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SELF POSSESSED FILLY CHOSEN 2006 SBOANJ SHOW GRAND CHAMPION

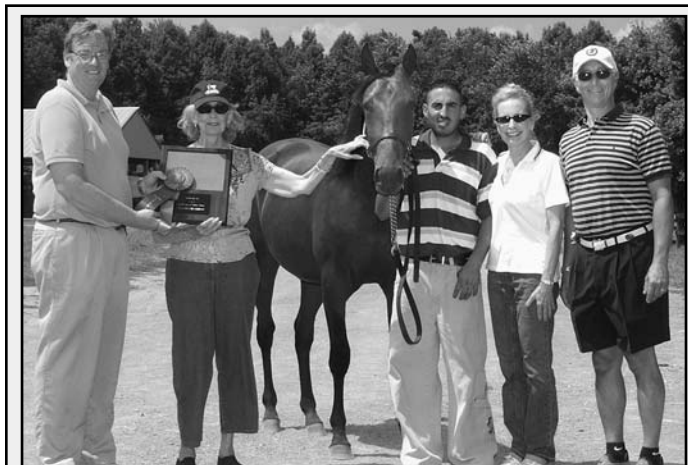
A yearling filly sired by Self Possessed has been chosen grand champion of the 44th annual horse show sponsored by the Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of New Jersey.

In the final judging of the winners of the colt and filly yearling classes, Otra de Vie, owned and bred by Toni Nigito's Joie de Vie Farm of Jobstown took the top prize of \$1,500 as grand champion of the SBOANJ show for New Jersey-sired standardbreds at the Horse Park of New Jersey on August 6 in Upper Freehold Township. The trotting bred filly, out of the mare Nordicdish, also earned a \$600 prize as winner of the yearling filly class.

Cinderella River, the yearling colt class winner of a \$600 prize, was runner-up to the champion. The colt, sired by the pacer Red River Hanover, out of the mare LC Cinderella, was bred and is owned by John Lichtenberger.

In the category of mares with younger foals born on or after April 15 this year, the first-place winner of a \$600

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Chris Castens, left, executive director of the N. J. Sire Stakes Program, presented the grand champion award to Toni Nigito, owner of the Joie de Vie Farm, for the yearling filly Otra de Vie, sired by Self Possessed out of the mare Nordicdish, at the 44th horse show of the Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of New Jersey on August 6 at the Horse Park of New Jersey in Upper Freehold Township. Also pictured are handler Jose Cervantes, Mae Nigito and Thomas A. D'Altrui, SBOANJ first vice president. *(photo by Chris Machiz for World Wide Racing Photos)*

SBOANJ NAMES McNAMARA AS EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR



Leo C. McNamara, a third generation harness horseman who has run breeding farms and managed the stallion careers of some of the sport's top racehorses, has been selected as the new executive administrator of the Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of New Jersey.

Effective August 1, McNamara succeeded Michael Izzo, who resigned the position he held for nearly four years to become chief financial officer of the Pennsylvania Harness Horsemen's Association.

"We are extremely pleased to be able to have someone with such an outstanding lifetime of experience in the standardbred horse industry and personal knowledge of our association assume this important position," said SBOANJ President Tom Luchento. "The SBOA is also grateful to Mike Izzo for his dedication and hard work," he added.

For the past 14 1/2 years, McNamara has owned and managed Two Gaits Farm in Columbus, NJ, named after his grandfather's farm in Carmel, Ind.

He also has been a member of the Board of Directors of the SBOANJ for the past seven years, serving as chairman

of the group's breeders committee for three years and as first vice president of the Association this year. He has been replaced in that position by Thomas A. D'Altrui, a member of the Board for many years.

McNamara's grandfather had stood the foundation sire of modern pacers, Hal Dale, and bred the great pacer Adios at his Two Gaits Farm.

From 1973 through 1979, McNamara, an Indiana native, worked in various capacities, including farm superintendent, at Pine Hollow Stud in Pine Bush, NY, while attending Orange County Community College and after graduation with an associates degree in applied sciences in business administration.

He then was farm manager at Holly Lane Stud and later at Almahurst Farm, in Lexington, KY, where he managed Nihilator's first years at stud, raised Laag and Leah Almahurst, among others, and supervised a 40-man crew.

McNamara came to New Jersey 18 years ago to be farm manager of Dreamaire Stud in Columbus, where he raised Camtastic and Fake Left, and managed part of Cam Fella's stallion career and then started the new Two Gaits.

IN THE NEWS

YEARLING SALE AT NJ HORSE PARK

A total of 282 yearlings sired by more than 64 different stallions are listed to go through the auction ring on September 11 at the 2006 New Jersey Classic Sale of the Garden State Horse Sales Company. The sale is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. at the Horse Park of New Jersey, which is located off Route 524 in Upper Freehold Township, a short distance from Exit 11 of Interstate Route 195.

SEARS & CROGHAN TOPS AT BIG M

Driver Brian Sears and trainer Ross Croghan won the most races during the recent Meadowlands harness meet. Sears won 292 races worth \$6,548,787 in purses, while his closest rival, Ron Pierce finished second with 210 wins worth \$6,259,641. Croghan had 70 horses make the winner's circle, followed by Mark Silva with 61 wins. Among purse earnings for trainers, Steve Elliott's \$1,836,714 beat out Croghan's \$1,694,865.

LEADING MEADOWLANDS OWNERS

There was a tie for leading owners at the recent Meadowlands harness meet with 23 wins each by Richard Annunziata and the partnership of Fred and Anita Fialkow. Brittany Farms led owners in purse money with \$911,237.

BIG M CLAIMING BRINGS \$507,749 IN SALES TAX TO STATE OF NJ

Claiming activity during the recent Meadowlands harness meet produced more than a half million dollars in sales tax revenue to the State of New Jersey with 514 transactions totaling \$17,159,575. The horse claimed the most was Little Amos, who changed hands nine times ranging in price from \$30,000 to \$54,100. The highest priced claims were for Art Maker, who changed hands four times at prices from \$97,000 to \$112,000.

HTA ART AUCTION OCTOBER 6-7

The 29th annual art auction benefiting the Harness Tracks of America College Scholarship Fund will take place October 6-7 at the Tattersalls Sales Arena in Lexington, KY. The auction consists of 283 paintings, bronze sculptures and wood carvings. Printed catalogs are available from HTA, 4640 E. Sunrise Drive, Suite 200, Tucson, AZ 85718, by calling 520-529-2525 or viewed online at www.harnesstracks.com. Advance and telephone bidding will be accepted.

COMPULSIVE GAMBLING CONFERENCE

The Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey will present its 24th annual statewide conference on October 6 at the Sheraton Hotel & Conference Center on Route 35 in Eatontown. There will be 10 workshop topics to choose from. For information, please call 609-588-5515, extension 12.

NJ HORSE INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM SEPT. 20 AT MONMOUTH PARK

The New Jersey Horse Industry Alliance (NJHIA), a new statewide coalition of unified horse organizations, is presenting a symposium at Monmouth Park from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on September 20.

NJHIA, which is seeking to educate and inform people about the need to pursue expanded revenue sources for racing, breeding and all equine efforts, has been founded by the Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association, Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, Thoroughbred Breeders Association and breeding groups and the Equine Science Center at Rutgers University. Other equine groups are expected to participate.

Invitations for the event have been sent to people involved in various equine organizations, state officials and state legislators.

There will be panel discussions covering 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.

SBOANJ TESTIFIES IN SUPPORT OF TWO OFF-TRACK WAGERING SITES

The Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of New Jersey, continues to aggressively pursue increased revenue for racing in general and purses specifically, presented testimony last month for supporting two proposed off-track wagering facilities, one by the Sports Authority in Woodbridge and another by owners of Freehold Raceway in Toms River.

In testimony presented at public hearings conducted by the New Jersey Racing Commission in Woodbridge on August 24 and in Toms River on August 16, SBOANJ legislative lobbyist Leon Zimmerman, said the off-track wagering system is needed by the state's horse racing and breeding industries in order to preserve open spaces and increase revenue for purses in order to compete with neighboring states that already have it.

Here are excerpts from that testimony:

"In 1998, the voters of this state gave overwhelming approval to a constitutional amendment allowing the State Legislature to enact new laws to help a financially-strapped horse racing industry, which represents a billion dollars to the state's economy. One of those laws was the one authorizing off-track and phone account wagering.

"It has already been documented how other states, particularly our neighbors of Delaware, Pennsylvania and New York, have these and more wagering alternatives, thereby increasing the purse levels for horse racing there and hurting our state's racing program.

"Horse racing itself is just the tip of the iceberg of a billion-dollar equine industry that has a great impact on our state's economy and environment. This industry means thousands of jobs, preservation of open spaces and significant tax revenue to the state. Off-track wagering facilities such as are proposed here will help stop horses from leaving New Jersey to race elsewhere, where purse money is greater."

President's Message

by Tom Luchento

The old adage about good days and bad days has certainly been true lately.

It all began with the State's budget crisis that ultimately resulted in some bad days, but we fought very hard to make them good days.

As soon as it was learned on July 1 that the state budget crisis in Trenton was going to shut down horse racing in New Jersey, the SBOA went into action.

An executive order by the Governor, which was announced at 9:30 A.M., included the Atlantic City casinos and the two racetracks operating at that time as having non-essential state employees.

While the privately owned casinos could go to court to fight the executive order, the state-owned Meadowlands and Monmouth Park could not because they are operated by a state agency.

So the SBOANJ joined forces with the Thoroughbred Horseman's Association to apply to the Appellate Division of Superior Court for a stay of the executive order. It was an emergency situation and I called on the Association's legal counsel, Sterns & Weinroth, and lobbyist Leon Zimmerman for their professional help, while I personally met with the THA president and legal counsel.

By late afternoon on that day, the court granted a stay until midnight Tuesday, July 4. Unfortunately, the Meadowlands, under a direct order from the New Jersey Racing Commission to cease racing by 6 P.M., had already cancelled the Saturday night harness racing program. Track officials cited the need for many horses to ship in hours before the races were to begin.

The reason that the casino remained opened Saturday night through July 4 was that the Casino Control Commission, which regulates the casinos, deemed that an orderly transition to cease operations would be until 8 A.M. Wednesday, July 5. But no such decision was made by the Racing Commission.

After a hearing on application for a stay of the governor's executive order, the court ruled that the casino and track employees were non-essential and that they had until midnight on July 4 to allow for an orderly shutdown. This included wagering on simulcast racing.

In the case of the racetracks, the employees affected include the judges and stewards, state veterinarians, licensing and testing staff and the mutuels auditor, all of whom must be present when racing is conducted and the mutuels auditor while simulcast wagering is taking place.

Racing had to be canceled for Wednesday night at The Meadowlands when it became apparent that the State Legislature and the Governor had not reached an agreement on the budget. The State Constitution requires that the State adopt a balanced budget by July 1 or shut down.

Racetracks and casinos are only two of the many areas of state government that have been closed. Others include the state lottery, parks and beaches, motor vehicle agencies and all but a small number of essential state employees in all the departments of state government.

Later, we received good news, when the Meadowlands requested and the Racing Commission authorized two additional nights of

racing on August 11 and 12 to make up for two of the four lost nights.

More good news. The back paddock expansion that has been a major goal of the SBOANJ has finally begun and is expected to be completed by next summer. We will have a full 13-race paddock, not to mention many improvements to the facility.

On another positive note, we are making great strides to unify the horse racing industry in New Jersey so that we will have greater strength in pursuing financial help from the state for our purses and breeding program. This has been one of my major concerns.

Led by Board member Al Ochser, our SBOA team is working with the thoroughbred organizations and Equine Science Center at Rutgers University to sponsor a symposium for the industry and state legislators, among others, on September 20 at Monmouth Park. We are very fortunate that Dr. Karyn Malinowski, one of the most highly respected people in the equine industry, is playing such an important role in this effort.

Horsemen will undoubtedly be pleased that the SBOA's fight to allow lasix to be administered at training farms is very close to becoming a reality. A new regulation should be ready this month from the Racing Commission. When it finally happens, it will save our people significant time, money and effort.

And we are close to signing a new three-year agreement with Freehold Raceway that will provide an additional \$300,000 in purse money for New Jersey Sire Stakes and SBOA-sponsored New Jersey stakes.

I am also pleased to report that our SBOA Health Insurance Program is doing very well and is on firm financial ground. We were able to expand benefits this year without increasing premiums.

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prize was Oolong with her Self Possessed-sired colt, Outstanding Man, owned by the Bluestone Farms and Dr. Eli Perris.

Tammy G and her Windsong's Legacy-sired filly Theshadowofthewind, won the \$600 first-place award in the category of mares with older foals born before April 14. The mare and foal are also owned by the Bluestone Farm.

Following the show, there was a drawing from among participants for free breedings to the trotting stallions Revenue, donated by Perretti Farms, and to Karlsruhe, donated by Big Boy Stables, where the stallions stand at stud, and to the pacing stallions Red River Hanover, donated by Perretti Farms, and to Nikki Cole Cole, donated by his owner, Nicholas Salenetri, and Two Gaits Farm in Columbus, where the stallion stands.

Among other prizes drawn were tons of feed donated by Reynolds Hay and Straw, in conjunction with Buckeye Feed, Bohoni Corp./ New Egypt Agway, Global Ag/Agway at Washington, and other supplies from Rick's Saddle Shop, Chick's Saddlery and Farnam Companies.

Runner-up in the yearling colt class was Babe The Horse, a son of Muscles Yankee out of the mare Miss Misti Girl, owned and bred by the Stormi & Bruiser Stable. The third-place yearling colt prize went to Shark Skin Suit, a son of Cam's Card Shark out of the mare Patsy's Art, bred by John Fielding and owned by Angela and Joseph Loconte.

Second place in the yearling filly class went to Dreamwood And Pine, by Dream Vacation out of the mare Pinewood, owned by Joell and Randall Arnold and bred by Robert and Marybeth Yacovelli.

The third-place filly award was won by J Craig, by Nikki Cole Cole out of the mare JT Super Girl, owned and bred by Dr. Alexander Savran.

Second-place in the mare and younger foal category went to the mare Vie Agra Works and her Self Possessed colt named Southwind Vavoom, owned by Southwind Farms.

Third-place honors went to the Stormi & Bruiser Stable for the mare Pine Potion and her unnamed Windsong's Legacy colt. Fourth place went to the mare Missy Anne and her Dream Vacation filly Caribbean Paradise.

In the mare with older foal class, the second-place award went to the Armbro Talk and her unnamed Muscles Yankee colt, owned by David A. Meirs III and Birnam Woods Farm.

Third place was garnered by the mare Juliet's Fate and her McArdle colt, Southwind Jacardi, owned by Southwind Farms.

The fourth place award went to the mare My Miriam and her Artiscaple filly, owned by William Wiggins and Donna Fedorak.

The prize awards were \$600 for first place, \$400 for second, \$300 for third and \$200 for fourth in each division, provided by the N. J. Equine Advisory Board in the State Department of Agriculture. Judging was by Robert Boni of Northwood Bloodstock.

The New Jersey-sired yearlings were judged on condition, control, handling, movement, head, body and legs. Mares and foals were judged on appearance only. All yearlings and foals were New Jersey-sired.

The horse show was organized by the SBOA Breeders Committee, chaired by Martin O'Hare. It was part of a day-long "Festival of Horses" sponsored by the N. J. Department of Agriculture.

HELEN SMITH TROT FINAL



When Emantee and driver George Brennan crossed the finish line in 1:57.2 to win the \$85,000 Helen Smith Trot Final for three-year-old New Jersey-sired fillies at Freehold Raceway, representatives of the SBOANJ, sponsors of the race, were on hand with Freehold GM Donald Codey, right, for the winner's circle presentation on August 18. Next to Codey is Elizabeth Dey, daughter of the late Mrs. Smith, for whom the race is named. Other SBOANJ representatives pictured are: Leo McNamara, left, executive administrator; Pacesetter Editor Leon Zimmerman, President Tom Luchento and Board member Al Ochsner.

(photo by World Wide Racing Photos)

PADDOCK EXPANSION UNDERWAY AT BIG M

The long-awaited \$10-million expansion and renovation of the back paddock at The Meadowlands is underway. Renovations to the existing paddock, which are expected to be completed in time for the opening of the fall meet in November, will include new lighting, painting, doors, improved kitchen area and heating/cooling systems,

The expansion of approximately 27,500 square feet is expected to be completed by July 2007. When completed, this part of the project will result in expansion of the paddock with stalls for 13 races, new men's and women's locker rooms and bathrooms and security cameras throughout the facility. Little or no disruption to normal paddock operations is expected.

SBOANJ President Tom Luchento noted that the paddock expansion has been a major issue in negotiations with the racetrack for the past several years.

NJ HARNESS CALENDAR 2006

SEPTEMBER

- 1 NJSS 3FT NJSS 3CT, *Freehold Raceway*
- 2 NJSS 2FP, *Freehold Raceway*
- 4 \$350,000 Cane Pace, \$150,000 Battle of Freehold, \$150,000 Shady Daisy Pace, NJSS Green Acres 3CP, *Freehold Raceway*
- 7 NJSS 3FT, H. R. Dancer Trot Elims, *Freehold Raceway*
- 8 \$85,000 NJSS 3CT Final, *Freehold Raceway*
- 9 \$85,000 NJSS 2FP Final, *Freehold Raceway*
- 11 Yearling Sale, *NJ Horse Park Upper Freehold Twp.*
- 12 SBOANJ Board of Directors, *Spargo's Grille*
H.R. Dancer Filly Trot Elims, NJSS Green Acres 3FT, *Freehold Raceway*
- 13 NJSS Green Acres 3CT & 3FP, *Freehold Raceway*
- 14 \$100,000 Dancer Trot Final, \$85,000 NJSS 3FT Final
Green Acres 2 FP, *Freehold Raceway*
- 15 NJSS 3FP, Green Acres 2CP & 3CP, *Freehold Raceway*
- 16 NJSS 3CP & 2CP, *Freehold Raceway*
- 19 \$80,000 H. R. Dancer Filly Trot Final
NJSS Green Acres 3FT, *Freehold Raceway*
- 20 NJ Horse Industry Alliance Symposium, NJ Racing Commission,
NJ Equine Advisory Board, *Monmouth Park*
- 21 NJSS \$35,000 Green Acres 2FP & 3FP Finals, *Freehold Raceway*
- 22 NJSS \$35,000 Green Acres 3CP Final, NJSS 3FP
Green Acres 2CP, *Freehold Raceway*
- 23 \$85,000 NJSS 2CP Final, NJSS 3CP, *Freehold Raceway*
- 26 \$85,000 NJSS 2FT Final, Green Acres 2CT & 3FT, *Freehold Raceway*
- 27 \$85,000 NJSS 2CT Final, Green Acres 2FT, *Freehold Raceway*
- 28 \$35,000 NJSS Green Acres 3CT Final, *Freehold Raceway*
- 29 \$35,000 NJSS Green Acres 2CP Final, *Freehold Raceway*
- 30 NJSS Green Acres 3CP, *Freehold Raceway*

OCTOBER

- 3 \$35,000 NJSS Green Acres 2CT Final, *Freehold Raceway*
- 4 \$35,000 NJSS Green Acres 2FT Final, *Freehold Raceway*
- 6 Babic Filly Pace Elims
Smith Trot Elims, *Freehold Raceway*
Conference on Compulsive Gambling, *Sheraton Eatontown*
- 7 \$85,000 NJSS 3CP Final
Babic Open Pace Elims
NJSS 3FP Finals, *Freehold Raceway*
- 11 NJ Futurity 2T, *Freehold Raceway*
- 12 \$35,000 NJSS Green Acres 3FT Final, *Freehold Raceway*
- 13 \$110,000 Smith Trot Final
USTA District 12
SBOANJ Annual Meetings, *Freehold Raceway*
- 14 \$275,000 Dancer Memorial Pace
\$175,000 Babic Open Final
\$85,000 Babic Filly Final
\$85,000 NJSS 3FP Final, *Freehold Raceway*
- 20 NJ Futurity 3T, *Freehold Raceway*
- 27 NJ Futurity 2P, *Freehold Raceway*
- 28 NJ Futurity 3P, *Freehold Raceway*



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2006 NJ SIRE STAKES 2-YEAR-OLD CHAMPIONS \$175,000 Pari-Mutuel Division - Meadowlands

| Div. | Horse (Sire) | Time | Driver/Trainer/Owner |
|------|------------------------------------|--------|--|
| 2FP | Me And My Baby (Artiscape) | 1:54.3 | J. Campbell/B. Nickells/Glenby Farms |
| 2CP | Artzina (Artiscape) | 1:52.3 | J. Campbell/D. Davis/Liebowitz & Rubach |
| 2FT | Possess The Magic (Self Possessed) | 1:56.1 | M. Lachance/R. Gurfein/Brittany Farms |
| 2CT | Penn Noble Rocky (Enjoy Lavec) | 1:57 | J. Campbell/K. Lare/Harness The Power & North Street Stables |

CANDIDATES MUST FILE BY SEPT. 8 FOR FOUR SBOANJ BOARD SEATS

Candidates for seats on the Board of Directors of the Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of New Jersey must file by September 8 to be eligible to run in this year's elections.

There will be elections for four full three-year terms (three in the breeder category and one in the trainer-driver category). Balloting in this election will conclude October 13 at the annual SBOANJ membership meeting.

The following incumbent directors will be up for election this year: Breeders Gary Bergmann, Martin O'Hare and Mitchel Skolnick and Trainer-Driver Jacqueline Ingrassia.

Anyone interested in running must send a registered letter addressed to Leo McNamara, SBOANJ, 64 Business Route 33, Manalapan, NJ 07726. Candidates should include a short resume of about 200 words or less and a black and white photograph, which will be included in the candidates' booklet with the ballot.

For information on eligibility requirements, please call the SBOA office at (732) 462-2357.

ANNUAL SBOANJ & USTA MEETINGS

The annual USTA District 12 and SBOANJ general membership meetings are tentatively scheduled for Friday, October 13, at Freehold Raceway, in conjunction with the SBOANJ-sponsored Charles I. Smith Trot. Details will be announced soon.

BRENNAN'S 7 WINS JOIN BIG M EXCLUSIVE CLUB

With seven wins on the August 11 program, George Brennan has become only the third driver in Meadowlands history to win seven or more races on a single program.

He joins Mike Lachance, who holds the track record with eight, which took place July 14, 1995, and John Campbell, who had a 7-winner night on five occasions.

SBOANJ 11TH GOLF OUTING

More than 100 golfers took to the links at the Cream Ridge Golf Course on July 10 to participate in the 11th annual SBOA of New Jersey outing. Sponsors included Freehold Raceway, Clarksburg Inn, The Meadowlands, Electric Battery Company, Katz/Pierz Co., LaFerla Group/UBS, The Shortstop, SunRx, Buckley, Frame and Boudreau Accountants, Sun National Bank, Embroidery Unlimited and Prestige Motors. The grand prize sponsor of a jog cart was Al Eggert of Pennsbury. Cochairmen of the event were SBOANJ Directors Ed Razzetti and Bob Baggitt Sr.

MEADOWLANDS FALL MEET STARTS NOVEMBER 17

The Meadowlands will open November 17 for a 21-night fall harness meet that will conclude on December 30. The track will be dark on Sundays through Tuesdays and have live racing on Wednesday through Saturday nights, except for Thanksgiving on November 23 and on December 20-21 and 27-28. The 135-date regular meet closed August 12.

DIRECTOR ATTENDANCE AT SBOA/NJ BOARD MEETINGS

| | 1/06 | 2/06 | 4/06 | 6/06 | 7/06 |
|-----------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Baggitt, R. | P | P | P | P | P |
| Bergmann, G. | P | A | P | P | P |
| D'Altrui, T. A. | P | A | P | P | P |
| Ford, M. | P | P | P | A | P |
| Harrison, K. | P | P | P | P | P |
| Ingrassia, J. | P | P | P | P | P |
| Lane, D. | P | A | P | P | P |
| Luchento, T. | P | P | P | P | P |
| Ochsner, A. | P | P | P | P | A |
| O'Hare, M. | P | P | P | P | P |
| Palmer, T. | P | A | P | P | P |
| Parenti, A. | P | A | P | P | P |
| Razzetti, E. | P | A | P | P | P |
| Romano, A. | P | P | P | A | P |
| Skolnick, M. | P | P | P | P | A |
| Wojtowicz, P. | P | P | P | P | P |

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SBOANJ LEGISLATORS' CHARITY RACE WON BY ASSEMBLYMAN SCALERA

New Jersey State Assemblyman Fred Scalera of Nutley held off a late challenge from Assemblywoman Valerie Vainieri Huttle of Englewood to win the exhibition Legislators Challenge Harness Race for charity sponsored by the SBOA of New Jersey at The Meadowlands on July 21.

Scalera, who represents the 36th legislative district that includes the Meadowlands racetrack, led from start to finish, clocked in 2:09.1 with his horse named Daddy's Shining Star.

But Huttle, who represents the 37th legislative district, closed with a rush driving Val's Pal to a second-place finish, only a half-length short at the wire. Assemblyman Gordon Johnson, also of Englewood and District 37, finished third with Flash, while Assemblywoman Joan Voss of Fort Lee and District 38, was fourth when her horse, Viking's Dream, was late to the starting gate.

The SBOANJ donated a \$1,500 purse for charities selected by the legislators, who named their own horses.

In preparation for the race, the legislators were trained several mornings at the racetrack by trainers Robert Sharkey, Bruce Saunders and Art Unger. Horses for the race were provided by trainers Shaun Vallee, Allie Reynolds and Unger.

Scalera earned \$600 for his charity, The Nutley Educational Foundation, with the victory. The runners-up each received \$300 for their charities, with Huttle splitting the donation between Shelter Our Sisters of Bergen County and Adler Aphasia Center. Johnson raced for the Center for Food Action, and Voss, for the Adult Asperger Syndrome Program of Jewish Family Services of Bergen County.



State Assemblyman Fred Scalera, in photo above, is shown winning the 2006 NJ Legislators Challenge Harness Race. In photo below, SBOANJ President Tom Luchento, right, congratulates Scalera in winner's circle. From left are Assemblyman Gordon Johnson, SBOA Legislative Lobbyist Leon Zimmerman and Assemblywomen Joan Voss and Valerie Huttle. *(photos by Lisa Photo)*



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