

Promotions at HTA Tracks



WEEK OF DECEMBER 17, 2007

HARRAH'S HONORS TETRICK, DONATES TO SRF

Harrah's Chester Casino & Racetrack has donated \$1,078 to the Standardbred Retirement Foundation in honor of Tim Tetrick, Harrah's Chester's leading river who recently established a new record for driving victories in one year. The check amount represents one dollar for every victory registered by Tetrick in his quest for the record, which destroyed the old standard of 1,077 wins set by Walter Case, Jr. in 1998. Tetrick continues to add to that total; his win total standing at 1,165 as of Monday's 11th race.



Photo courtesy of World Wide Racing Photos.

The donation was celebrated in a winner's circle ceremony following Sunday's second race. Joining Tetrick in the winner's circle were Mike Tanner, Harrah's Chester's Director of Racing Operations, and Gen Sullivan of the Standardbred Retirement Foundation. The Standardbred Retirement Foundation cares for, rehabilitates and secures lifetime adoption of non-competitive racehorses to ensure their proper and continual care, even when their racing days are over.

"We are proud to donate to such a worthy cause," Tanner said, "and to honor Tim at the same time. Both Tim and the Standardbred Retirement Foundation represent the best of our sport, and it's a privilege to have them here with us."

10TH HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE AT THE ROCK



Everyone who wished to celebrate the true spirit of the season by making the holidays brighter for those less fortunate was encouraged to join in Rockingham Park's 10th annual Holiday Food Drive.

To help stock its shelves, Rockingham Park collected canned goods and other non-perishable items in the lobby of the Clubhouse from Monday, December 3 through Tuesday December 18. The collection will be donated to the pantries affiliated with the New Hampshire Food Bank for distribution during the holidays and beyond.

CARING FOR KIDS II AT BATAVIA DOWNS



Batavia Downs Gaming teamed up with Taco Bell for Caring for Kids II. From November 10 through December 1 racing fans at Batavia Downs were asked to bring a new unwrapped toy (minimum \$5.00 value) to the Player's Club on race nights. Fans who brought toys received an entry form from the Player's Club for a 5 day, 4 night Caribbean Cruise valued at \$1,500.

The grand prize drawing was held on December 1 during the evening racing program at Batavia Downs after the 7th race.

Batavia harness drivers delivered the donated toys to sick and needy kids in Western New York. Last Christmas the toys collected by Caring for Kids were donated to children at the Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester (photo, right).



The first 300 fans to donate toys also received a Taco Bell coupon.

THINK PINK NIGHT HELD AT THE ISLE



October was National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the Isle Casino & Racing at Pompano Park, took an active role in the fight against cancer, and hosted its second annual "Think Pink, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" fundraiser on Saturday, October 20.

The highlight of the evening was a special inflatable bounce horse race that took place on the race track, and included local radio celebrities, along with some of the top harness drivers at Pompano Park.

"We held a special bicycle race involving various celebrities last year," Special Events Coordinator Debbie Schaut said. "I thought we should try to do something a little different and have a little more fun this time around, so we held this year's special race on inflatable bounce horses."

In addition to the special inflatable bounce horse race, there were prize drawings and raffles held throughout the evening. There was music to sing and dance to by Shane LeMar & Shambala, free face painting for the kids by Strawberry the Clown, and other activities.

"The wonderful thing about this night," Schaut added, "is the fact that all of the proceeds go directly to the American Cancer Society of Broward County."



BRUCE RANGER, Pompano Park's all-time winningest harness driver, shows off his top steed that he would be driving "bouncing" down the stretch.