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Aoife's Magic
Winner of the Imply and Miss
Behaviour Stakes in 2023
PA Bred Champion by Smarty Jones
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BIGGEST DAY OF RACING ALMOST HERE!

TUNE IN FOR OUR BIGGEST DAY OF RACING!

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER, 21

4:30PM - 6:30PM ET



**PTHA
Apple "Breeze"
Night!**

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

Get **15% OFF** (alcohol excluded) on **Apple "Breeze"**. So mark your calendars and join us at Applebee's every Wednesday from 4pm-11pm!

Congratulations



John Deere Zero Turn Mower Model Z315E

Jockey Silvestre Gonzalez wins races and also raffles! During PA Day at the Races Silvestre won the John Deere mower donated by the NTRA. Proceeds benefit the PHBA, PAC & Turning For Home.



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PTHA PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As the calendar turns toward Labor Day on August 24th, we celebrate the 20th anniversary of Smarty Jones just missing out on IMMORTALITY when he lost his last and only race of his career by one length while finishing a game second in the Belmont Stakes in pursuit of the 2004 Triple Crown. That fateful day, Smarty drew an all-time record Belmont Park crowd of 120,139, hoping to see the coronation of an undefeated Triple Crown champion.

Alas, it was not to be, as every jockey in the race made it a point to come at Smarty Jones in waves just to get him beat. Not many people know that in the middle of this grueling mile-and-a-half "test of champions," Smarty Jones actually ran a 22-second quarter mile, one of the fastest ever recorded in Belmont Stakes history. Beloved NYRA racetrack announcer Tom Durkin, a staunch Smarty Jones fan, believed in him so much that secretly, that morning, he marked off with red tape 31 lengths along the rail, believing Smarty Jones capable of eclipsing the record margin of victory previously held by the immortal, Secretariat. Softened up by that very fast middle quarter mile, Birdstone rallied late in the deep stretch to deny Smarty Jones his date with destiny and his Triple Crown.

Twenty long years ago a Pennsylvania Bred horse named lovingly Smarty Jones by his wonderful owner, Pat Chapman, arose from humble beginnings to capture the world's attention. Smarty was adored by racing fans all across our great country and is largely responsible for putting Philadelphia Park, now named PARX, on the map. Many believe he should have a statue erected in his honor, just like Sylvester Stallone's Rocky, as he epitomizes the blue-collar ethics of all Philadelphians. Yet for inexplicable reasons known only by a few HOF committee members, unbelievably, Smarty Jones is NOT in Racing's Hall of Fame! So, let's take a closer look at his statistics to see where he belongs in history.

The Belmont Stakes was Smarty Jones's last race. As his great trainer, John Servis, told me, Smarty laid it all on the line that day. He gave his all in that race and emptied his tank as he had nothing left to give. He was done! That's all you can ever ask of any champion. And make no mistake, Smarty Jones was and remains the "People's Champion," and no one can ever take that title away from him. He completed his career, winning eight of nine-lifetime races with the Belmont Stakes being his last race. His second-place finish that day by one length was the only blemish on what could have been an undefeated, illustrious career. Smarty won eight consecutive races and seven stakes and had career earnings of \$7,613,155. Smarty's Beyer speed figure of 107 in the Kentucky Derby is higher/faster than Triple Crown champions and Hall Of Fame inductees, American Pharoah's 105; and, Justify's 103.



Robert "Bob" Hutt
PTHA PRESIDENT

JUST ONE LENGTH FROM IMMORTALITY!
The Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, The Pennsylvania Breeders Association, Parx Racing, and all of America Salute...

SMARTY JONES ON HIS 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF WINNING THE KENTUCKY DERBY AND PREAKNESS!

Smarty Jones IS "The People's Champion!" A real-life equine "Rocky" story straight out of Philadelphia, PA.

- 9 Lifetime Races: 8 Wins, 1 Second Place
- 7 Stakes Victories
- \$7,613,155 Lifetime Earnings
- 107 Beyer Speed Figure in The Kentucky Derby, HIGHER than American Pharoah and Justify
- Won The Preakness by a RECORD 11^{1/2} LENGTHS with an all-time highest 118 Beyer Speed Figure
- Drew a RECORD CROWD of 120,139 fans to The Belmont Stakes

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PTHA PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Smarty won the Preakness Stakes by a RECORD 11 1/2 lengths and earned the all-time HIGHEST Preakness Beyer speed figure in history at 118, which still stands today two decades later. Many pundits believe that Smarty's Preakness victory might be the fastest race ever run in the 21st century? By Preakness comparison, American Pharoah recorded only a 102 Beyer and Justify just a 97. In Smarty Jones lone career Belmont Stakes defeat he still recorded a very respectable Beyer of 99 to American Pharoah's 105 and Justfy's 101.

Smarty Jones (2004) won eight of nine career starts, seven stakes with one-second place finish good for \$7,613,155 and was retired after the Belmont Stakes. Eleven years later Triple Crown champion American Pharoah (2015) won nine of eleven races, nine stakes including one second good for career earnings of \$8,650,300. Triple Crown champion Justify (2018) raced only six times in his career, winning all six races, but won only four stakes with career earnings of 3,798,000 and was also retired just like Smarty Jones after the Belmont stakes.

Smarty Jones earned faster Beyer figures than both Triple Crown champions in the Derby and Preakness. He won the Preakness stakes by a record margin and received the fastest recorded Beyer 118, both all-time records that still stand twenty years later. By comparison, the two Triple Crown champions only received Preakness Beyer's of 102 and 97, respectively.

Not to denigrate the undefeated Justify who deservingly belongs in the Hall Of Fame; however, Smarty Jones ran more races, nine to Justify's six; won more races, eight to Justify's six; won seven stakes to Justify's four; and earned double his career earnings fourteen years earlier when purses were less; Smarty also earned far superior Beyer numbers in pursuit of the Triple Crown when racetrack technology was not as advanced as today. Smarty Jones set records in winning the Preakness by a record margin while recording the fastest Preakness Beyer in history; and last but certainly not least, Smarty Jones drew 120,139 adoring fans to Belmont Park, a record that can never be broken proving his worldwide popularity. Reflect on that for a moment: Smarty Jones drew more fans to Belmont Park in 2004 than Triple Crown champions Secretariat in 1973, Seattle Slew in 1977, Affirmed in 1978, American Pharoah in 2015, and Justify in 2018. This overlooked statistic proves beyond a shadow of a doubt how beloved and popular Smarty Jones was. Yet here we are twenty years later, and Smarty Jones is still NOT in the Hall of Fame. How is this even possible?

On behalf of the PTHA and grateful racing fans from across our great nation, we dedicate this Saturday, August 24th, as Smarty Jones Day to celebrate the 20th anniversary of his spectacular achievements. Let our voices be heard in our hearts and around the world that Smarty Jones is and was one of the greatest horses to ever peer thru a bridal and deservingly should be enshrined in Racing's Hall of Fame! Thank you.

Update from Executive Director JEFFREY A. MATTY, JR.

HORSEMEN:

With the calendar turning to September, it brings Pennsylvania Derby month, showcasing the best we have to offer on a national racing stage. Every year, on average, we race about 150 days, three days a week here at Parx Racing, but this is the one day that separates itself from the rest. In the last two years (PA Derby 2022 & 2023), our PTHA Horsemen have won a combined 14 races on Pennsylvania Derby Day, we expect and hope this year will be no different.



\$1,000,000

G1 Pennsylvania Derby

\$1,000,000

G1 Cotillion Stakes

\$400,000

G2 Gallant Bob Stakes

\$250,000

G3 Turf Monster

\$250,000

G3 Greenwood Cup

\$300,000

Parx Dirt Mile

\$100,000

Parx Sprint



Jeffrey A. Matty Jr.
PTHA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2024 PA Derby Day will be broadcast on NBC Sports Philadelphia from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Our show will be hosted by Laffit Pincay and Dick Jerardi. Paddock co-hosts will be the team of Maggie Wolfendale and our PTHA's Dani Gibson. Last year's broadcast captured 20,000 people, we are working hard through advertising and promotions to surpass this.

2008 World Series Champions Charlie Manuel and Brad Lidge will be our VIP ambassadors, along with legendary former St. Joe's basketball coach Phil Martelli. These ambassadors, combined with the luck of good weather, should make this a record-setting day all around.

Once we get through September, the PTHA will be having many fall meetings and events. Matt Walker, of Philadelphia Trust, will be giving a full presentation to trainers, regarding their pension plans and how their money is being invested. Please bring all of your questions to the meeting, if not, we can set you up with one-on-one meetings at a later date.

We look forward to a great September and fall season.



HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY OCTOBER 19, 2024

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The entire Parx Racing
community is invited.

Thursday,
September 19th
11 am to 2 pm
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Smarty Jones Day

20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY



The PTHA was honored to have Mrs. Chapman join us for 2024 Smarty Jones Day. It was a great day comprised of great memories from '04 and great prep races for PA Derby Day. Having Mrs. Chapman, along with John Servis and his family, made the Smarty stories come alive while interacting with fans. We are forever grateful and honored to call Smarty Jones a hometown hero. Thank you from all of us at the PTHA.



The PTHA and our partnership coverage on NBC Sports Philadelphia with Parx Racing was seen by over 20,000 viewers LIVE! PTHA promoted the big day on NBC 10 and Philly Live!



SMARTY JONES DAY RACE RECAPS

Smarty Jones Day was an incredible homage to our beloved Champion Smarty Jones with 6 stakes races highlighted by the 3-year-olds taking on the Smarty Jones Stakes & 3 year old fillies in the \$200,000 Cathryn Sophia Stakes

Our local horses were competitive on their home track for the 6 Stakes races



\$200,000 Smarty Jones Stakes went 1 mile & 1/16th for 3-year-olds in preparation for the big PA Derby. Gould's Gold battled to win with jockey Emmanuel Esquivel for trainer Kenny McPeek, owners Four G Racing LLC, Lance Gasaway & Magdalena Racing over local horse Just Step On It & jockey Jose Lezcano for trainer Lou Linder, owners Branjam Stable & Dave Clark. Uncle Heavy got 3rd for trainer Butch Reid, Jr, owners Milam Racing & LC Racing LLC.

\$75,000 The Mayor's Mile was a duel to the wire with Adero & jockey Abner Adorno getting the win for trainer John Servis & owner Carguys Racing LLC with Concealed Carry & jockey Luis Ocasio getting a game second place finish for trainer Lou Linder, Jr., owners Branjam Stable & Dave Clark.



\$75,000 The State Representative's Sprint K.C. Tomlinson going 6 1/2 furlongs. My Buddy B shipped in for the win for owner/trainer Krista Hetrick with Recruiter chasing for second place for trainer Cathal Lynch. Home town horse Speedy Bolt & jockey Eliseo Ruiz got third for trainer Lou Linder, Jr. & owner Over The Moon Racing Stable LLC.



\$200,000 Cathryn Sophia Stakes going 1 mile & 70 yards was a dazzling prequel for our upcoming Cotillion Stakes for 3-year-old fillies. Gun Song & jockey Jose Lezcano won for trainer Mark Hennig & owner R. Lee Lewis.



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\$75,000 The Salvatore M. DeBunda Sprint going 6 1/2 furlongs with 3 year old colt Buccherino & jockey Jose Lezcano pulling away to win for trainer Freddy Velazquez & owner Happy Tenth Stable. Maximus Meridius & jockey Paco Lopez got second for trainer Butch Reid, Jr. & owners LC Racing LLC, Cash is King LLC & Wellesley Stable.

\$100,000 Parx Dash going 5 furlongs on the turf was dominated by shippers with Alogon & jockey Jaime Rodriguez getting the victory for trainer Ned Allard & owner Charles Matses.

AROUND THE OVAL

by Dani Gibson

PARX RACING HORSES AND CONNECTIONS MAKING NOISE THIS SUMMER AT THE MID-ATLANTIC TRACKS

Colonial Downs - Festival of Racing 8/11

Trainer Butch Reid, Jr. sent two from his talented stable on 8/11th in Virginia for their annual Festival of Racing at Colonial Downs. 3-year-old PA Bred filly Carmelina and jockey Mychel Sanchez shook clear, taking the field gate to wire going the 7 furlongs in the \$100,000 Penny Chenery Stakes for owners Cash Is King LLC & LC Racing LLC.

The competitive filly Necie Marie took on Grade 2 company in the \$500,000 Beverly D. Stakes, going 1 mile & 3/16ths with international superstar jockey Lanfranco Dettori to a close 3rd place finish behind 2 top turf mares winner Moira & 2nd place finisher Fev Rover for owner Milam Racing Stables.

Monmouth Park - 8/25

The consistent mare Beach Daze rallied for third with her trusty pilot jockey Adam Bowman in the \$100,000 Eleven North Handicap for trainer Farrel Mann, owners All In Racing Stables LLC & J P S Stable going 6 furlongs in State Bred company

PTHA TROPHY WINNERS AUGUST 2024

AUGUST 20

Hombre Hermoso



Owner
Maria Marquez

Trainer
Jose Santaella-Calderon

Jockey
Eliseo Ruiz

AUGUST 27

Flat Out Flying



Owner
Top Notch Racing

Trainer
Ernesto Padilla-Preciado

Jockey
Abner Adorno

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PENNSYLVANIA
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**OVER \$30
MILLION**

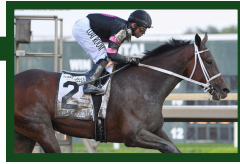


PAID IN BREEDING INCENTIVES

PENNSYLVANIA'S DAY at the RACES



Photo Credit: Averie Levanti



The 23rd annual Pennsylvania's Day at the Races took place on a beautiful day at Parx Racing on Monday, August 26th. Hundreds of breeders attended the luncheon and enjoyed a variety of raffles, including a John Deere Zero-Turn Mower donated by NTRA, and a card featuring some of the best Pennsylvania-breds in training. FanDuel was on site for the eleven race card, and race-calling icon Larry Collmus provided picks and interviews throughout the day.

Stakes action kicked off in the seventh race with the \$100,000 Marshall Jenney Handicap over five furlongs. Moved from the turf to the main track, the field featured five entrants. With three horses vying for favoritism, lost in the shuffle was nine-year-old Smooth B, winner of the Marshall Jenney the last time the race came off the grass in 2022. Joined in a three-way duel for the early lead, Smooth B slipped past Traders Luck along the rail and drew off to a 3 ½ length victory at odds of 7-1. The son of Weigelia is out of St. Omer's Farm's brilliant broodmare Katarica Disco. Bred by St. Omer's and WynOaks Farm and owned by LC Racing, Smooth B boasts earnings of \$893,447 with 11 wins, 13 seconds, and 9 thirds in 61 starts.

PA-Sired, PA-Bred runners featured in the Jump Start Stakes over seven furlongs, and a strong field of six lined up. While Ninetypercentmaddie took heavy money off his strong graded stakes showings in New York, Gordian Knot was a clear second choice in the wagering. With defending champion Veeson dueling through early fractions with 2023 PA Nursery winner Capo, Gordian Knot tracked in the clear before sweeping past the vying pair in the final furlong... A homebred for Joe Imbesi, Gordian Knot now features 7 wins and 4 thirds in 14 starts for earnings of \$529,730.

The Storm Cat Stakes squared off a field of six over a mile and 70 yards. With a hot and contested early pace of 23.29 and 47.03 being laid down on the front end between favored Movisitor and Windsor Gold, 5-2 second choice Irish Cork was content to trail in last, six lengths off the lead. Margin of Air got the jump on the frontrunners and opened a two length lead at the top of the stretch, but Irish Cork and rider Frankie Pennington chugged along up the rail to collar the leader... The seven-year-old son of Flat Out was making his 41st career start and posted his first ever stakes victory in the Storm Cat for trainer John Servis and owners Irish Three Racing LLC. Bred by Two-Turn Farm LLC, Irish Cork was a \$15,000 weanling purchase at Keeneland November. His record now stands at 8 wins, 11 seconds, and 8 thirds in 41 starts and earnings of \$530,222.

While the Mrs. Penny Stakes was reduced to six when coming off the turf, it allowed the opportunity for Morning Matcha to run as a main track only entrant. With earnings standing at over \$970,000, a victory would anoint the five-year-old mare as racing's newest millionaire. A heavy 2-5 favorite in the mile and a sixteenth event, Morning Matcha tracked six lengths back in fifth before dropping to the rail and blowing past the leaders.

It was the fifth career stakes victory for Morning Matcha, whose record now boasts 8 victories, 7 seconds, and 7 thirds with earnings of \$1,029,940. Bred by Clovis and Joanna Crane's Crane Thoroughbred Services LLC, she was an \$18,000 yearling purchase for LC Racing at the 2020 Fasig Midlantic Fall Yearling Sale. Owned by LC, Cash is King, and Gary Barber and trained by Butch Reid, Morning Matcha is the 34th Pennsylvania-bred to earn over a million dollars on the racetrack....

A total of \$2,633,466 was handled on the card. A big thank you to Parx Racing and the PTHA for helping the PHBA conduct another successful PA Day at the Races!

TURNING FOR HOME



Class of 2024 RETIRED RACEHORSE PROJECT

Horse Name	Owner	Track/Trainer	Partner Farm	RRP Trainer	Discipline(s)
Dancing Lucy	Dana Grimaldi	Juan Carlos Guerrero	Cleveland Yard	Katherine Goodman	Dressage & Freestyle
Doctor Magic	Emerald Racing Stable LLC	Herold Whylic	Pull Gallop Farm	Bridget O'Neill	Competitive Trail & Eventing
King's House	Jose Gonzalez Sanchez	Jose Gonzalez-Milian	Pull Gallop Farm	Chloe McNamara	Dressage & Competitive Trail
Legal Gump	Over the Moon Racing	Louis Linder Jr.	Pull Gallop Farm	Bridget O'Neill	Eventing & Field Hunter
Meet The Elite	Everest Stables, Inc.	Edward Coletti Jr.	Jumping H Farm	Haley Hollander	Competitive Trail & Dressage
My Forever Friend	Carb is King	John C Servis	Universal Performance Horses	Katrina Newark	Dressage & Show Jumper
Plamen	Jereh Stable	Miguel Rodriguez	Universal Performance Horses	Ashley Graham	Field Hunter & Eventing
Screen Saver	Jagger, Inc.	Janie Ness	Pull Gallop Farm	Maddy Hall	Competitive Trail & Show Hunter
Smookey White	Joseph M. Imbisi	Gaudilupe Preciado	L&D Stables	Courtney Cook & Larrae Abo	Dressage
Stonagate	Brazilian Stable	Louis Linder Jr.	Returned to Breeder	Justine Howell	Dressage
Three Nova Pies	John S. McCain	John McCain	Universal Performance Horses	Jill Dischendorf	Freestyle & Ranch Work
Talkin	Jack Abrams	Ron Abrams	Universal Performance Horses	Lauren Riddle	Freestyle & Dressage
Wild Keyliner	Miguel A. Penabaza	Miguel Penabaza	MNM Equestrian Services	Erica Brown & Madison Stoner	Barrel Racing



PTHA's Turning for Home, Inc. (TFH) is excited to celebrate our Partner Farms on Turning for Home Day at Parx Racing on Labor Day, September 2nd, 2024. A testament to Parx Racing's 16-year commitment to a Thoroughbred Aftercare Program that influenced change across the Industry, the entire day will focus on the TFH Partner Farms, who do all the heavy lifting where transitioning racehorses to second careers is concerned. The \$50,000 Turning for Home Classic will highlight a great day of horse racing, and the Parx Picnic Grove will be open and inviting to families and friends alike to enjoy DJ Tonka, blanket giveaways, and family fun, including face painters, moon bouncers, and horseshoe decorating to benefit TFH. As is tradition, TFH volunteers will give TFH logo shopping bags away to fans while supplies last, and grooms running horses that day will receive TFH T-shirts in Partner Farm green! Owners running horses on Monday are invited to have lunch on the first floor with some of our Partner Farm Managers and will receive TFH Swag bags in the paddock as a thank-you for all they do to provide for their horses' Aftercare!

Looking forward, we are excited for the upcoming Pennsylvania Derby and Cotillion Day for our most exciting racing season here at Parx. Then, our retired racehorses head to Kentucky for their most exciting event, the Retired Racehorse Project's Thoroughbred Makeover. TFH is sending 13 final entries, and we are heading out to support Aftercare and cheer them on! You can see them listed below, and we hope you will help them as these trainers are creating new homes for our horses, secure with the retraining they need to negotiate the next twenty years or so of their lives as solid citizens, which is the best way to send them out into the world.

We work hard to get creative with new homes for our horses, and we are getting ready to launch our first annual All Thoroughbred Showdown in November as part of a partnership with Second Call Aftercare at Monmouth Park. We can use everyone's support to launch this event, which will feature an adopt-a-thon going into the tough winter months, thereby helping our Partner Farms make room for new retirees, as well as incentivize future adopters to own OTTBs and have places to show them and win prizes. The Showdown will be a win-win for all, so share away!



From the desk of.....

Danielle Montgomery
Program Administrator



Turning for Home

ADOPTION UPDATES



**Special Permit (PA) TB, B, G, foaled May 6, 2020
(Brody's Cause - Code Variance, by Awesome Again)**

**Trainer: Ronald J. Dandy
Owner: Kathleen C. Plungis
Breeder: Towering Cumulus LLC**

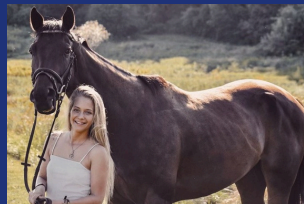
Special Permit, now known as Sparrow is enjoying his new, slower life with owner Danielle in Georgia. Currently, they are taking lessons and enjoying their time together. The plan is to go to some shows this fall once the weather has cooled off. He is a very smart boy who loves to beg for cookies after their training sessions.



**Princess Tapit (NY) TB, B, M, foaled April 15, 2017
(Tapiture - Wild Meeting, by General Meeting)**

**Trainer: Hubert Gaffney
Owner: Alex Kazdan
Breeder: John McDermott
& Laura McDermott**

"Princess Tapit, now known as AK is doing amazing! She and her adopter, Emily spend many nights going on bareback walks where Emily tells AK of her troubles and accomplishments. They have joined the High School Rodeo and are learning how to rope, run poles (her favorite activity), and she is also currently learning how to cut cows. Win or lose, they make Emily's Mom proud!



**Ja' Crispy (MD) TB, DK B/, G, foaled May 9, 2014
(E Dubai - Folly Beach, by Cherokee Run)**

**Trainer: Carlos Soto
Owner: Alpala Farms
Breeder: Angie Moore**

Ja' Crispy was bought from Full Gallop Farm in April of 2018. Now, at 10 years old, he still enjoys boarding and riding at the barn he first called home in New Hampshire. Before venturing to college at Plymouth State University, he and I competed at novice level in eventing. He enjoyed the lazy college kid days but we will be back on the entry lists soon! The pair have traveled for events around New England to participate in different clinics and down to South Carolina for a working student position.



**Allegretto (PA) TB, B, M, foaled February 29, 2016
(Girolamo - Rhythm and Que's, by Sultry Song)**

**Trainer: Cesareo Marquez
Owner: Prima Ventures LLC
Breeder: Spring Run Farm, LLC**

When Allegretto (Now Mystery) first arrived at her new home, Owner Mary thought they would be retraining her for her second career in an English discipline. After sending her to a trainer to install more "buttons" they discovered that Mystery loves barrel racing! Aside from going to barrel racing shows Allegretto also enjoys packing Mary's daughter around and getting all of the attention.



Heartbeat of the Backstretch

By : Nikki Guzman

The Sport of Kings offers a challenging, competitive, and unique way of life that only those who live it understand. In our fantastic game, one of the most difficult jobs you can choose to undertake is that of a Jockey Agent. Most people who follow the sport and wager on it as fans are unaware of how much effort, knowledge, and hard work it takes to be a successful agent.



"COME IN AND WALK THE HORSES, UNDERSTAND HOW THE BARNs WORK, THE LIVES OF A HOTWALKER AND GROOM, AND HOW EVERYTHING WORKS. IT'S IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND ALL THE ASPECTS OF IT. IF YOU START AT THE BOTTOM AND WORK YOUR WAY UP THAT'S YOUR BEST BET WHICHEVER PATH YOU CHOOSE."

Hunter and his younger sister Logan grew up watching races with their parents, Diane and Jockey Agent Robert Martel. At a young age, Hunter Martel knew he would end up working in the racing industry. He began walking horses for John Servis after earning his bachelor's degree in business from The College of New Jersey, before following in his father's footsteps as a Jockey Agent. He had several job interviews right out of college, but Hunter preferred the track's flexible schedule. This allowed him to pursue another interest of his, coaching wrestling at his alma mater, Hopewell Valley High School.

Hunter was surrounded by racing his entire childhood, but he never gave any thought to the many factors involved. He offered advice for those interested in entering the industry, "Come in and walk the horses, understand how the barns work, the lives of a hotwalker and groom, and how everything works. It's important to understand all the aspects of it. If you start at the bottom and work your way up that's your best bet whichever path you choose."

The experience of competing against his father's jockeys is something he describes as "exciting." He admits, "I'm always rooting for my jockey first but if Frankie (Pennington) wins or my dad's other jockeys win I'm always happy too. We're always rooting for the home team."

October will mark two years since he became a Jockey Agent, in that time he has learned a lot and believes his college background helps him with his connections and managing them in his work. Being able to have relationships with a variety of trainers opens up opportunities for his jockeys to ride horses such as Beach Daze for Farrell Mann and Kohler's for John Servis. He is especially grateful to the Hugo Padilla barn for giving him his first Stakes win as an agent with Bowman riding Lonesome Boy in the City Of Brotherly Love Stakes here at PARX.

Hunter spends a great deal of time at PARX with the jockeys he represents, Adam Bowman and Anthony Y. Nunez and loves it, "Coming in during training and hanging out with Adam, Anthony, my dad and Frankie is pretty cool. I get to hang out with some of my best friends every morning and work. So, it's not too bad."

We wish Hunter a long and successful career here at PARX Racing, as well as the jockeys he represents.

SUMMER FUN

The Collazo Family - Kim & Nelson with their 2 sons Nicholas & Jacob enjoying a trip to visit family in Puerto Rico.



Tyler & Shannon Servis enjoying a family wedding in Montana rocking their best western wear with their son Jaxson.



It's a Summer of Love for Smarty Jones fans all over Philly



PLAY BALL! We recently had a PTHA outing at the Trenton Thunder game. The Harper family said selfie time!



FREE ENGLISH CLASSES



ATTENTION Parx Racing stable employees, assistant trainers, and trainers:

FREE English as a Second Language (ESL) Classes

Over the course of 4 weeks, English as a Second Language (ESL) students confidently read, speak, and write basic and tailored English words, phrases and questions that gradually transform into coherent sentences and conversations that are relevant in day-to-day conversations and highly applicable to their work in the equine industry.

Stop by the PTHA Office for more details before 9/25
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DELVAL DAY AT THE RACES



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AT PARX RACING**

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**Wednesday
October 2, 2024
11 am - 1 pm at
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THEY WILL BE MISSED

Robert J. Seeger sadly passed away Thursday August 1, 2024, after courageously battling Leukemia for the last two years, and always having a positive attitude. Born in Philadelphia, PA to the late Elizabeth (Skank) and Robert J. Seeger and was a resident of Bensalem for the past 24 years and was formerly of Perkasie, PA and Newtown, PA.

Robert was a passionate horse trainer for Plumstead Stables, which he owned and operated for over 30 years as well as Sweetbriar Farm.

Robert was not just a thoroughbred horse trainer and breeder; he was a paragon of the industry. Throughout his success career he won over a 1000 races, numerous Parx racing awards including owner/trainer of the year and a well-deserved spot in the Parx Racing Hall of Fame. His dedication to the sport reflected through his service as a board member on the PTHA and his role as the past director of the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association and was a former member of the Parx Chaplaincy. In addition, Robert had the honor of having his horses, Tri for the Gold and Golden Lake, bestowed with the titles of PA State Champion and Parx Champion.

Robert Seeger



February 1, 1951
August 1, 2024

Frank Turchi



October 5, 1954
August 11, 2024

Francis Ralph Turchi, age 69, passed away on August 11, 2024. Beloved father of Frank Turchi (Jaclyn) and the late John Turchi. Devoted Pop Pop of Jason, Gianna, Riley and Toby. Son of the late Frank and Caroline Turchi and loving brother of Regina Trama (the late Anthony), the late Caroline Turchi, Marie Jefferes, Paul Turchi, the late John Turchi, Ryan Turchi and Richard Turchi (Cheri). Frank was a thoroughbred horse trainer who worked at Philly Park for many years.

Aldo Calas



February 10, 1947
August 18, 2024

On August 18, 2024, we lost Aldo Calas. Aldo was a long-time trainer here at Parx, a true horseman! Aldo was always there to lend a helping hand or to tell you a great story from his past. He is survived by his loving daughter Dayana Calas. A Celebration of Life at 11:30am on September 4, 2024 in the winner's circle will take place at Parx and as well as the 5th race named after Aldo. RIP

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