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THIS MONTH

PTHA President's Corner. Robert Hutt Update from Executive Director Jeffrey A. Matty, Jr. Important Dates to Remember Hall of Fame Day Happy Thanksgiving Around the Oval / M.P. Ballezzi **Appreciation Mile** National Thoroughbred League Safety Meeting **Caretakers Day Horsemen Accomplishments** Del Val Day at the Races **PTHA Trophy Race Winners TFH Update TFH Adoption Updates** PA Horse Breeders Association Heartbeat of the Backstretch Condolences HPA SPECIAL THANK YOU EQUI-PHOTO

PTHA PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Everyone should be aware that PARX has closed turf racing for the season. I will be meeting with Senior Management at PARX Casino to talk about our options going forward. Management and the horsemen both agree that the safety of the horses entrusted into our care is our number one priority. Discussions are ongoing about replacing the turf course versus putting in an all weather Tapeta surface; especially, since we race year round in the Northeast.

Before a decision is made, we need to investigate and digest all available data to determine which surface offers the best investment for longterm return on management as well as our owners. I've also received questions asking the difference, if any, between Tapeta and Poly Turf? The difference between these tracks lies in their surface composition. Polytrack is made up of silica sand and fibers comprised of recycled carpet, spandex, and rubber while Tapeta is a sand and rubber fiber mixture. Both surfaces are then coated with wax. Tapeta is the current state of the art surface which was installed at Gulfstream Park and Belmont Park.



Robert "Bob" Hutt PTHA PRESIDENT

On another subject we will soon be announcing another Presidential General Meeting to bring you up to speed on important issues that matter to you. Be on the lookout to receive an important email as to the date, time, and place.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Update from Executive Director JEFFREY A. MATTY, JR.

HORSEMEN

As we enter November, we're thankful, thankful for all of you. The PTHA does not lose sight of the fact that representing our membership is an honor, privilege, and responsibility in which we do not take lightly day-in and day-out.

Highlighted by Pennsylvania Derby Day, we have had a great year of racing here at the PTHA and Parx thus far. Seize The Grey and Thorpedo Anna used our marquee races as springboards into this year's Breeders' Cup World Championships. Many PTHA trainers have made frequent trips to the winners' circle, as have our journeymen jockey colony. New faces in the apprentice category have really started to make a name for themselves. We wish all horsemen the best of luck as we close out 2024.



Jeffrey A. Matty Jr. PTHA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

NTL visited us on October 19th, making us one of the first tracks in the country to partner with NTL – Kentucky Downs being the first.

The PTHA is proud of the sub-committees we have formed over the last few years. In order to best represent the horsemen, we need to know what's most important to your every day lives and business operations.

This time of year, we look forward to continuing and improving the great programs offered. Trainers' healthcare and pension landing on the top of that list. Based on the new and approved guidelines, we can continue to offer all eligible trainers our core coverage, no matter what their age is. This will allow trainers and their families to be fully covered without any disruptions with their current doctors etc.... We thank all horsemen for their efforts in maintaining their eligibility.

Please continue to reach out to our offer to stop by in. The more engagement, the more productive and direct we can be in response to all requests. Be on the look-out for this year's PTHA's Christmas Party – a date to be announced very soon.

Thank you for allowing the PTHA to represent you, as well as for your continued support. From my family to yours, Happy Thanksgiving,

Jeffrey A. Matty, Jr.



FALL BACK

SUNDAY

NOV 4

NEW POST TIME

IT'S ALMOST TIME TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2024 Horsemen's Awards

MORE DETAILS SOON

NOVEMBER 4

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12:05PM

SATURDAY 11/2 FRIDAY 11/29 SATURDAY 12/28















CLASS OF 2024



OCTOBER 19, 2024

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



AROUND THE OVAL by Dani Gibson

Two Year olds took center stage at the Mid-Atlantic tracks

Starting at Belmont at Aqueduct on 10/5 Social Fortress & jockey Jaime Rodriguez finished third for trainer Jamie Ness & owner/breeder Joe Imbesi & owner Charles Johnson going 1 mile.

Delaware Park on 10/9

Baby Dukes & jockey Kendrick Carmouche ran third in the \$125,000 Rocky Run Stakes for trainer Butch Reid, Jr., owners Cash Is King LLC & LC Racing LLC going 1 mile

Not Too Late & apprentice jockey Francisco Martinez ran third in the \$125,000 White Clay Creek Stakes for fillies going 1 mile for trainer Uriah St. Lewis & owner Trin-Brook Stables, Inc. with other Parx fillies Polecat, Hollywood Beauty & Syngersim taking their shot in the race.

Maryland MIllion Day at Laurel Park - 10/12

Precious Avary & jockey Silvestre Gonzalez finished a game second place in the \$125,000 Maryland Million Ladies Turf Stakes going 1 mile & 1/8th for trainer Tim Shaw & owner/breeder Smith Farm & Stable.



Concealed Carry winner of the 2024 M.P. Ballezzi Appreciation Mile on 10/19/24. Winning owners Branjam Stable and David W. Clark. Winning Trainer Lou Linder Jr. and Winning Jockey Dexter Haddock

SCENES FROM THE NATIONAL THOROUGHBRED LEAGUE (NTL) AT PARX

















PARX RACING SAFETY MEETING

Parx Racing held a meeting with all riders active here during our racing season. The meeting was a refresher course and counted as a continuing education credit. Parx reviewed requirements and proper procedures with an emphasis on safe riding during training hours in the mornings.







TRAINERS MEETING

MATT WALKER WITH PHILADELPHIA TRUST

WILL BE HERE TO ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PTHA PENSION PLAN





DATE WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024

LOCATION

10:15 AM

TIME

COFFEE AND DONUTS 10 AM VISIT PATHA.ORG FOR UPDATED INFORMATION

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To honor all those who care for the industry's equine athletes every day, the PHRA and the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (PTHA) will be handing out **free swag**.

The PTHA is also providing a **light lunch and refreshements** along with an opportunity to win **cash prizes** at their Best Turned Out Horse Contest!

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HORSEMEN ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Career victory #4000 came aboard Governor Sam \$250,000 Indian Summer Stakes at Keeneland

ADAM BOWMAN

JOCKEY

CAREER WIN #300

Career victory #300 riding J Willard in Maiden Special Weight Monmouth at the Meadowlands

DELVAL DAY AT THE RACES

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The Third Annual DelVal Day at the Races was a great success! Students from Delaware Valley University joined us for the first 6 races of the day and the PTHA presented five \$1,000 scholarships after races 1-5. Go Rams! Go **PTHA!**

FIVE \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

MORGAN BROSIUS JULIANNE JODRY **EMILY LORD JILLIAN O'NEILL** SYDNEY PERKINS







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PTHA TROPHY WINNERS OCTOBER 2024

OCTOBER 1 & OCTOBER 29 Navy Rules



Photo Credit: EQUI-PHOTO

<u>Owner</u> Scott Lake LLC <u>Trainer</u><u>Jockey</u> Scott Lake Christopher Elliott



OCTOBER 8

Photo Credit: EQUI-PHOTOOwnerTrainerSue Bear RacingJamie Ness& Jagger IncMychel Sanchez

OCTOBER 15 Valiant Majesty



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<u>Owner</u> <u>Trainer</u> PrepsToThePros Elliott Soto-Racing Stables Martinez LLC

<u>Trainer</u><u>Jockey</u> Elliott Soto- Ruben Silvera Martinez

OCTOBER 22 Sonadora Girl



Photo Credit: EQUI-PHOTO

<u>Owner</u><u>Trainer</u><u>Jockey</u> Global Racing Victor Barboza, Jr. Mychel Sanchez Stables LLC



From the desk of.....

Danielle Montgomery

Program Administrator



While the focus in the racing world is on the Breeders' Cup this weekend, TFH is excited to co-host the inaugural All Thoroughbred Showdown for sporthorses alongside Second Call Thoroughbred Adoption and Placement at The Horse Park of New Jersey. Our goal is to foster a greater demand for retired racehorses and create new homes for them through education and incentives. While the Retired Racehorse Makeover drives adoptions for horses straight off the track and into quality training homes, there is a need to support the rest of the population of retired racehorses and their people.

During a recent Aftercare Meeting in Lexington, KY, attended by some of the nation's leading programs, there was a consensus on the importance of incentivizing Thoroughbred ownership. This can be achieved through initiatives like the Makeovers hosted by the Retired Racehorse Project, prizes offered by the Jockey Club through T.I.P., and various regional Thoroughbred competitions. Strengthening the options for rehabilitation and retraining significantly aids in the rehoming efforts of these valuable horses. Ultimately, the best way to ensure the welfare of retired racehorses is to help them find loving homes where they are respected. We are committed to making OTTB ownership appealing once again!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our fellow producers, Laurie Lane and Mike Musto, who represent Second Call and have been instrumental in reviving the show that took place before the COVID-19 pandemic. Significant effort has been put into organizing capable announcers and show personnel. We rely on Secretary Diane Engler, Announcer Mary Alice Gross, and Judges Barbara Ebner, Lyn Gallagher, and Chris Wherley to ensure a fair and enjoyable show. Course Design is critical for success, and TFH Partner Farm Managers JR McCaulley (Jumps) and Kelsey Parisi (Trail) have been diligently preparing for the event.

The \$1,500 added Barrel Classic, hosted by G.H.A.N.J. Announcer Michelle Szawronski and Amy Presgraves, will feature state-of-the-art software for clear scoring in the Horse Park's well-groomed indoor arena. To preserve the excitement of the competition, we have enlisted Taylor Ejdys Photography, a familiar name around the racing ovals and rodeo arenas.

A&E Show Stables and Lex Ryan and Ali Allen have worked hard on the Adopt-A-Thon and Celebrity Classes to help us achieve our mission and reach out to the communities. We also rely on numerous volunteers and friends to ensure everything runs smoothly. We invite Owners, Trainers, Jockeys, and Horsemen to witness the impressive versatility of our horses in their subsequent careers. The Triple Crown Showdown, sponsored by Mrs. Pat Chapman of Smarty Jones' Someday Farms, is designed to acknowledge the well-balanced athletes we know our horses to be and reward their riders.

We're particularly thrilled to announce celebrity contestants for the Celebrity Classes on Sunday, following the \$1,500 added Jumper and Hunter Classics. Participants include Jockeys and their riding families, Trainers, Owners, Racing Press, Notables, and maybe even a Track Announcer riding pleasure on retired racehorses. Generous sponsorships from Colts Neck Stables, Someday Farm, Tee-N-Jay Farm, Nester Insurance, Happy Tenth Stable, and the PTHA and MTHA Horsemen's Associations have provided the necessary support for promotions, facility rentals, and other costs. With our TFH program reaching 4,300 horses assisted since 2008 and a resounding 46 Parx horses entering the program this October alone, every opportunity to showcase our horses and find them solid homes is needed. We could never see these horses succeed in their second careers without support from their first, and once again, the PTHA is leading the way to do what is right for our horses.









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Turning for Home ADOPTION UPDATES



Tolkien (KY)

DK B/, G, foaled February 12, 2017 (Palace Malice -Nighttiming, by Pioneerof the Nile) Trainer: Ron Abrams Owner: Jack Abrams Breeder: Woods Edge Farm, LLC and Brookstone Farm Universal Performance Horses



Tolkien has been thriving since being adopted by 13-year-old rider Ren. Recently, the pair competed at the 2024 Retired Racehorse Project in Dressage and Freestyle. Ren says prior adopter Patricia Link has been very involved in the process as they bring along their forever horse for eventing. Tolkien is kind and tall enough to keep up with Ren's legs!



Strong Breeze (KY) B, G, foaled February 13, 2014 (Mizzen Mast - Great Connection, by Dayjur) Trainer: Jack Abrams Owner: Abrams, Ronald B. and Abrams, Jack Breeder: Brookdale Thoroughbreds LLC Dream Come True Farm



Adopter Lori raves about "Breeze's" great personality and says he is well behaved for everything! Lori loves taking him for rides around the property and spending time spoiling him. "I am so happy to have him in my life and as part of our family. He is very spoiled and loves attention and treats. Thank you for helping me to adopt him!" - Lori



Arctic Kid (ON)

B, G, foaled February 15, 2012 (Bold Executive - Kid Sparkle, by Glitterman) Trainer: John Cardella Owner: Cooper, Paul and Cardella, John Breeder: Paradox Farm Inc. & Hugh Sutherland Full Gallop Farm



The Canadian bred, Arctic Kid returned to Canada when he was adopted by Maxine in late 2017. "He has been such a wonderful horse to have! He has showed at 1.10m with his owner, is now teaching his leaser the ropes of show jumping at the 0.9m level, and has also been used for riding lessons with little kids. He is kind and gentle, never passing up a attention from the kids, dogs, cat, and our mini donkey. I feel very lucky to have him"



Therisastormbrewin (NY)

B, G, foaled February 5, 2016 (Broken Vow -Stormy's Smile, by Stormy Atlantic) Trainer: Jorge Diaz Owner: 3 Amigos 3 Stables Breeder: Francis Paolangeli Abaco Sport Horses



Mia Adopted "Brew" in March of this year taking him home to Illinois. She says that he is doing great and is a very relaxed boy! They have been going on trail rides, doing ringwork, and also some desensitization with pool toys. Mia hopes to get him out fox hunting by next year.

PENNSYLVANIA YEARLING SHOW!

WHERE:

Brandywine Polo Club 232 Polo Road, Toughkenamon, PA 19374

WHEN:

Saturday, June 21st 2025, from 10:00am to 3:00pm

Four classes featuring PA-Sired males and fillies and Non-PA-Sired males and fillies

Prizes and trophies available in each class! \$50 entry fee before June 1st, \$75 late entry fee after June 1st

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Heartbeat Backstretch of the By: Nikki Guzman

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on the blessings in our lives and this Thanksgiving, more than any other, we should be grateful for our family and friends, our health, and all those who labor diligently on the backstretch every day. Americans celebrate Thanksgiving for a variety of reasons. For some, it is still a time to show thanks for the harvest, for family, or to a higher power; for others, it is a holiday centered on being together as a family and enjoying a special dinner. Although we are surrounded by sickness, war, weather-related disasters, political turmoil, and numerous other concerns this is a season to be grateful and say thank you. It is a time to appreciate what we have, focus on what is positive in our everyday lives, and reflect on what we sometimes take for granted.



We undoubtedly appreciate Jonas Williams, who has been with the Horsemen's Purchasing Association for more than 20 years. Unless you ask Jonas directly, you may not be aware of his extensive horse-handling expertise.

Beginning with his teenage years in South Carolina, he and his three brothers learned to walk and care for horses in the barns of several well-known steeplechase trainers, including Jonathan Sheppard and Janet Elliot.

Jonas eventually made his way to Pennsylvania, where he continued to work with horses in the barn and even took on a nightly cleaning job in the Grandstand. Jonas soon became a part-time valet, then spent ten years working in the Detention barn until joining the HPA on the shavings dock in 2004. Jonas wanted to venture out of the barns and start planning his future. He is currently the Dock Foreman and enjoys his work very much, "It's an easy job. I get to come to work each day and communicate with people. I even get vacation days and a retirement plan."

It is safe to say that the PTHA and HPA are extremely thankful to have Jonas not just on our team but also as a member of the industrious Backstretch community, which continues to inspire us every day. This season we want to take a moment to extend our gratitude to everyone we're thankful for and wish you a safe and joyous Thanksgiving!



OUR CONDOLENCES...

Harriet Harvatt, a longtime resident of Rahway, passed away on October 11th, 2024. Harriet was born on June 28, 1941, in Rahway, NJ to Raymond and Helen Conger. In high school Harriet met the love of her life, Charles Harvatt and they went on to spend 62 wonderful years together. Always together they could be found at the barn or running one of their horses at the racetrack.

Harriet is survived by her loving husband Charles, her devoted daughters Sharon Harvatt, Diane D' Errico (Frank), Susan Crowell and devoted son Douglas Harvatt (Joanna). She also leaves behind her loving grandchildren, Russell Downey, Renee Downey, Eric Downey, Ryan Crowell, Evan Crowell, Dylan Harvatt, Jake Harvatt, Giuliana D'Errico as well as her beautiful great granddaughter Kirsten Downey.



Parx Racing will host two named races on Saturday November 2, 2024

Race 4 Lou Albertrani Celebration of Life Race 6 In Memory of Robert J. Seeger

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