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PTHA PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As we get ready for the "First Saturday in May", I hope you're all catching "Kentucky Derby Fever". We look forward to having you join us for all the fun & excitement as we spend the family day together watching "The Run for The Roses". Remember, PARX will be racing!

In the meantime, I just returned from April OBS where the media reported ROBUST sales. I'm sorry to report that nothing could be further from the truth! Yes, the demand for horses at the "TOP END" was strong; however, the middle to lower market was nonexistent - an unmitigated disaster.

Fact: 1,208 horses were catalogued; but only 642 horses (53.1%) were reported as sold; many were "POST SALE (PS)" after reserves weren't met. With so few horses selling, that's why the favorable statistics are distorted.

Of the 642 horses reported as sold, 42 "cheaper" ones were sold to the Philippines, Puerto Rico and Korea, etc. This means only 600 (49.6%) were actually sold; whereas 608 (50.4%) (includes the 42 going overseas) went unsold. Of the "unsold" horses going thru the auction ring 141 (23.1%) went RNA (Reserve Not Attained) which is certainly a "respectable" number at any auction.

However, the real story was the ungodly 461 horses (76.9%) that were WITHDRAWN and never went thru the auction ring! Were they bad horses? No! Did they all fail the vet? No! Did they all work poorly in the under-tack show? No! To the contrary as most were very good horses. Not only did no one vet (examine) them before bidding, no one even came to look beforehand.

Keep in mind that April is OBS's PREMIER auction. Can you imagine what the June OBS auction will be? The truth be told, OBS was a ghost town as "middle to lower end buyers" were absent in droves. Many "very good" horses went completely unseen - a true indicator of how bad our economy is.

My point in bringing up this negative news is because going forward as PTHA OWNERS and TRAINERS you'll have a RARE OPPORTUNITY to participate in the upcoming May Timonium auction in which it will be strictly a BUYER'S market.

Today's juveniles are tomorrow's champions. This class will be selling at 25/50 cents "on the dollar" because the pinhooking (reselling) consignors must repay their creditors. Pinhookers mostly borrow large sums of money each summer buying yearlings they hope to resell for a handsome profit the following Spring at these 2YO's in training auctions. Now their debt is due.



Robert "Bob" Hutt
PTHA PRESIDENT

It turns out that consignor's misfortune might turn out to be your GOOD FORTUNE! Permit me to explain. It's just a short few hour drive to Maryland. There's no expensive shipping bills to worry about as you would incur in Ocala. A great buying strategy to employ is to (1) watch the under tack show; (2) then examine the horse; (3) then WAIT the auction out, if need be!

Should the horse NOT sell at YOUR PRICE in the auction ring, don't chase it - let it go. If RNA (unsold) or WITHDRAWN head back to the barn to negotiate your own deal as you'll be in the driver's seat with very little to almost no competition. If April OBS is any indicator there will literally be hundreds of horses for you to select from. We employed this exact strategy at OBS and it worked like a charm. You can thank me later as there will be an overabundance of many good/excellent horses available to you for under \$25,000/\$35,000. If you're short cash, then look to "partner up" with a friend/horseman as opportunities to buy good horses "on the cheap" don't come along very often! The current purses at PARX are excellent. Pennsylvania is one of the few states to offer owners year-round racing.

So what are you waiting for? Good hunting as I wish you all the best in finding the horse of your dreams! Who knows? Next year it might just be YOU racing on the "First Saturday In May" as crazier things have been known to happen! Find that next Smarty Jones! Dream away, you DREAMERS! Until next time....

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

Horsemen,

The PTHA's Turning For Home could not be more appreciative of the tremendous support we have received for this year's TFH Golf Outing. We have a full field of 144 players signed up, with a few on the AE list.

Turning For Home surpassed 4,000 horses safely and successfully retired since 2008, a milestone that would not be possible without each and every one of you. We thank you, our horses thank you.

The month of May starts our LIVE RACING at PARX on; see Kentucky Day Derby (Saturday-May 4th) and Preakness Day (Saturday-May 18th). Please mark your calendars, both days will be Family-Fun Days in the picnic grove.

This year's KY Derby Day also marks the 20th anniversary since Smarty Jones, John Servis, Mr. & Mrs. Chapman, and Stewart Elliot captured the Run For The Roses. I can remember the grandstand being packed to capacity to watch Smarty embark on his Triple Crown quest, as I'm sure many of you remember. Many things have changed over the last 20 years, but the one constant is all of you, our Horsemen, continuing to move Parx Racing forward and the industry as a whole forward.



Jeffrey A. Matty Jr.
PTHA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Please be on the lookout for calendar events for PTHA Charities. The PTHA is proud to pull all of our efforts into bettering our community right here for the men and women of Parx Backstretch family.

We very much look forward to seeing you and your families on the apron for Summer-Time racing here at Parx.

Continued success & good health,
Jeffrey A Matty, Jr.



AROUND THE OVAL

by Dani Gibson

We had two \$100,000 Pennsylvania Bred Stakes Races at Parx Racing on 4/22/24 both going 7 furlongs with both winners coming off layoffs to come back to their 2024 campaign victorious.

Morning Matcha won the \$100,000 Unique Bella Stakes with jockey Mychel Sanchez riding the 5-year-old bay mare to surge clear to win for trainer Butch Reid, Jr., owners Cash Is King LLC, LC Racing LLC & Gary Barber. Doctor Abbie & jockey Jaime Rodriguez came up the rail for second over Warrior's Ransom who swung wide to finish third with jockey Dexter Haddock riding for trainer Jamie Ness, owner Double B Racing Stables.

Far Mo Power returned to the track with authority closing on the outside with jockey Dexter Haddock to win the \$100,000 Page McKenney Handicap for trainer Lou Linder, Jr. & owner Joseph Sutton by 1 & 1/4 length. Ninetypercentmaddie & jockey Kendrick Carmouche finished second for trainer Butch Reid, Jr., & owner LC Racing LLC over Uncle Ernie & jockey Frankie Pennington who finished third for trainer John Servis & owner Gilman Hallenbeck.

April was a month to remember for two of our 10 lb apprentice jockeys Johariel Rodriguez and Francisco Martinez who both won their first career races.

Counterspy is proving to be the real deal scoring another impressive win for trainer Bobby Mosco & owner Jack Armstrong with jockey Mychel Sanchez wearing the classic lime/black diamond silks in a competitive race on 4/16/24. This was the 3rd consecutive win for the connections & the 4th win for Counterspy.

Beach Daze & jockey Adam Bowman team up for win #7 after another impressive win together on 4/22/24 for trainer Farrel Mann, owners All In Racing Stables LLC & J P S Stable.

The "2023 Claiming Horse of the Year" Masrouer was back to the winner's circle with regular jockey Dexter Haddock riding for trainer Ruperto Perez & owner Serranos Racing Stable in a competitive Starter Optional Claiming race on 4/23/24.

Maximus Meridius & jockey Mychel Sanchez finished second in the \$150,000 Bay Shore Stakes at Aqueduct for owner/trainer Butch Reid, Jr., & owners LC Racing LLC & Cash Is King LLC on 4/6/24 going 7 furlongs for 3-year-olds.

On 4/13/24 Laurel Park -Parx trainers were dominant in stakes races with Disco Ebo winning the \$100,000 Primonetta Stakes with jockey Sheldon Russell riding the talented PA Bred mare for trainer Butch Reid, Jr., owners Cash is King LLC & LC Racing LLC.

Magic Michael finished second in the \$100,000 Native Dancer Stakes going 1 mile & 1/8th for trainer Jamie Ness, owners Morris Kernan, Jr, Yo Berbs Racing & Jagger Inc. with jockey Jaime Rodriguez riding.

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PTHA's TURNING FOR HOME, INC.

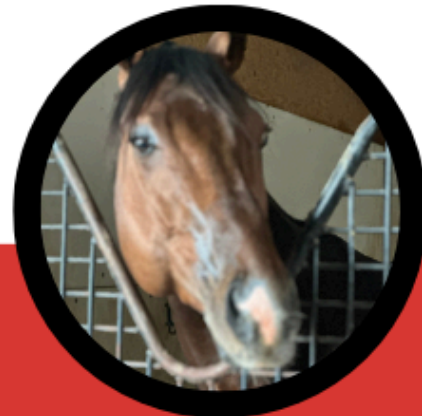
From Danielle Montgomery, Program Administrator

As we are putting the final touches on our third annual PTHA's Turning for Home, Inc. Golf Outing, we are also making arrangements to send two stellar stallions to the Mid-Atlantic Equine Medical Center for castration as part of their necessary transition to life off the track.

What do golf and geldings have in common? It's Turning for Home, the Aftercare program here at Parx, responsible for safely rehabilitating, retraining, and rehoming over 300 retiring racehorses yearly. *Thiscatcanjump*, a beautiful eight-year-old home-bred stakes-placed son of Jump Start was retired after Team Malouf decided that 2024 is not his big year. That was pre-Covid when the colt won two Allowances Races in a row and turned in speed figures over 102 and took on some big PA-Bred stakes like the Banjo Picker, earning over a 1/4 million and retiring intact, and loved dearly by his groom, the one and only Brooke Hano!



Thiscatcanjump



Carpe All Day

Joining *Thiscatcanjump* is *Carpe All Day*, the ninety-third horse to enter our program in just these first four months of 2024. Only five, this colt's story is a bit different. While he did earn \$25,000 in 2021, his vet bills rapidly pushed through all that after he suffered and was treated for pneumonia, dashing lots of hopes and dreams. It doesn't matter to us; we have never turned any horse away, and with the added support from our Owners and Jockeys this last year, his castration and all the time he needs to find a safe second career is available through our program with no long wait times and no extra fees.

Transforming these stallions into geldings means that eventually, kids can handle them, their brains relax, and they can interact in a herd. While the focus around this time of year can, unfortunately, turn to the rare tragedies on the track at this time of year, this is not a tragic event despite what some golfers may imagine. Here, we have two gorgeous horses that will get all the love and care they need even after their racing careers are over. They will be re-loved by the Managers, trainers, riders, and families at our approved Partner Farms until adoption. Life is better as a gelding!!

Currently, over 300 Parx horses benefit from this program each year, making us the largest on-track program in the country, and the funds raised at our Golf Outing help us to provide that care and raise awareness for the good stories surrounding horseracing and, importantly, that horses have great second careers when they leave the track. While they never made it to the KY Derby, maybe these boys will end up competing in the Kentucky Three-Day Event or another, like former TFH mare Flannery, who trained through our Full Gallop Farm in Aiken Sc to be a 5* competitor. Or maybe they will prefer a quieter life and truck around beautiful trails with a dedicated human to dote on them.

Following these horses on their second career path is an adventure where you may end up at a rodeo, on the beach, or back in the stands, cheering them on to a different kind of victory, as we have all experienced over the last fifteen years. Thanks to the commitment of the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, President Bob Hutt, Executive Director Jeff Matty, the entire Board of Directors, the Owners, Trainers, Jockeys, Breeders, Parx Management, our Veterinarians, and everyone who chips in daily to make the moving parts flow, we can facilitate a safe rehabilitation plan for every horse sent our way, so our horses can continue to live happy, successful lives even after they leave racing. Thank you to everyone who helped organize this important event, and be sure to check back on our new geldings!

If you missed this opportunity to show your support, please consider helping us as we partner with Monmouth Park's Second Call Thoroughbred Adoption and Placement for the Thoroughbred Showdown, an all-Thoroughbred horseshow in November 2024. We will bring in top Thoroughbreds, support an Adopt-a-Thon, and encourage everyone to come on Sunday for our Racing Celebrity Classes featuring area Trainers, Jockeys, Owners and Breeders on retired OTTBs!!

Pnutbutter Special (NJ)
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9, 2016
(JUMP START - LIMITED
SERIES, BY DEERHOUND)
Bred By Emma Krohn



Trainer, Carols Milan and Owner Chick Ridge, LLC decided to responsibly retire him after he won an impressive \$285,900. He ran 30 times and hit the board 10 times with 6 wins. His biggest win was in 2019 at the New Jersey Breeders Handicap (Black Type) where he had a triple-digit speed figure

And Big Thanks to our Partner Farm, Kelly Lupton at Universal Performance Horses for finding him a great match!

From Owner, Emily - "I don't have some wild story where he is now competing and doing big things. I have had him a year and a half now. I trail rode him for a year and tried just to let him come down a bit. As he loved the trails and not the arena. He is now privately in a full-time training program at my trainer's house. He has been a really tough one to get through to. However what I can say about him is that we love him dearly and he is treated like a king! He's a Very special boy. He just needs a slower pace to reach him to get him feeling good about learning and taking direction. I see big things in our future. It'll just take a little longer than planned to get there. But every day with him is a gift. "



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

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FROM THE RACING OFFICE

Parx is super excited to be racing on all Triple Crown Saturdays, allowing fans the chance to watch and wager on those races, along with our Parx Live Racing cards.



On Saturday, May 4th - Kentucky Derby Day, we had a huge turnout of fans and we are looking at even bigger and better attendance on Preakness Day and Belmont Stakes Day. Mark your calendars - Memorial Day is the annual start of turf racing at Parx Racing - and we can wait to get back to turf racing, highlighted by the G3 Turf Monster Stakes on PA Derby Day, September 21st.

**Best,
David Osojnak
Director of Racing**

Join Us For PTHA's Breakfast At The Track

Preakness Saturday - May 18th

8 am - 10 am

Parx Track Apron / Cotillion Room

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The PTHA OFFICE

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PTHA TROPHY WINNERS

APRIL 2024

APRIL 2 My Little Red



Owner -Linda Merritt
Trainer -Daniel Velazquez
Jockey - Andrew Wolfson

APRIL 9 Whitewalker



Owner -JKX Racing
Trainer -Jacinto Solis
Jockey -Abner Adorno

APRIL 15 Burn the Evidence

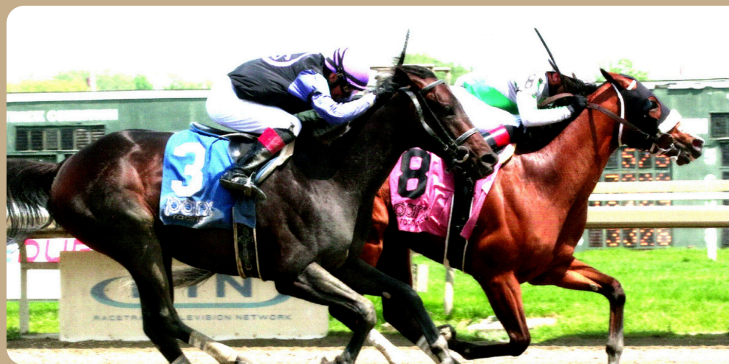


Owner -Hart Racing Stable
Trainer -Carlos Leung
Jockey - Dexter Haddock

APRIL 23 Shadow Man



Owner -Colts Neck Stables LLC
Trainer -Jorge Duarte, Jr.
Jockey -Paco Lopez



APRIL 30 Evolutionary

Owner -Smart Angle LLP
Trainer - Michael Pino
Jockey -Mychel Sanchez

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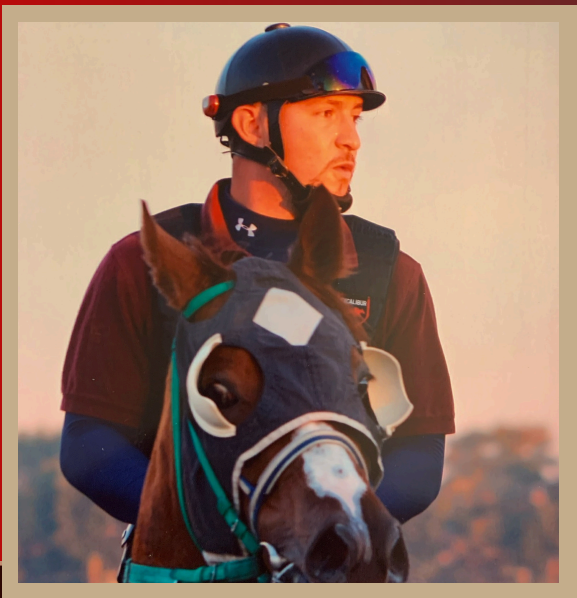
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HEART *of the* BACKSTRETCH

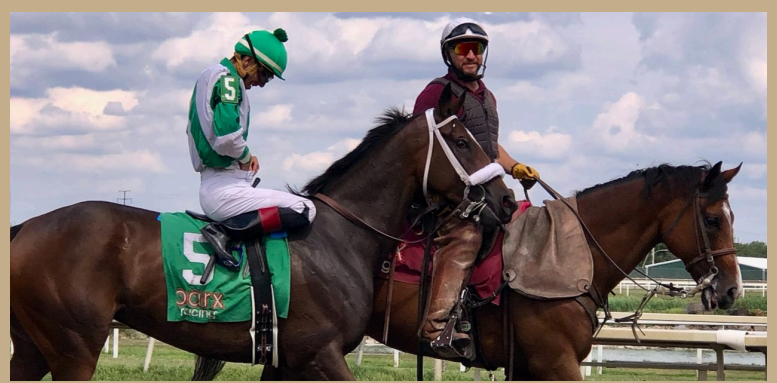
BY NIKKI GUZMAN

If you happen to catch live racing at PARX Racetrack and make your way over to the paddock area, you notice the riders and their pony horses waiting to escort the racehorses to the starting gate.

Thoroughbred racehorses are often young, extremely strong, and significantly fit when they are at the top of their game. Sometimes, a more experienced equestrian chaperone is needed to help keep them calm and cool at the racetrack. Any horse breed can be used as a track pony, but retired Thoroughbreds who are mature enough to return to the track in this new duty are among the most successful. Not only are Adrian Delgado and his Thoroughbred counterpart Stevie's Moonshot, now called "Moonshine", well-known to racing spectators, but also the racetrack backside family.

Originally from Jalisco, Mexico, Adrian immigrated to the United States at the age of 17. Although his grandfathers were initially farmers, one became a blacksmith and the other a horse trainer. His father, along with several uncles, also pursued careers in the racehorse industry. At the age of four, he began riding, and by the time he was a young teenager, he was ponying horses. Adrian worked at the Hipódromo de las Américas in Lomas de Sotelo, Mexico City, before joining PARX.

He has worked as an exercise rider for trainer, Bobby Mosco for over 7 years, "I work for a great guy". It's a good environment to work around him and my coworkers. I love what I do. I have no regrets. I thank God for what I have, the people around me, my family, my uncles, and my friends." His favorite part of the day is riding. It allows him to observe how his horses are performing. He pays attention to even the slightest details so that he may work with the trainer to improve the horse's performance and, ideally, win races.



Adrian has traveled to many other states, including Texas, Oklahoma, Virginia, and Delaware, but he prefers PARX, "You always see different things everywhere you go but PARX, it is my home. I will always be protective of my home. It's not just my home, it's our home."

Adrian believes that everyone looking to get into the profession, whether they want to be an exercise rider, jockey, or assistant trainer, should start from the bottom, "Lots of people just want to come and ride a horse but don't know how to check their legs or put standing bandages on. They just want to grab a helmet and go ride. I learned old school. I had to groom and clean stalls." In our industry, things are constantly changing. There are new regulations, new products, new opportunities, and new individuals with fresh perspectives. Learning is something that everyone must do throughout their lives, even if they are satisfied in their current position, as Adrian advised me, "You can be doing this job for 30 or 40 years and you still learn something new every day. I would tell kids to still go to college. You can't always be doing this (riding) as you get older. You get sore. It can be dangerous and you can get hurt."

We appreciate having Adrian as a member of our PARX family and agree that education is critical. The PTHA uses its Granny Fund to support scholarships for postsecondary study. Donations to PTHA Charities, Inc. are always appreciated.

If you would like to nominate someone for our feature, please stop by the PTHA office or email nguzman@patha.org.

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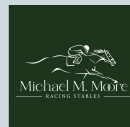
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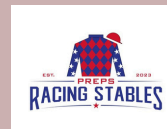
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Andrew Carter, Trainer
Josiah Hampshire, Jr., Rider
7 Furlongs 1:24

Whistle Pig

PhiladelphiaPark



Joey Carson 2nd
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Whistle Pig was a once in a
lifetime horse for his beloved
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Won the LEEMAT STAKES

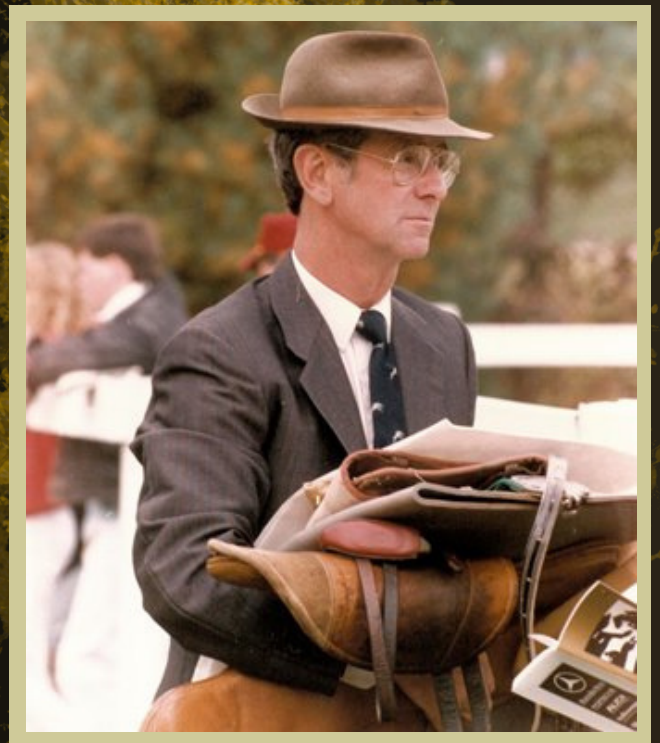
Won the YANKEE AFFAIR STAKES

Close to \$1M in earnings

We will never forget this legendary PA
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