COUGHLIN RECEPTION
AT GAITWAY FARM

The Standardbred Breeders & Owners Association of New Jersey and TrotPAC invites all horsemen and horsewomen to an intimate morning reception with State Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin at 10 a.m. Monday, May 16, at Gaitway Farm Training Center in Manalapan.

Speaker Coughlin, a Democrat representing the 19th Legislative District in Middlesex County, has served in the State Assembly since 2010. As the Assembly Speaker, he is third in the line of succession to the governorship, following the Lieutenant Governor and State Senate President.

This is Speaker Coughlin’s third term as Assembly Speaker. He is the first Democratic Assembly Speaker to ever serve three consecutive two-year terms. Responsibilities of the Speaker include scheduling meetings and determining which bills will be considered within the Assembly. The Speaker also leads the legislative sessions.

As a child, Speaker Coughlin dreamed of being a sportscaster. Although he went on to become an attorney and active in government at the municipal and state levels, for two decades he has done play-by-play announcing for high school sports on a cable-access channel in Woodbridge as a volunteer.

Speaker Coughlin’s support was vital to the five-year, $100-million appropriation for the state’s horse racing industry that was approved by the Legislature and signed by the Gov. Phil Murphy in 2019.

That same year, Speaker Coughlin attended an event at Fair Winds Farm and Hogan Equine Clinic to support his re-election campaign. It was Speaker Coughlin’s first visit to any New Jersey equine facility and enabled him to see firsthand the impact and importance of our industry to the state.

“Our first event with Speaker Coughlin was fantastic, with great attendance and a tremendous outpouring of support, and I think he was impressed with what he saw and gained valuable insight into our industry as a whole,” SBOANJ President Mark Ford said. “Our meeting at Gaitway Farm will be another opportunity to make an impression, as well as give Speaker Coughlin the chance to see other aspects of the Standardbred business.

“Working with our legislators, and maintaining their trust and backing, is critical as we strive to protect and enhance our future in the years to come.”

At the May 16 get-together, Speaker Coughlin is expected to tour Gaitway Farm, watch horses jog and train, and visit the Backstretch Community Assistance Program clinic run by Dr. Chris Samaha.

“We want Speaker Coughlin to see there is more to Gaitway than just horses,” Ford said.

Please RSVP by contacting the SBOANJ at mlauer@sboanj.com or 732-462-2357. We urge everyone to help support Speaker Coughlin in his 2023 campaign. Your attendance and financial help are of utmost importance to the success of our industry.

Contributions can be made payable to TrotPAC, the contributions will then be sent to the Election Fund of Craig J. Coughlin for Assembly or Democratic Assembly Campaign Committee.

Anyone unable to attend the event can send donations to TrotPAC c/o Marie Lauer, 64 Business Route 33, Manalapan, N.J. 07726.

Thank you for your support and generosity.
REP JOB KEEPS MARSHALL IN TOUCH

Donna Marshall might be less hands-on when it comes to working with horses, but she still is keeping her hands in harness racing.

A fixture on the state’s harness racing scene since starting in the sport as a teenager in the mid-1970s, Donna is following up a successful career on the track by serving as the Standardbred Breeders & Owners Association of New Jersey horsemen’s representative at the Meadowlands Racetrack. She was named to the position in late March.

Over the years, Donna trained the winners of hundreds of races. More recently, when not with her own stable at Gaitway Farm in central New Jersey, she also was a caretaker for horses trained there by Ron Burke.

“I’ve always loved it,” Donna said about working with horses. “When I was growing up, I loved riding. I showed a little bit, but I didn’t enjoy it as much as I thought I would. But I really enjoyed taking care of the horses. I found I enjoyed that better.

“It’s just a special thing with the horses. You take care of them, they don’t talk back to you, they just like your love.”

Donna’s father, William Aiken, was involved in harness racing as an owner, trainer, and occasional driver. While taking care of one of his horses at Historic Track in Goshen, Donna met her future husband, Jim Marshall III. The couple was later married in Goshen.

“It’s always been a very special place to me,” Donna said about the upstate New York village, which also is home to the Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame.

One of the Marshalls’ first horses together was Tiogas Ginnie, a 9-year-old maiden pacing mare.

“We had trouble finding a place to even qualify her because that’s how bad her lines looked,” Donna said with a laugh. “We had a friend that used to race at Pocono a lot and he helped us get her in a qualifier there. And she won the qualifier and then she won her first race. It was so exciting.”

Jim went on to a career as a driver, winning more than 3,800 races before retiring in 2020 to become a judge at Pocono.

Among Donna’s top horses were stakes-winners including Fishing Clinic, Johns Polyview, Jurgen Hanover, Mama B, Paradise Justine, Sleep Easy, and Xqsmwa, as well as Open Trotter Always On Guard. As a caretaker for the Burke Stable, her horses included Dan Patch Award-winner Youaremycandygirl.

But Donna enjoyed all her horses and had an affinity for the hard-knocking ones, such as Henrietta MacFaber, who was owned by Donna and was twice Claimer of the Year at Freehold Raceway for the Marshall Stable.

“When a horse is good, they’re good,” Donna said. “It was the ones that I took care of that looked like they would never win a race again that I probably most remember because they were always an accomplishment.”

In addition to her work as a trainer and caretaker, Donna is well known for her unselfish acts of kindness. In 2013, she received the January Davies Humanitarian Award, presented by the U.S. Harness Writers Association.

She decided to slow down with the horses in large part to be able to spend more time with her daughter Kelly and 10-month-old granddaughter Lucy, who live in Vermont. But she still goes to Gaitway some mornings to help her son, Jim IV, with his small stable of horses.

And her job as the horsemen’s rep at the Meadowlands helps Donna remain connected to the sport as a whole.

“I really like this because I still kind of keep my hands in the business, and can still keep in touch with everything and everyone,” Donna said. “I still love it.”
The Harness Horse Youth Foundation is pleased to announce Karyn Malinowski, Ph.D as its newest Service To Youth honoree.

“Dr. Malinowski’s passion for harness racing and dedication to educating youth through her work at Rutgers is unmatched. She and HHYF have collaborated for years so her selection as this year’s recipient was an obvious choice and perhaps a bit overdue,” Allison Conte, HHYF President stated.

In hearing of her award, Dr. Malinowski enthusiastically replied “young people are the future of the horse industry and anytime we invest in engaging them in our industry is a positive investment of our future. Harness racing is something that youth can actually have hands on experience with, plus it is extremely thrilling and exciting.”

Dr. Karyn Malinowski, an accomplished equine scientist, is the Founding Director of the Rutgers Equine Science Center at the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station (NJAES).

She has served as a faculty member at the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences since 1978 in various roles. These include: as an Extension Specialist in Equine Sciences, Animal Sciences Professor, Founding Director of the Equine Science Center, and Director of Rutgers Cooperative Extension. Her research and extension programs concentrate on improving the well-being and quality of life of the equine athlete while ensuring the vitality and viability of the equine industry, both statewide and nationally.

Malinowski is the recipient of many awards, including the American Society of Animal Science – Equine Science Society Equine Award, 2012, the United States Harness Writers Association – Unsung Hero Award, 2012, Governor’s Trophy for Horse Person of the Year, 2010, and the Marjorie Van Ness Award from the American Horse Council, 2001. In 1995, she became only the second woman in fifty years to receive the New York Farmers Club Award, which was given by the prestigious and venerable Northeastern Agricultural Society to her for her contributions to agriculture.

Dr. Malinowski is a strong advocate for youth as reflected in her extension project entitled, “Careers in the Green Industry: Youth Sow Seeds for Their Future,” which involved horses and adjudicated youth, and has served as a model for similar programs around the globe. She also led the effort in developing the “Horse Industry Handbook” during her presidency of the American Youth Horse Council. The handbook is used by young people around the world as they study proper horse care and management.

Presentation of Dr. Malinowski’s award will take place later this summer at the Meadowlands in East Rutherford, New Jersey.

The Harness Horse Youth Foundation will be conducting a two-day camp at Gaitway Farm on August 8-9. The camp will involve lots of hands-on activities featuring the HHYF stable of Trottingbred racehorses. Attendees will be introduced to many facets of the harness racing industry including care of the horse, harnessing and equipment - all presented with interactive opportunities. Perhaps the highlight of the event will be the opportunity to jog a racehorse sitting alongside a professional driver!

The camp will begin each day at 8AM and conclude at 4PM. Participants must be ages 11 and up. The cost is $40 per participant and includes lunch. Lunches will be sponsored by SBOANJ.

No child is turned away for inability to pay the registration fee; contact the HHYF office for information about financial assistance and other questions about the program - 317.908.0029 or email ellen@hhyf.org.
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As for the drivers, David Miller drove three of the four 2021 millionaire horses: Perfect Sting $1,273,847, Test Of Faith $1,069,739, and Venerable $1,039,966. Also recognized at the banquet was Yanick Gingras as one of the members of the 2022 Hall of Fame class, which will he will be inducted to in July.

Division-winning pacers were 2-year-old colt Monte Miki, Niki Hill, Perfect Sting, 4-year-old gelding Allywag Hanover, and 4-year-old mare Lyons Sentinel. Division-winning trotters were 2-year-old colt King Of The North, Venerable, Bella Bellini, 5-year-old stallion Forbidden Trade, and 6-year-old mare Manchego.

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Off a highly successful month of March which saw average nightly handle top $3 million, business remained brisk at The Meadowlands as the $3-million barrier was busted for the fifth time in 2022, with all-source action on Friday night’s 13-race card totaling $3,067,418.

Wagering has hit its stride at the mile oval, as five of the last 10 race cards have seen total play clear the $3-million hurdle.

**BETTING TOPS $3 MILLION FOR FIFTH TIME IN 2022 AT BIG M**

A total of $305,569 was bet on the first race and then evened out a bit before the seventh race started a seven-race run where action was more than $250,000 four times. The last four races of the night saw $1,057,060 pushed through the windows on a night when play remained steady from start to finish.

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NJSS PREP REMINDER

The Standardbred Breeders & Owners Association of New Jersey (SBOANJ) and The Meadowlands wish to remind trainers of the new 3-year-old races for trotters sponsored by the SBOANJ that will serve as a lead in to the 2022 New Jersey Sires 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 C&G 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 (Mares 4) Pari-Mutuel Races or $50,000 (Fillies $75,000) Lifetime.

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

The NJSS dates follow up the next Friday with legs set for May 6 and May 13 and the finals May 27.

NORTHERN BACCARAT WINS INAUGURAL TONY DANDEO MEMORIAL PACING SERIES

The first ever Tony Dandeo Memorial Pacing Series final went to Northern Baccarat.

He swooped into the three-hole nearing the third turn, moved first-over after the lead, and held clear for the victory. Stopping the timer at 1:57.4, Northern Baccarat won a division of leg one, then finished third, beaten four lengths, in his division of leg two. This makes win number 2 of 4 starts for the 4-year-old pacing gelding.

Pat Lachance was in the bike for owner Thomas Ceraso Jr and trainer Paul Stafford.
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.

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. Most recently TrotPAC trustees attended the following events: Steven Oroho for Senate, Troy Singleton for Senate, Assemblyman Louis D Greenwald, Vin Gopal for Senate, and Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez. Your support is vital to TrotPAC’s ability to educate those in a position to help our industry.
PRESIDENT’S LETTER

First and foremost, I would like to commend the TrotPAC trustees on their recent efforts to coordinate the event for Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin at Gaitway Farm. It is very important that we as horsemen and women help support Assembly Speaker Coughlin in his 2023 campaign to ensure the continued success of our industry and future appropriation.

Congratulations to all the Dan Patch Award winners, especially all of the New Jersey-based owners, trainers, and breeders. All of your hard work in 2021 did not go unnoticed.

The SBOANJ has announced the date of the annual golf outing, June 28, 2022. The golf outing is not only an important fundraising opportunity but it is also a great time. Each year the golf outing has had more participants both on the course and at the after-dinner reception. It is a fun-filled day of golf, food, drinks, and prizes. I encourage anyone thinking of attending to RSVP soon, you do not want to be the one left out because you waited too long to get your tickets.

The last few years we have asked all trainers to help by filling out questionnaires to ensure the appropriation funds will be awarded to the horsemen.

It is that time of the year again, the SBOANJ is currently making phone calls and visiting farms to obtain pertinent information for the year-end report that will be sent to the state. Trainer cooperation is greatly appreciated during this reporting process. If you have any questions or have not been contacted yet please feel free to call the office at 732-462-2357.

Thank you to all horsemen that have continued their support of the Meadowlands race entries. The full box has contributed to numerous cards surpassing the $3-million level for handle this year.

This spring has not been the best of weather so far, wishing good luck and the best of racing conditions to all!

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