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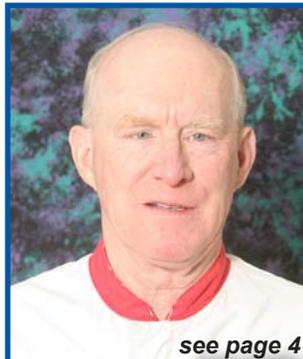
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President's Message

by Tom Luchento

A new purse subsidy from the Atlantic City casino industry, together with financial assistance from the State of New Jersey, was supposed to have been established by now. Originally, Governor Corzine and his top economic advisors had indicated strongly to the horse racing industry that an agreement on a financial package would be ready to be announced by the time of the Breeders Cup at Monmouth Park. You can read the details on the next page of this publication and the extent of the Governor's commitment.

However, it has not happened as yet. We are getting down to the wire, as the current casino purse supplement expires at the end of this year. While I am confident that the Corzine Administration in Trenton will make good on the promise, my problem is that we are not sure how much money will be provided or for what period of time.

Now, more so than ever before, is time for each and every person connected to horse racing or breeding to step up and be counted. Owners, breeders, trainers, drivers, caretakers, farm employees, veterinarians, suppliers or your friends and relatives should all get involved. We have urged people in our industry to act. We have pleaded and we have begged. If you want the horse racing and breeding industries to survive in New Jersey, then you must act NOW!

If you have not registered on line as yet at www.saveNJhorses.com <<http://www.savenjhorses.com/>> , then do so today. If you have, thank you for your help, but send it again to remind legislators that nothing has been done. Your message will automatically be sent to the state legislators who represent your area. You can also send a message to our Governor by logging on to the State's web site and sending your thoughts to him directly at www.state.nj.us <<http://www.state.nj.us>>

SBOANJ representatives have had meetings with the Governor directly, his chief economic advisor Gary Rose, Senate President Richard Codey, Assembly Speaker Joseph Roberts and many state legislators individually to emphasize the need to provide funds to boost purses so that New Jersey horse racing can compete with its neighboring states. Our purses will soon not be able to keep pace with Pennsylvania, New York and Delaware, which enjoy the benefit of slot machines or video lottery terminals at their racetracks. Even the Governor of Maryland is seeking slots for his state's racetracks.

The surprising thing is that many state legislators in New Jersey not only support financial support for horse racing, but favor the installation of VLTs at the racetracks, which the Atlantic City casinos vigorously oppose. But since the Governor has said he does not support VLTs at this time, that would be difficult to accomplish. Our ultimate goal remains gaming at the racetracks in New Jersey. We need a bridge to that goal in the form of a casino purse supplement and State financial assistance that Trenton has agreed to provide, but has yet to deliver.

Our Sire Stakes Program in the State Department of Agriculture needs a substantial financial boost in order to compete with the breeding programs in the VLT funded states, and we are committed to that need, as well. Don't wait another minute. I know that I have said this before, but it gets more critical with the passage of every day. Sometimes you have to do something to help yourself survive, and our industries prosper.

GOVERNOR PLEDGES FINANCIAL HELP FOR NJ HORSE RACING INDUSTRY

Governor Jon Corzine pledged his “serious” support October 12 for a financial package that will “sustain” the horse racing and breeding industries in New Jersey. Making a public statement on the issue for the first time, the governor said, “We hope to have a package relatively quickly and are convinced we can deliver a package that will keep the industry’s purses sustainable for at least three more years.” He added that he hoped it could be for longer, noting that the package still needed to be negotiated.

Corzine made the commitment at a meeting in Drumthwacket, the Governor’s mansion, with representatives of the standardbred and thoroughbred horse communities, as well as local and state public officials. Referring to rumors that he was not willing to help the horse racing industry, Corzine said: “I have no intention of turning my back on it. Holding on to the horse industry is one of the things we want to do. It is vital to sustain the industry’s footprint in this state. I will fight like crazy keep ‘garden’ in the Garden State.”

Corzine said that he currently was not in favor of video lottery terminals at racetracks. He also said he hoped several new, large casino development projects and redevelopment of Bader Field, a small airport that serves the area, would change Atlantic City from a dependency on slot machines to a destination resort. He said these projects were critically needed in the state. The Governor also said his administration would be meeting soon, over the next four weeks, to negotiate the financial package to help the horse industry.

“I won’t take no for answer,” he added.

Horse industry representatives outlined the need for financial help for purses, breeding programs, preserving open space and jobs. Among the participants were: Thomas Luchento, president of the Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of New Jersey; Anthony Perretti, chairman of the N. J. Sire Stakes Board of Trustees and general manager of Perretti Farms; SBOANJ lobbyist Leon Zimmerman; NJSS Executive Director Chris Castens, and their thoroughbred counterparts.

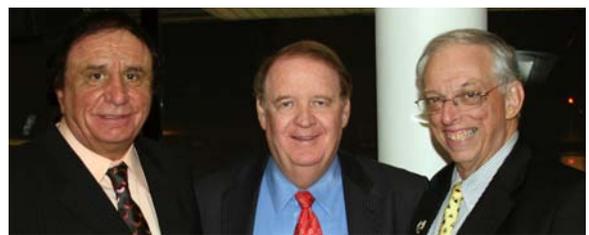
Other attendees included: State Agriculture Secretary Charles Kuperus; State Senator Ellen Karcher, who arranged the meeting and represents the legislative district in which Freehold Raceway and Monmouth Park are located; Assemblyman Michael Panter, who also represents that district; Assemblyman Joseph Malone, who represents the district in which Perretti Farms is located, and local officials from Freehold and Oceanport, where the tracks are located.

STATE LAWMAKERS CALL FOR ACTION TO SAVE NJ HORSE RACING INDUSTRY

Assemblyman Joseph Malone, right, (R-District 30) was among five New Jersey state lawmakers from the Monmouth County area who joined NJSS Board Chairman Anthony Perretti, left, and SBOANJ President Tom Luchento at a recent press conference to call for an additional subsidy from the casino industry or the installation of video lottery terminals to secure New Jersey’s horse racing future.

Malone talked about the loss of revenue, jobs and farmland if nothing is done. Luchento said the horse industry in New Jersey is facing a crisis that threatens to destroy it completely, because New Jersey racetracks cannot offer enough purse money to compete with neighboring states with slot machines or video lottery terminals at their racetracks. Perretti emphasized the success of his family’s breeding farm in Cream Ridge and others throughout the state are in serious jeopardy. *(Photo by Ken Weingartner)*

CONTRIBUTIONS HELP SHIPAC GET HELP FOR HARNESS RACING



SBOANJ President Tom Luchento, left, and lobbyist Leon Zimmerman represented the Standardbred Horse Industry Political Action Committee (SHIPAC) at a recent dinner at The Meadowlands honoring State Senate President Richard J. Codey, a leader in the efforts to help horse racing in New Jersey. Codey helped Luchento “put on the gloves” to spar with one-time heavyweight boxing contender Gerry Cooney at the event. People in the harness racing and breeding industries are urged to make contributions to the political action effort to win more support from state lawmakers. *(Photos by Justin Davis)*

NJ RACING COMMISSION RULES ON EPOGEN TESTING & LASIX USE

Effective October 15, the New Jersey Racing Commission has instituted a new rule on "out of competition testing", which gives the Commission the right to show up at any training stable located in this state and test any horse that has or is expected to compete in New Jersey during the year.

The test is for epogen (EPO), which is strictly prohibited at any time for any reason. A positive test result will bring a 10-year suspension and a \$50,000 fine. If a horse is stabled outside of New Jersey, the trainer has 48 hours to bring the horse to a New Jersey track for testing.

Another rule now allows for off-track administration of Lasix at licensed training centers. The Racing Commission has issued a list of requirements for those training centers that want to set up their facilities for administration of Lasix by a licensed veterinarian.

The SBOANJ will financially support any licensed training center's expense in complying with NJRC requirements.

BIG M FALL MEET TO FEATURE \$4.8 MILLION BREEDERS CROWNS

The Meadowlands is scheduled to resume harness racing on Friday, November 16, with a meet that will include \$4.8 million in Breeders Crown Championship Finals on November 24.

There will also be three late-closing series, each with two preliminary legs and a \$50,000 final. The Singer Memorial Final will be November 30, Oil Burner Final on December 15 and Snow Angel final on Dec 20.

Racing will be on Wednesday through Saturday nights until December 22, with no racing on Thanksgiving Day, November 22.

DOHERTY NAMED HARNESS RACING MAN OF THE YEAR BY NJ SPORTS WRITERS

The New Jersey Sports Writers Association has named Hall of Fame harness driver James (Gentlemen Jim) Doherty as Harness Racing Man of the Year to be honored at the group's 72nd annual banquet January 27, 2008 at the Pines Manor in Edison. Doherty, 67, one of the leading harness horse driver-trainers in North America, has compiled 4,566 driving victories and the horses he has driven have earned \$37,683,660 in purse money.

One of only three drivers to have won a race at The Meadowlands each year it has been open, Doherty has driven such outstanding horses as Green With Envy, No Nonsense Woman and Fool's Goal, and has won such major races as the Breeders Crown, Del Miller Memorial, World Trotting Derby and Canadian Trotting Classic..

NJ ASSEMBLYMAN DANCER HONORS PERRETTI FARM

New Jersey State Assemblyman Ronald S. Dancer, third from left, presented a joint legislative resolution to Anthony Perretti, general manager of his family's Perretti Farms in Cream Ridge, for its commitment to the standardbred breeding industry, largest in New Jersey and third largest in the United States.

Joining him for the presentation on September 24 at a reception at Freehold Raceway were, from left: Tom Luchento, president of the Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of New Jersey; Don Codey, general manager of Freehold Raceway; Dancer; Perretti; State Senator Robert Singer and Assemblyman Joseph Malone. Perretti Farms is located in Legislative District 30, which is represented by Dancer, Malone and Singer. *(World Wide Racing Photo)*

NJ HARNESS TRACKS REQUEST 342 RACE DATES IN 2008

A total of 342 harness racing dates, 10 less than last year, have been requested by The Meadowlands and Freehold Raceway for 2008. The New Jersey Racing Commission is scheduled to meet in Trenton November 28 to consider these requests from the state's two pari-mutuel harness racetracks (192 at Freehold Raceway and 150 at The Meadowlands, 10 less than last year). A total of 145 thoroughbred race dates have been requested for 2008, four by Atlantic City Race Course, 99 by Monmouth Park and 42 at The Meadowlands.

The proposed 2008 harness race schedule is as follows:

• Freehold Raceway	(102 dates)	Jan. 1 – June 14
• Meadowlands	(133 dates)	Jan. 2 – Aug. 2
• Freehold Raceway	(90 dates)	Aug. 7 – Dec. 31
• Meadowlands	(17 dates)	Nov. 21 – Dec. 27

RUTGERS EQUINE UPDATE DEC. 11

The Equine Science Center at Rutgers University will sponsor its annual update on December 11 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the New Jersey Museum of Agriculture on the Cook Campus of Rutgers. This update, geared to professionals, horse owners, farm owners and managers, students, science teachers, 4-H horse program participants and educators, will include presentations highlighting the Center's work in advancing equine health, horse management practices and solutions to industry issues. The event starts with a supper at 6 p.m. Optional tours before supper include a visit to the current crop of weanlings in the Young Horse Teaching and Research Program at 4:30 p.m. and a demonstration of the Center's high-speed equine treadmill at 5 p.m. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 732-932-9419 or email ESC@njaes.rutgers.edu. A donation of \$25 for adults and \$10 for children is suggested.

SBOANJ HONORS LANDY FOR BENEVOLENT WORK

The Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of New Jersey has recognized long-time horse owner Eugene Landy for his continuing support and contributions to needy horse people in New Jersey. Landy, an attorney from Eatontown, was presented with a plaque by SBOANJ President Thomas Luchento, right, and SBOANJ Board member Dennis Lane, left, who chairs the Benevolent Committee, at the organization's annual membership meeting October 25 at Freehold Raceway. *(World Wide Racing Photos)*

PRINCETONIAN WINS SMITH FINAL

Princetonian, with Dan Dube driving, led at every call and drew off to a six and a quarter length victory in the \$100,000 Charles I. Smith Memorial Trot on October 19 at Freehold Raceway. The Dream Vacation gelding, trained and co-owned by Ray Remmen with John Lichtenberger, trotted the mile in a stakes record 1:57 on a track rated sloppy, erasing the 1:57.3 mark set in 2006 by Enough Talk (Enjoy Lavec). *(World Wide Racing Photo)*

HORSE SALE JANUARY 21 AT BIG M

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

GARDEN STATE HORSE SALE JANUARY 14

The annual Garden State Mixed Horse Sale is scheduled for January 14, at the State Farm Complex in PA. For more information call (717) 637-8931.

NJ EQUINE AWARDS DINNER

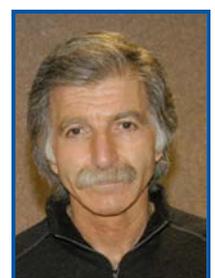
The annual equine awards dinner of the N. J. Department of Agriculture is scheduled for Sunday, January 27, at the Freehold Gardens Hotel. Among the presentations will be the New Jersey Standardbred of the Year, NJ Sire Stakes Horse of the Year and eight NJSS divisional horses of the year. There is a 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.

NJ STALLION REGISTRATION DUE DECEMBER 1 AT SBOA

The deadline is December 1 for registering standardbred stallions in New Jersey for breeding in the year 2008. This registration is necessary for the foals to be eligible to the special SBOANJ stakes races, New Jersey Futurities, New Jersey Sire Stakes Pari-Mutuel and Green Acres Programs.

Anyone missing the December 1 deadline can still register until Jan. 1, 2008, but will be required to pay an additional \$1,500 late fee, plus the normal registration fee. Forms can be obtained by writing to SBOANJ Stallion Registration, 64 Business Route 33, Manalapan, NJ 07726 or by calling (732) 462-2357

LUCHENTO RE-ELECTED SBOANJ PRESIDENT- THREE NEW BOARD MEMBERS SEATED



Long-time standardbred horseman Thomas F. Luchento of Freehold has been re-elected to a third one-year term as president of the Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of NJ. New SBOANJ Board members, from the left, Mark Mullen of Fair Winds Farm, Stephen P. Dey III of Dey Equine Veterinarians and Heritage Hill Farm, and Robert Boni of Northwood Bloodstock Agency took office at the annual membership meeting at Freehold Raceway on October 25. *(World Wide Racing Photos)*

NJ Harness Calendar 2007

November

5-7	Standardbred Yearling Sale, Harrisburg, PA	22	Thanksgiving Day
6	Election Day	24	Breeders Crown Races, Meadowlands
8-10	Standardbred Mixed Sale, Harrisburg, PA	28	NJ Racing Commission, Trenton
9	Qualifying Races, Gaitway Farm, Englishtown	30	\$50,000 Singer Memorial Final, Meadowlands
13	SBOANJ Board of Directors		
14	NJ Equine Advisory Board, Freehold Gardens Hotel		
16	Meadowlands Harness Meet Opens		

December

11	Equine Update, Rutgers Equine Science Center, New Brunswick	20	\$50,000 Snow Angel Final, Meadowlands
11	SBOANJ Board of Directors	22	Meadowlands Harness Meet Ends
15	\$50,000 Oil Burner Final, Meadowlands	25	Christmas Day
19	NJ Equine Advisory Board, Freehold Gardens Hotel		

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NJSEA OPENS OTW IN WOODBRIDGE

Tim McLoone, left, of McLoone's Restaurants, and Dennis Dowd, senior vice president of racing for the New Jersey Sports & Exposition Authority, flank bugler Mark O'Keefe during the grand opening party at the Favorites At Woodbridge OTW in Woodbridge.

Representatives of the SBOANJ attended the opening of the first off-track wagering facility operated by the NJSEA joined Dowd at the grand opening in Woodbridge. From left are: lobbyist Leon Zimmerman, president Tom Luchento, Dowd, executive administrator Leo McNamara, treasurer Al Ochsner and secretary Anthony Romano. *(Bill Denver/Equi-Photo)*

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