



# PTHA NEWS

Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association Newsletter  
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## Twists Abound on PA Derby & Cotillion Day

The 50<sup>th</sup> Cotillion Stakes, a Grade 1 event for \$1,000,000 is perennially one of the best three-year-old filly races of the year, and this year was no different. But there was a twist, as the phenomenal Monomoy Girl crossed under the wire a neck in front of Midnight Bisou, but was subsequently disqualified for interference.

"I was going straight as an arrow to stay in my path," said Midnight Bisou's rider Mike Smith. "But when (Monomoy Girl) chose to come over . . . I chose the outer route. There probably would not have been a DQ if (her jockey Florent Geroux) would have stayed straight at that point, but he came out again and we wound up in the eight or nine path. I never got a straight run and we got beat only a neck."

Monomoy Girl was the talk of the track as she looked to extend her winning streak to six on the year, including five  
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**Monomoy Girl (2) and Midnight Bisou (7) circle while waiting for the stewards' ruling on the stretch interference in the \$1 million Cotillion (G1).**

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**Mike Smith wins his second \$1 million Pennsylvania Derby (G1) in a row with McKinzie.**

## TFH Shines at Thoroughbred Makeover in KY



**Noble Road won the Team Show Hunter competition at the 2018 Thoroughbred Makeover.**

I am not nearly writer enough to possibly share the roller-coaster of emotions that were shared by so many of the trainers, owners, breeders, volunteers, family and friends of the competitors at the 6<sup>th</sup> Retired Racehorse Project's (RRP) Thoroughbred Makeover this month at the Kentucky Horse Park. Unlike any other horse show I have ever attended (and I have been to my fair share over the years), this one runs the gamut of heart-bursting joy while showcasing the incredible athleticism, adaptability and versatility of these racehorses that we love.

Why is this event so different? Well, owning a racehorse IS different, no matter the breed. Owning an ex-racehorse that comes with all the tradition and history (and sometimes WIN photos!!) of the Sport of Kings is exciting enough, but being challenged to act as an ambassador and show the world what an off-track Thoroughbred can accomplish in ten short months pushes this event into an entire other dimension.

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## *President's Message*

**Salvatore M. DeBunda, Esq.**

I am saddened to report that several friends of mine who were integral to the success of Pennsylvania racing have passed away. Carl Herbein was a longtime colleague and his Herbein + Company continues to work with the PTHA as its auditors. I will also miss Ronnie Houghton, whose Sylmar Farm has been the home of many of my broodmares over the years, and Ed Rudley, who I partnered with on several horses as well. They all left indelible marks on the industry and both in my personal and professional lives.

Pennsylvania Derby Day on September 22<sup>nd</sup> was a special and unique day for PA horse racing. The beautiful fall weather, coupled with two quality fields for the second consecutive year of two Grade 1 races for the top sophomore athletes in the country, led to the third-highest handle in Parx Racing history. The large crowd was treated to several incredibly unique moments. In the G3 Gallant Bob Stakes, onlookers were transported back in time to a moment similar to the famous 1980 photograph "The Savage", when winner Firenze Fire was suddenly "attacked" by second-place finisher Whereshetoldmetogo in the final strides. Then in the very next race, the sensational Monomoy Girl was disqualified from the \$1 million Cotillion Stakes for severely drifting out in the stretch on declared-winner Midnight Bisou. And finally, we were graced with the return of early KY Derby favorite McKinzie, who easily defeated a quality field in the \$1 million PA Derby.

The PA Derby attendance was also boosted by the PTHA's new marketing campaign, Let's Go Racing Parx, which has successfully led several strategies this year to promote our wonderful venue and sport.

On September 15<sup>th</sup>, we inducted a new class into the Parx Racing Hall of Fame. Congratulations to all of our new members, most of whom I know quite well: current PA Horse Racing Commissioner Russell Jones, former PA Governor Ed Rendell, trainer Richard Vega, equine surgeon Dr. Patty Hogan, and

the fantastic racehorse Page McKenney.

Speaking of excellent racehorses, our hometown horses have really been showing off in the lead-up to the Breeders' Cup next month. Last year's second place finisher in the Sprint has been nearly unbeatable in 2018, as Luis Carvajal, Jr.-trained Imperial Hint again captured a Grade 1 at Belmont Park—this time the Vosburgh Stakes. That very same day, at the very same track, Uriah St. Lewis's Discreet Lover nailed his first career Grade 1 in the Jockey Club Gold Cup Stakes, making him a solid contender for the Classic. And just one week later, John Servis's Jaywalk made her case for the Juvenile Fillies with a romp in the G1 Frizette Stakes—also at Belmont. Best of luck to these athletes as they head into the Breeders' Cup World Championships at Churchill Downs!

I am also proud of the success that our own Turning for Home saw down in Kentucky during the 2018 Thoroughbred Makeover event. Program Administrator Danielle Montgomery competed but also cheered her daughter Megan on to an exciting second-place finish in the barrel racing division, and Noble Road won the first-ever Team Competition for Show Hunter. In addition to those three, former Parx Racing Horse of the Year, Trouble Kid, returned to the limelight when he and adopter Melissa Murray competed in barrel racing, and twelve other Turning for Home graduates contested events including show jumping, field hunter, dressage, eventing, and even competitive trail!

However, while we celebrate the successes of the past year, we must remain vigilant going into the new year. 2019 will bring many challenges, but we are prepared to combat any obstacles that may arise. As always, we will remain a strong voice for all Pennsylvania horsemen.

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





## News from the THA: Pennsylvania Leads Way by Percentage Increase in Number of Live Foals

**The THA is the parent organization of the PTHA. The THA brings together the PTHA with other member organizations from DE, IL, MD, NJ and NY.**

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Pennsylvania is one of three states or provinces in the top 10 by number of live foals reported so far in 2018 that has shown an increase from 2017, according to The Jockey Club.

Overall, The Jockey Club said 1,778 stallions covered 34,288 mares in North America in 2017 based on information received through Sept. 26. The number of live foals reported—21,130—is about 90% of the total expected to be reported, the organization said.

The live foal projection for 2018 is 21,500. The number received so far this year is off by 2.3% from the same period in 2017. The Jockey Club so far has received 2,516 “no foal reports.”

The statistics show Pennsylvania has 373 reported live foals, which is up 29.1% from 289 last year. Of the top 10 jurisdictions by number of live foals, Pennsylvania has the highest increase from 2017, followed by Ontario at 24.7% (495 live foals) and New Mexico at 0.5% (372 live foals).

The remaining seven states showed decreases. Maryland had 483 reported live foals, down 3.4% from last year, while New York had 777 reported live foals, a decrease of 14.8% from 2017.

As usual, Kentucky led the way with 12,370 reported live foals, a drop of 0.2% from last year, but led all states and provinces with 58.5% of the total

reported live foals. The biggest decline (19.6%) in the top 10 came in Florida, which had 1,217 reported live foals.

The number of stallions declined 4.6% from the 1,863 reported for 2016 at this time last year, while the number of mares bred declined 4.9% from the 36,045 reported for 2016.

“It is important to note that the live foals reported in The Jockey Club breeding statistics are by conception area and do not represent the state in which a foal was born,” said Matt Iuliano, Executive Vice President and Executive Director of The Jockey Club. “Breeding statistics also are not a representation of a stallion’s fertility record.”

## TFH to Raffle Champion Halter Collections

The PTHA’s Turning for Home is raffling two Champion Thoroughbred racehorse halters worn by Songbird and Arrogate, on Breeders’ Cup Day Saturday, November 3, 2018 at 3 PM in the Parx Racing grandstand.

All proceeds will directly benefit the retiring racehorses of Turning for Home, which is based at Parx Racing. In 2016, Turning for Home raised \$7000.00 by auctioning the stud halter of Triple Crown winner American Pharoah, which helped to fund several surgeries for the program’s horses.

The Champion Halter Collection can be won for a \$10.00 donation per ticket, with two chances to win! The raffle is limited to 1,000 tickets and the halter is not for resale. Tickets can be purchased at the TFH Office, at our Merchandise tables at Parx Racing, or online at <https://patha.org/halter-raffle>.

The first ticket pulled will be for the Songbird Halter Collection that will include the worn Songbird halter with nameplate & certificate of authenticity, a replica Songbird

Cotillion Stakes saddle towel, a Songbird t-shirt, and an autographed Blood-Horse poster—all signed by jockey Mike Smith—and a framed 8” x 10” Songbird photo.

The second ticket pulled will be for the Arrogate Halter Collection, which includes the worn Arrogate halter with nameplate, certificate of authenticity and photo of Bob Baffert signing the certificate, an autographed & framed 8 x 10” Arrogate photo, a Juddmonte Farm hoodie and miscellaneous collectible magazines featuring Arrogate.



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## Dick Jerardi + Let's Go Racing Parx Present . . . Parx Day at Belmont Park

**Parx Racing Hall of Famer Dick Jerardi presents a new series dedicated to the hardworking people on our very own Parx backstretch. Below is just one of those articles; for more, check out [www.letsgoracingparx.com](http://www.letsgoracingparx.com), register for our digital mailing list on our website; and/or follow us on social media!**

A week after another memorable Pennsylvania Derby Day, two Parx horses were shipped to the western tip of Long Island and several hours later, returned with two Grade I wins, almost certainly unprecedented in the history of the racetrack, which goes back 4 1/2 decades.

There is a slight chance that sometime in the distant past, two horses have emerged from the Parx stable area and won Grade I races on the same day before, but if so, nobody remembers it. So September 29, 2018 will be marked as a day like no other—unless, of course, it happens again.

Imperial Hint, stabled in Barn 4, was the odds-on favorite to win the \$350,000 Vosburgh Stakes (G1). On the other hand, Discreet Lover, stabled in Barn 23, was 45-1 to win the \$750,000 Jockey Club Gold Cup (G1).

Imperial Hint ran right to his odds, gaining a clear lead early and winning with total ease in what amounted to a paid public workout. The little horse with the giant motor finished second in last year's Breeders' Cup Sprint and

will go to Churchill Downs this year as the Sprint favorite.

For two years, Imperial Hint has been nearly unbeatable at 6 furlongs, winning seven times with that one second-place finish in eight tries. The five-year-old, trained by Luis Carvajal, Jr., is a two-way horse with the early speed to overwhelm fields from the start or sit back and blow fields away with his mid-race acceleration.

The Vosburgh is a Breeders' Cup "Win and You're In" race, so owner Raymond Mamone will have all his fees paid as his little horse goes for the Sprint and the Eclipse Award as Champion Sprinter that would invariably go with a win.

Discreet Lover has to be the most unique horse in Parx history. Owner-trainer Uriah St. Lewis has been running the five-year-old in major stakes for three years now. He would finish third here, fourth there, picking up checks, inching closer and closer to \$1 million the hard way.

Making the 44<sup>th</sup> start of his career in the featured Jockey Club Gold Cup, Discreet Lover was once again ignored in the wagering. Nobody doubted that the horse would try, but to finish first, he would have to beat the winners of



Owner **Raymond Mamone** leads **Imperial Hint** down Victory Lane at Belmont Park.

Photo: Adam Coglianese

the \$10 million Dubai World Cup, the \$1.2 million Woodward Handicap and the \$2.5 million United Arab Emirates Derby. Those three horses, Thunder Snow, Diversify and Mendelssohn, had won a combined \$12.5 million.

So how was the horse from Parx, who was purchased for \$10,000, going to beat all of them?

Well, Discreet Lover was going to need a scorching, contested pace. He got both when Mendelssohn chased a flying Diversify through the first 6 furlongs (1:09.13) of the mile and a quarter race.

Even with that pace, Discreet Lover was going to have to deliver the rally of his career. Jockey Manny Franco was in perfect rhythm with his horse and Discreet Lover was relentless as the speed horses began to tire. In the end, he would have to get by World Cup winner Thunder Snow who had a dream trip behind the two dueling leaders. And "get by" is exactly what Discreet Lover did. It was close, but there was no doubt. Discreet Lover's

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**Discreet Lover** squeaks out the victory for his very first Grade 1 victory.

Photo: Elsa Lorieu | Coglianese Photos



## 2018 Hall of Fame Day

*On Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, Parx Racing and the PTHA inducted five 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>.*

### TRAINER



#### RICHARD VEGA

STARTS	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
5,934	1,043	943	775	\$17,308,568*

\* stats through 8/28/18

Richard Vega immigrated from Cuba in 1980 and learned about horses from the ground up, beginning as a hotwalker in Florida. He then became an assistant to Calder-based trainer Al Hinson and moved to Philadelphia in 1984. Vega has been a staple in the trainer's standings at Philadelphia Park/Parx Racing since taking out his trainer's license in 1992. Vega earned Philadelphia Park's Leading Trainer title with 90 victories in 1998, and captured 107 races nationally while earning over \$1.3 million.

One of his best trainees was Stud El Aguila's Dulce Realidad, who was crowned Philadelphia Park's Horse of the Year and Champion Three-Year-Old Filly in 2008. The Sweetsouthernsaint filly won four of five starts that year, including the \$75,000 Trevoise Stakes and \$200,000 Jostle Stakes.

In 1999, Vega trained Open Ice Hit to the Claiming Horse of the Year title at Philadelphia Park. His leading money-earner, who he also co-owned, was a \$7,500 claim named At First Speight, who earned over \$360,000 during a 44-race career. Vega also trained multiple stakes winner Princess Cecilia.

### HORSE



#### PAGE MCKENNEY

**Eavesdropper -- Winning Grace by Yarrow Brae**

STARTS	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
58	22	16	5	\$1,905,940

OWNER: Adam Staple & Jalin Stable

TRAINER: Mary E. Eppler

BREEDER: Dr. James E. Bryant & Linda P. Davis

One of the most consistent PA-Breds of all time was none other than the recently-retired warhorse Page McKenney. The lanky chestnut gelding took 13 starts to finally break his maiden, but once he got over that hump he turned into a monster. The multiple Grade 3 winner earned just shy of \$2 million over a six-year career while capturing 15 stakes. Four of those - the First Responder Stakes, Lyman Stakes, PA Derby Champion Stakes and Roanoke Stakes - occurred right here at Parx Racing. Page McKenney was also crowned Parx Racing's Champion Older Male in 2014.

## SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT



**DR. PATRICIA M. HOGAN, VMD**  
Equine Surgeon

Dr. Patty Hogan has turned a lifetime of love for horses into a successful career as an equine surgeon attending to some of the most valuable Thoroughbred racehorses in the country. She is originally from New Jersey and obtained her veterinary education at the University of Pennsylvania in 1992.

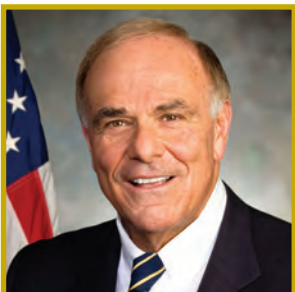
Dr. Hogan is the rare type of equine surgeon who is equally proficient in both orthopedic and soft tissue surgery disciplines. The majority of her patients are referred for fracture repair, arthroscopy, or upper airway surgery. Although the bulk of her caseload consists of both Thoroughbred and Standardbred racehorses, some of her most memorable patients have never set foot on a racetrack and are just as valuable. Dr. Hogan has been instrumental in the success of the PTHA's Turning for Home, Inc., performing many surgeries and consultations on retiring racehorses and thus allowing them to have the opportunity at a second career.



**RUSSELL B. JONES, JR.**  
PA Horse Racing Commissioner

Russell B. Jones is a lifelong horseman and former owner of Walnut Green, the well-known Pennsylvania-based purchasing and sales consignment company he co-founded in the 1970s with his brother Richard. Under the leadership of Russell and his brother, Walnut Green grew to become one of the largest sales agencies outside of central Kentucky, and Russell became one of the most recognizable names in the sales market. The brothers sold Walnut Green 10 years ago, and although Russell moved on to semi-retirement, he remains as busy as ever. Russell Jones is now in business for himself, as a pinhooker. He buys mares, breeds them, and then sells the mares in foal the following winter. This year, he has 13 mares going to the sales.

Russell's expertise led to his appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Horse Racing Commission where he is currently serving his second term. Russell is an avid foxhunter. At age 83 he still rides for much of the year, and keeps his foxhunters on his own farm in Kennett Square, Chester County, Pennsylvania.



**EDWARD G. RENDELL**  
Former Pennsylvania Governor

The Honorable Edward G. Rendell served as the 45th Governor of Pennsylvania from 2003 to 2011. A fan of horse racing, Governor Ed Rendell championed the legalization of slots gaming in Pennsylvania as a means to help reinvigorate that state's racing and breeding industry.

In 2004, Rendell signed into law Act 71, the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act. In the months leading up to the legislature's approval of the law, Rendell worked closely with racing industry leaders. He was instrumental in negotiating an agreement with casino operators to allocate a portion of their gross terminal revenues from slot machines to the Race Horse Development Fund (RHDF). Under the legislation, those funds were dedicated to enhance live racing purses, to provide incentives for breeders and owners of Pennsylvania-Bred horses, and to provide pension and health benefits to eligible Pennsylvania horsemen.

Act 71 has been widely credited with rejuvenating Pennsylvania's horse racing and breeding industry. Thanks to the legislation championed by former Governor Rendell, two new racetracks were constructed in Pennsylvania – Presque Isle Downs and Harrah's Philadelphia – while existing racetracks have invested more than \$72 million in backstretch improvements. Purses earned have increased from \$62 million in 2006 to more than \$196 million in 2017, while the number of live races held annually have increased by more than 25 percent. Today, the Pennsylvania horse racing industry delivers an annual economic impact of more than \$1.6 billion, employs over 20,000 individuals, and is responsible for the preservation of well over 100,000 acres of open space.





## Coming Full Circle: Makeover Edition

### Thoughts from Program Administrator Danielle Montgomery

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Ten different disciplines, showcased under the most inexperienced riders up to the most renowned horsemen in the world, in such a short amount of time, give an impressive testament to the Thoroughbred breeding industry and the correct, intelligent, well-prepared horses they are sharing with the world.

Competitors spent countless hours choosing, training, and nursing their mounts along the path to achieve the title of America's Most Wanted Thoroughbred. Stories abound of the trials and victories along the way to the Makeover. Over 900 early entries led to under 500 actual competitors, and even in our TFH program, over thirty horses adopted for the Makeover in January resulted in just 16 contestants, but they all made us proud. Six of them placed in the top 20, with PA-Bred B K's Angus earning the Turning for Home Award, and Noble Road winning the Show Hunters in the very first Team Competition where he was ridden by students from Southern NJ Equestrian at Chester Croft.

Trainer Michael Moore had two former charges compete: After the Gold Rush and Maximus Meridius in Show Jumping, Dressage and Competitive Trail.

Dressage is a great starting point

in the retraining of our horses, and TFH Partner Farm Phoenix Equine Services did a great job rehabilitating Hawkins from a bowed tendon to place 13<sup>th</sup> of 113 Dressage entries.

Jumping H Farm also has an excellent track record of bringing along seriously bowed horses, such as North Carolina Eventing Champion Centrifical Force, and again they proved their rehabilitation program's effectiveness with a great showing of the double-bowed Truffled.

PA-Bred Bubblegum Tree showed in the Dressage division under Kate Goldenberg, as did Guyana in Motion with Rae Lallier and stakes winner Morning Fire, who also finished an impressive 14<sup>th</sup> with Cherie Gaebel.

Eventing is comprised of a combination of show jumping, dressage and cross country, and five TFH horses completed that challenge, including Holy Bullex, Indian Song and Turning the Table.

Prince of Ocala finished sixteenth in the Show Hunter category, and could have been voted "Best Personality"!

Trouble Kid may not have gone as fast around the barrels as he did



**Little Red Rodeo and Megan Montgomery (3rd from right)** follow the hounds on the mock hunt.

around the racing oval when he won Parx Racing Horse of the Year, but he has totally won adopter Melissa Murray's heart, and may be the truest representative for what the Makeover stands for.

Girl Crush and Little Red Rodeo competed for Team Montgomery. As proud as I was of all the TFH horses and the advances in aftercare that they represented, watching my daughter Meg and Little Red Rodeo vie for the win in Barrel Racing, and then tackle the hounds and challenging obstacles in field hunters brings together all that we are trying to prove with the Makeover. Even junior and amateur riders can train these versatile horses to do any second career that they want. Whether they make it at the racetrack or not, these are sporthorses that not only excel in any discipline, they are *America's Most Wanted* horses for any discipline.



# TURNING FOR HOME HORSES COMPETING AT THE THOROUGHBRED MAKEOVER

Racing Name	Rider	Partner Farm	Discipline(s)	Racing Trainer	Racing Owner
<b>After the Gold Rush (KY)</b> 0 wins, \$21,244	Jessie Hartford	Black Oak Farm	Dressage - 75 <sup>th</sup> of 113 Show Jumper - 83 <sup>rd</sup> of 96	Michael M. Moore	Martin P. Shaw
<b>B K's Angus (PA)</b> 1 win, \$30,568	Lauren Lindsay	Full Gallop Farm	Eventing - 13 <sup>th</sup> of 95 Dressage - 45 <sup>th</sup> of 113	Patricia Farro	Briter Stable, Nich Sanfratello & Elizabeth A. Young
<b>Bubblegum Tree (PA)</b> 4 wins, \$101,000	Kate Goldenberg	Safe Haven Equine	Dressage - 96 <sup>th</sup> of 113	Marten Woodhouse	Lauren Horan
<b>Girl Crush (KY)</b> 0 wins, \$1,330	Danielle Montgomery	Turning for Home	Barrel Racing - 16 <sup>th</sup> of 28 Comp. Trail - 39 <sup>th</sup> of 62	Philip T. Aristone	Anthony J. Merlino
<b>Guyana in Motion (FL)</b> 0 wins, \$4,3010	Rachael Lallier	McCaulley Equine	Show Hunter - 44 <sup>th</sup> of 126 Dressage - 60 <sup>th</sup> of 113	Uriah St. Lewis	Guyana Rocky LLC
<b>Hawkins (KY)</b> 0 wins, \$4,320	Jessica Werner	Phoenix Equine Services	Dressage - 13 <sup>th</sup> of 113 Eventing - 38 <sup>th</sup> of 95	Marcos Zulueta	Albert R. Lupcho, Jr.
<b>Holy Bullex (IL)</b> 4 wins, \$52,247	Julia Jesu	Black Oak Farm	Show Jumper - 49 <sup>th</sup> of 96 Eventing - 91 <sup>st</sup> of 95	Dave Pinkey	Kasey K Racing Stable
<b>Indian Song (IN)</b> 1 win, \$25,550	Mary Roby	Parthenon Stable	Eventing - 84 <sup>th</sup> of 95 Show Hunter - 84 <sup>th</sup> of 126	Keith Nations	Stony Brook Stables LLC
<b>Little Red Rodeo (PA)</b> Unraced	Megan Montgomery	Turning for Home	Barrel Racing - 2 <sup>nd</sup> of 28 Field Hunter - 36 <sup>th</sup> of 46	Ney Pessanha	HPI Stable, Inc.
<b>Maximus Meridius (PA)</b> 3 wins, \$145,378	Melissa Smith	McCaulley Equine	Comp. Trail - 41 <sup>st</sup> of 62 Show Jumper - 90 <sup>th</sup> of 96	Michael M. Moore	Top Notch Racing Stable
<b>Morning Fire (PA)</b> 4 wins, \$264,638	Cherie Gaebel	Sedgemere Farm	Show Jumper - 14 <sup>th</sup> of 96 Dressage - 41 <sup>st</sup> of 113	Keith Nations	Mercedes Stables LLC
<b>Noble Road (PA)</b> 0 wins, \$139,755	TEAM COMPETITION	McCaulley Equine	Show Hunter - 1 <sup>st</sup> of 9 Show Jumper - 3 <sup>rd</sup> of 6	Marcos Zulueta	Morris E. Kernan, Jr. & M-Z Racing Partnership
<b>Prince of Ocala (KY)</b> 0 wins, \$2,054	Katy Hanlon	Fox Run Farm	Show Hunter - 16 <sup>th</sup> of 126 Show Jumper - 86 <sup>th</sup> of 96	Mertkan Kantarmaci	Kantarmaci Racing LLC
<b>Trouble Kid (KY)</b> 6 wins, \$535,478	Melissa Murray	Black Oak Farm	Barrel Racing - 25 <sup>th</sup> of 28	Juan Carlos Guerrero	Barbara Hopkins
<b>Truffled (CA)</b> 0 wins, \$2,540	Nicole Huttar	Jumping H Farm	Show Hunter - 83 <sup>rd</sup> of 126 Dressage - 85 <sup>th</sup> of 113	Louis C. Linder, Jr.	Over The Moon Racing
<b>Turning the Table (PA)</b> 4 wins, \$45,786	Meg Bowers	Full Gallop Farm	Eventing - 87 <sup>th</sup> of 95	Harold Wyner	Gavin-Ty Racing LLC

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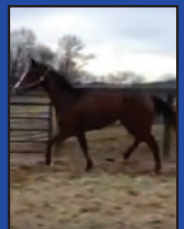
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# Parx Racing Roundup



Photos: Nikki Sherman

**You're to Blame** and **Paco Lopez** hold off **War Story** to capture the **\$200,000 Greenwood Cup (G3)**.

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

You're to Blame finally notched his first career stakes victory in the \$200,000 Greenwood Cup (G3) on Labor Day at Parx Racing. The handsome bay son of Distorted Humor had a beautiful trip over the 1 1/2 mile dirt marathon, pressing the pace set by multi-millionaire War Story. In deep stretch, jockey Paco Lopez switched his stick and You're to Blame responded perfectly, taking the lead and slowly inching away to win by a neck. The colt is trained by Todd Pletcher for Bortolazzo Stable LLC and was bred in Kentucky by Bryant H. Prentice, III.

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

Pure Sensation returned to Bensalem on September 3rd with his trainer Christophe Clement determined to rebound from the gelding's first-ever Parx turf loss in the July 7th Parx Dash Stakes. The millionaire was also the two-time defending champion of the Grade 3 Turf Monster Stakes. Pure Sensation did not disappoint, battling for the lead right from the break with Smiling Causeway and Parx Dash winner Vision Perfect, then sneakily sliding through on the rail to nab the victory by a neck. Kendrick Carmouche returned to ride Pure Sensation, who is a homebred for Patricia A. Generazio.



**Kendrick Carmouche** celebrates aboard **Pure Sensation**.



**Liz's Cable Girl (7)** wins the **Roamin Rachel Stakes** over **Jessica Krupnick (3)**.

## \$100,000 ROAMIN RACHEL STAKES

It took several 2018 starts for Liz's Cable Girl to live up to her full potential, but once she got started, she has been unstoppable. The dark bay daughter of Cable Boy has rolled to four straight victories since an allowance score at Monmouth Park on August 11th, including the Eleven North Handicap for New Jersey-Breds and the \$100,000 Roamin Rachel Stakes at Parx Racing on September 15th for trainer Patrick McBurney and owner Lisbeth Dodd. She defeated Jessica Krupnick, who was declared the overall winner by point value of the reinvented 2018 MATCH Series.

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

Slam Dunk Racing's Axelrod went widest of all in the \$300,000 Smarty Jones Stakes (G3), but that didn't matter one iota to the talented young colt by Warrior's Reward as he drew off in deep stretch to win handily by four lengths. Trained in California by Michael McCarthy, Axelrod won the local prep for the G1 Pennsylvania Derby with ease under the guidance of rider Joe Bravo.

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**Axelrod** captures the **Smarty Jones S. (G3)**.



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# PA Breeders Cash in at Parx



Pennsylvania's Day at the Races on the first day of September was the very first \$1 million day strictly for PA-Breds in the history of the state.

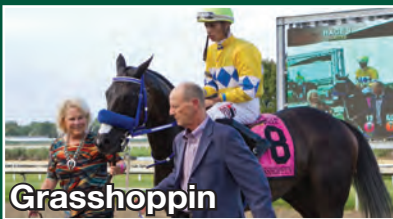
In the first of five stakes events, **Zipper's Hero** walloped a field of five fillies & mares in the \$120,000 Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial Stakes. The dark bay daughter of Partner's Hero not only notched her first career stakes victory; it was also the first stakes win for owner Mario Mangini and apprentice rider Johan Rosado. The win also propelled trainer Edward Coletti, Jr. over the \$1 million earnings mark for the year for the first time in his training career.



Bad weather led to the \$100,000 Mrs. Penny Stakes being taken off the turf, which was exactly what the 2016 PA-Bred Two-Year-Old Champion Filly needed after a frustrating sophomore season last year. **Rose Tree** stalked the early pace before determinedly holding off the very tough mare **ImPLY**, capturing the victory for owner Buttonwood Farm. The Harlan's Holiday filly was ridden by Andrew Wolfson for trainer Jonathan Sheppard.



Defending champion **The Man** finally captured his first stakes win of the year in the \$100,000 Banjo Picker Stakes. The Man was unstoppable last season, but has been facing more difficult competition in 2018, though he does boast three wins from six starts this year. Regular rider Jorge Vargas, Jr. piloted The Man to victory for trainer John Servis and owner Natalie J. Baffert.



It took three tries, but **Grasshoppin** finally captured the \$100,000 Roanoke Stakes by two emphatic lengths under the guidance of Edwin Rivera. In his first try three years ago, the handsome dark bay Cat Thief gelding was defeated by two nostrils, while last year he also finished third in the Roanoke. This year he finally got the job done, drawing off in the stretch. Claudio Gonzalez trains Grasshoppin for owner/breeder Michael W. Jester.



The \$120,000 Power By Far Stakes was also moved to the main track for the final stakes event of the afternoon. John Phillip and Rebecca Taylor's homebred filly **She's Chubs** took full advantage of the surface change, and easily captured her first career stakes victory. The five-year-old daughter of Albert the Great was ridden by Roberto Rosado for Parx Hall of Fame ttrainer Scott Lake.



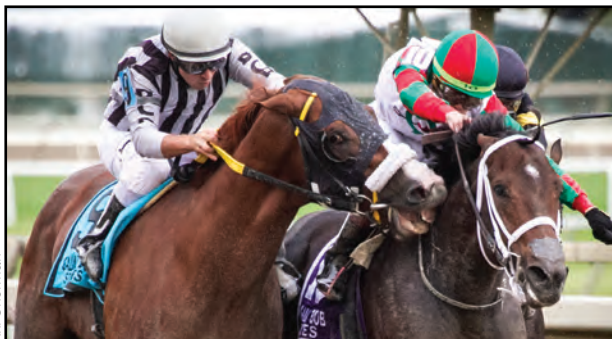
The first stakes event on Pennsylvania Derby Day was "made" for trainer Michael Maker, who shipped in two excellent PA-Breds and finished 1-2. Former 2017 Kentucky Derby competitor **Fast and Accurate** held off stablemate Bern' James Bern to capture the \$100,000 Alphabet Soup Stakes. The son of Hansen was ridden by Jose Ortiz for owner Kendall E. Hansen.



Five-year-old **ImPLY** captured the \$100,000 Plum Pretty Stakes on October 6, drawing away by four lengths under an easy ride by Julio Hernandez. Trained by T. Bernard Houghton at Penn National Race Course, ImPLY is a homebred for the formidable Barlar, LLC.



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



Photos: Nikki Sherman

**Whereshetoldmetogo savages Firenze Fire in the \$300,000 Gallant Bob Stakes (G3).**

Everyone present in the Parx Racing grandstand will forever remember the 2018 Gallant Bob Stakes (G3), held on the undercard of Pennsylvania Derby Day on September 22. In a surreal yet historic moment, second-place finisher Whereshetoldmetogo suddenly reached out and tried to “savage” winner Firenze Fire. Luckily, the latter continued straight and true, going on to win by a neck. Ridden by Irad Ortiz, Jr., Firenze Fire earned the victory for owner Mr. Amore Stable and trainer Jason Servis.

## \$150,000 PA DERBY CHAMPION STAKES

Aztec Sense has been a monster in 2018 since arriving in the barn of trainer Jorge Navarro, capturing seven victories in as many starts and earning nearly \$300,000 for owner Joseph E. Besecker. His wins include romps in the Turning for Home Stakes in June, the Salvatore M. DeBunda PTHA President’s Cup Stakes in August and most recently, the PA Derby Champion Stakes. In the latter score, Aztec Sense was ridden by Emisael Jaramillo, who also rode the gelded son of Street Sense to victory in his first start of the year at Gulfstream Park.



**Joseph Besecker and Paco Lopez celebrate after the \$150,000 PA Derby Champion Stakes aboard Aztec Sense.**

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# Cotillion

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McKinzie trains at Parx.



D. Wayne Lukas & Bravazo.

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consecutive Grade 1s. But that just wasn't meant to be, and so Midnight Bisou was able to capture her second career Grade 1 victory for owners Bloom Racing Stable, Madaket Stables LLC and Allen Racing LLC.

"We thought she came in here really fresh and on her game," said Scott Blasi, assistant for trainer Steve Asmussen. "It's tough to win like this, lose like that. We've all been there. That being said, she deserved to win the race."



Big crowds came out on Derby Day and packed the rail to cheer on their favorite horses.

Midnight Bisou was the second choice in the Cotillion behind favored Monomoy Girl. Canadian invader and supermare Wonder Gadot finished third. The final time for the race was 1:45.95.

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The 39<sup>th</sup> \$1,000,000 Pennsylvania Derby (G1) marked the return of Bob Baffert trainee McKinzie, who was the early Kentucky Derby favorite this year before an injury forced him to the sidelines. Luckily for Baffert, he had Triple Crown winner Justify waiting in the wings. Now that Justify is retired, it was time for McKinzie to really



McKinzie in the winner's circle.



Some of the big name jockeys came out to sign autographs benefiting the **Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund & Turning for Home**, drawing many fans to the table by the paddock.



The Pennsylvania Derby trophy presentation.



McKinzie's owners lead him into the winner's circle.



McKinzie.

Photos: Nikki Sherman





shine. And boy was he ready to go in the PA Derby, as the son of Street Sense coasted to an easy 1 3/4-length victory, giving Mike Smith a Grade 1 double on the day.

“If anything can be taken away from the sting of a Triple Crown horse retiring, it’s a horse like this,” Smith said. “He is an incredible horse. Really, really proud of him. Bob had him ready. To come off the bench at a mile and an eighth, Bob is just a tremendous trainer.”

From his home base in California, Baffert added, “He had been training really well. I always felt like he was the best three-year-old and then he got hurt and Justify picked it up. He has come back with the time off and has responded really well. It was good to see him get back in the game. It was a pretty tall order to go 1 1/8 miles off that kind of layoff, but you can do it with good horses. If you had asked me on January 1, I would have told you we were going to win the Kentucky Derby with (McKinzie).”

This year’s Pennsylvania Derby marked the second consecutive year that Baffert and Smith teamed up for the win. Last year, the duo paired up with West Coast, who would go on to finish third in the Breeders’ Cup Classic. McKinzie looks to follow the same route this November at Churchill Downs in Kentucky.



**Monomoy Girl (2)** drifts out on **Midnight Bisou** in the **Grade 1 Cotillion Stakes**, resulting in a DQ.



**Mike Smith** celebrates his **Cotillion** victory.



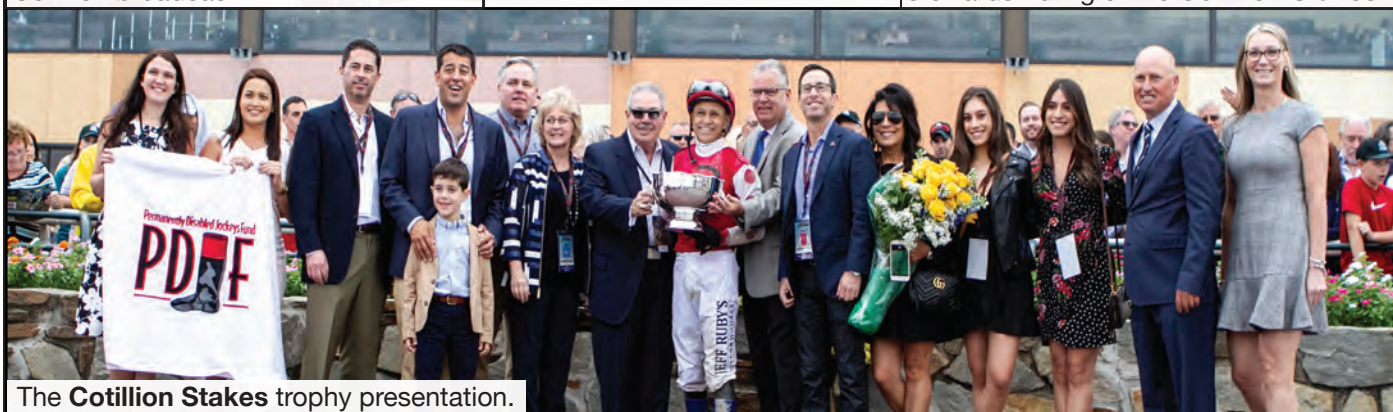
**Laffit Pincay, III** and **Dick Jerardi** led the team for the PA Derby & Cotillion broadcast.



The **Cotillion** winner’s circle.



Trainer **Brad Cox** talks to the owners of **Monomoy Girl** as they await the stewards’ ruling of the **Cotillion Stakes**.

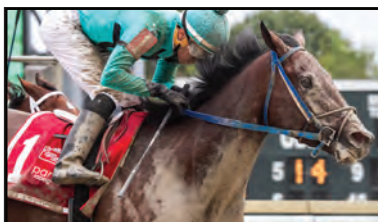


The **Cotillion Stakes** trophy presentation.





On every Owners Appreciation Day, the PTHA celebrates the owners of horses at Parx Racing, and the 10<sup>th</sup> edition held on Saturday, September 8<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 buffet luncheon. The day was highlighted by the \$182,000 Dr. James Penny Memorial Handicap, and also an exciting first career training victory for Kimberly Christman!



### **Tears and Roses**

**Owner:** The Hakim's Stable LLC  
**Trainer:** Richard Vega



### **Savannah's Dream**

**Owner:** Kimberly Christman & Cecilia Evans  
**Trainer:** Kimberly Christman



### **Silver Excess**

**Owner:** Larry Rebbecchi  
**Trainer:** Penny Pearce



### **Recalibrating**

**Owner:** Steve Klesaris  
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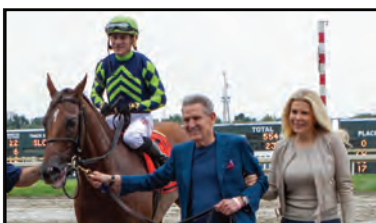
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# Parx Horsemen Around the Nation

## July 7 - **SUBURBAN S. (G2)**

Belmont Park, 1 1/4 miles  
3rd - DISCREET LOVER  
O: Uriah St. Lewis  
T: Uriah St. Lewis  
J: Manuel Franco

## July 7 - **LONG BRANCH S.**

Monmouth Park, 1 1/16 miles  
1st - NAVY COMMANDER  
O: Swilcan Stables  
T: Robert Reid, Jr.  
J: Angel Arroyo

## July 8 - **VICTORY RIDE S. (G3)**

Belmont Park, 6 1/2 furlongs  
1st - DIXIE SERENADE  
O: Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC  
T: Edward Coletti, Jr.  
J: Mychel Sanchez

## July 14 - **HOCKESSIN S.**

Delaware Park, 6 furlongs  
1st - ALWAYS SUNSHINE  
O: Stonehedge LLC  
T: Edward Allard  
J: Frankie Pennington  
3rd - THE MAN  
O: Natalie J. Baffert  
T: John Servis  
J: Jorge Vargas, Jr.

## July 21 - **CROWD PLEASER S.**

Parx Racing, 1 1/16 miles (T)  
1st - SWEET BYE AND BYE  
O: Briardale Stable  
T: Steve Klesaris  
J: Carol Cedeno  
2nd - SMOOTH B  
O: LC Racing  
T: Robert Reid, Jr.  
J: Angel Arroyo  
3rd - WAIT FOR IT  
O: Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC  
T: Edward Coletti, Jr.  
J: Mychel Sanchez

## July 21 - **MARSHALL JENNEY S.**

Parx Racing, 5 furlongs (T)  
1st - FIELDER  
O: Waldorf Racing Stables LLC  
T: Marya Montoya  
J: Mychel Sanchez  
2nd - SPARTIANOS  
O: Nick Sanna Stables LLC & Two Legends Farm  
T: Michael Pino  
J: Dexter Haddock  
3rd - HOLLYWOOD TALENT  
O: Ten Strike Racing  
T: Juan Guerrero  
J: Luis Ocasio

## July 28 - **ALFRED G. VANDERBILT H. (G1)**

Saratoga, 6 furlongs  
1st - IMPERIAL HINT  
O: Raymond Mamone  
T: Luis Carvajal, Jr.  
J: Javier Castellano

## July 29 - **MONMOUTH CUP S. (G3)**

Monmouth Park, 1 1/8 miles  
2nd - ZANOTTI  
O: Ten Strike Racing  
T: Juan Guerrero  
J: Jorge Vargas, Jr.

## Aug. 4 - **WHITNEY S. (G1)**

Saratoga, 1 1/8 miles  
3rd - DISCREET LOVER  
O: Uriah St. Lewis  
T: Uriah St. Lewis  
J: Manuel Franco

## Aug. 4 - **JOSE L. FLORES MEMORIAL S.**

Parx Racing, 6 1/2 furlongs  
2nd - DIXIE SERENADE  
O: Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC  
T: Edward Coletti, Jr.  
J: Mychel Sanchez  
3rd - SWEET CANDY DANCE  
O: Happy Tenth Stable  
T: Alfredo Velazquez  
J: Jomar Garcia

## Aug. 4 - **ROBELLINO S.**

Penn National, 1 1/16 miles  
1st - SOMEDAY JONES  
O: Main Line Racing Stable & Alexandria Stable  
T: John Servis  
J: Frankie Pennington

## Aug. 10 - **TALE OF THE CAT S.**

Saratoga, 6 furlongs  
1st - ALWAYS SUNSHINE  
O: Stonehedge LLC  
T: Edward Allard  
J: Frankie Pennington

## Aug. 22 - **WHITE CLAY CREEK S.**

Delaware Park, 5 1/2 furlongs  
1st - JAYWALK  
O: D. J. Stable LLC & Cash Is King LLC  
T: John Servis  
J: Joshua Navarro  
3rd - GROUP TEXT  
O: Main Line Racing Stable & Joshtylane Farm  
T: John Servis  
J: Frankie Pennington

## Aug. 25 - **SMARTY JONES S. (G3)**

Parx Racing, 1 1/16 miles  
2nd - DIAMOND KING  
O: Cash Is King LLC & LC Racing LLC  
T: John Servis  
J: Frankie Pennington  
3rd - FIRST MONDAYS  
O: Glenangus Farm LLC  
T: John Servis  
J: Joshua Navarro

## Aug. 25 - **SALVATORE M. DEBUNDA PTHA PRESIDENT'S CUP S.**

Parx Racing, 1 1/8 miles  
3rd - G ZAP  
O: Cash Is King LLC  
T: Robert Reid, Jr.  
J: Frankie Pennington

## Aug. 26 - **NEW JERSEY BREEDERS H.**

Monmouth Park, 6 furlongs  
3rd - I AM THE MAN  
O: C and R Horse Farm  
T: Juan Serey  
J: Luis Fuentes

## Aug. 26 - **ELEVEN NORTH H.**

Monmouth Park, 6 furlongs  
3rd - LOVE CAME TO TOWN  
O: Gerald F. Sleeter  
T: Kevin Sleeter  
J: Trevor McCarthy



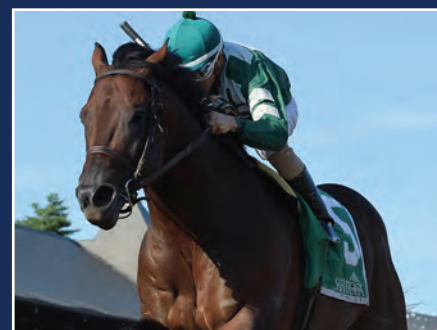
**Imperial Hint captures the Vosburgh Stakes (G1).**

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**Dixie Serenade shocks the bettors in the Victory Ride Stakes (G3).**

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**Always Sunshine wins the Tale of the Cat Stakes at Saratoga.**

Photo: Adam Coglianese



**Order and Law wins the Laurel Futurity.**

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Sept. 1 - **RED BANK S. (G3)**

Monmouth Park, 1 mile (T)

2nd - ABIDING STAR

O: Stonehedge LLC

T: Edward Allard

J: Paco Lopez

Sept. 1 - **DR. TERESA GAROFALO MEMORIAL S.**

Parx Racing, 6 furlongs

1st - ZIPPER'S HERO

O: Mario O. Mangini

T: Edward Coletti, Jr.

J: Johan Rosado

2nd - RISQUE'S DIAMOND

O: Club Risque Stable

T: Randy Allen

J: Frankie Pennington

Sept. 1 - **MRS. PENNY S.**

Parx Racing, 1 1/16 miles

3rd - MISS AVALON

O: S. M. D., Ltd.

T: John Servis

J: Frankie Pennington

Sept. 1 - **BANJO PICKER SPRINT S.**

Parx Racing, 6 furlongs

1st - THE MAN

O: Natalie J. Baffert

T: John Servis

J: Jorge Vargas, Jr.

2nd - POP KEENAN

O: Cash Is King LLC

T: John Servis

J: Frankie Pennington

3rd - MIDTOWNCHARLYBROWN

O: Uptowncharlybrown

Stud LLC

T: Edward Coletti, Jr.

J: Mychel Sanchez

Sept. 1 - **ROANOKE S.**

Parx Racing, 1 1/16 miles

3rd - RUBY BLEU

O: Top Notch Racing

T: Joseph Taylor

J: Angel Rodriguez

Sept. 1 - **POWER BY FAR S.**

Parx Racing, 5 furlongs

1st - SHE'S CHUBS

O: John Phillip &

Rebecca Taylor

T: Scott Lake

J: Roberto Rosado

2nd - CHARLYBROWN'S ROSE

O: Uptowncharlybrown

Stud LLC

T: Edward Coletti, Jr.

J: Johan Rosado

3rd - PINK PRINCESS

O: Top Notch Racing

T: Michael Moore

J: Abel Mariano

Sept. 2 - **MARK MCDERMOTT S.**

Presque Isle Downs, 6 furlongs

3rd - JUMP FOR ALEX

O: Edward H. Stone

T: Guadalupe Preciado

J: Antonio Gallardo

Sept. 22 - **LAUREL DASH S.**

Laurel Park, 6 furlongs (T)

2nd - DUBINI

O: Pewter Stable

T: Kathleen DeMasi

J: Daniel Centeno

3rd - FIELDER

O: Waldorf Racing

Stables LLC

T: Marya Montoya

J: Julian Pimentel



**Manny Franco celebrates aboard Discreet Lover after winning the Jockey Club Gold Cup (G1).**

Photo: Taylor Elyds | Coglianese Photos

Sept. 16 - **MRS. HENRY D. PAXSON MEMORIAL S.**

Presque Isle Downs, 6 furlongs

2nd - AMANDASROMEO

O: Hope Racing Stable

T: Guadalupe Preciado

J: Florent Geroux

Sept. 16 - **PRESQUE ISLE MILE S.**

Presque Isle Downs, 1 mile

2nd - GHOST HUNTER

O: Triple K Stables &

Jagger Inc.

T: Jamie Ness

J: Antonio Gallardo

Sept. 22 - **PA DERBY CHAMPION S.**

Parx Racing, 1 1/16 miles

2nd - ZANOTTI

O: Ten Strike Racing

T: Juan Guerrero

J: Angel Arroyo

Sept. 22 - **LAUREL FUTURITY**

Laurel Park, 6 furlongs (T)

1st - ORDER AND LAW

O: Bran Jam Stable &

David W. Clark

T: Louis Linder, Jr.

J: Feargal Lynch

Sept. 22 - **SELIMA S.**

Laurel Park, 6 furlongs (T)

2nd - SHOOBIEDOOBYDOO

O: James Morrissey, III

T: John Servis

J: Feargal Lynch

Sept. 29 - **JOCKEY CLUB GOLD CUP S. (G1)**

Belmont Park, 1 1/4 miles

1st - DISCREET LOVER

O: Uriah St. Lewis

T: Uriah St. Lewis

J: Manuel Franco

Sept. 29 - **VOSBURGH S. (G1)**

Belmont Park, 6 furlongs

1st - IMPERIAL HINT

O: Raymond Mamone

T: Luis Carvajal, Jr.

J: Javier Castellano

Sept. 29 - **NEW CASTLE S.**

Delaware Park, 6 furlongs

2nd - BUBBA'S WILL

O: V/R Racing LLC

T: Philip Aristone

J: Angel Suarez

Sept. 29 - **ALL BRANDY S.**

Laurel Park, 1 mile

3rd - SAINT MAIN EVENT

O: Daniel McConnell

T: John Servis

J: Joe Bravo

Sept. 30 - **OKLAHOMA DERBY (G3)**

Remington Park, 1 1/8 miles

3rd - DIAMOND KING

O: Cash Is King LLC,

D. J. Stable LLC

& LC Racing LLC

T: John Servis

J: Frankie Pennington

Sept. 30 - **DAVID M. VANCE S.**

Remington Park, 6 furlongs

3rd - POP KEENAN

O: Charles J. Zacney

T: John Servis

J: Frankie Pennington

Oct. 7 - **FRIZETTE S. (G1)**

Belmont Park, 1 mile

1st - JAYWALK

O: Leonard C. Green &

Cash Is King LLC

T: John Servis

J: Joel Rosario



**Jaywalk wins the Frizette Stakes (G1) at Belmont Park and is now en route to the Breeders' Cup.**

Photo: Coglianese Photos

# Dick Jerardi Presents . . .

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seventh career victory came in the 100th Jockey Club Gold Cup, one of America's most prestigious races for older horses.

"He's real tired," St. Lewis said the morning after the race. "It's the most tired he's ever been after a race."

As hard as he ran, Discreet Lover, with a record of 7-7-7 from those 44 starts and earnings of \$1,354,060—a cool 135 times his purchase price—had every right to be tired.

That race was yet another "Win and You're In" for a Parx-based runner—this time for the Breeders' Cup Classic—so the horse's fees are paid for a trip to Churchill Downs on the first Saturday of November. St. Lewis, however, said he wanted to wait a few days before committing.

If Discreet Lover does run in the Classic, there is a chance it could be his last race as the owner/trainer is getting some inquiries about standing his horse of a lifetime at stud next year.

"I was so happy, words can't describe it," St. Lewis said of the victory.

When he saw the fractions, his thought was simple: "just get up".

So, in barely two hours, Parx horses won two of the most prestigious and traditional Grade I stakes in the country. One was not shocking at all. The other was a huge surprise—unless you've been watching Discreet Lover get better and better as he got older. With the proper setup, there was always a chance the horse was going to win one of the big ones. That chance has now become reality.

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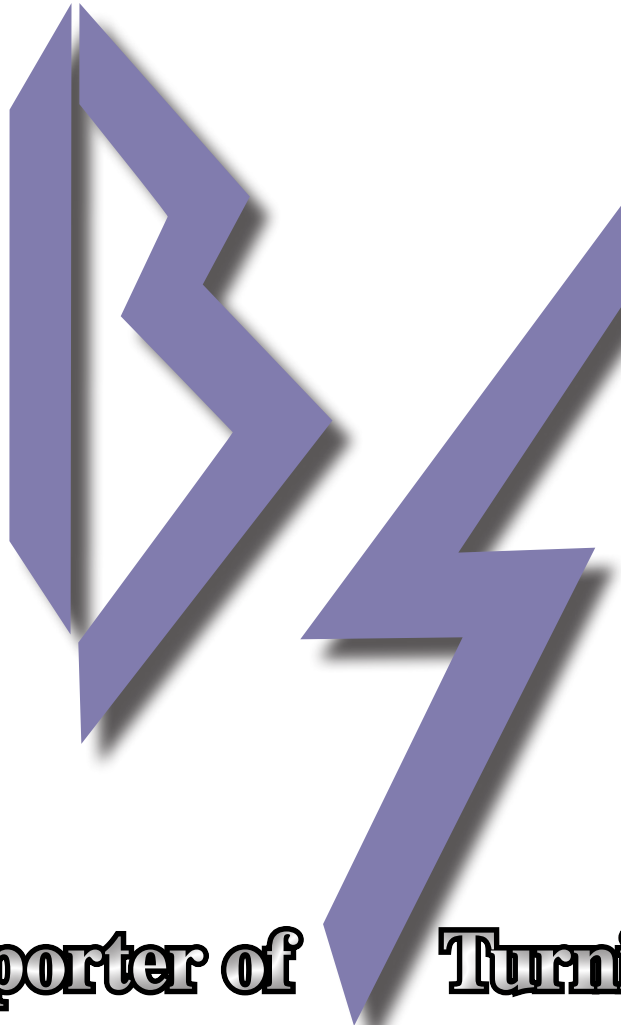
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## Ten Years, 2,392 Horses Later, Parx Rescue Program Still Thriving

*The PTHA and its Turning for Home program are proud to have been featured in an article for the Thoroughbred Daily News on July 16, 2018. Written by the phenomenal author Bill Finley, the article expertly documented the history and current status of the ground-breaking racehorse retirement program.*

*Celebrating its 10th year of operation in 2018, Turning for Home was created by PTHA Executive Director Michael Ballezzi and PTHA President Salvatore DeBunda, and has now assisted nearly 2,500 horses from Parx Racing. The full article is below, which is reprinted with permission from the TDN.*

In horse racing, conventional wisdom has always been that there's no way to save every horse that comes off the racetrack, that there's not enough money to do so, that there are too many unscrupulous people that will send them to slaughter and that the problem is so big the only thing that can be done is to plug a few holes here and there.

Mike Ballezzi, the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (PTHA), wasn't buying it. About 10 years ago, when the *New York Times* wrote a series of articles attacking racing and addressing the problem of horse slaughter, Ballezzi decided that he would find a way to protect every last horse that raced at the track then known as Philadelphia Park.

Not only has he basically achieved his goal, he says, "To be honest with you, this wasn't even that hard."

The program became known as Turning For Home and last month it celebrated its 10th anniversary. As of last week, 2,392 horses that were racing at Parx have gone through the program and found homes over its 10 year existence. Ballezzi and the PTHA have done what was supposed to be impossible. They have found a way to virtually guarantee that any horse no longer capable of racing at Parx will be taken care of and will never find its way to a slaughter house. Parx also has a zero tolerance policy towards horsemen sending a horse to slaughter or to a slaughter auction; and they will have their backstretch privileges revoked and will be denied entry to race.

"It's probably the finest thing I have done in my career and I've done a lot of good things for this racetrack," he said. "Saving these animals, there's nothing like it."

Ballezzi realized the biggest impediment to saving horses coming off the racetrack is money, but he figured out a way to fund Turning For Home that wouldn't alienate his members. With slots having been approved for the Pennsylvania racetracks, there would be an influx of money and he understood it needed to

be spent for more than just purses.

With purses increasing dramatically at Parx, the PTHA arranged for a new way of distributing them. Prior to slots, only the first five finishers picked up checks. Now, every horse that races receives at least \$250. Thirty dollars of those earnings are taken out to fund Turning For Home, and the owner still comes out ahead. While the \$30 per starter is the main funding mechanism for Turning For Home, contributions also come in from the PTHA, Parx management, the jockeys and the Pennsylvania breeders. Turning for Home's annual budget is about \$500,000.

That's enough money to get a lot of things done.

The program was originally run by Barbara Luna, but she left five years ago and Danielle Montgomery took over. The Parx horsemen know that if they no longer believe a horse can make it on the racetrack, they can simply go to Montgomery. Problem solved. They don't turn anyone down.

After a horse is surrendered and its papers are sent to The Jockey Club to be stamped "Retired from Racing," Montgomery and Turning For Home vets evaluate a horse and decide where to place it. Turning For Home does not have its own facility. Rather, it has 15 partner farms where it sends horse to rehab and be retrained. Until arrangements are made to send a horse to one of the farms, it remains on the racetrack with its trainer. The average wait time before a horse is shipped out is less than 14 days.

If a horse has



PTHA Executive Director  
**Mike Ballezzi** with TFH graduate  
**Make Your Move.**

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a serious problem and is not healthy enough to be shipped, Turning For Home will do whatever it takes to get the horse ready to move on. If surgery is required, Turning For Home will pay for it.

“Mike is great,” Montgomery said. “We come across some horses that really need a lot of help and vets are concerned about the horse. Mike has never told me no. If the vet says the horse needs surgery and then a lot of time but will be adoptable once everything is done, we will take care of it.”

Occasionally, the vets conclude that the horse needs to be put down. Montgomery said that less than 3% of the horses who come into the program are euthanized.

Each farm is paid a one-time fee of \$1,500 for taking in a horse and also gets to keep whatever fees it receives from selling a horse to an outside party. Montgomery makes sure that each farm gets a proper mixture of horses that are easily adoptable and can bring in a profit for the farm and horses whose problems are more serious and will require plenty of time before they find a new home. That way, the \$1,500 stipend is neither a windfall for the farm nor too little for them to be able to care for the horses that come in from Parx.

Once a horse arrives at the partner farm, the first steps are rehab and retraining. Then, a serious effort begins to find an adopter. Turning For Home has pictures and thumbnail sketches on its website for all available horses and also makes good use of social media. Horses also find homes through word of mouth, from people who have adopted a horse from a particular farm and let friends know there are others there ready to be brought to new homes.

Montgomery finds that if enough time is given to a retiree and someone is willing to step up and pay for whatever surgeries or other vet treatment they may need, almost all will recover to the point where they can have a second career.

“I promised Danielle when I hired her that she would never have to worry about money,” Ballezzi said. “The thing that kills these other rescue organizations is money. The money is my headache. Our guys pay \$30 a start and that is significant. But they do it because they believe in the program. Since we have the money, we have to do our best to save these horses. We will

euthanize them, but only if they have to be put down. If the vet says this horse deserves a shot, but it needs surgery, we will give it a shot. With the vets we work with, when they say “he has a shot,” I find it’s more than that, that there is a real chance the horse will be okay. I trust their opinions.”



**Danielle Montgomery with Tree Top Lover at Parx.**

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Turning For Home horses have gone on to just about anything a horse can do when it comes to a second career. There have been hunter/jumpers, barrel racers, working ranch horses, mounted police horses, polo horses, endurance horses—even horses used in jousting events.

Occasionally, the system doesn’t work perfectly. While Turning For Home does its best to keep track of the whereabouts of every horse that comes through its program and works only with reputable farms, some original adopters will move a horse on to someone else. That’s when a horse can fall through the cracks and wind up at a “killer sale.” Turning For Home has people looking out for their horses at these sales and pays whatever it takes to retain the horse and get it back into the program. Montgomery said only 14 Turning For Home horses over the last five years have been found at sales like the one in New Holland, Pennsylvania.

Ballezzi said he has never heard an owner complain about having the \$30 taken out of their winnings. That’s because he’s built a system people trust and understand is doing very important work that not only saves horses, but keeps Parx racing safe from the sort of negative publicity that could be devastating.

“What we give people is peace of mind, and that’s a big deal,” Ballezzi said. “It’s a big deal for the owners and trainers to know that their horses will be taken care of after their racing careers are done and to know they will go to a safe place. Here, they don’t have to worry about slaughter.”

# Backstretch Views



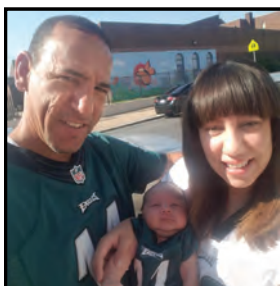
**Maria Remedio and Abner Adorno** were married September 15, 2018 on a stunning beach in Puerto Rico. The couple then held a beautiful reception in Pennsylvania for their local friends. Congratulations to the happy couple!



Blacksmith **Pete Caruso** won First in Class in the car show at Monmouth Park on July 8, 2018. Pete recently spent his time restoring his prized 1980 Trans Am.



**Ava-Rose Mireya Scrobola** was born at 3:35 AM on August 3, 2018, weighing in at 4 lb. 14 oz. She is the first great-grandchild of trainer Patricia Farro (and husband Mike), and the first grandchild of Jenn Black. Ava-Rose's parents are Tiffany Amber Archilla and Kevin Scrobola.



**Anthony Jacob Gonzalez** was born on Eagles opening day - September 6, 2018 - weighing in at 8 lb 15 oz. His proud parents are exercise rider Anthony Gonzalez and wife Karen Valle. They wasted no time gathering together for family photos to support their favorite football team!



## Do you have any news for Backstretch Views?

We're always on the lookout for backstretch news. Contact **Nikki Sherman**, Marketing & Publicity Director, in the Administration Building, send over an email to [nsherman@patha.org](mailto:nsherman@patha.org), or message us on Facebook.



This September, **Carl Herbein** died in his home surrounded by his family. The longtime accountant founded Herbein + Company, Inc., in 1972 and under his guidance, grew the firm to over 25 partners, 9 offices & more than 200 employees. Herbein + Company works closely with the PTHA. Carl grew up on a dairy farm in Pennsylvania and attributed his lifelong work ethic to his early years of working on the farm. He is survived by his wife Kathy, as well as 2 children & 4 grandchildren.



**Ronnie Houghton** passed away on September 23, 2018. An accomplished horseman, Ronnie started training horses at the age of 19. He and wife Betsy established Sylmar Farm in Christiana, PA, in 1970 where he had been training Thoroughbreds for 42 years. He also enjoyed farming and raising cattle. In addition to his beloved wife Betsy, he also leaves behind 4 children and 11 grandchildren.

**Ed Rudley, Esq.**, passed away on July 23, 2018. A loyal and generous man, Ed would give you the shirt off his back if he thought it would help you. He was known for his heart of gold. In addition to his career as an attorney, Ed was a well-respected Thoroughbred owner and breeder. After retiring from law, he owned Steph and Ed's, which is now known as Ott's. Ed is survived by 4 children and 11 grandchildren.



**Tommy Cottrell** died unexpectedly on August 31, 2018. He was a longtime exercise rider at Parx Racing. He will be remembered for his fun personality and is greatly missed by all who knew him.

**Floyd Snyder** had battled an illness for a long time, but that didn't keep him from continuing to train horses at Parx Racing. He won a race (and was even in the winner's circle - see the photo to the right!) just several days before his health rapidly declined and passing away. He will always be remembered for his quiet but witty personality, but also for the love he held for his horses and especially his family.



**Royston Augustus Alexander Henry** passed away on July 18, 2018. Born in Jamaica, Royston had a love for horses and at the age of 16 moved to Trinidad to pursue a career in horse racing. He became a leading trainer in that country before moving to the Philadelphia area where he was a successful trainer and then jockey agent. He is survived by his wife Grace as well as 5 children and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



## Chaplain's Corner

**Chaplain Rick Bunker**

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, For His lovingkindness is everlasting.

<sup>2</sup>Give thanks to the God of gods, For His lovingkindness is everlasting.

<sup>3</sup>Give thanks to the Lord of lords, For His lovingkindness is everlasting.”

- Psalm 136:1-3 (NASB)

A party of pioneers on the Oregon Trail suffered for weeks from a scarcity of water and grass for their animals. Most of the wagons had broken down, causing endless delays in the stifling heat. A feeling of fretfulness and futility prevailed. Optimism and cheer were gone. Courage was in limited supply.

One night the leaders called a meeting to air complaints. When they gathered around the campfire, one man stood up and said, “Before we commence our grief session, don’t you think we should at least first thank God that he has brought us this far with no loss of life, with no serious trouble from the Indians, and that we have enough strength left to finish our journey?”

The other settlers agreed. After the brief prayer, all that could be heard were the cries of a distant pack of wolves. There was otherwise stone silence around the campfire, because no one had any grievances they felt were important enough to voice.

They suddenly realized if they couldn’t be satisfied with what they’d received, they could at least be thankful for what they’d escaped. Thankfulness enabled them to see the mercies of God they had been overlooking.

Many of us have certainly had a difficult year – a year that we do not want to repeat – a year we would not wish on our worst enemy. And, yet, the Thanksgiving holiday is fast upon us. Charles Dickens said that we are somewhat mixed up here in America. He told an audience that instead of having one Thanksgiving Day each year we should have 364. “Use that one day just for complaining and griping,” he said. “Use the other 364 days to thank God each day for the

many blessings He has showered upon you.”

Such calls to thankfulness, one might rightly say, are easy for a chaplain as greatly blessed as myself. Knowing this I am still compelled to call on you to exercise, to practice giving thanks, because the Bible directs us to do it, because so many studies show us of its benefits, and it is a necessary prerequisite to being happy.

I can’t help but think of the many people who will celebrate the first Thanksgiving since the death of a spouse, child, parent, or dear friend. It is so easy for me to simply write that one should give thanks for the time that they did have with the person(s) that have died.

What a raw Thanksgiving it will be for the parents who lost four daughters and four sons-in-law in that terrible limousine accident in upstate New York this fall. The Biblical patriarch Job lost all his children in one day - seven sons and three daughters. He lost all of his wealth as well.

The book of Job ends with his wealth restored and doubled what it had been. He once again has seven sons and three daughters. Why not twice as many children? I think this bespeaks of the truth that the children that Job ‘lost’ are ‘lost’ from his sight and touch for a time, but because they are humans their priceless souls live on forever, and the ‘circle will not be broken’. They will be reunited in Heaven. God’s provision for us never ends. God is good, worthy of thanks, because God is faithful, and God’s lovingkindness endures forever. Thanks be to God – Amen!

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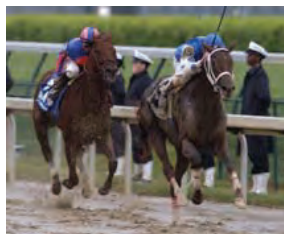
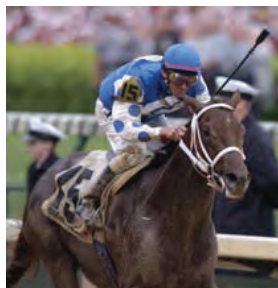
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