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# PACESETTER

## GLIDEMASTER SELECTED AS NJ STANDARDBRED OF 2006

Glidemaster, winner of the 2006 Trotting Triple Crown and \$1,968,023 in purse money, has been named "New Jersey Standardbred of the Year" for 2006.

This prestigious award to a New Jersey-sired standardbred is presented annually by the Equine Advisory Board of the State Department of Agriculture upon the recommendation of Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of New Jersey, which registers all New Jersey stallions for breeding, and its Breeders Committee.

Glidemaster, sired by Yankee Glide, who stands at Kentuckiana Farms of New Jersey in New Egypt, is out of the mare, Cressida Hanover, was bred by Brittany Farms. He is owned by Robert B. Burgess, Karin Olsson Burgess, Marsha Cohen and Brittany Farms. He was trained by Blair Burgess and was driven by John Campbell and George Brennan.

A special presentation will be made by New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture Charles Kuperus at the annual

New Jersey Equine Breeder Awards dinner on January 28 at the Freehold Gardens Hotel in Freehold.

Among his eight victories, Glidemaster won the \$1,500,000 Hambletonian in 1:51.1, \$526,000 Kentucky Futurity in straight heats in 1:53.1 and 1:51.3, and \$728,930 Yonkers Trot in 1:55.4h. He was never worse than second in his 15 starts.

Previous winners of this award in recent years include: Mr Muscleman (2005), Rainbow Blue (2004), No Pan Intended (2003), McArdle (2002), Bettor's Delight (2001), Spellbound Hanover (2000), Grinfromeartear (1999), Muscles Yankee (1998), Malabar Man (1997), Continentalvictory (1996), Jenna's Beach Boy (1995), Cam's Card Shark (1994), Presidential Ball (1993), Immortality (1992), Miss Easy (1990), Matt's Scooter (1989) Mack Lobell (1988 and 1987) and Jate Lobell (1986).

## ARTISTIC FELLA CHOSEN NJSS HORSE OF THE YEAR FOR 2006

Artistic Fella, who sported a 10-race winning streak and was ranked among the nation's top three-year-old pacers during most of this year's racing season, has been selected New Jersey Sire Stakes Horse of the Year for 2006.

The award, which is voted annually by the Sire Stakes Board of Trustees, is based only on performances in races for New Jersey-sired horses, including New Jersey Sire Stakes events and other major stakes for New Jersey-sired horses. In addition to the top honor, Artistic Fella, a son of Pacific Fella, was chosen NJSS three-year-old pacing colt of the year.

Other divisional Sire Stakes horses of 2006 are: Passionate Glide, three-year-old trotting filly; Ideal Weather, three-year-old pacing filly; Enough Talk, three-year-old trotting colt; Olay Olay, two-year-old pacing colt; Artcotic, two-year-old pacing filly; Bamboo Yankee, two-year-old trotting colt, and Possess The Magic, two-year-old trotting filly.

Artistic Fella, owned by Joseph Alborano and trained by Steve Elliott, swept the NJSS series at the Meadowlands, including the \$175,000 final in an all-age Sire Stakes record clocking of 1:49.1. The colt earned \$180,325 in Sire Stakes

competition with four wins in four starts and accumulated \$941,385 overall with 11 wins and one second in 18 starts. Among his other victories were the \$1-million Meadowlands Pace in a lifetime best 1:48.4, \$225,000 Berry's Creek and a \$125,000 division of the Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Passionate Glide, a daughter of Yankee Glide, was chosen NJSS three-year-old trotting filly of the year, largely off her sweep of NJSS series at The Meadowlands that included a 1:52.4 NJSS record in the \$175,000 final.

While she earned \$111,500 in NJSS competition, her performances overall resulted in 13 wins, one second and one third in 15 starts and total purse winnings of \$1,087,900. Among her other victories was the \$750,000 Hambletonian Oaks.

Ideal Weather, the only repeat winner from the 2005 list of NJSS horses of the year, took honors as three-year-old filly pacer of the year. The daughter of Western Ideal the 2005 two-year-old filly pacer of the year.

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# IN THE NEWS

## NJ RACING DARK DAYS & NIGHTS

Freehold Raceway will be closed for live racing on Sundays and Mondays during January and February, except for January 1 and 15 and February 19. The Freehold oval will also be dark on January 2 and 16 and February 20. The Meadowlands will be closed Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays in January and only Mondays and Tuesdays in February.

## NJ EQUINE AWARDS DINNER

The annual equine awards dinner of the N. J. Department of Agriculture is scheduled for 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.

## MIXED HORSE SALE JANUARY 15

Catalogs are now available for the annual Tattersalls Mixed Sale on Monday, January 15, in the Meadowlands paddock. The bidding will begin at 10 AM. For information or catalogs, please call 914-773-7777.

## GALLO BLUE CHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Martin Scharf, owner of Gallo Blue Chip, the richest pacer of all time with \$4.2 million in earnings and 53 wins in 133 career starts when he was retired from racing, has donated a \$15,000 scholarship in the horse's honor. The presentation in the winner's circle of the Meadowlands on December 2 went to Arianna Peluso of White Lake, NY, an animal science major at Cornell University, where she preparing for a career in equine veterinary medicine. Her father Andrew is a Monticello-based standardbred trainer. The conditions of the scholarship is that the recipient be the son or daughter of a standardbred trainer or caretaker licensed in New Jersey or New York.

## EQUINE NUTRITION COURSE AT RUTGERS

A 14-week program on equine nutrition is scheduled to begin January 16 and continue Tuesday and Thursday evenings through April 26 at the Cook College campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick. The 1-hour semester-long course runs from 5:35 to 6:35 PM. Registration can be done by telephone (732-932-9271), on the web at [www.cookce.rutgers.edu](http://www.cookce.rutgers.edu), fax to 732-932-8726 or by mail to Registration Desk, Cook College, Rutgers University, 102 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-8519. The fee is \$545.

## STRONG YANKEE DIES

The New Jersey-sired Strong Yankee, 3,1:50.3, winner of the Kentucky Futurity, Yonkers Trot and Breeders Crown in 2005, was euthanized recently after suffering a broken shoulder in a paddock accident in Ontario. The son of Muscles Yankee, who compiled a slate of 11-9-2 in 31 career starts with earnings of \$1,434,351, was to begin a stallion career.

## BEST OF 2006 AT BIG M

The Meadowlands television department has developed a one-hour "Best of 2006" video featuring 16 of the top races during the year. To order the video, which costs \$20 and is available in DVD of VHS, please call 201-460-4191.

## NJ-SIRED PAYMENTS DUE FEBRUARY 15

Sustaining payments are due February 15 for the New Jersey Sire Stakes Pari-Mutuel and Green Acres Divisions and various stakes races for NJ-sired horses.

The NJSS Pari-Mutuel Division payment is \$300 for two-year-olds and \$350 for three-year-olds. The Green Acres Division payment is \$100 for two and three-year-olds.

Also on February 15, a \$500 supplemental 2006 yearling nomination (for foals of 2005) can be made for eligibility to the N. J. Sire Stakes. That \$500 fee is in addition to the sustaining payments for two-year-olds also due on February 15.

The two-year-old sustaining payment must be made in order to keep the horse eligible as a three-year-old in 2008, even if the horse does not race in 2007 as a two-year-old. Supplemental nominations are also due February 15 for the NJSS-sponsored 2007 Lou Babic Open Pace (\$400) and Babic Filly Pace (\$300).

These payments in U. S. funds should be mailed to the NJSS, P.O. Box 34400, Newark, NJ 07189-4400.

In addition, supplemental nominations must be made by February 15 for the 2008 SBOA New Jersey Pacing Classic and Miss New Jersey Pace (\$500), 2008 Charles I. Smith Trot and Helen Smith Trot (\$400), and 2007 Harold R. Dancer Trot and Dancer Filly Trot (\$400).

Also due on February 15 is the \$200 sustaining payment for the 2007 Smith Trot for three-year-old New Jersey-sired trotters and a \$300 supplemental nomination payment to keep any New Jersey-sired horses eligible to New Jersey Futurity #42.

These payments should be mailed to the SBOA of New Jersey, 64 Business Route 33, Manalapan, NJ 07726.

## *Meadowlands Paddock*



This architectural rendering shows what the renovated back paddock at The Meadowlands will look like when it is completed near the end of the 2007 summer meet. The first phase of the \$10.5 million project, which included renovations to the existing structure that opened in 1976, was ready for the recently completed fall meet. The second phase, when completed, will accommodate 13 races, six more than the current paddock.

# President's Message

by Tom Luchento

As we begin 2007, we already know that this year will be critical to the future of horse racing in general and standardbred racing, in particular.

That's because of two major issues that have been in the spotlight as the old year ended.

One is the question of whether VLT slot machines will become a reality at racetracks in New Jersey anytime soon. The other concerns the significant change by the N. J. Sports & Exposition Authority in the use of the Meadowlands simulcast signal with an exclusive contract starting January 5.

The VLT slot issue has been raging for some time, as our neighboring states developed, approved and installed the machines at their racetracks. We, in New Jersey, have been able to keep pace with other racing jurisdictions because of the 4-year, \$86-million casino supplement to our purses.

But that deal stops at the end of this year, and some new revenue source will be needed for the horse racing industry to survive.

As the year 2006 drew to a close, Governor Jon Corzine told the news media that he is "more open" to video slots at the racetracks. The Governor has also acknowledged that the concept of VLTs is becoming attractive as a way to raise revenue for the state.

Prominent members of the State Legislature, including Senate President and former Governor Richard J. Codey, have been outspoken in their support of VLT slots for a long time.

Here are some important reasons that the VLT issue is getting hotter in the State Capitol:

- The State needs huge sums of money, into the billions of dollars, to balance the budget again;
- VLT machines at the tracks could produce as much as a billion dollars;

- Any effort to sell the Meadowlands and Monmouth Park to private interests would result in a higher sale price if VLT machines were guaranteed to the prospective buyers;

- More and more state lawmakers support the idea to help the horse racing industry survive the fierce competition for horses from tracks in neighboring Pennsylvania, New York and Delaware, where slots are operating;

- The casino supplement funds, that have enabled New Jersey to keep pace with other states, will run out at the end of 2007, threatening the future of the Garden State's horse racing and breeding industry.

There are no details of any specific VLT proposal as yet, despite what you may read in various publications, hear on radio or see on television. Nothing is finalized, not the number of machines that would be installed, nor the percentage of the revenue that would go to purses.

We are researching the standardbred horse industry's financial needs and will be meeting with Corzine Administration officials and state legislators to come up with the most accurate numbers that will keep New Jersey number one among harness racing states, and the Meadowlands as the number one harness track in the country.

The other issue concerns the Sports Authority's decision to award an exclusive contract to TVG for the audio-visual display and account wagering for all races at the Meadowlands and Monmouth Park. It is interesting to note that most racetracks are going the exclusive route.

For the previous five years, there was no exclusive deal and several other companies shared the ability to show Meadowlands races.

There's an old saying that if it ain't broke, don't fix it! The license

agreement to simulcast our races worked fine for years.

This action by the Sports Authority was very disappointing, to say the least. It also was improper, in that the Authority never included the SBOA, as the duly constituted representative of the standardbred horsepeople who race at the Meadowlands, in any part of the process leading up to and including the award of the exclusive contract.

The SBOA believes it had a right to be part of the process and that the decision was made without our association's consent.

The reason that is so important is that many millions of horse owners, breeders, trainers and drivers, racing fans and bettors who do not watch TVG will not be able to view Meadowlands races.

In particular, we are concerned about those people who subscribe to watch and bet on Meadowlands races on RTN (the Race Track Network of Roberts Communications). If they can no longer do so, the handle will suffer and the quality of racing will decline.

We have been told that TVG will sell the signal to the other companies, but we have no assurances or guarantees that will be the case.

As a result, the SBOA intends to meet with TVG representatives to get answers to our questions and about how millions of people not now watching TVG will be able to watch and wager on the Meadowlands races.

And we intend to do our very best to protect the interest of the people in the standardbred industry in New Jersey.

I also want to take this opportunity to wish Chris McErlean well in his new position at Penn National Gaming. It has been a pleasure working with him at The Meadowlands over the years. In all our dealings with him, you could always count on him to keep his word.

# ARTISTIC FELLA CHOSEN NJSS HORSE OF THE YEAR FOR 2006

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She was in the money in nine of her 10 starts in New Jersey-sired competition, earning \$204,195. Ideal Weather won three NJSS legs at the Meadowlands and one at Freehold Raceway, and was second in the final and the \$175,000 Thomas D'Altrui Miss New Jersey Pace.

Enough Talk, a son of Enjoy Lavec, earned three-year-old NJSS trotting colt honors with victories in the \$115,000 Charles I. Smith Memorial Trot in 1:57.3 and the \$85,000 NJSS Final in 1:57.1, both at Freehold. He won five of nine NJ-sired races, with two seconds and a third to earn \$158,326. Overall, he won 11 of 22 starts, earning a total of \$189,206.

Olay Olay, a son of Artiscap, is the two-year-old NJSS pacing colt of the year. He won three of four in NJSS competition, including the \$85,000 final in 1:55.4 at Freehold. He won a Babic Memorial elimination before finishing a close second by a neck in the \$160,000 Babic Final. Overall, he won eight of 10 and earned \$194,282, of which \$105,000 was in New Jersey competition.

Chosen as NJSS two-year-old filly pacer of the year, Artcotic, also sired by Artiscap, won four of six New Jersey races and five of seven overall, including the \$85,000 NJSS final at Freehold in 1:55.1.

Bamboo Yankee, in the money eight of nine tries, won five races, including a sweep of the NJSS series at Freehold, with a 1:59.2 clocking in the \$85,000 final. Overall, the son of Self Possessed was 10 for 12 with \$191,230 in purse earnings, \$131,327 of which was in NJ-sired competition.

Possess The Magic, a daughter of Self Possessed, won a leg and the \$175,000 NJSS Final at the Meadowlands in 1:56.1 to earn two-year-old trotting filly of the year honors. Her overall record was strong with nine wins and 12 of 13 in the money to earn \$664,622. Her biggest victory was in the \$600,000 Breeders Crown final.

The horses will be honored at the annual New Jersey Equine Awards dinner on January 28 at the Freehold Gardens Hotel.

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**No billing notices will be mailed. No late payments will be accepted.**

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The 2006 Yearling Supplemental Nomination Fee for 2005 foals is also due February 15.

# NJ HARNESS CALENDAR 2007

## JANUARY

## FEBRUARY

- 1 Freehold Raceway Meet Opens
- 5 Meadowlands Harness Meet Opens
- 9 NJSS Board of Trustees, *Trenton*
- 15 Select Mixed Sale, *Meadowlands Paddock*
- 17 NJ Equine Advisory Board, *Freehold Gardens Hotel*
- 24 \$70,000 Super Bowl Final, *Meadowlands*
- 25 \$50,000 White Ruffles Final, *Meadowlands*
- 26 \$90,000 Clyde Hirt Final, *Meadowlands*
- 27 \$100,000 Presidential & \$ 90,000 Complex Finals, *Meadowlands*
- 28 NJ Breeder Awards Dinner, *Freehold Gardens Hotel*

- 14 NJ Racing Commission, *Meadowlands*
- 15 NJ Equine Advisory Board (*Location To Be Announced*)
- 23 \$75,000 Cape & Cutter,  
\$70,000 Tender Loving Care Finals, *Meadowlands*
- 24 \$90,000 Junior Trendsetter, \$75,000 Aquarius,  
\$75,000 Exit 16W Finals, *Meadowlands*
- 25 \$75,000 Senior Trendsetter Final, *Meadowlands*  
USHWA Awards Dinner, *Borgata Casino Hotel*



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

**Howard B. Camden**, 76, who died November 4 at CentraState Medical Center in Freehold. He was a long-time trainer and driver of standardbred horses and served many years as a member of the Board of Directors of the SBOA of New Jersey. Among his top horses were: Adios Boy, the first two-year-old to pace a mile under 2:00 in Lexington, KY; Silver Song, an international trotting champion who raced in Italy, and Caramore, New Jersey Standardbred of the Year and winner of the New Jersey Pacing Classic for 1981.

Born In Virginia, he lived in Colts Neck for 35 years before moving recently to Cream Ridge; a founder of the Colts Neck Police Department where served as captain for 20 years; a U. S. Army veteran of the Korean War who was awarded the Purple Heart; survived by his wife of 54 years, Joyce, two sons, one daughter, one granddaughter and a sister. Memorial contributions may be made to Colts Neck PBA Local 333, Cedar Drive, Colts Neck, NJ 07722.

**Anthony Giglio**, 25, who died October 24 in Florida; son of veteran standardbred trainer-driver Randy Giglio of Farmingdale, who has expressed his deepest appreciation and thanks to all who have supported the family.



# LAST CHANCE!

## Yearling Supplemental Nomination

### Fee Due

## FEBRUARY 15



### 2006 Yearling Supplemental Nomination Fee (Foals of 2005)

# \$600\*

\*Does not include original nomination fee which **MUST BE PAID** as well (\$50 with certificate of registration; \$75 without the certificate).

If bred via semen transported outside the state of New Jersey, there is an additional \$200 fee.

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- ✓ All other sustaining payments must be made when due.

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## Manzi Wins 12,000



Hall of Fame harness driver Catello "Cat" Manzi hit the 12,000-win mark on October 26 at Freehold Raceway with Crimson Dynamo that was a career first win for the horse. Manzi has since boosted his victory total to 12,125 as of December 26, second only to Herve Filion's 15,165.

Pictured are, from left, are Freehold plant superintendent Gary Wolff, winner's circle attendant Harold Berg, Manzi and his wife Ellen.

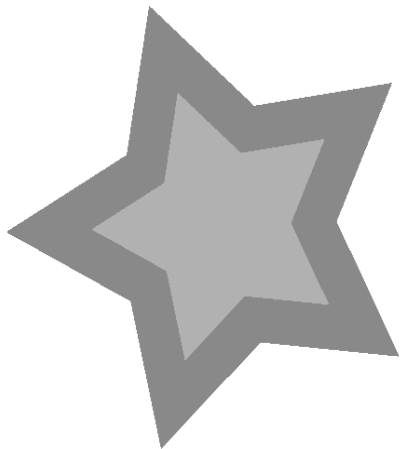
(photo by World Wide Racing Photos)

## DIRECTOR ATTENDANCE AT SBOA/NJ BOARD MEETINGS

	6/06	7/06	9/06*	10/06	11/06
Baggitt, R.	P	P	P	P	P
Bergmann, G.	P	P	P	P	P
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Harrison, K.	P	P	P	P	P
Ingrassia, J.	P	P	P	A	P
Lane, D.	P	P	A	P	P
Luchento, T.	P	P	P	P	P
Ochsner, A.	P	A	P	P	P
O'Hare, M.	P	P	A	P	P
Palmer, T.	P	P	P	A	P
Parenti, A.	P	P	P	P	P
Razzetti, E.	P	P	P	P	P
Romano, A.	A	P	P	P	P
Skolnick, M.	P	A	P	P	P
Wojtowicz, P.	P	P	P	P	P

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## BIG M TO HOST 2007 STAKES WORTH NEARLY \$18 MILLION

The Meadowlands has scheduled nearly \$18 million in stakes races for a 137-date season from January 5 through August 4 in 2007.

The meet will be highlighted once again by the \$1-million Meadowlands Pace for three-year-old pacers on July 14 and the \$1.5 million Hambletonian and \$750,000 Hambletonian Oaks for three-year-old trotters on August 4.

In addition to a full complement of New Jersey Sire Stakes races for two-year-olds and three-year-olds, New Jersey-bred horses will be featured in two races for three-year-old pacers, the \$500,000 Anthony Abbatiello New Jersey Pacing Classic and the \$200,000 Thomas D'Altrui Miss New Jersey Pace on June 2.

Other major stakes include the \$225,000 Berry's Creek Pace on May 5, \$350,000 Delvin Miller Memorial Trot on July 13, \$350,000 Stanley Dancer Memorial Trot on July 14, \$625,000 Wilkham Haughton Memorial on July 7, \$275,000 Oliver Wendell Holmes, \$350,000 Mistletoe Shalee, \$350,000 U. S. Pacing Championship and \$300,000 Nat Ray on August 4.

There will also be series events such as the Presidential Pace in January, Overbid in March, and Su Mac Lad Trot in March and April.

## MCERLEAN LEAVES BIG M AFTER 14-YEAR TENURE

Christopher M. McErlean has resigned as vice president of racing operations for the New Jersey Sports & Exposition Authority to join Penn National Gaming Inc. as vice president of racing overseeing all operations at six racetracks and six off-track wagering facilities.

McErlean, 39, who became part of the management team at the Meadowlands as director of marketing and simulcasting in 1992, rose through the ranks to oversee the racing operations at both the Meadowlands and its sister track, Monmouth Park.

After serving as executive assistant at Harness Tracks of America from 1989 to 1992, McErlean came to the Meadowlands as marketing director in 1992 and then oversaw a consolidated marketing and media department before shifting to the roles of assistant, then associate and then general manger.

In January of 2005, he was named vice president for racing operations where he oversaw 1,500 employees, facilities that generated \$150 million in gross revenue [in 2005] and a \$90 million annual budget. In 2005, the Meadowlands generated \$480 million in wagering and hosted more than 1.45 million guests, both the highest for any single pari-mutuel facility in North America.



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