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Heroine in KY Oaks is Cathryn Sophia

Parx Racing Hall of Fame trainer and PTHA Board Member John Servis became just the twenty-first trainer in history to capture the difficult Oaks-Derby sweep when he saddled Cathryn Sophia on May 6 at Churchill Downs for owner Charles Zacney's Cash Is King LLC. Servis famously trained Smarty Jones to victory in the 2004 Kentucky Derby (G1).

"Oh my God, to have the Derby & Oaks on my resume, and to have only run one each time, it's fantastic," said an exuberant Servis.

Cathryn Sophia successfully rebounded from her lone career loss, a third-place finish in the G1 Ashland Stakes, and surged to an easy 2 3/4-length win in the 142nd Longines Kentucky Oaks (G1).



Cathryn Sophia draws off to victory in the **Grade 1 Kentucky Oaks** at Churchill Downs for **Cash Is King LLC** and trainer **John Servis**.

Photo: Coady Photography

Abiding Star Shines in Parx Derby



For the second straight year, promising but inexperienced three-year-old dirt routers were featured at Parx Racing on Kentucky Derby Saturday.

A compact field of five sophomores lined up for the \$100,000 Parx Derby, of which four runners were exiting impressive scores in allowance races right here at Parx, including Pennsylvania-Bred Graves Island who was coming off of two straight victories for trainer Marya Montoya and owner/breeder Robert Roffey, Jr.

However, it was Abiding Star who legitimized his status as the even money favorite by drawing away down the stretch and extending his winning streak to five straight triumphs. Finishing second was Trin-Brook Stables' Discreet Lover, while Let Me Go First rounded out the trifecta.

Abiding Star is a stunning bay colt by top young sire Uncle Mo who also captured the \$75,000 Private Terms Stakes at Laurel Park back in May. He is owned by Stonehedge LLC and was ridden by J. D. Acosta for trainer Ned Allard.



Abiding Star romps in the **\$100,000 Parx Derby** on May 7.

Photos: Nikki Sherman

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President's Message

Salvatore M. DeBunda, Esq.

Heartfelt congratulations to our very own John Servis on his incredible training job with Cathryn Sophia! We are proud that he is one of just seven active trainers to win both the Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks and are honored to have his expertise as a longtime member of the PTHA Board of Directors.

Last month, I was thrilled to accept the appointment by Governor Tom Wolf as the Thoroughbred Horsemen's representative in the new Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission. So many Pennsylvanians rely on our industry being successful, so it is important for us to acknowledge the issues currently in existence. I look forward to working with the other appointees as we strive to strengthen horse racing through increased integrity. I would also like to enhance our current marketing programs in an

effort to attract more bettors and fans.

I am excited for our 3rd Annual Turning for Home Day on Saturday, June 25th right here at Parx Racing. Over the past eight years, more than 1,800 of our own Parx horses have been assisted into a safe retirement - including a handful of my own horses. Just last year I retired one of my homebreds and Turning for Home successfully found him the perfect home in Vermont as an eventer, and in honor of that horse, Dun Roamin Farm has sponsored one of the races on Turning for Home Day. Many stories, including his, will be told throughout that day's races, so please join us in celebrating Turning for Home on June 25th. I look forward to seeing you there!



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Parx Horsemen Around the Nation

May 6 - KENTUCKY OAKS (G1)

Churchill Downs, 1 1/8 miles
1st - CATHRYN SOPHIA
O: Cash Is King LLC
T: John C. Servis
J: Javier Castellano

May 7 - PARX DERBY

Parx Racing, 1 mile 70 yd
1st - ABIDING STAR
O: Stonehedge LLC
T: Edward T. Allard
J: J. D. Acosta
2nd - DISCREET LOVER
O: Trin-Brook Stables, Inc.
T: Uriah St. Lewis
J: Jose Flores
3rd - LET ME GO FIRST
O: Servis Racing Stable,
Inc. & Ratagues Racing
Stables, Inc.
T: Blane Servis
J: Rosario Montanez

May 7 - PARX OAKS

Parx Racing, 1 mile 70 yd
1st - EIGHTH WONDER
O: Gryphon Investments
LLC
T: Dee Curry
J: Jose Flores
2nd - LITTLE CYCLONE
O: Everest Stables, Inc.
T: Edward Coletti, Jr.
J: Angel Castillo
3rd - SPITFIRE WIND
O: Albert R. Lupcho, Jr.
T: Marcos Zulueta
J: Anthony Salgado

May 7 - MY JULIET S.

Parx Racing, 6f
1st - DISCO CHICK
O: Freedom Acres, Inc.
T: Mario Serey, Jr.
J: Hector Caballero
2nd - FOUR INCH HEELS
O: Joshtylane Farm &
Harry J. Daut
T: John C. Servis
J: Frankie Pennington
3rd - BURN CONTROL
O: Pewter Stable &
Matt Nestor
T: Kathleen DeMasi
J: Emmanuel Esquivel

May 20 - SKIPAT S.

Pimlico, 6f
1st - DISCO CHICK
O: Freedom Acres, Inc.
T: Mario Serey, Jr.
J: Trevor McCarthy

May 20 - ALLAIRE DUPONT DISTAFF S.

Pimlico, 1 1/8 miles
3rd - JOINT RETURN
O: Main Line Racing Stable
T: John C. Servis
J: Kendrick Carmouche

May 21 - MARYLAND SPRINT H. (G3)

Pimlico, 6f
1st - ALWAYS SUNSHINE
O: Stonehedge LLC
T: Edward T. Allard
J: Frankie Pennington

May 21 - THE VERY ONE S.

Pimlico, 5f (T)
2nd - JOYA REAL
O: Pewter Stable
T: Kathleen DeMasi
J: Edgar Prado

May 28 - LYPHARD S.

Penn National, 1 1/16 miles (T)
3rd - DEVILISH LOVE
O: Briardale Stable
T: Guadalupe Preciado
J: Maria Remedio

May 30 - MIKE LEE S.

Belmont Park, 7f
1st - BUST ANOTHER
O: Bing Cherry Racing
T: Michael V. Pino
J: Eric Cancel

May 30 - OPEN MIND H.

Monmouth Park, 6f
1st - SHE'S HOT WIRED
O: Lawrence Dilione, Jr.
T: Mario Serey, Jr.
J: Trevor McCarthy
2nd - BUSTIN OUT
O: Joseph & Gayle Ioia
T: Chuck Spina
J: Jose Ferrer
3rd - LOVE CAME TO TOWN
O: Gerald F. Sleeter
T: Kevin G. Sleeter
J: Mychel Sanchez

June 4 - FOXY J G S.

Parx Racing, 7f
1st - DISCO CHICK
O: Freedom Acres, Inc.
T: Mario Serey, Jr.
J: Trevor McCarthy
3rd - IGNITE
O: Emerald Field Farm
T: J. Guadalupe Guerrero
J: Hector Caballero

June 4 - JOSTLE S.

Parx Racing, 6 1/2f
1st - EIGHTH WONDER
O: Gryphon
Investments LLC
T: Dee Curry
J: Jose Flores

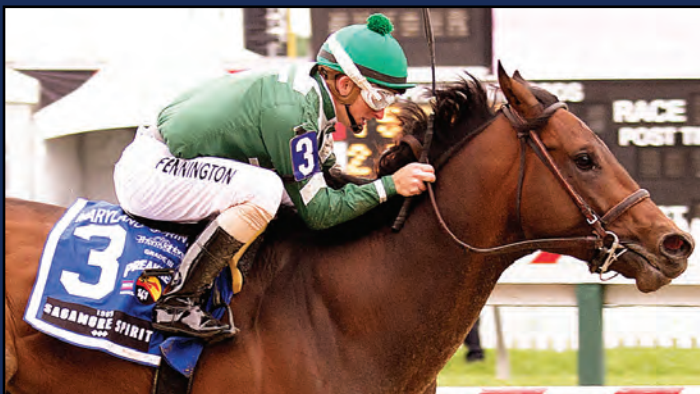
June 4 - LYMAN S.

Parx Racing, 7f
1st - ROXBURY N OVERTON
O: J A G Racing & Jettany
Thoroughbred Corp.
T: Ramon Preciado
J: Hector Caballero



Disco Chick captures the Skipat Stakes at Pimlico on May 20.

Photo: Jim McCue | Maryland Jockey Club



Always Sunshine splashes to victory in the G3 Maryland Sprint Handicap at Pimlico on Preakness Day.

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She's Hot Wired noses out Bustin Out in the Open Mind Handicap on May 30 at Monmouth Park.

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Parx Racing Roundup



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Eighth Wonder (3) battles with Miss Inclusive in the Parx Oaks.

PARX OAKS

There was no doubt about who would be the overwhelming favorite in the \$100,000 Parx Oaks. Undeclared Eighth Wonder was returning to the races after a winter break in Aiken, South Carolina. The bay daughter of Pioneerof the Nile was never even headed in three starts as a juvenile, including a 7 3/4-length maiden score on Pennsylvania Derby Day, a five-length allowance win and a 9 1/4-length victory in the \$75,000 Donna Freyer Stakes to close out her season.

However, Miss Inclusive, whose trainer John Servis had captured the Grade 1 Kentucky Oaks the day before, gave Eighth Wonder her first true test in the Parx Oaks. Eighth Wonder broke right on top out of the gate but grudgingly gave way in deep stretch before a late disqualification resulted in Eighth Wonder keeping her unbeaten streak alive. Jose Flores rode the winner for trainer Dee Curry and owner/breeder Gryphon Investments LLC.

MY JULIET STAKES



Two years ago, Disco Chick was voted the top of her local class, earning the title of Champion Three-Year-Old Filly at Parx Racing. The daughter of Jump Start captured four allowance races at Parx in 2014 and was third in the Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial Stakes. 2015 was a throwout year by comparison, as she only won once but still earned just under six figures. Many owner/breeders would have given up and retired her to the breeding shed but Y. Jerry Kolybabiuk had faith in his mare and decided to keep her under the care of trainer Mario Serey, Jr. for another season. It has proven to be a wise decision.

In her 2016 debut at Laurel Park, Disco Chick finished second by a tough half-length in the \$75,000 Primonetta Stakes to multiple stakes winner Lady Sabelia. She then drew the far outside post of eleven fillies and mares in the last stakes event of the day on Derby Day, the \$100,000 My Juliet Stakes. The post disadvantage did not matter for the front-runner as Disco Chick went straight to the lead and held off favored Four Inch Heels to win by three-quarters of a length under the guidance of jockey Hector Caballero.

FOXY J G STAKES

By the time Disco Chick next entered the starting gate at Parx, she had added another easy victory to her resume, as she walloped a field of seven in the \$100,000 Skipat Stakes on

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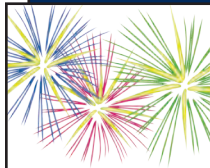
Above: Disco Chick wins the My Juliet Stakes

Below: Joe Wilson presents the My Juliet Stakes trophy

Upcoming Events



Saturday, June 25 (All Day)
TURNING FOR HOME DAY
 \$100k Turning for Home S.
 Live music • BBQ specials
 Tributes to TFH graduates & supporters



Friday, July 1 (11:00 - 3:00 PM)
INDEPENDENCE DAY PICNIC
 Sponsored by the PTHA
 Food by Ron's Backstretch Cafe
 Music and games for the kids



Monday, July 4 (All Day)
FOURTH OF JULY
 \$200k Dr. James Penny Memorial (G3)



Saturday, September 3 (All Day)
PA's DAY AT THE RACES
 Five \$100k PA-Bred stakes races:
 Banjo Picker Sprint • Roanoke S.
 Marshall Jenney H. • Mrs. Penny S.
 Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial



Monday, September 5 (All Day)
LABOR DAY AT PARX RACING
 \$300k G3 Smarty Jones S. (G3) • \$300k
 G3 Turf Monster H. • \$200k G3
 Greenwood Cup • \$200k Turf Amazon H.



Saturday, September 10 (All Day)
OWNERS APPRECIATION DAY
 \$200k PTHA President's Cup
 Owners luncheon in grandstand
 sponsored by the PTHA



Saturday, September 17 (All Day)
HALL OF FAME DAY
 Parx Racing Hall of Fame Inductions



Saturday, September 24 (All Day)
PENNSYLVANIA DERBY DAY
 \$1 million G1 Cotillion S. • \$1 million G2
 PA Derby • \$300k G3 Gallant Bob S. •
 \$150k PA Derby Champion S. • \$100k
 Alphabet Soup S.
 PA Derby Baseball Cap Giveaway



ADDITIONAL STAKES
 July 9 - \$200k Parx Dash (G3)
 July 23 - \$100k Crowd Pleaser S.
 \$100k Power By Far S.
 Oct. 8 - \$100k Plum Pretty S.
 Nov. 12 - \$75k Christopher Elser
 Memorial
 \$75k Donna Freyer S.
 Dec. 3 - \$100k Pennsylvania Nursery

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Disco Chick draws off to win the Foxy J G Stakes.

May 20 at Pimlico. She went off as the odds-on choice for the \$100,000 Foxy J G Stakes on June 4 and left no doubt that she is the best older PA-Bred female, breaking first and never looking back, eventually easing up in the final yards to win by six emphatic lengths. Trevor McCarthy rode Disco Chick in both the Skipat and Foxy J G Stakes.

JOSTLE STAKES

Also returning to the winner's circle on June 4 was Eighth Wonder, who was hand ridden to victory by regular rider Jose Flores for Dee Curry and Gryphon Investments LLC. Finishing second was American Doll and third was Decoratedwithstyle. Dee Curry not only trains Eighth Wonder but also has trained every sibling as well as her multiple stakes-winning dam Cheeksandpeanuts. Half-brother Cu Chulainn was successful as a sophomore in the allowance ranks in 2014 and was nominated for Champion Three-Year-Old Male that year while half-sister Key Lime Baby earned black type while finishing third in the \$750,000 Fitz Dixon Cotillion Stakes (G2), also under the expert guidance of jockey Jose Flores.

LYMAN STAKES

Completing another exciting afternoon of stakes races on June 4 was the \$100,000 Lyman Stakes for PA-Breds going seven furlongs on the dirt. A field of thirteen scratched down to six entries, but the competition appeared very evenly-matched to bettors as no horse went off at double-digit odds.



Ultimate favoritism eventually went to Roxbury N Overton, a four-year-old dark bay colt who was exiting three straight allowance victories at Parx including a nose score over stakes winner Adirondack King in his most recent start. Other stakes winners in the Lyman Stakes included Bump Start, Duff and defending champion A Fleet Attitude.



Photo: Nikki Sherman

Above: Roxbury N Overton wins the Lyman Stakes.

Below: Roxbury N Overton gets some love from his connections.



Above: Jose Flores celebrates aboard Eighth Wonder, who stayed undefeated with an easy win in the Jostle S. Below: Dee Curry and Jose Flores fist bump on the way into the winner's circle.

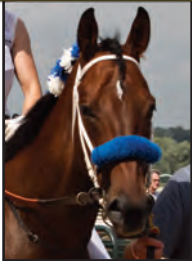
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At the start, He's Got Talent took the early lead before giving way to the challenge by Roxbury N Overton going into the top of the stretch. Jockey Hector Caballero then urged Roxbury N Overton to an easy two-length victory en route to the colt's first career stakes win. The son of Andiron is owned and bred by J A G Racing and Jettany Thoroughbred Corp. and trained by Ramon Preciado.

2016 Parx Hall of Fame Inductees

On Saturday, September 17, Parx Racing and the PTHA will induct several outstanding individuals into the Parx Racing Hall of Fame. This year, one horse, two trainers, two jockeys and one special achievement award will be presented to some of Parx Racing's most accomplished individuals.

Horse:
Banjo Picker



Trainer:
Kathleen DeMasi



Trainer:
Ronald Glorioso



Jockey:
Frankie Pennington



Jockey:
Jorge Tejeira

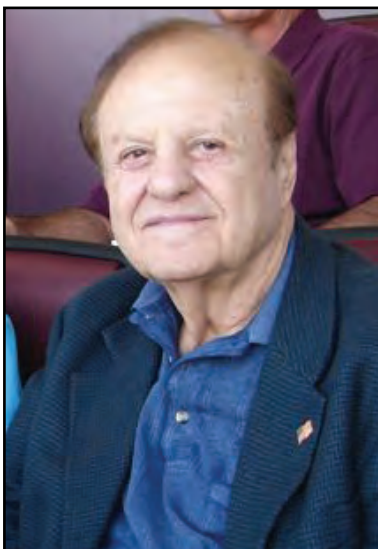


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Longtime PTHA President Has Passed Away

LAWRENCE R. RIVIELLO, SR., 88, of Springfield, PA passed away on June 10, 2016. Beloved husband of Betty Mae Riviello and loving father of Victoria Clark, Darlene Lipka, Cheryl Lydon and Lawrence Riviello, Jr. He is also survived by 16 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

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PTHA President Sal DeBunda Named to PA State Horse Racing Commission



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Salvatore DeBunda

Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf has appointed Salvatore M. DeBunda, President of the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (PTHA), to the Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission. As a member of the commission, DeBunda will be responsible for the continued growth of Pennsylvania's

reputation as a premiere racing, breeding and training destination.

DeBunda, a Pennsylvania native and longtime Thoroughbred horse owner and breeder, brings nearly twenty years of experience at the PTHA with him to his position on the commission. During that time, he has moved from Owner/Director level, to Vice President and Chairman before serving as President of the organization for the past six years.

DeBunda has focused his efforts on aiding in additional improvements for horsemen, including the

negotiation of a new live racing agreement, creation of the Horsemen's Purchasing Association to provide feed and shavings at reduced prices, establishment of horsemen's rights to equal treatment under the law, and renovation programs for Pennsylvania racing venues. He also founded a television show called "Let's Go Racing", which appears weekly on Comcast SportsNet.

"It is an honor to have been selected by Governor Wolf to serve on this commission," said DeBunda. "I look forward to working with the other commission members to strengthen the integrity of horse racing in the commonwealth, as well as enhance the marketing of the sport. I want to ensure that Pennsylvania's horse racing industry continues to grow and serve as a major economic driver of the state's agricultural industry."

The PA State Horse Racing Commission exists under the Department of Agriculture (PDA) and is comprised of nine members; five are appointed by the governor and four are appointed by each of the four legislative caucuses. The commission also includes separate bureaus for each breed. The group is tasked with directing, regulating, securing and promoting the horse racing and breeding industry in the commonwealth.

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Legislative	Michelle Cummings Ruddy

Horseman's Profile: New Safety Coordinator Olga Nowak

PTHA Marketing Director Nikki Sherman recently sat down with Olga Nowak, the new Safety Coordinator at Parx Racing. Olga has extensive international experience in the equine industry, including riding races for Sheikh Maktoum al Maktoum at Nad al Sheba and participating in the famous White Turf St. Moritz - the race contested over a frozen lake - in Switzerland.

Q: When did you start working with horses?

A: I didn't have anyone in my family that liked horses, so when I was young, my mom gave me a book called *600 Ways to Ride* and I actually taught myself how to ride horses just from reading that book. I would also go to a nearby stable every Sunday. I didn't have enough money to rent a saddle and bridle so I would just jump on bareback with a halter.

Q: When did you make the transition to the racetrack?

A: I started working at the racetrack when I was fourteen and rode in my first race at sixteen. That was a race for girls called the Ladies' Derby and I actually won it! Then I won Best Amateur Female Jockey in 1993. In Poland you are considered a bug rider until you win 100 races but since the racing season is short - there are never more than 70 race days over six months and there are only 7-8 races a day - many riders are amateurs for a couple of years. Being a female rider, I had to ride a lot of "crazy" horses that the men didn't want to ride, so I really

learned how to work *with* the horses I was riding.

Q: What about training?

A: In Poland jockeys "belong" to a barn rather than how it works in the U.S. where a jockey has an agent and rides for all different people. So early on I became an assistant trainer while still riding races. I finally decided to become a full time trainer in 2005. Training had become more interesting to me, especially when Poland became a part of the European Union in 2004. Opening our borders gave horse racing such an opportunity for growth, especially with the quality of horses that were being imported. It was also easier to leave the country, and I felt that I had accomplished everything that I wanted as a jockey, and was ready for a change. I trained horses full time until 2011 when I moved to the U.S. and managed Four Roses Thoroughbreds near Ocala, Florida.

Q: What other experience do you have in the equine world?

A: I was the first person in Poland to promote feed that was pre-mixed for proper equine nutrition

by representing the English feed company Dodson & Horrell. Prior to Poland joining the European Union this never would have been possible; before that everyone would mix their own feed and it usually lacked proper nutritional components. I also coordinated the Autumn Auction of Horses in Training for two years which featured more than 400 horses and attracted many foreign horsemen. Another amazing experience was when Swedish lecturer Mrs. Lee Holen and I conducted workshops studying equine physiology. We worked with the Polish National Team in endurance riding, eventing and show jumping, as well as with the Life Science School in Warsaw studying racehorses.

Q: Is there anything that people might not know about you?

A: When I was ten years old a movie company came to my school. They were looking for kids to be in their movies so I was in a bunch of movies and television shows. I also did some modeling, but I left to work at the track when I was fourteen.



Photos Courtesy of Olga Nowak

Olga Nowak wins a race in the snow in 1999.

The Polish Prime Minister congratulates Olga Nowak after her win in the Ladies' Derby.

Olga Nowak in Europe and the U.A.E.

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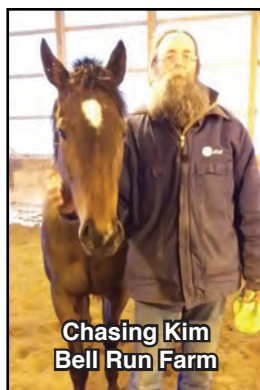


The 3rd Annual Turning for Home Day, featuring the \$100,000 Turning for Home Stakes sponsored by Fantasy Lane Stable and Diamond B Farm, is almost here! This exciting afternoon at the races raises awareness for responsible retirement and the many attributes of Off-Track Thoroughbreds (OTTB's), and also brings former and current connections for each horse together in support of our mission to assist all of our horses into a safe, dignified retirement.

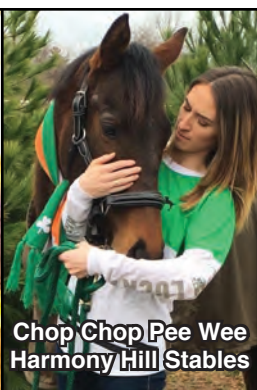
Each race is dedicated to our graduates and sponsored by a generous supporter. While we would love to have the horses

themselves come back to show off what they are doing in their second careers, instead we have put together videos sent in from their adopters for your enjoyment. Our goal this year is to raise \$20,000 for our program horses, to assist them into finding new homes and second careers. So many people have stepped up to help us make this a productive day, including Coolmore Stud, who has donated American Pharoah's stud halter to benefit our program. I am sure that the raffle for it will help us meet our goal! We are so thankful for the many people who, when called upon, readily jumped in to help us help our horses.

Consider coming out to show your support and pride in our retired racehorse program, one of the best in the nation with over 1,800 horses assisted. Scott Gager and American Dictionary will provide entertainment, along with full family fun activities in the picnic area. Parx the horse will be throwing limited edition TFH shirts, we will have raffles and memorabilia auctions, and we are excited to add an exclusive opening of the Parx Steakhouse for first come - first served reserve seating as a benefit luncheon for TFH. Contact us right away if you are interested in joining us for this unique opportunity!



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Harmony Hill Stables



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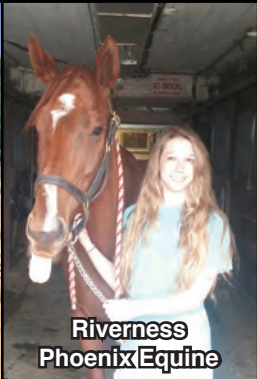
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Full Gallop Farm



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Union Square
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Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain Rick Bunker

“¹⁹ Do you give the horse his strength or clothe his neck with a flowing mane? ²⁰ Do you make him leap like a locust, striking terror with his proud snorting? ²¹ He paws fiercely, rejoicing in his strength... ²⁴ In frenzied excitement he eats up the ground; he cannot stand still when the trumpet sounds.”

- Job 39:19-24 (NIV)

For a host of reasons I could not leave until after 9 pm for a blessed seminary just northwest of Boston. I arrived just after 3 in the morning and laid down for an hour or two of shuteye in an old chapel built on the highpoint of the property which is also the highpoint from the Massachusetts Atlantic Coast to the first of the White Mountains in New Hampshire. I awoke shortly after 4 to discover that it was already getting quite light and walked to look out a window and to gaze at an inspiringly beautiful sunrise. The clear, perfectly-shaded pink sky beginning to make evident a magnificent myriad of the other colors of God's creation. I thanked God for the promise of what looked to be a most agreeably pleasant day.

I then exited the chapel from the western side to go to my car for some snacks and water. The view was very dark, full of thick clouds, and there were even some raindrops falling. What would the coming day be like? Without more information I had no way of knowing!

Depending upon which direction one was looking one's prognosis would be diametrically opposite. If one were only looking in one direction and did not look all around and also include additional data – what way the wind was blowing, what direction the barometer was

moving, and more – one's forecast even for the next five minutes could be completely wrong.

There are certainly scores of predictions swirling around us regarding whether the future will be bright or black, stormy or sunny. Take our recent quarantine for example; there are those who predict inability to get ahead of the new strains of disease that we confront. I recently sat in the back of an educational seminar for our veterinarians, held in the recreation hall on our backstretch. They sounded very ready and capable of steering us to a safe and healthy future for our horses. I was glad to have been able to be there for some of the session because of the competence and skill of our veterinarians that was inspiring to see. They are, and certainly will be, a great blessing to us.

It is very important for all of us to do our part. We all have an important part to play in determining either success or failure. An old proverb describes this well. Here is one of its variations: *For want of a nail the shoe was lost, for want of a shoe the horse was lost, for want of a horse the knight was lost, for want of a knight the battle was lost, for want of a battle the kingdom was lost. So a kingdom was lost—all for want of a nail.* God help us all to do our part – Amen!

“⁴ Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.”

- James 1:4-5 (NIV)

State Legislators Visit Parx Racing

Pennsylvania state legislators visited Parx Racing on May 12th and were given an exclusive backstretch tour courtesy of PTHA Executive Director Mike Ballezzi, PTHA Board Member & Parx-based trainer Butch Reid, and Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association Executive Secretary Brian Sanfratello. They were not only able to watch horses training in the morning, but also see just how many people are employed on the racetrack.



Rep. Sid Michaels Kavulich, Parx Racing COO Joe Wilson, Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association Executive Secretary Brian Sanfratello, Rep. Susan Helm, PTHA Executive Director Michael Ballezzi, PTHA Board Member & Trainer Butch Reid, Rep. Ed Neilson, Rep. John Payne (Chair of House Gaming Oversight Commission), Shawne LeMaster (Legislative Aide to Chairman Payne), Rep. Jamie Santora.

Photos: Nikki Sherman

EHV-1 Quarantine Comes to An End

Two horses were required to be separated from the rest of the Parx Racing horse population and were kept in a temporary structure that was built on the basketball court where they were closely monitored. They finally went "home" happy & healthy on May 17!



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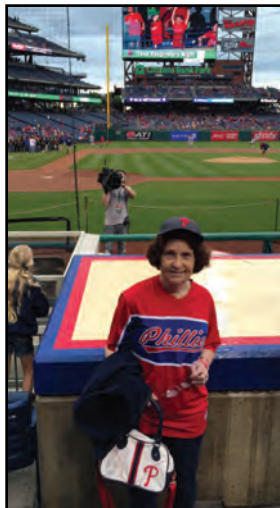
Backstretch Views

Condolences...



Sadly, **Michael Martin** (pictured) and **Frank McHenry** both passed away in May. Mike was night watchman for trainer **John Servis** while Frank was a longtime hotwalker here at Parx Racing. We would like to express our deepest condolences to both of their families and friends.

Congratulations...!



Former racehorse owner **Linda Ann** won the Turning for Home raffle for Phillies tickets on Derby Day and had a blast with her husband **David** as the Phillies beat Cincinnati in an exciting game! Thank you again to PTHA Board Member **Nick Saponara** for his generous donation of the tickets.

Do you have any news for Backstretch Views?

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



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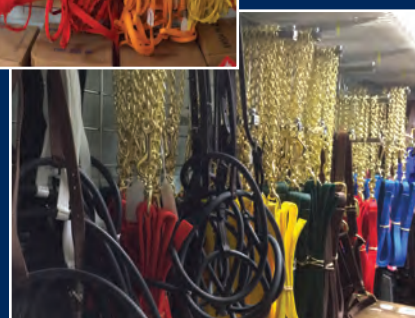
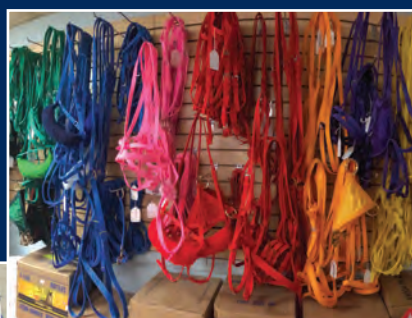
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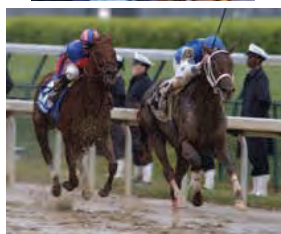
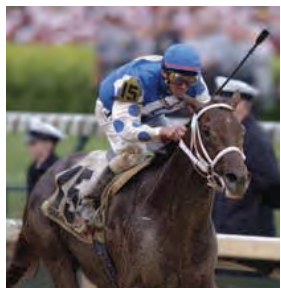
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