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GOOD LUCK SMARTY!

Smarty Jones is a finalist on the National Museum of Racing's 2025 Hall of Fame. Ballots results will be announced on April 24th.



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PTHA PRESIDENT'S CORNER

PTHA PRESIDENT
Robert "Bob" Hutt



I am pleased to share some exciting updates with you as we head into the 2025 PARX racing season of opportunities and events. However, before we do, we're all well aware of the brutal winter we all just endured at PARX with interrupted training schedules and racing days lost to the elements. Your Board and PARX management are working together to try to correct this unfortunate event from ever happening again. We fully recognize the adverse economic impact it had on all of us. We'll do our best as the year goes on to make it up to you.

I am pleased to announce that the Parx Owners Bonus has been preserved at an impressive 40% for 2025— this is an affirmation of your PTHA Board's commitment to rewarding our PARX horsemen. It wasn't easy, as it took a collaborative effort to get it done. Our two sister racetracks only offer 20% and 25%.

The team at HISA has been hard at work on the ground, conducting a thorough inspection of our track and equipment, as we eagerly await their final report, which will soon be presented to PARX Management. Your continued support in these efforts is vital as we strive to maintain the highest standards to keep our horses safe and racing.

Looking ahead, please note that the Turf course will NOT be opening this spring. However, there's potential it might return after the summer break for the fall meet, so please stay tuned for further details. Our horses' welfare and safety will always come first and foremost.

In our ongoing efforts to improve communication, I have created a dedicated email box for any issues or suggestions that you might have. This channel is exclusively monitored by me, and all submissions will remain anonymous, ensuring that your feedback is both heard and protected. Effective immediately, please feel free to email me at: concernedpahorsemen@gmail.com.

I am also delighted to remind everyone of two upcoming signature events. The first is our 4th annual Turning For Home Charity Golf Outing scheduled for Thursday, May 1st. Please stop by our administrative office to purchase tickets and register your foursome team for a day of friendly competition, charitable spirit, followed by dinner, music, and good cheer, followed by a discussion of this year's Kentucky Derby contenders.

The second is the PA Breeders and Stallions Awards Banquet, which will be held on Friday, May 9th. This is a "white glove affair" with an elegant cocktail hour, open bar, followed by a sumptuous dinner where we celebrate breeding excellence in our community. Secure your tickets now for an evening of elegance and recognition. Please contact my good friend, PHBA Executive Secretary, Brian Sanfratello at (215) 479-3650. As breeding season is in full swing please contact the stallion farm of your choice to request a PTHA discount as we fully support breeding and racing in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Thank you all PARX horsemen for your continued support, dedication, and engagement of the PTHA. Together, we are 2,500 strong driving progress toward creating a stronger future for all of us at PARX. My door is always open.

HORSEMEN

Update from
PTHA Executive Director

Horsemen:

As we welcome April and warmer weather on the horizon, we have much to look forward to both on and off the track. Every spring, our PTHA Charities take center stage as we accept scholarship applications from those eligible members of our community looking to advance their careers in the classroom. Please stop in the office should you have any questions. We hope to surpass our ten applications from 2024 and look to better our program.

English classes will be provided in the Rec-Hall again this spring, our second round of classes, building off our fall semester, which was a great success. We hope our horsemen take this opportunity as a way to advance their careers in racing.

During our winter season, we acknowledge the loss of race days due to inclement weather. The PTHA will continue to work with Parx Racing on updating our calendar with race days and opportunities for horsemen. Please be on the lookout for calendar changes this month, both online and text blasts.

The National Thoroughbred League will make its return to Parx Racing on Sunday, June 15th – Father's Day. We look forward to welcoming all teams, professional athletes, and franchise owners to our track. All NTL races will be available to PTHA horsemen. Please contact us for more details. The conditions of the races will be posted soon, and nomination deadlines will be announced.

Circle your calendars for August 18th! Our first day back after our "summer break" will be this year's PTHA's Owners Appreciation Day. Horsemen will run for enhanced purses yet again and will be welcomed to our third-floor luncheon.

A few weeks back, I had the opportunity to go to Washington, D.C., to promote thoroughbred racing and address the current concerns in the industry. It is essential that we continue to make our local legislators aware of the tremendous positive impact thoroughbred racing has not only in our local regions, but throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It is all of our responsibilities to continue to promote and grow this great game we all love.

The PTHA Board of Directors continues to work day in and day out on actionable items for our horsemen. Our Advisory Board is the driving force behind said initiatives, as well as member recommendations. Shortly, the PTHA will be opening positions on our Advisory Board, giving new individuals the chance to be more active and involved.

Please continue to reach out to our office or me directly, as we strive to make the PTHA and racing here at Parx better every day.

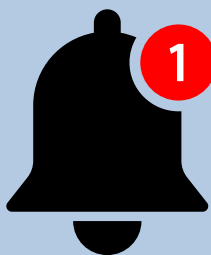


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Parx Racing backstretch:

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Thursday, May 22

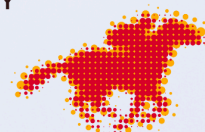
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Attention Trainers:

As you know, the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority implemented its 150-day layoff report rule beginning December 5. As a result, the forms previously used by horsemen are no longer valid.

Under the new rule:

- A layoff report must be submitted prior to entry in a race for any horse that has not raced for 150 days or more.
- HISA recommends submitting the report 10 to 14 days before the horse's entry day to ensure timely processing.
- Trainers will be notified by HISA when a horse has been away from racing for 140 days, allowing ample time to prepare the required documentation.

For more information, please visit HISAUS.ORG, the PTHA website, or stop by our office if you need assistance.

PTHA Trainers' Nonqualified Pension Plan - 2024 Review

- 💰 \$3.66 Million in total plan assets
- ▲ 7.5% year-over-year growth
- 📄 0.50% expense ratio
- 🐎 \$20 per start contribution in 2024 approved
- 📈 \$200,000 contribution expected for 2024
- 📊 Secure allocation across fixed-income and equity investments

Plan statements have been mailed, please stop by the PTHA office if you have any questions.

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AROUND THE OVAL by Dani Gibson

Parx Racing: Stakes Season kicked off with our 3 year olds taking the stage **\$75,000 Main Line Stakes**

The Main Line Stakes, for 3-year-old fillies over 1 mile and 70 yards, witnessed a remarkable upset. Burner Account, ridden by jockey Anthony Salgado, led from start to finish, securing victory at long odds of 23-1. This gate-to-wire performance marked Burner Account's first stakes win for owner Holiday Luck Racing and trainer Miguel A. Rodriguez. Second place finisher Beautiful Blome and third place went to Maximus Angelicus with jockey Abner Adorno for trainer Butch Reid, Jr., owners LC Racing LLC and Wellesley Stable.



\$75,000 City of Brotherly Love Stakes



In the City of Brotherly Love Stakes, 1 mile and 70 yards, Baby Dukes emerged victorious. The 3-year-old colt, sired by Maximus Mischief, showcased resilience by reclaiming the lead in the final furlong after a challenging stretch duel with jockey Eliseo Ruiz for trainer Butch Reid, Jr.. This win marked Baby Dukes' first stakes triumph for owners Cash is King LLC and LC Racing. The determined Right Wing Runner & jockey Frankie Pennington finished second after a game effort for trainer Scott Lake and owner Richard Malouf over third place finisher Gun Trader for trainer Uriah St. Lewis and owner Trin-Brook Stables, Inc. with jockey Angel Cruz in the irons.

3/1/25 at Aqueduct Racetrack, Volleyballprincess delivered a commendable performance by finishing third in the \$200,000 Busher Stakes, a one-mile event for three-year-old fillies. Trained by Louis Linder Jr. and ridden by jockey Eliseo Ruiz for owners Bran Jam Stable and David Clark. Showcasing her characteristic early speed and maintaining her determination to finish third

3/8/25 at Laurel Park, Speedyness delivered a solid performance, finishing third in the \$75,000 Not For Love Stakes, going 6 furlongs. Trained by Jamie Ness and ridden by jockey Jaime Rodriguez, for owners Morris Kernan, Jr. and Jagger Inc. The race unfolded with Circle P narrowly securing the win, while Speedyness maintained a competitive pace to secure third place. This performance underscores Speedyness's consistency and competitiveness in stakes company.

3/14/25 at Colonial Downs, Repo Rocks, trained by Jamie Ness and ridden by jockey Andrew Wolfson for owner Double B Racing Stables, delivered a strong performance in the \$150,000 Boston Handicap. Despite a field reduced to three runners due to multiple scratches, Repo Rocks showcased his competitiveness by finishing second, 2 1/2 lengths behind the Grade 1-winning favorite, Book'em Danno. The race covered seven furlongs on a fast track, with a final time of 1:20.03, narrowly missing the track record.

On 3/22/25 at Laurel Park **\$100,000 Beyond The Wire Stakes**

Burner Account and jockey Anthony Salgado backed up their win in the Main Line Stakes with a third place finish going 1 mile for trainer Miguel Rodriguez and owner Holiday Luck Racing. Demonstrated early speed by pressing the pace two-wide and vying for the lead by the five-sixteenths pole finishing third. The race was marked by a dramatic conclusion, with Moon Cache crossing the finish line first but subsequently being disqualified for interference, elevating Safe Trust to the winner's position.

\$100,000 Private Terms Stakes

The 1 1/16-mile dirt race for 3-year-olds saw Pay Billy deliver an impressive performance to win decisively. Baby Dukes and jockey Eliseo Ruiz finished a game third for trainer Butch Reid, Jr. for owners Cash Is King LLC and LC Racing LLC after vying for the lead alongside the first and second finishers.

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PENNSYLVANIA-BRED STAKES SCHEDULE

	Friday, May 30	\$75,000 LYPHARD STAKES \$75,000 ALPHABET SOUP HANDICAP	3 & up, f&m, 1 1/16 miles, turf 3 & up, 1 1/16 miles, turf
	Sunday, June 15	\$100,000 PAGE MCKENNEY HANDICAP \$100,000 UNIQUE BELLA STAKES	3 & up, 6 furlongs 3 & up, f&m, 6 furlongs
	Monday, July 7	\$75,000 MALVERN ROSE STAKES	3YO fillies, 6 1/2 furlongs
	Monday, July 21	\$75,000 HARD SPUN STAKES	3 & up, 1 mile 70 yards
	Monday, July 28	\$75,000 PRINCESS OF SYLMAR STAKES	3 & up, f&m, 1 mile 70 yards
	Friday, August 15	\$75,000 MARSHALL JENNEY HANDICAP \$75,000 CROWD PLEASER STAKES	3 & up, 5 furlongs, turf 3YO, 1 1/16 miles, turf
	Friday, Sept. 19	\$100,000 STORM CAT STAKES \$100,000 PRINCE LUCKY STAKES \$100,000 IMPLY STAKES	3 & up, 1 mile 70 yards 3yo PA-Sired, PA-Bred, 7 furlongs 3yo PA-Sired, PA-Bred, 7 furlongs
	Wednesday, Oct. 22	\$75,000 JUMP START STAKES \$75,000 DISCO CHICK STAKES	3 & up, PA-Sired PA-Breds, 7 furlongs 3 & up, PA-Sired PA-Breds, f&m, 7 furlongs
	Wednesday, Nov. 26	\$100,000 PENNSYLVANIA NURSERY STAKES \$100,000 SHAMROCK ROSE STAKES	2YO, 7 furlongs 2YO fillies, 6 furlongs
	Tuesday, Dec. 30	2YO PA-SIRED PA-BREDS: \$75,000 WAIT FOR IT STAKES \$75,000 MISS BEHAVIOUR STAKES *Non-Black-Type	2YO PA-Sired PA-Breds, 6 furlongs 2YO fillies, PA-Sired PA-Breds, 6 furlongs



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3**



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**May
17**



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7**



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**Jun
15**



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*New
Date*

**Jun
15**



Enjoy a fun and exciting day with
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**Aug
18**



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MARCH 2025

MARCH 4



Pontiffany

Owner
Just In Time
Racing LLC

Trainer
Michael Pino

Jockey
Mychel Sanchez

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MARCH 11



Kobe B

Owner
Smart Angle LLP

Trainer
Michael Pino

Jockey
Melvis Gonzalez

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MARCH 18



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Owner
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Andy Hernandez

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MARCH 25



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Jockey
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Program Administrator



Ifwhizkycouldtalk: Recast in the Hunter Ring

At the PTHA's Turning For Home, Inc. (TFH), our mission is clear: to provide a safe and humane alternative to auction and slaughter for Parx Racing's retiring Thoroughbreds. Through responsible partnerships with trusted adoption organizations and farms, we transition horses into new homes and meaningful second careers. Our newest campaign tagline "Revealed. Recast. Reloved." reflects our vision: a future where every Thoroughbred is seen not as finished, but just getting started.

One of our most heartwarming success stories this year is Ifwhizkycouldtalk, affectionately known as "Whisky," who recently took the lead in the 2025 TAKE2 Thoroughbred Hunter standings. From Parx paddocks to show-ring glory, Whisky's journey is everything TFH stands for.

From Barn 10 to Blue Ribbons Foaled in 2019 and trained by Ed Coletti Jr. for Uptowncharlybrown Stud and Whiskey Run Stables, Whisky debuted with a maiden win at Parx. Retired shortly after, he entered TFH's program at just three years old. Like so many horses in our care, he didn't go down the claiming ranks or head to a lower-level circuit. Instead, he began the transition to a second career.

His first adoption didn't stick. Under saddle, Whisky showed discomfort, and x-rays later revealed spinal changes suggestive of kissing spines. The adopter returned him, and we welcomed him back without hesitation. That's what TFH is about—offering horses a forever safety net.

A Patient Path Forward Whisky was sent to our partner farm, Another Spin Farm, with Ali Allen, who took a slow and gentle approach. Her 60-day program focused on long-and-low stretching, core strengthening, and trust-building. Gradually, the sensitive gray began to shine. He gained confidence, strength, and most importantly, comfort.

The right match came next: trainer Sue Lyman of West Riding and owner Catherine Brown. Under Sue's expert guidance, Whisky flourished. With minimal prep and a loop in the reins, he calmly stepped into the show ring and began collecting ribbons. He claimed the Zone 3 Thoroughbred Hunter Championship, Reserve Champion USEF HOTY honors, and a win at the Washington International Horse Show Regional Finals. This spring, he leads the TAKE2 standings.

"He needed the right opportunity to shine," says Sue. "With patience and care, he went from a green OTTB to a confident hunter champion. Watching him transform has been incredible."

Why TFH Matters More Than Ever Whisky's story is a success—but it's also a reminder. Recently, three Thoroughbreds ended up in a kill pen in Texas just weeks after racing. One was so injured and emaciated, he died in transport to rescue. The trainer had unknowingly trusted the wrong person. These stories are tragic, but preventable.

Thoroughbreds remain targets at auctions because they are easy to sell to rescues. In chaotic auction environments, they are pushed off hay by larger breeds, stressed and scared. It doesn't have to be this way. TFH exists so that it won't be.

A Village That Cares Our partner farms like Ali's, adopters like Catherine, and trainers like Sue are the heart of our program. We don't just place horses; we follow up, offer ongoing support, and stay part of their lives. This is only possible thanks to our generous donors, horsemen, jockeys, breeders, and the racing community who fuel our mission.

No horse is left behind. Not the stakes horse. Not the claimer. Not the sensitive gelding returned from his first home. Every one of them deserves a new beginning.

Looking Ahead As we approach our annual Golf Outing and the Triple Crown season, we celebrate stories like Whisky's while expanding our outreach. You'll see TFH at events, spreading our message: racehorses are not done when the gate closes. They are just getting started.

Thank you for being part of our community. Because of you, we can continue to turn retired racehorses into role models, companions, and champions.

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Ifwhizkycouldtalk - Sue Lyman aboard

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The TAKE2 League standings have been updated, and we have a new leader in the Thoroughbred Hunters! Catherine Brown's Ifwhizkycouldtalk is 35 points ahead of Lucinda Finley's King's Vision. Cathy Hoeft's Mariner remains in first in the Thoroughbred Jumpers, 38 points in front of Raines Gammons's The Girl Next Door. For the complete standings, go to: <https://www.take2tbreds.com/year-end-standings/>

Photo: Ifwhizkycouldtalk, ESI Photography



Turning for Home

HORSE UPDATES



Show Some Skin (ON)

B, M, foaled March 10, 2017
(Souper Speedy - Cassia Row, by Dynaformer)
Trainer: Louis C. Linder, Jr.
Owner: Over The Moon Racing
Breeder: Paul Baird



After 33 starts and over \$100k in earnings, Show Some Skin was retired through Turning for Home and adopted out by Krysta Nesbit. She is now affectionately nicknamed, Squishy by her adopter Frank who brought her home to Massachusettes. The pair enjoy trail rides where Squishy loves jumping right into the water when they go swimming.



Filly Phanatic (KY)

B, M, foaled March 5, 2020
(City of Light - Stand Back, by Giant's Causeway)
Trainer: John C. Servis
Owner: Cash is King LLC and LC Racing LLC
Breeder: Endeavor Farm

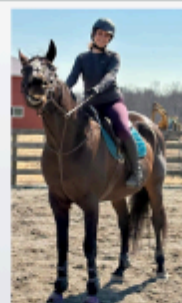


Filly Phanatic, now Delphi, was retired in January of 2024 by Trainer John Servis. She has found an exceptional new home thanks to Partner Farm, Ears and Gears. Delphi has been enjoying being spoiled by adopter, Jesi as they progress in their dressage training. With Filly Phanatic as her muse, Jesi has decided to open a coffee trailer, Thoroughbred Brew, promoting the world of thoroughbreds and the love of horse racing.



Thiscatcanjump (PA)

DK B/, H, foaled February 27, 2016
(Jump Start - Cat Mistress, by Tale of the Cat)
Trainer: Scott A. Lake
Owner & Breeder: Richard Malouf



Thiscatcanjump, trained by Scott Lake, had an impressive racing career, earning over \$260k across 36 starts. After retiring through Turning for Home, he was gelded and sent to Partner Farm Optimum Time Equestrian, where he found his perfect match. Now happily adopted, he's living his best life—fat, happy, and a beloved barn favorite. It's safe to say he's soaking up all the love and attention in his well-deserved retirement!



Saratoga Dream (NY)

B, M, foaled April 29, 2019
(Bustin Stones - Freud's Dream, by Freud)
Trainer: Ney Pessanha
Owner: H P I Stable
Breeder: Jerry Bilinski & Meadow Hill Lane Farm



After just six starts, it was clear that Saratoga Dream wasn't destined for the fast-paced racing life. Since retiring, she has found her perfect match with a dedicated teenager. Together, they train and compete in eventing, forming a strong partnership. Saratoga Dream is sweet, well-adjusted, and thriving in farm life. She's embracing her new career with enthusiasm!



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Horsemen Achievements

Congratulations to jockey **Angel Castillo**, who earned his 1,000th career win on March 11, 2025, at Parx Racing. He secured his victory riding Hi Heeled Warrior for trainer Irving Rodriguez and owner The Hakim's Stable LLC.



On March 18, 2025, trainer **John McCaslin** won his lifetime race number 1,000th at Parx Racing. Crossing the finish line victorious was Exclusive Dancer, ridden by Silvestre Gonzalez and owned by Gladstone Harris. Congratulations to all the connections!



Heartbeat of the Backstretch

By : Nikki Guzman



Oh, spring. That glorious time of the year when flowers bloom, birds sing, and horses... well, they start shedding enough hair to knit enough cozy sweaters for everyone on the backstretch. Spring is a season of regeneration, and proper preparation could lead the way for a year of peak performance and good health for horses. Remember, each horse is unique, so although checklists and advice are helpful, nothing beats customized care from a trustworthy team that knows each horse inside and out.

Not every employee at the racecourse has a horse-related family history. It just takes one invitation to the races for some people, like **Linda Cowan**, a native of Philadelphia, to become enamored with horse racing. Her uncle asked her if she wanted to visit Liberty Bell Racetrack and see the horses when she was around 14 years old. Linda shared, "I just watched the horses and thought they were cool. I was petting them, and seeing the different colors was really cool."

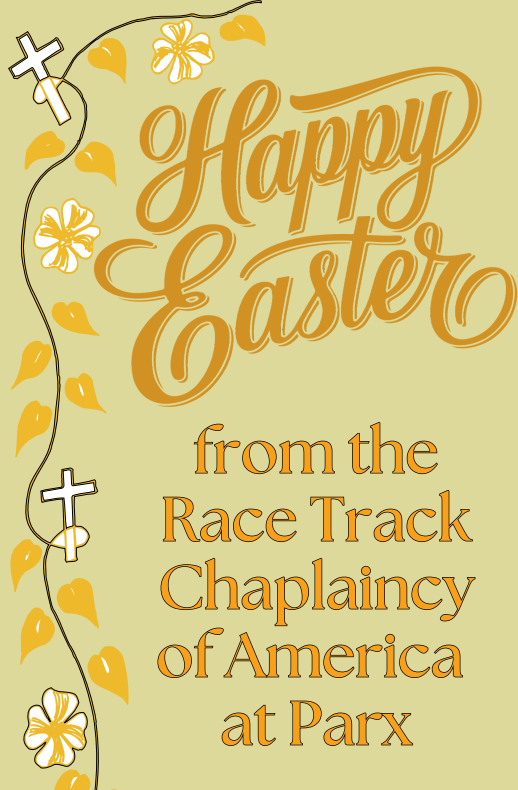
While still in high school, through an agent, she met trainer Walter Reese, who took her under his wing. "Walter was really nice. He had me watch people and learn what to do. After a while, I knew it was what I wanted to do," she shared with a huge smile. Linda worked her way up, starting as a hotwalker and then grooming before eventually earning her trainer's license. Her motivation for putting in the effort was, "If you didn't know what you were doing, you weren't going to do well." She enjoys coming in and getting to see the horses and how big they actually are, going into the stall to play with them, and teaching them, especially the babies. "You have to have it in you to go in early, but it does pay off. If you have a bad day, you come in, pet them, and be around them. It relaxes you," she explained as she fed peppermints to a huge grey gelding named The Grayt Pumpkin.

Linda now works with trainer Farrel Mann, which she appreciates as it lets her be in the same barn as her niece, trainer Kimberly Christman. There are few jobs that allow you to fully appreciate what you do while still working alongside family members.

She has been to other racetracks such as Garden State Park and Penn National, but she likes being based at PARX because "The people are nice. Most of the people are nice. They will help you, like if a horse is cast they will come over and help you out. They want to be here too. They enjoy it. There are days you don't want to get up and come here, but when you get here, it is different."

She hasn't given up hope of becoming a trainer again in the future, but for the time being, she enjoys helping her friend Farrell while continuing to work with the horses and getting to know their unique personalities. Nothing makes someone feel more special than having a horse who appears to be struggling as a racer; they spend some time with the horse, getting to know it better and giving it a little additional care, and the horse repays you by going out and winning. That is one of the greatest benefits of horse racing, in Linda's opinion.

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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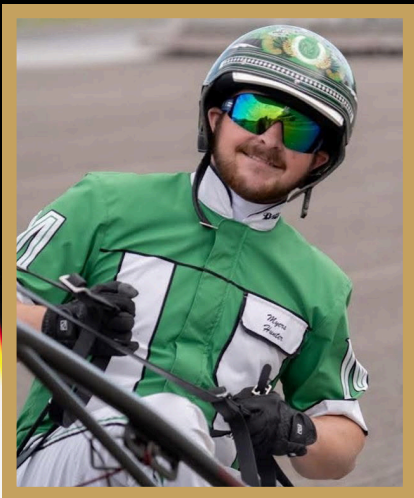
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OUR CONDOLENCES...



The jockey colony and Parx Racing community gathered in the paddock for a moment of silence in honor of driver Hunter Myers after the first race on Monday, March 24th.

Hunter tragically lost his life on March 20th at The Meadows, and the entire racing community is in mourning. The PTHA, Parx Racing, and our whole community extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

On March 21, 2025, the Parx Racing backside community lost longtime groom and hotwalker William Kendricks Jr.

William was charismatic and well respected; he will be missed by many.

Details about his arrangements will follow.



After a hard battle with brain cancer, Guillermo "Memo" Delgado Garcia, a longtime horseman at Parx Racetrack, passed away on March 18, 2025.

"Memo" was a devoted father and a loyal employee.

He'll surely be missed.

To assist with expenses, a GoFundMe has been setup.

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