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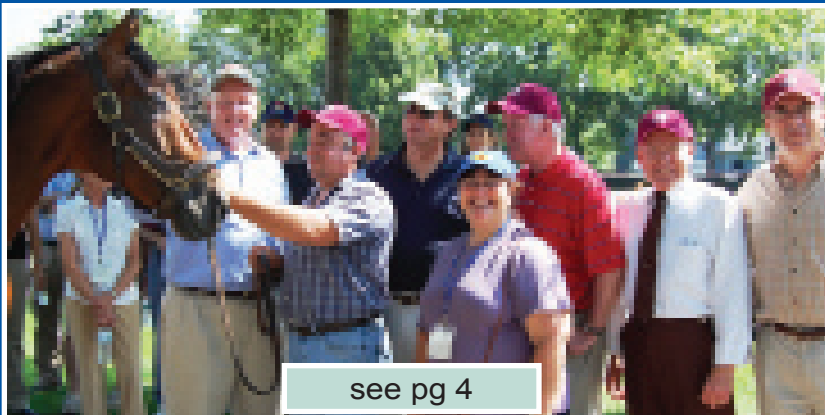
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President's Message

By Tom Luchento

It will come as no surprise that I tell you the horse industry in New Jersey is at its most critical point ever. But, to paraphrase Yogi Berra, "It ain't over 'til it's over." And the SBOA of New Jersey isn't waiting until then. Together with our thoroughbred counterparts, we are conducting a vigorous campaign to convince the key State officials, from the Governor and his top advisors to members of the Legislature, that we need their help to keep pace with racetracks in all of our neighboring states.

While we have been able to stay ahead of the tracks in Pennsylvania, New York and Delaware with the highest purses in the sport at The Meadowlands, the casino supplement that has been keeping those purses up will run out at the end of the year. We have launched a "Save New Jersey Horses" campaign with full page color ads in the State's largest newspaper, the Star Ledger, and are planning radio and cable television spots to promote our position.

We have also opened a web site that every New Jersey horse person involved with both racing and non-racing breeds should register at. The goal is to get a message to state lawmakers that the horse industry needs video lottery terminals at its racetracks to provide enough money for purses that will keep up with our neighboring states. For information and to sign up to support this effort, please go to www.saveNJhorses.com. Members of the State Legislature will be notified of residents of their district who join this campaign to get financial support for the horse racing industry in New Jersey.

We are also meeting with members of the Legislature on a one-to-one basis to win support for this effort. And we are conducting a survey of the Legislature to find out how many members actually support the VLTS for the horse industry. A number of people from our industry, including representatives of the SBOANJ, have also had numerous meetings with top economic and financial advisors to the Governor, as well as discussions with Governor Corzine directly.

Meanwhile, Atlantic City's 11 casinos continue to experience revenue declines, with net income dropping 34 percent in the last quarter ending June 30. Their net revenues dropped 6.1 percent and gross operating profit fell 19 percent. Financial experts attribute the decline to the success of slots at Pennsylvania racetracks and VLTS at Yonkers.

If the Atlantic City casino industry operated slot machines at New Jersey's racetracks, there is no doubt that they would dramatically make up for their losses to racinos in neighboring states, and probably turn a net profit overall. The total potential revenue to the State of New Jersey, the casinos and the horse industry would be phenomenal, into the billions. It behooves every one in the horse industry to make VLTS a personal campaign, as well. Please do one or more of the following:

- Sign up at the "SaveNJHorses" web site. Ask your friends, relatives and associates to register, too. (See the back page of Pacesetter.)
- Write or call the Governor, and your state senator and Assembly members directly to tell them you want them to support VLTS at the racetracks. You can leave a message with an aide in the office. (For the names, addresses and telephone numbers of your legislators, go to www.sboanj.com or www.njleg.state.nj.us
- Make a contribution to the Standardbred Horse Industry Political Action Committee (SHIPAC) so that the industry can financially support legislators who stand up for us and back VLTS. Contribute what you can afford, but don't forget that our livelihoods are at stake. (For further information, go to the story elsewhere in Pacesetter.)
- Contact the SBOANJ at 732-462-2357 for further printed information to send to legislators directly or to other people you ask to support our cause.

The next few months are very critical to our future existence, both in breeding and racing. We need a large influx of funds to stay alive. Your help is essential. Don't sit back and do nothing, or else you'll soon have nothing to do!

Cam's Card Shark Yearling Filly Tops 2007 SBOANJ Horse Show



Competition for the grand champion trophy for yearlings came down to a family affair at the 45th annual horse show sponsored by the Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of New Jersey.

The final judging was between the winners of the colt and filly yearling classes. The result: a Cam's Card Shark filly, Southwind Sugar, owned and bred by Allen and Connie Skolnick's Southwind Farm of Pennington, bested an Artsplace colt, DaVinci's Dream, owned and bred by their son Mitchel Skolnick's Bluestone Farm of Hopewell.

The pacing-bred filly, out of the mare Sing Fat Lady, took the top prize of \$1,500 as grand champion at the SBOANJ show for New Jersey-sired standardbreds at the Horse Park of New Jersey on August 12 in Upper Freehold Township. She also earned a \$600 prize as winner of the yearling filly class. Norberto Lopez was the handler.

DaVinci's Dream, the yearling colt class winner of a \$600 prize, is out of the mare Dream Western. He was shown by Dominica Nawrot. In the category of mares with younger foals born on or after April 15 this year, the first-place winner of a \$600 prize was One Hot Beach with her Cam's Card Shark-sired colt, Palm's Beach, owned by Fred Hofsaess of Delaware Valley College in Doylestown, Pa. Martha Piotrow and Sara Bartillo were the handlers.

Social's Image and her yet-to-be named Yankee Glide-sired colt, won the \$600 first-place award in the category of mares with older foals born on or before April 14. The mare and foal are owned by William Mulligan of New Hope, Pa., and were shown by Lynda Barnhart and Jeri Lightner.

Following the show, there was a drawing from among participants for free breedings to the pacing stallion Red River Hanover, donated by Perretti Farms of Cream Ridge, where the stallion stands and to the trotting stallion Nikki Cole Cole, donated by Two Gaits Farms of Columbus, where that stallion stands at stud. Other prizes drawn were donated by Bohoni Corp./ New Egypt Agway, Moyer & Son, McCauley Bros., Inc., Rick's Saddle Shop in Cream Ridge and Englishtown, Reynolds Hay and Straw, with Buckeye Feed, and Merial.

Judging was done by Dr. Stephen P. Dey II, a prominent New Jersey veterinarian, horseman and owner of Heritage Hill Farm in Allentown. Yearlings were judged on condition, control, handling, movement and conformation. Mares and foals were judged on appearance only. The show was co-ordinated by the SBOANJ Breeders Committee, chaired by Martin O'Hare. It was part of the Festival of Horses sponsored by the N. J. Department of Agriculture. *Photo by Chris Machiz for World Wide Racing Photos*

NJSS TWO-YEAR-OLDS ARE "PERFECT", INCLUDING A 1:50.2 STAKES RECORD

The New Jersey Sire Stakes two-year-old divisions at the Meadowlands concluded with all four winners of \$175,000 finals having perfect records and one new stakes mark. Duneside Perch [Cam's Card Shark], a week after he equaled the New Jersey Sire Stakes record of 1:51.4, shattered the two-year-old pacing standard with a 1:50.2 victory in the championship final. The George Teague Jr. trainee, driven by Ron Pierce, won by two and a quarter lengths for co-owners Teague Inc., and Patrick and Marianne Callahan, racing as Only Money Inc., all of Delaware. *(cover photo by Lisa photo)*

The husband and wife team of driver Andy Miller and trainer Julie Miller captured the NJSS final for two-year-old pacing fillies with Miss Scarlett [Red River Hanover] in 1:54.1 on a racing surface rated good. The margin of victory was only a neck, but improved the filly's record to two wins in two starts for the ownership of Charles, Julie and Francene Nash of Lexington, KY.

On the trotting side, both the colt Deweycheatumnhowe [Muscles Yankee] and the filly Snow White [Self Possessed] improved their records to four-for-four with their victories. Deweycheatumnhowe, trained and driven by Ray Schnittker, won in 1:57 for co-owners Schnittker Stable, Charles Iannazzo, Ted Gewertz and Frank Baldasare of New York. Snow White was driven by John Campbell to a 1:54.4 victory for trainer Kevin Lare, and co-owners Harness The Power and North State Street Stable, both of Delaware.

SBOANJ TALKS TRACK VLTS WITH SENATE CANDIDATES



Both major party candidates for the State Senate in the Freehold area legislative district have told SBOANJ officials recently that they support video lottery terminals (VLTS) at the state racetracks and will work toward that goal. The commitments were made by State Senator Ellen Karcher, an incumbent Democrat, and Assemblywoman Jennifer Beck, the Republican candidate who is challenging her in District 12. The discussions on VLTS and horse industry issues, such as saving horse farms, were at separate meetings at Freehold Raceway in August with SBOANJ President Tom Luchento, executive administrator Leo McNamara and lobbyist Leon Zimmerman, and Freehold GM Don Codey. Both Senate candidates toured the track, met fans and track employees and made a presentation in the winner's circle. These meetings are part of an ongoing effort by the SBOANJ to encourage state lawmakers to support VLTS and help to preserve the racing and breeding industry in NJ. *(World Wide Racing Photos)*



AND SOME TIME WITH THE GOVERNOR

Shown on Page 1, SBOANJ lobbyist Leon Zimmerman had an opportunity recently to meet with Governor Corzine and State Assemblyman Fred Scalera (D), a strong supporter of VLTS at the racetracks whose legislative district includes the Meadowlands. Scalera, co-prime sponsor of legislation to put VLTS at the Meadowlands, also won an exhibition legislators' harness race for charity sponsored by the SBOANJ last year.

NJ STATE LAWMAKERS VISIT PERRETTI FARMS

A State Department of Agriculture farm tour for New Jersey state legislators on July 31 included a visit to the largest standardbred breeding farm in New Jersey, Perretti Farms in Cream Ridge, where 2005 Horse of the Year Rocknroll Hanover now stands as a stallion. The tour also included visits to the Horse Park of New Jersey in Upper Freehold Township, Battleview Orchards in Manalapan Township and Four Seasons Nursery in Millstone Township.

From left to right on pg 1, with Fidencio Cervantes holding the stallion, are: NJ Secretary of Agriculture Charles Kuperus, NJ State Assemblyman Douglas Fisher (D-District 3) of Bridgeton, Assemblywoman Marcia Karrow (R-District 23) of Flemington, Assembly Speaker Joseph Roberts Jr. (D-District 5) of Brooklawn, Assemblyman Ronald Dancer (R-District 30) of Plumsted, and Anthony Perretti. *(cover photo by Ken Weingartner)*

SHIPAC SEEKING DONATIONS FOR LEGISLATIVE CAMPAIGNS

With a critical legislative election on November 6, the Standardbred Horse Industry Political Action Committee (SHIPAC) is seeking contributions from horsepeople who race in New Jersey.

The goal is to gather funds for SHIPAC to make campaign contributions this fall to key legislative candidates who will support the racing and breeding industry's need to compete with neighboring states that have slot machines or video lottery terminals at their racetracks.

All 120 seats in the State Legislature up for election this year, 40 in the State Senate and 80 in the State Assembly. Please send a check payable to SHIPAC and mail to 28 West State Street, Suite 702, Trenton, NJ 08608. Contributions are not tax deductible.

SPICE QUEEN WINS HELEN SMITH TROT

Spice Queen, a daughter of Yankee Glide, extended her winning streak to six, capturing the \$85,000 Helen Smith Memorial Trot for NJ-sired three-year-old trotting fillies in 1:57.4 on August 17 at Freehold Raceway. Brian Sears drove the filly for trainer Erv Miller and owners Norman Smiley of Florida and Gerald Smiley of Quebec to the wire-to-wire victory. The race was developed and sponsored by the SBOANJ. *(cover photo by World Wide Racing Photos)*

CANDIDATES MUST FILE BY SEPT. 10 FOR SEVEN SBOANJ BOARD SEATS

Candidates for seven seats on the Board of Directors of the Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of New Jersey must file by September 10 to be eligible to run in this year's elections.

There will be elections for seven full three-year terms (three in the breeder category and four in the owner category). Balloting in this election will conclude October 25 at the annual SBOANJ membership meeting. There are no open seats in the trainer-driver category.

The following incumbent directors are up for election this year: breeders Thomas A. D'Altrui, Alfred B. Ochsner and Taylor Palmer Jr. and owners Robert Baggitt Sr., Dennis Lane, Anthony J. Parenti and Anthony Romano. 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.

ANNUAL SBOANJ & USTA MEETINGS

The annual USTA District 12 and SBOANJ general membership meetings are scheduled for Thursday, October 25, at Freehold Raceway. The USTA meeting will begin at 11 AM, followed by lunch, live racing including the New Jersey Futurity for three-year-old trotters and the SBOANJ meeting.

Buying a Yearling? Go to SEMINAR AND SALE...

The SBOANJ is sponsoring a special owners seminar highlighting yearling pedigree and conformation on Saturday, September 8 in conjunction with the NJ Classic Yearling Sale on September 9, both at the Horse Park of New Jersey in Upper Freehold Township. Registration is required for the 12 noon to 3 PM seminar. Admission is free. Topics will include costs, risks and rewards, pedigree, conformation and trainer selection. To register, please call 1-866-417-4644 or email newowners@sboanj.com. A total of 235 yearlings sired by 58 different stallions are listed to go through the auction ring beginning at 11 AM on Sunday. The Horse Park is located off Route 524 in Upper Freehold Township, a short distance from Exit 11 of Interstate Route 195.

RECORD WAGERING ON 2007 HAMBO

Fueled by record overseas wagering, the 2007 Hambletonian Day card produced a total handle of \$8,219,779, the third highest in harness racing history. The figure represented a 1.5 percent increase over the 2006 Hambletonian Day handle of \$8,069,924. The all-time high of \$9,015,019 was set in 2005. The total handle on the \$1.5 million Hambletonian race itself, won by Donato Hanover, was \$1,622,786, the most money ever bet on a single harness race. Last year, it was \$1.28 million. (cover photo Lisa Photo)

CONDOLENCES & SYMPATHY TO FAMILY & FRIENDS OF...

David T. Molski, prominent standardbred horse owner and breeder in Cream Ridge, died July 20, at the age of 62; owner of Dreamland Farm with his wife Clara; member of the SBOANJ and USTA; Among racehorses he owned is the homebred filly Kisskissbangbang (Artsplace), p, 3, 1:57f, who was second in the 2006 Lou Babic Memorial Filly Pace at two, and N. J. Sire Stakes placed with career earnings to date of \$142,693; also bred the Artiscape colt Livestrong, p, 3, 1:50.4 (\$385,251).

Leon "Pat" DiNicola of Naples, FL, and formerly of New Jersey, died July 15 at the age of 85; father of Betty DiNicola, bookkeeper for the SBOANJ; decorated World War II veteran and former gymnast and judge of gymnastics who pioneered the sport nationally, judging the first World Cup of Gymnastics and collegiate gymnastics; inducted into the Frank J. Cumiskey Gymnastics Judging Hall of Fame in 1988; once owned The Barrel restaurant in East Rutheford, near the Meadowlands Racetrack, which was frequented by many horsepeople; expert wood carver of birds and illustrator for the book, "Songbird Carving for Beginners"; survived by his wife Sandra, six children, 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Don D'Andrea, long-time close friend, assistant and mentor to former Meadowlands Race Secretary Joe DeFrank and to Freehold Race Secretary Pete Koch at Batavia Downs, where both previously served as race secretaries, died July 16 at the age 79 in Holley, NY. One of the best known and most popular race secretaries in harness racing, he is survived by his wife Joann and sons James and David and a grandson, Nathan.

NJ Harness Calendar 2007

September

1	NJSS 2FP, Freehold Raceway	14	\$85,000 NJSS 3CT Final, NJSS 3FP,
3	\$350,000 Cane Pace, \$150,000 Battle of Freehold,	14	NJSS Green Acres 3 CP, Freehold
3	\$150,000 Shady Daisy,	15	NJSS 3CP & 2CP, Freehold
3	NJSS Green Acres 3CP, Freehold Raceway	17	SBOANJ Board of Directors
5	\$85,000 NJSS 2CT Final, NJSS Green Acres 2CT, Freehold	18	\$80,000 H. R. Dancer Filly Trot Final, NJSS Green Acres 3FT, Freehold
6	NJSS 3FT, Freehold	19	\$100,000 H.R. Dancer Open Trot, NJSS 3CT, Freehold
7	NJSS Green Acres 2CP, Freehold	20	\$35,000 NJSS Green Acres 3FP Final, NJSS Green Acres 2FP, Freehold
8	\$85,000 NJSS 2FP Final Freehold	21	\$35,000 NJSS Green Acres 3CP Final. NJSS 3FP, Freehold
8	SBOANJ New Owners Seminar, NJ Horse Park, Upper Freehold Twp.	22	\$85,000 NJSS 2CP Final, NJSS 3 CP, Freehold
9	NJ Classic Yearling Sale, NJ Horse Park, Upper Freehold Twp.	25	\$85,000 NJSS 2FT Final, NJSS Green Acres, 3FT Freehold
11	NJSS Board of Trustees, NJSS Green Acres 3FT,	26	\$35,000 NJSS 2CT Final, NJSS Green Acres 2 FT Freehold
11	H. R. Dancer Filly Trot Elims., Freehold	27	\$35,000 NJSS Green Acres 2FP, NJSS Green Acres 3CT, Freehold
12	H. R. Dancer Trot Elims., NJSS Green Acres 3 CT, Freehold	27-28	Annual State Conference on Compulsive Gambling, Oyster Pt. Hotel, Red Bank
13	\$85,000 NJSS 3FT Final,	28	NJSS Green Acres 2 CP, Freehold
13	NJSS Green Acres 2FP & 3FP, Freehold	29	NJ Futurity 3P, Freehold

October

3	NJSS Green Acres 3FT, Freehold	13	\$85,000 NJSS 3FP Final
4	\$35,000 NJSS Green Acres 3CT Final, Freehold	13	Babic Open Pace Elims., Freehold
5	\$35,000 NJSS Green Acres 3CP Final, Freehold	17	NJ Futurity 2T, Freehold
6	NJSS 3FP, Freehold	19	\$110,000 C. I. Smith Trot Final, Freehold
8	\$35,000 NJSS Green Acres 2FT Final, Freehold	20	\$140,000 Babic Open Final, \$75,000 Babic Filly Final, NJSS 3CP,Freehold
10	\$35,000 NJSS Green Acres 3FT Final, Freehold	25	USTA District 12 & SBOANJ Annual Meetings, NJ Futurity 3T, Freehold
10	NJ Racing Commission, Meadowlands	26	NJ Futurity 2P, Freehold
12	C.I. Smith Trot Elims., Babic Filly Pace Elims., Freehold	27	\$85,000 NJSS 3CP Final, Freehold
13	\$275,000 James B. Dancer Memorial Pace,		

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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18	19	20	21K	22	23K	24K
25	26	27	28K	29K	30K	

DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4K	5K	6K	7K	8K
9	10	11	12K	13K	14K	15K
16	17	18	19K	20K	21K	22K
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