



# PTHA NEWS

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## Records Fall on Pennsylvania Derby Day

Bayern took the lead from the start of this year's \$1,000,000 Pennsylvania Derby (G2) and never let up, toying with fan favorite California Chrome down the backstretch before putting away his competition en route to a 5 3/4 length victory. The three-year-old colt set a new track record for 1 1/8 miles at Parx Racing, stopping the clock in 1:34.47. The previous record was set by Selari Spirit in 1974.

In addition, handle on the day obliterated the previous all-time record of \$5,519,897 that was set just last year on Pennsylvania Derby Day, increasing by 88 percent to an astounding \$10,396,671. A crowd of over 16,000 filtered into the grandstand throughout the day so that by the time the Derby horses began entering the walking ring, the rail was jammed with excited spectators.

"That was just a powerful performance. (Bayern) broke well and they let us go and (jockey) Martin (Garcia) hustled to get away from California Chrome," praised winning trainer Bob Baffert. "When Bayern runs like that, nobody's going to beat him."

Bayern is a son of Offlee Wild, out of the Thunder Gulch mare Alittlebitearly. He was purchased by Kaleem Shah, Inc. as a juvenile for \$320,000 at the

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Bayern smashed a track record that had stood for forty years in winning the **G2 Pennsylvania Derby** on September 20th, sending ecstatic owner **Kaleem Shah** and jockey **Martin Garcia** to the winner's circle here at Parx Racing.

Photos: Kim Pratt, Bill Denver/EQUI-PHOTO, Nikki Sherman

## Untapable Unstoppable in Cotillion



Untapable wins the **G1 Cotillion Stakes** in front of a massive crowd at Parx Racing for **Winchill Thoroughbreds**.

Photo: Mark Wyville/EQUI-PHOTO

In the \$1,000,000 Cotillion Stakes (G1), what was supposed to decide the sophomore filly championship turned into a runaway, as Kentucky Oaks heroine Untapable and rider Rosie Napravnik blew by their rivals to win by an easy length. The daughter of Tapit rebounded from a disappointing performance against the boys in the G1 Haskell Invitational..

"I was extremely pleased to have her back in the winner's circle," said trainer Steve Asmussen. "I think a lot of little things added up to (the Haskell) not being her day. I was very proud that she came out of a tough race like that, tough circumstances, to win her third Grade 1 of the year."

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## President's Message

### Salvatore M. DeBunda, Esquire

What a great day September 20th was for Pennsylvania horse racing, and it occurred right here at Parx Racing! The anticipation leading up to race day was tremendous, as some incredible athletes arrived in Bensalem for the two signature events of our

state, the \$1,000,000 G1 Cotillion Stakes and the \$1 million G2 Pennsylvania Derby. Those two races alone included the winners of an unbelievable nine Grade 1s, nine Grade 2s, six Grade 3s, and the combined fields earned over \$11 million.

A day of this magnitude is exactly what Executive Director Mike Ballezzi and I were striving for when we worked with Sal Sinatra five years ago in moving these two races to a day that we hoped would become a premier launchpad for the upcoming Breeders' Cup World Championships. I could not have been more proud while standing in the grandstand, looking out over the more than 16,000 people who had chosen to attend this historic day.

I would like to personally thank frontside and my fellow PTHA members for the tremendous work they did in making it a great day, and my compliments to Bruce Casella on the fantastic job he did as Executive Producer of the live broadcast that aired on Comcast that afternoon. I would also like to thank all of the owners and trainers who chose to contest our big stakes events. It certainly was a thrill to see the likes of California Chrome enter the starting gate!

Congratulations to Kaleem Shah on his Pennsylvania Derby victory with Bayern, as well as to Winchell Thoroughbreds with Untapable in the Cotillion! I would also like to congratulate my good friend Paul Conaway on his win in the Gallant Bob with his homebred, Favorite Tale.

Also during the Fall Festival of Racing, we inducted nine deserving individuals into the Parx Racing Hall of Fame. I would like to congratulate each of them, especially my "partner in crime" Mike Ballezzi, as well as my good friend, horse partner and PTHA Board member, Dr. Steve Appel. I'm also especially proud that one of my own horses, Roamin Rachel, was recognized as one of the newest inductees.

However, while we celebrate the successes of the past year, we must remain vigilant going into the new year. 2015 will bring many challenges with respect to purses and medication regulations, and we are prepared to combat any obstacles that may arise. As always, we will remain a strong voice for all Parx horsemen.

In the meantime, I hope that you all have a wonderful holiday season!

*Salvatore M. DeBunda*



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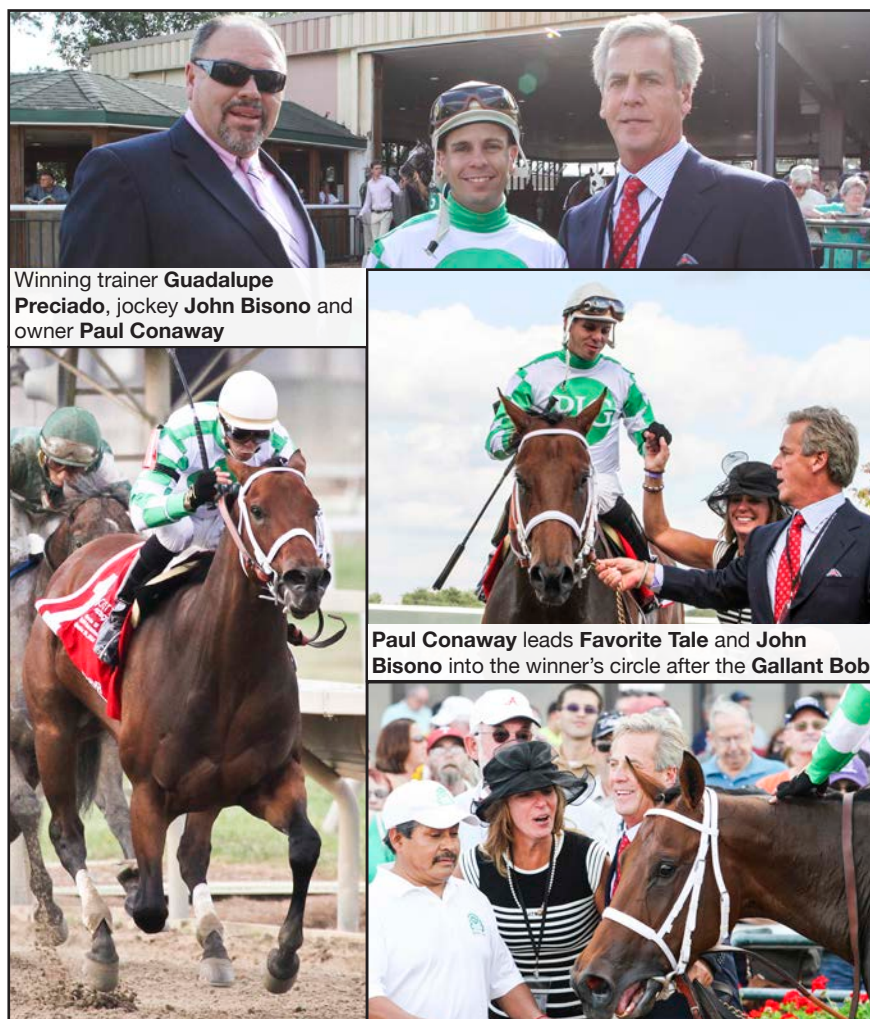
## Favorite Tale Romps in Gallant Bob

Local colt Favorite Tale kept his Parx record intact at a perfect four-for-four in winning the Gallant Bob Stakes (G3). The three-year-old gelded son of Tale of the Cat drew off down the stretch, defeating heavy favorite Fast Anna, who most recently was nipped at the wire in the G1 King's Bishop at Saratoga.

Favorite Tale finished the six furlongs in an incredibly quick 1:08.16. He is trained by Guadalupe Preciado for Paul Conaway's PJG Stable. John Bisono continued his dominance of local stakes races with the victory aboard Favorite Tale.

Preciado was all smiles after the Gallant Bob, noting, "It was a tough race, nice horses, but we're home. He never lost on this track yet. There's nothing like being home."

Homebred Favorite Tale is out of a half-sister to Favorite Trick, the 1997 Horse of the Year and Champion Two-Year-Old Colt.



Winning trainer **Guadalupe Preciado**, jockey **John Bisono** and owner **Paul Conaway**

**Paul Conaway** leads **Favorite Tale** and **John Bisono** into the winner's circle after the **Gallant Bob**.

Above Photos: Nikki Sherman

## Margano Takes PTHA President's Cup



**Margano** (inside), a full brother to Barbaro, snuck through on the rail en route to a hard-fought nose victory over **Holiday Star** in a rainy edition of the **\$250,000 PTHA President's Cup Stakes**.

Photo: Matthew Donohue/EQUUS-PHOTO

Hall of Fame Day at Parx Racing was highlighted by a dramatic finish in the \$250,000 PTHA President's Cup. The race unfolded easily enough until the stretch run, as Lael Stable's Margano and Augustin Stable's Holiday Star drove to the wire. Holiday Star took a short lead, but Margano gallantly fought back. In the end, the photo determined that Margano had flashed under the wire by the tiniest of margins. The PTHA President's Cup was the second stakes win for Margano, who was trained by Arnaud Delacour and ridden by Kendrick Carmouche.

## Edge of Reality Claims Alphabet Soup

In the very first stakes event on the biggest day of racing in Pennsylvania history, last year's Parx Racing three-year-old champion male, Edge of Reality, took the \$100,000 Alphabet Soup Handicap on the turf. The son of Lawyer Ron was ridden by Irad Ortiz, Jr. for trainer Graham Motion and owner the Elkstone Group LLC.



**Edge of Reality** takes the **Alphabet Soup Handicap** for Pennsylvania-breds.

Photo: Bill Denver/EQUUS-PHOTO



*On Saturday, September 13th, Parx Racing and the PTHA inducted nine outstanding individuals into the Parx Racing Hall of Fame. This marked the first year that a full race day was dedicated to the ceremonies, and it was a huge success. Kate DeMasi, Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee, noted, "This allowed us to give a proper acknowledgement to each inductee and truly feature the event as a headliner, rather than as a side note to the Pennsylvania Derby card."*

*In this fourth year of inductions, three horses, two owners, one trainer, one jockey, and two special achievement awards were presented to some of Parx Racing's most accomplished individuals. More photos and full biographies of each honoree may be found on the PTHA website, [www.patha.org](http://www.patha.org).*

### Steven Appel, DDS



Dr. Steven Appel went to the track for the first time at age 16, and promptly hit the daily double for \$120. He was stunned: he had just worked an entire summer as a camp counselor, and he made his entire summer salary in 30 minutes. In December of 1979, he took the first \$1,500 he saved and bought a horse named Way to Peace, and he has been hooked on the sport ever since. Dr. Appel is a well-known local orthodontist, and he named his Wire to Wire Stables by merging the two passions of his life. He still gets just as excited for a low-level claimer he does for a stakes race. His best horse was fellow Hall of Fame inductee Whistle Pig.

### Jack Armstrong



Fifteen years ago, Jack Armstrong never would have thought that he would be the third-leading owner in wins and second-leading owner in money earned at Parx Racing. In fact, at that time he wasn't even a horse owner. After experiencing a day at the races with a co-worker who owned a racehorse, Armstrong decided to give the horse racing business a try, and the rest is history. He has since been crowned leading owner at Parx three times, and finished second by just a single victory in a fourth year.

### Philip Aristone



With Phil Aristone's induction this year, he and his father Roland became the first father-son duo to enter the Hall of Fame. Aristone, who is the third all-time leading trainer and money-earner at Parx, entered the horse racing industry with the encouragement of his brother Menotti, who was a jockey. He has snapped up two Parx training titles while staying consistently within the top five trainers over the past decade, and now has his sights set on 1,500 career victories.

### Broad Brush



Photo: Coglianese Photos

Broad Brush was undefeated at Philadelphia Park in a career that included a stunning victory in the G2 Pennsylvania Derby after bolting on the final turn.

### Roamin Rachel



Photo: Barbara Livingston

Roamin Rachel broke her maiden by an impressive 8 1/2 lengths at Philadelphia Park en route to a career that matched her against the best females of her class.

### Whistle Pig



Photo: EQUI-PHOTO

Whistle Pig earned just shy of \$1 million the hard way, and the majority of his starts were right here in his home state of Pennsylvania.

### Victor Molina



Jockey Victor Molina has been living his childhood dream since 1980, after he finished high school. He credits trainer Sydney Watters, Jr. with paving the way for future success by supporting him early in his career, as well as his former agent David Anderson. In 1992, Molina made history by becoming the first local rider to win the Pennsylvania Derby (G2) aboard Thelastcrusade. He is a leading voice and an inspiration to young riders in the Parx jockey colony.

### Michael Ballezzi, Esq



Michael Ballezzi is a crucial leader of the PTHA, of which he was appointed Executive Director in 1996. He has made a personal commitment to all Parx horsemen that he will always be the strongest voice in the racing industry for their rights, so that all horsemen will be on a fair and level playing field. A significant part of his tenure with the PTHA so far has been the passage of Act 71 in Harrisburg. Ballezzi's advocacy has spanned the gamut from purse distribution, live racing days, stall allocation, medication rules, pension benefits, health care, backside improvements, racehorse retirement, and more.

### Bruce Casella



Photos: Nikki Sherman

When you live in Kentucky, there are two major pasttimes: college basketball and horse racing. That was no different for Bruce Casella, who went to college just minutes from Keeneland, and it was there that he fell in love with the sport of kings. It quickly became his career goal to promote horse racing by utilizing his degree in communications. In 1992, Casella joined forces with PTHA President Salvatore DeBunda to create *Let's Go Racing*, and recently pitched coverage of the Pennsylvania Derby and Cotillion Stakes to the Comcast Network, a program that has brought national attention to Parx Racing.

## Congratulations to the 2014 PTHA



### Two Moons

**Owner:** Paul E. Listort  
**Trainer:** Mario Serey, Jr.



### The Kat's Eye

**Owner:** Anthony Dincecco  
**Trainer:** Michael Charles Aro



### Oscarmystic

**Owner:** American Dreamer Stable  
**Trainer:** Ramon Preciado



### Regal Strike

**Owner:** Andrew Sulley  
**Trainer:** Patricia Farro



### Peasant

**Owner:** Anita Racing Stable  
**Trainer:** Alfredo Velazquez



### Christinas Charm

**Owner:** Gumpster Stable LLC  
**Trainer:** Ramon Preciado

## Out and About on Owners Appreciation Day

On Owners Appreciation Day, the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association celebrated the owners of Parx Racing by bumping purses up 100%. In addition, each owner who had a horse entered received a gift bag from one of the PTHA office girls, and all owners were invited to a free buffet luncheon in the grandstand.

The races were a true celebration of Parx horsemen, with three trainers each taking a pair of races - Ramon Preciado, Patricia Farro and Phil Aristone. In addition, all twelve races were won by different owners, so plenty of owners were able to enjoy walking into the winner's circle!



# Owners Appreciation Day Winners



## Moby Win

**Owner:** Patricia Farro  
**Trainer:** Patricia Farro



## She's Holy

**Owner:** Jack J. Armstrong  
**Trainer:** Philip T. Aristone



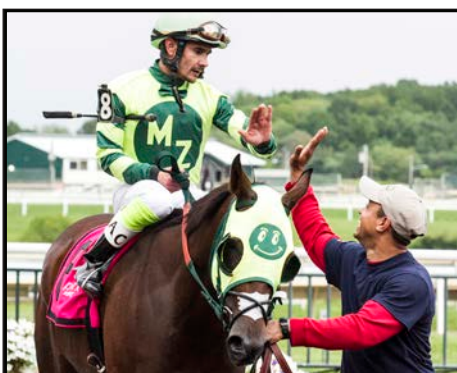
## Belvedere Road

**Owner:** Nations Racing Stable LLC  
**Trainer:** Keith Nations



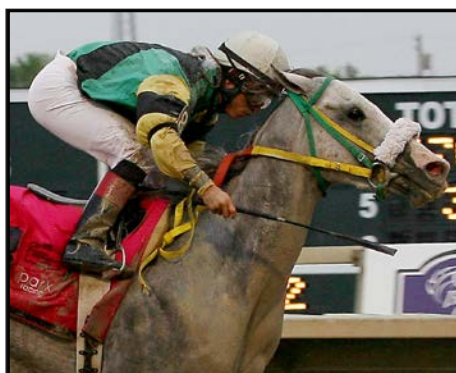
## Shoplift

**Owner:** Briardale Stable  
**Trainer:** Philip T. Aristone



## Hobo Ridge

**Owner:** M-Z Racing Partnership  
**Trainer:** Marcos Zulueta



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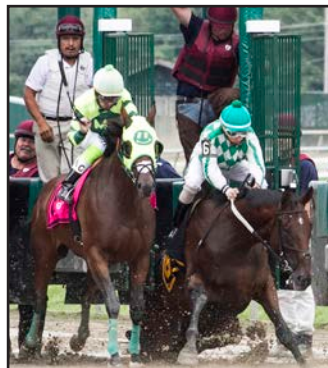
**Owner:** Lizzie Whyllie  
**Trainer:** Herold O. Whyllie

## Turning for Home Stakes

A deluge of rain took the \$75,000 Turning for Home Stakes off the turf on Owners Appreciation Day, resulting in the contest scratching down to a match race. Unfortunately, the wet footing sent Change of Command to his nose coming out of the starting gate, and while rider Frankie Pennington was able to get his mount back into the race for a short time, it was

simply too much to overcome.

Seven-year-old gelding Hobo Ridge romped by 24 lengths for Parx trainer Marcos Zulueta and owner M-Z Racing Partnership, sending that team to the winner's circle in a stakes race for the very first time. Hobo Ridge was ridden to victory by Angel Castillo.





In the \$300,000 Smarty Jones S (G3), Protonico roared down the stretch to snatch the event in the final hundred yards of the race. The 3yo son of Giant's Causeway overcame a rough trip under Joe Bravo for owner International Equities Holding, Inc. The victory marked trainer Todd Pletcher's 1,000th stakes win.

Finishing a gallant second behind Protonico was local horse Classic Giacnroll (below center), owned by Joseph Bender and Lisa Guerrero, who also serves as trainer of the Triple Crown-nominated colt.



## GREENWOOD CUP



Cary Street slipped through on the rail en route to an easy victory in the \$200,000 Greenwood Cup (G3). The 5yo son of Smarty Jones was ridden by Miguel Mena, trained by Brendan Walsh, and owned by JBL Thoroughbreds LLC & Walsh Racing LLC.

Local Ever Rider (ARG) ran a game second. The gray (below right) was recently purchased by Waldorf Racing Stables and placed in the care of trainer Marya Montoya. In addition to the Greenwood Cup, Ever Rider has rewarded his new connections with a win at Saratoga.



# TURF MONSTER

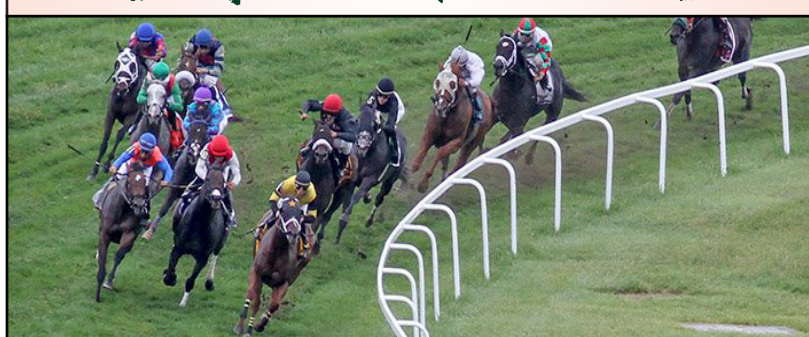


Sharp Sensation held off a determined late charge from multi-millionaire Ben's Cat in the \$300,000 Turf Monster H. (G3). The 4yo dark bay gelding was ridden to victory by David Moran, and is owned by Jim & Susan Hill. Reade Baker trains the son of Sharp Humor at his Woodbine home base.

2014 marked the fourth year in a row that fan favorite Ben's Cat (below center) contested the Turf Monster, and his eighth lifetime race at Parx. The 8yo has compiled an incredible Parx record of 5 wins, 2 seconds and a third.



# TURF AMAZON



Quality Lass overcame a long wait after Aquinnah (below second from right) broke through the gate, then held off a late charge by Joya Real to win the \$200,000 Turf Amazon for owner West Point Thoroughbreds, trainer Guadalupe Preciado (below right), and jockey John Bisono.

Quality Lass was in apparent distress from the heat upon reaching the winner's circle, but for those who were concerned about her health, we are happy to report that she has recovered and is doing just fine.



# 2014 Pennsylvania DERBY

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Fasig-Tipton Mid-Atlantic sale.

One of the biggest draws for the day was Kentucky Derby and Preakness hero California Chrome, who was making his first start since his failed Triple Crown attempt in June. The chestnut colt was the first Kentucky Derby winner to race at the Bensalem track, and that did not go unnoticed by fans and horsemen alike. California Chrome essentially had a target on his back for the other jockeys.

"The other riders, they worried about me, they didn't worry about the one in the front (Bayern), and I knew I was in trouble in the first turn," said jockey Victor Espinoza after California Chrome faded to a disappointing sixth place finish.

Tapiture, under rider Rosie Napravnik, closed late to finish second, a head in front of G2 winner Candy Boy, which was reminiscent of their nose of separation in the West Virginia Derby (G2) in August.

California Chrome's trainer Art Sherman was contemplative after the race, noting that his colt might have needed a race. Sherman said, "Now that he has a race under his belt, he'll be a lot stronger. We'll bring him home and get him ready for the Breeders' Cup."



Bayern wins the Pennsylvania Derby.



Victor Espinoza aboard California Chrome glances over at Bayern just after the start of the Pennsylvania Derby.



California Chrome was the star of the day.



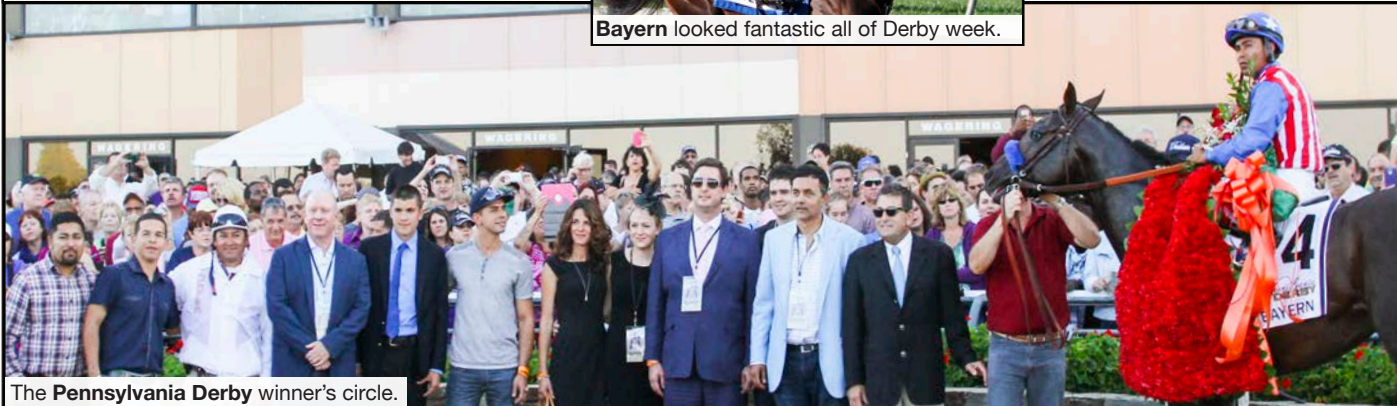
Sal DeBunda presents the Pennsylvania Derby trophy to the winning connections.



Bayern looked fantastic all of Derby week.



Tapiture was a handful while schooling in the paddock on Friday.



The Pennsylvania Derby winner's circle.

# Cotillion

**\$1Million - Grade 1 - September 20, 2014**

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Untapable is a homebred for Winchell Thoroughbreds, out of their Grade 2-winning Prized mare, Fun House. The three-year-old bay filly by Tapit had been a sensation against female competition earlier in the year, destroying her competition in four races by an average of nearly eight lengths. Her smallest margin of victory occurred in the Kentucky Oaks by over four lengths.

After breaking through the starting gate in the minutes leading up to the Cotillion, Sweet Reason closed late to catch pacesetter Jojo Warrior for second. Sweet Reason was coming off two straight two straight Grade 1 victories in New York, where she swept past the field in the final strides. However, the Street Sense filly met her match on Cotillion Day with the tenacity of Untapable.

Repole Stable's Stopchargingmaria scratched on the morning of the Cotillion, which was a disappointment, as the filly was also exiting back-to-back Grade 1 wins, including a victory in the Alabama Stakes over the John Servis trainee, Joint Return, who also contested the Cotillion. Swilcan Stables' Vero Amore had also recently run second behind Stopchargingmaria in the Grade 2 Black Eyed Susan on Preakness Day, and Vero Amore was back for the Cotillion as well. Unfortunately, neither filly was able to hit the board, finishing sixth and seventh.

Untapable finished the 1/16th miles in 1:42.71 over a fast track.



Rosie Napravnik guides Untapable to victory in the Cotillion.



Assistant trainer Scott Blasi (L) and owner Ron Winchell lead Untapable into the winner's circle.



The connections of Joint Return in the paddock prior to the Cotillion.



Mike Ballezzi and Parx Racing CEO Tony Ricci present the Cotillion trophy.



The connections of Vero Amore in the paddock.



The Cotillion Stakes winner's circle.

Photos: Nikki Sherman, Barbara Weid/EQUI-PHOTO, Bill Denver/EQUI-PHOTO

## Parx Trainers Nearly Sweep Stakes on Breeders' Day



Pennsylvania's Day at the Races, presented by the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association, turned into a thrilling afternoon as Parx horsemen really held their own against some stiff competition.

In the first of five stakes events, Vince Campanella's **Aunt Ellipsis** rallied to win the \$75,000 Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial Stakes. The three-year-old daughter of Successful Appeal sat three lengths off a pair of dueling front runners with a half mile to go and then ran past a tired Disco Chick inside the eighth pole to win by just under two lengths at the finish. It was the second stakes win of her career for trainer Keith LeBarron. She was ridden by Inoel Beato. Aunt Ellipsis is out of the Gulch mare Aunt Dot Dot.

The biggest purse of the day belonged to the \$100,000 Mrs. Penny Stakes. Augustin Stable's **Appealing Cat** sat a perfect trip on the inside rail before rider Eriluis Vaz pointed her through a hole in midstretch en route to a solid victory. Appealing Cat was part of an even money entry trained by Graham Motion. The five-year-old Successful Appeal mare followed in her dam's footsteps with the Mrs. Penny win - Dynamic Cat won the 2005 renewal of the same race.

The \$75,000 Marshall Jenney Handicap turned into an absolute thriller. Kate DeMasi trainee **Merry's Honor**, expertly ridden by John Bisono, threaded through stretch traffic to snatch a dramatic four-horse photo. The winning ownership group was Pewter Stable, who also campaigned her dam, the multiple stakes-winning mare Merry Princess.

Bisono took his second stakes victory of the day in the \$75,000 Roanoke Stakes when he guided **Traffic Light** to the wire four lengths in front. The gelded son of Peace Rules led from the onset, turned back all challengers on the final turn, and drew away down the stretch in an easy win for trainer Freddy Velazquez. The victory propelled Traffic Light's career earnings over the half-million dollar mark for owner John Trippi.

The \$75,000 Banjo Picker Sprint produced a heart-stopping finish that came down to the last few strides. Inside the final furlong, four horses charged to the wire, bearing down with all of their might. However, it was the late-running **Rustler Hustler**, who sent two young Parx horsemen to the winner's circle for their very first stakes victories - trainer Marya Montoya and jockey Jorge Vargas, Jr. The son of Ecton Park rewarded owner Waldorf Racing Stables LLC with the win.



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# What Ever Happened to PA Derby Winners...?

## ...MACHO UNO

*Pennsylvania Derby (G3) - September 3, 2001*

When Macho Uno won the 2000 Breeders' Cup Juvenile en route to an Eclipse Award as Champion Juvenile Colt, the "Breeders' Cup Juvenile Curse" was still in full effect. The handsome gray colt, trained by Joe Orseno and owned by Stronach Stables, was bothered by ankle problems throughout his sophomore season, and by the time he entered the starting gate for the G3 Pennsylvania Derby, he had only made one start in 2001. That ended up not making a difference, as Macho Uno blew by all his competition at the eighth pole and pulled away to a length and a half victory.

Macho Uno ran through 2002, winning an allowance and the G2 Massachusetts Handicap, before retiring to Frank Stronach's Adena Springs Farm in Paris, Kentucky. Macho Uno is a half-brother to Breeders' Cup Classic winner Awesome Again, and by National Hall of Fame member Holy Bull. Since entering stud in 2003, Macho Uno has sired five Grade 1 winners, including Mucho Macho Man, who won the 2013 Breeders' Cup Classic. He is also the sire of Private Zone, two-time winner of the G1 Vosburgh Stakes, who set a new stakes record for six furlongs last year and won in 2014 for Freddy Velazquez.



## ...MORNING LINE

*Pennsylvania Derby (G2) - September 25, 2010*

Morning Line was just coming into his own when trainer Nick Zito entered the son of Tiznow in the G2 Pennsylvania Derby. He was exiting a scintillating, eleven-length score at Saratoga for owner Thoroughbred Legends Racing Stable. After setting the pace in the PA Derby and being caught in mid-stretch by First Dude and A Little Warm, Morning Line found an almost impossible second gear, and coming back with one last burst of speed to take the race by a fraught neck.

Morning Line vaulted to the top of his class after the PA Derby of 2010, becoming an elite miler who was versatile enough to shorten up or stretch out depending upon where he ran. He finished second in the G1 Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile in his very next race after the PA Derby, and won the G1 Carter Handicap at Aqueduct as well as the G2 Mervyn LeRoy Handicap at Hollywood Park.

At the conclusion of his six-year-old season, Morning Line was retired to Lane's End Farm in Versailles, KY. This past spring was his first year at stud.



Photos: Nikki Sherman

## Parx Horsemen Around the Nation

July 24 - **QUICK CALL S.**  
Saratoga, 5 1/2 furlongs (T)  
3rd - FAVORITE TALE  
O: PJG Stable  
T: Guadalupe Preciado  
J: Rosie Napravnik

July 26 - **REGRET S.**  
Monmouth Park, 6 furlongs  
3rd - MS. CRUISEN'  
O: John A. Cantarella  
T: Michael Charles Aro  
J: Pedro Requena

July 29 - **PRINCE OF WALES S.**  
Fort Erie, 1 3/16 miles  
2nd - LYNX  
O: Peachtree Stable  
T: Cathal A. Lynch  
J: Frankie Pennington

July 30 - **CORONATION CUP S.**  
Saratoga, 5 1/2 furlongs (T)  
3rd - BURN CONTROL  
O: Kathleen A. DeMasi & Matt Nestor  
T: Kathleen A. DeMasi  
J: Kendrick Carmouche

Aug. 2 - **WV GOVERNOR'S S.**  
Mountaineer, 1 1/16 miles  
2nd - ADIRONDACK KING  
O: MarchFore T'breds  
T: John C. Servis  
J: Kendrick Carmouche

Aug. 10 - **COLLEEN S.**  
Monmouth Park, 5 furlongs (T)  
1st - HARLAN'S HONOR  
O: Margaret & David Wimer  
T: Cathal A. Lynch  
J: Frankie Pennington

Aug. 10 - **FORT MONMOUTH S.**  
Monmouth Park, 5 1/2 furlongs (T)  
1st - JOYA REAL  
O: Pewter Stable  
T: Kathleen A. DeMasi  
J: Kendrick Carmouche  
3rd - WELLINGTONS APPEAL  
O: Richard Vega, Wire To Wire Stables & Dun Roamin Farm, Inc.  
T: Richard Vega  
J: Maria Remedio

Aug. 16 - **JERSEY SHORE S. (G3)**  
Monmouth Park, 6 furlongs  
2nd - FAVORITE TALE  
O: PJG Stable  
T: Guadalupe Preciado  
J: John Bisano

Aug. 16 - **ARLINGTON MILLION S. (G1)**  
Arlington Park, 1 1/4 miles (T)  
1st - HARDEST CORE  
O: Andrew Bentley Stables  
T: Edward Graham  
J: Eriluis Vaz

Aug. 16 - **ALABAMA S. (G1)**  
Saratoga, 1 1/4 miles  
2nd - JOINT RETURN  
O: Main Line Racing Stable  
T: John C. Servis  
J: Kendrick Carmouche

Sept. 1 - **TURF AMAZON H.**  
Parx, 5 furlongs (T)  
1st - QUALITY LASS  
O: West Point T'breds  
T: Guadalupe Preciado  
J: John Bisano

Sept. 1 - **GREENWOOD CUP (G3)**  
Parx, 1 1/2 miles  
2nd - EVER RIDER (ARG)  
O: Waldorf Racing Stables  
T: Marya K. Montoya  
J: Kerwin D. Clark

Sept. 1 - **SMARTY JONES S. (G3)**  
Parx, 1 mile 70 yards  
2nd - CLASSIC GIACNROLL  
O: Lisa Guerrero & Joseph E. Besecker  
T: Lisa Guerrero  
J: Kendrick Carmouche

Sept. 6 - **NJ BREEDERS H.**  
Monmouth Park, 6 furlongs  
3rd - MAGICAL FIRE  
O: Freedom Acres, Inc.  
T: Mario Serey, Jr.  
J: Pablo Fragoso

Sept. 13 - **OAKLEY S.**  
Laurel Park, 5 1/2 furlongs (T)  
3rd - WARDELL  
O: Romar LLC  
T: Scott A. Lake  
J: Josue Arce

Sept. 20 - **WILD AND WONDERFUL S.**  
Charles Town, 7 furlongs  
3rd - HANDSUP MONEYDOWN  
O: Ramon Preciado  
T: Ramon Preciado  
J: J D Acosta

Sept. 20 - **GALLANT BOB S. (G3)**  
Parx Racing, 6 furlongs  
1st - FAVORITE TALE  
O: PJG Stable  
T: Guadalupe Preciado  
J: John Bisano

Sept. 27 - **VOSBURGH S. (G1)**  
Belmont Park, 6 furlongs  
1st - PRIVATE ZONE  
O: Good Friends Stable LLC  
T: Alfredo Velazquez  
J: Martin Pedroza

Sept. 27 - **LAUREL DASH S.**  
Laurel Park, 6 furlongs (T)  
2nd - BOLD THUNDER  
O: Andrew Sulley  
T: Patricia Farro  
J: Kendrick Carmouche

**Harlan's Honor** won the **Colleen Stakes** for two-year-old fillies at Monmouth Park on August 10th, for trainer **Cal Lynch** and owners **Margaret and David Wimer**. The daughter of Harlan's Holiday was ridden to victory by **Frankie Pennington**.



Photo: Bill Denver/EQUI-PHOTO

August 10th at Monmouth Park was a great day for Parx horsemen, as jockey **Kendrick Carmouche** guided **Joya Real** to victory in the **Fort Monmouth Stakes** for ownership group **Pewter Stable** and trainer **Kate DeMasi**.



Photo: Bill Denver/EQUI-PHOTO

Parx-based **Eriluis Vaz** won his very first graded stakes in the **Grade 1 Arlington Million** aboard **Hardest Core** for trainer **Eddie Graham**, who is based out of Fair Hill in Maryland. Hardest Core is owned by **Andrew Bentley Stables, LLC**.



Photo: Four Footed Fotos

**Joint Return** ran a game second in the **G1 Alabama Stakes** at Saratoga Race Course on August 16th. The 3yo daughter of Include was ridden by **Kendrick Carmouche** for owner **Main Line Racing Stable** and trainer **John Servis**.

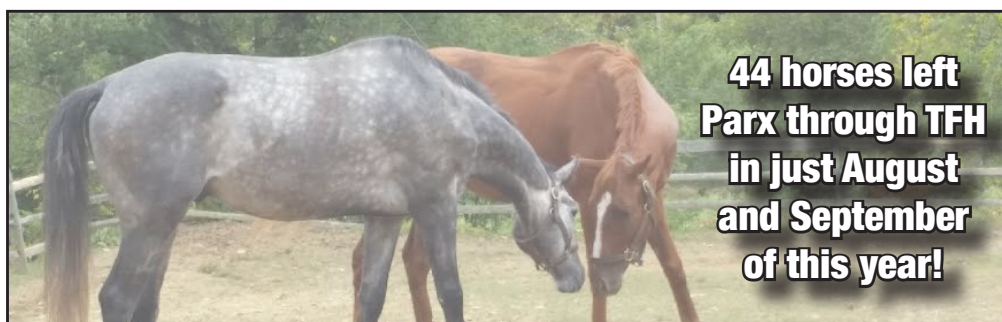


Photo: Nikki Sherman

**Freddy Velazquez** took over training duties for **Good Friends Stable's Private Zone**, and spent two weeks in NY with the gelding, who rewarded the connections with a second victory in the **Grade 1 Vosburgh Stakes** at Belmont on September 27th.



Photo: Chelsee Durand/Coglianese Photos



On Labor Day, **Turning for Home** held a special event commemorating the 10th anniversary of **Smarty Jones'** Triple Crown run, with tickets benefitting TFH. Thankyou to **Pat Chapman, Tony Black & Pete Van Trump** for speaking to fans and signing autographs, as well as our volunteers for organizing the event!



We were honored to present **Gina Brooks** with a plaque on Hall of Fame Day in recognition of her late husband, **Donald Brooks**. Mr. Brooks was ahead of his time with regards to making sure that his horses were safely retired, and was an avid supporter of **Turning for Home**. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

## Where Are They Now?

*Turning for Home has now helped over **1,400 horses**...*

*...here are just some of their stories:*



**She's Stuk Up** is a barrel racer with adopter **Melanie Ann**.



**Khayyam** and **Olivia Chiappalone**.



**Nashway** won the Senior Equitation Division at a county 4H show with **Maggee Cappellano**.



**Makewayformazie** is playing the highest level of polocrosse in the U.S. w/ **Stuart Sutton**.



**Salmon Leap** jumped clean at his first novice event with adopter **Brynn Littlehale** in California.



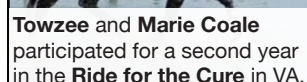
**Towzee** and **Marie Coale** participated for a second year in the **Ride for the Cure** in VA.



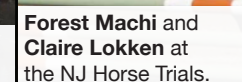
**Goodtime Boy & Allison Suber** are eventers.



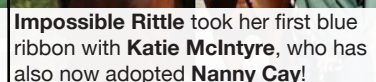
**Forest Machi** and **Claire Lokken** at the NJ Horse Trials.



**Spirit of Cochise & Jen Sauder** competed at the NJ State Dressage show.



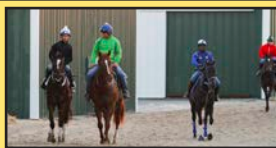
**Impossible Riddle** took her first blue ribbon with **Katie McIntyre**, who has also now adopted **Nanny Cay**!



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# Backstretch



## Milestones...

**Whitney Reid Fink** participated in the White Coat Ceremony for Drexel University's incoming medical school class. She intends to complete her doctorate by 2018. Whitney is the daughter of **Butch & Ginny Reid**.



## Congratulations...

Trainer **Ed Coletti, Jr.** married longtime girlfriend **Darlene DiPatri**. Darlene's daughter **Amanda Eichfeld** was the maid of honor while the best man was **Anthony Lawler**.



## Congratulations...

**Emily Jo Pennington** arrived the morning of October 1, 2014, making little **Frankie** a big brother! Their proud parents are jockey **Frankie Pennington** and his wife **Jennifer**.



## Congratulations...

Trainer **Ned Allard's** brother, **John**, was chosen to meet **Her Majesty The Queen** and **The Duke of Edinburgh** for a reception honoring the winners of 2014 **The Queen's Awards for Enterprise**, which celebrates outstanding achievement by businesses in the United Kingdom through innovation, international trade and sustainable development. The prestigious event occurred on July 14th at **Buckingham Palace** in London.



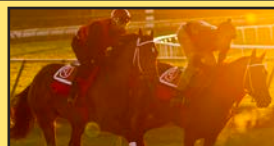
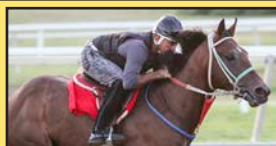
## Jockey Softball League...

On July 29th, the **Parx jockey colony** defeated the **Charles Town jockeys** at home...but lost the next day to the **Saratoga team**. Still, it was a great 24 hours of fun!

## Upcoming Events:

- Saturday, October 25th: Chaplain's Halloween Party in the Recreation Hall, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
- Wednesday, November 19th & 26th: Chaplain's Thanksgiving Fare Feast in the Recreation Hall, 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, November 26th: PTHA's Thanksgiving Lunch in Ron's Backstretch Cafe, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

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## Pig Roast...

The annual **Pig Roast**, sponsored by the **PTHA**, was held on Friday, August 29th outside the Administration Building. Hundreds of people came out to enjoy the music, dancing, food, drinks and games! The delicious food was catered by **Ron's Backstretch Cafe**, with a special visit by Kona Ice. The **Racetrack Chaplaincy** also held a raffle with lots of great prizes.



## Congratulations...

**Turning for Home** Partner Farm Director **Bonnie Hutton** competed in the prestigious **Mongol Derby** this summer to benefit her farm, **After the Races**. The Mongol Derby is the longest horse race in the world at 1,000 km, and only a select few athletes are chosen for the race each year. The riders change horses, which are semi-wild, every 40 km. Bonnie suffered a severely broken hand near the end of the race, which required surgery upon her return to the United States. However, she still continued to compete, finishing an incredible fifth of this year's 37 riders!



## Get Well Soon...

**Lisa Whitaker**, a longtime exercise rider for trainer **John Servis**, was seriously injured in an accident on Pennsylvania Derby morning, August 20th. She suffered multiple broken bones, including her eye socket, as well as a collapsed lung. She is on her way to recovery, but it will be a long road. We are taking donations for her both in the PTHA Office as well as the kitchen. If you can't make it to the track but would like to donate, you can send donations via our mailing address: P. O. Box 300, Bensalem, PA 19020.

## 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](mailto:nsherman@patha.org).

# Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain Rick Bunker

**“For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?”**

- Matthew 16:26 (NKJV)



How precious and valuable you are! Let us in the little space we have here draw this one point from the text above. If it is of no profit for anyone to gain even the whole world in exchange for his or her soul – how special are each and every one of you!

Has someone, anyone, ever told you otherwise? How authoritative are their opinions in comparison to that of Holy Scripture? The Bible is saying that you are worth more than all the treasures of the whole world. If there were two people sitting on a bench, there would be more value there than twice the value of this entire planet – more!

Do you ask how it is that you are so valuable? For one thing you are one of a kind. There is no one who is just like you. I believe that what we call the most ordinary person is an amazing and fantastic wonder. Have you ever considered that God has created you so that there never has been another you? There never was another you with the same emotional balance, the exact talents or a precisely similar mind and imagination, no, and there never will be another you. If I had a coin and it was the only one of its kind it would be very valuable. A one of a kind human, far more special than a mere coin, is vastly more valuable.

Consider our destiny – we all are destined to continue to live long after those things of such great value to the economists have turned to dust. C.S. Lewis writes that, “There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts,

civilizations – these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat.”

Did Robin Williams know this? If he had and if he believed would it have helped him to go on and live for himself and for his children? It seems from what he said while living that he did not believe this; and, of course in his depression it was more than he could bear. There are many others who suffer similarly as he did who have the faith of their infinite value and they testify that it helps to keep them from falling into the abyss.

They say that faith and the patient, gentle support of other priceless people in their lives keep them from taking their own precious lives. If someone had checked on Robin Williams before they went to bed, told him they loved him, and that they couldn't imagine life without him. Would that have kept him, for one more day, from taking his life?

We are invaluable for this reason too – we can be the fateful difference in the life of another priceless person. We can't save everyone. We know that too well. But, let us not forget that we can be the light that leads someone out of the darkness. We may not ever know how many people we have kept back and turned back from doing something terrible but just such power we do have within us. God help us to exercise this power and wield it well for the good of those we live with. God bless us and allow us to be conduits of your peace and power – Amen!

**“Restore us, O God Almighty; make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.”**

- Psalm 80:7 (NIV)



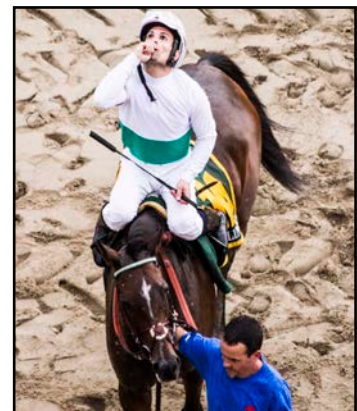
Trainer **Cal Lynch** with sons **Anthony** and **Charlie**, along with groom **Gordo**, after **Harlan's Honor** won the **Colleen Stakes**.

Photo: Bill Denver/EQUUS-Photo



Kentucky Derby- & Preakness-winning trainers **John Servis** and **Art Sherman**

Photo: Anna Cascio



**Eriluis Vaz** celebrates a win

Photo: Nikki Sherman

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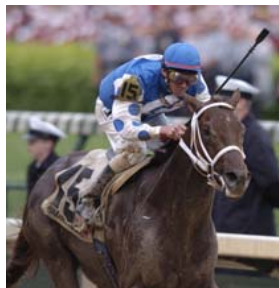
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