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PTHA PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As we wind down the first half of 2024 and close for a few weeks for annual maintenance we look forward to a super second half of the season highlighted by Pennsylvania Derby Day. I have called for a General Membership meeting on July 25th and by the time you read this word should have already reached you that I will fight with every being of my soul to ensure that whether you own/train one or many horses that you have the opportunity to compete and race on a level playing field.



Robert "Bob" Hutt
PTHA PRESIDENT

There are some on my Board that don't like to rock the boat and are happy with the status quo. They don't like confrontation and I understand that. And then there are other Board members that feel like I do in that you must stand up to the bully and do what is right for those who can't fight for themselves for fear of persecution if they speak out. I believe in full transparency and take seriously the responsibilities expected of me when you duly elected me to serve as your President. With your support we can make PARX better. My goal is for PARX to be the beacon of light, the brightest shining star in the MidAtlantic region. Please know my door is always open as I am here to serve you! Here's to a spectacular finish to the 2024 season.

Update from Executive Director
JEFFREY A. MATTY, JR.

HORSEMEN:

We look forward to building on the momentum we established in the first half of our racing season. During the annual summer break, we hope horsemen can spend some time in the afternoons away from racing – whether that be with family and friends, fishing, grilling, enjoying the summer sun, etc...



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

Your PTHA board of directors, along with your President, and PTHA Staff are proud of the progression we are making with day-to-day efforts and initiatives. We will continue to strive for more on your behalf and look forward to welcoming new challenges and projects.

On August 19th, racing returns with an action-packed schedule. Saturday, August 24th, will be Smarty Jones Day – highlighted by the \$200,000 Cathryn Sophia Stakes and \$200,000 Smarty Jones Stakes. Please tune into our NBC Sports Philadelphia broadcast that day from 3pm to 5pm.

Dick Jerardi and Chris Griffin will host the two hour broadcast, highlighting Parx Racing and its horsemen on a national stage.

2024 Pennsylvania Derby Day is set for Saturday, September 21st. Mark your calendars for the biggest day of racing in Pennsylvania.

Jeffrey A. Matty, Jr.

AROUND THE OVAL

by Dani Gibson



OUR PARX RACING HORSES WERE BUSY TAKING ON BIG RACES IN JULY AT THE MID-ATLANTIC RACETRACKS



Belmont at Aqueduct - July 6th

\$200,000 Grade 2 John A. Nerud Stakes going 7 furlongs

PA Bred Ninetypercentmaddie & jockey Jose Lezcano made a wide move to get third for trainer Butch Reid, Jr. & owner/breeder LC Racing LLC

Delaware Park - July 7th

\$175,000 Battery Park Stakes going 1 mile & 1/16th

PA Bred Movisor ran a valiant third place with jockey Mychel Sanchez riding for trainer Marya Montoya & owner Waldorf Racing Stables, LLC.

Presque Isle Downs - July 8th

\$100,000 Malvern Rose Stakes for 3-year-old PA Bred fillies going 6 1/2 furlongs

Parx Racing was well-represented with Carmelina & Pablo Morales getting second for trainer Butch Reid, Jr., owners Cash Is King LLC & LC Racing LLC with Flamingo Way & jockey Andy Hernandez made a late move to get third for trainer Bobbi Anne Hawthorne & Briardale Stable.

Haskell Day at Monmouth Park - July 20th

\$400,000 Monmouth Cup Stakes going 1 mile & 1/8th

Counterspy & jockey Paco Lopez got third after just getting beat for second place behind Tapit Trice & Highland Falls for trainer Bobby Mosco and owner Jack Armstrong.



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FROM PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR
DANIELLE MONTGOMERY

A mid-year check on TFH puts us on target to help over 300 horses again in 2024, with over 177 already assisted into retirement this year. With the funding TFH receives from the per-start takeout, we still have never turned away an eligible horse, and we can provide even more than just emergency support: we have helped three pneumonia horses this year, provided EPM medicines to a two, and the horse that wrenched his back falling in a race has successfully transitioned to turn out at our farm in NJ near MID-ATLANTIC EQUINE MEDICAL CENTER where he was treated. Trainer Gabrielle Hakim even went out to New Beginnings to see Johnny Ritt for himself, and we are proud to be able to provide the extended rehabilitation many programs can't afford. This is proof the PTHA and Parx Racing are still leading the way in Aftercare for every horse sent our way.

Following these horses on their second career path is an adventure where you may end up at a 5* event or a rodeo, cheering them on to a different kind of victory, and we want to provide that experience for horse racing fans and professionals alike. 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 offer support horseshows that incentivize even more people to want to own Thoroughbreds.



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- Award Presentation
- Vendor space
- Parking for 10 people
- Mention on Let's Go Racing Show

Blue Ribbon: \$2,500

- Name to prominently appears on event signage
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- 4 Social Media post on 2 platforms along with relevant hashtags
- Vendor space
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- Signage on at barrel

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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 talented area Thoroughbreds to compete in Dressage, Hunters, Jumpers, Model Horse and Trail, and Barrels and Ranch Riding, which showcase the versatility of our athletes. As part of our outreach, we will host an Adopt-a-Thon, and provide educational opportunities for the public to learn more about racing, and transitioning racehorses into riding horses. We encourage everyone to come on Sunday for our Racing Celebrity Classes, which feature area trainers, jockeys, owners, breeders, and personalities on retired OTTBs!!

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ADOPTION UPDATES



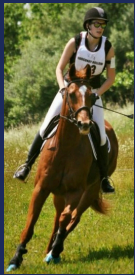
Crushin Rock (NY)
TB, B, G, FOALED APRIL 13, 2009
(REAL QUIET - SHUFFLE THE DECK,
BY HIGH YIELD)



Trained by- Ronald Dandy

Owned by - Roddy Valente

"His barn name is Beau and I've had him for almost 9 years now! He is the kindest soul. We have done a lot together in the last 9 years, but he's mainly an eventer. He loves cross country and LOVES to go for gallops and swim at the beach. He is very talented. He has the biggest puppy dog personality in the world. He is also the only horse I can put with any single horse I own, including our minis. He is my absolute best friend and I wouldn't trade him for anything." - Jordan



Rod's Five Star (PA)
TB, CH, G, FOALED FEBRUARY 29, 2008 (FIVE
STAR DAY - LADY SILVERROD, BY MARQUETRY)

Trained by - Edward Lehm
Owned & Bred by - Silverrod Stable Inc.



The now-retired, Rod's Five Star is enjoying retirement on his owner, Hannah's Farm in Virginia. Over the past 10 years with Hannah, he has done a lot of different things.

He evented, going to the American Eventing Championships in 2017. He also dabbled in dressage and competed at multiple regional Dressage Championships. For a few years, he was a part of a therapeutic riding program, teaching the advanced student to ride and about horsemanship. Currently, he enjoys time with his mares, eating, sleeping, and sporadic trail rides with Hannah. Rod's Five Star is not only a great horse to be around, but he was also a stakes-winning racehorse with an impressive highest-speed figure of 117! Out of 17 starts, he hit the board 16 times with 10 wins, earning \$427,350



Irish Beau (ON)
TB, B, G, FOALED MAY 11, 2010
(SLIGO BAY (IRE) - LA BELLE BLEU, BY BEAU GENIUS)

Trained by - Carl C. Jones Owned by - Martin Thompson

Irish retired with a bow in 2017 and was sent to A Bit of Heaven Farm for his initial rehab. After about a month, Partner Farm, Phoenix Equine Services (Jessi Werner) took him in to finish his rehab. Jessi adopted Irish out twice, hoping he had found his forever home, but he was later returned to the partner farm to try again. Finally, in 2019, Jessi decided that he had found his forever home right in her barn! He has been adopted by Jessi for 5 years and is thriving in her barn's program. He is currently being leased by her student, Haley, and they are now pursuing their dressage ambitions. Thanks to all of Jessi's hard work, his rehab and retraining were a success and Irish can enjoy a fruitful second career!



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Heartbeat of the Backstretch

By : Nikki Guzman



People who give to others without expecting anything in return are genuinely exceptional. It goes beyond simply being kind. What makes these people different is that they each have a special set of strengths. These hopeful individuals view the world as full of opportunities and optimism. Even when they face difficulties in their mission to serve others, they see them as brief setbacks rather than insurmountable challenges. We are fortunate to have such a person here on the Backstretch at PARX Racing.

Jafet Herrera was born in Costa Rica and came to the United States with his family around the age of three. Before his father was able to secure a better job and obtain them an apartment of their own, his family shared an apartment with six other families. After completing his education at Bucks County Technical High School, Jafet went on to study at Bucks County Community College. This was not an easy undertaking, as he had to pay for his studies because of his immigration status, which disqualified him from financial aid. His efforts paid off, as he was able to earn an associate degree in multimedia and digital design. He began working at an insurance agency, and the first thing he learned was that “they were not in the business to help people but were in the business to make money.” Jafet did not welcome this style of thinking.

His father, a pastor, attended a luncheon and met Chaplain Bunker, who needed a part-time secretary—just the kind of career shift Jafet needed. He began as a secretary, answering phones and taking messages, but quickly became involved in calling donors and picking up food and produce for those on the backstretch. Jafet enjoys working with the people on the backstretch and happily stated, “We’re in the business of helping people. We’re not in the business of making money.” Now, as the Assistant to the Chaplain, his days are often filled with clerical work such as organizing counseling for someone, assisting with Medicare applications, handing out food, reading mail to those who cannot read or write English, or consoling someone who has recently lost a family member and must attend a funeral.

During his free time, he is utilizing his love of drawing and design to work on his first children’s book, which he intends to finish in the coming months. As for the future, he hopes the Chaplaincy continues to deliver current services while also expanding and opening new programs, such as weekly or bi-weekly educational classes for individuals on the backstretch.

Jafet explained, “Some people back here, all they know are the horses. These educational programs might provide them with other skills and let them know they are not alone in this.” He doesn’t discount the possibility that he would one day follow in his father’s footsteps and become a pastor in the future: “My mindset has always been if I don’t do it no one will. If we don’t help these people out, who will?”

We wish Jafet tremendous success in both his professional and personal lives and hope he remains an ongoing presence at PARX for a long time.

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Chaplain Bunker



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SMARTY JONES DAY

**MONDAY
26 AUG**

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RACES

**2 MONDAY
SEPT**



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**SATURDAY
SEPT 21**

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

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JULY 2024

TROPHY WINNERS

JULY 2 Cage Match



Owner - C2 Racing Stable, LLC
Trainer - Rob Atras
Jockey - Paco Lopez

JULY 9 Dudley Dickerson



Owner - Ruperto Perez
Trainer - Ruperto Perez
Jockey - Wilfred Vasquez

JULY 17 Big Z Og



Owner - Pewter Stable
Trainer - Kathleen DeMasi
Jockey - Silvestre Gonzalez

JULY 23 Fire Pit



Owner - Travin Stables
Trainer - Guadalupe Preciado
Jockey - Mychel Sanchez

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Horsemen Achievements



Congratulations to Parx Hall of Fame trainer Kate DeMasi who notched career victory No. 1,800 on July 11, 2024 at Penn National with Tapestry Colors!



Congratulations to owners Ben Dunn & Chris Mancusi on their first win as owners. Their horse Top of the Street won in a thrilling photo finish in the 6th race on 7/22/24 with jockey Paco Lopez riding. We look forward to many more wins from this new partnership

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THEY WILL BE MISSED

Louis “Lou” Albertrani

March 21, 1957 - July 13, 2024

Born in Brooklyn, NY on March 21, 1957, he was a son of the late Anthony and Barbara (Abatemarco) Albertrani. Lou made his career in horse training and racing. He trained horses that won the Eclipse Award, multiple Graded Stakes winners, and trained the 1999 Breeder’s Cup and Sprint Champion, Artax. Lou also worked as a horse racing official at multiple parks. In his free time, Lou loved to travel to new places. Most of all, he cherished the time he spent with his family. Lou was preceded in death by his parents, Anthony and Barbara Albertrani. He is survived by his loving wife, Denise Albertrani; siblings, Tom Albertrani (Fonda) of Palm Harbor, FL, Mary Jo Salvato (Pete) of Farmingdale, NY, and Annette Beyer (Iggie) of West Islip, NY; and many nieces and nephews.



John Perlow

April 1, 1959 - June 23, 2024

The Parx Racing community lost a dear friend, John Perlow, on June 23, 2024. John began his 32-year career at Monmouth Park as a racing official and ultimately rose to the role of Assistant Racing Secretary. He worked at different racetracks before concluding his career at Parx Racing in Pennsylvania. John had a free spirit and loved interacting with individuals from different walks of life. He was a humorous man who always tried to make people smile. John will be greatly missed.



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