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PACESETTER

GLIDEMASTER AWARDED TOP HONORS FOR NJ & NATIONAL HORSE OF THE YEAR

In the span of less than a month, Trotting Triple Crown winner Glidemaster was honored as New Jersey Standardbred of the Year and named Dan Patch Horse of the Year for 2006.

The New Jersey-sired son of Yankee Glide was recognized at the N. J. Equine Breeders Awards dinner on January 28 by the SBOA of New Jersey.

On February 25, the U.S. Harness Writers Association awarded Glidemaster the Dan Patch Awards as Horse of the Year, Trotter of the Year and Three-Year-old Trotting Colt of the Year.



Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Al Murray, left, and SBOANJ President Tom Luchento, right, made the presentation to Marsha Cohen, one of Glidemaster's owners. The other owners are Robert Burgess, Karin Olsson-Burgess and Brittany Farms. (photo by World Wide Racing Photos)

Glidemaster is also the fourth consecutive New Jersey-sired standardbred to win the top Dan Patch Horse of the Year award, following Rockroll Hanover (Western Ideal), Rainbow Blue (Artiscape) and No Pan Intended (Pacific Fella).

The winner of a trotting single-season record \$1.9 million, Glidemaster won the Hambletonian in stakes-record time and added the Kentucky Futurity and Yonkers Trot to sweep the Triple Crown.

He was trained by Blair Burgess and driven mostly by John Campbell, until being sidelined by a broken leg in October, and George Brennan, who drove him in his final two starts, including the Yonkers Trot.


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There are various types of information and news for standardbred horsepeople, including names of officers and directors, copies of the current issue of the SBOANJ Pacesetter newsletter, meeting dates, committee activities, membership information and legislative activity.

2007 SBOA MEMBERSHIP DUES

The deadline for paying SBOANJ membership dues for 2007 is March 30. Anyone who has not paid dues by that date will no longer be eligible to participate in any SBOA related benefits programs, such as sulky insurance coverage, third-party \$1- million liability coverage if your horse causes damage, health insurance for drivers, trainers, second trainers, grooms and approved farm employees, and the driver-trainer retirement plan. The price of dues is \$35 for a one-year membership or \$105 for a three-year membership. Please check your records to be sure that you are paid up for this year.

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IN THE NEWS

MURRAY PROMOTED TO NO. 2 POST AT AGRICULTURE DEPT.

Al Murray, a 23-year career employee of the N. J. State Department of Agriculture, has been promoted to the position of Assistant Secretary of Agriculture. He previously served as director of the Department's Division of Marketing and Development, which oversees the New Jersey Sire Stakes Program.

MALINOWSKI HONORED, GETS "P" HARNESS DRIVING LICENSE

Dr. Karyn Malinowski, director of the Rutgers University Equine Science Center and Cooperative Extension, is being honored as the 2007 recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Rutgers Graduate Program in Animal Sciences. The presentation was scheduled for March 2 at the Cook College Campus in New Brunswick. Meanwhile, Karyn, an enthusiastic amateur harness driver, has received her provisional, or "P" license as a driver and will be competing on the racetrack when her University duties permit.

MCCARTHY IS BIG M PRESIDING JUDGE

Michael J. McCarthy, who had served as an associate judge at Freehold Raceway since March 2005, became the presiding judge at The Meadowlands in January, replacing Robert "Cammie" Haughton, who left to become the presiding judge at Yonkers Raceway. McCarthy, a resident of Freehold, has previously been an equipment manager at the Meadowlands and an associate judge at New York harness tracks.

MIXED SALE AT BIG M TOPS \$7.3 MILLION

A total of 302 horses were sold for \$7,369,000 in the Tattersalls Select Mixed Sale in the Meadowlands race paddock on January 15, an average price of \$24,401. Eleven horses were sold for \$100,000 or more. The sale topper at \$220,000 was Ticket To Glide, a 5-year-old daughter of Yankee Glide out of the Joie de Vie mare Her Excellence, who was purchased by Joyceann McClelland of Ohio.

SEARS & SILVA TOPS IN FALL 2006 MEET

Driver Brian Sears and trainer Mark Silva led their respective standings for the 21-date fall harness meet at The Meadowlands. Leading owner honors went to Dana Parham's Odds On Racing Stable. Sears piloted 56 winners, while runner-up Yannick Gingras had 27 victories and David Miller, Ron Pierce and George Brennan were next, tied with 26. Miller led drivers in purse money won by the horses he drove with \$1.2 million. Silva had 15 trainees make the winner's circle with seven seconds and five thirds in 53 starts.

HORSES 2007 CONFERENCE SET AT RUTGERS SCIENCE CENTER

A 2-day educational conference entitled "Horses 2007" is scheduled for March 31 and April 1 at the Rutgers University Science Center in New Brunswick. The first day topic on equine care and management will focus on youth, new or prospective horse owners, parents and instructors. The second day topic on advance equine care and management, will be for equine professionals and horse industry leaders. To register, please call 732-932-9271 or online at: www.cookce.rutgers.edu

PAYMENTS DUE MARCH 15, APRIL 15 FOR NJ-SIRED STAKES & FUTURITIES

Numerous important sustaining payments are due on March 15 in order to keep New Jersey-sired horses eligible to various stakes races and New Jersey Futurity races and on April 15 for the N. J. Sire Stakes Pari-Mutuel and Green Acres Divisions and the Charles I. Smith Trot.

Due on March 15 are sustaining payments for the 2007 NJSS-sponsored Lou Babic Memorial Pace (\$700 for the open and \$400 for the filly division), which should be mailed to NJSS, P.O. Box 34400, Newark, NJ 07189-4400:

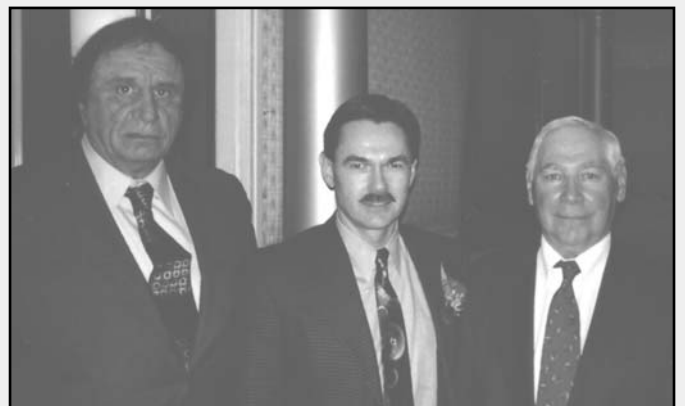
Also due that date are sustaining payments for the following SBOANJ-sponsored stakes and Futurity races, which should be mailed to the SBOA of New Jersey, 64 Business Route 33, Manalapan, NJ 07726:

Abbateiello SBOA/NJ Pacing Classic 2007 (Open), \$ 800; D'Altrui Miss New Jersey Pace 2007, \$ 600; Abbateiello SBOA NJ Pacing Classic 2008 (Open), \$ 500; D'Altrui Miss New Jersey Pace 2008, \$400; Smith Trot 2008 (Open & Filly), \$250; Dancer Trot 2007 (Open & Filly), \$200; NJ Futurity Three-Year-Olds, \$200, and NJ Futurity Two-Year-Olds, \$ 100.

Due on April 15 are \$150 second sustaining Green Acres Division payments for two- and three-year-olds, \$550 second sustaining Pari-Mutuel Division payments for two-year-olds and \$650 second sustaining Pari-Mutuel Division payments for three-year-olds. Checks should be made payable in U. S. funds to NJSS, P.O. Box 34400, Newark, NJ 07101-4400.

The \$300 Smith Trot payment due April 15, which will keep three-year-old New Jersey-sired trotters eligible for the open or filly divisions of this year's race, should be mailed to the SBOA, P.O. 64 Business Route 33, Freehold, NJ 07728.

MORE HONORS FOR CAMPBELL



Harness Racing Hall of Famer John Campbell was congratulated by SBOANJ President Tom Luchento and NJ Racing Commissioner Anthony Abbateiello for being honored as "Harness Man of the Year" by the New Jersey Sports Writers Association at the group's 71st annual banquet on January 28. Abbateiello, who also is a Hall of Famer and former SBOANJ president, received the honor last year. Campbell was also honored by the U. S. Harness Writers Association on February 28 as harness driver of the year.

(photo by Leon Zimmerman)

President's Message

by Tom Luchento

The simulcast approval rights of horsemen remain protected as a result of legal action and eventual settlement by the SBOA of New Jersey with the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority (NJSEA) and Television Games Network (TVG) regarding interstate wagering on harness racing simulcast from The Meadowlands racetrack.

In amicably resolving differences with an agreement signed by all parties, the SBOANJ's lawsuit against the Sports Authority and TVG was dropped without prejudice and preserving horsemen's rights, including approval or disapproval of the acceptance of interstate off-track wagers on Meadowlands races under the Interstate Horse Race Wagering Act of 1978.

Not only have we preserved the rights of horsemen, but we have strengthened our standing should anything like this come up in the future.

The lawsuit was filed after the Sports Authority awarded an exclusive, one-year contract to TVG. One of the major concerns of the SBOANJ about that exclusive contract was the availability of the Meadowlands harness racing signal to the Racetrack Television Network (RTN), which is watched by thousands of harness fans and bettors.

Under the signed agreement, TVG, which subsequent to the awarding of the contract made the signal available to RTN, has agreed to continue that practice. In addition, TVG has agreed to use reasonable efforts to enter into sublicense agreements for NJSEA races with other licensed U. S. account wagering providers recommended by NJSEA.

Another important aspect of the settlement is that the Sports Authority will give a title sponsorship to TVG for an existing major standardbred stakes race at The Meadowlands of at least \$500,000. TVG also has agreed to meet with the SBOANJ and discuss the marketing of Meadowlands racing and an affiliates program for SBOANJ members to receive TVG programming.

LET'S FIGHT FOR VLTs

The impact of the new slot and VLT revenue at racetracks in our neighboring states is already evident in New Jersey.

As of early February, there were across-the-board purse increases at Yonkers Raceway, with the high-conditioned classes (claimers, high non-winners and winners-over) worth from \$12,000 to \$35,000. That happened so soon after the VLTs began operating at Yonkers, because the machines are producing so much revenue.

Across the Delaware River at Harrah's Chester Downs, Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs and Philadelphia Park, slot revenue has exceeded \$1 billion in less than three months of action.

The result is that there is currently a shortage of horses at both Freehold Raceway and The Meadowlands, resulting in shorter fields and fewer races.

And no one should be surprised if the Meadowlands decides to reduce the number race dates to four per week, instead of five, while the horse population is so negatively impacted.

We need to step up our efforts to convince the State, particularly

members of the Legislature and Governor Corzine, that the New Jersey horse racing industry needs VLTs at the racetracks if it is to survive the competition from higher purses in New York and Pennsylvania.

The health of New Jersey's horse industry, as well as 80,000 acres of equine-related open space and 230,000 acres of hay and feed farming that supports it, are in serious jeopardy of being lost.

Tell our state lawmakers that the best solution would be VLT slot machines at the state's racetracks. Another casino supplement to purses, which has been in effect for four years and expires at the end of 2007, would help until the machines are approved.

If you do not know who your state senator or state assembly members are and need their addresses, you can find out online at the SBOA web site, www.sboanj.com and click on "Find your Legislator."

While there is a great deal of sympathy from many state officials, the commitment to act is uncertain.

The Atlantic City casinos are also seeing a drop in their bottom line, with the loss of slot revenue to New York and Pennsylvania racetracks. How long will it take them to realize that they, too, can benefit from operating VLTs at our racetracks and sharing the revenue that is escaping New Jersey to our neighboring states.

Write a letter today to your state senator, state assemblyman or assemblywoman and the Governor. If you race horses in New Jersey, or even if you are a racing fan, you need to help yourself and fellow horsepeople.

NJ EQUINE & SIRE STAKES AWARDS



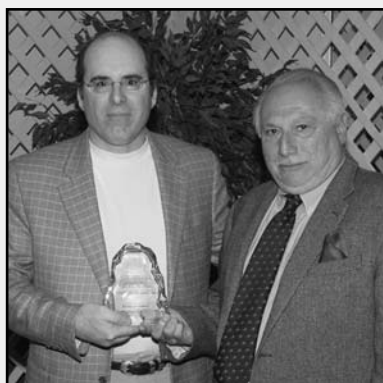
Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Al Murray, left, presented the award for New Jersey Sire Stakes Horse of the Year for 2006 to Joseph Alborano of New Egypt, owner of Artistic Fella, who also took honors for three-year-old pacing colt of the year. Joining the presentation were NJSS Executive Director Chris Castens, right, and Alborano's son Joseph Jr.



Two of New Jersey's most prominent veterinarians, Dr. David A. Meirs II and Dr. Stephen P. Dey, accepted "Spirit of the Horse" awards, which recognize horsepersons whose lives have been dramatically impacted by a horse and have given back because of their appreciation of that relationship. Making the presentation was Sandy Dinarski, last year's recipient, with Diana Orban Brown, left, and Dr. Karyn Malinowski, right, of the Rutgers Equine Science Center.



New Jersey State Assemblyman Ronald S. Dancer (R-District 30) presented a joint legislative resolution to Rick Wills, owner of Rick's Saddle Shop in Cream Ridge and Englishtown, in recognition of his being chosen for the Governor's Award as 2006 Horseperson of the Year. Presentations took place at the 50th annual N. J. Equine Awards dinner at the Freehold gardens Hotel of January 28.



NJSS Board Chairman Anthony Perretti, left, presented the 2006 two-year-old trotting colt of the year award to Charles Iannazzo, one of the owners of Bamboo Yankee.



NJSS Board Member Catherine Stearns Medich, right, presented an award to Lawrence Kern, one of the owners of Ideal Weather, three-year-old pacing filly of the year for 2006.

(photos by World Wide Racing Photos)

SBOANJ PLANS APRIL 14 SEMINAR FOR NEW OWNERS AT FREEHOLD

The SBOANJ has scheduled a one-hour introductory seminar for people interested in becoming standardbred horse owners at 11:30 AM on April 14 at Freehold Raceway.

Participants will be able to stay for the races that afternoon. To sign up, go to www.sboanj.com and the link for "New Owners."

NJ HORSE INDUSTRY ALLIANCE URGES LEGISLATIVE CONTACT

The New Jersey Horse Industry Alliance (NJHIA), a not-for-profit coalition comprised of representatives of the state's standardbred and thoroughbred organizations and the leadership at the Rutgers Equine Science Center, is asking people to write to members of the State Legislature asking for financial help in the form of video lottery terminals (VLTs) at the state's racetracks.

The goal is to help the horse racing industry in New Jersey compete with neighboring states that already have VLTs or slot machines, which have produced huge increases in purses at their racetracks. Without financial help, the future of the horse racing industry in New Jersey is in serious jeopardy.

To find out who are the state senator or assembly members in your district and get their addresses, go to www.njleg.state.nj.us.

NJ HARNESS CALENDAR 2007

MARCH

APRIL

7 \$60,000 Night Styles Final, *Meadowlands*

11 \$85,000 Horse & Groom Final, *Meadowlands*

12 SBOANJ Board of Directors, *Spargo's Grill, Manalapan*

13 NJSS Board of Trustees, *Trenton*

15 Important NJ-Sired Payments Due

21 NJ Equine Advisory Board, *Freehold Gardens Hotel*

23 \$100,000 Overbid Final, *Meadowlands*

24 \$100,000 4-Leaf Clover
\$100,000 Matts Scooter Finals, *Meadowlands*

28 \$70,000 Jersey Girls Final, *Meadowlands*

9 SBOA Board of Directors

14 SBOANJ New Horse Owners Seminar, *Freehold Raceway*

15 \$100,000 Su Mac Lad Final, *Meadowlands*

Important NJ-Sired Payments Due

18 NJ Racing Commission, *Freehold Raceway*

NJ Equine Advisory Board, *Freehold Gardens Hotel*

\$65,000 Blossom Final, *Meadowlands*

19 \$45,000 Fox Sports Net Final, *Meadowlands*

20 \$75,000 Suslow Final, *Meadowlands*



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CONDOLENCES & SYMPATHY TO FAMILY & FRIENDS OF . . .

Elbridge "Eb" Mahar, 86, paddock judge at The Meadowlands racetrack from its opening in 1976 to 1985, who died December 31 in Winter Park, Fla.; spent 40 years in harness racing, including caretaker for such top horses as Kimberly Kid, who won the 1953 Kentucky Futurity and finished second to Helicopter in the final heat of the Hambeltonian that year; veteran of World War II, landed on Maha Beach on D-Day, June 6, 1944, and was in the Battle of the Bulge; family requests memorial donations to the Hall of Fame of the Trotter in Goshen, NY.

John A. Bown, 62, of Allentown, veteran standardbred trainer who died January 10 at CentraState Medical Center in Freehold after a long illness; spent the past 25 years training his stable at Gaitway Farm and racing such top horses as Sangria Red, Lil Ang Fra, Pastel Pastel and Turbo Fired; previously trained as an assistant to Howard Parker Sr. at Saratoga Raceway for 20 years; born in Nova Scotia, he is survived by his wife of 25 years, Nancy, two daughters, six brothers, five sisters and many nieces and nephews; family requests memorial donations to the Leukemia Foundation, 2700 Patriot Blvd., Suite 100, Glenview, IL.

Peter H. Carlson, 71, of Jackson, New Jersey Sire Stakes presiding judge on the summer Fair Circuit for many years, died on December 31; retired public school teacher in old Bridge, former mayor of Jackson and charter member of the Jackson Elks, Club 2744, and a member of the Jackson Lions Club; survived by a son and daughter, two granddaughters and a sister; memorial contributions requested for Jackson Elks or Lions Clubs.

Miles Kuperus, 71, of Wantage, who died January 21; self-employed dairy farmer and father of New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture Charles M. Kuperus; member of Sussex Christian Reformed Church; survived his wife of 49 years, Anne, five other children, one sister, two brothers and 31 grandchildren; memorial contributions requested to the Sussex Christian School, 51 Unionville Ave., Sussex, NJ 07461.

PERRETTI CHOSEN TO CHAIR NJSS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Anthony J. Perretti, general manager of his family-owned standardbred breeding farm in Cream Ridge, has been elected chairman for 2007 of the Board of Trustees that administers the New Jersey Sire Stakes Program in the State Department of Agriculture.

For the past five years, Perretti has been responsible for direct supervision of all aspects of farm operations for the leading standardbred breeding farm in New Jersey founded by his father, William.

Thomas A. D'Altrui of Hillsborough was elected vice chair. The other Board members are: David A. Meirs II, VMD, of Cream Ridge, who served as chairman last year; Catherine Stearns Medich of Lawrenceville and New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture Charles Kuperus.

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HORSE TAX HANDBOOK

The SBOANJ has four copies of the 2006 Horse Owners and Breeders Tax Handbook, published by the American Horse Council, available for members and their accountants under a library-type borrowing system. If interested, call the SBOA office at 732-462-2357.

DIRECTOR ATTENDANCE AT SBOA/NJ BOARD MEETINGS

	Sept. 12	Oct. 11	Nov. 13	Jan. 3	Jan 29
Baggitt, R.	P	P	P	P	P
Bergmann, G.	P	P	P	A	P
D'Altrui, T. A.	P	P	P	P	A
Ford, M.	P	P	P	A	P
Harrison, K.	P	P	P	P	P
Ingrassia, J.	P	A	P	P	P
Lane, D.	A	P	P	P	P
Luchento, T.	P	P	P	P	P
Ochsner, A.	P	P	P	P	P
O'Hare, M.	A	P	P	P	P
Palmer, T.	P	A	P	P	P
Parenti, A.	P	P	P	P	P
Razzetti, E.	P	P	P	A	P
Romano, A.	P	P	P	A	P
Wojtowicz, P.	P	P	P	P	P

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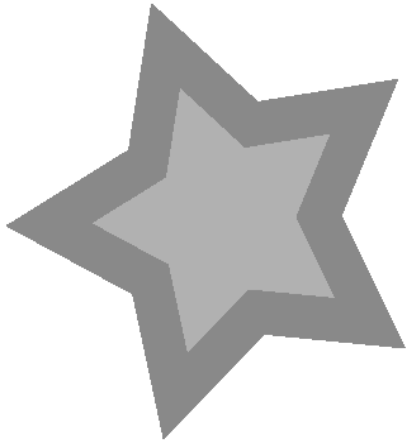
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SKOLNICKS' SOUTHWIND FARM CHOSEN NJ STANDARDBRED BREEDER OF THE YEAR

The Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of New Jersey has honored Allen and Connie Skolnick's Southwind Farm in Pennington as breeder of the year for 2006 with a special presentation January 28, at the annual New Jersey Equine Awards dinner at the Freehold Gardens Hotel.

The SBOANJ award, recommended by the organization's Breeders Committee, recognizes the Skolnicks' long-standing support of the New Jersey standardbred breeding program during more than 20 years that the farm has been in operation.



Charlie Williams, stallion manager at Southwind Farms in Pennington, accepted the Standardbred Breeder of the Year award from the SBOA of New Jersey, represented by, from left: Leo McNamara, executive administrator; Directors Al Ochsner and Taylor Palmer Jr., Thomas Luchento, president; and Director Thomas A. D'Altrui.

(photo by World Wide Racing Photos)

Considered one of the most elaborate standardbred breeding facilities in North America, the 226-acre Southwind Farm was home to the outstanding pacing stallion Artsplace, who died recently, and the prolific trotting stallion Valley Victory during his productive career.

Southwind continues to be a major breeder with the syndication and placement at stud in New Jersey of the outstanding trotter Chocolatier for 2007. Chocolatier, a world champion, earned \$1,324,800 in a two-year racing career that included the Breeders Crown as a two-year-old and the World Trotting Derby at three. He was second in the 2006 Hambletonian.

"The SBOA of New Jersey is proud to recognize the outstanding contribution to the New Jersey breeding industry that the Skolnicks have made with this beautiful park-like farm," said Martin O'Hare, chairman of the Breeders Committee.

The Skolnicks got involved in the standardbred industry as racehorse owners in 1974 and over the years have owned such outstanding horses as Royce, Radiant Ruler, Andrel and Cosmic King. Among the outstanding horses bred at Southwind are Mystical Maddy, Southwind Allaire and Malabar Maple.

Previous winners of this award are William B. Weaver III's Valley High Stables, Joseph Parisi's White Birch Farm and William Perretti's Perretti Farms.



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