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NOVEMBER 2025

Happy Thanksgiving from all of us at the PTHA.
We're truly grateful for members like you, whose support makes our community so special.



SPECIAL THANK YOU

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PTHA PRESIDENT'S CORNER

PTHA PRESIDENT Robert "Bob" Hutt



It is difficult to believe that three years have passed so quickly as my term now draws to a close. Breeding, racing, and other associated agricultural industries drive nearly twenty-five percent of our Commonwealth's economic engine as we're all interdependent upon one another for our success. How many of us know that "two horses" is the designated symbol on our Pennsylvania State flag; one of only two States in our glorious nation to do so.

As President, the intent was always to give back to you, the dedicated horsemen who make PARX great. The belief was that my experience as an owner, breeder, CEO, negotiator, and courtroom advocate would be valuable, and that together we could restore integrity and prosperity to our community. Thank you for trusting me with your vote.

Upon taking office, the reality was profoundly different. I entered a boardroom dominated by entrenched loyalists to the former President who controlled the PTHA for decades. What I uncovered was deeply alarming. Widespread corruption and self-dealing existed at every level as the organization was repeatedly used for the President's personal benefit rather than for you, the horsemen it exists to serve. To protect your rights and assets, I filed a Petition against the Board. Through settlement, I secured nearly a dozen vital concessions, including: an ongoing forensic investigation into the former President's alleged misconduct; a permanent prohibition on any President ever receiving compensation again; barring the Executive Director from ever again serving on the Board; and open campaigning to ensure fair elections. This Thanksgiving I celebrate my milestone 80th birthday. Sagittarians do not settle for surface-level appearances. We pursue truth with depth, passion, and conviction. That is who I am, and that is what my father instilled in me. I am a proud veteran as was my father before me.

To the many of you whom I have assisted with the Racing Office, and Commission, it has been my honor to fight by your side. I took on the slings and arrows to secure, among other things, a new state-of-the-art safe turf course for you. My commitment and energy continue to exceed those of many men half my age. However, I am also a realist as I do not intend to grow old in this office and risk failing you. Therefore, I will be stepping aside as President at the end of my term this January. As my successor, I proudly endorse fellow Board member, John Julia, for President. John is a tough, educated, no-nonsense businessman/owner and a natural leader who will always put your interests first. He is devoted to horses and to the sport we all love.

For a President to carry out a horsemen-first agenda, the Board must support that mission. The PTHA President only votes in the event of a 5-5 tie. To ensure progress, your President needs a NEW Board committed to transparency, fairness, and accountability. I fully endorse:

President

- John Julia

Owner Directors

- John Fanelli
- Robert Hutt
- Joseph Lynn
- Ron Occhino
- Charles Zacney

Trainer Directors

- Jordan Bullock
- Mike Catalano
- Ed Coletti, Jr.
- Daniel Velazquez

These are proven professionals who will always have your back and place your interests first. As for me, my work is far from finished. As an Owner Director, my 40 years of legal experience will continue to serve you well. I will keep fighting to protect your rights and recover funds wrongfully taken from you by the former President, all at no cost to the horsemen. This election is the most important in PTHA history. You must elect a new President and Board who will always protect your rights and prioritize your interests. Ballots will be mailed out on November 4th. On November 20th, you will have the opportunity to Meet-the-Candidates, with a Zoom option for those unable to attend in person. For the first time in twenty years, we can openly campaign. Apathy is the enemy of the people. The ultimate judge and jury by casting your valuable vote will be you. Let your voice be heard. It's been my absolute honor to serve you. My door is always open.

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Thank you for your continued trust and support.



HORSEMEN

Update from
PTHA Executive Director

Horsemen,

As we turn the clocks back, I want to take a moment to look forward, not just for our day-to-day operations, but for the very future of horse racing in Pennsylvania.

This year's PTHA Board of Directors Election is one of the most important in recent memory. The votes cast will help shape the course of our association, the direction of our advocacy in Harrisburg, and the continued success of the Pennsylvania racing industry. Every vote matters, and every voice deserves to be heard.

I want to be clear about one important principle: PTHA public relations platforms and correspondence, such as this newsletter, should not be used for campaigning or political promotions of specific candidates. My feelings on this principle differ from others within our association.

In fairness and transparency, it should be the promotion of ALL or NONE. While I recognize the passion and commitment that all candidates bring to this election, it is neither appropriate nor productive to use official PTHA platforms to elevate specific individuals. Instead, I encourage our voting members to learn about each candidate, ask questions, contact them, and vote based on who you believe will best serve the collective interests of our horsemen and horsewomen here within the PTHA and Parx Racing.

Please see the list of all 2025 PTHA Election Candidates:

President: Kate DeMasi, John Julia

Owner Director: Jack Armstong, Charles Asensio, Michael Day, Angelo DeFilippis, John Fanelli, Robert Hutt, Joseph Lynn, Richard Malouf Sr, Greg Newell, Ron Occhino, John O'Hara, Charles Zacney.

Trainer Director: Josue Arce, Jordan Bullock, Michael Catalano, Edward Coletti Jr, John Kirby, Scott Lake, Robert Mosco, Robert Reid Jr., John Servis, Tyler Servis, Richard Vega, Daniel Velazquez.

This election is not about division; it is about direction. The future of the PTHA depends on our ability to work together, to lead with unity, and to advocate with purpose. The strength of the PTHA has always come from its members, your dedication to our industry, your paramount practices of horse welfare and aftercare, and your shared belief in Pennsylvania breeding and racing.

Let's keep our focus on progress, on partnership, and on protecting the livelihoods of all who call Parx Racing home. Your vote is your voice.

The PTHA Board would like to give each and every one of you an update on where things stand relating to the July settlement of the internal petition. Per the settlement agreement, there called for a legal analysis of the \$4.2 Million within the Live Racing Agreement, as well as a forensic audit. Please turn to Page 4, to see the finalized legal analysis. The forensic audit is underway, and the membership will be informed throughout. Title: \$4.2M Live Racing Agreement - Per Settlement Agreement -

Please call or stop by with any questions.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Jeffrey A. Matty, Jr.



PTHA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Jeffrey A. Matty Jr.

\$4.2M Live Racing Agreement Analysis - Per Settlement Agreement -

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November 3, 2025

VIA EMAIL

Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, Inc.
2786 Galloway Road
Bensalem, PA 19020

Re: Legal Analysis pursuant to Settlement Agreement (¶ 5)

Dear PTHA:

Our Firm was recently engaged by the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, Inc. (the "PTHA") to provide the legal analysis as required by, and for the purposes delineated in, Paragraph 5 of the Settlement Agreement entered into between and among the PTHA, Jeffrey Matty, Jr., Kathleen Demasi, Charles Asensio, Jack Armstrong, Scott Lake, Robert Reid, Jr., John Servis (Respondents) and Robert Hutt and John Julia (Petitioners) (the "Settlement Agreement"). Specifically, we were asked to review "the \$4.2 million annual payment contained in the Live Racing Agreement and its amendments with regard to legality, enforceability and the consideration obtained in exchange for it." Per the terms of the Settlement Agreement (Para. 5), our legal analysis was to be "based solely on the terms of the Live Racing Agreement and applicable law" and was not to exceed "\$20,000 in cost." Further, and only "if appropriate," we were asked to recommend "potential theories of recovery on the amounts paid to date."

With that review and analysis now complete, we write separately to confirm that we believe that it is more likely than not that the annual payment set forth in the Fourth Addendum to the Live Racing Agreement would be determined by a Pennsylvania court to be legally valid, enforceable, and supported by sufficient consideration at the time it was entered into. As a result, and pursuant to the limited scope of our review set forth in Paragraph 5 of the Settlement Agreement, we do not believe it appropriate to recommend any specific legal course of action at this time that would permit the PTHA to recover any amount paid to date. We would note that we do not intend to furnish any conclusion or opinion beyond those expressly stated herein, nor should any be implied or inferred.

Lastly, we wanted to express our appreciation for the opportunity to work with and to provide this analysis to the PTHA and look forward to addressing any additional questions or concerns should they arise.

Very truly yours,
BUCHANAN INGERSOLL & ROONEY PC
Jan L. Budman II

2025 PTHA ELECTIONS



MEET THE CANDIDATES MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025

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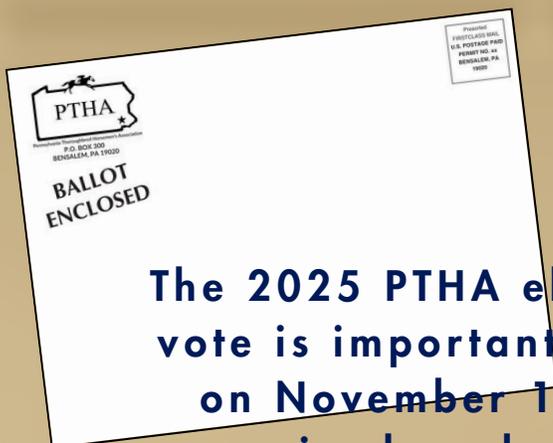
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Trainers: the end of the year is fast approaching! Check your starts and percentages to maintain your health insurance eligibility. You must have a minimum of 25 starts with 75% based at Parx, as well as being stabled here for six months. A complete copy of the health and pension guidelines can be found on our website PATHA.ORG or stop by the office and see Jaclyn DeSanctis.

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Attention Horsemen



PLEASE **VOTE**

Dear Members,
The 2025 PTHA elections are fast approaching. Your vote is important! Election materials will be mailed on November 17th. Review them and make your voice heard. All ballots must be received by 12/31/25. If you have any questions, please contact the PTHA office at 215-638-2012.



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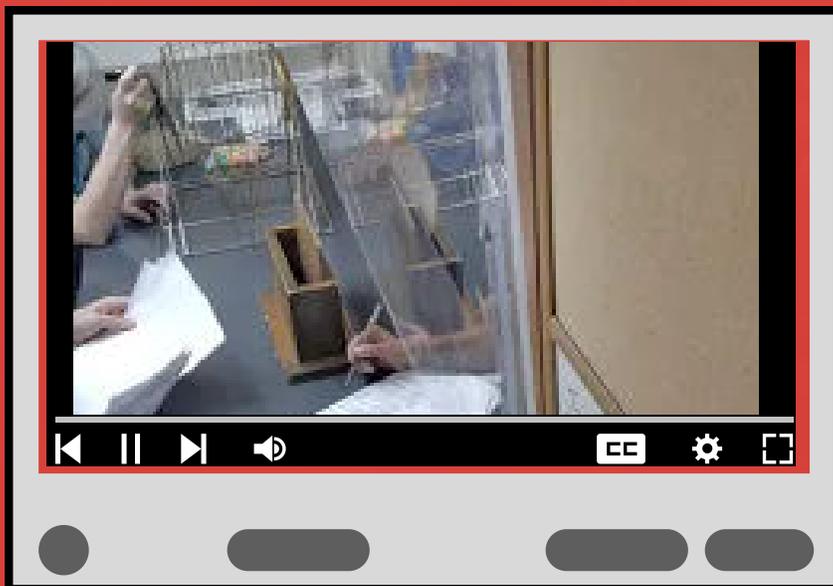


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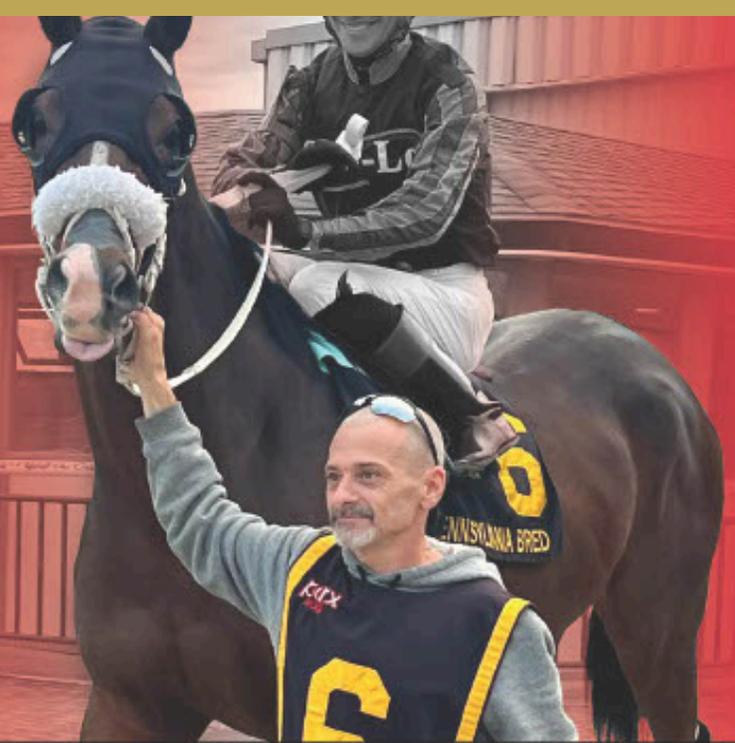
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Parx Racing Welcomes Three New Honorees to the Hall of Fame

The Parx Racing Hall of Fame celebrated its newest class of inductees on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, welcoming a champion horse, a distinguished ownership group, and a dedicated industry advisor.

In the Owners category, the highly successful stable Cash is King, LLC was formally inducted. Led by Charles "Chuck" Zacney, Cash is King, LLC is widely recognized for campaigning multiple Grade 1 winners, including Kentucky Oaks heroine Cathryn Sophia, and showcasing its enduring commitment to Philadelphia-area racing.

The newest horse to enter the hallowed ranks is the popular Pennsylvania-bred sprinter Favorite Tale, owned by PJG Stable and bred by Paul Conaway. A champion with multiple graded-stakes victories—including the Grade 3 Gallant Bob Stakes at Parx—Favorite Tale earned his place through a gritty and highly competitive career on the track.

Lastly, the Special Achievement Award was presented to Edward G. Simon. Simon was honored for his nearly three decades of dedicated service and invaluable financial guidance as a longtime advisor and consultant to the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (PTHA), supporting the foundation of the local racing community.

The 2025 class represents the diversity of talent, commitment, and equine excellence that defines Parx Racing.

From the PTHA and Parx Racing, congratulations to all!



Owner/Cash is King LLC - Joe Wilson, Chuck Zacney, and Jeff Matty



Horse/Favorite Tale - Jeff Matty, Judy Arena and daughter Gabrielle



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AROUND THE OVAL by Dani Gibson

October 11th

Twisted Ride turned in a gritty effort in the \$100,000 Maryland Million Sprint Stakes at Laurel Park, finishing second to Slam Notion in the six-furlong dash. Under jockey Andy Hernandez for trainer Michael M. Moore, the Pennsylvania-bred gelding, showed his tenacity from a stalking position, applying pressure early and digging in down the stretch before yielding by about 1 ½ lengths.

Owned by Kasey K Racing Stable LLC, Michael R. Day, and Final Turn Racing Stable LLC, Twisted Ride added another stakes placing to his resume.

October 18th

Three year old Pennsylvania Bred Kappa Kappa delivered a breakout performance in the \$400,000 Grade 2 Lexus Raven Run Stakes at Keeneland, springing a 27-1 upset to earn her first graded stakes victory. Trained by Robert "Butch" Reid Jr. and owned by LC Racing LLC, Cash is King LLC, and Wellsley Stable.

Breaking alertly from the outside under Hall of Fame jockey John Velazquez, Kappa Kappa was forwardly placed throughout the seven-furlong distance, tracking sharp early fractions. Turning for home, she was briefly headed by Vodka With a Twist, but Kappa Kappa dug back in gamely to reclaim the lead in the final strides, stopping the clock in 1:23.90.

October 21st

Point Dume broke through for his first stakes victory on October 21 at Parx Racing, capturing the \$75,000 M.P. Ballezzi Appreciation Mile. The 4-year-old Into Mischief gelding, owned by Bush Racing Stable and trained by Tim Kreiser, showed his finishing kick in a competitive mile on the main track with Angel Cruz aboard. Point

Dume was prominent early, took command just past the three-furlong mark and never relented, powering home to win by about 1 ½ lengths over the closing second place finisher Irish Cork and jockey Angel Rodriguez for trainer John Servis & owner Irish-Three Racing LLC, third place finisher Adero and jockey Abner Adoro for trainer John Servis & owner Carguys Racing LLC in 1:37.98.



October 22nd

Nature's Candy took the spotlight in the \$75,000 Disco Chick Stakes at Parx Racing in a full circle moment for her owner cruising to victory under jockey Andy Hernandez. Even more special, the mare shares an owner with the original Disco Chick, the stakes' namesake, making this a full-circle triumph for Freedom Racing LLC & Dr. Jerry Kolybabiuk. The 5-year-old, trained by Hugo Padilla, tracked the pace early, surged in the stretch, and pulled away to win by 2½ lengths over second place finisher Pachelbel for trainer Michael Moore, owners Hardesty Stables and Michael Day with jockey Jorge Vargas, Jr., third place finisher Carousel Queen and jockey Dexter Haddock for trainer Scott Lake, owner Dennis Johnson in 1:26.18 for seven furlongs.

Trainer Bernard Houghton finished 1st and 2nd with stablemates in the \$75,000 Jump Start Stakes with Silhouette Cove delivering a determined performance to capture the victory with jockey Frankie Pennington, the 3-year-old gelding tracked the pace from midpack, swung three wide on the far turn, and edged clear late to win by 1¾ lengths in 1:23.76 for seven furlongs over a fast main track behind second place finisher stable mate Come Prima and jockey Ricardo Chiappe for owner Red Barn Farm LLC and third place finisher Wild Vine and jockey Mychel Sanchez for trainer Jamie Ness, owners Super C Racing & Jagger Inc.



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DelVal University and the PTHA Team Up for a Day at the Races!

On Tuesday, October 7th, a special event brought together the worlds of academia and professional horse racing as Delaware Valley University students and faculty visited Parx Racing once again for a collaborative day with the PTHA.

Students from the Equine Science program, who are actively involved in all aspects of horse care, breeding, and management at the university's on-campus facilities, had the chance to see the operations of a major thoroughbred racetrack up close.

Participants enjoyed a full day of live racing, a delicious lunch sponsored by Parx Racing, and heard guest speakers share their insights about various aspects of the racing industry.

The event highlighted the strong partnership between DelVal University and the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, which has been awarding scholarships to students for the past four years. This year, five new students received a \$1,000 scholarship, supporting education and emphasizing the importance of diverse career paths and practical, field-based learning.

The day concluded with the DelVal Classic, where students, faculty, and PTHA staff took a picture to celebrate the memorable day.

Congrats!

Scholarships winners:
 Carli Asbell
 April Blandeburgo
 Kyle Jones
 Madison Heitman
 Jordan McCrae



Thank you!

Guest speakers:
 Mike Catalano
 Nicole Kemenash
 Karlee Kwiatkowski
 Dr. Rebecca Lefebvre
 Jeff Matty, Jr.
 Brian Mermelstein
 Jessica Paquette
 Samantha Potts
 Joe Williams



Danielle Montgomery

Program Administrator



As autumn settles in and our season wraps, I've been reflecting on what "Backed for Life" looks like in practice at Turning For Home. Our job is steady and simple: rehab, retrain, and place our retired athletes with trusted Partner Farms who complete the rehoming. Through October 31, 2025, 291 horses moved off the track through TFH—32 in October alone, essentially a horse a day—bringing us to 4,655 horses served since inception. The average time to move a horse off the track was 6.38 days, our fastest ever; when delays occur, they're almost always due to necessary veterinary work, which we will never rush. Horses transitioned to 42 different outlets this year, with most going to long-time partners who know Thoroughbreds and our standards: Universal Performance Horses handled 44 horses; MNM Equine took 35, primarily for rehab; and Peoples Farm rehabbed 21. We completed 33 surgeries or castrations to support safe, suitable second careers. Leading reasons for retirement remained consistent—knees, fetlock issues, and poor performance—and our team focused on triage, let-down, and correct basics before handing off to partners who add the schooling and real-world miles that make placements stick.

RRP is our annual mirror—not about ribbons, but about what good foundations and patient training unlock. This year, we were proud to cheer five TFH top 10 finalists: My Brown Eyed Girl (Barrel Racing Finals—5th), Lamasco (Barrel Racing Finals—6th), Whistle Me Home (Barrel Racing Finals—7th, Junior rider), Total Discretion (Barrel Racing Finals—8th), and Mr. Doda (qualified Eventing Championships). Their calm miles, suitability, and teamwork reflect the path we believe in: rehab → retrain → rehome, backed by lifetime returns and partners who share our standards. Thank you to the owners who retire responsibly, the trainers and barns who put in the quiet work, and the supporters who fund the care that makes second chances possible. We're proud of the trust this program has earned—and even prouder of the horses who keep proving what Thoroughbreds can do next.

Danielle Montgomery
Administrator, PTHA Turning For Home



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HORSE UPDATES



My Brown Eyed Girl (PA)
Dark Bay Mare foaled April 8, 2020
(Uptowncharlybrown - Oh Heck Yeah, by Violence)
Trainer/Owner: James F. Noble
Breeder: Barbara Rickline
Partner Farm: Daisy Mae Rodeo Company



My Brown Eyed Girl, now known as Nova, sparkled this year at the Retired Racehorse Project Thoroughbred Makeover. In her very first RRP, rider Ava piloted Nova to 9th place in Preliminary and an impressive 5th place finish in the Barrel Racing Championship out of 23 competitors. Their success is the result of months of preparation: patient groundwork, fitness building, practice shows, and even the occasional bareback ride to strengthen trust and communication. Nova has blossomed into Ava's perfect partner—nothing short of remarkable.



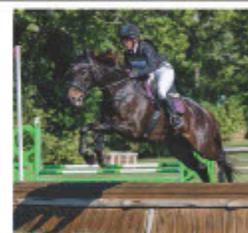
Victoria E (PA)
Bay Mare foaled April 30, 2016
(Warrior's Reward - Escape With Me, by Arazi)
Trainer/Owner: Jacinto Solis
Breeder: Blackstone Farm LLC
Partner Farm: L&D



From racing, to motherhood to the show ring, Victoria E continues to excel with grace. After retiring through Turning for Home in 2021, Victoria E had a foal in Kentucky by Greatest Honor. It was then decided that Victoria E should shoot for the stars with a third career as a riding horse. With the Retired Racehorse Project now offering a broodmare division, Victoria E returned to the spotlight in the 2025 Thoroughbred Makeover. She placed 1st in the Broodmare Show Hunter division and 1st in the Broodmare Dressage division with an impressive score of 72%! Doreen describes her as soft, relaxed, and rideable — a natural fit for her new job!



Mucho Misstique (ON)
Dark Bay Mare, foaled February 15, 2020
(Mucho Macho Man - Miss Scarlett Road, by Old Forester)
Trainer/Owner: Stephen Hamilton
Breeder: Tucci Holdings
Partner Farm: TD Equine



Mucho Misstique retired in November 2024 and was adopted by Emily Peck by the New Year. The pair had an incredible week—Emily says, "Tiki was the best baby horse." They placed 21st in Show Jumping out of 60+ horses, knocking down only one rail. In the Eventing division, they had their best run to date! Though the Makeover has ended, their journey together is just beginning. These two also love exploring national parks on long, relaxed trail rides.



Mr. Doda (FL)
Chesnut Gelding, foaled April 10, 2018
(Uptowncharlybrown - Sweeter Turn, by Sweet Return (GB))
Trainer: Carlos Soto
Owner: Perez Stables LLC
Breeder: Monmouth Stud
Partner Farm: Ears and Gears Stables



Mr. Doda, now known as Charlie, made a strong impression at this year's Retired Racehorse Project Thoroughbred Makeover, competing in both Dressage and Eventing. He placed 5th in the Preliminary Eventing phase, a remarkable accomplishment! His adopter, Desi, has fallen head over heels for him, joining her other TFH Makeover graduate, Spooky Island. Desi jokes, "It's hard to keep doing the Makeover when you keep falling in love with the ones you transition!"

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PTHA TROPHY RACE

OCTOBER 2025



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Concarneau

OCTOBER 7

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Stables LLC

Trainer
Marya Montoya

Jockey
Mychel Sanchez

OCTOBER 14

Uncaptured Star

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Top Notch
Racing

Trainer
Ernesto
Padilla-Preciado

Jockey
Jorge Vargas, Jr.



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Hermoso Hombre

OCTOBER 21

Owner
Maria Marquez

Trainer
Juan Polanco

Jockey
Wilfred Vasquez

OCTOBER 27

Neigh Dude

Owner
JKX Racing

Trainer
Ernesto
Padilla-Preciado

Jockey
Abner Adorno



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Heartbeat of the Backstretch

By : Nikki Guzman

The morning sun filters through the stable windows at PARX Racing, and Ronal Cruz moves quietly among the horses, brushing, checking, and speaking to them in soft, steady tones. Every day, he approaches the horses with patience, care, and a quiet devotion, showing the deep bond he shares with each animal. From La Rinconada, Michoacán, México, Ronal has quickly earned respect among the trainers, jockeys, and grooms who see his dedication firsthand. Introduced to the sport by his father and brothers, he began in 2022 as a hotwalker for veteran trainer Mark Reid. His talent and passion quickly earned him a promotion to groom, and today he works for Trainer Robert “Butch” Reid.

Ronal’s admiration for horses runs deep. He says his favorite thing about them is “their intelligence.” He loves every moment in the barns, especially because, as he says, “Butch always has good horses.” During the racing season, he travels with the Reid team to Saratoga, grooming, feeding, and tending to horses that ship there, making sure they feel safe, calm, and ready to perform.

Teaching young horses is not easy. “The hardest part is teaching a very green baby,” Ronal admits. “Some babies have never worn polos or elastic bandages, and most don’t know how to be tied to a wall.” Yet he meets every challenge with patience, care, and quiet pride, celebrating every small victory, whether a horse stands calmly for the first time or learns a new skill under his guidance.

Outside the barn, Ronal’s devotion continues through music. He plays the violin and sings in a Mariachi band, blending the rhythms of his heritage with the same patience, precision, and heart he brings to the horses every day.

Ronal dreams of owning his own horses one day, a goal born from the care and love he gives to every horse he works with. His story is one of devotion, heart, and harmony in the barn, on the track, and in his music. At PARX Racing, he is a shining example of the passion and quiet dedication that makes horse racing possible.

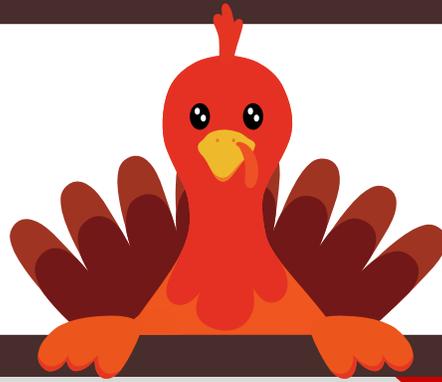


If you would like to nominate someone for our feature, please stop by the PTHA office or email nguzman@patha.org.

From the Race Track Chaplaincy of America at Parx

THANKSGIVING

Sign-up for your Thanksgiving Turkey, Ham and Food boxes at the Chaplain's office by November 10th! They can be picked up starting the afternoon of November 22nd



Chaplain's Annual
Christmas Party Date:
December 20th - 1PM-
3:30PM in the
Grandstand.

For Sign-ups, Call: 267-
223-3513

Email: [secretary@rtca-
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or Visit the
Chaplain's office
Deadline - December 5th

Backpacks with Gift Items for Parx's Dorm
residents will be distributed on
December 22nd & 23rd.



Our Condolenses...

On October 7, 2025, Miguel Angel Espindola passed away surrounded by loved ones. The Champ, as Miguel was affectionately known on the track, started his career at the young age of 16. With a unique riding style, Miguel set multiple winning records, including the 1989 Bay Meadows Derby (G3). The Champ was also a mentor as a Jockey's Guild representative, providing guidance and support on and off the track. A quote that Miguel lived by was "If it's within my hands, I will do it for you." Rest Easy, Miguel. You will be missed.



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