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Racing's continuing conundrum

Making positive change that benefits both bettors and horsepeople is a tricky business.

by **Brett Sturman**



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WITH **BRETT STURMAN**

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Last week on Facebook, the Tetrick Racing fan page posed a question to the racing community in the form of a New Year's resolution: What changes would you like to see implemented in harness racing? As of press time, the question had elicited an incredible number of nearly 300 responses.

After reading through them all, one thing that I took from the collective comments is that man, do people really hate post drags. The other, is that a noticeable number of responses continued to point out the disconnect between horsepeople (owners, trainers and drivers) and wagering interest in the sport.

In a column last year, I talked about what is a reasonable balance when it comes to bettors expecting drivers out to drive a horse fairly each race, and drivers in part needing to look after the well-being of their horse. What's now even more apparent is some of the things horsepeople would like to implement would, unintentionally, be a detriment to the sport from a betting standpoint.

One suggestion that was made a number of times was the idea of paying out purse money to every horse in a race, instead of paying the traditional one-through-five placings.



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Nominations close Thursday, February 15, 2018. Eligibility determined through and including December 31, 2017.

Event 50 – Pace – Horse & Geldings
“WHATA BARON”
 N/W of 6 Extended P.M. Races
 or N/W of \$125,000 in 2017

Leg 1: Saturday, April 7..... \$ 15,000
 Leg 2: Saturday, April 14..... \$ 17,500
 Final: Saturday, April 21..... \$ 50,000e
 (\$ 40,000a)

Nominating Fee \$500

Event 51 – Pace – Fillies & Mares
“BURNING POINT”
 N/W of 6 Extended P.M. Races
 or N/W of \$125,000 in 2017

Leg 1: Saturday, April 7..... \$ 15,000
 Leg 2: Saturday, April 14..... \$ 17,500
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 (\$ 40,000a)

Nominating Fee \$500

Event 52 – Trot
“SHIAWAY ST PAT”
 N/W of 6(F&M 8) Extended P.M. or
 N/W of \$125,000(F&M \$150,000) in 2017

Leg 1: Friday, April 6..... \$ 15,000
 Leg 2: Friday, April 13..... \$ 17,500
 Final: Friday, April 20..... \$ 50,000e
 (\$ 40,000a)

Nominating Fee \$500

Nominations close Thursday, March 15, 2018. Eligibility determined through and including March 15, 2018.

Event 53 – Pace – 3YO Colts & Geldings
“ESCORT”
 N/W of 2 Extended P.M. Races Lifetime
 or \$25,000 Lifetime W/O \$75,000
 Lifetime Ineligible

(State Bred Wins for \$10,000 or Less First Money Not Considered on Wins)

Leg 1: Saturday, May 12..... \$ 12,500
 Leg 2: Saturday, May 19..... \$ 12,500
 Final: Saturday, May 26..... \$ 45,000e
 (\$ 30,000a)

Nominating Fee \$500

Event 54 – Pace – 3YO Fillies
“RAINBOW BLUE”
 N/W of 2 Extended P.M. Races Lifetime
 or \$25,000 Lifetime W/O \$75,000
 Lifetime Ineligible

(State Bred Wins for \$10,000 or Less First Money Not Considered on Wins)

Leg 1: Saturday, May 12..... \$ 12,500
 Leg 2: Saturday, May 19..... \$ 12,500
 Final: Saturday, May 26..... \$ 45,000e
 (\$ 30,000a)

Nominating Fee \$500

Event 55 – Trot – 3YO Colts & Geldings
“MUSCLE HILL”
 N/W of 2 Extended P.M. Races Lifetime or
 \$25,000 Lifetime W/O \$75,000 Lifetime Ineligible

(State Bred Wins for \$10,000 or Less First Money Not Considered on Wins)

Leg 1: Friday, May 11..... \$ 12,500
 Leg 2: Friday, May 18..... \$ 12,500
 Final: Saturday, May 26..... \$ 45,000e
 (\$ 30,000a)

Nominating Fee \$500

Event 56 – Trot – 3YO Fillies
“BROADWAY SCHOONER”
 N/W of 2 Extended P.M. Races Lifetime or
 \$25,000 Lifetime W/O \$75,000 Lifetime Ineligible

(State Bred Wins for \$10,000 or Less First Money Not Considered on Wins)

Leg 1: Friday, May 11..... \$ 12,500
 Leg 2: Friday, May 18..... \$ 12,500
 Final: Saturday, May 26..... \$ 45,000e
 (\$ 30,000a)

Nominating Fee \$500

Event #	Name of Horse <i>(If Changed, Give Original Name Also)</i>	Age	Sex	Gait	Sire	Dam

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The appeal of the suggestion is obvious. Who wants to pay to ship a horse all over, race in freezing cold weather and then come home empty handed? But the problem is that paying out to every horse in a race would only worsen the racing product. For those who think racing is boring as it already is, it wouldn't get any better if every horse is guaranteed at least some type of check for doing nothing.

As someone whose father owned a few dozen horses for a number of years, I understand what a small-time owner goes through sometimes and how receiving money for starting a horse in an overnight race may pay for at least something, but it's not the way to go.

If we're being honest, everyone knows that because of slots almost everywhere in the country races are going for far more money than they ever would dream of without slots. Everyone wants a piece of that pie, but horses should have to compete to earn checks and should be in the business of winning races; not being paid to show up. It's the only thing that will help make racing a better product and a product that people want to bet on. Giving away free money won't help that.

There's certainly changes that can be made, but those changes should benefit both horsemen and at the same time

increase the amount of money bet into the races.

For example, let's stay with the purse structure example. Instead of paying out to every horse, what if the driver and trainer commissions were adjusted? Currently at five per cent of purse earnings for driver and trainer each, wouldn't doubling this commission to 10 per cent each incentivize drivers to be more aggressive and for trainers to be more aggressive as to where they enter their horses?

Five per cent may be enough for all the top drivers, but for many drivers who don't drive for the highest purses, finishing fifth in a \$5,000 race only yields a driver a little over \$12. Ten per cent to the jockey and 10 per cent to trainer is what the scale looks like in thoroughbred racing, and those races are more hotly contested than your average harness race. A change such as that would benefit both drivers and trainers and while owners would take a slight cut, the overall product would be improved as there is an increased incentive to finish in a top spot.

In another instance, this past stakes season a trainer decried a track's decision to contest one stake with 11 horses instead of two separate eliminations of six horses and five horses, which would have ensured nearly everyone went home with a check. It makes complete sense from an owner's

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or trainer's standpoint. After all, who wouldn't love to compete in four- and five-horse fields for guaranteed stakes money, which happened numerous times throughout this past year?

But from a betting standpoint and product standpoint, it's the 11-horse field that would have created a far more entertaining and bet-able race. There is no wrong side in this example either; it just goes to show the different mentalities.

The question becomes, which mentality should prevail? If you believe harness racing is first and foremost a gambling game, then you would say that rules should be put in place that take into account its appeal to the public. But if you look at the recent USTA industry report where handle was down in 2017 yet purses were up, you could basically say, 'Who cares about the public?' Where there used to be a completely obvious correlation between handle and purse, handle dollars have largely been replaced by slot dollars.

Albeit diminished and not as necessary as it once was, the wagering aspect of harness racing still exists and it needs to be realized by all participants in the sport. Horsepeople may

have the upper hand now, but there may come a day when slots go away and the product will have to stand on its own by people still being around to bet into it.

The good thing is that of nearly all the suggestions on the Tetrack Racing fan page from those in the sport and enthusiasts of the sport, they can be implemented in a way so that horsepeople benefit and the product as a whole benefits.

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Propulsion (shown at the 2017 Elitlopp at Solvalla) has qualified for the Prix d'Amérique with a victory on New Year's Eve in the Prix de Bourgogne in Paris.



Propulsion wins Prix de Bourgogne, qualifies for Prix d'Amérique

by Thomas Hedlund

American-bred Propulsion has qualified for the Prix d'Amérique with a victory on New Year's Eve in the Prix de Bourgogne in Paris.

The 1.3-mile race featuring a starting gate suited the 6-year-old son of Muscle Hill perfectly and driver Örjan Kihlström was determined to hit the gas when the car left the field of 15 horses.

Propulsion was sent to the lead and despite the tough pace he was strong to the finish.

Bold Eagle was served a trip behind horses and Franck Nivard picked up the serious hunt for the leader with a little more than a quarter to go. But Propulsion had too big a lead and he sprinted to a comfortable win in a 1:53.2 (mile rate).

It was the first victory in Paris for Propulsion. The Daniel Redén trainee qualified for the 2017 Prix d'Amérique, but problems with sickness made the horse unable to reach the peak form a year ago.

"This was really nice, especially for the horse who has shown so many times that he is something extra," Redén said after the race. "I know that he's not in 100 per cent in shape for the moment, but now we can let him race the Prix de Belgique (two weeks before the Prix d'Amérique) without chasing the ticket for the big race."

Bold Eagle showed that he is in great shape when he took second place and last year's Prix d'Amérique contender Briac Dark saved his entry even this year as bronze medalist.

Replay of Prix de Bourgogne

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Franck Nivard topped all European drivers in 2017 with earnings of just shy of \$10 million.

Bazire refuses to retreat

Jean-Michel Bazire has dominated the French harness racing circuit since the end of the last century and 2017 was no exception.

Bazire had 231 victories in the sulky for the year, 31 more than his next closest opponent, Franck Nivard, who was more active in the sulky.

In fact, Nivard's \$9,992,995 in earnings was tops in both France and all of Europe in 2017.

Some drivers in France are even diligent jockeys in the monté discipline. Racing under saddle is a common element all over the country and when we take a look at the list of performers who appears in both disciplines, Eric Raffin is the most successful actor on the stage. His 189 sulky victories feature 47 earned under saddle, which made him winningest monté jockey in France in 2017.

The top 3 drivers in France 2017:

Driver	Starts	Wins	Earnings in dollars
Jean-Michel Bazire	923	231	\$7,467,646
Franck Nivard	1,337	200	\$9,922,995
Eric Raffin	1,314	189	\$7,739,356

Driver champions in Europe 2017:

Country: Driver	Wins
Austria: Hubert Brandstätter Jr.	73
Belgium: Rik Depuydt	83
Denmark: Steen Juul	147
France: Jean-Michel Bazire	231
Finland: Mika Forss	278
Germany: Michael Nimczyk	178
Italy: Enrico Bellei	343
Netherlands: Rick Ebbinge	83
Norway: Eirik Höitomt	249
Spain: Miguel Mestre	121
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-\$500,000 Final in 2018-

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SUPPLEMENTAL NOMINATION: \$10,000

Colts & Geldings only.

To race Saturday, October 27, at The Downs at

Mohegan Sun Pocono, Wilkes-Barre, PA.

Elimination heats, if necessary, will be raced Saturday, October 20

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-\$500-

Open. To race Friday, November 2 at Hoosier Park

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Entrance Fee - \$2,000

CIRCLE CITY

-\$75,000 Est. in 2018-

-\$300-

Colts & Geldings only. To race Friday, October 26 at Hoosier Park

2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$300

Entrance Fee - \$300

CURRIER & IVES No. 44

\$118,427 in 2017

-\$300-

Open. To race Wednesday, June 6 at The Meadows

Entrance Fee - \$1,500/1,000 if split

DEXTER CUP STAKES 2018

\$191,737 in 2017

-\$800-

Open. To race Saturday, May 5 at Freehold Raceway

Elimination races, if necessary, will race Saturday, April 28

Entrance Fee - \$3,000

HAMBLETONIAN No. 93 A Triple Crown Event*

\$1,000,000 Guaranteed

-\$2,000-

Open. To race Saturday afternoon, August 4 at The Meadowlands

Elimination races, if necessary, will race Saturday, August 4

Entrance Fee - \$15,000. Refer to footnote.

HORSEMAN No. 109

\$32,154 in 2017

-\$300-

To race Wednesday, August 8 at Indiana State Fair

Entrance Fee - \$600

KEYSTONE CLASSICS 2018

\$71,700 in 2017

-\$200-

Pennsylvania-Sired Early Closing Event for 3-Year-Old Colt and

Gelding Trotters

To race Monday, September 24 at The Meadows

2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$400

Entrance Fee - \$400

LANDMARK STAKE EARLY CLOSER

\$17,747 in 2017

-\$150-

To race Friday, June 29 at Goshen Historic Track

2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$250

Entrance Fee - \$500

LIBERTY BELL 2018

-\$75,000 Est. in 2018-

-\$200-

Pennsylvania-Sired Early Closing Event for 3-Year-Old Colt and

Gelding Trotters

To race Sunday, September 9 at Harrah's Philadelphia

2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$400

Entrance Fee - \$400

MATRON SERIES 2018

\$201,900 in 2017

-\$500-

Colts & Geldings only. To be raced Thursday, November 15 at Dover Downs

Top 8 format

2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$ 600 3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$750

Entrance Fee - \$1,500

PEGASUS SERIES

-\$50,000 Est. in 2018-

-\$300-

To race Friday, October 19 at Hoosier Park

2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$300

Entrance Fee - \$300

W.N. REYNOLDS MEMORIAL EARLY CLOSER

\$49,580 in 2017

-\$300-

To race Saturday, July 28 at The Meadowlands

2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$300

Entrance Fee - \$500

JOHN SIMPSON MEMORIAL EARLY CLOSER (Scott Frost)

\$120,000 in 2017

-\$200-

Colts & Geldings only. To race Monday, October 8 at Harrah's

Philadelphia

2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$400

Entrance Fee - \$400

TOMPKINS-GEERS EARLY CLOSER

\$59,380 in 2017

-\$300-

Colts & Geldings only. To race Saturday, July 21 at The Meadowlands

2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$300

Entrance Fee - \$500

YONKERS TROT 2018 A Triple Crown Event

\$500,000 Guaranteed

-\$1,000-

SUPPLEMENTAL NOMINATION: \$6,000

Open. To race Saturday, September 1 at Yonkers Raceway

Elimination races, if necessary, will be raced Saturday, August 25

Entrance Fee - \$5,000 (Initial)

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horses eligible to these top events.



3-YEAR-OLD TROTTING FILLIES (FILLY DIVISION)

ARDEN DOWNS No. 61

\$57,356 in 2018

-\$250-

To race Saturday, July 28 at The Meadows

Entrance Fee - \$400

BREEDERS CROWN No. 31

-\$500,000 Final in 2018-

-\$600- (all payments in U.S. funds)

SUPPLEMENTAL NOMINATION: \$10,000

To race Saturday, October 27, at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono, Wilkes-Barre, PA.

Elimination heats, if necessary, will be raced Saturday, October 20

(A March 15, 2017 \$500 2YO payment was necessary to remain eligible.)

2nd Sustaining Fee - March 15: \$800 3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$900

Entrance Fee - \$7,500

CIRCLE CITY

-\$75,000 Est. in 2018-

-\$300-

To race Friday, October 26 at Hoosier Park

2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$300

Entrance Fee - \$300

CURRIER & IVES No. 44

Filly Division - \$72,000 in 2017

-\$200-

To race Tuesday, June 5 at The Meadows

Entrance Fee - \$750/\$500 if split

DEXTER CUP STAKES 2018

Lady Suffolk - \$73,700 in 2017

-\$400-

To race Saturday, May 5 at Freehold Raceway

Entrance Fee - \$1,000

HAMBLETONIAN No. 93*

Hambletonian Oaks -- \$500,000 Guaranteed

-\$1,000-

To race Saturday afternoon, August 4 at The Meadowlands

Elimination races, if necessary, will race Saturday, July 28

Entrance Fee - \$7,500. Refer to footnote.

HORSEMAN No. 109

\$31,021 in 2017

-\$250-

To race Wednesday, August 8 at the Indiana State Fair

Entrance Fee - \$600

KEYSTONE CLASSICS 2018

\$91,298 in 2017

-\$200-

Pennsylvania-Sired Early Closing Event for 3-Year-Old Filly Trotters

To race Tuesday, September 25 at The Meadows

2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$400

Entrance Fee - \$400

LANDMARK STAKE EARLY CLOSER

\$10,940 in 2017

-\$75-

To race Friday, June 29 at Goshen Historic Track

2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$125

Entrance Fee - \$250

LIBERTY BELL 2018

-\$75,000 Est. in 2018-

-\$200-

Pennsylvania-Sired Early Closing Event for 3-Year-Old Filly Trotters

To race Wednesday, September 12 at Harrah's Philadelphia

2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$400

Entrance Fee - \$400

MATRON SERIES 2018

\$186,600 in 2017

-\$500-

To be raced Thursday, November 15 at Dover Downs

Top 8 format

2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$ 600 3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$750

Entrance Fee - \$1,500

PEGASUS SERIES

-\$50,000 Est. in 2018-

-\$300-

To race Friday, October 19 at Hoosier Park

2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$300

Entrance Fee - \$300

W.N. REYNOLDS MEMORIAL EARLY CLOSER (Mary Reynolds)

\$41,880 in 2017

-\$300-

To race Saturday, July 7 at The Meadowlands

2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$300

Entrance Fee - \$500

JOHN SIMPSON MEMORIAL EARLY CLOSER

\$120,000 in 2017

-\$200-

To race Wednesday, October 10 at Harrah's Philadelphia

2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$400

Entrance Fee - \$400

2018 THE CROSSROADS OF AMERICA

Early Closer For 3-year-old Filly Trotters

-\$100,000 Est. in 2018-

-\$500-

Open. To race Friday, November 2 at Hoosier Park

2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$1,000

Entrance Fee - \$1,000

TOMPKINS-GEERS EARLY CLOSER

\$49,870 in 2017

-\$300-

To race Saturday, July 21 at The Meadowlands

2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$300

Entrance Fee - \$500

YONKERS TROT 2018

Hudson Filly Trot - \$119,010 in 2017

-\$500-

SUPPLEMENTAL NOMINATION: \$3,000

To race Saturday, September 1 at Yonkers Raceway

Elimination races, if necessary, will be raced Saturday, August 25

Entrance Fee - \$2,500 (Initial)

NOTE: In accordance with the conditions and with the intention of making fields of equal caliber, the eliminations, if necessary, of the HAMBLETONIAN* OPEN and the OAKS will be seeded by the following procedure:

1. Horses will be sorted in the order of total money earnings based on the following formula: Total career money earnings will be considered—but monies accumulated through the date of declaration during their 3-year-old year and in their last six starts would be weighted twice as much as the monies earned during the 2-year-old season. For example, if a horse earned \$100,000 as a 2-year-old and \$200,000 as a 3-year-old and \$150,000 in his last six starts, his assigned value would be \$800,000 ($(\$100,000 + (2 \times \$200,000) + (2 \times \$150,000)) = \$800,000$). These earnings would be based on USTA official money earnings at the time of declaration.
2. Horses will be assigned a rank (group) based on the above formula and the number of elimination heats. For example: If there are 18 horses, there will be two elimination divisions. The horses with the highest and the second highest money earnings as calculated above will be assigned rank No. 1; horses three and four would be assigned rank No. 2; horses five and six would be assigned rank No. 3; down to horses 17 and 18 who would be assigned rank No. 9. Beginning with the first rank, at least half the field of each elimination division (five of nine horses in this example) will be determined by randomly sorting the horses of each group into a separate division. The remainder of the divisions will be determined by lot.
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THE DELVIN MILLER ADIOS No. 52

\$450,000 in 2017
-\$600-

Open. To race Saturday afternoon, July 28 at The Meadows
Eliminations, if necessary, to race Saturday, July 21
Entrance Fee - \$5,000

BREEDERS CROWN No. 31

-\$500,000 Final in 2018-
-\$600- (all payments in U.S. funds)

SUPPLEMENTAL NOMINATION: \$10,000

Colts & Geldings only.

To race Saturday, October 27, at The Downs at
Mohegan Sun Pocono, Wilkes-Barre, PA.

Elimination heats, if necessary, will be raced Saturday, October 20
(A March 15, 2017 \$500 2YO payment was necessary to remain eligible.)
2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$800 3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$900

CANE PACE 2018 A Triple Crown Event

\$334,325 in 2017
-\$800-

Colts & Geldings only. To race Saturday, August 4, at the Meadowlands
Top 12 money earners (including supplemental entries) in 2018
Entrance Fee - \$5,000

CIRCLE CITY

-\$75,000 Est. in 2018-
-\$300-

Colts & Geldings only. To race Friday, October 26 at Hoosier Park
2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$300
Entrance Fee - \$300

HORSEMAN No. 109

\$34,134 in 2017
-\$300-

To race Wednesday, August 8 at the Indiana State Fair
Entrance Fee - \$600

2018 THE JENNA'S BEACH BOY

Early Closer For 3-year-old Colt and Gelding Pacers

-\$160,000 Est. in 2018-
-\$500-

To race Friday, September 21 at Hoosier Park
2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$1,000
3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$1,000
Entrance Fee - \$2,000

KEYSTONE CLASSICS 2018

\$86,900 in 2017
-\$200-

Pennsylvania-Sired Early Closing Event for 3-Year-Old Colt & Gelding
Pacers.

To race Saturday, September 22 at The Meadows
2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$400
Entrance Fee - \$400

LANDMARK STAKE EARLY CLOSER

\$14,447 in 2017
-\$150-

To race Friday, June 29 at Goshen Historic Track
2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$250
Entrance Fee - \$500

LIBERTY BELL 2018

-\$75,000 Est. in 2018-
-\$200-

Pennsylvania-Sired Early Closing Event for 3-Year-Old Colt and
Gelding Pacers

To race Sunday, September 9 at Harrah's Philadelphia
2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$400
Entrance Fee - \$400

MATRON SERIES 2018

\$210,000 in 2017
-\$500-

Colts & Geldings only. To be raced Thursday, November 15 at Dover Downs
Top 8 format
2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$600 3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$750
Entrance Fee - \$1,500

MESSENGER STAKES 2018 A Triple Crown Event

\$500,000 Guaranteed
-\$1,000-

SUPPLEMENTAL NOMINATION: \$6,000

Open. To race Saturday, September 1 at Yonkers Raceway
Elimination races, if necessary, to race Saturday, August 25
Entrance Fee - \$5,000 (initial)

MONUMENT CIRCLE

-\$240,000 Est. in 2018-
-\$500-

Colts & Geldings only. To race Friday, November 2 at Hoosier Park
2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$1,000 3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$1,000
Entrance Fee - \$2,000

PEGASUS SERIES

-\$50,000 Est. in 2018-
-\$300-

To race Friday, October 19 at Hoosier Park
2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$300
Entrance Fee - \$300

PROGRESS PACE 2018

\$343,060 in 2017
-\$700-

SUPPLEMENTAL NOMINATION: \$3,000

Open for 3-year-old pacers. To race Thursday, November 29 at Dover Downs
Elimination races, if necessary, to race Wednesday, November 21
Entrance Fee - \$3,000

W.N. REYNOLDS MEMORIAL EARLY CLOSER (Tar Heel)

-\$50,000 Est. in 2018-
-\$300-

To race Saturday, May 12 at Yonkers Raceway
2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$300
Entrance Fee - \$500

ART ROONEY PACE 2018

\$340,000 in 2017
-\$1,000-

SUPPLEMENTAL NOMINATION: \$6,000

Open. To race Saturday, May 26 at Yonkers Raceway
Eliminations, if necessary, to race Saturday, May 19
Entrance Fee - \$5,000 (initial)

JOHN SIMPSON MEMORIAL EARLY CLOSER

\$120,000 in 2017
-\$200-

Colts & Geldings only. To race Monday, October 8
at Harrah's Philadelphia
2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$400
Entrance Fee - \$400

TOMPKINS-GEERS EARLY CLOSER

\$68,370 in 2017
-\$300-

To race Friday, June 29 at Tioga Downs
2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$300
Entrance Fee - \$500

FEBRUARY 15

horses eligible to these top events.



3-YEAR-OLD PACING FILLIES (FILLY DIVISION)

THE DELVIN MILLER ADIOS No. 52

The Adioo Volo - \$125,950 in 2017
-\$300-
To race Saturday afternoon, July 28 at The Meadows
Entrance Fee - \$1,000

BREEDERS CROWN No. 31

-\$500,000 Final in 2018-
-\$600- (all payments in U.S. funds)
SUPPLEMENTAL NOMINATION: \$10,000
To race Saturday, October 27, at The Downs at
Mohegan Sun Pocono, Wilkes-Barre, PA.
Elimination heats, if necessary, will be raced Saturday, October 20
(A March 15, 2017 \$500 2YO payment was necessary to remain eligible.)
2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$800 3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$900
Entrance Fee - \$7,500

CANE PACE 2018

Shady Daisy - \$113,950 in 2017
-\$400-
To race Saturday, August 4, at The Meadowlands
Entrance Fee - \$2,000

CIRCLE CITY

-\$75,000 Est. in 2018-
-\$300-
To race Friday, October 26 at Hoosier Park
2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$300
Entrance Fee - \$300

COURAGEOUS LADY FILLY PACE

Early Closer in 2018
\$125,000 Est.
-\$500-
To race Saturday, October 13 at Northfield Park
2nd sustaining fee, March 15: \$1,000
Entrance Fee - \$1,500
SUPPLEMENTAL NOMINATION, May 15: \$3,500

HORSEMAN No. 109

\$26,374 in 2017
-\$250-
To race Wednesday, August 8 at the Indiana State Fair
Entrance Fee - \$600

KEYSTONE CLASSICS 2018

\$68,300 in 2017
-\$200-
Pennsylvania-Sired Early Closing Event For 3-Year-Old Filly Pacers
To race Saturday, September 29 at The Meadows
2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$400
Entrance Fee - \$400

LANDMARK STAKE EARLY CLOSER

\$8,990 in 2017
-\$75-
To race Friday, June 29 at Goshen Historic Track
2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$125
Entrance Fee - \$250

LIBERTY BELL 2018

-\$75,000 Est in 2018-
-\$200-
Pennsylvania-Sired Early Closing Event for 3-Year-Old Filly Pacers
To race Wednesday, September 12 at Harrah's Philadelphia
2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$400
Entrance Fee - \$400

MATRON SERIES 2018

\$182,700 in 2017
-\$500-
To be raced Thursday, November 15 at Dover Downs
Top 8 format
2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$600 3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$750
Entrance Fee - \$1,500

MESSENGER STAKES 2018

Lady Maud - \$133,880 in 2017
-\$500-
SUPPLEMENTAL NOMINATION: \$3,000
To race Saturday, September 1 at Yonkers Raceway
Eliminations, if necessary, to race Saturday, Aug 25
Entrance Fee - \$2,500 (initial)

PEGASUS SERIES

-\$50,000 Est. in 2018-
-\$300-
To race Friday, October 19 at Hoosier Park
2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$300
Entrance Fee - \$300

W.N. REYNOLDS MEMORIAL EARLY CLOSER (Leta Long)

-\$50,000 Est. in 2018-
-\$300-
To race Saturday, May 12 at Yonkers Raceway
2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$300
Entrance Fee - \$500

ART ROONEY PACE 2018

Lismore - \$180,770 in 2017
-\$500-
SUPPLEMENTAL NOMINATION: \$3,000
To race Saturday, May 26 at Yonkers Raceway
Eliminations, if necessary, to race Saturday, May 19
Entrance Fee - \$2,500 (initial)

JOHN SIMPSON MEMORIAL EARLY CLOSER

\$120,000 in 2017
-\$200-
To race Wednesday, October 10 at Harrah's Philadelphia
2nd Sustaining Fee: March 15: \$400
Entrance Fee - \$400

TOMPKINS-GEERS EARLY CLOSER

\$77,380 in 2017
-\$300-
To race Friday, June 29 at Tioga Downs
2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$300
Entrance Fee - \$500

2018 USS INDIANAPOLIS MEMORIAL

Early Closer For 3-year-old Filly Pacers
-\$100,000 Est. in 2018-
-\$500-
Open. To race Friday, November 2 at Hoosier Park
2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$1,000
Entrance Fee - \$1,000

PAYMENTS DUE FEBRUARY 15

One list and one check keeps your horses eligible to these top events.

BREEDERS CROWN & OTHER EVENTS

KENTUCKIANA STALLION MANAGEMENT PACE 2018

2-Year-Old Filly Pace
-\$200,000 Est. in 2018-
To race Friday, September 21 at Hoosier Park

KENTUCKIANA STALLION MANAGEMENT TROT 2018

2-Year-Old Filly Trot -- Open To The World.
-\$240,000 Est. in 2018-
To race Friday, September 21 at Hoosier Park

Nomination Payment: -\$300-

Schedule for Sustaining Payments:

1st Sustaining Payment - \$500 -- due March 15

2nd Sustaining Payment - \$500 -- due April 15

3rd Sustaining Payment - \$1,000 -- due May 15

Entrance Fee - \$1,500

BREEDERS CROWN No. 32

To race Saturday, October 27, at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono, Wilkes-Barre, PA.

Elimination heats, if necessary, will be raced Friday, October 19
Purses for the 2-Year-Old Finals in 2018

\$500,000

Sustaining Fee -\$300-

SUPPLEMENTAL NOMINATION Fee -- \$1,000

Due February 15, 2018

Schedule For Future Payments:

Payment (Sustaining) - \$400 -- due March 15

Payment (Future Eligibility) - \$500 -- due March 15

(This payment must be made to retain 3-year-old eligibility)

Payment - \$500 -- due April 15

Payment - \$600 -- due May 15

Entrance Fee - \$5,000

2018 BATTLE OF LAKE ERIE

-\$200,000 Est. in 2018-

-\$1,000-

To race Saturday, June 2, at Northfield Park

2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$1,500

Entrance Fee - \$2,000

SUPPLEMENTAL NOMINATION Fee -- \$6,000 Due April 15

2018 BREEDERS CROWN TROT No. 30

To race Saturday, October 27, at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono, Wilkes-Barre, PA.

Elimination heats, if necessary, will be raced Saturday, October 20

For 3-Year-Old & Older Trotters

\$500,000 Est.

-\$1,500-

SUPPLEMENTAL NOMINATION Fee -- \$2,000

2nd Sustaining Payment, Due March 15 -- \$1,500

3rd Sustaining Payment, Due April 15 -- \$1,500

Entrance Fee - \$ 10,000

2018 BREEDERS CROWN MARE Pace & Trot No. 30

To race Saturday, October 27, at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono, Wilkes-Barre, PA.

Elimination heats, if necessary, will be raced Friday, October 20

For 3-Year-Old & Older Trotters

\$250,000 Est.

-\$1,000-

SUPPLEMENTAL NOMINATION Fee -- \$1,000

2nd Sustaining Payment, Due March 15 -- \$1,000

Entrance Fee - \$5,000

2018 BREEDERS CROWN PACE No. 30

To race Saturday, October 27, at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono, Wilkes-Barre, PA.

Elimination heats, if necessary, will be raced Saturday, October 20

For 3-Year-Old & Older Pacers

\$400,000 Est.

-\$1,500-

SUPPLEMENTAL NOMINATION Fee -- \$2,000

2nd Sustaining Payment, Due March 15 -- \$1,500

3rd Sustaining Payment, Due April 15 -- \$1,500

Entrance Fee - \$8,000

(for horses that were not nominated as yearlings, or were not nominated or supplemented previously to an older event prior to 2018)

2018 CENTAUR TROTting CLASSIC

For Free For All Trotters

-\$200,000 Est. in 2018-

-\$1,500-

Open. To race Friday, September 21 at Hoosier Park

2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$2,000

Entrance Fee - \$1,500

2018 CLARA BARTON DISTAFF PACE (New in 2018)

For 3-Year-Old and Older Mares

-\$100,000 Est. in 2018-

-\$500-

To race Thursday, July 26 at Plainridge Park Casino

2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$1,000

Entrance Fee - \$1,500

2018 CLEVELAND TROTting CLASSIC

For Free For All Trotters

-\$175,000 Est. in 2018-

-\$1,000-

Open. To race Saturday, June 30 at Northfield Park

2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$1,500

Entrance Fee - \$2,000

Supplemental Nomination, May 15: \$6,000

2018 DAN PATCH

For Free For All Pacers

-\$300,000 Est. in 2018-

-\$1,000-

Open. To race Friday, August 10 at Hoosier Park

2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$2,000

Entrance Fee - \$2,500

DAYTON TROTting AND PACING DERBY

-\$150,000 Est. each in 2018-

Nomination: -\$500-

Open. To race Friday, September 28 at Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway

2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$750 • 3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$1,000

Entrance Fee - \$2,000

HAMBLETONIAN No. 92 MATURITY*

(Open, no Mare division)

\$458,750 in 2017

-\$2,000-

Mares -\$1,500-

SUPPLEMENTAL NOMINATION - \$5,000 plus the

above sustaining payment.

Open. To race Saturday, July 14 at The Meadowlands

Entrance Fee - \$8,000. Refer to footnote.

2018 HOOSIER PARK PACING DERBY

For Free For All Pacers

-\$175,000 Est. in 2018-

-\$1,500-

Open. To race Friday, September 21 at Hoosier Park

2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$2,000

Entrance Fee - \$1,500

2018 MIAMI VALLEY DISTAFF PACE & TROT

-\$100,000 Est. each in 2018-

-\$400-

To race Monday, May 8 at Miami Valley Gaming

2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$600

3rd Sustaining Fee, April 15: \$800

Entrance Fee - \$2,000

2018 SPIRIT OF MASSACHUSETTS

For 3-Year-Old and Older Trotters

-\$250,000 Est. in 2018-

-\$1,000-

To race Thursday, July 26 at Plainridge Park Casino

2nd Sustaining Fee, March 15: \$1,500

Entrance Fee - \$2,500

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Courtesy Dover Downs

Tony Morgan won his 16,000th career race on Wednesday at Dover Downs. He is only the second man in the sport's history to record that many driving victories.

Morgan wins 16,000th race

His milestone victory Wednesday at Dover Downs makes him just the second person in the sport's history to record 16,000 driving wins.

It didn't take Tony Morgan long on Wednesday (Jan. 3) at Dover Downs to become only the second driver in harness history to win 16,000 career races.

The 59-year-old drove Pippy Longstocking to victory in

1:56.1 to win the first race on the card to record win number 15,999. Then Morgan guided Killean Finale home in 1:56.1 in the second race for the memorable 16,000th.

Morgan is second in winning drives in the sport. Only Dave Palone has more. Palone passed the 18,000-win mark early in 2017. German driver Heinz Wewering is third on the list with the late Herve Filion fourth.

— *Marv Bachrad / Dover Downs*

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Brad Duplisea

O'Brien Award finalist Marc Campbell (green and white colors with family in the winner's circle at Red Shores Charlottetown) set a track record for wins in a season with 162 driving victories. His 255 wins in the sulky in Atlantic Canada in 2017 is the second most in the long history of Maritime racing.

No Days Off

Marc Campbell's strong work ethic helped the top Maritime horseman produce a record-breaking year in 2017 that result in an O'Brien Award nomination.

by Melissa Keith

New Year's Day 2018, Red Shores Charlottetown racino is quiet, save for a handful of Gulfstream simulcast bettors and the casino-game faithful. The previous night, Top of the Park restaurant was sold out and spectators saw Marc Campbell register a half-dozen wins to set a single-season record at the landmark track of 162 driving victories. His 255 wins in the sulky in Atlantic Canada in 2017 is the second most in the long history of Maritime racing.

Campbell is one of two 2017 finalists for the O'Brien Award of Horsemanship, facing Rideau-Carleton Raceway trainer/driver Guy Gagnon. The honor is bestowed upon industry participants who excel in more than one area (any combination of driving, training, breeding, and/or ownership), with a level of professionalism reminiscent of award namesake "Gentleman Joe" O'Brien. (A third potential finalist, Travis Cullen, removed himself from the ballot in December after elevated TCO2 results in a horse he trains and drives,

Oh K Man).

The frigid morning after a blazing-hot night in the sulky, Campbell is back to work with his stable of 20. "This is the first time I've had this many horses at this time of the year," he said. "We still have a lot of racehorses, which we don't usually have, and it's great." Assisted by "right-hand man", rising trainer/driver Ryan Deroches, Campbell stays until lunchtime, readying young horses for the coming season.

"We put in half a day, I guess," he said. "We try to get some time off. Tomorrow's supposed to be really, really cold [-20 Celsius/-4 Fahrenheit], so if we don't get out tomorrow, we got them out today."

It's that work ethic that helped win Campbell his first O'Brien Award of Horsemanship in 2012. "Last year [2016] I was nominated, but didn't make the finalists," he said. "I kind of put it in my goals earlier in the year [2017], when I saw the kind of horses we had and all my two-year-olds came back really good."

On numbers alone, Campbell has had a standout season. A 30.8 per cent win percentage, a .442 UDRS rating (second in North America among drivers with 500+ starts), and a .526 UTRS rating (#1 on the continent for trainers with 300-499 starts) document his success, yet don't tell the whole story.



Brad Duplisea

Marc Campbell (lead horse) and Bo Ford training at Red Shores Charlottetown in the winter of 2017. Campbell had a .526 UTRS in 2017 with 131 training victories.

The PEI-based horseman said loyal owners and outstanding horses made the difference in 2017.

“I don’t really go trying to break records or anything like that. We just had a really strong barn, with good young and old horses, a good mixture. If we sold a horse or something like that, there was always another that came right after them that performed just as good or better. When you notice you have these kind of horses, you just try to roll with it, and keep pushing and pushing and pushing.”

Among Campbell’s top performers of the past year are the undefeated Atlantic Sires Stakes champion, three-year-old trotting gelding Pappy Go Go (13 wins; 3, 1:59.1h; \$29,135 US-17); the Maritimes’ fastest-ever two-year-old trotter, Buckaroo (6 wins; 2, 2:00.2h; \$22,542 US-17); Charlottetown track record-setting trotter Freddie (12 wins; 5, 1:56.3h-17; \$11,354 US-17); and a one-two punch in the region’s three-year-old distaff pacing division, Elektra Express (10 wins; p, 3, 1:55.4h; \$49,569 US-17) and Filly Forty-Seven (12 wins; p, 3, 1:55.1h; \$53,944 US-17).

“Rock-solid” aged pacers Eagle Jolt (10 wins; p, 10, 1:56.0; \$12,183 US-17) and Woodmere Articblue (7 wins; p, 5, 1:55.4h; \$ 10,280 US-17), two of Campbell’s New Year’s Eve winners, earn Campbell’s respect for their consistent efforts, as does Atlantic Breeders Crown sophomore male

pacing champion Island Energetic (10 wins; p, 3, 1:55.4h; \$32,320 US-17). “They were all just there – they might have a bad week, but the next week they’d come calling again.”

Campbell, like many Maritime horsemen, has visited Ontario to try his luck. He elected to come back to PEI following a stint working for Anthony MacDonald. “I got banged up a little bit, so we [he and wife Natasha] came home and we got married and had a kid, and three more kids after that one,” he said. With the support of family, plus long-time and new owners sending him quality horses, Campbell finds himself in an enviable spot, but not one he’s geographically committed to forever.

“I don’t know what keeps me here,” he admitted, a few days away from departing for the 2018 North American Drivers’ Challenge at Ohio’s Miami Valley Racetrack. “I like it and I like my owners. I don’t mind a little downtime here and there, but we’ve started getting other horses too. We’ve been going to Harrisburg the last couple of years, and we might test that water at some point [in Pennsylvania].”

Campbell is one of 28 drivers confirmed for the Jan. 7-9 tournament and will attempt to dethrone reigning Challenge champ Doug McNair. He’s pleased to represent the Maritimes on the continental stage, equally happy to further his professional opportunities. “That’s the good thing about

it—you get to meet new people and make connections by going to these places, and maybe open doors. Maybe one day I will go to Ohio or somewhere, you never know.”

Ryan Desroches, Adam Merner, Corey MacPherson, and Gary Chappell will handle driving duties for Campbell's seven trainees on the Jan. 6 card at Charlottetown.

Opportunities have presented themselves for the Winsloe, PEI horseman before, in the form of an ongoing friendship with the Burke family and Gold Cup and Saucer catch-drives for Burke Racing. Not wanting to look too far into the future, Campbell said he's focused on his stable and Maritime regional campaign for 2018: “Right now, this is my home and this is what we're doing.” There are 13 two-year-olds training with him at the moment, one of them Ontario-eligible, one Pennsylvania-eligible, the remainder Maritime-breds. Four are trotters. All make him optimistic for the upcoming stakes season.

The 2017 campaign ended on a flat note for Campbell, as the drive that could have yielded a personal milestone in the year's last Preferred pace instead went bust, thanks to a sulky tire blow-out. A game Rose Run Quest still hung on for place money. “It's kind of funny, the way the night went,” he said. “I really thought that [Rose Run Quest] could win. I'd never got seven [driving wins] in one night before, and I'd love to get that. I've had six three or four times, and then something like that happens. I guess it wasn't meant to be. He still raced really good.”

Campbell, 33, now measures his achievements differently than in the past. He tells HRU that he considers the greatest mark of success to be maintaining his stable's condition and results “from start to finish” of the racing season. Being an O'Brien Award of Horsemanship finalist is also more significant the second time around: “Last time we won an O'Brien, I was a little younger and I kind of thought it all just fell into place. Then you realize, it doesn't matter how good you are—you've got to work hard.”

He has been driving professionally since 2004, and before that, in the PEI Matinee Racetrack Program. His grandfather, Charles MacDonald, and uncles helped him in the beginning. He was later mentored by Charlottetown horsemen Paul MacDonald, Walter Cheverie, and David Rose, before joining Anthony MacDonald's Ontario operations in 2006 to further his skills there. After injuring an ankle, he returned to PEI to work for trainer Earl Watts.

Campbell said he doesn't really aspire to become a full-time catch driver. Developing babies into racehorses remains one of his greatest satisfactions and motivations. “It's kind of been our motto: As long as you work hard and apply yourself, and don't give up — keep pushing forward —

you can succeed in anything you want to do,” he says, advising that young horsepeople can still find or create viable careers in harness racing. “There's days where you say, ‘Frig—it's -20 today, I don't know if I want to take that horse out!’ But I grin and bear it, and do it.”

No days off? Almost, laughs Campbell.

“I'm not a slave-driver. We do take a couple of days off, here and there. It's tougher when you have racehorses and babies. Sometime, if you had all racehorses, you wouldn't have to do much at the barn that day. You'd just go in and feed them, because they all raced yesterday. We have a large number of both, so the days that the babies have off, the racehorses might have to go, so it does make for a long summer and a long year. I'll give the boys a little break here, after we finish racing.”

The Red Shores Charlottetown season concludes with the afternoon races on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018. The 2017 O'Brien Awards are scheduled for that same evening, at the Hilton Mississauga /Meadowvale, Mississauga, ON.

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The right number of vets, favorite books and why pinhooking isn't big in the harness game

by Ron Gurfein

May I start by wishing all my HRU friends a healthy and happy New Year.

Adriano Sorella: asked on Facebook and gave me permission to answer in my column: Over the years I have noticed that some trainers used a multitude of vets to do work on horses in the barn. I understand that certain vets are in certain areas (cities/towns), and some specialize in things others don't. But if you look at the vet work and it's all similar applications, then how many vets would be the average a trainer should use, 1,2,3,4,5 or more? Curious on this, because I have different doctors for my own personal health but really only one family doctor?

Most trainers do more vet work than necessary, which is certainly a product of a fiercely competitive sport. All the young guns are out to get any edge they can and it starts with performance enhancement. They feel if you don't push the envelope you will get lost in the shuffle. The reason vet bills have run out of control is twofold. Trainer laziness "Doc he is sore somewhere. Do what ever it takes to fix him" or the trainers' lack of knowledge, which immediately puts you in the hands of the Philistines.

If a horse is in one place, there is no need for more than one vet and maybe a specialist that does spinal or neck adjustments or acupuncture. Using more vets just becomes an accident waiting to happen. You will always have something done twice that probably was a waste of money in the first place. If you are an owner in a high profile stable, remember the trainer is good at what he or she does. It's the pressure of the game that causes most of these lame decisions. The horse is lame, call Dr Smith and when Dr Smith can't fix it we go to Dr Brown and so it goes until we find the answer or turn the horse out for a while which works more often than not. However, the exception to this

scenario is when a horse goes from track to track and then I can understand using local vets to do the work. This could entail multiple vet bills in a month's time. Vets are like women, it's impossible to live without them, but it's very expensive to live with them.

To all the young trainers out there, don't let ridiculous medical bills ruin your business. A week in the field will cure most of the problems that a \$400 needle will do and at the end of the day your owner will be a lot happier.

Comparing vets to MDs is like apples and oranges. It's just a matter of supply and demand. There are so many more humans than equines needing medical assistance that there has to be specialists. There are nowhere near enough horses to require similar specialties.

Paula Nelson asks: I know from your Facebook posts that you read a lot. What are some books you would recommend and who are your favorite authors?

Yes I do read a lot and have had the same favorite book for about 14 years and I will tell you it's also the favorite of my son and daughter. The name of the novel is Shantaram by Gregory David Roberts. I really think the story is basically true. It is written by and about a bank robber/heroin addict that breaks out of an Australian prison, gets forged papers and ends up in Bombay where he develops a following as a doctor in the slums of the city. It is 1,006 pages of sheer fun that I have read three times since it was released in 2003 and it has a sequel that I will discuss at another time. If you are interested in some up to date fiction I have read about half of the books on the *New York Times* best seller list as of 12/31/17 and these are my favorites of the month: *The Rooster Bar* by John Grisham, *Origin* by Dan Brown, *The People vs. Alex Cross* by James Patterson, *The Midnight Line* by Lee Child and *The Cuban Affair* by Nelson DeMille. As for my favorite authors: Jeffrey Archer, Daniel Silva, David Baldacci, Michael Connelly and Lee Child.

Laura Young asks: I have been researching pinhooking in standardbreds for a few months. It seems that the practice is almost nonexistent in our breed compare to the thoroughbreds where there are pinhooking partnerships and companies. What's your experience in pinhooking in standardbreds – particularly weanlings to yearlings and yearlings to 2-year-olds. Why is it that our industry doesn't participate as much?

For starters, there are 22,500 thoroughbred foals a year and 5,000 standardbreds in the United States, so lots of things happen in the other business that can't happen in ours. They have 2-year-olds in training sales, which gives them a pinhooking outlet we do not. Even when we had 2-year-old in training sales the high end was \$50,000 so in order to profit you were very limited as to what you could spend and any profit was minimal, at best. The

thoroughbreds sold a 2-year-old in training at the Calder sale a few years ago for \$16 million (The Green Monkey) we just don't have anything near to that type situation.

I am not saying that it hasn't been done but numbers severely limit the possibilities. We have maybe 50 weanlings a year go to auction of which five are worth pinhooking and the entire industry knows what you paid. I am not smart enough to pick the one that make a killing. I have a very close friend in Lexington that runs a pinhooking partnership and is very successful buying yearlings from \$40,000 to \$80,000 and selling in the 2-year-old in training sales. You would get butchered trying to do that in our business.

However, I have been successful in the past pinhooking racehorses and reselling them on a far smaller scale. There was a day when there were a lot of horse traders. Today, it's a dying breed because there is so much information available that wasn't 40 years ago. The Internet provides an instant source of information for a buyer or a seller. Years ago, I could buy well-bred green horses at the Old Glory Sale (Yonkers Raceway) and the Harrisburg sale and still have time to enter them in the Delaware Fall sale and make a decent profit. Today, the time frame is too short and all the results are on the Internet five minutes after the horse sells. In those days, you even had time to change the horse's name before you entered him in the sale.

My favorite pinhooking story involved my dear friend and partner "B", the late George Berkner. We were buying and selling a bunch of horses we raced at Monticello and I was at the Lexington mixed sale and Carter Duer told me had the perfect horse for me. He was working for Castleton Farm at the time and he had given a credit for a stakes filly to RD Ricketts, however he bred her for four years and she never had a foal. She had a good record and Carter said she retired perfectly sound. I thanked him and proceeded to the sale ring where I purchased Shelia Lobell for \$1,700. I called "B" right away and said, 'Do you want the good news or the bad news? The good news is we bought a beautiful trotting mare that was perfectly sound for \$1,700. The bad news is she hasn't raced in five years! The PS to the story is we raced her for about a month in New York and sold her for \$50,000. Laura thanks for a very interesting question.

Bill Noesges asks: My thoughts revolve around sizing up a horse in the post parade as well as warming up on the track. Now I live in Oklahoma so my view is limited to the screen I'm looking at not on the track. Could you share your thoughts as to what to look for as the horse warms up as well as red flags to indicate a horse may not be feeling up to giving its best that night?

I appreciate the question but I really don't think you get an honest take from television camera work in the equine industry. I feel it works both ways. A horse can be off and

look great and a horse can be great and look sore. The only way to truly appraise the condition of a horse in the post parade is to be at the track and be up close and personal. I really never learned this till the Meadowlands opened because on the half-mile tracks you rarely used a television to watch horses. When we got to the mile I had a good trotting mare Franconia and after a very good performance I asked John Campbell if she was very rough at times and he said she was perfect, yet I have had horses that to me looked great on TV and the driver said they were awful.

When you watch on television, hope the track vet is smart enough to remove a sore horse from competition and concentrate on your handicapping.

Thanks again to all my HRU readers please keep the questions coming. I am a little behind in my answers, so please be patient.

Next week, Nick Salvi asks: What horse did the most for your career?

Have a question for The Guru? Email him at GurfTrot@aol.com.

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Monticello cancels today's card

Due to the excessive cold and expected wind chill temperatures, Monticello Raceway has cancelled its live racing card for today (Friday, Jan. 5). Monticello also cancelled its Thursday card due to the severe winter weather. Live racing will resume on Monday (Jan. 8) with a 12:20 post.

– Shawn Wiles / Monticello

Burkett, Settlemoir earn President's Awards from USHWA

Positive commentary and industrious promotion of harness racing are the best ways to gain new owners, fans and gamblers as well as retain the ones already engaged in order to keep this industry viable for the next generation. There is no one that does these things more effectively on a daily basis than T.J. Burkett and Jason Settlemoir. As a result, they will each be presented an USHWA President's Award for their contributions to the sport at the 2018 Dan Patch Awards Banquet that will be held at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando, FL on Sunday, Feb. 25.

Burkett is the executive editor of *Hoof Beats Magazine* and has spent more than a decade working on the publication for the U.S. Trotting Association. After joining the USTA in 2007 as associate editor, he became the youngest-ever executive editor of *Hoof Beats* in December of 2010.

Burkett has continued the magazine's long tradition of providing harness racing fans with an insider's view of the sport through in-depth features and profiles. But he has also directed the magazine's focus to promoting the stars of racing, tackling the issues that racing faces and shining a light on those who work hard at every level, but haven't gotten the recognition they deserve.

During his tenure, Burkett has implemented some significant improvements in the monthly publication. Among the biggest was the transition of the annual Stan Bergstein experimental ratings to a modern day formula, the significant growth of the *Hoof Beats* photo contest and introducing the digital format "Hoof Beats Direct" in 2013, making the magazine easily accessible through any handheld device.

Currently, Burkett is supervising a major redesign of *Hoof Beats* that is scheduled to be unveiled in March of 2018. He is also leading the way on a project to digitize the entire historical archive of the magazine with search term capability.

Settlemoir is the COO/GM of New Meadowlands Racetrack and Winners OTW at Bayonne, NJ, and is vice president of



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Meadowlands COO/GM Jason Settlemoir

racing, simulcast and sponsorship for American Racing and Entertainment (Tioga Downs and Vernon Downs).

He is also simulcast director for the Little Brown Jug as well as their second announcer, a vice president of Harness Tracks of America, past president and chairman of the U.S. Harness Writers Association, a Grand Circuit and Little Brown Jug Society Director, a member of the USHWA Hall of Fame Screening Committee, and a director for the United States Trotting Association.

Settlemoir was awarded the 2006 U.S. Harness Writers Association's Lew Barasch Breakthrough Award for his work in opening up Tioga Downs and Vernon Downs and was inducted into the Upstate New York Chapter of USHWA's Hall of Fame in 2011.

Settlemoir has also always been a big part of any community he has lived in and sat on the board of directors for the Tioga County Chamber of Commerce, the Southern Tier Red Cross and the Tioga County United Way, where he was chair for the annual campaign drive, before making his move to The Meadowlands and New Jersey.

"T.J. and Jason were both born and raised in this business and have made it their life's work. Their extensive first-hand experience gives them a unique understanding of harness racing at every level," said Tim Bojarski, president of USHWA.



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Hoof Beats executive editor T.J. Burkett

“They both come to the office each day with a positive attitude towards the sport, its participants and the viability of its future, and they work to try to infuse that into every aspect of their individual responsibilities. As a result, I believe harness racing as a whole is better for their efforts now and will continue to improve in the future under their respective leadership roles.”

– *USHWA*

Meadowlands introducing slate of late-closing series

The Meadowlands Racetrack has announced it is introducing a slate of late-closing series for the 2018 racing season. All of the series are written with two legs and a final.

The first cluster will be raced in April and is for horses of all ages with separate events for pacing horses and mares that were Non Winners of 6 Extended P.M. or Non Winners of \$125,000 in 2017. The trotters will combine the sexes with the condition being for Non Winners of 6 (F&M 8) Extended P.M. or Non Winners of \$125,000 (F&M \$150,000) in 2017. The added money for each is \$40,000 and the estimated

final purse is \$50,000. The conditions for these are through and including Dec. 31, 2017 and a nomination payment of \$500 is due by Feb. 15 for this first group.

The second group of closers will be raced through the month of May and are restricted to three-year-olds with a separate division dedicated to each gait and sex. The conditions for those events read: Non Winners of 2 Extended P.M. Races Lifetime or \$25,000 Lifetime (Winners of Over \$75,000 Lifetime are ineligible). Be aware that to help accommodate those horses that may have won second-tier state-bred stakes at age two, a clause that states ‘State Bred Wins for \$10,000 or Less First Money Not Considered on Wins’ has been included in the conditions. These finals are at \$30,000 added, estimated to be \$40,000. The conditions are through and including March 15 and the \$500 nomination deadline is the same date.

Questions should be directed to Meadowlands Race Secretary Peter Koch at (201) 842-5130.

– *Meadowlands Racetrack*

Meadowlands Harness Live debuts tonight

Thanks to the Meadowlands and SportsNet New York (SNY) live harness racing from the sport’s top track will come right into fans’ living rooms starting tonight.

“Meadowlands Harness Live” begins its 10-week Friday night run tonight on SNY by bringing three live races to lovers of the sulky sport. The track’s Dave Brower will serve as host, while Hall of Famer Bob “Hollywood” Heyden and the recently hired Dave Little – the former racing editor at the New York Daily News – will offer color commentary and selections.

SNY is the official television home of the New York Mets, giving exclusive access to more than 125 live telecasts each season. The network is also home to the New York Jets, as well as the UConn men’s and women’s basketball teams. SNY is available in New York, Connecticut, New Jersey and northeastern Pennsylvania, and nationally on DIRECTV, Verizon FiOS and Frontier, and is available in approximately 8 million homes in the New York Metropolitan area and 12 million homes across the country.

“We are extremely pleased to bring live racing to the fans who love our product but don’t – or can’t – get out to the track very often,” said Meadowlands chief operating officer and general manager Jason Settlemoir. “And we are thrilled to once again be working with SNY, with whom we have been partnered with for a decade now.”

“Meadowlands Harness Live” will air from 9-10 p.m. and

have coverage of races 7 through 9. The other nine telecasts will air on Jan. 12 and Jan. 19, and then, after a one-week hiatus, the show returns on seven straight Fridays beginning Feb. 2 through March 16.

Live racing at the Meadowlands is on Friday and Saturday evenings. Post time is 6:35 p.m.

– *Meadowlands media relations*

Dudes The Man to stand at Morrisville State College

Morrisville State College is pleased to announce the addition of **Dudes The Man** p, 2, 1:51.3, 3, 1:48.4f (\$792,387) to its 2018 stallion roster.

The multiple stakes winner included among his sophomore victories the Adios final (by two lengths in his life's best 1:48.4) and a division of the Somebeachsomewhere in 1:50.3. He also finished second, by a nose, in the Messenger final.

Dudes The Man is impeccably bred and has outstanding conformation. Being a son of American Ideal from the stakes winning Artsplace mare Arts Risk, a full sister to \$1.4 million winner Artiscap and the dams of If I Can Dream (\$2 million), Western Shore (\$1.2 million), Western Terror (\$1.2 million), Strike An Attitude (\$1 million); etc. Second dam is the great Delinquent Account, a winner of more than \$1 million.

Dudes The Man's introductory fee for the 2018 breeding season is \$3,500.

For more information, please contact Erin Shantal, equine reproduction manager, at 315-684-6355 or logane@morrisville.edu or head to morrisvillesale.com.

– *Morrisville State College*

Sunshine Beach 2018 book full and closed

Blue Chip Farms is pleased to announce that the book for world-class pacer Sunshine Beach is full and closed for 2018.

"We are happy to see so many smart breeders and owners happy with Sunshine Beach's offspring thus far and appreciate their continuing support," said Tom Grossman, principal at Blue Chip Farms.

Other world-class Blue Chip pacers are still available, including Roll With Joe and American Ideal in New York. Shadow Play and Bettor's Delight remain open in Canada but are filling quickly.

Champion trotters Credit Winner, Devious Man and E L Titan round out a solid stallion roster at Blue Chip Farms

this year. Credit Winner's leading money-winning son Devious Man (\$1.38 million), stands for \$4,000 while Muscle Hill's son, E L Titan, stands for \$6,000.

For booking inquiries, please contact Jean Brown-Clearwater, Jbrown@bluechipfarms.com or Ed Amezcua, eamezcua@bluechipfarms.com.

– *Blue Chip Farms*

Hollywood Dayton handle up 52 per cent

The handle figures for the 2017 season of live standardbred racing at Hollywood Dayton Raceway are in, and the increases are substantial over the track's 2016 numbers.

Hollywood Dayton Raceway is pleased to report a whopping 52 per cent increase in total all-source wagering on its recently-concluded 2017 live meet. There were 76 days in the track's fourth annual meet – six more than in 2016 – and thus the average daily increase was 42 per cent in a year-over-year comparison.

The numbers are particularly impressive in light of the recent industry report that wagering on United States harness racing fell by 4.4 per cent in 2017. That same report indicated that total purses across the country were up 2.35 per cent last year.

Total purses at Hollywood Dayton's 2017 meet exceeded \$8.5 million, for an average of \$112,000 per program, an 18 per cent increase over 2016.

The highlights of the meet were the Grand Circuit races in September, the \$167,000 Dayton Trotting Derby and the \$140,000 Dayton Pacing Derby. Pasithea Face S (driven by Tim Tetrick) set a new 1:53 track record for trotting mares when she bested males Crazy Wow and JL Cruze in the feature trot. Rockin Ron (Matt Kakaley) bested Dealt A Winner and Missile J to cop the pace in 1:50.2.

Hollywood Dayton looks forward to its 2018 meet, which will open on Sept. 10. Both the Dayton Trotting and Pacing Derbies will be featured during the track's Friday, Sept. 28 program.

– *Hollywood Dayton Raceway*

Yonkers begins 2018 season Sunday

Yonkers Raceway begins its 238-program, 2018 live season this Sunday (Jan. 7) with a dozen-race matinee and a first post of 11:30 a.m.

Races 2 (\$50,000 Open Handicap, post time 12:15 p.m.) through 8 (post time 3:15 p.m.) go as overflow-field, added-distance 'French' trots. Final race post time is 4:35 p.m.

Note that the sequence for Sunday's 'New York, New York Double,' featuring one race from Aqueduct and one race from Yonkers, has not been finalized. Updates, with program pages, shall be sent when available.

Yonkers' January schedule includes all Sundays (remaining post times TBA), along with Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday evenings (post time 7:10 PM). Again, all dates are pending approval of the New York State Gaming Commission.

– *Frank Drucker / Yonkers*

The Raceway at Western Fair District announces 2017 award winners

Goldstar Badlands and Jagersro, with 11 wins each, headline the list of 2017 award winners at The Raceway at Western Fair District in London, ON. Officials with The Raceway have announced the majority of the track's 2017 award winners to be honoured during the Western Fair's annual awards night, which will take place this year on Saturday, Feb. 17.

The Raceway's top performers for 2017 will be honored in a variety of categories. Awards for the three-year-olds and older horses are based on the top money earners who made at least six starts at The Raceway during 2017. The top claimer awards are based on total number of claiming wins at The Raceway in the same calendar year.

Trainer Vic Puddy will take home his second consecutive Trainer Of The Year award while Bob McClure, who is enjoying a career-best season in the race bike, captured his first ever London driver's title.

The Owner of the Year award, sponsored by Standardbred Canada, goes to the owner who finished in the top 10 for money winnings and had the highest number of starters during the season.

The popular Caretaker of the Year award will be handed out once again. To qualify, caretakers must be nominated by Friday, Jan. 26. To nominate someone, send an email with your reason why to one of the following:

gblanchard@westernfairdistrict.com,
sdoyle@westernfairdistrict.com,
ggangle@westernfairdistrict.com or
aotoole@westernfairdistrict.com.

The Raceway will announce its Horse of the Year the night

of the event. Also that night, Racing Under Saddle (RUS) Ontario will present its Outstanding Service Award and recognize its top performers of 2017.

The evening will include dinner and dancing and tickets go on sale beginning Friday, Jan. 12. They will be available in both the race office and marketing department. For more information, call 519-438-7203 (Ext. 299).

A list of the 2017 Raceway Award winners appears below:

Older Pacing Horse: Goldstar Badlands

Older Pacing Mare: Solid Queen

Three-Year-Old Pacing Colt: Mach One

Three-Year-Old Pacing Filly: Casino Classic

Older Trotting Horse: Liam Needsome

Older Trotting Mare: Jagersro

Three-Year-Old Trotting Colt: Pingaling

Three-Year-Old Trotting Filly: Ionia

Claiming Pacer: Remus Blue Chip

Claiming Trotter: Riddle Me Miss

Driver: Bob McClure

Trainer: Vic Puddy

Owner: Jeff Williamson

Dave Wall Outstanding Service Award: TBA

Caretaker: TBA

Horse Of The Year: TBA

Ruth Herbert Horse Woman Of The Year: TBA

RUS Outstanding Service Award: TBA

Triple dead-heat for show at Northfield Park

The money was spread around at Northfield Park Tuesday night when a triple dead-heat for show (third place) in the second race made for three trifecta and six superfecta payoffs.

The racing oddity, believed to be a first in Northfield Park history, came about when the No. 2 horse, Ball Don't Lie, tired in deep stretch and was caught on the wire by not only No. 4 Lexington Avenue, but also by No. 6 Admiral Time.

Northfield Park's judges studied the photo-finish for more than five minutes before declaring the rare triple tie.

The winner and runner-up placings were clear as CJ's Real Deal, was three-quarters of a length in front of I Like It Hot, who held a similar margin on the dead-heated trio.

The \$2 trifecta payoffs were \$79.80, \$138.40 and \$287.80, while the six superfecta payoffs ranged from \$11.62 to \$118.44, all for a 20 cent wager.

– *Ayers Ratliff / Northfield Park*

RACE RESULTS

HRU Race Results Criteria

The following race results are contained in
Harness Racing Update: U.S. and Canadian
races with a purse of \$15,000 and over,
plus stakes races \$10,000 and over

DOVER DOWNS report

Tuesday's Results:

10, DD, \$25,000, T, OPEN, 28.0, 57.2, 1:25.3, 1:54.3, FT

1-Celebrity Pegasus (h, 6, Andover Hall--Celebrity Athena, by Yankee Glide), \$27,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Wm Kenneth Wood & William J Dittmar Jr & Stephen J Jaquinta & Minisink Farms LLC. B-Andray Farm & John A Carver. T-Eric Ell. D-Art Stafford Jr, \$12,500, Lifetime Record: 72-26-11-10, \$309,910

2-Theresademoninme (g, 7, Kadabra--Tortoni, by Andover Hall), \$23,000 2012 CAN-YS O-Michael Casalino Jr & Dylan P Davis. B-Tara Hills Stud LTD, CA. T-Dylan Davis. D-Jonathan Roberts, \$4,625

2-Royal Becca J (g, 6, RC Royalty--Becca J, by Sir Taurus), \$10,000 2013 MORRIS O-James D Moore III. B-Kenneth E Jacobs. T-Carol Jamieson-Parker. D-Jack Parker Jr, \$4,625

Calls: 2Q, 1H, NS, 3, 2T - Finish Order: Hollywood Highway, Crazshana, Kanthaka, I Like My Boss, B Yoyo

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Wednesday's Results:

7, DD, \$18,000, P, FILLIES AND MARES WINNERS OF 6 RACES LIFE (W/OF 9 N/E) FOR WINNERS OF A RACE FOR A PURSE > \$7,500 LAST 4 STARTS 5YO & UNDER, 26.4, 56.3, 1:24.2, 1:53.2, FT

1-Ok Jasmine (m, 4, Rock N Roll Heaven--Fanciful, by Jenna's Beach Boy) O-Richard M Lombardo. B-Oak Knoll Stables, CA. T-Josh Green. D-Victor Kirby, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 24-8-4-1, \$65,905

2-Cocktail Time (m, 4, Bettor's Delight--Panevolence, by Artsplace), \$50,000 2015 SHS-HBG O-Barry E Spedden & Joshua Davis Parker. B-Vieux Carre Farms. T-Joshua Parker. D-Anthony Morgan, \$4,500

3-World Apart (m, 4, Art Major--Polar Opposition, by Rocknroll Hanover), \$25,000 2015 SHS-HBG O-South Mountain Stables & The Bay's Stable LLC & Little E LLC & Radio Racing Stable. B-Diamond Creek Farm LLC. T-Linda Toscano. D-Tim Tetrick, \$2,160

Calls: 1H, 1, 1H, Q, 1Q - Finish Order: Rockin Bb, Ann Hill, Dreaming Silly, Skats Outa The Bag, Rollatown, Rewind Again

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10, DD, \$25,000, P, FILLIES AND MARES OPEN, 27.0, 56.1, 1:25.0, 1:53.1, FT

1-Divas Image (m, 5, Bettor's Delight--Rocknroll Diva, by Rocknroll Hanover) O-Our Horse Cents Stables & Stable 45 & J&T Silva Stables, LLC. B-Mark E Steacy, CA & Bannon Stables, CA & Diane Bertrand, CA. T-Jennifer Bongiorno. D-Anthony Morgan, \$12,500, Lifetime Record: 43-12-7-8, \$313,082

2-Newborn Sassy (m, 5, Western Ideal--Sass Newton, by Storm Compensation), \$38,000 2014 LEX-SEL O-Cc Racing LLC & Jo Ann Looney-King. B-Winbak Farm. T-Jim King Jr. D-Tim Tetrick, \$6,250

3-Sweet Bobbie (m, 6, Art Major--Odds On Goby, by Western Hanover), \$15,000 2013 LEX-SEL O-Gary E Ewing. B-Odds On Nourrir. T-Gary Ewing. D-Art Stafford Jr, \$3,000

Calls: Q, 1H, 2H, Q, NS - Finish Order: Empress Deo, Rocknroll Vision, Keystone Riptide, Enhance Your Mind, Nat A Virgin

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12, DD, \$15,000, P, FILLIES AND MARES WINNERS OF 4 RACES LIFE (W/OF 6 N/E) FOR WINNERS OF A RACE LAST 4 STARTS 5YO & UNDER, 27.3, 56.3, 1:24.4, 1:52.4, FT

1-Absolutely Best (m, 4, Cambest--Garish, by Life Sign), \$37,000 2015 LEX-SEL O-Michael P Hall & David R Hamm. B-Denim Stable. T-Michael Hall. D-Tim Tetrick, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 22-5-1-3, \$74,904

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2-Shock N Awe (m, 4, Art Major--Terroronthebeach, by Western Terror), \$57,000 2015 SHS-HBG O-Brian S & Carrie M Malone. B-Concord Stud Farm LLC & Paul Stromick & Birnam Wood Farms. T-Brian Malone. D-Anthony Morgan, \$4,500

3-Gypsy Rose (m, 4, Roll With Joe--Hat Dance Hanover, by Western Hanover), \$30,000 2015 Goshen O-Legacy Racing Of De Inc & Reginald A Hazzard II. B-Eugene Kurzrok & Richard H Taylor & Stephen G Springer. T-Wayne Givens. D-Victor Kirby, \$2,160
Calls: Q, 1H, Q, 1, H - Finish Order: Take Em, Ideal In Cash, Moment To Ponder, Ideal Hudson, Magicinthemoonlite

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THE MEADOWS report

Tuesday's Results:

4, Mea, \$20,000, P, *W/O \$10,000 LIFE/PREFERRED HANDICAP* P.P.1-4 DRAWN; 5-7 DRAWN, 28.0, 57.3, 1:25.4, 1:54.2, GD

1-Phoenix Warrior N (g, 8, Jerome's Jet--Never Walk Alone, by Dare You To) O-Timothy G Betts & Nicholas A Catalano & Stephen M Moss. B-Mrs J Pyle, NZ. T-Scott Betts. D-Dan Rawlings, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 82-23-11-13, \$211,693

2-Lincolnjames (g, 7, Northwest--Winbak Lucy, by Camluck) O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC. B-Brenda L Gray. T-Ron Burke. D-Dave Palone, \$5,000

3-Atta Boy Dan (g, 9, Western Terror--Dropitlikeitshot, by Cambest), \$70,000 2010 LEX-SEL O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC. B-Bulletproof Enterprises. T-Ron Burke. D-Mike Wilder, \$2,400

Calls: 1H, 1H, 1H, H, 1Q - Finish Order: Bilbo Hanover, Rock The Nite, Dapper Dude, Nimble And Quick

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RACE RESULTS

Thursday's Results:

1, Mea, \$18,000, P, *F&M NOT LISTED/PREFERRED HANDICAP*
P.P.1-3 DRAWN; 4-6 DRAWN, 27.3, 57.0, 1:25.3, 1:54.0, GD

1-Fox Valley Charm (m, 6, Yankee Skyscraper--Fox Valley Cherub, by Sportsmaster), \$2,500 2013 WALKER O-Peter J Karras. B-Fox Valley Standardbreds. T-Dirk Simpson. D-Dan Rawlings, \$9,000, Lifetime Record: 83-22-18-13, \$224,985

2-Graceful Vision (m, 5, Yankee Cruiser--Vision Of Grace, by Western Hanover), \$11,000 2014 SHS-HBG O-Frank T Poerio Jr. B-Lmn Bred Stables Inc & Ron P Salcedo. T-Doug Snyder. D-Jim Pantaleano, \$4,500

3-Cruzin Coco (m, 5, Voracious Hanover--Towners Love Dove, by Big Towner) O-Ronald C Emerson & Mark W Holtan. B-Ronald C Emerson. T-Dirk Simpson. D-Aaron Merriman, \$2,160
Calls: 3, 3, 1, H, NK - Finish Order: Tessa Seelster, Miss Mady, Southwind Roulette

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8, Mea, \$20,000, T, **F&M PREFERRED HANDICAP P.P.1-5 DRAWN;**
6 ASSIGNED; 7-8 DRAWN, 28.3, 59.0, 1:27.2, 1:56.4, GD

1-Barn Girl (m, 6, Cash Hall--Turquoise Sweetie, by Dream Vacation), \$8,700 2013 BHS O-Renee J Bercury. B-Morrisville Col Fdn Inc. T-William Bercury. D-Aaron Merriman, \$10,000, Lifetime Record: 89-43-16-16, \$579,868

2-Classical Annie (m, 6, Andover Hall--Clasicaly Designed, by Lindy Lane), \$27,000 2013 SHS-HBG O-Burke Racing Stable LLC. B-Winbak Farm. T-Ron Burke. D-Ronnie Wrenn Jr., \$5,000

3-Lady Ping (m, 6, Muscle Mass--Ping Putter, by Yankee Paco)
O-Burke Racing Stable LLC & Weaver Brusceci LLC. B-Dr Brett C Anderson, CA. T-Ron Burke. D-Dave Palone, \$2,400

Calls: 1H, 1, 1H, 1, NK - Finish Order: Dreamsteeler, Whambamthankumaam, Fancytucky, Homepage, Bessie

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