



The Official Newsletter of the Standardbred Breeders &amp; Owners Association of New Jersey

# PAGESETTER

## STANDBRED HORSE SHOW AUGUST 6 AT NJ HORSE PARK

The 44th annual standardbred horse show sponsored by the SBOA of New Jersey is scheduled for Sunday, August 6, at the Horse Park of New Jersey in Upper Freehold Township, near Allentown.

This year's show will begin at 11 a.m., rain or shine. Admission and refreshments are free. The 147-acre Horse Park is located on Route 524, a few miles from Exit 11 of Interstate 195.

Once again, there will be the traditional standardbred yearling show with separate classes for colts and Geldings and for fillies, along with two classes of mare and foal judging, one with younger foals born on or after April 15, and with older foals born on or before April 14.

There will also be a lottery-type drawing for free 2007 New Jersey stallion breedings donated by stallion owners and breeding farms, Revenue S and Red River Hanover from Perretti Farms, and Nikki Cole Cole from Two Gaits Farm.

### NJ HORSE INDUSTRY UNIFIED TO WORK FOR MORE FUNDS

A new statewide coalition of horse organizations is in the process of being formed to devote a major effort to convince state officials to pursue efforts that will expand revenue sources for the horse racing and overall equine industry in New Jersey.

The coalition will be known as the New Jersey Horse Industry Alliance (NJHIA). The founding members will be the official standardbred and thoroughbred racing and breeding groups and the Equine Science Center at Rutgers University. Other equine groups are expected to participate.

The first major event being planned is a symposium for state legislators on September 20 at Monmouth Park racetrack. Panel discussions are tentatively scheduled to cover such topics as the economic impact of racing and the equine industry on the state's agriculture, commerce and tourism, and how to participate in the process of seeking revenue from such sources as purse supplements, slot machines or video lottery terminals at the racetracks.

Details of the September 20 event will be announced soon.

Other door prizes donated by industry vendors include two tons of Buckeye Feed from Reynolds Hay & Straw and one ton of feed each from New Egypt Agway and Global Ag Associates (Agway of Hightstown, Flemington, Clinton and Washington).

A total of \$7,500 in prize money provided by the State Department of Agriculture through the N. J. Equine Advisory Board, will be awarded to the owners of the first four finishers in each division of the two yearling and two mare and foal classes, as follows: \$600, first place; \$400, second place; \$300, third place, and \$200, fourth place. Another \$1,500 will go to the grand champion in the yearling class.

All entry forms, entry fees, registration certificates, Coggins test results and release forms must be submitted to the SBOANJ no later than July 21, 2006.

### MISS NJ AT MISS NJ PACE



Julie Robenhymmer, Miss New Jersey of 2005-2006, greeted Future Destiny, winner of the \$175,000 Thomas D'Altrui Miss New Jersey Pace for 2006 at The Meadowlands. The Moorestown, NJ, resident, is a magna cum laude graduate of the University of Massachusetts with a bachelor's degree in journalism and sports management.

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# IN THE NEWS

## SHORE HALL OF FAME INDUCTS D'ALTRUI

The Jersey Shore Sports Hall of Fame has inducted long-time standardbred breeder and owner Thomas N. D'Altrui, an officer and director of the SBOA of New Jersey for more than 33 years, at ceremonies June 21 at FirstEnergy Park, home of the Lakewood Blue Claws minor league baseball team. As one of this year's 10 honorees, D'Altrui joins such previous harness racing inductees as Stanley Dancer, Catello Manzi and Harold Kelly, among others.

## HANDLE INCREASE AT FREEHOLD

The Freehold Raceway meet that ended May 27 produced increases in live handle, 3.5 percent from \$26.8 million to \$27.8 million, and live transmission handle, 2.9 percent from \$114.9 million to \$118.4 million. A new trotting stakes race was added to the Freehold schedule during this meet to honor the late Frank Rubinetti, a long-time standardbred owner.

## SBOANJ GOLF OUTING ON JULY 10

The 11th annual golf outing of the Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of New Jersey is scheduled for Monday, July 10, at the Cream Ridge Golf Club on Route 539 in Cream Ridge. The cost is \$135 per participant, same as last year, and includes golf, cart, lunch and dinner. There also will be door prizes. To register, please call the SBOA office at (732) 462-2357 or by contacting cochairs Bob Baggitt Sr. at (609) 259-2334 or Ed Razzetti at (201) 342-0041.

## KANE & BROWN JOIN CHESTER DOWNS

Rick Kane, who has been assistant race secretary at Freehold Raceway and race secretary at Rockingham Park, has been named race secretary at the new Chester Downs Casino & Racetrack that is expected to open in September in Pennsylvania. Former Freehold assistant general manager Barry Brown has been appointed publicity/simulcast manager at the new harness track.

## HORSE MANAGEMENT COURSE AT RUTGERS

The horse management course offered at Rutgers University for continuing education students is scheduled for September 5 through December 12 at the Cook College campus in New Brunswick. The cost is \$515 if you register by August 11 and \$565 after that date. Registration can be done by telephone (732-932-9271), fax (732-932-8726), on the web at [www.cookce.rutgers.edu](http://www.cookce.rutgers.edu) with credit card information, or by mail Cook College at Rutgers, 102 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-8519, with a check or money order.

## HORSE SALES JULY 16 & SEPTEMBER 11

The annual Tattersalls Mixed Horse Sale is scheduled for July 16 at the Meadowlands paddock, while the annual Classic Yearling Sale of the Garden State Horse Sales Company will be at a new location, the Horse Park of New Jersey on Route 524 in Upper Freehold Township.

## FREEHOLD FALL HARNESS MEET FEATURES NJSS COMPETITION

The lucrative New Jersey Sire Stakes pari-mutuel program and Green Acres series will highlight the racing calendar when Freehold Raceway re-opens for its fall-winter meet on August 10.

Slated for the opening day program will be the first round of Sire Stakes Green Acres competition for two-year-old pacing colts and geldings and three-year-old pacing fillies. The Sire Stakes Pari-Mutuel Division begins August 12 with competition for two-year-old pacing fillies and two-year-old pacing colts and geldings.

Other upcoming stakes program highlights include the \$90,000 Helen Smith Trot Final on August 18, \$125,000 Molly Pitcher on August 19, \$350,000 Cane Pace, \$175,000 Shady Daisy Pace and \$150,000 Battle Of Freehold on September 4, \$90,000 Harold R. Dancer Trot Final on September 14, \$80,000 Dancer Filly Trot Final on September 19, Charles I. Smith Trot Final on October 13 and the \$300,000 James B. Dancer Memorial, \$150,000 Lou Babic Open and \$70,000 Babic Filly Pace Finals on October 14.

## EQUINE CAREER EVENT TO FEATURE INGRASSIA AND DR. HOGAN

High school-aged students considering a career with horses are invited to meet two women with successful careers working with horses on July 6 at White Birch Farm in Allentown.

Trainer/driver Jacqueline Ingrassia and equine surgeon Dr. Patricia Hogan will describe the ins and outs of their jobs, career paths and how young people can prepare for a career working with horses. The day will begin at 11 a.m. at White Birch, where Mrs. Ingrassia's horses are stabled and proceed to nearby Clarksburg, where Dr. Hogan practices at the New Jersey Equine Clinic. The event will conclude at about 2:30.

Mrs. Ingrassia has more than 1,000 wins as a driver and is the only woman to win a Trotting Triple Crown race. Dr. Hogan has treated many high profile racehorses from both the Standardbred and Thoroughbred world, including 2004 Kentucky Derby winner Smarty Jones.

There is no charge to attend the event, but advance registration is required. Transportation will be provided between the two locations if needed. Parents are welcome, but their attendance is optional. To sign up or for more information, contact Ellen Harvey at 732-780-3700.

## NJSEA TRACKS WAGER \$1.2 MILLION ON BELMONT

The combined Meadowlands and Monmouth Park handle on the Belmont Stakes June 10 surpassed \$1.2 million, with another \$221,488 handled through New Jersey Account Wagering, \$198,601 via Internet and \$22,887 by phone. A Meadowlands crowd of 7,450 turned out to watch and wager nearly \$750,000.

# President's Message

by Tom Luchento

For the past month or so, you couldn't read the newspapers, watch local television or listen to local radio stations without hearing about the financial crisis facing the State of New Jersey.

The Governor and the State Legislature have been arguing about how to close the gap between expenses and revenue in the state budget—a one percent increase in the state sales tax, cutbacks in spending and other pet ideas of our state officials. Down to the wire again for the state budget.

Well, the horse racing industry in New Jersey isn't going to wait until the last minute for its financial crisis.

The \$86-million, 4-year supplement from the Atlantic City casino industry to horse racing purses ends in 2007, the last year we will get the funds. As every one knows, this money was provided so that the casino industry did not have to deal with the possibility of slot machines at our racetracks, particularly The Meadowlands.

Meanwhile, our neighboring states, Pennsylvania and New York, are about to launch slots and VLTs at their racetracks, which will provide a huge boost to purses there. When that happens, we will have hit the wall, so to speak, and our financial crisis will be upon us.

There will be evidence that the competition from our neighboring states will severely hurt, if not destroy, New Jersey racing.

Until now, the casino industry has opposed slot machines at The Meadowlands on the grounds that it would hurt the casinos' bottom line. Why The Meadowlands is a threat and not the slot machines that are going to be in two Pennsylvania tracks just across the river from New Jersey (and closer to Atlantic City than The Meadowlands, by the way), is hard to understand.

Another fact that the supporters of the casino industry in New Jersey don't like to discuss is that the casino industry is already partnering with

racetracks in other parts of the country. There already are Harrah's at Louisiana Downs and Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs. And in September, there will be another harness track in Pennsylvania, Harrah's at Chester Downs.

And in other states which have slots at the racetracks, the track names have been changed to reflect the casino atmosphere with such identifications as "Racino" or simply "Casino & Racetrack."

It has been pretty clear that the State of New Jersey is not ready to consider slot machines at our racetracks at the present time, probably because of the huge economic strength of the casino industry. But that doesn't mean there is no hope for our racing industry.

While slots may not be a realistic opportunity at the moment, the casino supplement could be extended for at least a few more years and increased to meet the competition from slots in Pennsylvania and VLTs in New York.

So, the standardbred horse industry in New Jersey, represented by the Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association, is joining with the thoroughbred horse industry, represented by the N. J. Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, and the N. J. Thoroughbred Breeders Association, and the Equine Science Center at Rutgers University.

The goal is to develop a plan to convince state officials to act now to find a source of revenue that will allow New Jersey horse racing and breeding to keep up with the competition from other states.

The entire horse industry in New Jersey has unified under the banner of the New Jersey Horse Industry Alliance (NJHIA), as you will note in an article on page one of this issue of *Pacesetter*. It is very significant that the two racing breeds are working closely together to find ways to increase purses and financially help a slowly declining racing and breeding industry.

Together with the fine work of the Equine Science Center headed by Dr. Karyn Malinowski, one of the most respected people in the equine industry, we hope that the State of New Jersey will finally recognize the need to respond to the pleas of the horse industry.

Everyone involved in racing and breeding horses should participate in this effort. There is strength in numbers.

We are also going to need financial help from the people within our industry, to conduct a legislative lobbying effort to convince members of the State Legislature to support measures and programs to stabilize and help increase our racing industry's stature.

Please contribute now to the Standardbred Horse Industry Political Action Committee (SHIPAC) at 28 West State Street, Suite 702, Trenton, NJ 08608, so that we can continue the campaign for more purse money. Every dollar counts.

While the current Meadowlands meet is coming to a close, with some of the most prestigious stakes in our sport on the program, we cannot lose sight of the need to continue to support our industry.

Don't forget that Freehold Raceway will re-open for live racing on August 10, only five days after the Meadowlands meet ends. And, of course, the Meadowlands late fall meet opens in November.

Renovations and construction on the new Meadowlands paddock will begin as soon as the current meet closes. As I noted in the last issue of *Pacesetter*, we have been waiting for years for this project.

The new 13-race paddock will alleviate a great deal of the problems that have cramped racing there. The work is supposed to be completed by the summer of 2007. Wouldn't it be great to know then that we have a more solid purse structure as a result of our unified horse industry efforts.

# FEELIN FRISKIE & FUTURE DESTINY WIN ABBATIELLO CLASSIC & D'ALTRUI MISS NJ



Feelin Friskie



Future Destiny



For the second year in a row, one stallion sired the winners of New Jersey's two biggest state-bred races. For 2006, the winners were sired by Artiscape, Feelin Friskie in the \$500,000 Anthony Abbatiello New Jersey Pacing Classic, and Future Destiny in the \$175,000 Thomas D'Altrui Miss New Jersey Pace. Last year's winners, Rocknroll Hanover and Ideal News, were both offspring of the stallion Western Ideal. Feelin Friskie, driven by Hall of Fame driver John Campbell, won the Classic in a stakes record 1:49.1 for owner Wayne Whebby and trainer Scott Bell. They were greeted in the winner's circle by Abbatiello and officers and directors of the SBOA of New Jersey, founders and sponsors of the richest homebred race in the nation. Future Destiny, driven by George Brennan for trainer George Teague Jr., was welcomed into the winner's circle by Miss New Jersey Julie Robenhymmer, D'Altrui, SBOANJ representatives and her owners after a 1:50.3 victory. The filly is co-owned by Teague, his sister Brenda, K & R Racing (Kevin and Ronald Fry), retired New York Jets receiver Wayner Chrebet's Double Down Stables and former heavyweight boxing champion George Foreman. (Lisa Photos, Inc.)



# NJ HARNESS CALENDAR 2006

## JULY

- 1 \$240,000 Titan Cup, \$119,000 Jersey Cup, *Meadowlands*
- 2 Hall of Fame Inductions, *Goshen, NY*
- 5 NJSS 2CT & 2FP, *Meadowlands*
- 6 NJSS 2FT & 2CP, *Meadowlands*
- 8 Meadowlands Pace Elims., \$700,000 W.R. Houghton Mem. Final
- 10 SBOA Golf Outing, *Cream Ridge Golf Club*
- 12 \$175,000 NJSS 2FP Final & NJSS 2CT, *Meadowlands*
- 13 \$175,000 NJSS 2CP Final & NJSS 2FT, *Meadowlands*
- 14 \$400,000 Del Miller Trot  
\$100,000 Perretti Matchmaker, *Meadowlands*
- 15 NJ Futurity Payment Due  
\$1-Million Meadowlands Pace Final  
\$400,000 Stanley Dancer Trot Final, *Meadowlands*
- 16 Mixed Horse Sale, *Meadowlands Paddock*
- 19 \$175,000 NJSS 2CT Final, \$125,000 Countess Adios, *Meadowlands*  
NJ Racing Commission, *Monmouth Park*
- 20 \$175,000 NJSS 2FT Final, \$125,000 Niatross Final, *Meadowlands*
- 21 \$150,000 Tarport Hap Final, *Meadowlands*
- 22 Breeders Crown Elims, *Meadowlands*
- 29 Breeders Crown Finals, Hambo & Oaks Elims, *Meadowlands*  
Hambletonian Parade, *Rutherford*
- 31 Hambo Charity Golf, *Montclair Golf Club, West Orange*

## AUGUST

- 3 \$400,000 Merrie Annabelle  
\$425,000 Peter Houghton Finals, *Meadowlands*
- 4 \$400,000 Woodrow Wilson, \$400,000 Sweetheart Finals, *Meadowlands*
- 5 \$1.5-million Hambletonian, \$750,000 Oaks, \$300,000 Nat Ray,  
\$350,000 U.S. Pacing Champ., \$350,000 Mistletoe Shalee,  
\$275,000 Oliver Wendell Holmes, *Meadowlands*
- 6 SBOA Horse Show, *NJ Horse Park, Upper Freehold Twp.*
- 10 Freehold Raceway Fall Meet Begins  
NJSS Green Acres 3FP & 2CP
- 11 NJSS Green Acres 3CP & 2FP, Helen Smith Elims, *Freehold Raceway*
- 12 NJSS 2CP & 2FP, *Freehold Raceway*
- 14 SBOANJ Board of Directors, *Spargo's Rest. Manalpan*
- 15 NJSS Board of Trustees, NJSS 2FT, NJSS Green Acres 2CT  
*Freehold Raceway*
- 16 NJSS 2CT, NJSS Green Acres 2FT, *Freehold Raceway*
- 17 NJ Green Acres 3FP & 2CP *Freehold Raceway*
- 18 \$90,000 Helen Smith Final, NJSS 3CT  
NJSS Green Acres 3CP, *Freehold Raceway*
- 19 NJSS 2CP, \$125,000 Molly Pitcher, *Freehold Raceway*
- 22 NJSS 2FT, NJSS Green Acres 2CT, *Freehold Raceway*
- 23 NJSS 2CT, NJSS Green Acres 3CT & 2FT, *Freehold Raceway*
- 24 NJSS 3FT, NJSS Green Acres 2FP & 3FP, *Freehold Raceway*
- 25 NJSS 2FP & 3CT, *Freehold Raceway*
- 26 Cane Pace & Battle of Freehold Elims, *Freehold Raceway*
- 29 NJSS 2FT NJSS Green Acres 2CT & 3FT
- 30 NJSS 2CT, NJSS Green Acres 2FT & 3CT, *Freehold Raceway*
- 31 NJSS 3FT, NJSS Green Acres 2FP, *Freehold Raceway*



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## 2006 NJ SIRE STAKES 3-YEAR-OLD CHAMPIONS \$175,000 Finals Pari-Mutuel Division - Meadowlands

Div.	Horse (Sire)	Time	Driver/Trainer/Owner
3CP	Artistic Fella (Pacific Fella)	1:49.1**	C. Manzi/S. Elliott/J. Alborano
3FP	The Queen Of Trash (Cam'sCardShark)	1:51.3	J. Campbell/L. Givens/Nanticoke Racing, B. Givens & D. Messick
3FT	Passionate Glide (Yankee Glide)	1:52.4*	R. Pierce/J. Takter/Brittany Farms
3CT	Blue Mac Lad (Muscles, Yankee)	1:54	B. Sears/T. Smedshammer/E.K. Vidgren

\* NJSS Divisional Record

\*\* NJSS Divisional & Overall NJSS Records

### CONDOLENCES & SYMPATHY TO FAMILY & FRIENDS OF . . .



**Ralph J. Pocaro**, of Summit, owner of more than 75 standardbreds for the past 40 years, including Guts, winner of \$1.6 million, and a member of the SBOANJ Board of Directors for more than 35 years, died May 28 at Beth Israel Medical Center in Newark at the age of 80. He suffered from arterial lateral sclerosis (ALS), commonly referred to as Lou Gehrig's disease for the New York Yankee Hall of Fame baseball player who died from it; also a prominent New Jersey attorney who often represented people involved in harness racing; survived by his wife Toni, daughters Kris Halpern and Cindy Jenkins, sons Jeffrey and Steven, and nine grandchildren.

**Hal Belote**, 51, of Williamstown, prominent harness driver who died from injuries in a racing accident at Harrington Raceway on May 15; winner of 1,986 races with purse earnings of more than \$10.7 million in a 30-year racing career; also a veteran standardbred trainer; brother of trainer-driver John (Sammy) Belote III; predeceased in 2005 by his father, veteran horseman John Belote Jr. and mother; also survived by his wife Sharon, a son, Hal Jr., and daughter, Dara, and a sister.

**Caroline D. Manzi**, mother of Monticello Raceway publicist John Manzi, who died May 30 at the Catskill Regional Medical Center at the age of 86; also the aunt of Hall of Fame harness driver Catello "Cat" Manzi and driver-trainers Steve Manzi and Ed Lohmeyer; a practical nurse for 30 years, she worked in the operating rooms of the old Monticello Hospital and later Community General Hospital, which is now Catskill Regional; also survived by sons Gerard and Gary, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Gary J. Burroughs**, son of 1997 Hambletonian winner Mal Burroughs, who died last month in Morristown at the age of 44.

### NEW SBOANJ.COM WEBSITE ONLINE

The Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of New Jersey has launched its new website, SBOANJ.com, featuring a "News Board" with current information about the state's racing and breeding industry.

There is also a detailed section on the New Jersey Sires Stakes, where users can download nomination forms and view the payment schedule and race dates. The Stallions section has a list of New Jersey-based stallions, including pedigrees and a directory of area standardbred farms.

The *Pacesetter*, official newsletter of the SBOANJ, is available on the site for downloading. Important news and updates on state governmental activities affecting the standardbred horse industry is available in the Legislative Information section.

Highlights from the 2005 season are also available along with photographs of awards events and major New Jersey stakes races.

To view the site please visit: <http://sboanj.com>. For further information on the website, please contact Mike Izzo, SBOANJ executive administrator at (732) 462-2357 or email [mikeizzo@sboanj.com](mailto:mikeizzo@sboanj.com).

### DIRECTOR ATTENDANCE AT SBOA/NJ BOARD MEETINGS

	12/05	1/06	2/06	4/06	6/06
Baggitt, R.	P	P	P	P	P
Bergmann, G.	A	P	A	P	P
D'Altrui, T. A.	P	P	A	P	P
Ford, M.	P	P	P	P	A
Harrison, K.	P	P	P	P	P
Ingrassia, J.	P	P	P	P	P
Lane, D.	P	P	A	P	P
Luchento, T.	P	P	P	P	P
McNamara, L.	P	P	P	P	P
Ochsner, A.	P	P	P	P	P
O'Hare, M.	P	P	P	P	P
Palmer, T.	P	P	A	P	P
Parenti, A.	A	P	A	P	P
Razzetti, E.	P	P	A	P	P
Romano, A.	P	P	P	P	A
Skolnick, M.	P	P	P	P	P
Taylor, H.	P	P	P	A	A
Wojtowicz, P.	P	P	P	P	P

P=Present

A=Absent

# JOIN US FOR HAMBLETONIAN FESTIVAL WEEK



## Saturday, July 29 HAMBLETONIAN PARADE

Rutherford, New Jersey

Horses, marching bands and the stars of harness racing will parade down Park Avenue in Rutherford, New Jersey, to kick off the 2006 Hambletonian Festival. Activities in Lincoln Park include pony rides, clowns, moon bounce, live music, food, souvenirs and a driver autograph session. Parade starts 10 a.m. • Activities until 2 p.m.



## Saturday, July 29 BREEDERS CROWN

\$1.8 million in Breeders Crown Championships for older horses  
Eliminations for the \$1.5 million Hambletonian  
Breeders Crown T-Shirt Giveaway to paid admissions  
Live music, rides & carnival games in Paddock Park  
\$100,000 Pick 4 Guarantee • \$10,000 Choose Six Guarantee  
First race 5:00 p.m.



## Monday, July 31 14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL

### HAMBLETONIAN CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Montclair Golf Club • West Orange, NJ

Benefits the Standardbred Retirement Foundation and Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame  
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## Wednesday, August 2 HAMBLETONIAN WINE CELEBRATION

Featuring Wines from Stag's Leap Winery  
\$85 per person in Pegasus Restaurant  
(Includes admission, live racing program & betting voucher; excludes tax & gratuity)  
Call (201) THE-BIGM for reservations  
Dinner 6:30 p.m. • First race 7:30 p.m.

## Thursday, August 3

\$425,000 Peter Houghton Trot • \$400,000 Merrie Annabelle Trot  
Rides & carnival games in Paddock Park  
First race 7:30 p.m.

## Friday, August 4

\$375,000 Sweetheart Pace • \$400,000 Woodrow Wilson Pace  
Rides & carnival games in Paddock Park  
First race 7:30 p.m.

## Saturday, August 5 HAMBLETONIAN DAY

81<sup>st</sup> Edition of Harness Racing's Greatest Day!  
\$1.5 Million Hambletonian

\$750,000 Hambletonian Oaks • \$350,000 Mistletoe Shalee  
\$350,000 US Pacing Championship • \$300,000 Nat Ray Invitational  
\$275,000 Oliver Wendell Holmes • \$175,000 Golden Girls  
\$100,000 Pick 4 Guarantee • \$10,000 Choose Six Guarantee  
Hambletonian hat giveaway to adult paid admissions  
Hambletonian backpack giveaway to child paid admissions  
Party Dolls in Paddock Park 12 noon – 4:00 p.m.  
Rock wall, moon bounce, caricaturists, face painters,  
pony rides, carnival games, inflatable rides & more.  
Gates open 9:30 a.m. • First race 11:30 a.m.



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# HAMBO WEEK JULY 29-AUGUST 5 STARTS WITH ANNUAL PARADE

Horses and other equine units, marching bands, vintage cars and the stars of harness racing will travel down Park Avenue in Rutherford for the fourth annual Hambletonian Parade on Saturday, July 29.

The 1.1-mile parade, scheduled to begin at 10 a.m., will conclude at 2 p.m. at Lincoln Park, where there will be racing displays, food vendors, live music, pony rides, clowns and games. Harness racing's leading trainers and drivers will also be on hand to sign autographs. The recently crowned Miss New Jersey for 2006-07, Georgine DiMaria of Lodi, will also participate in the event.

The parade marks the beginning of the Hambletonian Festival at the Meadowlands Racetrack, a week of stakes

and special events culminating in the 81st edition of the \$1.7 million Hambletonian on August 5. Post time on Hambletonian Day is 11:30 a.m.

A few hours after the last parade unit passes the reviewing stand on July 29, there will be a 5 p.m. twilight racing program that includes elimination races for the Hambletonian and the Hambletonian Oaks, the sport's most prestigious events for three-year-old trotters.

To participate in the parade or for information on sponsorships, please contact Robin Reenstra-Bryant of the Rutherford Downtown Partnership at 201-460-3000 ext. 3156 or by e-mail to [downtownpartnership@rutherford-nj.com](mailto:downtownpartnership@rutherford-nj.com).

## **SBOANJ MEMBERSHIP INCREASING**

As a result of a recent membership recruitment effort, the Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of New Jersey has increased from approximately 1,100 to more than 1,500 members. SBOANJ President Tom Luchento appointed Board members Al Ochsner and Anthony Romano to a special committee, which promoted the advantages of membership to non-members. Currently, the committee is developing a brochure and promotional video and DVD to help increase awareness of the SBOANJ and its programs.

## **PAYMENT DUE JULY 15 FOR NJ FUTURITY #43**

A \$20 fee is due July 15 for New Jersey Futurity #43, foals of 2006. Payment should be made to the SBOA of New Jersey, 64 Business Route 33, Manalapan, NJ 07726. Although the weanling becomes eligible to the Futurity, it is the mare that must be nominated with this payment. In order to be eligible, all owners of the mare must be SBOANJ members. For information, please call 732-462-2357.

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