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2024**

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# PTHA PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Owners Appreciation Day has come and gone and it was a huge success. A great big thank you to my PTHA staff & Board for their tireless dedication. Most of all, a great big shout out to you - all our wonderful fans for coming out in record numbers to support Parx. A great time was had by all. I welcome any and all suggestions to improve your family's experience. My door is always open!



**Robert "Bob" Hutt**  
**PTHA PRESIDENT**

As we head into summer break to perform our annual track maintenance, there's a great deal going on some of which shouldn't be discussed in a Newsletter. As such I have scheduled a very important President's State of the Association Address for Thursday, July 25th at 11 AM. If you can't attend it will also be Zoomed. Details to follow!

Finally, from all of us at your PTHA I would like to extend my best wishes to you and your loved ones for a very Happy 4th of July celebration.

God Bless America !



# Update from Executive Director **JEFFREY A. MATTY, JR.**

## HORSEMEN:

Happy 4th of July to you and your families! We look forward to hosting our annual PTHA Charities BBQ on the 4th, right behind the Admin. Building, from 11 am to 2 pm - Come on out! As this holiday arrives on our calendar every year, it's a reminder that the Parx Summer Break is around the corner. Our last day of Live-Racing is Wednesday, July 24th, Live-Racing returns Monday, August 19th. The track will be closed for training for one week; Sunday, July 28th to Sunday, August 4th. We hope all trainers and their teams can enjoy a few days off during this time of year.



**Jeffrey A. Matty Jr.**  
PTHA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Smarty Jones Day is Saturday, August 24th. This year will be highlighted by:**

**\$200,000 Smarty Jones Stakes**

**\$200,000 Cathryn Sophia Stakes**

**\$75,000 The Mayor's Mile Mayor -  
Joseph DiGirolamo**

**\$75,000 The State Representative's  
Sprint - K.C. Tomlinson**

**\$75,000 Salvatore M. DeBunda Sprint**

The PTHA and Parx Racing are proud to announce coverage of Smarty Jones Day will be broadcast live on NBC SPORTS PHILADELPHIA from 3 pm - 5 pm, check your local listings. These local preps will be a springboard for 2024 Pennsylvania Derby Day - Saturday, September 21st.

In closing, I would like to thank our membership. Whether you are an owner or trainer, or both, our office is only as strong and productive as our membership. Thank you for continuing to advise, suggest, and support many great ideas to improve the PTHA daily. Our record turnout for Owners Appreciation Day is just another sign that all of you are buying into what we are trying to achieve here. If our office can be of any assistance to you, please stop in or pick up the phone. We may not always have the answers you're looking for or perfect solutions, but we are here to help on all fronts.

Happy 4th,  
Jeffrey A Matty Jr

# AROUND THE OVAL

by Dani Gibson

## MAY 31ST

### PENN MILE NIGHT

Get Set won the \$50,000 Fabulous Strike Stakes for PA Breds going 6 furlongs with Jaime Rodriguez for trainer Jamie Ness, owners Madison Avenue Racing Stable Inc. & Jagger, Inc.

## JUNE 6th

### BELMONT STAKES RACING FESTIVAL AT SARATOGA

The super fast filly Gray Lightning finished third in the \$150,000 Jersey Girl Stakes for 3-year-old fillies going 6 furlongs with jockey Jorge A. Vargas, Jr. riding for trainer Tyler Servis & owner NR Club.

## JUNE 7TH

Boat's a Rockin & jockey Kendrick Carmouche won a \$115,000 Allowance Optional Claiming race for the Matty family owners M3 Racing Stable & trainer Brandon Kulp in a speedy 1 minute flat 5 & 1/2 furlongs on the turf in hand. Neecie Marie & jockey Joel Rosario ran a game 2nd place in the prestigious \$750,000 Grade 1 New York Stakes going 1 mile & 3/16 making three significant moves in the 13-horse field for trainer Butch Reid, Jr. & owner Milam Racing Stables.

## JUNE 8th

Pennsylvania Bred Ninetypercentmaddie & jockey Jose Lezcano finished second in the \$350,000 Grade 2 True North Stakes going 6 1/2 furlongs behind the winner Baby Yoda for trainer Butch Reid, Jr. & owner/breeder LC Racing LLC.

## JUNE 15th

### HASKELL PREVIEW DAY AT MONMOUTH PARK

PA Bred Movisor & jockey Kendrick Carmouche finished an impressive third after steading at the start of the 1-mile race in the \$150,000 Grade 3 Salvator Mile for trainer Marya Montoya & owner Waldorf Racing Stables LLC.

# PTHA President's Cup Stakes Winner

## Canisy (KY)

TB, DK B/, M, FOALD APRIL 20, 2019  
(POINT OF ENTRY - SOOTHER, BY RAHY)

Winning Trainer - Arnaud Delacour

Winning Jockey - Jorge Vargas Jr.

Winning Owner - Blue Devil Racing Stable



Photo credit: Equi-Photo

Canisy and jockey Jorge Vargas, Jr. won the \$75,000 PTHA President's Cup on Owner's Appreciation Day at Parx Racing on Saturday, June 8th for trainer Arnaud Delacour and owner Blue Devil Racing Stable going 1 mile & 16th on the turf.

The trophy was presented by PTHA President Robert Hutt and Executive Director Jeffrey Matty, Jr.

# PTHA CHARITIES



**The Granny Fund**

# 2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Photo credit: Equi-Photo

# *Congratulations*

**Jessica DiPatri**

**Nicholas Collazo**

**Abel Flores**

**Jacqueline Gordon**

**Josif Collazo**

**Logan Martel**

On June 16, 2024, PTHA Charities Inc. presented a \$10,000 check in the winner's circle, signifying the total amount of scholarships provided.

PTHA Board members, families and friends joined the award presentation to honor the scholarship winners.

The PTHA Charities, Inc. (501 c 3)

has an E3 initiative: Education – Essentials – Experiences. Through our E3 initiative, we can offer educational scholarships to eligible recipients, provide daily essentials to the men and women who call Parx Racing home, and offer field trips to surrounding events and pro-sport games.

# ON THE BORDER



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**Wednesday, July 10th, 11AM - 9PM**

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## Celebrating Racing and Aftercare

Gone are the days when breeders and racehorse owners were at odds with horse rescuers and Sporthorse riders. Horseracing has embraced Aftercare wholeheartedly. While the PTHA's Turning for Home, Inc. (TFH) was the first retired racehorse program at a year-round track, now each horse is afforded the opportunity at every track. The 2024 Triple Crown races boast record betting numbers, and more and more people support Thoroughbreds, both on and off the track, proof that the divide is closing and horseracing has found a path that protects it into the next century.

At the halfway mark of 2024, TFH assisted 147 individual horses with safe retirement as part of our ongoing mission to protect Parx Racing's retired horses and assist as needed the ones who need help finding a safe second career. With the addition of program assistant Sam Potts working to reach out to our alums, we can tune into the TFH Socials and see our former horses successful in their third, fourth, or tenth discipline in their teenage years as they find adopters who appreciate the Thoroughbred in all its facets. An umbrella of protection that follows the horses as they are rehabilitated, retrained, and rehomed, our team carefully follows their journeys. Promoting the Thoroughbred as the versatile sporthorses we know they are is so important we have partnered with Second Call to showcase these horses in a huge show and adopt-a-thon on November 2nd. ([www.allthoroughbredshowdown.org](http://www.allthoroughbredshowdown.org)) Horseracing is doing all the right things to protect its horses while racing and after, and the public needs to know!



Mark your calendars for TFH DAY on September 2nd - Labor Day! We invite everyone to a great day of racing at Parx, where more people can meet racing owners, trainers, jockeys, and our farm managers and learn straight from the horse's mouth about everything involved in owning, training, breeding, and riding our horses! Retired racehorse horses will showcase what they can do when offered the opportunity. Partner Farms, Racing Partnerships, Breeding Farms, and Vendors will set up to interact with new and old fans to discuss the inside of racing. We invite all our adopters out and will facilitate meet-and-greets between former and new connections to unite our love for these horses.

If you are interested in being a vendor, contact Danielle at [turningforhome@patha.org](mailto:turningforhome@patha.org). In the meantime, check our Facebook for updates on our alums as they come in, find swag at [turningforhome.org](http://turningforhome.org) to order online, or visit our volunteers at our outreach tables in the lobby at Parx or in the Picnic Grove when we return on August 24th for Smarty Jones' 20th Anniversary and August 26th for the PA Day at the Races.

Our generous donors provide this funding: mostly from Parx Owners with the per-start fee, Parx Racing, Inc., Parx Jockey Colony, the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association (PHBA), and the committed support of President Bob Hutt, Executive Director Jeff Matty, Jr. and the PTHA Board of Directors. These donations support those who care for our horses; the Partner Farm managers, veterinarians, volunteers, and adopters who open their hearts and barns to our horses and make TFH a haven for all our retirees. Outreach is essential to our sport, and the public must see that our horses are safer than ever.



# Turning for Home Adoption Updates

## Lawn Boy (GB)



TB, B, G, FOALED FEBRUARY 11, 2016 ( BATED BREATH (GB) - PENNARD (IRE), BY HIGH CHAPARRAL (IRE) ) Trainer: Frank L. Pollara Owner: James Aguilar-Juarez Bred by: D. J. and Mrs Deer "I am originally from England, and knowing that Lawn Boy is a Great Britain-bred thoroughbred, Kate Goldenberg from Safe Haven Farms knew that he would be perfect for me! In December of 2022, he was transported from Pennsylvania to Florida. He stepped off the trailer and I was instantly in love with him! Not only for his beauty but also, for his lovely manners. How he won \$111,545 is beyond me as he has 2 speeds, slow and stop LOL. He is a total caretaker and perfect for my family. Generally, we like to have fun! I have been recovering from several surgeries, so currently, his job is to make everyone happy with his glowing presence. He is extremely sweet and would sit in your lap if he could! He will cuddle with the kids for several minutes at a time. He may not be in a flashy show barn but hopefully, if he could talk he would say he is happy! We have two other Thoroughbreds from Turning For Home's Partner Farm, Safe Haven Thoroughbred Rescue, **Graves Island**, and **Providence Square** with whom he enjoys spending time with in the field. We have many future goals including trail classes, small hunter shows, and many many other adventures. He has a home for life with me and I hope many years of exploring together." - Helen

## Actively Engaged (CA)

TB, CH, M, FOALED MAY 23, 2012 ( THORN SONG - INTERACTIVE, BY SLEWPY ) Trainer: Philip T. Aristone Owner: Harris Farms, Inc. Breeder: Harris Farms Actively Engaged retired 7 years ago after 15 starts, making \$25,887 when she became "non-competitive". With a change of scenery and years of training for a new discipline, she has bloomed and is competitive again! "Since retiring from racing Zara has thrived! Before I met her, she had competed through the preliminary level of eventing with a professional, and for the past three years, she has proven herself to be my perfect partner. She has taught me the ropes of eventing, while proudly rocking the red and black for the UGA Eventing Team! She underwent an enucleation due to an eye abscess in the fall of 2022, and she never missed a beat. Meeting her three years ago completely shaped my college experience, and we have made incredible memories. This fiery, sweet, and loyal mare's resilience and love for the sport is amazing, and I am excited for the future with her!" - Charlotte



# PTHA TROPHY WINNERS

JUNE 2024

**JUNE 4**  
**Checkitup**



**Owner -Main Line Racing Stables**  
**Trainer - John Servis**  
**Jockey - Abner Adorno**

**JUNE 10**  
**One of the Ones**



**Owner -Main Line Racing Stables**  
**Trainer - John Servis**  
**Jockey - Abner Adorno**

**JUNE 18**  
**Summersattheshore**



**Owner - Bran Jam Stable & David Clark**  
**Trainer - Louis Linder, Jr.**  
**Jockey - Luis Ocasio**

**JUNE 25**  
**Pleasant Dreams**



**Owner - Briardale Stable**  
**Trainer -Bobbi Anne Hawthorne**  
**Jockey - Andy Hernandez**

Photo Credit: Equi-Photo

# Heartbeat of the Backstretch

By : Nikki Guzman



Life is a fascinating trip. You never know where it will lead you. With periods of highs and lows, twists and turns, you may encounter life-changing experiences. Jackie Gordon, who was struggling with addiction, knocked on the door of a church, unaware that the little elderly lady who opened it would alter her life. The woman requested a hug, but Jackie declined, embarrassed by her untidy and dirty hair. With loving words, the Deacon said, "Everyone deserves a hug." Jackie awoke on August 15th and asked the Lord to take away her addiction, and she went into recovery, never looking back.

Soon, she was driving an 18-wheeler truck for Fed Ex and eventually teaching other women how to do the same. She wanted to provide a safe space for women to learn without being intimidated or harassed in the workplace. After driving for 38 years, she retired in 2012 and launched Miss Gordon's Water Ice in Northeast Philadelphia. Because the apartments are close to a highway, she wanted to provide an area for the children to safely get snacks during the summer while they enjoyed the pool. She gives back to her community in a variety of ways, including gathering the children and parents at the start of the season to pray for a safe summer, handing out school backpacks, providing Thanksgiving meals to numerous families, and giving each child a toy at Christmas. Because it is only open during the summer, Jackie needed to find something to do the rest of the year. Her neighbor across the street, Manuel Rosario, wanted to know if she knew someone who might like to walk horses at Parx, so Jackie took a chance and filled out an application

Jackie, who is approaching her sixteenth year in the Parx backstretch community, started working for Mike Pino as a hotwalker, and her very first horse reared up startling her. His assistant at the time told her, "Girl, you drove an 18-wheeler; all that steel you're pushing. Think of the horse as the truck you've been driving." Suddenly, everything clicked, and she was no longer frightened. After hurting her foot and requiring surgery, she was unable to walk horses. They wanted to keep her on as an employee, so she changed responsibilities and began assisting with the logistics of the business. Pino gave her the nickname "Get er done girl" because he knows she can manage things and get them done, such as keeping track of the horses' paperwork, hiring new employees, delivering payroll, and ensuring they have all of their supplies in the barn.

She proudly declared that she has been attending church every Sunday at the Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church for the last 30 years. After graduating from her Evangelism program six years ago, she opted to further her education and is currently pursuing an Associate's and eventually a Bachelor's degree in Evangelism. Her passion is to serve others: "I do what I have to do to help somebody. It's in my heart to help others. I go where God needs me."

Thank you, Jackie, for your amazing work and for being a member of the Parx family!



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# 2024 LIVE RACING SCHEDULE

12:05 - 1/1/24 - 3/6/24 | 12:40 - 3/11/24 - 11/02/24 | 12:05 - 11/4/24 - 12/31/24

Special 12:05 Post on 6/8

Saturday, September 21 | PA Derby - Cotillion Day | Post Time 12:05

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**COME, PLAY, WIN**

Hours: Sunday - Thursday 11:00 - 8:00 | Friday & Saturday 11:00 - 10:00

updated 3/7/24

# SAVE THE DATES

**24** *SATURDAY*  
**AUG**



**SMARTY JONES DAY**

*MONDAY*  
**26 AUG**

**PENNSYLVANIA  
DAY AT THE  
RACES**

**2** *MONDAY*  
**SEPT**



**TURNING FOR HOME DAY**

**19** *SATURDAY*  
**OCT**



**Parx Racing Hall of Fame Day  
M.P. Ballezzi Appreciation Mile**

*SATURDAY*  
**SEPT 21**

**\$1,000,000  
GRADE 1  
PENNSYLVANIA  
DERBY AND  
COTILLION DAY**



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# PA BREDS DAZZLED ON THE TURF JUNE 25

## \$100,000 Power By Far Stakes - 5 Furlongs (Turf)



Photo credit: Equi-Photo



Heavy favorite 4-year-old Dontlookbackatall & Eclipse Award-winning jockey Irad Ortiz, Jr. pulled away with a dominant win in the \$100,000 Power By Far Stakes for trainer Christophe Clement, owners West Point Thoroughbreds, Scarlet Oak Racing LLC & Tiletown Racing Stables. Organized Chaos & jockey Julio Hernandez led until the winner Dontlookbackatall passed her to finish second for trainer Erin McClellan & owner Tom Coulter. Eight Danzas & apprentice jockey Francisco Martinez rallied for third for trainer Alan Bedard, owners Paladin of PA & Fox Tale Racing Stable.

## \$100,000 Crowd Pleaser Stakes - 1 mile 1/16th (Turf)



Photo credit: Equi-Photo

The beautiful gray colt Trevesso & jockey Jorge Ruiz made the winning move on the far turn to win the \$100,000 Crowd Pleaser Stakes for trainer Cathal Lynch & owner Runnymoore Racing, LLC.

Capo & jockey Dexter Haddock finished a game second for owner/trainer Jacinto Solis. Max Barley & jockey Ricardo Chiappe finished third after a wide trip for trainer Michael Zavalas, and owners Bob Curley & Judith Barrett.



# ***SMARTY JONES DAY SATURDAY, AUGUST, 24***

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# **4TH OF JULY PICNIC**

**Thursday, July 4,**  
*\* Behind the Administration Building \**  
**from 11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

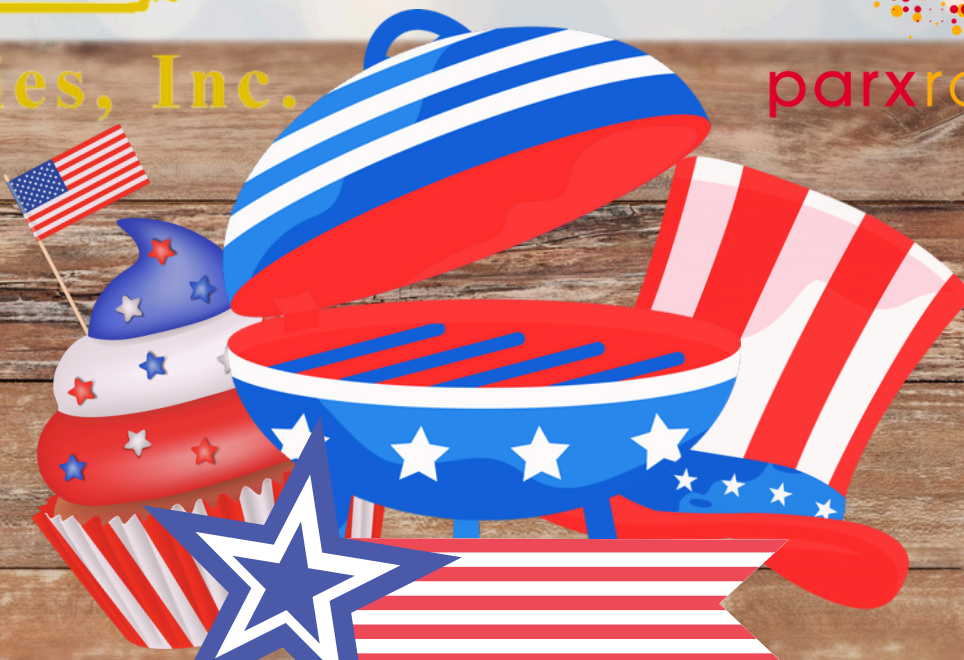


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# PTHA Apple "Breeze" Night!



PTHA offer and discount only available at the **Applebee's Bensalem** location at 3219 Street Rd, Bensalem, PA 19020!

Join us every **Wednesday between 4pm - 11pm** at Applebee's and take advantage of our exclusive offer for PTHA Horsemen!



Get **15% OFF** (alcohol excluded) on **Apple "Breeze"**. So mark your calendars and join us at Applebee's every Wednesday!



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**PARX**  
**SUMMER**  
*Break*

***LAST DAY OF LIVE RACING***  
***WEDNESDAY - JULY 24TH***

***RACING RETURNS***  
***MONDAY - AUGUST 19TH***

***TRACK CLOSED FOR TRAINING***  
***SUNDAY, JULY 28TH to SUNDAY, AUGUST 4TH***  
***TRACK REOPENS MONDAY, AUGUST 5TH***

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CONGRATULATIONS

## Horsemen Achievements



Trainer Howard "Roger" Brown, Jr. won his 400th career victory with Peach Be With Q at Parx Racing in Tuesday's 2nd race on 6/18 for owner Bing Cherry Racing, Inc. Congratulations on this amazing milestone and Happy 30th Wedding Anniversary! A double win for our friend Roger.



Jockey Silvestre Gonzalez captured win #700 riding Confiscated for trainer Kate DeMasi & owner Pewter Stable at Monmouth Park in Friday's 8th race on 6/21 for the \$52,500 purse. Congratulations on hitting this huge achievement.

If you are approaching a personal career milestone we strive to celebrate these moments with you each month in the newsletter. Feel free to give us a call or email to remind us as well. Good luck and safe journeys!

# Class of 2024



**NICHOLAS  
COLLAZO**



**JAMIE  
WERMUTH JR.**



**ERIC  
ORANTES**



**JERECK  
ARCE**



**TROY  
MATTY**

The PTHA congratulates all family and friends who graduated from their schools and universities as Class of 2024

# HORSEMEN'S PURCHASING ASSOCIATION

# HPA



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## **STORE HOURS**

<b>Race Days</b>	<b>8 am to 4:30 pm</b>
<b>Th.-Fr.</b>	<b>8 am to 4 pm</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>8 am to 2:30 pm</b>

**Feed trailers open until 1 pm  
Ice House open until 2 pm on Race Days**

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**4**<sup>th</sup>  
of  
JULY



★ INDEPENDENCE DAY ★

## Celebration

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**Thur, 8 am - 4 pm**

**Fri, 8 am - 1 pm**

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**SEE YOU IN THE  
WINNER'S CIRCLE!**

