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NJRC Approves Uncoupling in Overnights

On April 6, 2016 the New Jersey Racing Commission approved the request made by both Freehold Raceway and the Meadowlands Racetrack to race horses uncoupled. As of now two horses that are entered in an overnight event trained by one individual but having a bonafide separate ownership have permission to race uncoupled.

Director of Racing at Freehold Raceway Karen Fagliarone stated "With the extreme shortage of horses due to the number of race tracks on the East Coast that are conducting live meets right now, I feel that this rule change will be a useful tool that may help race offices fill their card. Although, I recognize the concerns patrons may have, this rule would only be used in times of extremely short cards."

This comes at a time when filling the box at both tracks has become a struggle. With all tracks in Pennsylvania as well as New York competing for the same horses the ability to fill races on any given card has become very difficult. The allowance of racing horses uncoupled in overnight races will significantly help not only the tracks but the horsemen as well. Horsemen will not have to sit a horse out when they have two that fit the same class and the race office will not have to leave a horse out because a trainer has one in the class already. This is a win-win for both parties.



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Annual Golf Outing

JULY 11, 2016



Monday July 11, 2016 the SBOANJ will be hosting its annual golf outing to benefit New Jersey Horsemen.

Please join us at Gambler Ridge Golf Club in Cream Ridge, NJ for a day of golf, food, drinks and fun! Enjoy a round of golf, followed by dinner, and a chance to win prizes.

All proceeds go to TrotPac and the SBOANJ Horsemen's Benevolent Fund.

Sponsorship opportunities are available such as

Gold, Silver, Bronze, Hole-in-One, Dinner, Lunch, Drink Cart, Closet-to-the-Pin Contest, Longest Drive Contest, Putting Contest. You could also sponsor a hole or place business card ad.

For more information, contact Polly Hartzell at the SBOANJ office at 732-462-2357. If you are interested in receiving a registration packet please email info@sboanj.com.



TONY DANDEO'S STILL GOT IT AT 80

Veteran driver Anthony "Tony" Dandeo, 80 years old, drove the winner of the 10th race at Freehold Raceway on April 15, 2016. In exciting fashion Tony pulled first up at the half, took the front and never looked back steering Mickey Blu to her 16th lifetime win. The race went impressive fractions, crossing the wire in 1:57.4, and closing with the last quarter in 29.3. Tony added another win to his driving career which totals 233 wins and \$783,758 in purses. At the age of 80 Tony drives against a tough driving colony at Freehold; it is a feat in itself to win against these guys, not to mention the age at which he is competing. Congratulations Tony. From all of us at the SBOANJ, we wish you the best of luck in the future. *Photo courtesy of World Wide*

Racing Photos

CELEBRATING HAROLD "SONNY" DANCER

Harold Dancer, known to his friends as "Sonny," died on March 6, 2016. From the esteemed "Dancer" family, known for their success in harness racing, Sonny was a trainer/driver since 1954. In that year he won his first race at Freehold Raceway as well as at Yonkers behind Toodles Hanover. That was the same year he graduated Red Bank High School.

Sonny drove and trained many top-level horses during his time. Ricci Reenie Time was one of his most notable trainees, earning the 1972 World Champion Pacing Colt title. Ricci Reenie Time won many stakes races as a two-year-old as well as capturing the Adios in 1973 as a three-year-old. Sonny also trained and drove the World Champion Trotting Filly, Ginger Belle. He conditioned and drove many notable pacers and trotters in his lifetime.

Sonny was a true gentleman and horseman. Anyone who knew him would tell you so. When Sonny wasn't training or driving horses, he enjoyed jumping on his tractor and farming. Whether it was baling hay, planting corn or soybeans, he



Photo from the March 9, 2016 Memorial for Harold Dancer at Freehold Raceway. Photo courtesy World Wide Racing Photos

was always eager to tend to his crops and garden. He loved planting and sharing his crops with anyone who would enjoy them. He also enjoyed watching his grandson, Joe, continue the family legacy of driving horses.

Not only the children and grandchildren that he left behind, but the entire standardbred industry lost one of the greats. Sonny will be missed on many levels.

TrotPAC works in conjunction with the Standardbred Breeders & Owners Association of New Jersey and is the official political action committee for New Jersey's harness racing industry. TrotPAC is duly sanctioned to raise and distribute revenues for the specific purpose of the betterment of the New Jersey standardbred breeding and racing industry. This is done with the aid of our industry's official lobbyists at Advocacy & Management Group, Inc., a firm active at the State Capitol in Trenton.

TROT PAC

**NEW JERSEY HARNESS
RACING'S POLITICAL
ACTION COMMITTEE**



SBOANJ President Mark Ford with Assemblywoman Holly Schepisi at her Spring Fling event.



Al Ochsner and Mark Mullen attended Senator Jennifer Beck's event at the Stone Pony on Thursday March 24th.

The following events were attended by TrotPAC trustees or had representation

February 9, 2016 Assemblyman Louis Greenwald

February 17, 2016 Assemblyman Vincent Prieto

February 18, 2016 Assembly Republican Victory

March 2, 2016 Assemblyman Joe Lagana

March 14, 2016 Democratic Assembly Campaign Committee

March 16, 2016 Assemblyman Craig Coughlin

March 22, 2016 Senator Nia Gill

March 23, 2016 Assemblywoman Holly Schepisi

March 24, 2016 Senator Jennifer Beck

March 30, 2016 Assemblyman Gary Schaer

April 11, 2016 Assemblyman Jon Bramnick

April 20, 2016 Governor Richard Codey

April 21, 2016 Senate Democratic Majority

April 24, 2016 Senator Nicholas Sacco

April 26, 2016 Assemblyman Ronald Dancer

April 27, 2016 Senator Joe Kyrillos

DEXTER CUP FINALISTS

Saturday April 30th Freehold Raceway set the stage for three-year-old colt trotters in eliminations of the Dexter Cup.



Cufflink Hanover

The first elimination was taken by Cufflink Hanover, the son of Andover Hall. He settled in for a two-hole trip behind the favorite Steed. Cufflink

Hanover took the lead in the stretch to win in a brisk 1:57.3 for driver David Miller. The three-year old colt trotter is trained by Nifty Norman and has secured a spot in the Dexter final.

Dominion Beach was favored to win the second elimination and did just that. Marcus Johans-



Dominion Beach

son and Dominion Beach held off a late surge by Sir Royson in the stretch to win in 1:58.0. Trained by Nancy Johansson, the Muscle Beach colt looks to repeat in the final.

Dante, driven and trained by Ake Svaanstedt, took the lead from the word go and never looked back in the third and final elimination. The son of Credit Winner defeated the favorite Inukchuk Chuck in 1:58.3.



Dante

The final will be held on Derby Day, Saturday May 7th, at Freehold Raceway. The three winners will be accompanied by the three-second place finishers: Steed, Sir Royson and Inukchuk Chuck, and two of the third place finishers. Credevie, Cloud Nine Hanover and Hillman will draw for the two remaining spots in the final, by lot. *Photos Courtesy of World Wide Racing Photos.*

Fair Winds Farm Open House

JUNE 26, 2016

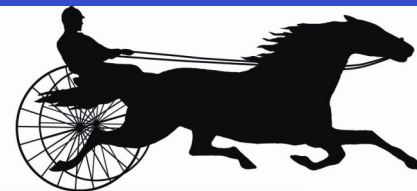
Fair Winds Farm in Cream Ridge, NJ will be holding its third annual open house on Sunday, June 26 to celebrate New Jersey's "Month of the Horse."

The farm, located at 74 Red Valley Road in Cream Ridge, doors will be open from 1 to 4 pm, and visitors will be able to see the inner workings of the highly successful Standardbred breeding, where Broad Bahn, the 2011 Hambletonian winner, was bred and raised.

Horse-drawn wagons will be available to tour the farm grounds. Visitors will also be given a tour of Hogan Equine clinic, where surgeon Dr. Patty Hogan treats top Standardbred and Thoroughbred athletes on a daily basis.

There will be an exhibit on the life of the Standardbred from birth to racehorse. They will demonstrate that their talents don't end after their racing career is over. They will participate under the saddle, jumping, trail riding and more.

The event will be held rain or shine. Refreshments will be available for purchase. There will be plenty of parking available, but wear sensible shoes and bring strollers as there are only a few paved surfaces. Please no dogs. For more information call 732-780-3700 or email ellen.harvey@ustrotting.com.



Fair Winds
FARM

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE JUNE 15TH

Attention all sons and daughters of New Jersey horsemen! The Standardbred Breeders & Owners Association of New Jersey, along with the Backstretch Community Assistance Program, will once again offer college scholarships in 2016.

The scholarships are valued at a total distribution of \$7,500 and are available for qualified students who are the son or daughter of a full-time participant in New Jersey harness racing or are themselves a full-time participant in New Jersey harness racing. Students must have completed the SAT or ACT and be accepted to or currently attending a college or university. Only one candidate per household will be considered, and there is a lifetime cap of \$10,000 per individual.

Financial need, student involvement in community volunteering, extracurricular academic activities, evidence of strong character and leadership and interest in equine industry will all be considered for each applicant.

Applications and requirements are available on the SBOANJ website—www.sboanj.com—or contact Linda Goss at Freehold and the Meadowlands.



Reminders

STAKES PAYMENTS DUE MAY 15

NOMINATIONS
2018 NJ Pacing Classic
2018 Smith Trot
2017 Dancer Trot
New Jersey Futurity #52

SUSTAINING
2016 Dancer Trot
New Jersey #51

STAKES DATES FINALIZED

NEW JERSEY CLASSIC
JULY 30, 2016

MISS NEW JERSEY
JULY 30, 2016



HHYF CAMP APPLICATIONS DUE

APPLICATIONS DUE
MAY 15, 2016

GAITWAY FARMS
July 5th - July 29th
Camp open to ages 12 - 14

For more information contact
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Always B Miki



Director's Spotlight



Bob Boni

Nihilator



Bob Boni has been in the harness racing industry for over 50 years. He grew up in Queens and spent a lot of time in Long Island. Horse racing played a major role in the community where he lived. When Bob was in the fourth grade his father, along with his business partner, bought a racehorse and Bob fell in love with the sport. He worked at Roosevelt Raceway in the summers and whenever he had time off of school.

In 1969 Bob started working at Pine Hollow Stud Farm, in Pine Bush, NY, where he worked for 11 years. "Working at Pine Hollow was a great learning experience," said Bob. "It is also where I met and forged a friendship with Leo McNamara, our current Executive Administrator." In 1980 he opened International Standardbred and went into business for himself, which soon after gravitated to what we know today as Northwood Bloodstock. Although Bob has been enjoyed success in a variety of endeavors, one of his proudest moments was purchasing Nihilator. With Lou Guida he formed the Wall Street Stable and traveled to Indiana to purchase Nihilator. Needless to say, the acquisition panned out pretty well for the partnership. Nihilator was the 1985 Horse of The Year the first standardbred to break the 1:50 barrier in a race, became the first to exceed \$3,000,000 in earnings. One of Bob's

recent purchase was the sensational Always B Miki. The now five-year-old pacer currently has a lifetime mark of 1:47.4 and earnings of over \$1,000,000. The 2015 Breeders' Crown winner is prepping for another exciting season for Bob and his partners.

As we all know, our sport has evolved so much over the years. One of the biggest changes Bob has seen is that the people have changed. The atmosphere is not as social as it used to be. "Participation is a bit of a disappointment. People do not come out to watch their horses race as much as they did in the past," said Bob. "The dynamic is much different now with all the advancements in technology. You do not have to actually be at the track to view your horse race; you can simply pull out your phone and watch any track."

Bob recognizes that it would be great to have a unified body govern the entire sport but feels that the reality is too complicated. Bob does not really feel that there is one big change that he would like to see made in the industry but rather many little ones. For example he suggests, "eliminating all passing

lanes," for he feels that "passing lanes hinder movement in all races." Open stretch racing has allowed drivers to become too comfortable with keeping their horses in, knowing they will be able to get out in the stretch. Eliminating them would allow for more movement during the race, not just down the final stretch, thereby creating more action in each race. Another change Bob would like to see would be to give the betting public more opportunities to hit the "jackpot." "We are a gambling driven business and need to focus more on that as an attraction," said Bob. In order to compete with the casinos, we need to offer the patrons an opportunity to win \$30,000 to \$50,000 or more on a nightly basis. "If we could collectively come up with a wager, more than a high 5, that has a large return and is only available at tracks, I believe our on-track attendance could increase as well," stated Bob.

As a director since 2008 Bob feels that the SBOANJ is doing a great job staying involved in all areas that affects the horsemen and horsewomen. He believes "this current group of board members along with the leadership of president Mark Ford and Executive Administrator Leo McNamara work as a collaborative group to accomplish things better than any group I have been associated with in the past."

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From the Desk of President Mark Ford

Dear Members,

I want you all to know that we have been working diligently on your behalf. The past two months were filled with meetings on various subjects including SBOA finances, insurance issues, and the casino referendum. In addition, we attended the New Jersey Racing Commission meeting in support of the racetrack issues.

At the most recent Breeders Committee meeting, we tackled the task of trying to find new and innovative ways to promote racing and breeding in New Jersey. Furthermore, we discussed the possibility of the SBOA sponsoring upcoming races.

The Finance Committee has been busy working with the investment managers to improve our portfolio and renegotiate management fees.

The most recent Insurance Committee meeting reviewed participants for eligibility and approved ten new enrollments.

The Board of Directors addressed many topics including the gaming and casino bill in New Jersey. Senator Jennifer Beck was the guest speaker on this particular topic, and she reported on the bill for the expansion of gaming outside of At-

lantic City. We also agreed to assist in the cost of the new medical trailer being installed at Gaitway Farms by Chris Samaha. Moreover, the board approved two benevolent requests that members had submitted.

At the last meeting of the TrotPac group, the trustees were updated on the upcoming referendum by our lobbyist. Together they have also devised a plan of action going forward, and upcoming meetings will be held.

Additionally, the SBOA directors were on hand to support the Meadowlands Racetrack and Freehold Raceway's request to race horses uncoupled at the public NJRC meeting on April 6th. The request was unanimously approved by the commission for all overnight races in New Jersey.

In the upcoming months, the SBOA committees will be addressing the SBOA-sponsored stakes races, the golf outing fundraiser, continued involvement with the casino gaming issue, and ways to improve communication with our members.

Mark Ford

Frequently Asked Questions

To The SBOA Office Staff

Q:What do I do with the 1095-C Report I received in the mail?

A: These reports are not needed to file your income tax. They are proof that you had health coverage for 2015 as required by the Affordable Care Act. Please keep your 1095-C Report with your 2015 tax returns in case you are asked by the IRS to prove you had health coverage.

Q:The information on my 1095-C Report is incorrect what do I do?

A: Call the SBOANJ office at 732-462-2357.

Have a question? Email the staff at info@sboanj.com



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