A Legacy Of Accomplishments,
But Also A Gentle Giant

Winter is well known as a season of discontent, the phrase originating with William Shakespeare in Richard III and then the title for the John Steinbeck classic, “The Winter of Our Discontent.”

Besides the dark days that winter can bring, it seems they are often accompanied by death. My job includes writing obituaries of our participants, both human and equine, and while I have never tallied these biographies, it certainly seems I have done more of this work while gazing out a window at a gray sky.

My first notable obituary during the dark days of winter is memorable for a couple of reasons. On a sun-filled, spring-like day at historic Stoner Creek Farm in Paris, Ky., in January 1982, the great pacing progenitor Meadow Skipper had died in his paddock, apparently of a heart attack.

And now another great has passed on in the days of winter. On Sunday afternoon, Jan. 14, Somebeachsomewhere was euthanized at Mid-Atlantic Equine Center in Ringoes, N.J., where he had been undergoing chemotherapy treat-
“He was going downhill fast, he lost a lot of weight, he lost a lot of muscle tone. At the end of it, he was down and struggling to get up because his balance was off. His white count was through the roof and it appears as though he became septic,” MacGrath said. “We’ll know a little bit more when we get the autopsy.”

When Somebeachsomewhere was retired from racing in the fall of 2008 as one of the sport’s greats, he settled in for a breeding career at Hanover Shoe Farms. His resume certainly distinguished him from other horses on the farm, but so did his personality. He became a beloved member of the Hanover Shoe Farms family.

“Not all horses are endearing. If you love horses and you knew Beach, you loved him,” said Dr. Bridgette Jablonsky, farm manager at Hanover, who worked with Somebeachsomewhere for nine years. “He was a horse that wanted to please people. He was classy, but humble. If a horse could be humble, that was Beach. He was just a kind, happy horse. He loved it when you scratched him on the side of his head. He could stand there for 30 minutes if you’d do that.”

Although Hanover’s stallions spend most of their hours turned out in paddocks, where they can live naturally, the farm staff learned the stallion was a gentle giant with a huge appetite. “I spent the first eight years of his life at Hanover trying to keep weight off him, yet because of the cancer he was losing weight,” said Dr. Jablonsky wistfully. “Early we bought an exercise machine for him and he was on it 45 minutes a day because he would gain weight on a very small amount of feed. If you put two flakes of hay in the stall and walked away and then turned back around, they would be gone.”

Last December, when Dr. Jablonsky flew to Mid-Atlantic with Hanover’s Jim Simpson and Patti Murphy (Hanover’s assistant farm manager) for a quick visit with “Beach,” she took him his favorite treat.

“He loved carrots, the ones with the greens still on top of them,” shared Dr. Jablonsky. “He ate them so quickly I felt guilty because I only brought one bunch.”

The Hanover staff had more human contact with Beach during the breeding season, and that interaction brought further insights into his personality. Dr. Jablonsky recalled that when he was initially unwilling to mount a phantom mare for breeding, she decided to collect him off of a mare his first year at stud. Before Beach’s second breeding sea-
“Sometimes he was a little picky about the (tease) mare,” said Dr. Jablonsky. “Some stallions do have a little more of a preference, but you could not coax him into breeding if he didn’t like the mare. Some days he’d go through five or six mares. And there were some mares that he loved.”

When Somebeachsomewhere was being bred by jumping a tease mare in his first season, he developed an affinity for one particular mare. At first glance, Beach’s fondness for the mare was confounding. She was in her 20s, was blind, and had Cushing’s disease, which causes horses to have a long, unruly coat of hair.

“I think the reason he loved this old lady with all this hair is because the ideal jump mare stands still for the stallion, and I think he mounted her so many times before he learned how to mount the phantom that he remembered her,” explained Dr. Jablonsky.

Last March, Somebeachsomewhere was diagnosed with inflammatory bowel disease. While cancer was ruled out at the time, the horse had to be treated with steroids to keep the inflammation in check.

“He responded well to the steroids, and he was still happy and eating well,” said Dr. Jablonsky. “Even though he knew I was coming into his stall with medicine, he never pinned his ears.”

There is one more crop of Somebeachsomewhere foals to be born, but his accomplishments as a sire, from the standpoint of being both a money-winnings leader and progenitor of champions, may never be topped.

“I think he’s a one-in-a-generation stallion. From my perspective, he produced a tremendous physical specimen,” offered Dr. Jablonsky when asked about Beach’s greatest influence on the pacing breed. “It was so easy to sell his yearlings because he produced a physically imposing individual. His offspring matured so quickly and were so powerful at two and three. It was like having a college kid playing against a Little Leaguer.” Somebeachsomewhere so far has sired 10 million-dollar winners and another three with earnings of more than $971,000, among them the top stakes winners Captaintreacherous, Pure Country, Downbytheseaside, Huntsville and Somwherovrarainbow.

Hanover Shoe Farms presently has 13 daughters of Somebeachsomewhere in its broodmare band. So far, from 21 foals of racing age, Somebeachsomewhere’s broodmare sire credits include 2017 Dan Patch 2-year-old filly champion Youaremymandygirl.

“Not too many get the privilege to be involved with a horse like him, one of the greatest horses to ever step foot on the track, or in the breeding shed,” said Dr. Jablonsky. “For those of us at the farm, he was just a great horse, period.

“We appreciate all the condolences,” she added. “I wasn’t the only one at the farm who loved Beach. Dr. Paige Miller helped with his treatments and daily physical exams, and Patti Murphy always made sure to check on him, and his groom, Alex Perez, he knew when Beach wasn’t 100 percent.”

Not unexpectedly, Somebeachsomewhere also made friends at Mid-Atlantic.

“They loved him there, and when the decision was made to put him to sleep, all of the vet techs came in to be with the horse,” shared Dr. Jablonsky.

The cremated remains of Somebeachsomewhere were returned to Hanover Shoe Farms, where they will be buried in the farm’s equine cemetery, right behind Western Hanover and across from Albatross.—By Kathy Parker
A Year On The Road With The Horse Of A Lifetime

Brent MacGrath and his wife, Rhonda, traveled with Somebeachsomewhere his entire racing career. When MacGrath took over the training in 2008, he and his wife spent eight months on the road with the colt.

“I certainly didn’t realize what he was going to turn out to be, but there were a lot of people jumping on the bandwagon quick and never got off,” he said. “What a feeling.”

MacGrath said Beach’s personality was unique and unmatched.

“The best part of his personality was that he was so predictable and so kind. He was a gentleman in every way,” said MacGrath. “Never, never would he squeal or holler or make a fuss when you put him in a strange barn. He went in and was so professional.

“I remember going into the detention barns and a lot of the horses looked like they would rather be someplace else, but Beach almost treated it like a sleepover. When you came in the morning you would wonder if the rest of them had laid down and in a strange environment that’s not uncommon that they don’t, but he’d be covered in shavings and it looked like he’d slept all night by the looks of things. And when you would put him in the trailer he would run up the ramp and go right in.

“At the time you don’t think much of it, but when you think back what he did and what he accomplished, and the way he did it and the class he handled himself with, it was impressive.”

MacGrath said that while Somebeachsomewhere certainly was a financial plus, the horse brought him so much more.

“People said he changed my life financially, but we were doing very well before Beach came along and our businesses were all doing well. But that’s not to say he didn’t contribute financially. But the people he introduced us to was more how he changed our life. I’ve been getting calls of condolences from all over the world and that’s nice.” — By Gordon Waterstone
### 2018 MEADOWLANDS SPRING LATE CLOSING SERIES

**Nominations close Thursday, February 15, 2018.** Eligibility determined through and including December 31, 2017.

**Event 50 – Pace – Horse & Geldings**

*“WHATA BARON”*

N/W of 6 Extended P.M. Races Lifetime or N/W of $125,000 in 2017

| Leg 1: Saturday, April 7 | $15,000 |
| Leg 2: Saturday, April 14 | $17,500 |
| Final: Saturday, April 21 | $50,000e ($40,000a) |

Nominating Fee $500

### Event 51 – Pace – Fillies & Mares

*“BURNING POINT”*

N/W of 6 Extended P.M. Races Lifetime or N/W of $125,000 in 2017

| Leg 1: Saturday, April 7 | $15,000 |
| Leg 2: Saturday, April 14 | $17,500 |
| Final: Saturday, April 21 | $50,000e ($40,000a) |

Nominating Fee $500

### Event 52 – Trot

*“SHIAWAY ST PAT”*

N/W of 6 (F&M 8) Extended P.M. Races Lifetime or N/W of $125,000 (F&M $150,000) in 2017

| Leg 1: Friday, April 6 | $15,000 |
| Leg 2: Friday, April 13 | $17,500 |
| Final: Friday, April 20 | $50,000e ($40,000a) |

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**Nominations close Thursday, March 15, 2018.** Eligibility determined through and including March 15, 2018.

**Event 53 – Pace – 3YO Colts & Geldings**

*“ESCORT”*

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(State Bred Wins for $10,000 or Less First Money Not Considered on Wins)

| Leg 1: Saturday, May 12 | $12,500 |
| Leg 2: Saturday, May 19 | $12,500 |
| Final: Saturday, May 26 | $45,000e ($30,000a) |

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**Event 54 – Pace – 3YO Fillies & Mares**

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**Event 55 – Trot – 3YO Colts & Geldings**

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| Final: Saturday, May 26 | $45,000e ($30,000a) |

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**Event 56 – Trot – 3YO Fillies & Mares**

*“BROADWAY SCHOONER”*

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Foiled Again Eyes Win 100

With U.S. Trotting Association (USTA) rules mandating the retirement of horses upon the conclusion of their 14-year-old year, Foiled Again is in his final season of racing. Already the sport’s all-time richest horse with $7,568,478 in earnings, Foiled Again is now poised to join an exclusive club that only 20 other horses over the past 40 years are members of: The 100-win career club.

Foiled Again can reach 100 wins on Saturday night at Yonkers, starting from post 7 in a $20,000 conditioned pace, the same class he scored victory 99 in last weekend at the half-mile oval. Kicking off 2018 with a bang, Foiled Again led at every call for driver George Brennan to win in 1:55.2.

It was the 17th time Brennan had driven Foiled Again over a 304-start career, with his overall slate at three wins, three seconds and three thirds and $70,600 in earnings. Brennan drove Foiled Again in three starts back in 2007 for original trainer Herman Heitmann before the son of Dragon Again was purchased in 2008 by current owners Burke Racing Stable, Weaver Bruscemi LLC and JJK Stables.

Foiled Again has been driven by 33 different drivers, 15 of whom won at least one race. Yannick Gingras has been the primary driver, with his 184 starts resulting in 62 wins. It’s a long distance to runner-up Matt Kakaley, who has driven Foiled Again to seven wins in 16 starts.

Co-owner Mark Weaver said while 100 wins is nice, it wasn’t a priority.

“I guess you could say 100 was a goal, just because of the significance of the number,” said Weaver, “but I wouldn’t say that’s what we’ve been racing him to achieve, it’s another one of his accomplishments. I don’t think once he gets to 100, Ronnie (Burke) is going to say, ‘OK, he’s had enough.’ It’s not like he’s been targeting just for that number.”

Weaver said Burke will map out a race schedule for Foiled Again similar to what he’s done the last few years. Foiled Again made his 30 starts last year at 12 different racetracks.

“With the schedule he’s had, we’re clearly not racing him at the tracks that have the highest purses,” he said. “With him, we sent him around to a lot of places. Some tracks reached out to us and asked if he would come, and we were able to do that. We’ll try and take him to places that appreciate him and he has a little bit of history at.”

Interestingly, while Foiled Again has 20 horses ahead of him on the current win list, his earnings are more than the others combined. That includes of course the $2-million earner Rambling Willie and the $1.1-million earner Pilgrim’s Fiery.

According to USTA statistics, the all-time record for wins goes to the trotter Goldsmith Maid, who won 350 races over a career that spanned 1864-77. The record for pacers belongs to Single G, who won 264 races from 1913-26. The “modern-day” record belongs to the pacer Symbol Allen, who posted 241 wins from 1943-58. There are obviously many other horses who reached the three-digit win level but those records are incomplete.—By Gordon Waterstone

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**100 Career-Win Club (since 1976)**

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Burn Out Hanover Sizzling Into Snowshoe Series

The Snowshoe Pacing Series for 3- and 4-year-old pacers gets underway on Friday night at Woodbine, with the 33 entries divided into four $17,000 divisions. After a second leg on Jan. 26, the top 10 earners will advance to the final on Feb. 2.

Riding a three-race win streak into the Snowshoe Series is Burn Out Hanover, a 3-year-old son of Well Said out of the 2006 Older Pacing Mare of the Year Burning Point. Burn Out Hanover will start from the outside post 8 in the second division (Race 3) with Jody Jamieson driving.

Purchased as a yearling by Jack Darling for $15,000, Burn Out Hanover has an overall slate of 15-6-3-1 and earnings of $55,310(C). While the series conditions include “non-winner of $30,000 lifetime as of Oct. 31, 2017,” Burn Out Hanover was short of that level at time of closing.

After two baby-race wins at Mohawk last July, Burn Out Hanover came out of the box on fire, winning three straight conditioned events (including a career-best 1:52.4 effort) until finishing second on Sept. 5 at Mohawk. Darling then entered Burn Out Hanover in the Metro, where he finished ninth as a 9-2 choice on the toteboard.

“Eventually he settled down and he’s turned into a nice horse.”
— Jack Darling

Burn Out Hanover’s current win streak began on Dec. 7 at Woodbine where he won by 3 ¼ lengths in 1:53.1. Back out three weeks later on Dec. 26, Burn Out Hanover romped by 7 ¾ lengths in 1:56.1 on a bitterly-cold afternoon. Last time out on Jan. 11, Burn Out Hanover had post 1, settled early for Jamieson, before moving to the front just past the quarter and leading the rest of the way to score by three-quarters of a length in 1:55.4.

Despite the front-end efforts, Darling believes Burn Out Hanover races best from behind.

“Early he really didn’t like it on top,” he said. “I think he will be much better coming off the pace but it’s just been the way Jody has been racing him. I think he will be much better coming off a helmet.”

Darling said the Snowshoe Series will give him an indication of mapping out a stakes schedule for 2018.

“We’ll see how he does,” said Darling. “He’s going to need a little bit of a breather somewhere along the line. He is a June foal so I took my time and didn’t start with him until later, but he’s been going steady. It will be a week-by-week thing.”—By Gordon Waterstone

Harness Racing At Governor’s Inauguration

On Tuesday, Jan. 16, the Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of New Jersey (SBOA) and its political action committee, TrotPAC, were represented at New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy’s inaugural ball at MetLife Stadium in the Meadowlands.

Joining Governor Murphy (center, with his wife) were (from left) SBOA director Mike Gulotta (with his wife, Madeleine), Jason Settemoir of the Meadowlands, and SBOA director Bob Boni. Fellow guests included the governor’s staff, state legislators, local and county elected officials, lawyers, business leaders and public policy advocates.
Brian Brown Optimistic For 2018

Not often does a trainer work with two horses in the same division that both earn a million dollars, but such was the case last year for Brian Brown. In fact, Brown became the first trainer in 13 years to accomplish the feat with two 3-year-old male pacers, Downbytheseaside and Fear The Dragon.

Those two stars are gone this year, off to perform stallion duties, but Brown is optimistic about his stable’s chances of enjoying another strong campaign in 2018. Brown set career highs in wins with 151 and purses with $5.79 million last year and was named Trainer of the Year by the U.S. Harness Writers Association. His earnings were fourth best in North America despite having fewer starts than any trainer in the top 16.

Now, the 53-year-old Ohio resident turns his attention to 2018.

"The scary part is replacing Seaside and Dragon," Brown said. "I’ve got Blazin Britches coming back and I’ve got some 3-year-olds that I think have promise. I don’t expect them to be Seaside or Dragon, but I think they could be nice horses that could go out and earn $300,000 or $400,000 possibly.

"My 2-year-olds, I’ve got so many that I can’t tell you that a particular horse stands out, but I’ve got a bunch that I really like right now. So we have a lot of optimism for this year. I just don’t have those two horses that I know are coming back that should make it a great year."

Downbytheseaside won the Dan Patch Award as the sport’s best 3-year-old male pacer and was joined as a Dan Patch Award winner by the Brown-trained Blazin Britches, who captured 11 of 15 races and was named the top 3-year-old female pacer. Brown was the first trainer to hit that double since 1995 when Joe Holloway did it with Jenna’s Beach Boy and She’s A Great Lady.

Brown will spend the winter in Florida getting his stable ready for this year’s campaign. He has 113 horses there, with 75 being 2-year-olds. Brown hopes 3-year-old male pacer Done Well can do well to help fill the void left by Downbytheseaside and Fear The Dragon. Last year, Done Well was 4-for-4 on the Pennsylvania-restricted stakes circuit before being sidelined by a cannon bone fracture.

"I think he is the caliber of those horses," Brown said, referring to Downbytheseaside and Fear The Dragon. "The problem is that he didn’t go a whole year to be able to prove he’s that good.

"But I think he’s a good horse. He has to stay sound, the same as everybody else. Where his crack was, in the cannon bone, once it heals up we should be in great shape. It’s not in a joint so I don’t have to worry about calcium buildup or wear and tear on that joint."

Brown, in addition to his career highs in wins and purses last year, had a career-best .402 trainer’s rating and has posted 10 consecutive years better than .300.

"What I’m most proud of my whole career is my percentage," Brown said. "It stays above .300 most of the time. I think if you’re batting .300 you’re doing pretty good. To me, that means we’re still winning races where we have to race. To me, that’s the biggest barometer of how well you’re doing.

"Of course, this is a business and the money is the most important thing," he continued, adding with a laugh, "If I had a .200 average and made $10 million instead of $5.7 million, well, I’m sure I’m going to be just as happy." (Ken Weingartner/USTA)

Ric Flair To Appear At Dan Patch Awards Dinner

Last year it was “Elvis” who greeted the attendees at the U.S. Harness Writers Association’s (USHWA) annual Dan Patch awards dinner in Las Vegas, and this year on Sunday night, Feb. 25, it will be retired professional wrestler Ric “The Nature Boy” Flair who will welcome everyone at the Rosen Shingle Creek resort in Orlando, Fla.

Flair, who will be attending the dinner as a guest of one of the honorees, is a 16-time world champion over a career that spanned 40 years and is considered by many to be the greatest professional wrestler of all time. He is a two-time inductee into the World Wrestling Entertainment Hall of Fame, first inducted in 2008 for his wrestling career and four years later as a member—ironically—of The Four Horsemen, a professional wrestling stable in the National Wrestling Alliance and later World Championship Wrestling.

Flair will meet and greet the attendees on the Dan Patch Awards Red Carpet. The one-hour reception begins at 6 p.m. and will be followed by the awards ceremony and dinner beginning at 7 p.m. The Red Carpet hour will be broadcast live on the Facebook pages of well-known harness names Heather Vitale and Heather Wilder. The two Heathers will roam the Red Carpet area and interview several of the award winners and attendees.

In addition, the awards ceremony, hosted by Roger Huston and Jason Settlemoir, will be then broadcast live on the USHWA Facebook page, with viewing available the following day on the U.S. Trotting Association website www.us-trotting.com and its Youtube page.

Information about the banquet and the entire week, which will also contain the annual meetings of USHWA, can be found at www.ushwa.net, including links for making hotel reservations at special rates; banquet tickets; and congratulatory or acknowledgment ads in the keepsake souvenir journal.
1. Mark stallion selection and highest bid on application (*trotters listed in italics*). Minimum bids, booking fees and semen transport charges may apply. Stallion manager may reserve right to approve mare. Call 845-294-6330 for additional information.

2. Return application with a check for 10% of amount bid (Canadian bidders may submit bids on Canadian stallions in Canadian funds). If bidding on more than one stallion, please use separate application or plain paper and write separate checks for each bid. All bids are confidential.


4. Make check(s) payable and send to The Harness Racing Museum, 240 Main Street, Goshen, NY 10924. Call or email Joanne Young to let her know that your bid is in the mail.

5. Bidders will be notified starting February 19th.

6. If you are not the winning bidder, your deposit will be returned to you or you may donate it to the Museum. The successful bidder will owe the Harness Racing Museum the remaining 90% of stud fee at the time the mare foals. If no live foal results, a veterinarian's certificate is required. Your deposit will be returned, or it may be donated to the Museum. Mares not presented for breeding will forfeit deposit.

7. Bids over the advertised stud fees are deductible as charitable contributions for income tax purposes.

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Miso Fast Brings $250,000 To Top Tattersalls

Ed Telle arrived at Monday’s (Jan. 15) Tattersalls January Select Mixed Sale at the Meadowlands Racetrack with the intention of buying one horse, Miso Fast. Several hours later, Telle accomplished his goal.

Telle purchased the 4-year-old pacing stallion for $250,000, which was the day’s top price. Formerly trained by Ron Burke, Miso Fast has won seven of 36 career races and earned $667,938.

Miso Fast’s victories include five divisions of the New York Sire Stakes and an elimination of the Max C. Hempt Memorial. He was second in the 2016 New York Sire Stakes championship as well as the 2017 Empire Breeders Classic. He also was second in a division of the Tattersalls Pace last year.

“He’s a gorgeous horse and he’s going to make a nice racehorse for the next four or five years,” Telle said. “I came here to buy him. I’m going to send him to Florida for a couple of months to get him ready and then bring him back up. He’ll go to Ohio and Pennsylvania and then he’ll come out east.

“His just so consistent. Maybe as a 4 year old he’ll get a little stronger and be a little better.”

Telle, who lives in Ohio and bought Miso Fast for his Winchester Baye Acres, enjoyed success last year with female pacer Safe From Terror. The mare, purchased for $210,000 during the mixed sale portion of the 2015 Standardbred Horse Sale, won 22 of 36 races last season and earned $239,630. Her 22 victories tied for the most in North America.

Other successes for Telle included campaigning 2011 Little Brown Jug winner Big Bad John, who earned $1 million in his career.

“If you’re going to be in this industry, why not buy the best if you can afford it,” Telle said. “Luckily for me, I’ve had a few good years.

“I think if you buy good quality horses, I give them to good trainers, and we do well.”

Miso Fast was among six racehorses to sell for at least $130,000 on Monday. Next on the list was Kentucky Futurity champion Snowstorm Hanover at $180,000, followed by female pacer Inverse Hanover at $155,000 and male pacer Art Scene at $150,000.

Male trotter New Jersey Viking, at $140,000, and male pacer Ocean Colony, at $130,000, completed the group of six-figure sellers.

Snowstorm Hanover, another horse formerly trained by Burke, was purchased by trainer Marcus Melander as agent for overseas buyers. The 4-year-old stallion has won eight of 36 career races and earned $658,761.

“He’s a nice horse,” Melander said. “He won the Kentucky Futurity and he was good as a 2-year-old, as well. We’ll see what we can do with him.

“We’ll bring him home and see what’s happening. They have a good program (in Europe) for 4-year-olds, so it’s not impossible he would go to Sweden. When he won the Kentucky Futurity, he showed a lot. Hopefully we can do good with him.”

Inverse Hanover was purchased by Tom Pollack. She has won five of 20 career races and earned $136,560. Her wins include a division of the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes and she finished 2017 by beating a field that included older horses at the Meadowlands.

The 4-year-old mare, formerly trained by Richard “Nifty” Norman, will be sent to Indiana with trainer Jeff Cullipher.

“I’ve always done pretty well racing mares,” Pollack said. “I just liked she’s got a big motor and a high turn of speed. She went a big trip against older horses, which I like to see that.

“She looks like a big-track horse. She will race a lot at Hoosier Park with Jeff Cullipher. I thought she would be a good fit out there. We’ll stake her where she may fit.”

In 2016, Pollack purchased female pacer Medusa for $65,000 at the Tattersalls January Select Mixed Sale. She has won nearly $450,000 since then.

“We’re willing to spend,” Pollack said. “You have to sometimes to get good horses. Hopefully this will fall into that category.” (Ken Weingartner/USTA)

Sign Up For Saturday’s Handicapping Qualifier At Big M

Two more spots are up for grabs this Saturday in Meadowlands Racing & Entertainment’s $200 January Qualifier. The qualifier has a $200 total fee ($100 entry plus a $100 real-money bankroll). The format requires players to bet a minimum of $10 Win wagers on 10 Meadowlands races. Players can wager on more than 10 races if they so desire. Players can register on-site Saturday up until 7:15 pm.

DerbyWars.com is hosting an online WHHC Qualifier with the winner gaining one $1,000 Final seat. Details can be found at https://www.derbywars.com/tournaments/list/whhc

The remaining Meadowlands contest schedule is as follows:

- Saturday, Feb. 17 - $400 contest with top 4 finishers winning WHHC Final seats
- Saturday, March 10 - $200 contest with top 2 finishers winning WHHC Final seats
- Saturday, April 7 - $100 Last Chance contest with top 2 finishers winning WHHC Final seats

Buffalo Raceway is hosting a WHHC Qualifier on Saturday, March 24. Tioga Downs has set qualifiers for March 3 and 17 and Vernon Downs has qualifiers on March 10 and 24 with four people in total qualifying for the WHHC presented by DerbyWars.com Final. Additional qualifiers from partner outlets will be announced in the coming weeks.

The World Harness Handicapping Championship presented by DerbyWars.com Final is scheduled for Saturday, April 28, at Meadowlands Racing & Entertainment and has a guaranteed prize pool of $75,000.

For more information on how to become a WHHC partner outlet or sponsor, contact Rachel Ryan, Meadowlands Racing & Entertainment (rarilyan@playmeadowlands.com) or (201) 842-5015. (Meadowlands)
Letter to the Editor

Devastating, tragic, sickening. There is no word that can describe my feelings when I saw the news of SBSW passing away Sunday. I can’t go a minute without this horror coming to mind.

I have followed SBSW since he was a 2 year old and watched every race I could via simulcast and kept up with his career at Hanover. I went to Hanover the first weekend in November to see SBSW but was told he was in New Jersey having surgery for a displaced colon and at that time that is probably all that was known about his condition. Unfortunately for all, his condition quickly changed.

As bad as I feel about his passing, I know it cannot be anything compared to the feelings of Brent MacGrath, the Schooner Stable, Paul MacDonell and all of those at Hanover Shoe Farms. Rooting for SBSW was made better because his ownership group and Mr. MacDonell were the “little guys.”

In my opinion, not since the arrival of Meadow Skipper has a stallion had such a large impact. The high percentage of SBSW foals racing, the high percentage with fast speed records and leading money winnings are far ahead of the rest of the field. His loss will be immediate to Hanover and any who were hoping to breed to him this year. His loss to harness racing is immeasurable.

My condolences to Mr MacGrath, the Schooner Stable, Mr. MacDonell, Hanover Shoe Farms and their family of dedicated employees and to all harness racing fans.

Jim West

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Haverstick’s Big M return brings fond memories
Iron Mine Bucky and trainer Greg Haverstick return to the Meadowlands Racetrack on Friday for the eighth time since appearing there in the 2016 Hambletonian Stakes, but the trip never gets old. Haverstick relives Hambletonian Day every time he goes back.

Doolin to receive Davies Humanitarian Award
Anne Doolin, whose compassion for animals and people in peril has moved her to rescue and foster thousands of pets and provide meals and services for so many in need, has been named the 2017 January Davies Humanitarian Award winner presented by the U.S. Harness Writers Association.

Big M the place to bet multi-race
While wagering in general remained strong at the Meadowlands last weekend (Jan. 12-13), players were especially fired up when it came time to play the track’s popular Pick 4 and Pick 5 wagers.

Glidemaster moving to Winbak of Delaware
Winbak Farm is proud to announce that world champion racehorse and sire Glidemaster is being relocated to Winbak Farm of Delaware.

County Kay Sue, dam of CR Kay Suzie, dies
Hall of Fame broodmare Country Kay Sue, the dam of 1995 Horse of the Year CR Kay Suzie, died Monday (Jan. 15) in Ocala, Fla., owner Rod Allen said today. She was 32.

Briggs sweeps Herveys; Waterstone runner-up
Dave Briggs swept the writing categories in the 2017 John Hervey Awards competition, capturing the feature division with a story written for Hoof Beats magazine and the news/commentary division with a story written for Harness Racing Update, the U.S. Harness Writers Association announced Monday.

Rood & Riddle to host cocktails, conversation
Rood & Riddle is excited to host Cocktails & Conversations at one of Wellington’s premier private country clubs, The Wanderers Club. The event will be held on Feb. 6 at 6 p.m. with an array of cocktails and hors d’oeuvres being served. Cocktails & Conversations, which is a change of venue and time for a previously scheduled Lunch and Learn event, will feature five distinguished veterinary specialists from Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital to chat with guests about various topics concerning equine veterinary medicine.