J: Kendrick Carmouche

June 8 - **SATIN AND LACE S.**

1st - **QUALITY LASS**
Presque Isle Downs, 5 furlongs (T)
O: West Point Thoroughbreds
T: Guadalupe Preciado
J: Antonio Gallardo

May 16 - **BLACK-EYED SUSAN S. (Grade 2)**

2nd - **VERO AMORE**
Pimlico Race Course, 1 1/8 miles
O: Swilcan Stables
T: Robert E. Reid, Jr.
J: Frankie Pennington

May 16 - **MISS PREAKNESS S.**

2nd - **STORMY NOVEL**
Pimlico Race Course, 6 furlongs
O: Cam Allard
T: John C. Servis
J: Kendrick Carmouche

April 19 - **LINCOLN S.**

3rd - **BOLD THUNDER**
Gulfstream Park, 5 furlongs (T)
O: Andrew Sulley
T: Patricia Farro
J: Paco Lopez

May 16 - **SKIPAT S.**

3rd - **WINNING IMAGE**
Pimlico Race Course, 6 furlongs
O: Martin Scafidi
T: Michael Charles Aro
J: Anthony Black

May 17 - **THE VERY ONE S.**

3rd - **QUALITY LASS**
Pimlico Race Course, 5 furlongs (T)
O: West Point Thoroughbreds
T: Guadalupe Preciado
J: Javier Castellano

Parx Equine Dentists Go Viral

By now you have probably seen the video of equine dentist Paul Briscione's infamous shedrow mishap on our backside here at Parx Racing. If you haven't watched it recently, though, take a look at www.patha.org. Fellow Parx equine dentist and blossoming country singer Scott Gager wrote a song now called 'That Horse Bit Me' about the incident, and it's well on its way to a second viral run on the Internet. The original video was a silent view of security footage that just happened to catch Briscione "make a fool out of (himself)", and it went viral within days.

"Everybody's enjoying it, because a lot of people know me. Usually people start laughing; a couple of people ask if I'm okay and then laugh once they find out I didn't get hurt," noted Briscione. "That's why we did it. Everybody does stupid things, and it just happened that we caught it on video."



The excitement over the video would hit a new high when Briscione shared it with Gager. The duo was destined to become friends, having lived just a half-mile apart in New Jersey for a long time, and being two of just four major equine dentists in the area for the past thirty years.

Gager was immediately hit with the creativity bug upon seeing the video. "When you have a video like that, it's catchy. I just knew that I had to write a song about it, and luckily I had found out that I could sing two years ago, so it was possible."

Briscione is clearly in awe of his friend's talent, and isn't shy about saying so. "When he told me about the song, I'm thinking, 'Yeah right, this is gonna be some stupid thing'. Then he plays it for me and I'm like, 'This is fabulous'! I couldn't work the rest of the day; I was going around the barns playing it for everybody."

After the song was finished, they worked with horseman Miguel Palomares to complete the editing and post the video online.

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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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Why We Do What We Do

Thoughts from Program Administrator Danielle Montgomery

Six years ago the needs of the Parx community were met with the birth of the PTHA's Turning For Home, our own racehorse retirement program and the second in the country designed to address the major issue which was staining the image of the Sport of Kings at the time: throwaway racehorses.

Our mission is the same today: to provide an alternative to auction and slaughter for Parx Thoroughbred Racehorses when their careers have ended by placing them with approved adoption organizations which will work to find them new homes or careers.

Our Initial Goals have been realized!

We have been recognized as a model program for the industry by the Jockey Club, the NTRA, The Grayson Research Foundation, and numerous programs around the country that follow our lead. We continually address the public concerns to provide for the safe retirement of our charges and follow them throughout their lives, by taking them back whenever they need us. It is now a rare occasion when racehorses are seen at auction and by providing responsible, timely aftercare, we continue to offer safe alternative for trainers and owners who cannot provide their own retirement for their horses.

Our reasons are solid, we are horsemen who love racehorses!

When TFH is given a horse, we take it on as our own. We do whatever we can to help the horse transition to a forever home. By providing top veterinary care and screening for injuries, we offer full disclosure to our prospective adopters for each individual horse. Every horse is given the best chance at a second career. If the horse is deemed by our team of veterinarians to meet the AAEP guidelines for humane euthanasia, we provide for that as well. Those decisions are the toughest, but are made with the knowledge that it is the humane course of action.

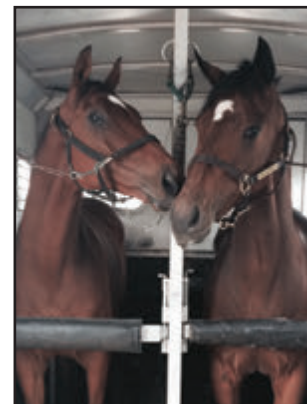
How do we keep helping?

Our doors are open to all Parx horses, and they all receive the screenings, medical care, and the time they need to heal, addressing any unsoundness issues. Our relationship with our partner farms who provide months of quality care, retraining and approved adoptions is the most important part of our program. Relationships built on trust and a mutual mission to help place all TFH horses into safe homes are the heart of our program, and the answer to why we do it has to be putting the welfare of the horses first. We are diligent about reaching out to our adopters and following the progress of our horses, and we always welcome the vigilance of our entire community to protect our horses.

Turning For Home has medically cared for and retrained over a thousand horses which have been placed into safe homes. Currently, our waiting list is approximately two weeks and our pledge to provide safe retirement continues. With the help of our many benefactors, no horse is turned away. Our success is your success, because when the horses win we all win. This takes funding, and so we continue to reach out to our fellow horsemen for support in this valid endeavor. Specifically, we have received substantial donations recently from Marshall Graham of High Point Thoroughbred Partners and Sanford Bacon of the Bacon Barn. We cannot express our gratitude enough for their kindness. Together, can all make a difference. After all, these horses are why we do what we do.



RACEHORSE RETIREMENT PROGRAM



RACEHORSE RETIREMENT PROGRAM



For just a **\$5 donation** to Turning for Home, you can receive a savings pass to any Macy's store on **Saturday, August 23, 2014.**

Save 25% all day on regular, sale & clearance items, including many brands usually excluded from sales like this!

Also **save 10%** on most electronics, watches, furniture, mattresses and rugs/floor coverings.

To purchase your savings pass, contact Program Administrator **Danielle Montgomery.**

Donate Your Proof of Purchases

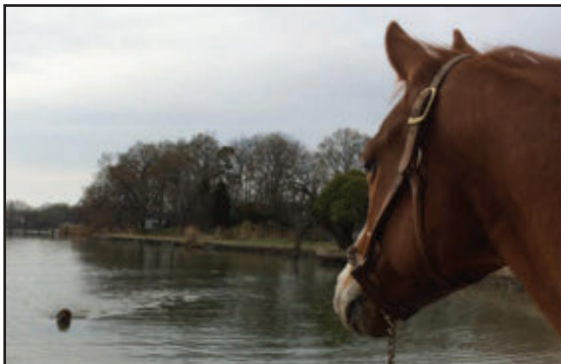
Did you know that we can receive **10-35¢** from participating feed companies for each proof of purchase that is donated? **If you use 40 bags of feed a week, that's between \$200-700 per year!**

Donation boxes are located in the main PTHA office as well as the Turning for Home office. All proceeds will benefit our TFH horses.





Adopter Amanda Fredericks is thrilled with her new mare **Maggiesothersister!**



Meadow Cat had surgery for a condylar fracture, but is now enjoying his new life on the shores of the Chesapeake with adopter Madelaine Shedlick. He is an After the Races graduate.



Sallee Starr is looking pretty with her new trainer, who is working with her for adopter Kerrin Abbott-Donohue in Alabama.



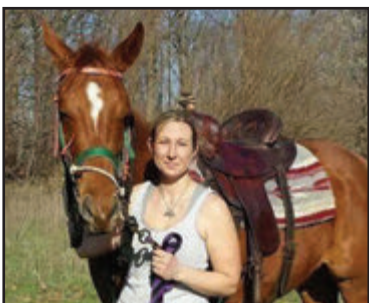
Ben's Hurrah is learning to be a hunter/jumper with adopter Patti Burroughs.



Abounding Angel experienced her first winter on the prestigious Florida eventing circuit, and performed like a superstar for adopter Lisa Fergusson!



Commanding Lead and **Adios Harry** were both adopted by Pam Alvarez after their retraining at Castle Rock Farm.



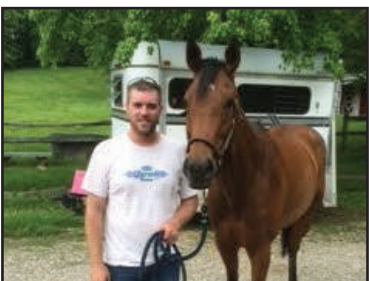
Sixty Four Model underwent emergency surgery in October but is now healed! She was adopted by Liz Isherwood.



So Cool Too, a.k.a. "Chilly", with adopter Christina McGinn after retraining at Maui Meadow Farm.



Isn't She Sweet is now an eventer in New Hampshire for Julie Walden Howard. She was retired in 2011.



Bell Run Farm adopted out their second horse, **Safari Girl**, to Mark Bortner!



Wicked Dreams has a great new home with adopter Lindsey Durm in Maryland. He was rehomed by Track to Tranquility Equestrian Program.



Salmon Leap with adopter Brynn Littlehale in California!

Food & Fun for Families

The annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt was hosted by Chaplain Rick Bunker and his team on Saturday, April 19th. Dozens of youngsters participated in an afternoon of fun activities that included games, great food, and even a visit by the Easter Bunny!

The annual Memorial Day luncheon, sponsored by the PTHA, was held on Friday, May 23rd in Ron's Backstretch Cafe. More than 300 people filtered through the turnstile to fill their trays with chicken, corn, baked beans, and more, courtesy of Ron's fantastic kitchen staff.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt



Memorial Day



Upcoming Events



Friday, July 4th: Independence Day Picnic

11:00 - 3:00 PM

Sponsored by the PTHA

Food prepared by Ron's Backstretch Cafe

Music and games for the kids

Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain Rick Bunker

“⁷... The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.” - 1 Samuel 16:7b (NIV)

As I write this it is still more than a week from the running of the Belmont Stakes so I won't write (too much) about California Chrome. I hope that we can write more about him another time after he wins in New York.

California Chrome reminds me of a lot of other surprise champions. The most inspirational of champions are those who the experts had written off with no chance of being champions. Another horse who was an inspiration of this kind was Snowman. His story is worth remembering.

If Harry de Leyer had arrived on time to a Pennsylvania horse auction on a snowy day in February, 1956 there would likely be no great story to tell, but as fate would have it, Harry was running late.

When Harry, a Dutch immigrant and Long Island horse trainer, did arrive to buy a cheap lesson horse, the auction had ended, and the only horses remaining were those left unwanted, already loaded on a trailer and bound for slaughter. One of them, a dirty, gray plow horse, immediately caught Harry's eye. He paid \$80 for the horse, named him Snowman, and their incredible story began.

Snowman became a dutiful lesson horse at the private girls school where Harry instructed, before being sold to a farmer down the street. Unhappy with this new home, Snowman jumped out of his paddock and returned to Harry, time and time again. Harry realized that in his escapes, Snowman was easily clearing five-foot pasture fences. He quickly reclaimed Snowman and began training him as a show jumper.



jumper championship on the same day. A few years after having been a left behind old Amish plow horse, Snowman won the 1958 horse show jumping Triple Crown — the American Horse Shows Association Horse of the Year, Professional Horseman's Association Champion and Champion of Madison Square Garden's Diamond Jubilee.

The Scripture text at the top of the page is words that God spoke to Samuel about the future King David. Samuel was about to anoint another of David's brothers because he 'looked' good. David's father was not even going to bring David out to see Samuel until Samuel said, "Are these all the sons you have?" Then Samuel insisted that David be called in from the fields.

David goes on to defend the Israelites against the giant Goliath and becomes the greatest king in the history of Israel. David is an inspiration because the world had cast him aside but God picked him up, and out from where he had been hidden. The story is similar for Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Gideon and so many other 'little' people who God chose to do big things.

Jesus said on a number of occasions, "Many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first." Know, believe and act on this truth that God loves you and together with God you can do great things. They may not be big things in the opinion of some but they will be things for which great will be your reward in heaven.



The horse began winning prestigious classes only two years after he was bought off the slaughter truck and his career lasted five years. He willingly jumped over other horses, and his calm disposition made him a favorite: he once won a headline class and an open



Backstreet

Congratulations...

Tiffany LeBarron was married to Nathaniel Clark in beautiful Jamaica on April 11th. Tiffany's father is trainer **Keith LeBarron**. What a gorgeous location for a wedding, and just look at that happy family!

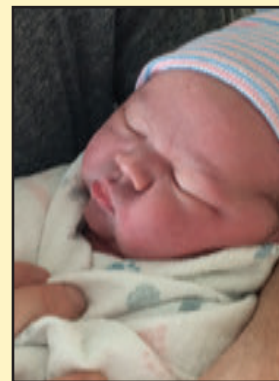


Congratulations...

Liam Meeham experienced his very first win photo when Electro Peg won the WHIPS International Starter Handicap Series - Leg 1 at Parx on May 27th. It was even his mom Stef's birthday! Liam is the second child of racing official **Peter Meehan** and grandson of trainer **Lou Linder, Jr.**

Congratulations...

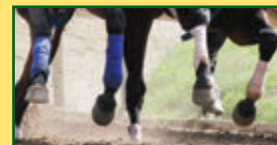
Stall Superintendent **Gerard Weipert** and wife **Theresa**, who is the secretary for Sal Sinatra, met their second grandchild, **Louis Scott Ramirez**, on May 15th at 1:57 PM. He weighed 9 lb. 10 oz., and his proud parents are **Kimberly** and **Scott Ramirez**.



Congratulations...

Handsup Moneydown won his seventh race in a row on Memorial Day here at Parx Racing. Owner/trainer Ramon Preciado claimed the gelding by Sharp Humor last October for \$7,500, and has been rewarded with nine wins from twelve starts. Pablo Fragoso has been the rider for all trips to the starting gate with Preciado.

Back Views



Condolences...

Former Jockey **John G. D'Agusto** passed away on April 28, 2014. John competed from 1977 through 1995, compiling 989 victories and earning \$6,243,184. He leaves behind three daughters (Kathy, Lacey, and Erica) and many beloved grandchildren.

Condolences...

Jockey agent **Joe DiAngelo**, 69, passed away on April 16, 2014 at his home due to heart complications. He was a permanent figure at tracks throughout the Mid-Atlantic region, where he started as an exercise rider, moved on to a training career, and finally settled in as a jockey agent. Joe leaves behind his wife Mary Elizabeth, mother Frances, children Gina and Joseph, son in-law Rob, and grandchildren Robbie and Gianna.



Condolences...

Longtime Parx Racing security guard **Richard J. Citrino** passed away on May 14, 2014 at the age of 78. He was a sweet man who could often be seen handing out sandwiches and cakes to the girls in the PTHA office. Rich is survived by brothers Russel, Ralph, Robert and Ronald, and sisters June Stewart and Vie Moore. He also had two sisters who pre-dated him in death, the late Agatha Snyder and Marie Fiorino.

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.

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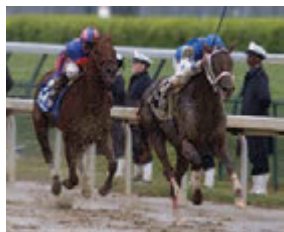
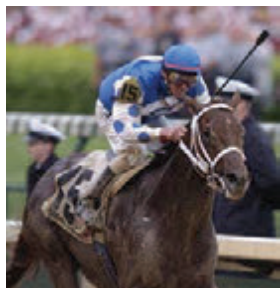
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