

# HOT OFF THE TRACK

News and information for the Standardbred Racing Industry

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## President Thomas Cooke's Message April 2007

### Any Solution to Maryland's Financial Problems Must Include Slots at Racetracks

The recently concluded session of the Maryland legislature offers very little encouragement to Maryland horsemen. Perhaps there is one exception – some of our elected officials have suggested that a gambling bill needs to be part of the solution to a projected \$1.3 billion budget short fall (fiscal year 2008). \$1.3 billion represents real money and the obvious and easy solution is a variety of higher taxes.

It is hard to believe that the good citizens of Maryland will accept higher taxes when a viable alternative is available to them and the State. Need proof? Our neighbors in Delaware, Pennsylvania and West Virginia have all the evidence you need. Slots at racetracks work! They are good for the horse industry but most importantly good for the Maryland economy.

Without discussing the specific details here, Senate President Mike Miller introduced a slots bill that he estimates would generate \$800 million in annual revenue. That would cover more than 50% of the projected deficit. If the recent results in Pennsylvania and New York are taken into account, Miller may be a bit conservative in his projections. While part of the money would go to saving the Maryland horse industry, local jurisdictions would benefit from the increase in economic activity. By far, the big winner is Maryland children. Each of the proposed slots bills includes funding for school construction and education. In Pennsylvania, slots are paying off so handsomely that Governor Edward G. Rendell is pushing for property tax relief.

So, where do we go from here? As responsible horsemen, business people and citizens, we have an ongoing obligation to educate the public on the value of slots at racetracks. The slots proposals are much more than a benefit to the racing industry. Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley supports a limited slots program at racetracks. While the Governor has stated that he wants to consider the slots issue in 2008, serious consideration should be given to calling for a special session of the Maryland legislature this fall. Such a session should be limited to one subject: The Budget Crisis: Real Solutions. Let's finally have an open and full debate on the benefits of slots at racetracks.

## Rosecroft Gift Shop

Monday  
4:30pm till the 7th Live race.

Saturday  
6pm - 9pm

Rosecroft Gift Shop is now open with great deals for everyone. Please stop by and check them out!

## Board of Director Meeting Dates

May 24	4:30pm
June 21 (Ocean Downs)	3:00pm
September 27	4:30pm
October 25	4:30pm
November 29	4:30pm
December 20 (if needed)	4:30pm

## **Harness Horsemen International Foundation**

319 High Street, Suite 2 • Burlington, NJ 08016  
(609) 747-1000 • Fax (609) 747-1012

### **Jerome L. Hauck Scholarship** *(Four Year College, University/Scholarship)*

This is a \$4,000 award granted to a son or daughter of a full-time Standardbred groom or the son or daughter of a member of an HHI-affiliated association. The Foundation seeks to assist students exhibiting outstanding achievement among their peers and to promote higher education and citizenship. This award is given to a student who has demonstrated exceptional scholarship, citizenship, and leadership, who has completed high school or its equivalent and is entering college for the first time. Character and personality traits are also reviewed in the selection process, and financial need is a consideration as well.

Applications must be received in the HHI office by **JUNE 1, 2007**. For more information or an application, please call Cloverleaf SOA or Harness Horsemen International, 319 High Street, Suite 2, Burlington NJ 08016, (609) 747-1000.

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The Harness Tracks of America Scholarship Fund offers annual scholarships for post-secondary education to sons and daughters of licensed drivers, trainers, caretakers, management or young people actively engaged in the harness racing industry themselves. The scholarship program, begun in 1973, has made 171 grants to 121 worthy students since its inception with the scholarships totaling \$612,950. Scholarships are awarded for one year and are based on academic merit, financial need and active harness racing involvement.

If you are interested in applying for a 2007-2008 Harness Tracks of America Scholarship, please contact Jen Foley by phone at (520) 529-2525 or via e-mail at [jen@harnesstracks.com](mailto:jen@harnesstracks.com). You may also download the application below. **The deadline for returning applications and supporting materials is June 15, 2007.** Cloverleaf SOA also has applications available, so feel free to contact us at (301) 567-9636.

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### **SRF Humanity Award**

Lisa Staten's steadfast refusal to throw away one horse and her determination to find an alternative career for a race-weary pacer, who never earned a dime for her. Provides the world with a Standardbred ambassador that might ultimately save the lives of many others through his role in the Caisson Platoon. For that, she has been named a recipient of the 2006 SRF Humanity Award.

Lisa Staten donated Elite Soul Man a 7 year old gelding who had raced 122 times. Elite Soul Man was selected out of 20 other horses who had been offered to the Caisson Platoon. Elite Soul Man begin his training January 11th after he had been inspected by Chief Warrant Officer Jeremy Light. Elite Soul Man serves as 2nd in command to perhaps the most visible Standardbred in the country - Sgt. York, aka Allaboard Jules. Along with his new home, he now has a new name; "Macaroni. He was named after President Kennedy's, daughter Caroline's childhood pony.

The Standardbred Retirement Foundation Humanity Award is presented annually to individuals or organizations that have demonstrated exceptional care and compassion for Standardbred horses. The award is given in honor of the memory of trainer and owner James E. Burke, who had a lifelong love of and passion for Standardbreds.

**Cloverleaf S.O.A. Committees 2006**  
**By Laws**

*Chair*- Gerald Brittingham  
 Franklin Goldstein , Esq.  
 Ralph Hayward  
 Tammy Lafferty  
 Eli Solomon

*Chair*- Tom Winebrener  
 Dan Myer  
 Eli Solomon  
 William Spicer  
 Franklin Goldstein - Lobbyist

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 Gary Ewing  
 Tammy Lafferty  
 Dan Myer  
 Gregg White

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 Track Relation**

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 Relation**

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**Cloverleaf Enterprise Inc.  
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**Tom Chuckas, Jr. (Rosecroft CEO)**  
**John Davey (Legal Counsel)**  
**Sharon Roberts (Executive Secretary)**

## **Rosecroft's Amended 2007 Live Racing Schedule**

<b>April</b>	<b>Monday &amp; Saturday (No Tuesday)</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>Monday &amp; Saturday (No Tuesday)</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>Monday &amp; Saturday Special Race Date, Thursday June 7th</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>Monday &amp; Saturday</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>Monday &amp; Saturday</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>Monday &amp; Saturday (Entire Month)</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>NO LIVE RACING</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>Monday &amp; Saturday Resume Live Racing November 3rd</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>Monday &amp; Saturday Through December 15th</b>

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## **2007 Ocean Downs Live Racing**

**The 2007 Live Racing at Ocean Downs begins June 17, 2007 with post time at 7:35pm. The meet will run through August 23rd.**

<b>June</b>	<b>Sunday, Wednesday, Thursday, &amp; Saturday Starting June 17th</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>Sunday, Wednesday, Thursday, &amp; Saturday No live racing July 4th</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>Sunday, Wednesday, Thursday, &amp; Saturday Through August 23rd</b>

## 2007 Maryland Sire Stakes Dates

<u>Event</u>	<u>Track</u>	<u>Preliminary Events</u>	<u>Final Event</u>
2 YO Colt Pace	Rosecroft	July 2 & 9	July 16
	Rosecroft	September 3 & 10	September 29
2 YO Filly Pace	Rosecroft	July 2 & 9	July 16
	Rosecroft	September 3 & 10	September 29
2 YO Colt Trot	Rosecroft	July 28 & August 4	August 11
	Rosecroft	September 8 & 15	September 29
2 YO Filly Trot	Rosecroft	July 28 & August 4	August 11
	Rosecroft	September 8 & 15	September 29
3 YO Colt Pace	Rosecroft	June 16 & 23	June 30
	Rosecroft	September 8 & 15	September 29
3 YO Filly Pace	Rosecroft	June 16 & 23	June 30
	Rosecroft	September 8 & 15	September 29
3 YO Colt Trot	Rosecroft	June 11 & 18	June 30
	Rosecroft	September 3 & 10	September 29
3 YO Filly Trot	Rosecroft	June 11 & 18	June 30
	Rosecroft	September 3 & 10	September 29

## 2007 Maryland Standardbred Fund Dates

<u>Event</u>	<u>Track</u>	<u>Date</u>
2 YO Colt Pace	Rosecroft	July 30
	Rosecroft	August 6
	Ocean Downs	August 23
2 YO Filly Pace	Rosecroft	July 23
	Rosecroft	August 13
	Ocean Downs	August 23
2 YO Colt Trot	Rosecroft	July 14
	Rosecroft	July 21
	Ocean Downs	August 23
2 YO Filly Trot	Rosecroft	July 14
	Rosecroft	July 21
	Ocean Downs	August 23
3 YO Colt Pace	Rosecroft	June 7
	Rosecroft	July 7
	Ocean Downs	August 22
3 YO Filly Pace	Rosecroft	June 7
	Rosecroft	August 4
	Ocean Downs	August 22
3 YO Colt Trot	Rosecroft	June 4
	Rosecroft	August 6
	Ocean Downs	August 22
3 YO Filly Trot	Rosecroft	June 4
	Rosecroft	August 13
	Ocean Downs	August 22

# C.S.O.A. Board Meeting Highlights

Starting in March, C.S.O.A. President, Tom Cooke has asked guest speakers from the racing industry to come address the Board of Directors.



First to come speak was Cheri Stambaugh of the Maryland Standardbred Race Fund. Cheri spoke to the board about the current breeding situation for Maryland. This encompassed current stallions standing in Maryland, broodmare reports, and current outlooks on the breeding in Maryland.



In April Michael Hopkins, Executive Director of the Maryland Racing Commission addressed the Board of Directors concerning the current situation of horse racing in Maryland as a whole. His address was very eye opening and enlightening of the racing industry in Maryland compared to the surrounding states with slot supplemented purses.



At the April 26, 2007 Cloverleaf Standardbred Owners' Association Board meeting, the board unanimously elected Betsy Brown to fill the C.S.O.A. membership seat to the Maryland Standardbred Race Fund Advisory Board for the 4 year term. We would all like to congratulate Betsy on receiving this seat and would like to thank her in advance for the work she'll put in.



## **Notice to all USTA Licensed Trainers and Drivers**

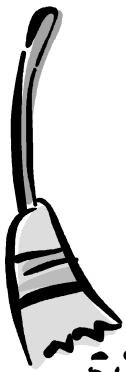
**If you do not already have the 24 Hour Accident Insurance offered by the USTA please come visit the C.S.O.A. Office and pick up an application.**

**This is a MUST have for any USTA Licensed Trainer and Driver!**

**Please Keep Membership Current  
We would hate to see you miss out on the benefits provided by C.S.O.A.**

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

- May 15th**            **Yearling Payments (Foals of 2006)**
- May 15**             **2YO Payments (Foals of 2005) Maryland Sire Stakes & Maryland Standardbred Fund (If you plan on racing at 2)**
- September 25th**    **Showcase of Champions Golf Tournament**
- September 29th**    **Showcase of Champions**
- October 8th**         **Chesapeake Yearling Sale (Rosecroft Paddock)**



# **Rosecroft News**

## **Congratulations to the Spring Clean-Up Winners**

### **Trailer Lots**

**1st Place goes to Deborah Slack and she will receive \$100.00**

**2nd Place goes to William Long and he will receive \$50.00**

### **Barn Areas**

**1st Place goes to Betsy Brown and she will receive \$100.00**

**2nd Place goes to the MacArthur's and they will receive \$50.00**

# Cloverleaf Health Benefit Fund Information

## Start Requirements

Starts needed is 2 starts in a month or 8 starts in a 3 month period

## 2007 HMO Rates

<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Co-Pay</u>	<u>Full Premium</u>
Single	\$159.00	\$480.85
Double	\$300.00	\$909.98
Family	\$477.00	\$1,446.48

### **NOTICE: TO ALL HEALTH INSURANCE PARTICIPANTS**

**All health insurance co-payments are due NO LATER than the 15th of each month.**

## **Six Flags' VIP Card**

**Please stop by or call C.S.O.A. and get your VIP Card from Six Flags.**

**The Six Flags' VIP card gives you \$20.00 admission for up to 6 people. The card is also good ALL Season**



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