



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

PACESETTER

STATE LAWMAKERS PLEDGE SUPPORT OF RACING AT NJ HORSE SYMPOSIUM

With more the 250 people from all aspects of the New Jersey equine industry in attendance, state legislators pledged support to help find financial solutions to boost sources of revenue that will enable racing to compete with neighboring states with slot machines or video lottery terminals at their racetracks.



Assemblyman Dancer

The 3-hour symposium on September 20 was presented by a coalition called the New Jersey Horse Industry Alliance started by the Standardbred Breeders and Owners Assoc-

iation of New Jersey along with thoroughbred organizations and the Rutgers University Equine Science Center.

Among those making presentations were: Thomas A. D'Altrui, first vice president of the SBOANJ; Dennis Dowd, senior vice president of racing at the N. J. Sports Authority, N. J.; Secretary of Agriculture Charles Kuperus; Dr. Karyn Malinowski, director of the Rutgers Equine Science Center; and nine members of the State Legislature, including Assemblyman Ronald S. Dancer, a career harness



NJSEA Senior Vice President Dowd



SBOA Vice President D'Altrui

and lawmakers representing districts in which racetracks are located, Assemblyman Fred Scalera from the Meadowlands area and State Senator Ellen Karcher, Assemblywoman Jennifer Beck and Assemblyman Michael Panter from the Monmouth Park-Freehold Raceway area.



Agriculture Secretary Kuperus

Other speakers included representatives of thoroughbred organizations, business and industry, veterinarians, other horse groups and other State officials, including Commerce Secretary Virginia Bauer and Tourism Director Nancy Byrne.



Senator Buono and Assemblyman Van Drew

LUCHENTO RE-ELECTED SBOANJ PRESIDENT

Long-time standardbred horseman Thomas F. Luchento of Freehold has been re-elected to a second one-year term as president of the Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of New Jersey.

Other officers elected for 2006-2007 are: Thomas A. D'Altrui of Hillsborough, first vice president; Robert Baggitt Sr. of Allentown, second vice president; Kelvin Harrison of Clarksburg, third vice president; Alfred Ochsner of Monroe Township, treasurer, and Anthony Romano of Clarksburg, secretary.

IN THE NEWS

SBOANJ AWARDS \$6,000 IN COLLEGE GRANTS

The SBOANJ, in conjunction with Harness Horsemen International, has awarded a total of \$6,000 in college scholarships this fall, \$1,500 to each of four children of horsepeople.

The recipients are two children of Gary and Mary Finnigan of Wall Township, daughter Jaclyn, who is majoring in education at the University of South Carolina, and son Gary, who is majoring in education at Brookdale Community College, and to two children of William and Sandra Wiggins of Holland, PA, son Ryan, who is majoring in music business at Columbia College of Chicago, and son W. Michael, who is majoring in education at East Stroudsburg University.

HHI OFFICE MOVED TO BURLINGTON, NJ

The office of Harness Horseman International is now located at 319 High Street, Suite 2, Burlington, NJ 08016. The telephone number is 609-747-1000. The fax number is 609-747-1012.

NJ EQUINE AWARDS DINNER

The annual equine awards dinner of the N. J. Department of Agriculture is scheduled for Sunday, January 28, 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 4 p.m. and dinner at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$40 each and can be obtained by calling (609) 984-4389.

HORSE SALE JANUARY 15 AT BIG M

Entries close December 8 for the annual Tattersalls Select Mixed Sale, which is scheduled for Monday, January 15, in the Meadowlands paddock.

YEARLING SALE AT NJ HORSE PARK

A total of 269 yearlings by 61 different sires were sold for \$2,699,900 at the N. J. Classic Sale sponsored by the Garden State Horse Sales Company at the Horse Park of New Jersey in Upper Freehold Township on September 11. The \$10,037 average price was higher than last year's average of \$9,193, when 325 horses sold for \$2.9 million.

USTA DISTRICT 12 MEETING

The annual membership meeting of the U. S. Trotting Association District 12 is scheduled for Friday, December 8 at 11 AM at Freehold Raceway.

EQUINE SEMINAR AT RUTGERS COOK

The Rutgers Equine Science Center will sponsor educational seminars on December 12 at the New Jersey Museum of Agriculture on the Cook College campus in New Brunswick. Dr. Ken McKeever will discuss "Performance Altering Substances: Fact or Fiction" at 6 p.m. A \$25 donation for adults (\$10 for students) is suggested for the event, which includes supper. Reservations are required. For information, please call 732-932-9419.

BIG M FALL MEET TO FEATURE HARNESS RACING'S FINAL 4

The Meadowlands is scheduled to return to harness racing on Friday, November 17, with a 21-date meet that will include \$2 million in stakes races featuring the sport's "Final Four" for two-year-olds.

"Final Four" night will be December 2 with finals for the \$375,000 Governor's Cup for two-year-old pacers, \$300,000 Three Diamonds for two-year-old pacing fillies, \$300,000 Valley Victory for two-year-old trotters and \$300,000 Goldsmith Maid for two-year-old trotting fillies.

These four stakes races, originally raced at Garden State Park, have been hosted at the Meadowlands since 2001, with a shift to Canada in alternate years since 2003.

There will also be three late-closing series, each with two preliminary legs and a \$50,000 final. The Singer Memorial Final will be December 1, Oil Burner Final on December 2 and Snow Angel final on December 14.

The Meet will close on December 30.

SMITH TROT WINNER



Enough Talk (3), a son of Enjoy Lavec, won the \$115,000 Charles I. Smith Memorial Trot in 1:57.3 on October 13 at Freehold Raceway with Catello Manzi driving for the Crossing Paths Farm and trainer Matt Butcher Jr. The race is sponsored by the SBOANJ.

(photo by World Wide Racing Photos)

BONUS BUCKS IN BREEDER INCENTIVES

The "New Jersey Mare Residency Awards," an incentive program created by the SBOANJ to reward those who board broodmares in New Jersey, has awarded more than \$33,000 in its first year of distribution to those who owned the mare at time of mating. This money represents a bonus of 10 percent of purse money earned in N. J. Sire Stakes Pari-Mutuel and Green Acres competition by 28 two-year-old offspring of mares registered in the program. Only two-year-olds from those mares were eligible in 2006, the first year of the program. Breeders are encouraged to register their mares with the SBOANJ in order to be eligible for the bonus money in the future.

President's Message

by Tom Luchento

Although my first year as president seems to have passed by quickly, there have been a number of accomplishments by the Association and its Board of Directors to report to the membership. I am proud to have been re-elected and hope to continue making progress in the fine tradition of my immediate predecessors, Anthony Parenti and Anthony Abbatiello, who served a combined total of 34 years as president.

Because of a membership drive over the past year, the Association saw about a one-third increase so that we now have more than 1,600 members. If you want to know more about the benefits of membership in the SBOANJ, please contact our office. The SBOANJ's Health Insurance Plan is one of the most important, and there is an open enrollment period coming up in December.

One of the Association's major priorities in the last few years has been renovation and expansion of the paddock at The Meadowlands. As reported in the last issue of *Pacesetter*, a \$10-million project has been underway since the meet closed in August.

I am happy to report that the interior work on the existing paddock will be ready for the opening of the fall meet on November 17, according to Chris McErlean, vice president of racing operations. When the fall meet opens, horsemen and women will notice some significant changes, such as:

- the entire paddock and front area leading to the track will be repaved;
- the interior and exterior of the paddock has been repainted;
- there is new lighting and a new heating and cooling system in the paddock;
- the paddock kitchen area has been renovated and will feature a cooking grill for the first time; and



- there will be a new route for the horsemen's bus to the back paddock because of the construction.

The addition to the paddock, increasing its size to house 13 races and including new men's and women's bathrooms and changing rooms, will be completed by the fall 2007 meet.

Mr. McErlean points out that the work has been fast and furious and that the interior work was able to be accomplished because the paddock has not been used for the thoroughbred meet.

That probably will turn out to be a good thing, because of the outbreak of equine herpes at Monmouth Park, where many thoroughbreds were stabled and shipped to race at The Meadowlands. This led to a quarantine of thoroughbreds at both tracks, which has significantly reduced the availability of horses to race recently.

I have been assured by Mr. McErlean that the Meadowlands will be able to disinfect and cleanse the barns and other areas used by the thoroughbreds during the period of time between the end of the thoroughbred meet and the start of the harness meet. That is the status at press time for *Pacesetter*. Hopefully, we will be able to race our horses starting November 17 safely and without fear of them contracting the disease.

Another major development of the past year was the SBOA's major role in creating the New Jersey Horse Industry Alliance and the outstanding symposium that is reported elsewhere in the *Pacesetter*. This was a big first step toward our joint

industry efforts to get state approval of new sources of revenue for purses and breeding programs, such as VLTs or slots. The next step will be a strong effort to win passage of legislation that will accomplish that.

Also in this issue of the *Pacesetter* is a report on our efforts to get the State Racing Commission to approve giving Lasix to racehorses at licensed off-track sites such as training centers and farms. Specific requirements to carry out this project are expected to be announced soon, but the SBOA is pledged to help defray the costs these sites will have in meeting the Commission's requirements.

We have worked with the Racing Commission and Freehold Raceway to expedite the distribution of purses and claim money when circumstances slow down the process. That money will be now be held no more than 72 hours, regardless of whether lab reports on drug tests have been completed.

And to help horsemen, the SBOA has worked recently to have the proper amount of sales tax paid on claimed horses. Because of a law enacted in the early 1990s, which was suggested and supported by the SBOA, the state sales tax is paid on the full price of the horse only the first time it is claimed in each calendar year. If the next claim is higher, the amount of the sales tax to be paid is that which is above the previous claim. If subsequent claims are the same or lower, no additional sales tax is paid.

On behalf of horsepeople in our industry, I want to wish speedy recoveries to John Campbell, who suffered a broken leg in a racing accident during the Breeders Crown elimination races in Canada, and to Jacqui Ingrassia, who suffered a broken ankle at White Birch Farm. We hope they are back to normal soon.

Happy holidays and good racing to all.

**2006 NEW JERSEY FUTURITY WINNERS
AT FREEHOLD RACEWAY
(SPONSORED BY SBOANJ)**

Horse (Sire)	Div.	Time	Purse	Owner/Driver/Trainer
GHEE'S HOUSE (Western Ideal)	2P	1:56.1	\$80,000	Cheyenne Gang/R. Pierce/R. Siegelman
MYSTIC GLIDE (Yankee Glide)	3T	1:57.1	\$40,000	I. Sugg/D. Sugg/I. Sugg
SULLIVAN'S TRAVELS (Donerail)	2CT	2:01	\$35,000	A. Kirschenbaum&Let It Ride Stable/J.Pantaleano/R. Croghan
VICTORIA VOLO (Dream Vacation)	2FT	2:01.3	\$33,500	S. Smith/S. Smith/K. Garland

**2006 NJ SIRE STAKES CHAMPIONS
PARI-MUTUEL DIVISION - \$85,000 FINALS - FREEHOLD RACEWAY**

Div.	Horse (Sire)	Time	Owner/Driver/Trainer
2FP	ARTCOTIC (Artiscape)	1:55.1	R. Mitchell Jr./J. Baggitt Jr./G. Teague Jr.
2CP	OLAY OLAY (Artiscape)	1:55.4	W. Whebby/C. Manzi/S. Bell
3FP	WESTERN STAR (Western Ideal)	1:54.4	J. Lichtenberger/S. Smith/R. Remmen
3CP	FOUR STARZ LIGHTS (Cam's Card Shark)	1:53.4	Unity Stable/J. Gregory/T. Stone
2CT	BAMBOO YANKEE (Self Possessed)	1:59.2	Schnittker, Baldassaro & Iannazzo/J. Gregory/P.Doherty
2FT	CC's CASEY's DREAM (Dream Vacation)	2:00.4	Three Point Acres/S. Smith/K. Garland
3CT	ENOUGH TALK (Enjoy Lavec)	1:57.1	Crossing Paths Farm/C. Manzi/M. Butcher Jr.
3FT	EMANTEE (Banker Hall)	1:56.3	Goldstein, Shapiro & Goldberg/ G. Brennan/ T. Smedshammer

**2006 NEW JERSEY-SIRED STAKES RACES
FOR TWO-YEAR-OLDS - FREEHOLD RACEWAY**

Race	Winner (Sire)	Time	Purse	Owner/Driver/Trainer
Babic Open	WATTA HOTSHOT (Artiscape)	1:56.1	\$160,000	W. Whebby/C. Manzi/S. Bell
Babic Filly	SPRING BREAK (Dream Away)	1:59.1	\$90,000	Winbak Farm/S. Smith/R. Beekman
Dancer Trot	STRIVE FOR PERFECT (Muscles Yankee)	2:00.1	\$115,850	J. Lichtenberger/R. Remmen/R. Remmen
Dancer Filly	PURPLE HAZE (Muscles Yankee)	2:00.1	\$90,650	A. Jacobsen & S. Korn/D. Miller/S. King Jr.

**2006 NJSS GREEN ACRES CHAMPIONS
\$35,000 FINALS - FREEHOLD RACEWAY**

Div.	Horse (Sire)	Time	Owner/Driver/Trainer
2CP	GHEE'S HOUSE (Western Ideal)	1:57.1	Cheyenne Gang/J. Baggitt Jr./R. Siegelman
2FP	CANTSMILEWITHOUTYOU (Matt's Scooter)	1:59.1	Me & My Gang Stable/J. Taggart Jr./E. Hart
3CP	KRONOS HANOVER (Western Ideal)	1:53.4	A. Victor & Son Stable/J. Pantaleano/N. Daley
3FP	SWEET BABY JAN (Artiscape)	1:55.4	M. Schwartz, V. Berkner & C. Aaron/J. Baggitt Jr./G. Berkner
2CT	FORCE NINE (Dream Vacation)	2:02.2	B. Nixon/C. Manzi/R. Croghan
2FT	VICTORIA VOLO (Dream Vacation)	1:59.4	S. Smith/J. Gregory/K. Garland
3CT	FOUR STARZ TRUMP (Dream Vacation)	200.1	Four Starzzzz Stable/G. Morton/E. Schulman
3FT	DALIA'S DREAM (Dream Vacation)	1:59.1	Little Lady Stable/S. Smith/D. Guidette Jr.

NJ HARNESS CALENDAR 2006

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

6-8 Standardbred Yearling Sale, *Harrisburg, PA*

7 *Election Day*

9 Qualifying races, *Gaitway Farm*

9-11 Standardbred Mixed Sale, *Harrisburg, PA*

13 SBOANJ Board of Directors, *Spargo's Grille*

15 NJ Racing Commission, *Trenton*

NJ Equine Advisory Board, *Freehold Gardens Hotel*

17 Meadowlands Harness Meet Opens

18 Classic Series Distaff, Oaks, Pace & Trot, *Meadowlands*

21 NJSS Board of Trustees, *Trenton*

23 *Thanksgiving Day*

1 \$50,000 Singer Memorial Final, *Meadowlands*

2 \$50,000 Oil Burner Final, \$375,000 Governor's Cup Final,
\$300,000 Finals Goldsmith Maid, Valley Victory &
Three Diamonds, *Meadowlands*

8 USTA District 12, *Freehold Raceway*

12 Equine Seminars, *Rutgers Equine Science Center, New Brunswick*

14 \$50,000 Snow Angel Final, *Meadowlands*

20 NJ Equine Advisory Board, *Freehold Gardens*

25 *Christmas Day*

30 Meadowlands Harness Meet Ends



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RACING COMMISSION TO ALLOW GIVING LASIX TO RACEHORSES AT LICENSED OFF-TRACK SITES

The New Jersey Racing Commission has voted to promulgate a new State regulation that would permit Lasix to be administered to racehorses on race days at licensed off-track locations that meet specific conditions required by the Commission.

Currently, NJRC regulations require Lasix to be administered only at the racetrack at which the horse will be racing. This was imposing time and financial burdens on horsepeople who had to bring their racehorses to the tracks much earlier than horses not on Lasix.

OPEN ENROLLMENT SOON FOR SBOANJ HEALTH PLAN

There will be a one-month open enrollment period from December 1 – 31 for the SBOANJ Health Insurance Plan for drivers, trainers and grooms. Application forms can be obtained at the SBOA office on Business Route 33 in Manalapan or at the SBOA track representative offices on race dates at Freehold Raceway and The Meadowlands.

FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS

There will be two more free health screenings provided this year for horsepeople by the SBOANJ and the Backstretch Community Assistance Program. Screenings will be for cholesterol, glucose and blood pressure from 12 noon to 2 PM on November 13 at Magical Acres in Chesterfield and for cholesterol, blood pressure, vision and hearing from 12 noon to 2:30 PM on December 4 at Showplace Farms in Millstone Township. For further information, please call Chris Samaha at 732-446-3100, extension 42 on Mondays and Thursdays and at 732-571-5376 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

CONDOLENCES & SYMPATHY TO FAMILY & FRIENDS OF . . .

Dr. Patrick J. Knapman, DVM, 52, who died August 28 at his home in Jackson; highly respected veterinarian for many leading standardbred owners and trainers, president of the N. J. Equine Practitioners Association for the past three years and veterinary coordinator for the Monmouth County Department of Health, Office of Emergency Management; survived by his wife Frances, his parents, one sister and one brother; memorial contributions can be made to the Monmouth County SPCA Spay & Neuter Clinic, 360 Wall Road, Eatontown, NJ 07724, specifying donations be used for cats. More than 100 people attended a memorial service for him at Gaitway Farm.

Charles Norway, 72, standardbred trainer and driver for nearly 50 years who died October 10 after long illness; raced on the New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania circuits; among his better horses were Jef's Bargain, Get A Move On, Jef's Comfort, Seductive Lady and Smashing Gus's Toy; survived by his wife Maryann, son Charles and two grandchildren.

The SBOA of New Jersey, in cooperation with Freehold Raceway, has been seeking this regulatory change for the better part of two years. After reporting on a recent successful meeting of the Commission's Medication and Testing Committee with SBOANJ and Freehold representatives, the Commission voted to proceed with the new regulation.

The Commission is expected to announce soon the specific requirements for these off-track locations, such as training farms or centers, where the Lasix would be administered. The SBOANJ will closely examine the regulation and specific requirements to be sure they are not too cumbersome to comply with, and report back to the horse industry.

2007 STALLION REGISTRATIONS DUE BY DECEMBER 1 AT SBOA

The deadline is December 1 for registering standardbred stallions in New Jersey for breeding in the year 2007. This registration is necessary for the foals to be eligible to the special SBOA stakes races, New Jersey Futurities, New Jersey Sire Stakes Pari-Mutuel and Green Acres Programs and breeder incentive awards.

The registration fee schedule for the 2007 season is:

Stud Fee	Registration Fee
Up to \$1,000	\$.750
\$1,001 to \$5,000	\$1,000
\$5,001 to \$15,000	\$1,500
Private Treaty	\$1,500
\$15,001 and higher	\$2,000

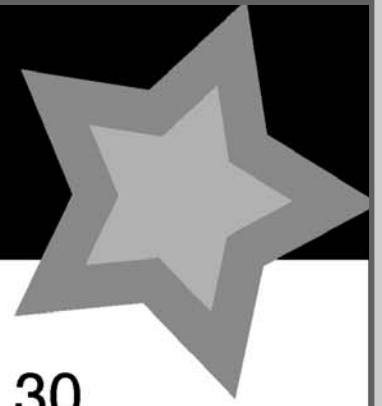
Anyone missing the December 1 deadline can still register until Jan. 1, 2007, but will be required to pay an additional \$1,500 late fee, plus the normal registration fee. Forms can be obtained by writing to SBOANJ Stallion Registration, 64 Business Route 33, Manalapan, NJ 07726 or by calling (732) 462-2357. If semen is transported from a stallion in New Jersey to a mare in another state, there is an additional fee, payable to SBOANJ by December 1, equal to the stallion's 2007 advertised stud fee.

DIRECTOR ATTENDANCE AT SBOA/NJ BOARD MEETINGS

	4/06	6/06	7/06	9/06*	10/06
Baggitt, R.	P	P	P	P	P
Bergmann, G.	P	P	P	P	P
D'Altrui, T. A.	P	P	P	P	P
Ford, M.	P	A	P	P	P
Harrison, K.	P	P	P	P	P
Ingrassia, J.	P	P	P	P	A
Lane, D.	P	P	P	A	P
Luchento, T.	P	P	P	P	P
Ochsner, A.	P	P	A	P	P
O'Hare, M.	P	P	P	A	P
Palmer, T.	P	P	P	P	A
Parenti, A.	P	P	P	P	P
Razzetti, E.	P	P	P	P	P
Romano, A.	P	A	P	P	P
Skolnick, M.	P	P	A	P	P
Wojtowicz, P.	P	P	P	P	P

P=Present A=Absent * No August Meeting

MEADOWLANDS 2006 FALL MEET



November 17 – December 30

Wednesday through Saturday

(No racing November 23, December 20, 21, 27, 28)

December 2

FALL FINAL FOUR

\$1 Million in Finals!

Governor's Cup – 2 Year Old Colt Pace

Three Diamonds – 2 Year Old Filly Pace

Valley Victory – 2 Year Old Colt Trot

Goldsmith Maid – 2 Year Old Filly Trot

2007 MEET BEGINS JANUARY 5

Look for a purse increase in January!

Winter Series nominations close December 1, 2006

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NJ HARNESS TRACKS REQUEST 352 RACE DATES IN 2006

A total of 352 harness racing dates have been requested by The Meadowlands and Freehold Raceway for 2007.

The New Jersey Racing Commission is scheduled to meet November 15 to consider these requests from the state's two pari-mutuel harness racetracks (192 at Freehold Raceway and 160 at The Meadowlands).

A total of only 124 thoroughbred race dates have been requested for 2007, four by Atlantic City Racecourse (April 25-26 and May 2-3), 79 by Monmouth Park (May 12-13, 19-20, 26-28, June 1 through September 2 and October 24-27), and 41 at The Meadowlands (September 3, 7-8, and 11 through November 10).

MEADOWLANDS QUALIFIERS AT GAITWAY FARM NOV. 9

The Meadowlands, with a 21-date harness meet opening Friday, November 17, has scheduled qualifying races at Gaitway Farm in Manalapan for Thursday, November 9, beginning at 10 a.m. If the number of entries warrants another day of qualifiers, there will also be races on Friday, November 10. Entries will be taken on Tuesday, November 7, between 4 and 6 p.m. at the Meadowlands Race Office. The box closes at 6 p.m. With limited stalls, qualifiers will be restricted to horses that meet the Meadowlands' racing standards.

The proposed 2007 harness race schedule is as follows:

TRACK DATES

Freehold Raceway (100 dates)*	Jan. 1 – June 9
Meadowlands (137 dates)**	Jan. 5 – Aug. 4
Freehold Raceway (92 dates)***	Aug. 9 – Dec. 31
Meadowlands (23 dates)****	Nov. 16 – Dec. 29

* Dark Sundays & Mondays during January and February, except January 1, 15 & February 19; also dark January 2, 16 & February 20; also dark Sundays, Mondays & Tuesdays during March through June.

** Dark Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays in January; also dark Mondays and Tuesdays during February through May, except May 28; also dark Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays during June through August; also dark February 4, April 8 & May 27.

*** Dark Sundays & Mondays during August & September, except September 3; also dark Sundays, Mondays & Tuesdays during October through December, except October 8, November 6 & December 31; also dark on November 22.

**** Dark Sundays, Mondays & Tuesdays in November & December and on November 22 & December 26-27.

MEADOWLANDS
HARNESS MEET
OPENS NOV 17

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