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Message from President Thomas Cooke



As we begin the 2008 racing season, I am reminded of how fortunate we are to have such a hardworking and loyal racing family. In good times and bad, we have always managed to place our support for one another above all else. Cloverleaf is #1!

2007 was a challenging and difficult year for CSOA, our members and the racing industry. The news coming from Vernon Downs, Monticello, Yonkers, Freehold and now the Meadowlands is concerning.

The failure of the Penn-National deal to purchase Rosecroft left us with difficult decisions to be made regarding our short-term and long-term future. The bottom line is that in 2008 we are racing fewer days and for smaller purses.

To its credit, Rosecroft Management has identified over \$1.5 million in immediate budget cuts. The budget reductions will help CEI meet its bank loan (\$7.2 million) covenants. While I am pleased with and voted for the budget cuts, I am truly sorry that they came at the expense of people who have been very loyal to us over many years.

On the positive front, Maryland voters will be given the opportunity to vote yes to slots in November 2008. While it is unfortunate that Rosecroft and Prince George's County are left out of the referendum as slot locations, the bottom line is that we as horsemen and women will benefit by a significant contribution to the purse account. If only we were there today.

At its February 13 Board Meeting, I will ask the CSOA Board to express its support for the November 2008 referendum as well as for a 2008 purse supplement. It is anticipated that a purse supplement bill will be introduced to the Maryland Legislature. Governor O'Malley has not expressed his opinion one way or the other. Obtaining a purse supplement needs to be our number one priority at this time. We have a full-time lobbyist working on our behalf in Annapolis.

Finally, as a member of the CEI Board I can report to you that the CEI Board is monitoring the financials very carefully – month by month. The Board has expressed a willingness to consider a variety of future options. I can assure you that the CEI and CSOA Boards take their responsibilities very serious and have your best interest at heart.

Best regards,



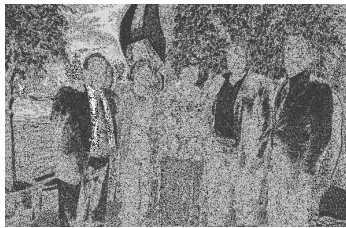
Tom Cooke

President, CSOA

2007 C.S.O.A. AWARDS



The C.S.O.A. honored Frank Milby with a statue for being the leading driver at both Rosecroft & Ocean Downs in 2007. Frank's family from grandparents to cousin came out to share the night with him.



**Rosecroft's Pacer of the Year
JJ'S ARTISCAPE**

C.S.O.A. Director William Long presents Mayanne Karmin & family with trainer Robert Davison, Jr. with the award for JJ's Arstiscape. Co-Owner Sydell Stone could not attend.



**Rosecroft's Trotter of the Year
JIM'S MESSAGE**

Owner / Trainer Jeffrey Long accepts the award from C.S.O.A. Director Don Milby. As his family looks on.



**Ocean Downs' Pacer of the Year
TWIN B SCAMPER**

Owner Frank Milby along with his parents Candy & Don accept the award for Twin B Scamper.



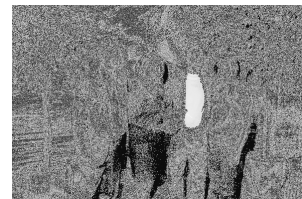
**Ocean Downs' Trotter of the Year
Whitesville Tara**

Owner Gary White proudly receives the award from C.S.O.A. Director Kenny Schlotzhauer.



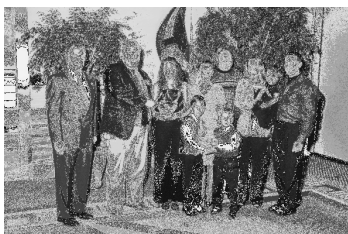
**Aged Pacer of the Year
NUCLEAR BREEZE**

President Tom Cooke accepts the award from Director Bib Roberts, while Sandy Hans, Nick Hans & Girlfriend, & driver James Morand and boys share the delight.



**Aged Mare of the Year
KELLYTUCK SOPHIE**

Bib & Sharon Roberts receive the award from Director Gary Ewing, while Teri Bildstein looks on. Co-Owners Graham Grace Stable & M&W Stable were unable to attend.



**Two Year Old Colt / Gelding Pacer
QUICK THINKER**

**Two Year Old Filly Trotter
JUANITA**

Director Eli Solomon & President Tom Cooke share in the joy from the owners James Morand & Teresa Givens & their families, as they receive the awards for both QUICK THINKER & JUANITA.



**Two Year Old Filly Pacer
SNATCH THE FORTUNE**

Co-owner & Trainer Clayton Goad receives the award from Director Kenny Schlotzhauer, as wife Dolly and friend John Bell share in the delight. Co-Owner John Brown was not in attendance.



**Two Year Old Colt / Gelding Trotter
MR CRAZY**

Director Marty Burton presents owner Crawford Rayne & wife, Leah with the award. MR CRAZY's trainer William Long and regular driver Sam Belote look on.

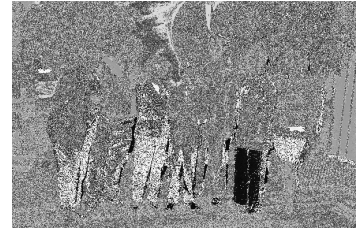


**Three Year Old Colt / Gelding Pacer
SOUTHERN MYLES**

Director Bib Roberts presents Gerald Kelly and his two grandchildren with the award.

**Three Year Old Filly Pacer
DOUBLE FLIP**

Director Tammy Lafferty presents the Wagner family and Robert Coole with the award on behalf of co-owners Winbak Farms & the late Earl Wagner.



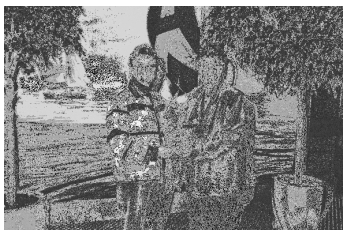
**Three Year Old Colt / Gelding Trotter
KURSK**

KURSK's regular driver Frank Milby & Sharon Roberts accept the award presented by Director Don Milby, on behalf of owner Shirley Shand, who could not attend.



**Three Year Old Filly Trotter
MOLLY MCGUIRE**

Director Ralph Hayward presents James & Clarrisa Coughlin with the award on behalf of co-owners Ursula Ayd & Betsy Brown.



**Aged Trotter of the Year
FOUR STARZ ROBRO**

Director Tammy Lafferty presents trainer Judy Welty with the award for owner Kelley Rogers, who was out of town.



**Aged Trotter of the Year
SAFARI HEAT**

Gregg Morris and family receive the award from Director Eli Solomon.



**Claimer of the Year
GE'S JUSTIN**

Director Gary Ewing presents Carla Armour and her guests with the award.



**Claimer of the Year
YOU DIEHL**

Clarissa & James Coughlin accept the award on behalf of co-owners Ron MacArthur & Richard Smith from Directors Bill Spicer & Ralph Hayward.

2008 C.S.O.A. Election Results

Owner Category	Trainer Category	At-Large Category
Ralph Hayward	William Long	Gary White
Tammy Lafferty	Kenneth Schlotzhauer	
William Spicer	Judith Welty	

Thank you everyone that ran for a seat on the C.S.O.A. Board of Directors. We would also like to thank everyone that took the time to vote, because they are your voice on the board.

We would also like to thank our election room tellers; Fran Goldstein, Charlotte Hahn, Jeff Jester, Ginny Marvel, Candy Milby, and Clara Volm for their time and help. It would not have ran as smoothly without you!

We have recently lost several horsemen in the area.
We would like to remind the families and friends of

Dr. Max Fischer,
Gary Pepper, and
Raymond Norton

That they are in our thoughts and prayers.

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