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# President's Message

by Tom Luchento

After months and months of assurances from every one we have met with, a decision has not been reached as yet on a casino supplement to keep our purses competitive with our surrounding states. To say that we are not happy with that situation would be an understatement. But we are continuing to fight to strengthen purse structures at our tracks.

Among those we have met with several times is the Governor's chief economic advisor, Gary Rose, who continues to report that the Corzine Administration in Trenton is committed to reaching an agreement with the Atlantic City casino industry. The latest target date is some time in January. We have also met with Dennis Robinson, the new chief executive officer of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, on this subject.

Throughout these meetings, we have emphasized that not only is time of the essence, but that the amount of the supplement must be sufficient to keep the Meadowlands purses the highest in the nation and Freehold's purses competitive with tracks in surrounding states. There has been no agreement on an amount, and negotiations are still going on. Be assured that we are fighting for as much as possible. Our discussions are not only about the amount of the purse supplement, but how it will be divided. As I mentioned, Freehold's purse structure is very important to the overall picture, even though much of the attention is focused on the Meadowlands.

One of the most important things we negotiated last year at the Meadowlands was paying a 20 percent bonus for NJ-sired horses in overnight races. We will seek an increase in that bonus at the Meadowlands and adding that bonus at Freehold in order to encourage racing Jersey-breds here and not in surrounding states. Both tracks, meanwhile, are talking about a possible reduction of race dates to keep purses high enough, probably by eliminating a day early in the week, when attendance and handle are lower. We are willing to sit down and talk about it with track management, but will do so only if it is in the best interest of the horsemen and only for the length of the supplement agreement.

We are also working on a legislative solution to keeping the breeding industry competitive. Legislation has already been introduced in Trenton to appropriate \$5 million to the N. J. Sire Stakes and \$5 million to the Thoroughbred Breeders Award Program. We are meeting with Secretary of Agriculture Charles Kuperus on that effort. It is imperative that our Sire Stakes program be competitive with other states.

It was great to see the long-awaited, newly expanded and renovated race paddock at The Meadowlands that was unveiled during the recent holiday meet. Finally, we have a paddock that accommodates 13 races, six more than original structure. This makes it much easier on horsemen when bringing in horses for later races on the program. The horses don't need to wait in trailers until the earlier races clear out.

Unfortunately, that is not the case at Freehold. There is still a shortage of lasix stalls on busy race days. We intend to press Freehold management for a solution to this problem.

As soon as there is an agreement on a new casino supplement, which could be as early as this month, we will post it on our web site at [www.sboanj.com](http://www.sboanj.com)

## SNOW WHITE CHOSEN NJ STANDARDBRED OF 2007

Snow White, winner of the \$650,000 Breeders Crown Championship for two-year-old trotting fillies and \$1,252,646 in purse money, has been named "New Jersey Standardbred of the Year" for 2007. This prestigious award to a New Jersey-sired standardbred is presented annually by the Equine Advisory Board of the State Department of Agriculture upon the recommendation of Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of New Jersey, which registers all New Jersey stallions for breeding, and its Breeders Committee.

Snow White, sired by Self Possessed, out of the mare, Mom's Millionaire, was bred by Moni Maker Breeders and is owned by the North Street Stable Joseph Petrosky, Curtis Larrimore and Mark Stoneslifer) of Dover, DE, Harness The Power (Kevin and Suzanne Lare) of Viola, DE, and Jerry Silva of Bellmore, NY.

Trained by Kevin Lare and driven by John Campbell, the filly won 11 of 13 career starts as a two-year-old, including the \$679,068 Goldsmith Maid at Woodbine, \$558,138 Oakville at Mohawk and \$175,000 New Jersey Sire Stakes Championship Final at The Meadowlands, in addition to the Breeders Crown.

## DEWEYCHEATUMNHOWE NAMED NJSS HORSE OF YEAR FOR 2007

Deweycheatumnhowe, the undefeated two-year-old trotting colt who dominated his opposition in New Jersey and nationally, has been selected New Jersey Sire Stakes Horse of the Year for 2007. The award, which is voted annually by the Sire Stakes Board of Trustees, is based only on performances in races for New Jersey-sired horses, including New Jersey Sire Stakes events and other major stakes for New Jersey-sired horses. In addition to the top honor, Deweycheatumnhowe, a son of Muscles Yankee, was chosen NJSS two-year-old trotting colt of the year.

Other divisional winners of Sire Stakes horse of the year honors are: the million-dollar winner Snow White (Self Possessed), two-year-old trotting filly; Artcotic (Artiscape), three-year-old pacing filly; Always A Virgin (Western Ideal), three-year-old pacing colt; Princetonian (Dream Vacation), three-year-old trotting colt; Spice Queen (Yankee Glide), three-year-old trotting filly; Duneside Perch (Cam's Card Shark), two-year-old pacing colt, and Dreamlands Latte (Artsplace), two-year-old pacing filly;

Deweycheatumnhowe, trained and driven by Ray Schnittker, won all 10 of his career starts, earning \$936,191 and taking a mark of 1:54.2. He won all three of his NJ-sired races, including the \$175,000 NJSS Final at The Meadowlands. His other major victories included the Breeders Crown Championship and the Valley Victory. The colt is co-owned by Schnittker with Ted Gewertz, Charles Iannazzo and the Deweycheatumnhowe Stable.

Snow White, a millionaire with \$1,252,646 in purse earnings, won 11 of 13 races and took a mark of 1:52.4. She dominated the two-year-old trotting fillies in New Jersey and nationally. The filly won all three of her NJSS starts, including the \$175,000 NJSS Championship, in addition to the Breeders Crown, Goldsmith Maid and Oakville Stakes. Driven by John Campbell and trained by Kevin Lare, the filly is owned by the North Street Stable, Harness The Power and Jerry Silva.

Artcotic is a rare repeat winner of NJSS "Horse of the Year" honors, having been chosen two-year-old filly pacer of 2006. She won four of six races in NJ-sired competition in 2007, including the \$85,000 NJSS final at Freehold Raceway, and nine of 19 overall, including the Breeders Crown. The filly earned a total of \$600,468 in purses and had a mark of 1:51f. Honors for NJSS three-year-old pacing colt of the year went to Always A Virgin, another million-dollar winner who took two legs of the pacing triple crown, the Cane Pace and the Messenger. He earned \$1,022,703 overall with 13 victories, in 20 starts and had a mark of 1:48.4. In New Jersey-sired competition, the colt won the \$175,000 NJSS Championship at the Meadowlands. Always A Virgin was driven by Brian Sears and trained by Joe Holloway for the partnership of the Bluewood Stable, Roll The Dice Stables and Val D'Or Farms.

Princetonian earned the NJSS three-year-old trotting colt award on the strength of his 1:57 stakes record win in the \$100,000 Charles I. Smith Memorial Trot at Freehold. He was in the money eight of nine times, winning three races, and earned \$147,277 overall for trainer Ray Remmen, who co-owns the colt with John Lichtenberger. Catello Manzi and Daniel Dube drove the trotter.

Spice Queen, trained by Erv Miller for owners Norman and Gerald Smiley, took three-year-old trotting filly honors winning five of her six NJ-sired races, including the \$85,000 NJSS Final and \$85,000 Helen Smith Memorial Trot at Freehold. She won 10 of 16 overall, earning \$145,290. Driving duties were shared by David Miller, Brian Sears and Andy Miller.

The NJSS two-year-old pacing colt of the year, Duneside Perch, won all three of his NJ-sired starts, including a record 1:50.2 in the \$175,000 NJSS Final at The Meadowlands. His earnings for the year totaled \$160,325 for Only Money Inc., Rodney Mitchell, Inc., and Teague, Inc. Brenda and George Teague trained and Ron Pierce drove.

Dreamlands Latte, NJSS two-year-old pacing filly of the year, won four and was in the money in six of seven races in NJ-sired competition. Bob Baggitt Jr. trained the filly and Jack Baggitt Jr. drove. She won five of 11 overall, earning \$118,062 for Dreamland Farms.

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## NJ BREEDING FOR SIX OF 8 BIG M BREEDERS CROWN CHAMPS

Five of the eight winners of the \$4.7 million Breeders Crown Finals on November 24 at The Meadowlands are New Jersey-sired and a sixth was bred in New Jersey.

In the two-year-old trotting divisions, a pair of New Jersey Sire Stakes champions – Snow White and Deweycheatumhnowe – wrapped up their racing seasons with \$650,000 Breeders Crown victories. Snow White is the daughter of Self Possessed [Kentuckiana Farms of NJ], while Deweycheatumhnowe is by New Jersey stallion Muscles Yankee [Perretti Farms].

On the pacing side, Stylish Artist, a daughter of the late Artsplace [Southwind Farms], won the \$650,000 Two-Year-Old Filly Pace, while Artcotic, a three-year-old daughter of Artiscape [Perretti Farms] reached the Breeders Crown winner's circle in the \$500,000 Three-Year-Old Filly Pace. Artist's View, a son of Artsplace, was a surprise winner in the \$555,000 Breeders Crown Three-Year-Old Colt Pace.

Southwind Farms bred the \$500,000 Breeders Crown Three-Year-Old Filly Trot winner, Southwind Serena, who upset 7-5 favorite Pampered Princess [a product of Valley High Stable of Freehold, NJ].

## FIVE NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS FROM NJ BREEDING PROGRAM

Five winners of the harness racing's national Dan Patch Awards as divisional champions of 2007 were the product of New Jersey-based stallions or breeders. Four trotters, two-year-olds Deweycheatumhnowe and Snow White, three-year-old filly Pampered Princess and older mare Mystical Sunshine, and three-year-old filly pacer Southwind Tempo, can claim a connection to the Garden State. The awards will be presented at the annual U. S. Harness Writers Association banquet on January 27 in Dover, DE.

## SBOANJ CO-HOSTS BREEDERS CROWN RECEPTION



The Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of New Jersey joined with the Breeders Crown organization to host a special reception celebrating the \$4.7 million Breeders Crown Championships at The Meadowlands on November 24. Owners and breeders of the two- and three-year-old pacers and trotters participating in the year-end championship races were among the invited guests, along with other prominent people from the standardbred breeding and racing industry. Officials of the SBOANJ and Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown were on hand to congratulate the race participants. Pictured above are Tom Charters and Tom Luchento.

(Photo by Deuce)

## NJ MARE RESIDENCY PROGRAM: \$125,000 BONUS TO BREEDERS



The Mare Residency Program, sponsored by the Standardbred Breeders & Owners Association of New Jersey, has awarded more than \$125,000 to breeders of mares boarded in the Garden State for 270 days or more in the year of conception. The amount represents a 10 percent bonus for N.J. Sire Stakes purses earned in 2007 by their two- and three-year-old offspring. The eligible New Jersey-sired fillies and colts produced at Perretti Farms in Cream Ridge topped all breeders with a total of \$82,568.70 in bonus funds for the mares. Anthony Perretti and Bob Marks of Perretti Farms are shown accepting a check from SBOANJ Breeders Committee members Al Ochsner Jr. and Martin O'Hare.

## NJ EQUINE AWARDS DINNER

The annual equine awards dinner of the N. J. Department of Agriculture is scheduled for Sunday, January 27, at the Holiday Inn, East Windsor. Among the presentations will be the New Jersey Standardbred of the Year, New Jersey Sire Stakes Horse of the Year and eight NJSS divisional horses of the year. There is a reception at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$42.50 each and can be obtained by calling (609) 984-4389.

## HHI NAMES PARENTI MAN OF THE YEAR

Harness Horsemen International (HHI) has chosen Anthony J. Parenti, a former president and Board member of the Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of New Jersey, as its "Man of the Year" for 2007. Parenti, a standardbred horse owner for many years, retired from the SBOANJ Board last October after 21 years service, including 14 years as president and three years as a vice president.

"We in New Jersey are proud of Tony and appreciate all he has done for our horsemen," said current SBOANJ president Tom Luchento.

In his first run for public office, he was elected in November to the Borough Council in his hometown of Fanwood, where he served as police chief for 22 years. Among other positions, Parenti served as director of the Stampler Police Academy in Union County, and president of the New Jersey Association of Chiefs of Police and the New Jersey Traffic Officers Association.

## BIG M FEATURES \$17 MILLION IN STAKES IN 2008

The 133-date season from January 2 through August 2 will feature more than \$17 million in stakes races, including the \$1.5 million Hambletonian, the \$1-million Meadowlands Pace and \$3-million in New Jersey Sire Stakes races.

The Hambletonian, paired with the \$750,000 Hambletonian Oaks for fillies, is the sport's premier event for 3-year-old trotters on August 2. Sophomore colts also have the \$350,000 Stanley Dancer Memorial on July 19, while the fillies have the \$350,000 Delvin Miller Memorial on July 18.

In addition to the track's signature event, the Meadowlands Pace on July 19, the top 3-year-old pacing colts are showcased in the \$225,000 Berry's Creek on May 10, \$500,000 Anthony Abbatiello New Jersey Classic on May 31, \$62,000 Jersey Cup on June 28 and \$275,000 Oliver Wendell Holmes on August 2.

Other major stakes races include the \$225,000 Graduate on May 17, \$625,000 William R. Haughton Memorial on July 12, \$400,000 Merrie Annabelle and \$400,000 Peter Haughton Memorial on July 31, and \$425,000 Sweetheart and \$400,000 Woodrow Wilson on August 1, and \$350,000 U. S. Pacing Championship on August 2.

## NJ-SIRED PAYMENTS DUE FEBRUARY 15

Sustaining payments are due February 15 for the New Jersey Sire Stakes Pari-Mutuel and Green Acres Divisions and various stakes races for NJ-sired horses. The NJSS Pari-Mutuel Division payment is \$350 for two-year-olds and \$400 for three-year-olds. The Green Acres Division payment is \$100 for two and three-year-olds.

Also on February 15, a \$650 supplemental 2006 yearling nomination (for foals of 2006) can be made for eligibility to the N. J. Sire Stakes. That fee is in addition to the sustaining payments for two-year-olds also due on February 15.

The two-year-old sustaining payment must be made in order to keep the horse eligible as a three-year-old in 2009, even if the horse does not race in 2008 as a two-year-old. Supplemental nominations are also due February 15 for the NJSS-sponsored 2008 Lou Babic Open Pace (\$400) and Babic Filly Pace (\$300). These payments in U. S. funds should be mailed to the NJSS, P.O. Box 330, Trenton, NJ 08625. In addition, supplemental nominations must be made by February 15 for the 2009 SBOA New Jersey Pacing Classic and Miss New Jersey Pace (\$500), 2009 Charles I. Smith Trot and Helen Smith Trot (\$400), and 2008 Harold R. Dancer Trot and Dancer Filly Trot (\$400).

Also due on February 15 is the \$200 sustaining payment for the 2008 Smith Trot for three-year-old New Jersey-sired trotters and a \$300 supplemental nomination payment to keep any New Jersey-sired horses eligible to New Jersey Futurity #43. These payments should be mailed to the SBOA of New Jersey, 64 Business Route 33, Manalapan, NJ 07726.

## MIXED HORSE SALE AT BIG M

The annual Tattersalls Select Mixed Horse Sale is scheduled for January 21 in the Meadowlands paddock. For information, please call 914-773-7777.

## KENTUCKIANA NAMED 2007 NJ BREEDER OF THE YEAR



The Standardbred Breeders & Owners Association of New Jersey has selected the Kentuckiana Farms General Partnership and its founder, Tom Crouch, as N. J. Breeder of the Year for 2007. A quarter of harness racing's 2007 divisional champions were the product of Kentuckiana, which was established in 1975 by Tom and Betty Crouch in Kentucky. Kentuckiana also has three stallions based in New Egypt, NJ, at what was once the former Egyptian Acres of the late Hall of Famer Stanley Dancer, and now in the care of farm manager Bill Smythe.

Representing Kentuckiana in the Garden State are the trotting stallions Yankee Glide and Classic Photo, whose first crop will come to sale in 2008, and the recently retired pacer Tell All, the Little Brown Jug and North America Cup winner. Tell All, the Three-Year-Old Pacer of the Year for 2007, is one of the trio of Kentuckiana progeny who will be honored with Dan Patch Awards. The other two are Older Pacer of the Year Mister Big and Older Female Trotter of the Year Mystical Sunshine.

Yankee Glide, a son of Valley Victory, topped all North American trotting sires in 2006 with progeny who earned nearly \$8.8 million. This year, his 202 starters have banked more than \$6.2 million. This year the Kentuckiana Farms General Partnership combined with those bred by Tom Crouch rank third in North American earnings this year with more than \$15.24 million from 525 starters. Kentuckiana Farms General Partnership includes the three Crouch daughters and their spouses: Rebecca and Robert Brady, Michelle Goodman and Kenneth and Lisa Jackson.

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## MEADOWLANDS MOVES POST TIME FOR 2008 RACING SEASON

The Meadowlands will move its first race post time to 7 p.m. with the start of the 2008 harness meet that begins January 2. The 133-date meet runs through Saturday, August 2, with live racing four nights a week, Wednesday through Saturday. A limited engagement of Sunday matinees will be added February 10 through March 16, with a 1:10 p.m. post time. Special matinee cards will be run on Mother's Day (Sunday, May 11), Memorial Day (Monday, May 26), Father's Day (Sunday, June 15) and Hambletonian Day (Saturday, August 2).

# NJ Harness Calendar 2008

## January

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|------|--|----|--|
| 1    | Freehold Raceway Meet Opens  | 24 | \$70,000 Super Bowl Final, Meadowlands<br>\$50,000 White Ruffles Final, Meadowlands  |
| 2    | Meadowlands Harness Meet Opens   | 26 | "Horse Management Seminar", Rutgers<br>\$100,000 Presidential, \$85,000 Complex &<br>\$80,000 Clyde Hirt Finals, Meadowlands.                      |
| 9-10 | "Developing Future Equine Leaders",<br>Rutgers Cook College, New Brunswick | 27 | NJ Sportswriters Honor Jim Doherty,<br>Pines Manor, Edison<br>USHWA Awards Dinner, Dover Downs Hotel<br>NJ Breeder Awards, Holiday Inn, E. Windsor |
| 16   | NJ Equine Advisory Board,  |    |  |
| 21   | Select Mixed Sale, Meadowlands Paddock                                     |    |  |
| 23   | "Equine Health Care", Rutgers Cook College                                 |    |  |

## February

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| 6  | NJ Racing Commission, Meadowlands   | 23 | \$90,000 Junior Trendsetter,<br>\$75,000 Aquarius & \$70,000 Exit 16W<br>Finals at the Meadowlands. |
| 20 | NJ Equine Advisory Board  | 24 | \$75,000 Senior Trendsetter Final,<br>Meadowlands.  |
| 22 | \$75,000 Cape & Cutter & \$60,000 Tender<br>Loving Care Finals, Meadowlands | 26 | NJSS Board of Trustees  |

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