

PTHA POST

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Thorpedo Anna winning the
2024 G1 Cotillion Stakes
Photo Credit: EQUI-PHOTO



Seize the Grey winning the
2024 G1 betPARX Pennsylvania Derby
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Jeffrey A. Matty, Jr

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SPECIAL THANK YOU

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Rudy Lauletta

PTHA PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Pennsylvania Derby Day has come and gone as I am very proud of my administrative staff for putting on a spectacular show. We had a near record turnout to enjoy the festivities. We had so many fans show up so early that we completely ran out of Pennsylvania Derby Hats for which we profusely apologize. We look forward to a wonderful fall meet.



Robert "Bob" Hutt
PTHA PRESIDENT

After my General Membership meeting across the Street from PARX at the Courtyard by Marriott I have been inundated with many calls, emails, and texts. We will be having another meeting in the near future to address your immediate concerns. I am humbled by your outpouring of support. Thank you so much!

SCENES FROM PA DERBY WEEK

RIDE OF A LIFETIME *Cocktail Party* MOVIE PREMIERE



**Derby
Picnic**

Update from Executive Director JEFFREY A. MATTY, JR.

HORSEMEN:

2024 Pennsylvania Derby Day is now in the books. Seize The Grey highlighted the day in the G1 \$1,000,000 betPARX Pennsylvania Derby and Thorpedo Anna's successful quest of the G1 \$1,000,000 Cotillion Stakes.

The PTHA and Parx Racing proudly announce the largest crowd since California Chrome in 2014, eclipsing 12,000 people. Family fun in the picnic grove was made possible with great weather for a full 14-race program.

NBC Sports Philadelphia hosted our two-and-a-half-hour broadcast from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Laffit Pincay anchored the show along with Let's Go Racing's Dick Jerardi. Maggie Wolfendale and the PTHA's Dani Gibson were the paddock analysts for the program. Our TV crew was led by not only our on-air hosts but produced by Let's Go Racing's Bruce Casella. A job well done to all.

The PTHA looks forward to our Fall Racing program. It will be highlighted by Hall of Fame Day on Saturday, October 19th. This year's class consists of Jack Lamar (Former Track Announcer), Richard Romano (Parx Racing - Director of Operations), and Ruby Bleu (23-time PA Bred winner, earner of over \$900,000).



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Jeffrey A. Matty Jr.
PTHA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We continue to represent horsemen's best interests day in and day out. I strongly encourage our membership to get involved! We have many committees and groups in which we appreciate and welcome feedback. Contact our office for more information.

In closing, a day like Pennsylvania Derby Day takes an all-around effort. Our team works tirelessly not only in the days leading up to the event but also months prior. I could not ask for a better team at the PTHA, people who go to work for the horsemen daily. Vicky - Danielle - Diane - Nikki - Dani - Victor - Jackie - Lauren - Chris - Bella - Sam - THANK YOU!

Happy Fall,

Jeff Matty, Jr.

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AROUND THE OVAL

by Dani Gibson



September was an excellent month for our Parx Horsemen!

- 9/7/24 - Kentucky Downs. PA Bred Neece Marie won powerfully in the Grade 3 \$2,000,000 Ladies Turf Marathon at Kentucky Downs, going 1 mile & 5/16ths with top jockey Joel Rosario riding for trainer Butch Reid, Jr. & owner Milam Racing Stables.
- 9/14/24 - Monmouth Park. Kate's Cuban Kiss & jockey Samy Camacho won a competitive \$70,000 NJ Bred Allowance race for trainer Steve Krebs & owner/breeder Hidden Acres 4-D Farm going 6 furlongs at Monmouth Park
- 9/22/24 - Laurel Park. Irish Maxima & jockey Frankie Pennington won the \$100,000 Weather Vane Stakes for trainer John Servis & owner Irish-Three Racing LLC going 6 furlongs at Laurel Park.

DATE

**November
6th**

TIME

11 a.m.

LOCATION

Rec Hall



ATTENTION TRAINERS

**Membership meeting
with Philadelphia Trust,
Matt Walker, to answer
all questions about the
PTHA Pension Plan.**

SAFETY MEETING

**MANDATORY SAFETY MEETING
EXERCISE RIDERS AND JOCKEYS**

OCTOBER 16, 2024

10 AM

LOCATION

REC HALL

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HALL OF FAME DAY

OCTOBER 19



INDUCTION CEREMONY OCTOBER 19, 2024

RUBY BLEU

JACK LAMAR

RICHARD ROMANO

CLASS OF 2024

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 19, 2024**

**MICHAEL P. BALLEZZI
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\$75,000
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**CONGRATULATIONS
DICK JERARDI**

The esteemed writer was honored with the Joe Hirsch Media Roll of Honor at the National Museum of Racing in Saratoga Springs for his 40 years of writing and broadcasting in the sport of horseracing

PTHA TROPHY WINNERS

SEPTEMBER 2024

SEPTEMBER 3 Twenty One Kid



Owner	Trainer	Jockey
John Fanelli	Harold Wyner	Francisco Martinez

SEPTEMBER 10 Right Wing Runner



Owner	Trainer	Jockey
Richard Malouf	Scott Lake	Frankie Pennington

SEPTEMBER 17 Khozy Colby



Owner	Trainer	Jockey
Blue Star Stable	Tyler Servis	Abner Adorno

SEPTEMBER 24 Book Runner



Owner	Trainer	Jockey
Top Notch Racing	Ernesto Padilla-Preciado	Abner Adorno



From the desk of.....

Danielle Montgomery

Program Administrator



****Turning for Home, Inc. and Second Call Thoroughbred Adoption and Placement Team Up for the Premier All Thoroughbred Showdown****

What a fantastic way to kick off the Fall season! The Labor Day Turning for Home Day at Parx Racing allowed us to reach out to fans about our great program. The card on Cotillion and Pennsylvania Derby Day brought thrilling races with the best horses in the country here and lived up to our year-long expectations. This year, the PTHA really outdid themselves by premiering the Smarty Jones documentary, "Ride of a Lifetime," at the pre-Derby Eve Party with Mrs. Chapman and many of our horsemen who were part of that incredible story. It is such a heartwarming story, and there wasn't a dry eye in the house as we reminisced about everything that transpired and all the reasons it should not have happened but did, as Mrs. Chapman said, "in the Casino that Smarty built!" There will be some finishing touches and we look forward to seeing it again.

Turning for Home has been extremely fortunate to see some of Smarty's offspring find safe retirement over the years. Now, we're eagerly looking forward to watching our former racehorses compete in the Retired Racehorse Project's Thoroughbred Makeover in Lexington, KY. We'll be there to support Aftercare and cheer on thirteen TFH alums as they showcase the skills they've learned since retiring. And can you believe it? We're only five weeks away from the upcoming All Thoroughbred Showdown, which will attract even more competitors with the Smarty Jones Triple Crown Prize up for grabs. This amazing event, taking place on November 2nd and 3rd at The Horse Park of New Jersey, is an incredible way to celebrate the versatility of these magnificent animals and honor their connections.

The All Thoroughbred Showdown will be a weekend full of celebration, highlighting the incredible versatility of our racehorses in various second careers. Our goal is to showcase their true value, reward their connections, and boost their demand in equestrian sports. With a lineup of competitive events for both English and Western riders, including Hunters/Jumpers, Barrel racing, Trail, Ranch Pleasure, Costume class, Model Horse, and Dressage, there's something for everyone to enjoy. And let's not forget about the amazing vendors who will be there all weekend, making it an educational and entertaining outreach experience for all. Sunday boasts celebrity classes and an Adopt-a-thon, the perfect opportunity for prospective adopters to find their next equine partner.

Laurie Lane, President of Second Call, said it perfectly: "This event is not just about competition; it's about community, education, and rehoming these incredible athletes. We are eager to demonstrate the adaptability of Thoroughbreds to new disciplines and ensure they receive the loving homes they deserve." This weekend is going to be something truly special, and we can't wait to see you there!

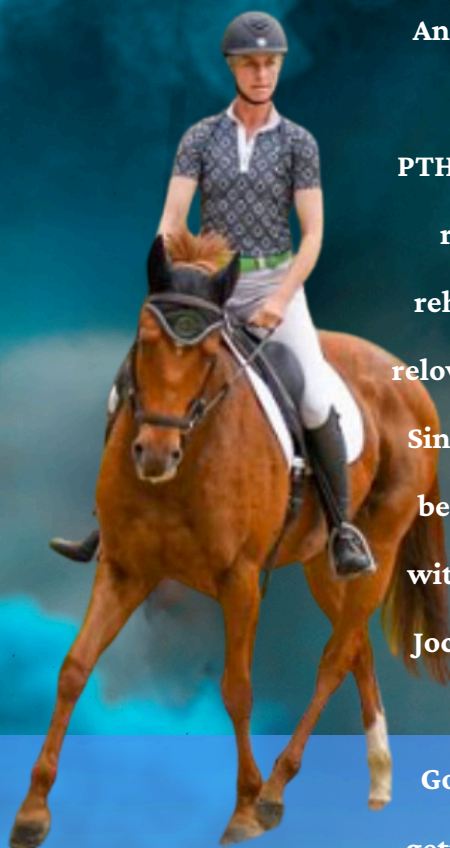
For more information on the All Thoroughbred Showdown, please visit the official website at allthoroughbredshowdown.org. We are still looking for Sponsors to help us raise cash prizes and meet the needs of the day. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Laurie Lane at 908-216-2329 or Danielle Montgomery at 215-808-7562. Let's make this event one to remember!

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Turning for Home

ADOPTION UPDATES



Defeatsnotanoption

DK B/, H, foaled May 11, 2017
(Honor Code - I'm Breathtaking, by Elusive Quality)
Trainer: John C. Servis
Owner: D. J. Stable LLC
Breeder: William D. Graham



"He took a long time to get in the mood to change careers, but this year he finally decided to give this new life a chance. We have given him lots of time to adjust, and my teenage son has been really patient with his transition. They have gone on lots of trail rides to help him develop. Recently, they made their cross-country debut. Defeatsnotanoption was trusting, brave, and had a phenomenal jump! He's a unicorn!!" - Helene



Rosie Summer

DK B/, M, foaled January 8, 2017
(Summer Front - Oh Kay See, by Notional)
Trainer: William C. Hedus
Owner: Nicole Hedus
Breeder: Cloyce C. Clark



"She loves jumping and is VERY happy! We couldn't love her more!! They have started hitting the eventing schooling shows and have done so well together. She is truly sparkling under saddle with the help of our trainer, Emily Smith. Rose is a member of our family." - Amelia & Karen



Cumberland Avenue (KY)

CH, G, foaled March 11, 2018
(First Samurai - Promise Me Joy, by Kitten's Joy)
Trained by: Louis C. Linder, Jr.
Owned by: Over The Moon Racing
Bred by: Charles H. Deters



"He is such an awesome guy and he is loving life with us! He has been helping with a few riding lessons lately, and ADORES the little kids. He takes his time and is so careful with them. You can tell he is trying to make sure they are ok. We are also trying to work with him in the Hunter ring, and he is getting more comfortable each week, his first show (and mine!) is coming up! My daughter is our main trainer. He is the perfect guy to learn on!" - Penny



Kings Highway (ON)

DK B/, G, foaled February 20, 2015
(Super Saver - Stroke the Tiger, by Smart Strike)
Trainer: Trevor Gallimore
Owner: Candy's Racing Stable
Breeder: Mike Carroll



New Owner, Allie is enjoying her time with Kings Highway! They say he is just a great all-around guy. He has had a few off property trips and is working on becoming a well rounded, safe partner!

DELVAL DAY AT THE RACES



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**Important dates coming up:
LIVE RACING on
Saturday 11/2, Friday 11/29
and Saturday 12/28**

**CHECK OUT
THE NEW**

PTHA WEBSITE
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WEBSITE AVAILABLE IN
ENGLISH AND EN ESPAÑOL

Heartbeat of the Backstretch

By : Nikki Guzman

October is Fire Prevention Month! In honor of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) designated the second week of October as Fire Prevention Week in 1922. It is only fitting that we draw attention to one of our own who approaches his job duties rather seriously. Steve Williams, our on-site fire marshal, has diligently prevented catastrophic losses at PARX for the last 27 years.

Steve was born to his mother in their home, as was customary at the time, in a small mining community in Northeastern Pennsylvania, not far from the notorious mine fire town of Centralia. When he was ready to go it alone, he boarded at the Philadelphia YMCA and enrolled in Barber School. He eventually joined the military, serving in the Army, and was stationed in Germany. There wasn't sufficient income or work in their hometown, so after returning from Germany, Steve married his sweetheart Helen and moved back to the Philadelphia region, where his wife would attend beautician school. Steve continued to work as a barber in the afternoons but accepted a position at the post office to secure benefits for his family, while Helen stayed at home with their four children. He retired from the post office and, unwilling to work as a barber owing to the difficult schedule and wanting to have time with his children and grandchildren, began working at Philadelphia Park now known as PARX.



As a devoted father who along with his wife got their four children through college without having overhanging debt waiting them after graduation scarcely had free time to himself. His mouth softened into a smile, and he swallowed a laugh before revealing, "I'm 90 years old. I never hit a golf ball in my life other than miniature golf. I was never in a bowling league. I never had time." He is kept occupied these days by his eight grandchildren, and he has never missed a prom, graduation, or other noteworthy occasion including a summer vacation on North Carolina's Outer Banks.

Steve enjoys working with the folks; "It's a funny job. No one likes getting told that they can't use something they've been using for years. We have to go by the fire code." He explained to me that the Fire Protection Bureau creates the fire codes, tells PARX what to do, and he needs to enforce the laws," People would find it hard to believe that there is not a rule on the track that I made. My job isn't to put fires out, it's to stop them before they start." He completely supports the Bensalem Fire Marshal and believes, "he is one of the best in the county, even in the state in my opinion." During Steve's employment at PARX, no horse has been lost due to fire or a fire-related mishap.

We can all rest a little easier knowing that Steve is on duty, keeping vigilant tabs on any fire dangers, proper extension cord usage, and the safety of both the people and horses at PARX.

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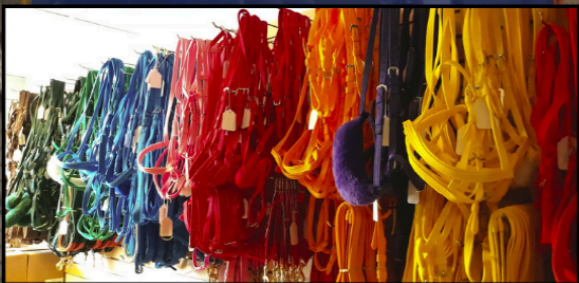
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