



# PTHA NEWS

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## West Coast Conquers East in 2017 PA Derby

On the greatest day of racing in the history of the Keystone state, California invader West Coast reeled off his fifth straight and second career Grade 1 victory with an easy 7 1/4-length score in the \$1,000,000 Pennsylvania Derby. It was the first year that the Derby would be contested as a Grade 1. The bay colt also captured the prestigious Travers Stakes (G1) in August.

"This horse is just getting better and better," said trainer Bob Baffert, who saddled his second Pennsylvania Derby winner. "We thought he would run a big race . . . He's just learning how to run. To have a three-year-old this time of year, with the way he won the Travers, and now winning this race, he is going to be a horse to reckon with."

West Coast was bred for greatness: the son of Flatter, out of the 2000 Eclipse Award Champion Two-Year-Old Filly Caressing sold for \$425,000 as a yearling. However, it took until his three-year-old season before he was able to get rolling for owners Gary and Mary West. He did not debut until February of this year but has never finished worse than second in eight starts. He



**West Coast** and rider **Mike Smith** draw off to an impressive victory in the **\$1,000,000 Pennsylvania Derby (G1)** in front of a big crowd at Parx Racing.

Photo: Bill Denver/EQUUS-PHOTO

was briefly on the Triple Crown trail while finishing second in the G3 Stonestreet Lexington Stakes, but his connections wisely chose to take it easy with their promising colt and instead entered him in an allowance event at Santa Anita Park for his next race. West Coast has not lost a race since then.

"He is a really good horse," noted rider Mike Smith. "He is just better than (the competition) right now, as far as three-year-olds go."

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## All's Well As It Tiz Well on National TV



**Drayden Van Dyke** celebrates aboard **It Tiz Well** in the **\$1,000,000 Cotillion Stakes (G1)**.

The Grade 1 Pennsylvania Derby and \$1,000,000 Cotillion Stakes (G1) had unprecedented national coverage this year. In addition to Comcast SportsNet in Philadelphia, the ninety-minute broadcast was shown live in Maryland, Delaware, Washington, D.C., San Francisco and Chicago, and was also aired via tape delay in Boston and New England.

The broadcast team, led by Laffit Pincay, III, and Randy Moss, and supplemented by Caton Bredar and Dick Jerardi, gave viewers an excellent vision of the exciting day at Parx Racing, beginning with the G3 Gallant Bob Stakes and continuing on to the G1 Cotillion Stakes.

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Photo: Nikki Sherman



## President's Message

Salvatore M. DeBunda, Esq.

Wow - what an exciting Derby Day we witnessed on September 23rd, a day that will live forever in our memories as the very first time in Pennsylvania racing history that two Grade 1 races occurred on the same day! We saw two impressive animals in West Coast and It Tiz Well, who are now embarking on their own paths to divisional honors in their respective divisions. It was truly exciting to see Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert right here at Parx Racing as his charge West Coast captured the very first edition of the **Grade 1** Pennsylvania Derby.

September was also a special month for me, as I was honored by two very important organizations that are close to my heart. On September 14th, I was elevated to Chairman Emeritus status of the Philly POPS at their fifth annual ball at the Hyatt at the Bellevue. It seems like hardly any time has passed since I became Chairman of the Philly POPS Board five years ago and I am honored to now hold Chairman Emeritus status.

Two days later, I was thrilled to stand alongside my friend Dick Jerardi as a 2017 Parx Racing Hall of Fame inductee. Twenty years ago I began producing the weekly television show Let's Go Racing, where Dick is a valued host with Keith Jones. The same day, I was proud to become the first person to be twice-inducted to the Hall of Fame, this time as an owner under my Dun Roamin Farm, Inc. This upcoming February will mark thirty years as a thoroughbred owner, so this was a truly special moment for me.

It may seem that I refer to the unresolved state budget in each and every issue of the *PTHA News*. Unfortunately, this is still the case right now, and as always, our Executive Director Mike Ballezzi and I are right there, constantly lobbying for the rights of Pennsylvania horsemen. Also, while we still don't have a budget in Harrisburg, there are plenty other things which have been happening. The Racing Commission has been actively taking steps forward to increase integrity, mainly through three crucial objectives: 1) enhancing penalties for offenders whose horses repeatedly test positive for prohibited substances; 2) establishing an out-of-competition testing program; and 3) enacting a first-of-its-kind penalty system for the horses themselves when testing positive for prohibited substances. A press release with more details can be found on page 3 of the *PTHA News*. I am looking forward to watching the consequences of these changes, as they help move horsemen towards a true level playing field.

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



# New Regulations Enacted to Enforce Integrity in PA

Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding announced on September 26, 2017 that aggressive new regulations instituted by the state Horse Racing Commission are proving effective in strengthening the integrity of the state's equine racing industry.

Redding, who serves as chairman of the state's Horse Racing Commission, noted that three new regulations demonstrate the state's ongoing commitment to protect equine athletes from illegal performance-enhancing drugs. The commission's statutory and regulatory authority was significantly enhanced under the Race Horse Reform Act passed in 2016 (Act 114).

"When we set out to reform the state's racing industry, two of our goals were to secure the long-term funding of our oversight work, but also to enable the state Horse Racing Commission to better protect the integrity of the sport," said Redding. "This year, the commission has taken a number of significant steps to meet that second objective, approving a trifecta of regulations that will better protect horses and the legitimacy of racing outcomes. The three new measures have outlined significant consequences for trainers, veterinarians and owners from Pennsylvania and other states who violate our regulations."

The new regulations target the use of prohibited substances and outline the consequences when race horses test positive, Redding explained.

The first regulation, approved at the commission's January 2017 meeting, is designed to enhance penalties for repeat offenders by assessing points for violations of Class 1 through Class 5 medication guidelines established by the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI). The new Multiple Medication Violation regulation assigns penalty points when a horse tests positive for foreign substances. Those assessed penalty points are tracked by racing stewards and judges for two or more years in the official ARCI database.

The second new provision, which established an out-of-competition testing program, is designed to ensure the integrity of the sport and protect the

welfare of the horses - long before they get to the track on race day. This program was launched in May 2017 and allows commission employees to collect biological samples from horses in training for gene, blood-doping, and anabolic steroids. Some of these performance-enhancing substances may not otherwise be detected with post-race testing, so the provision aims to deter the use of these substances. All of the out-of-competition testing samples are analyzed by the Pennsylvania Equine Toxicology Research Laboratory (PETRL). PETRL was the first lab in the nation to detect the presence of the drug JHW-250, more commonly known as synthetic cannabis.

"The commission is strictly enforcing penalties for individuals who violate out-of-competition testing regulations," Redding added. "If a horse tests positive for anabolic steroids, the trainer will be subject to a \$5,000 fine, plus a suspension of 180 days and forfeiture of any purse money earned in that race. If a horse tests positive for blood doping agents, the trainer will be fined \$10,000, forfeit any purse money, and be suspended from racing for two years. In addition, horses that test positive for either anabolic steroids or blood doping agents will be placed on the steward's list or the judge's list for a minimum of 90 days, and the horse must test clean to be released from the list. We have received overwhelming support and cooperation on this initiative from horsemen's groups, breeders and racetrack operators."

The most recent regulation, approved at the August 31 commission meeting, makes Pennsylvania the first state in the nation to implement horse-positive regulations and penalties. Any horse that tests positive for Class 1 or Class 2 drugs will be ineligible to race for 90 days from the date a split sample confirms the presence of a banned substance. For Class 3 drugs or high blood gas levels, the horse will be ineligible to race for 30 days from confirmation.

If a horse receives a positive test or is declared positive for prohibited substances from a jurisdiction outside Pennsylvania, the same penalties apply. This rule encourages owners to do their due diligence and carefully consider who is training their horses.





## 2017 Hall of Fame Day

On Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, Parx Racing and the PTHA inducted two outstanding individuals into the Parx Racing Hall of Fame. More photos and full biographies of each honoree may be found on the PTHA website, <http://www.patha.org>.

### Salvatore M. DeBunda, Esq. - Owner

Three decades ago, Salvatore DeBunda formed Dun Roamin Farm, Inc. He captured his first victory with Change Ammo on February 8, 1988. Since then, DeBunda has notched over 330 wins, placed in the money at an incredible 55% clip, and earned in excess of \$6 million. By far his best horse was fellow Hall of Famer Roamin Rachel, winner of the Grade 1 Ballerina Stakes in addition to other graded stakes. Other stakes winners owned by Dun Roamin Farm include Allens Blessing, Basque Song, Discreet Senorita, Great Lookinblonde, Senor Cielo, and Sinceilostmybaby. DeBunda was also inducted into the Parx Racing Hall of Fame in 2013 for Special Achievement, in honor of his outstanding contributions to Pennsylvania horsemen.



### Dick Jerardi - Turf Writer



Dick Jerardi became the horse racing writer at the *Philadelphia Daily News* in February 1985, so he has chronicled the sport at the same track with three different names: Keystone, Philadelphia Park and Parx Racing. For 15 years, he has worked alongside fellow Parx Racing Hall of Fame members Bruce Casella and Keith Jones on "Let's Go Racing". Jerardi is the recipient of a multitude of awards, including the 2006 Eclipse Award for his written series on Kentucky Derby hero Barbaro and the colt's devastating injury in the Preakness Stakes. He is also a five-time winner of the Red Smith Award for Kentucky Derby coverage, a

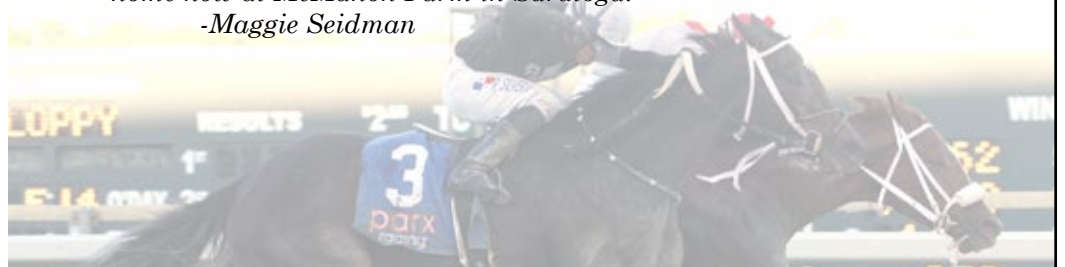
three-time Joe Hirsch Award winner for coverage of the Breeders' Cup, and captured the David Woods Award for his coverage of the 2004 Preakness.

### In Memory of Steve Seidman

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*-Maggie Seidman*



# Grand Opening of Brand New HPA Store

The Horsemen's Purchasing Association (HPA) is proud to announce the grand opening of its new location, right beside Ron's Backstretch Cafe. The store is beautifully lit by the ambient sunlight and features plenty of space for product displays. The back storage room is also located inside the HPA store itself.

"We are excited for our beautiful new location," said HPA Manager Vicky Mangini. "It should make the purchasing flow of our dedicated customers much smoother and faster."



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# Parx Racing Roundup

## \$100,000 DONALD LEVINE MEMORIAL STAKES



Raymond Mamone's Imperial Hint made his final start before November's Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1) a winning one in the \$100,000 Donald LeVine Memorial Stakes on September 4. The dark bay son of Imperialism is stabled at Parx Racing, where he is trained by Luis Carvajal, Jr.

Imperial Hint was the overwhelming favorite in a short field of four and made easy work of the short field of four, quickly taking the lead and eventually drawing off to a 6 3/4-length victory under Javier Castellano. He finished just a tick off Royal Currier's track record for six furlongs, stopping the clock in 1:07.55.

The colt is steadily training up to the toughest test of his career, and is expected to ship out to Del Mar shortly after the track opens for training. Imperial Hint is undefeated at Parx Racing and also has notched graded victories in the Smile Sprint Stakes (G3) at Gulfstream Park and General George Stakes (G3) at Laurel Park.



**Imperial Hint** wins the **Donald LeVine Memorial Stakes** (above); **Luis Carvajal, Jr.** and family (below) are all smiles after the win.

Photos: Nikki Sherman

## \$200,000 GREENWOOD CUP (G3)

Madefromlucky returned to the winner's circle for the first time since the 2015 West Virginia Derby (G2) with an emphatic 12 1/4-length score in the \$200,000 Greenwood Cup (G3) on September 4. Javier Castellano won his second stakes event on the day at Parx, and piloted the chestnut son of Lookin At Lucky for trainer Todd Pletcher and owners Cheyenne Stables LLC & Mac Nichol.

Madefromlucky followed up his Greenwood Cup victory with another score in the \$200,000 Temperence Hill Invitational Stakes at Belmont Park on October 1. However, his excellent pedigree was too much for breeding farms to pass up, and he



**Javier Castellano** celebrates aboard **Madefromlucky** after capturing the **\$200,000 Greenwood Cup (G3)**.

was retired shortly thereafter. Madefromlucky is out of a full sister to Tapit, and will be available to breeders for the 2018 breeding season at Northview Stallion Station in Maryland.

## \$300,000 TURF MONSTER (G3)

It is undeniable - Pure Sensation *loves* the Parx Racing turf course. The six-year-old gelding entered the starting gate for September 4's \$300,000 Turf Monster (G3) with zero losses over the Bensalem grass and just :57.13 later, confirmed that

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**Pure Sensation** wins his 2nd **Turf Monster (G3)**.



**Kendrick Carmouche** pets **Pure Sensation** after winning the **\$300,000 Turf Monster (G3)**.

affination by holding off Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint (G1) winner Mongolian Saturday by a half-length.

Pure Sensation has netted \$600,000 in just four starts at Parx Racing. The handsome gray is trained by Christophe Clement for Patricia A. Generazio and was ridden to victory by Kendrick Carmouche. He is a solid contender for the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint (G1) at Del Mar this fall; in last year's Breeders' Cup at Santa Anita Park, Pure Sensation finished third by just a length.

### **\$300,000 SMARTY JONES STAKES (G3)**

Reddam Racing LLC's Pavel was making just his third career start in the \$300,000 Smarty Jones Stakes (G3) on September 4 - a tough task considering his competitors included G3 winners Colonelsdarktemper and Hence, Parx Derby hero Bonus Points, and graded stakes placed Battalion Runner and Talk Logistics.

Trainer Doug O'Neill shipped Pavel to Parx Racing several weeks ahead of time to give the colt time to acclimate to the racing surface. That turned out to be exactly what Pavel needed, as the son of Creative Cause rolled to an emphatic six-length victory under a hand ride by Mario Gutierrez.

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**Mario Gutierrez** celebrates a victory in the **\$300,000 Smarty Jones Stakes (G3)** aboard **Pavel**.



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# Parx Racing Roundup

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## \$100,000 HALL OF FAME STAKES

Lightly raced Ladies' Privilege captured the first stakes win of her career in the \$100,000 Hall of Fame Stakes on September 16. The daughter of Harlan's Holiday is a homebred for Dorothy Matz, who purchased her dam Vanquished for \$500,000 as a yearling in 2006. Ladies' Privilege is the second stakes winner out of Vanquished, who has also produced multiple Grade 2 winner Takeover Target.

Ladies' Privilege was ridden in the Hall of Fame Stakes by Edwin Gonzalez for trainer Michael Matz.



**Ladies' Privilege** after the **Hall of Fame Stakes**.

Photos: Nikki Sherman



**Page McKenney** determinedly captures the **\$150,000 PA Derby Champion Stakes**.

## \$150,000 PA DERBY CHAMPION STAKES

Page McKenney simply would not be denied the opportunity to notch his 20th career victory in the \$150,000 PA Derby Champion Stakes, held on the undercard of Pennsylvania Derby Day on September 23. The seven-year-old gelding, under strong urging by regular rider Horacio Karamanos, valiantly held off a late surge by Just Call Kenny to cross under the wire a neck in front.

The resounding win propelled Page McKenney's career earnings past the \$1.75 million-mark. Mary Eppler trains the PA-Bred son of Eavesdropper for owners Adam Staple and Jalin Stable.

## \$300,000 GALLANT BOB STAKES (G3)

In the \$300,000 Gallant Bob Stakes on September 23, Coal Front rebounded from a disappointing fifth-place finish in the Grade 1 H. Allen Jerkens Stakes at Saratoga, and returned to the winner's circle for the fourth time in five career starts. Coal Front was ridden by John Velazquez for trainer Todd Pletcher and owners Robert V. LaPenta and Head of Plains Partners LLC.

Coal Front now boasts additional victories in the G2 Amsterdam Stakes at Saratoga, an allowance at Belmont Park and a maiden score at Keeneland in his career debut this past April. The son of Stay Thirsty was purchased for \$575,000 in the 2016 OBS April Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale.

Unfortunately, Coal Front exited the Gallant Bob Stakes with a condylar fracture in his right front leg, though he has a positive prognosis for a future racing career after surgery and rehabilitation.



**Coal Front** wins the **Gallant Bob Stakes** (above); Owner **Robert LaPenta** and **John Velazquez** (below) celebrate the victory.

# Sal DeBunda Honored at Philly POPS



Photo: Bachrach Photo

**Steve Appel, Sal DeBunda and Mike Ballezzi**

The Philly POPS held its fifth annual POPS Ball on September 14 at the Hyatt at the Bellevue.

Over 250 POPS supporters enjoyed a night of dinner and dancing to the full 65-piece POPS orchestra and guest vocalists Michael Andrew and Calli Graver, led by Music Director Michael Krajewski. The musicians of the orchestra donate their time each year for this memorable beginning to their season. The POPS Ball is the major fundraiser of the 2017-2018 POPS season.

With a theme of “Chairman of the Board”, the Ball honored Sal DeBunda, who recently completed a five-year term as Chairman of the Philly POPS Board and now serves as Chairman Emeritus. Current Board Chairman Gary Frank served as Chair of the Ball, along with co-chairs Frank and Dottie Giordano, and Honorary Co-Chair, Governor Tom Wolf.

Guest vocalist Michael Andrew performed at the 2015 POPS Ball and the sold-out run of *Sinatra: A Centennial Celebration* in 2015, which was so popular that an additional show was added to accommodate the demand. Calli Graver is a Philadelphia-based crossover and jazz vocalist who has performed with acclaimed musicians, including Ben Folds, Aretha Franklin and Andrea Bocelli.

## PTHA Unveils New Website

The PTHA is proud to announce the launch of a completely revamped website, which can be found at <http://www.patha.org>. The unveiling comes after nearly ten months of creative and coding by PTHA Marketing Director Nikki Sherman and customization by Ibrahim Aissam’s web development company Hello Developer.

Features of the new website include direct links to important horsemen’s information, such as Parx Racing overnights, results, and the live video feed, as well as the National THA website - for full information on medication regulations and much more. The Turning for Home portion of the website features custom search functions for adoptable horses, such as Retired Racehorse Project-eligible retirees, in addition to success stories, intake forms and donation information.

Users should sign up for the PTHA mailing list, which can be found in the footer on any page under “Join Our Newsletter”. The PTHA will begin sending out crucial updates and general racing information that is more time sensitive than the current bi-monthly *PTHA News*.

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**West Coast** trains at Parx.



**Irap** gallops at Parx.

# Pennsylvania DERBY

\$1,000,000 9/1 - 9/23/17

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Finishing second was millionaire Irap, who arrived a month early. The handsome colt became a familiar face each morning and quickly became a “hometown” favorite. Unfortunately, Irap took a bad step just before the wire and was immediately pulled up by jockey Mario Gutierrez. Veterinary staff jumped into action and he underwent emergency surgery at New Bolton Center to repair several fractured sesamoids. However, by October 20th, severe laminitis had set in and Irap’s connections sadly had no choice but to euthanize their prized colt.



**West Coast** (yellow saddle towel) en route to his **Pennsylvania Derby** victory over **Irap** (purple cap).

“(Irap) developed into a top racehorse who carried himself with tremendous dignity and a level of class that is rare,” said owners Paul and Zillah Reddam. “We count ourselves lucky to have been part of his life for an all too brief time.”

In the meantime, West Coast has returned to California and is working lights out towards the Breeders’ Cup Classic, to be contested at Del Mar for the first time. Trainer Bob Baffert hopes to emulate his 2014 Breeders’ Cup Classic winner Bayern, who also used the Pennsylvania Derby as a stepping stone for the Classic.



**West Coast** arrives at Parx Racing.



Crowds came out to see trainer **Bob Baffert**, who made his first trip to Parx.



**Mike Smith** raises his cap to **West Coast**.



The **Pennsylvania Derby** trophy presentation (left); Owner **Mary West** hugs the groom of **West Coast**.



Photos: Nikki Sherman



# Cotillion

\$1,000,000 G1 - 9/23/17

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The odds-on favorite in the Cotillion Stakes was Abel Tasman, who was exiting three straight Grade 1 scores in the Kentucky Oaks, Acorn Stakes and Coaching Club American Oaks. However, Abel Tasman fought with rider Mike Smith almost from the moment the gates opened, and while she had the lead briefly at the top of the stretch, she was soon passed by second choice It Tiz Well.

“(Abel Tasman) got real rank with (Mike) . . . and it was unfortunate. It was a ridiculous run,” said trainer Bob Baffert. “We just might have to take the blinkers off. I guess we just have to turn the page.”

This time it was It Tiz Well’s moment to shine as she crossed the finish line two lengths in front, with the promising young jockey Drayden Van Dyke excitedly pumping his whip in celebration. The daughter of Arch had previously captured the G3 Delaware Oaks and was most recently second in the G1 Alabama.

“She ran today like she ran at Delaware Park,” said Van Dyke. “Sat off the pace and relaxed, and when I called upon her she responded. She was perfect.”



**It Tiz Well** (green towel) passes favored **Abel Tasman** to capture the **Grade 1 Cotillion Stakes**.



**Drayden Van Dyke** tosses a flower in the air to celebrate his **Cotillion** victory.



**Laffit Pincay, III, Dick Jerardi and Randy Moss** led the team for the PA Derby & Cotillion broadcast.



The **Cotillion** winner's circle.



**It Tiz Well** schools in the paddock.



The **Cotillion Stakes** trophy presentation.

# PA Breeders Cash in at Parx

Pennsylvania's Day at the Races on September 2 marked the return of live racing at Parx after a three-week break in August.



**The Man**

In the first of five stakes events, **The Man** made an emphatic statement for 2017 PA-Bred Horse of the Year when he held off graded stakes winner Favorite Tale by a half-length to capture the \$100,000 Banjo Picker Sprint Stakes. The Man is undefeated this year for owners Natalie Baffert and Bernard Schiappa. Originally trained by Natalie's husband Bob Baffert, The Man has been expertly handled in Pennsylvania by trainer John Servis and ridden by Jorge Vargas, Jr.



**Grand Prix**

The \$100,000 Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial included 2015 winner Discreet Senorita, but in the end it was the only three-year-old in the field who came out on top. **Grand Prix**, a half-sister to last year's Eclipse Award Champion Female Sprinter Finest City, notched her second career stakes win for owner HnR Nothhaft Horse Racing LLC. The Tale of the Cat filly was ridden to victory by Jose Ferrer for trainer Gary Mandella.



**Page McKenney**

The incredible gelding **Page McKenney** also made a pitch for 2017 PA-Bred Horse of the Year, showing tenacity in deep stretch to catch Spring Quality by a valiant neck in the \$100,000 Roanoke Stakes. The victory propelled the son of Eavesdropper past the \$1.6 million-mark in career earnings for owners Adam Staple & Jalin Racing Stable. Regular rider Horacio Karamanos piloted Page McKenney to victory for trainer Mary Eppler.



**Winning the Medal**

Returning champion **Winning the Medal** successfully defended his title and returned to the winner's circle for the first time since last year's \$100,000 Marshall Jenney Stakes - but with one major difference. Due to torrential rain, the 2017 edition was moved from the grass to the dirt course, so Winning the Medal is now a dual-surface stakes winner. Patricia Farro trains the gelding for R & L Racing.



**Great Soul**

The \$100,000 Mrs. Penny Stakes was also moved to the main track for the final stakes event of the afternoon. Steven and Jane Long's homebred filly Great Soul took full advantage of the surface change, and easily captured her second career stakes victory. The four-year-old daughter of Great Notion was ridden by Brian Pedroza for trainer Tom Proctor.



**Firsthand Report**

The first stakes event on Pennsylvania Derby Day was a true nail-biter, as StarLadies Racing's **Firsthand Report** took on the boys in the \$100,000 Alphabet Soup Stakes. The daughter of Blame led from gate to wire under Javier Castellano and was able to hold off a determined charge by hometown gelding Bern' James Bern to win her 3rd career PA-Bred stakes for trainer Todd Pletcher.



**Power of Snunner**

Seven-year-old **Power of Snunner** captured the \$100,000 Plum Pretty Stakes on October 7, wearing down defending champion Trace of Grace in deep stretch to win by a head. Power of Snunner was ridden by Dana Whitney for trainer Tim Kreiser, and is a homebred for James Courtney.



# New Pennsylvania Broodmare Domicile Requirements & Registration Eligibility for 2018 Foals

We are pleased to announce that the Registration Eligibility and Broodmare Domicile requirements for the 2018 crop of foals have changed. Mares bred to registered PA-Sires are up substantially this year, according to our preliminary count, and continuing that trend will move us to an increase in registered foals, which is our priority.

- The dam of the foal resided continuously in Pennsylvania since **DECEMBER 1** of the year of conception through foaling. Mares not being bred back will fall under this category. *(Formerly November 1.)*
- The dam of the foal was purchased at a public sale after **DECEMBER 1** of the year of conception and brought into Pennsylvania within 14 days of the date of purchase and remained continuously through foaling. During the year of foaling, the foal or its dam spent at least ninety (90) days in the state. *(Formerly November 1.)*
- The dam of the foal arrived after **DECEMBER 1** of the year of conception, foaled in Pennsylvania and was bred back to a registered PA stallion standing in Pennsylvania and the dam of the foal resided **SIXTY (60)** consecutive days during which foaling occurred. *(Formerly November 1 and 90 days.)*



# Uptowncharlybrown

## HOT HOT HOT!

- ☆ Average earnings per runner **\$42,000+** in 2017\*
- ☆ FIVE winners from just EIGHT foals—**63% winners/foals**
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On every Owners Appreciation Day, the PTHA celebrates the owners of horses at Parx Racing, and the 9<sup>th</sup> edition held on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> was no different. Each owner who had a horse entered received a gift bag in the paddock and all owners were invited to a free buffet luncheon in the grandstand. Every winning owner also received a beautiful faux leather overnight bag filled with even more goodies.



### Weekend Babe

Owner: Floyd Snyder & Equus Farm II  
Trainer: Floyd Snyder



### Chippewawwhitechief

Owner: Top Notch Racing  
Trainer: Michael Moore



### Money for Maria

Owner: Wind N Leaves Farm, Inc.  
Trainer: Timothy Smylie



### Novembertoremember

Owner: D. J. Stable LLC  
Trainer: John Servis



### Estrickator

Owner: Lauren Horan  
Trainer: Martin Woodhouse



### Yougotthatgoinforu

Owner: J. A. R. Racing  
Trainer: Carlos Milian



### Nice Tune

Owner: Emerald Racing Stable LLC  
Trainer: Herold Whyllie



### Because I'm Happy

Owner: Luis R. Orantes  
Trainer: Joseph Taylor



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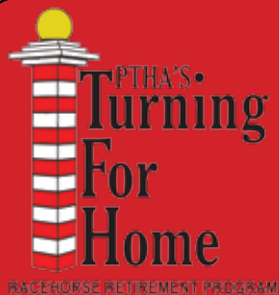
Owner: Barlar LLC  
Trainer: T. Bernard Houghton



### Unpredictable

Owner: Ho Dee Boy Stable  
Trainer: Joseph Taylor

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## *Thoroughbred Makeover 2017*

### **Thoughts from Program Administrator Danielle Montgomery**

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# MEET TFH's DANIELLE GIBSON



*Turning for Home is proud to introduce its new **Assistant Program Director, Danielle Gibson**. Danielle is a longtime horsewoman who has experience in many riding disciplines and has an absolute love of racing. She grew up showing Quarter Horses, competing at the highest level, and also worked as an apprentice to some of the top trainers in the QH world.*

"Joining the team here at Turning for Home has been incredibly fulfilling and my dream job. We truly have one of the best on-track racehorse retirement programs in the country. So many of these horses continue on to accomplish even more after their racing careers are over. I'm so proud to be an integral part in their transition.

"I grew up absolutely loving going to the track to watch my mom's horses race. We would have so much fun and I fell in love with everything about the racetrack. As a racehorse owner myself, I felt a responsibility for our horses to have the retirements they deserve. We have transitioned our own horses into new careers and I also worked with the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation as a Partner Farm in retraining several OTTBs.

"I think the racing industry has embraced the responsibility to ensure their beloved horses go on to happy and thriving lives after racing. From jockeys and trainers to owners and breeders, I feel everyone is on board with doing their part. I love being able to share success stories with the past connections. I'm happy to see both racing and life after racing so celebrated, like I recently saw at the Retired Racehorse Project in Lexington, KY!

"I look forward to working here with everyone at our Parx Racing community to continue making our racetrack one of the best in both racing and life after racing." -**Danielle Gibson, TFH Assistant Program Director**

## SPOTLIGHT ON TFH PARTNER FARMS

Turning for Home has assembled a talented network of Partner Farms who have accepted the challenge of providing racehorse aftercare to the horses of Parx Racing. *Spotlight On TFH Partner Farms* allows the racing world to meet some of these selfless horsemen and horsewomen.



### Jumping H Farm Re3 Adoption & Therapy

*Elkin, North Carolina*

Partner Since: 2014

Total Horses: XXXXX



Jumping H Farm was created nearly 20 years ago by Nicole Huttar, who purchased her first OTTB, King Solomon (racing name Stich n Stich), when she was sixteen years old. Solomon lived as the patriarch at Jumping H Farm until the ripe old age of 34. In 2010, Nicole stumbled across an available horse named Murderinthe first on Turning for Home's website and she fell in love at first sight. Her partnership with Murder rekindled her passion for the thoroughbred breed and she soon became a valued Turning for Home Partner Farm. In 2014, she created the 501(c)(3) non-profit division of Jumping H Farm, Re3 Adoption & Therapy. Nicole also runs guided trail rides in the beautiful mountains of North Carolina, which provides a great outlet for lower-level retirees.

# Backstretch Views

## *Light the Night Fundraiser*



On October 14, 2017, several thousand people attended The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) **Light the Night** walk in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. One of the V.I.P. teams was dedicated to **Darlene Coletti**, wife of Parx trainer **Ed Coletti** and mother of **Amanda Eichfeld**, who is currently battling cancer. "**Darlene's Stable**" raised over \$10,500 and walkers included many horsemen, including owners, exercise riders, assistant trainers, grooms, hotwalkers and even a jockey's agent. You can still join to the fundraiser, joining donors such as the **PTHA** and partnership **Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC** by visiting the Darlene's Stable page at <http://pages.lightthenight.org/nj/SouthNJ17/DarlenesStable>.

## *In Memorium . . .*

**John K. "J.K." Adams** died unexpectedly in August at the age of 62. He was a third-generation former jockey on the Mid-Atlantic circuit and had most recently been a stablehand in New Jersey. As a rider, he won over 770 races, including stakes aboard 1981 champion sprinter Guilty Conscience. He also rode stakes winners Counter Punch, Mississippi Mud, Resound, Runette, Thrice Worthy and Turn the Guns. While he had not been an active jockey since 2005, he earned over \$5.5 million during a career where he strove to emulate his grandfather, Hall of Fame rider Johnny Adams.



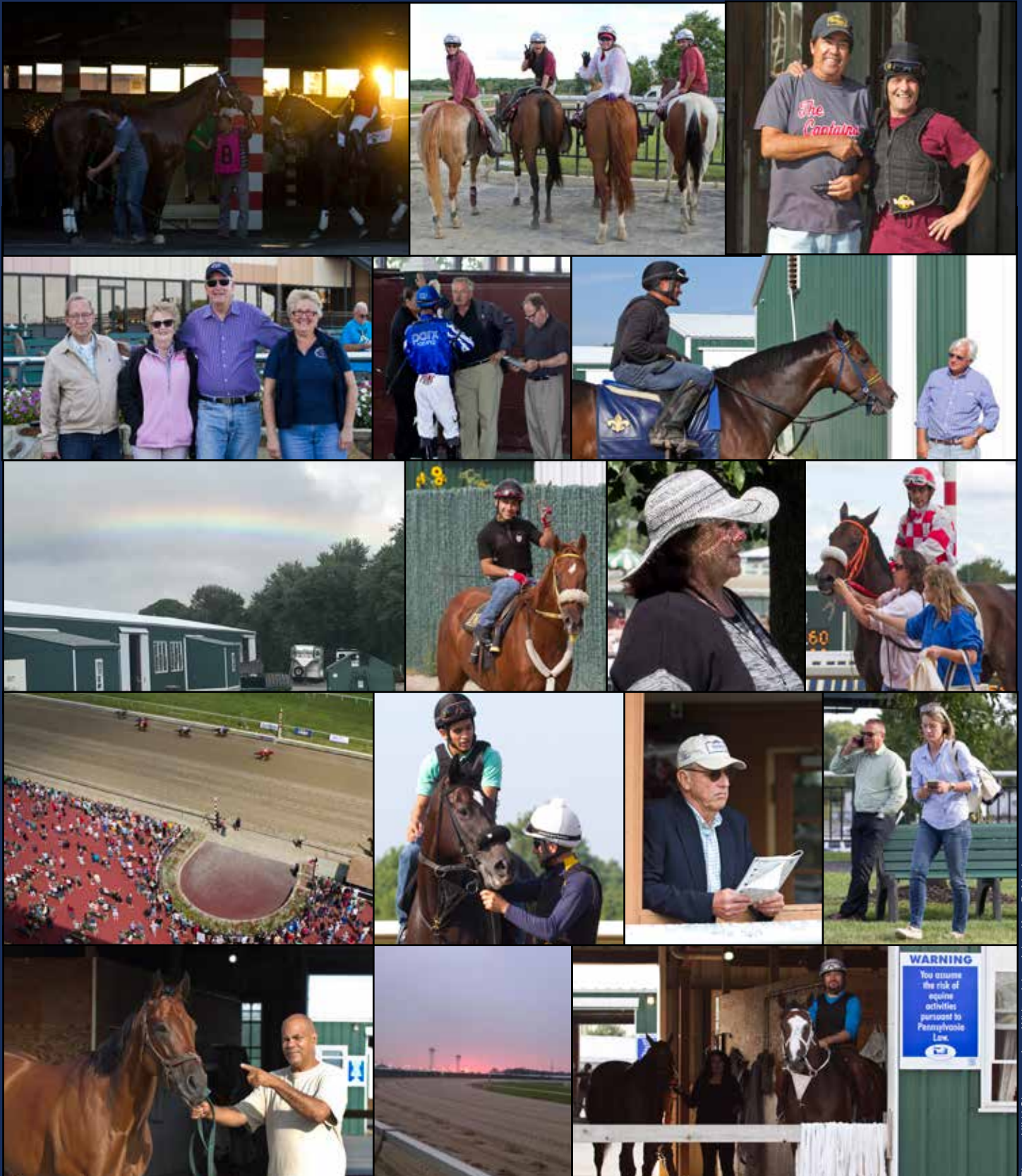
Longtime horseman **Robert Szeyller**, 79, passed away on October 10, 2017. Bob was a businessman and successfully founded the Pennsylvania Financial Group, PFG Capital Corporation and ARIS Corporation of America. Always a competitor, Bob had been an owner, trainer and breeder of racehorses since 1986. He served on the Board of Directors for the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association as well as the Breeders' Cup. In lieu of flowers, Bob's family requests that memorial contributions be made to Turning for Home at P. O. Box 300, Bensalem, PA 19020. Condolences may be left in the guestbook at [www.kochfuneralhome.com](http://www.kochfuneralhome.com).



**Jose C. Guerrero** passed away on September 1, 2017 at the age of 76. "El Gran Concho" left his mark at Parx, with many of his children now horsemen in Pennsylvania racing. His children are **Jose Guadalupe Guerrero**, **Ambrocio Guerrero**, **Maria del Socorro Guerrero**, **Recugio Guerrero**, **Maria Concepcion Guerrero**, **Juan Carlos Guerrero**, **Jaime Guerrero**, **Silvia Guerrero**, **Luz Elena Guerrero-Bassoulo** and **Javier Guerrero**. Jose also was the proud grandfather of 27 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



# Around the Parx Oval



Photos: Nikki Sherman, Jane White, Jaime Arias, Kate DeMasi

**Do you have any photos or news to share?**

Send them over via email to [nsherman@patha.org](mailto:nsherman@patha.org) or share on our Facebook page!



## Chaplain's Corner

**Chaplain Rick Bunker**

**<sup>1</sup>“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.**

**<sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, <sup>3</sup>though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.” - Psalm 46:1-3 (NIV)**

In 2008, Matt Weinstein and his wife lost their entire life savings when Bernie Madoff's 'investments' were discovered to be a Ponzi scheme. Bernie Madoff had been the former chairman of the NASDAQ. He was a very trusted person, but when he got caught, tens of thousands of people who had trusted Madoff to invest their money lost it all. There were Madoff customers who had to take their mothers out of nursing homes because they couldn't afford it anymore. There was a 94-year-old man who took a job working as a box-boy in the supermarket. There were many people who were very bitter.

Matt says that he was, “numb... I had a huge amount of shame. You know, it was all-encompassing... I couldn't go to sleep without thinking about it. It was just overwhelming.” It was only by breaking through his isolation and connecting with other people that Matt was able to start the process of recovery.

Not long after Madoff's scheme was exposed, others who lost their savings in the scam got together one night for dinner. When they met, they went around and answered the question, “If you had to have done one thing different, what would it be?”

The first three people that spoke all said, “I would not change a thing. My heart is so open. I feel so connected to other people. I feel so connected to myself. I feel so present and alive right now, no amount of money could bring me to this place.”

**“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” - Romans 8:28 (NIV)**

There was a lot of anger. There was a lot of shame. One take-away was, “I don't have to be a perpetual victim. We will experience crisis in our lives. What matters is how I internalize this. One can believe that whatever happens, I can grow from it, I can learn from it, and I can get stronger from it.”

Epictetus taught that people are not disturbed by things, but rather, by the view they take of them. Pain and suffering doesn't come so much from what happens to us, but from the stories we tell ourselves about the consequences, the future, and what is going to happen as a result. Epictetus' famous quote is something like, “We cannot choose our external circumstances but we can always choose how we respond to them.” We can always choose how we react.

In a few weeks we Americans will celebrate Thanksgiving - that special holiday where celebrants choose to give thanks for the past year, and the promise of the year ahead. Thankfulness or gratitude is the most important quality in human life. It is the most important response, the most important reaction, which one can take. If one is not grateful he or she will almost surely think they are a victim; and a sense of victimhood is the single biggest reason people commit evil. Ingratitude is also a source of unhappiness. Gratitude is the indispensable element of happiness. In order to have these they must be practiced. God help us to count our blessings – Amen!

**Rev. Rick Bunker, Chaplain at Parx Racing**

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## Parx Horsemen Around the Nation

July 15 - **DELAWARE H. (G1)**  
Delaware Park, 1 1/4 miles  
2nd - MARTINI GLASS  
O: Vince Campanella &  
Nation's Racing Stable  
T: Keith Nations  
J: Jose Ferrer

July 22 - **POWER BY FAR S.**  
Parx Racing, 5f (T)  
2nd - FAT KAT  
O: LC Racing, Wake The  
Dame LLC & George  
Bennett  
T: Robert Reid, Jr.  
J: Edwin Rivera  
3rd - ZENSATIONAL MERRY  
O: Pewter Stable  
T: Kathleen DeMasi  
J: Anthony Salgado

August 19 - **LADY JACQUELINE S.**  
Thistledown, 1 1/8 miles  
2nd - MARTINI GLASS  
O: Vince Campanella &  
Nation's Racing Stable  
T: Keith Nations  
J: Jose Ferrer

August 27 - **ELEVEN NORTH H.**  
Monmouth Park, 6f  
2nd - LOVE CAME TO TOWN  
O: Kevin G. Sleeter  
T: Kevin Sleeter  
J: Edwin Rivera

September 2 - **BANJO PICKER SPRINT S.**  
Parx Racing, 6f  
1st - THE MAN  
O: Natalie J. Baffert &  
Bernard C. Schiappa  
T: John Servis  
J: Jorge Vargas, Jr.  
2nd - FAVORITE TALE  
O: PJG Stable  
T: Guadalupe Preciado  
J: Frankie Pennington  
3rd - YEAH ROCKY  
O: Freedom Racing LLC  
T: Dee Curry  
J: Luis Ocasio

September 2 - **DR. TERESA GAROFALO MEMORIAL S.**  
Parx Racing, 6f  
1st - GRAND PRIX  
O: HnR Nothhaft Horse  
Racing, LLC  
T: Gary Mandella  
J: Jose Ferrer  
2nd - MAMA JONES  
O: Someday Farm  
T: John Servis  
J: Jorge Vargas, Jr.

September 2 - **ROANOKE S.**  
Parx Racing, 1 1/16 miles  
3rd - GRASSHOPPIN  
O: Michael W. Jester  
T: Francisco Machado, Jr.  
J: Hector Caballero

September 2 - **MARSHALL JENNEY S.**  
Parx Racing, 5f  
1st - WINNING THE MEDAL  
O: R and L Racing  
T: Patricia Faro  
J: Emmanuel Esquivel  
3rd - SPARTIANOS  
O: Nick Sanna Stables LLC  
& Two Legends Farm  
T: Michael Pino  
J: Horacio Karamanos

September 2 - **MRS. PENNY S.**  
Parx Racing, 1 1/16 miles  
3rd - DISCO ROSE  
O: LC Racing  
T: Robert Reid, Jr.  
J: Edwin Rivera

September 4 - **DONALD LEVINE MEMORIAL S.**  
Parx Racing, 6f  
1st - IMPERIAL HINT  
O: Raymond Mamone  
T: Luis Carvajal, Jr.  
J: Javier Castellano

September 4 - **GREENWOOD CUP S. (G3)**  
Parx Racing, 1 1/2 miles  
3rd - LET ME GO FIRST  
O: Ratagues Racing  
Stables, Inc. &  
Joshtylane Farm  
T: John Servis  
J: Alex Cintron

September 23 - **ALPHABET SOUP S.**  
Parx Racing, 1 1/16 miles (T)  
2nd - BERN' JAMES BERN  
O: Vince Campanella  
T: Keith Nations  
J: Jorge Vargas, Jr.

October 8 - **JUDDMONTE SPINSTER S. (G1)**  
Keeneland, 1 1/8 miles  
2nd - MARTINI GLASS  
O: Vince Campanella &  
Nation's Racing Stable  
T: Keith Nations  
J: Paco Lopez

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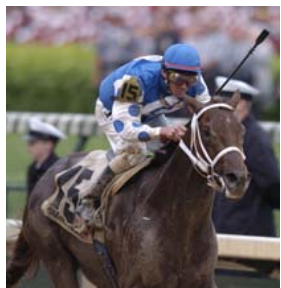
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