THE SBOANJ 2022 PROGRAMS AND RACES

The Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of New Jersey will continue to distribute breeder and sired award money in the year 2022.

The Breeders Awards are earned in designated New Jersey Sire Stake races and the Sired Awards are available to owners of New Jersey sired horses age 6 and under in overnight races.

In order to receive award money, you must be a current member of the SBOANJ and have a W-9 form on file. Please be sure to have all the necessary documents sent to the SBOANJ office.

The SBOANJ also announces the return of the Resident Mare Rebate for 2022.

The Resident Mare Rebate will pay up to $500 to owners of qualified mares. Mares bred in 2021 did not have to be bred to a New Jersey stallion but must reside in New Jersey for 150 days up to and including foaling. Proof of foaling in New Jersey via U.S. Trotting Association registration is required.

This year, the application process is different. Completed application and foal registration must be received by October 31, 2022. Applicants must be a member of the SBOANJ and supply the office with a W-9. Visit sboanj.com for more information.

Recently the SBOANJ and The Meadowlands announced new 3-year-old races for trotters sponsored by the SBOANJ that will serve as a lead-in to the 2022 New Jersey Sire Stakes (NJSS).

These races will be considered overnights but will be restricted to those horses eligible to the NJSS and will be scheduled for consecutive Fridays, April 22 and April 29.

The new races will be written as NJ Sired 3YO trots (written as separate races for colts & geldings and fillies) that are Non Winners of 3 Pari-Mutuel Races or $50,000 Lifetime.

Should there be too few entered to accommodate separate filly races, they will be combined and the condition would be adjusted to read; Non Winners of 3 (Fillies 4) Pari-Mutuel Races or $50,000 (Fillies $75,000) Lifetime.

The purses for all races will be $25,000.

Mike Klau, chairman of the SBOANJ Breeders Committee had this observation, “These races sponsored by the SBOANJ will provide more racing opportunities for New Jersey Sired 3-year-old trotters, who have not yet reached their potential. As a lead-in to the NJSS, they will have the opportunity to see if they can compete with the best of their generation.”

“This is another example of The Meadowlands and the SBOA working together,” said Big M GM Jason Settlemoir. “These races will enhance a NJSS program with increased purses for 2022 that, coupled with the brand new $2 million NJ Classic Series in September, makes the New Jersey program one of the best regional options available.”
BIG M AVERAGES $3 MILLION IN HANDLE

During 2021, nightly average handle on Meadowlands live races is over $3 million. “The only nighttime track of any breed to reach that figure,” said Settlemoir. “And with three nights of live racing remaining this year, it is very likely that our total handle will show an increase of over $100 million as compared to 2018. That season immediately preceded the Governor signing the bill in February of 2019 that cleared the way for a state appropriation earmarked to help the harness racing industry in the State of New Jersey.

“The 2018 season saw an average nightly handle of just over $2 million a night, so it’s easy for everyone to see the amazing progress we have made in New Jersey. The average handle is up $1 million a night.”

NEW & IMPROVED 2022 STAKES

- $2 MILLION NJ CLASSIC SERIES
- WIN AND YOU’RE IN BONUS
- MARE DIVISION OF GRADUATE
- NJSS 20% PURSE INCREASE

MEADOWLANDS 2021 YEAR END LEADERS

The Meadowlands had a remarkable 2021 from a handle perspective, finishing the 92 race cards with an average wager per card of just over $3 million.

Betting for the calendar year totaled $276,031,079, good for an average of $3,000,337 per card.

After being the leading driver at both the Winter-Spring-Championship and Fall Meetings, Dexter Dunn finished the year atop the Big M standings with 166 victories. Yannick Gingras was second with 116.

Ron Burke finished second to Jeff Cullipher in the W-S-C Meeting but won 30 times in the Fall to pass Cullipher for the year 78 wins to 71.
FREEHOLD BUSINESS UP IN 2021

Freehold Raceway wrapped their 2021 season with increases in the amount of races, race days, and total handle.

Over 82 race days in 2021, Freehold conducted 938 pari-mutuel races and handled $36,149,208. That’s an increase from the 76 days, 843 races, and $30,268,322 handled during the last full year of racing, 2019. The 2020 meet was cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Handle during the 35-day summer/fall portion of the season totaled $13,799,880, up slightly from the $13,784,414. This is the third consecutive year that handle has increased during the summer/fall stand.

Live racing will take place at Freehold on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays throughout the month of January. Starting in February, there will be live racing on just Fridays and Saturdays through May 28. Following the customary summer break, racing will resume on August 26, and continue on Fridays and Saturdays, including Christmas Eve, until December 31. The first race is scheduled for 12:30 PM every live racing day.

FREEHOLD 2021 YEAR END LEADERS

For the second consecutive year, Austin Siegelman took home the driving title. He won 168 races from 766 drives, including 64 during the summer/fall meet.

The training race came down to the last day of the season. Izzy Estrada won his first Freehold training title, winning 30 races from 90 starters. Edwin Quevedo, and John Urbanski tied for second place, with 28 wins each.

Brandon Mongiello was the leading trainer during the summer/fall meet season, winning 18 races.

2022 STAKES SEASON

• NJ 3YO GARDEN STATE TROT
• NJSS SDF
• NJ 3YO HOME GROWN PACE
• DEXTER CUP/LADY SUFFOLK
The Meadowlands recently released notice of our intention to require drivers to apply for approval to race during the 2022 Championship Meet.

It is clear, that as the quality of The Meadowlands driver colony becomes diluted over the winter months, business on our racing declines. Handle and racing revenue are down nearly 20% for the first three weekends of racing versus the same dates a year ago.

“Meadowlands horseplayers expect our product to be of the highest quality, as do the connections of the horses when they come here to race. In recognition of those issues, the approval process will require participation on all Meadowlands race cards beginning on Friday, March 4. Exceptions may be considered for competing stakes and other valid reasons.

The drivers that will be expected to return to and race consistently starting on that date are those who made 200 starts and earned over $1 million at The Meadowlands during the 2021 stakes season from May 1 through Nov. 20.

Applications will be accepted starting April 18 for approval to drive at the “Championship Meet” from May 6 through Aug. 6. A second round of applications will be accepted by May 17 and the process of application and approval will continue every month.

Approval will be based on attendance, adherence to the rules of racing and the spirit of competition from the start date of March 4. Warnings will be issued to those that have been approved that are not in compliance. Approval may be denied, revoked, or withdrawn if the practice that draws the warning continues.

It is imperative that we provide the most compelling racing product that we can, which includes competitive racing with movement and action. No courtesy tucks, no stalling the outside flow for more than a few beats while waiting to get another driver to commit to the outside and no imaginary passing lane created when the tiring leader fails to maintain a straight course off the final turn into the stretch in an obvious courtesy move to free a horse that may be pinned in behind them.

These practices are a violation of the rules of racing and constitute altering the outcome of a race and they will not be accepted.

Live Standardbred horse racing, also known as harness racing, must continue at racetracks in New Jersey under a new law sponsored by Assemblyman Ron Dancer.

On Monday (Jan. 10), the governor signed the bill (A2265/S3771) requiring Standardbred racetracks that have sports wagering licenses to hold a minimum of 151 race dates, with limited exceptions but no less than 75.

“The horse racing industry relies on thousands of jobs, from veterinarians to trainers and many others, and generates millions of dollars in tax revenue while also supporting open space,” Dancer said. “My bill will protect this vital industry while making sure fans can continue to experience the excitement and thunder of harness racing in New Jersey.”

Standardbred horses can reach speeds of more than 30mph as they race a track while pulling a driver in a two-wheeled cart, called a sulky.

The legislation affects the two Standardbred racetracks in the state, the Meadowlands and Freehold Raceway.

Yannick Gingras is being inducted into the Harness Racing Hall of Fame this July, and he got his 2022 highlight reel off to a good start by winning his 8,000th career race after guiding Bettors Donttell to victory lane in the sixth race on Saturday night at the Meadowlands. It was fitting the score came for trainer Ron Burke, with whom Gingras has teamed up with to win countless races during his stellar career.

Gingras has made the most of his wins, as he is one of only six drivers in history to amass $200 million in earnings. The other five in that exclusive club all have at least 1,500 more victories than “The Green Hornet.”

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## 2022 SBOANJ STAKES PAYMENT SCHEDULE

**Supplemental - Sustaining Payments Due March 15**

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FREE Medical Clinic at Gaitway Farm

The Backstretch Community Assistance Program (BCAP) offers the following services at no charge for all licensed horsemen in NJ:
- Counseling Program
- Health Programs
- Education Program
- Recreation

2022 CLINIC DATES COMING SOON!

The Medical Clinic is located next to Barn 17 at Gaitway Farm.

COVID 19 BOOSTER SHOTS
Monday’s, Wednesday’s and Friday’s at 597 Park Avenue in Freehold
10:30 to 3:00 pm.
No appointment necessary. Bring your vaccination card and ID.

FREE COVID-19 TESTS FOR EVERY US HOUSEHOLD

The federal government has launched a nationwide program to distribute free at-home COVID-19 tests to United States citizens. At https://www.covidtests.gov/ every U.S. household can order a maximum of 4 free tests, no matter the household size.

This launch of this effort comes just a week after federal agencies mandated health insurance issuers and group health plans cover the cost of over-the-counter COVID-19 diagnostic tests, starting on Jan. 15, 2022. Download the document for more information on the Jan. 10, 2022 guidance.

TrotPAC trustees continue to attend many political leaders’ fundraisers during these uncertain times to help ensure the long-term viability of Standardbred racing and breeding in New Jersey. With the recent changes in Legislators it is more important than ever that TrotPAC make their presence known in Trenton. TrotPAC trustees must now educate and promote the importance of our industry to all the State Legislators. Your support is vital to TrotPAC’s ability to educate those in a position to help our industry, please note this year’s date of the golf outing.

SBOANJ 26TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING JUNE 28TH

The Standardbred Breeders & Owners Association of New Jersey’s 26th annual golf outing will once again take place at the Knob Hill Golf Club in Manalapan, N.J on Tuesday June 28, 2022.

The proceeds from the golf tournament supports the SBOANJ Horsemen’s Benevolent Fund and TrotPAC.

More information will be available in the coming months. Any questions contact Marie Lauer at the SBOANJ office 732.462.2357.
The board and I are proud to announce the continuation of Breeders, Sired, and Mare Resident Awards. These programs have contributed millions to our members.

With those breeding programs in mind it is with great pleasure that I introduce the new stallions; Perfect Sting, Southwind Ozzi, and American History. These three champions will join Lazarus N on the list of New Jersey pacing stallions. The trotting stallions will remain strong with Muscle Hill, Walner, Tactical Landing, Six Pack, and Propulsion.

These NJ stallions are the reasoning behind the newly SBOANJ sponsored $25,000 3-year-old races for trotters at the Meadowlands. These races will be considered overnights but will be restricted to those horses eligible to the NJSS. The new races will be written as NJ Sired 3-year-old trots (written as separate races for colts & geldings and fillies) that are Non Winners of 3 Pari-Mutuel Races or $50,000 Lifetime.

While we gather the information necessary to produce the report to ensure our $10 million 2023 state appropriation funding, we have also started the Horse Industry Economic Impact Study to show the importance of our industry to the State of New Jersey. We will use this study in the presentations and meetings we have established with the newly elected state legislators and key leaders in both the Senate and Assembly.

Through our relationships with our legislators, we were able to secure the future of racing in New Jersey. The governor signed a bill requiring Standardbred racetracks that have sports wagering licenses to hold a minimum of 151 race dates, with limited exceptions but no less than 75.

As I am sure you have all heard, Manalapan Township, New Jersey approval for the redevelopment zone change for the Gaitway Farm Training Center has caused concerns for its future. Possible revisions are being considered along with a new proposal for the development of the property. The SBOANJ is working along with others to try and produce a solution to the problem.

We have been researching the idea of incorporating Fixed Odds Wagering into our betting programs. It is being considered by the thoroughbreds to start at Monmouth in March or April. We will follow the introduction and results closely before making any decisions for the harness industry.

This past weekend the North American Harness Horse Alliance held a meeting in Florida to discuss important issues in the harness industry that affect all jurisdictions. Mark Ford, Renee Mancino, Jim Whelan, Anthony Romano and Al Ochsner attend in person, Joe Faraldo and others joined via phone.

We have a lot to look forward to in 2022. Good luck to all and I thank you for your continued support of the SBOANJ.

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