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## ***ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL OPEN SPACE PACE***

Freehold Raceway successfully hosted the 6th Annual Open Space Pace on Saturday September 16, 2017. The Open Space Pace is a nonprofit organization with a mission to celebrate the horse, our official state animal and to promote Open Space. The afternoon was a fun filled day jam packed with activities for all ages.

The day began with a parade of horses through downtown Freehold which ended at the racetrack. Parade goers had the pleasure of watching regional school marching bands, antique cars and various equine groups including retired standardbreds. Once at Freehold Raceway the festival kicked off with an opening ceremony followed by a wide variety of entertainment including a petting zoo, educational exhibits, live harness racing, vendor tables, food trucks and much more.

The live race card featured horses like the multimillionaire Foiled Again in the Open Pace and the \$50,000 Standard Development Fund Final. During the down time between races the entertainment continued with a concert featuring The Eddie Testa Band followed by the After the Reign Band once the races ended. Those with an adventurous side were able to try their skills at a mechanical bull while those more reserved were able to meander through local business vendors. The event had something for everyone.

Another event held during the Open Space Pace was the fundraiser for Senator Jennifer Beck sponsored by the SBOANJ and TrotPAC. Senator Jennifer Beck function was in the Freehold directors room where she spoke of her intentions if reelected. She enjoyed watching the races and made it down to the race track apron to enjoy the festivities and talk and mingle with all the other attendees. The fundraiser was a big success.

Later in the day Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno, and Republican nominee for New Jersey Governor, made an appearance. She briefly met with members of the SBOANJ and TrotPAC to discuss her plans for the harness racing industry if she were to be elected Governor of New Jersey.

There was something for everyone to do and see. At the end of the day those who attended ate well, viewed live horse racing action, listened to great bands and had the opportunity to become better educated on political matters that affect the total equine industry.



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# STAKES SEASON HEATS UP AT



## SOUTHWIND AVANTI

3 YO Muscle Hill Trotting Filly  
**HELEN SMITH WINNER**  
**NJSDF FINAL**

Trainer: Annette Lorentzon  
Owners: SRF Stable



## SOUTHWIND WOODY

3 YO Muscle Hill Trotting Colt  
**CHARLES SMITH WINNER**  
**NJSDF FINAL**

Trainer: Ron Burke  
Owners: Burke Racing Stable LLC,  
Our Horse Cents Stables, J&T Silva  
Stables LLC & Weaver Bruscelli LLC

TRACK AND STAKES RECORD 1:55.2



## DIAMONSTONE US

2 YO Wishing Stone Trotting Filly  
**MARION DANCER**

Trainer: Noel Daley  
Owners: Noel Daley



## SHOSHIE DEO

2 YO Wishing Stone Trotting Colt  
**HAROLD DANCER WINNER**

Trainer: Dewayne Minor  
Owners: Annemette Minor



## FREAKONOMICS

3 YO Western Terror Pacing Filly  
**NJSDF FINAL**

Trainer: Ross Croghan  
Owners: Let It Ride Stables  
Inc. & Dana Parham



## EVERY WAY OUT

3 YO If I Can Dream Pacing Colt  
**NJSDF FINAL**

Trainer: Dylan Davis  
Owners: Howard Taylor, Abraham  
Basen, Edwin Gold, Thomas Lazzaro



## HURRIKANE EMPRESS

2 YO Hurricane Kingcole Pacing Filly  
**RENAISSANCE FINAL**

Trainer: John McDermott Jr.  
Owners: Jonathan Klee Racing,  
Kuhlen Racing LLC & Pegasis  
Investment Group



## MELANIE'S FRAN

2 YO Hypnotic Blue Chip Colt  
**RENAISSANCE FINAL**

Trainer: Kevin McDermott  
Owners: Francis Azur

# UPCOMING NEW JERSEY RACES

As the year comes to an end the, stakes season begins to wind down, but before it does keep an eye out for some New Jersey races being held at Freehold Raceway. There are still quite a few SBOANJ sponsored and New Jersey Sire Stakes races to be held.

There are three New Jersey Futurity races, sponsored by the SBOANJ, to be held in October. Also, still to come in October are the New Jersey Sire Stakes Standard Development Fund Finals for two year olds.

## FREEHOLD SCHEDULE

FRIDAY 10/13 - 3 YO OPENTROT NJ FUTURITY  
THURSDAY 10/19 - 2 YO COLT TROT SDF FINAL  
FRIDAY 10/20 - 2 YO FILLY PACE SDF FINAL  
FRIDAY 10/20 - 2 YO FILLY TROT SDF FINAL  
SATURDAY - 10/21 - 2 YO COLT PACE SDF FINAL  
FRIDAY 10/27 - 2 YO OPENTROT NJ FUTURITY  
SATURDAY 10/28 - 2 YO OPEN PACE NJ FUTURITY



The Standardbred Retirement Foundation has a position available. The Standardbred Retirement Foundation provides humane care and services for horses in need of lifetime homes, and in crisis, through rehabilitation, training, adoption, lifetime follow-up, or lifetime sanctuary, and offers therapeutic equine opportunities for children, and adults.

SRF is looking for an experienced Barn/Herd Manager. The manager will be responsible for; the welfare of all the horses, overseeing the staff, scheduling

and admitting medical care and treatments, scheduling farrier, vet and DDS appointments, evaluating the horses, maintaining an organized and clean barn area and assisting with adoptions on an as-needed basis among other things.

The following experiences are required; minimum of 8 years in barn and herd management, excellent management skills, proven organizational skills, available for emergencies 24/7 as needed and strong computer knowledge.

Please send resume and cover letter to the Standardbred Retirement Foundation, judejude2000@aol.com

STANDARDBRED



RETIREMENT FOUNDATION

## Thank All Of You For Your Service

Last month Ronny Walters, Danny Dale and Paul Consol all retired from their respective duties at the Meadowlands. Ronny Walters and Danny Dale worked the first Garden State meet in 1985 and they both came to the Meadowlands in 1986. Ronny retired from paddock judge and Danny as the starting judge. Paul steps down as assistant starter and driver of the starting car. Paul Consol raced horses from the sixties and has held various jobs after stopping with the horses. He was the night manager at Freehold in the nineties and was horseman's rep at the Meadowlands and assistant starter in the 2000's. We sincerely thank all three of you for your years of dedication.

*Pacesetter*



# HELP SUPPORT AND ALLOW TROTPAC TO CONTINUE RAISING AWARENESS TO OUR INDUSTRY AND ITS NEEDS!



## Scholarship Recipients



The 2017 BCAP and SBOANJ scholarships winners were invited to the Meadowlands with their families on Saturday (July 29), to receive their awards.

The scholarships are awarded based on academic excellence, community service, financial need and affiliation with the New Jersey Standardbred industry. This year's recipients were Travis Ceppaluni of Jackson, NJ and Tyler Miller of Millstone Twp., NJ. Each student received a \$4,000 check and a plaque from the SBOANJ and BCAP associations.

Congratulations to the winners and their families, we wish them success in their future academic careers.

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# HHYF CAMP STOPS AT GAITWAY FARMS

The Harness Horse Youth Foundation made its annual stop at Gaitway Farm in late July. Local HHYF trustees Nicola Abrams and Julie Miller along with Tim Hundertpfund and Karen Fagiarone had details handled and volunteers lined up for the group of young people to enjoy their week of hands-on learning and fun. The race on the last day proved exciting with Ken Warkentin providing his professional announcing skills.



Just a couple of days later, four representatives (one young person from each 5-day event: Sundene Lodge - Harrington Raceway, Lilly Kairewich - Vernon Downs, Connor Lutz - Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs, Danny Eick - Gaitway Farm) were treated



with Meadowlands hospitality during Hambletonian weekend. Just prior to the first race on Saturday, the four participants, paired with professional drivers, dueled down the stretch. Ms. Lodge and Scott Zeron claimed the trophy for the 2017 HHYF season finale.



## Reminders

**SBOA ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION** **FREEHOLD DIRECT DEPOSIT**

**OCTOBER 13, 2017**

**AT FREEHOLD RACEWAY**

**AT 1:00PM**

**BUFFET LUNCH**

**AT 12:00PM**

FREEHOLD RACEWAY HAS IMPLEMENTED A NEW SYSTEM FOR PURSE OR DRIVER TRAINER COMMISSIONS.

Direct Deposit Forms can be found at [www.freeholdraceway.com](http://www.freeholdraceway.com)

**FREE MEDICAL CLINIC**

FREE Clinic is located at Gaitway Farms.

The Clinic is available to all NJ Harness Horsemen

**OCT 16th, 30th & NOV 20TH**  
**12:15PM - 4:00PM**

# SENATOR JENNIFER BECK FUNDRAISER

## JENNIFER BECK SPEAKS OF HER INTENTIONS IF REELECTED

Senator Jennifer Beck was proud to attend the Open Space Pace on September 16th and join members of the industry afterward for a fundraiser. Senator Beck has long been an outspoken and passionate advocate for the equine industry in our State.

“I am proud to have lead the opposition to Governor Chris Christie’s to close Monmouth Park and the Meadowlands when he took office,” said Beck, adding that she was in the middle of the tracks’ transition to private industry. She points out that 25 percent of all



Senator Jennifer Beck and Senator Thomas Kean Jr. with others

Beck, a longtime supporter of open space and the racing industry, said the Supreme Court’s decision on whether to allow sports wagering at the state’s racetracks and casinos would open a new form of revenue for the industry. The Supreme Court is expected to hear arguments this fall. “I’m proud that I was a prime sponsor of sports wagering, along with Senator Ray Lesniak (D-20),” she said. Beck noted the implementation of sports wagering has been under litigation for years. “I hope the issue is resolved once and for all,” she said.

Beck points out New Jersey racetracks do not have gaming, but there are 32 gaming operations on the state’s borders. Many of these “racinos” are run by owners of Atlantic City casinos — the same entities that want to stop gaming expansion in New Jersey. She said expanding gaming to New Jersey racetracks would take advantage of the fact that they are close to major tourist destinations, such as the Jersey Shore.

open space in the state is equine-related, and the horse industry contributes about \$1 billion to the economy, along with thousands of jobs. “Whether or not you are a racing fan, it signifies a quality of life in the county and state that we would not have otherwise,” said Beck.



Anthony Perretti, Senator Jennifer Beck, Siroun Agopian, Alfred Ochsner Jr. and Christopher Ryder

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## *From the Desk of President Mark Ford*

Dear Members

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Open Space Pace another great success and especially the Landy family. They have made it into an event that everyone can be proud of. This was the sixth year for the event and it continues to be an important opportunity to showcase our sport, our horses, and our value to the state of New Jersey.

We were grateful to have State Sen. Jennifer Beck join us again this year and proud to host a fundraiser for her as she seeks re-election in District 11, which covers portions of Monmouth County including Freehold Borough and Freehold Township.

Sen. Beck has been a longstanding and vocal supporter of our industry. We are thankful for her efforts to strengthen racing and push for a level playing field with neighboring states.

We also were pleased gubernatorial candidate Kim Guadagno visited the Open Space Pace and met with our members to discuss the future of harness racing.

There is no question, as Sen. Beck frequently makes clear, the equine industry and racing provide New Jersey with much-needed revenue while preserving jobs, open space, and the quality of life in the Garden State.

Also, congratulations to Meadowlands Racing & Entertainment for being awarded "Best Visitor Experience" at the fifth annual Meadowlands Liberty Convention & Visitors Bureau Hospitality Awards. Meadowlands Racing & Entertainment competed against dozens of area restaurants, hotels and entertainment venues for the honor, which recognizes excellence in hospitality and tourism.

This recognition further highlights the positive impact our industry as a whole can have in New Jersey.

As November approaches please vote for the candidates that you think can best help improve our industry.

Thank you again for all your efforts to help deliver our message. Together we are making a difference.

*Mark Ford*

## **WE GENUINELY APPRECIATE YOUR DEDICATION**



Paul Wojtowicz has been on the SBOANJ board of director since 1987, this year he chose to step down from his driver/trainer position and allow others to run for his open seat. He has been planning on retiring and moving for the past few years and thought it would be best for the association if he passed the torch on to someone else now. Over the years Paul has served on the insurance committee and the chairman of the driver/trainer committee. In his quiet, low key way, he was always advocating for the horsemen. We will truly miss him! Good luck and success in your future endeavors. We thank you again Paul for your many years of service.

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