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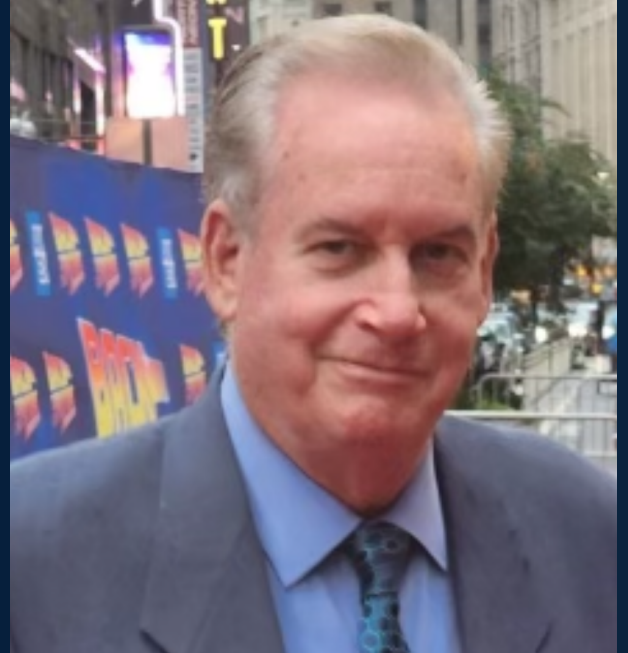
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# Memo from PTHA President ROBERT HUTT

As President of the PTHA I'm proud to announce that effective immediately your "earned purse funds" are available the following week on Thursday at the Horsemen's Bookkeepers office without having to wait for drug testing to be completed. This means if you earn purses Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, you can pick up your check the following week on Thursday.

To take advantage of this "release of funds" please visit the PTHA office on the backstretch and complete the notarized waiver form. If you can't make it to the office, you can request the "waiver form" by phone or email. Once you receive it, please get it notarized; however, you must mail back the original notarized form to the PTHA office. No emails, PDF's or faxes will be accepted.

In other news, as PTHA President I met with HISA in Florida at the THA consortium. I explained to HISA that by taking horses who are creatures of habit, out of their normal "race day" routine, it is causing a great disturbance. Making horses walk to the test barn for TCO2 testing (milkshakes), creates an unfair playing field for that race. Many trainers were upset and had been complaining about this invasive practice. The good news is that HISA, along with the Pennsylvania Racing Commission listened, and have agreed to abolish this practice as the random TCO2 test will now occur at your barn!



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

One more very important thing about random TCO2 testing. Please remember that the trainer at the time of the test has the ability to ask the vets to pull an additional sample, to have as a split. In Pennsylvania as of this writing I know of 9 positives between Penn National and PARX which seems exceedingly high. Your PTHA Board is already looking into this. Until next time wishing you many winners!

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

## **HORSEMEN:**

As we spring through April, many things PTHA-related are on the horizon. The Triple Crown is next month, and a few Parx horses are nominated to the Derby and or Oaks. We will all be rooting should they make the starting gate the first week of May.

Our purse release program is well underway. Providing horsemen their purse money in an 8-10-day window is what everyone felt was acceptable, and ultimately what we could deliver on.

Continuing collaboration between the PTHA and Pennsylvania Horse Racing Commission has led to TCO2 testing no longer being done in the test barn, instead, the tests will be done in the horse's stall. I thank Tom Chuckas and Ismael Navarreto of the PHRC for assisting with this request.

With warmer weather comes our first batch of weekend racing. We will be running LIVE all Triple Crown Saturdays, as well as Father's Day Sunday, Mark Your Calendars!



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

The PTHA continues to organize and form committees to better assist in our ongoing projects here. Please stop in the office to sign up for a spot or suggest a needed committee.

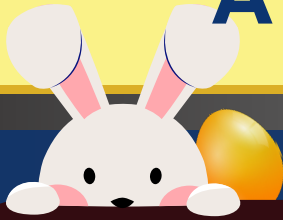
Trainers – As you start to think about the Parx Summer Break – The Track WILL BE CLOSED FOR TRAINING – from Sunday, July 28th to Sunday, August 4th (Weather Depending), Re-Opening Monday, August 5th.

Good luck both on and off the track,



# AROUND THE OVAL

by Dani Gibson



**PARX RACING HELD THE FIRST STAKES RACES OF THE 2024 YEAR WITH THE \$75,000 MAIN LINE STAKES AND THE \$75,000 CITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE STAKES FOR 3-YEAR-OLDS ON 3/5/24.**

Trainer Butch Reid, Jr. finished an impressive first and second in the \$75,000 Main Line Stakes with PA Bred filly Jeanne Marie getting the win with jockey Mychel Sanchez for owners/breeders Cash Is King LLC and LC Racing LLC and stablemate Kiss For Luck and jockey Abner Adorno finishing second for owner/breeder Swilcan Stable LLC.

Trainer Hugo Padilla got his first stakes win in the \$75,000 City Of Brotherly Love Stakes with the Washington Bred bay colt Lonesome Boy with jockey Adam Bowman riding for owner John Parker going 1 mile and 70 yards.

On 3/02/24 Carmelina ran 2nd at Aqueduct in the \$200,000 Busher Stakes with jockey Mychel Sanchez riding for trainer Butch Reid, Jr., owners Cash Is King LLC and LC Racing LLC.

The super cool Sevier takes it all in stride with career win #30 with jockey Frankie Pennington riding for trainer Jamie Ness, owners Morris Kernan, Jr., Yo Berbs & Jagger Inc after a victory at Parx Racing in Tuesday's 6th race on 3/12/24.

**On 3/18/24 Trainer Tyler Servis had a 2 win day with 2 grays - Dream Big Dreams & jockey Frankie Pennington getting a win for owner Cash Is King LLC & LC Racing LLC in the 1st race and Gray Lightning for owner/breeder Wynter Racing Stable with jockey Jorge Vargas, Jr. pulling away from the field in the 6th race.**

**Hall Of Fame Trainer John Servis won 4 races between 3/18/24 & 3/19/24 with jockey Frankie Pennington riding Uncle Ernie to win for owner/breeder Gilman Hallenbeck and Pachelbel for owner/breeder Newell Thoroughbreds. Jockey Abner Adorno rode Adero for owner Carguys Racing LLC and Corona Campione for owner Crown Stable.**

Counterspy has been on a roll getting 2 impressive wins on 3/4/24 & 3/20/24 for connections Trainer Bobby Mosco and owner Jack Armstrong both with jockey Mychel Sanchez riding this promising 4-year-old by sire Gun Runner.

The 9-year-old mare Flashdynamite won twice for trainer Trevor Gallimore & owner Candy's Racing Stable with jockey Silvestre Gonazlez riding her to the victories on 3/12/24 & 3/20/24.

On 3/23/24 at Laurel Park - Aofie's Magic finished 3rd in the \$100,000 Beyond The Wire Stakes at Laurel Park for trainer David Dotolo and owner A & J Racing Stable LLC. Speedyness & jockey Jaime Rodriguez finished a close 3rd in the \$100,000 Private Terms Stakes for trainer Jamie Ness, owners Morris Kernan, Jr. & Jagger, Inc.

# ***SAVE THE DATE***

2024 PTHA'S TURNING FOR HOME, INC.

## ***GOLF OUTING***

THURSDAY - MAY 2, 2024  
11:00AM SHOTGUN START

**BENSALEM TOWNSHIP COUNTRY CLUB**



**MORE INFORMATION:**

**CONTACT THE PTHA OFFICE @ 215-638-2012**

**OR EMAIL: [TURNINGFORHOME@PATHA.ORG](mailto:TURNINGFORHOME@PATHA.ORG)**



# PTHA'S Turning For Home Golf Outing SPONSORSHIPS & TEAM INFO

Thursday, May 2nd, 2024  
11am Shotgun Start  
Bensalem Township Country Club

Please complete this form and return to the PTHA office  
(215-638-2012) or email to [Turningforhome@patha.org](mailto:Turningforhome@patha.org)



## SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

<b>Grade 1</b>	2 foursomes, 8 Additional Dinner Tickets, Logo/Silks on Hole Sign, Venue Signage, Ads on Social Media, and an Appearance on Let's Go Racing	<b>\$3,000</b>
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<b>Grade 3</b>	1 Foursome, 4 Dinner Tickets, and Logo/Silks on Hole Sign	<b>\$1,000</b>



## PLAY PACKAGES

<b>1 Foursome</b>	Tickets Include Dinner	<b>\$500</b>
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<b>Dinner Ticket</b>		<b>\$50</b>

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Team Name - Give your team a fun name to be selected to win a prize. Examples: Philly Four;

Superfettas; Gopher Golfers :



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# SAFE HAVEN FOR HORSES

From the desk of the Program Administrator  
Danielle Montgomery

The goal for our retirement program at Parx Racing over the last 15 years has been to safely transition retiring Parx racehorses to dependable, well-vetted, and experienced Partner Farms who will give them every opportunity to find a home to carry on over the next twenty years of their potential lifespan. It's an arduous task to bring in an athlete who needs tender-loving care, often without knowing (horses don't speak English) a full history and using experience and horsemanship to figure out what those needs are. at the top of the list of experienced professions is Kate Goldenberg of Safe Haven Equine in Perkasie, PA.

Some of the big, pretty on-the-outside farms look right, but there is so much more involved in transitioning and finding homes for these horses than a pretty paddock. Just like the Dan + Shay song lyrics,

*"The thing about happiness*

*I've found is*

*It don't live in bigger houses.",*



Kate Goldenberg from Safe Haven Thoroughbred Rescue, Inc. brought Rico, a baby lamb, to the Norristown, Early Learning Academy this week. The children got to pet, bottle feed, and learn about all kinds of different farm animals. Using real sheep wool (shh, don't tell Rico), the students even had the opportunity to create their own sheep farm.



While we have always searched for where to set up outreach, we never considered when we should share our message. How better to influence the continued love for horses than to share them at the earliest times, in preschool. Headstart teacher April Winco combined her volunteer work at Safe Haven Equine, with early education. And what is more exciting to children than farm animals? Bringing the descriptive videos into the classroom of TFH's Mouse, retired by Pam Shavelson for a bowed tendon, inspired lessons in being respectful, responsible, and safe using Mouse as an example.

"Animals bring out the best in most of us," Kate Goldenberg admits and shared photos with the students of the recovering Wispering Springs, who had a tumor removed from his jaw with assistance from TFH and surgery at Mid-Atlantic Equine. This inspired toddlers to feed and wrap their stuffed horses in the classroom, perhaps inspiring a future veterinarian.

Retired racehorses started the fun, and Kate and April went on to bring a lamb into the classroom. Rumor is that a pony foal may appear in the future for these young veterinarians. We think they are on to something great and would love to help more of our Thoroughbreds become teacher's pets!



April Winco on Mouse at Safe Haven Equine

# SAFE HAVEN EQUINE



and we need to look to appreciate what is inside. For our TFH Farms, the tried and true Partners have a working knowledge of Thoroughbreds as owners, breeders, trainers, and caretakers of Thoroughbred racehorses. Aside from working hard to place horses in suitable homes, our farms feel passionate about educating others about the virtues of these special horses. Outreach for TFH has always included marketing the horses and sharing success stories with the betting public, hosting booths frontside so the fans and communities understand aftercare, and presenting a few times each year at major equine venues to educate the media, regulators, and community of our mission.



**Wispering Springs after jaw surgery at Mid Atlantic Equine Clinic.**



# Calendar Updates: Winter Cancellations



Horsemen:

Parx Racing & PTHA had 6  
winter cancellations  
during the 2024 winter

**IN AN EFFORT TO MAKE UP  
THOSE DAYS WE HAVE:**

**ADDED LIVE RACING -  
WEDNESDAY MAY 1**

**ADDED LIVE RACING -  
WEDNESDAY AUG 21**

**WILL RUN 10 DAYS OF 11  
RACE CARDS**



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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

# LET'S GO RACING

ON LOCATION



*The LGR team shot the weekly show on location at our local Bensalem Applebee's!*



**PTHA**  
**Apple "Breeze"**  
**Night!**

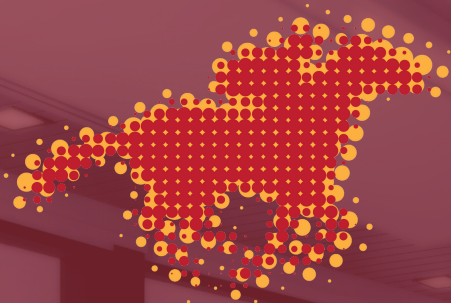


Join us every **Wednesday** between **4pm - 11pm** at Applebee's and take advantage of our exclusive offer for PTHA Horsemen!

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

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

# FROM THE RACING OFFICE



parxracing



## SPRING HAS SPRUNG HERE AT PARX

- The 2-year-olds have started to arrive in droves!
- Entries permitting we will be carding 11 races each racing day in April

**Nominations for the first two PA Bred Stakes  
close on Monday 4/8 for Race Date 4/22:**

*Page McKenney Handicap – \$100,000 / PA Bred 3&up 7f*

*Unique Bella Stakes - \$100,000 / PA Bred F&M 3&up 7f*

**Looking forward to Saturday, May 4 – KY Derby Day  
here at Parx – which is our 1st Saturday of live racing  
in 2024 – expecting a BIG crowd and lots of fun!**

**Best,  
David Osojnak  
Director of Racing**



# PTHA TROPHY WINNERS MARCH 2024



## *Hide the Ransom*

Owner - Top Notch Racing  
Trainer - Ernesto Padilla-Preciado  
Jockey - Joezer Rangel

**MARCH 5**

## *Jewels in the Bay*

Owner - Bing Cherry Racing , Inc.  
Trainer - Howard Brown, Jr.  
Jockey - Mychel Sanchez



**MARCH 12**

## *Raisedarroofcharlie*

Owner - Steven Krebs  
Trainer - Steven Krebs  
Jockey - Eliseo Ruiz



**MARCH 19**

## *Heleonortiz*

Owner - JR Jewel Stables  
Trainer - Ilias Tapsas  
Jockey - Julio Correa



**MARCH 26**



# HEART of the BACKSTRETCH

BY NIKKI GUZMAN

Eric Orantes isn't an ordinary high school senior. While most of his Bensalem High School classmates are sleeping in on weekends, Eric is busy doing what he enjoys: caring for the horses in the barn with PARX trainer Josue Arce. Although his friends find it crazy that he gets up at 4 AM, he believes it is all worthwhile. Eric feels that there needs to be more younger people participating in racing, and he is hoping that this will happen. "I try to tell them that this is a good business, but they just think horses are fun to play with. I tell them the business side, to come get a horse with us and make it a business."

For Eric, it all began when he was five years old and saw his mother leaving for work at the track, and he wanted to go along with her to play with the horses. One day he was able to go with his mom and all he wanted to do after that day was work with horses. He looks up to his father, whom he gets to work alongside and learn from. His father was Cynthia Reese's assistant trainer, and the two had won countless races. Every day, Eric learns something new from his father and Arce, which motivates him to keep working hard.

Eric not only works in the barn but also takes the horses over to the paddock for their race. He has accompanied horses to not only races here at PARX but also Laurel Park, Penn National, and Delaware Park. His favorite job is walking the horses since it allows him to observe how they feel and what mood they are in. As you spend more time with these horses, you build a relationship with them, and they begin to trust you.

Eric's face lit up as he told me about the time his favorite horse Breezy Gust was running in the Not For Love Stakes at Laurel. He was walking Breezy over and Eric saw the crowds and felt a little nervous. He stopped the horse for just a moment, started gently petting him, and looked Breezy in the eyes. Eric felt a sense of serenity when Breezy returned his stare as if to say, "We got this." Eric knew it was game on from there. Breezy Gust took command in the deep stretch and pulled away to win. Eric firmly believes that Breezy talked back to him that day in a way only a horse can.

Eric is looking forward to graduation and spending the summer doing what he enjoys. He intends to attend Bucks County Community College in the future and pursue a degree in business. Like his father, he aspires to work as an assistant trainer someday. Eric has already achieved something incredible, and he should be proud. We hope he remembers to keep learning, growing, and following his aspirations. We look forward to seeing what wonderful things he does in the future.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE SOMEONE FOR OUR FEATURE,  
PLEASE STOP BY THE PTHA OFFICE OR EMAIL [NGUZMAN@PATHA.ORG](mailto:NGUZMAN@PATHA.ORG).

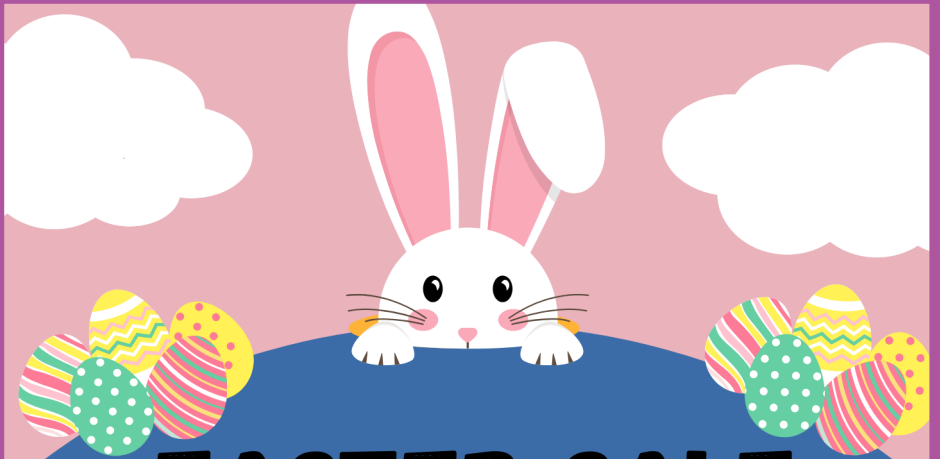
# WELCOME TO THE PTHA FAMILY



**Welcome to the Parx family!!!**

**On March 13, 2024 trainer Stephen Hamilton welcomed his granddaughter Stevie Celeste McMahan. Stevie Celeste weighed 9lbs 14oz and was 21 inches long! Grandpa Stephen has nick named her “Jairish” the Jamaican Irish. We can not wait to see you in the winner circle.**

HORSEMEN'S PURCHASING  
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**EASTER SALE**  
**TUESDAY APRIL 2, 2024**

10% Off Equipment,  
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<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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# OUR CONDOLENCES...

*On* March 10, 2024, Frank J Menarde Jr. passed away, just 3 days shy of his 93rd birthday. Frank was a long-time trainer here at Parx. You could always find Frank in the kitchen after training, enjoying a good game of cards. Not only did Frank love horses but had a real passion for music. Frank was one of a kind and will be missed.



*It* is with profound sadness that we announce Murray C. Scott's quiet passing at the age of 80 on March 19, 2024. Murray was not only a skilled Thoroughbred horse trainer, horse van driver, and all-around horseman, but also a devoted father and grandfather, and loving husband to former PTHA Office Manager, Connie Youmans.

Everyone who met him was moved by his kind demeanor and warm smile. He was the type of person who people liked to spend time with. Murray enjoyed the simple pleasures in life, whether it was a friendly game of pool or shuffleboard or simply enjoying a nice beer or a drink of Scotch. He fed the birds and squirrels with such love and joy that his backyard was transformed into a haven for them to visit every day.

They simply don't make them like Murray anymore. He was truly one of a kind and will be greatly missed by all. Services for Murray will be held privately at the convenience of the family. Friends may gather from 3-6 PM on April 3rd, 2024, at the Fox Hunt Tavern in Bensalem, Pennsylvania. There will be food along with a shot and beer on Murray for anyone who wishes.

*In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations in Murray's honor be made to The PTHA GRANNY FUND, a scholarship fund for PARX backstretch children.*

*The address is PTHA, Inc., P.O. Box 300, Bensalem, PA.*

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