

# The New York Racing Association Welcomes Fans to Take Photos with Travers Trophy to Benefit Capital District YMCA at Saratoga Race Course

*Keen Ice owner Jerry Crawford greets fans following Saturday's Travers victory*



The official trophy of the Travers, the Man O' War Cup, made a special appearance at the Community Outreach Booth at Saratoga Race Course on Monday, August 31. Fans had the opportunity to have their photo taken with the historic trophy with a \$5 donation to benefit the Capital District YMCA.

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. 6 The New York Racing Association, Inc. (NYRA) today welcomed racing fans to get an up-close look at the official trophy of the Travers, the Man O' War Cup, during a special public appearance at Saratoga Race Course.

Hundreds of fans had their photo taken with the Travers trophy at the Community Outreach Booth throughout the afternoon with a \$5 donation to benefit the Capital District YMCA. Jerry Crawford, founder and president of Donegal Racing, the ownership group of 2015 Travers winner Keen Ice, greeted fans throughout the afternoon and took photos with them.

Named for the eponymous legendary thoroughbred and donated by Mrs. Samuel D. Riddle, the Man O' War Cup was designed by Tiffany & Co. and is inscribed with the names of the winners of the 145 previous editions of the Travers.

The winner of Saturday's 146<sup>th</sup> edition of the Travers, Keen Ice, will join the select company of thoroughbreds whose names are engraved on the Cup.

"Saturday was an incredible moment for Donegal Racing as we saw Keen Ice charge towards the finish line for a historic victory in the Travers, running the third fastest Travers in 30 years. To have won such a prestigious race is quite the thrill and it's great to be here today to share this excitement with racing fans," said Crawford. "Fans are critical to ensuring the success of racing for years to come and we thank our supporters for cheering on Keen Ice."



Jerry Crawford, founder and president of Donegal Racing, the ownership group of 2015 Travers winner Keen Ice, poses for a photo with fans behind the official trophy of the Travers, the Man O'War Cup, at the Community Outreach Booth at Saratoga Race Course on Monday, August 31. Fans had the opportunity to have their photo taken with the historic trophy with a \$5 donation to benefit the Capital District YMCA.

The Donegal Racing celebration will continue on Tuesday, September 1 at The Dairy Haus ice cream shop when children 12 and under will receive free Keen Ice Creamö cones in honor of the eponymous thoroughbred's victory in the 146<sup>th</sup> running of the Grade 1, \$1.6 million Travers at Saratoga Race Course. The custom made green and yellow-swirled cones with green and yellow sprinkles reflect the silks colors of Donegal Racing. The offer is available at The Dairy Haus at 476 Maple Avenue in Saratoga Springs, NY from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., while supplies last.

Fans will once again have the opportunity to have their photo taken with the Man O'War Cup at the Community Outreach Booth on Thursday, September 3 from 1 to 3 p.m. with a \$5 donation to benefit Siena College. Siena Athletics will also bring the MAAC Championship Trophy for a

fan photo opportunity. The Siena Saints men's basketball team last won the MAAC Championship during the 2009-10 season.

Earlier this season, hundreds of fans lined up to have their photo taken with the National Hockey League's Stanley Cup to benefit the Double H Ranch, a non-profit organization which provides specialized programs and support for children and their families dealing with life-threatening illnesses.

The Community Outreach Booth is designed to provide local non-profit organizations with the chance to generate exposure about their efforts while also providing track visitors with a chance to contribute to meaningful causes.

The Capital District YMCA is one of the 35 largest YMCA associations in the country and one of the largest membership-based community service organizations in the capital region. The Y is one of the nation's leading nonprofits, strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. The Y nurtures the potential in children and teens, improves the nation's health and well-being, and provides opportunities to give back and support neighbors.

Siena College is an independent Roman Catholic liberal arts college in Loudonville, New York. Founded by eight Franciscan friars in 1937, Siena College is a 174-acre campus that offers more than 50 academic majors, minors, certificates and professional studies to over 3,000 undergraduate and graduate students. Degrees and fields of study are offered through numerous unique program choices in Liberal Arts, Science and Business, as well as professional studies in education, pre-med, pre-law and social work. Students have the opportunity to participate in more than 60 organizations featuring community service, student government, campus ministry, international studies, among other academic and professional clubs. Siena College is also home to 22 NCAA Division I athletic programs, along with various club sports and intramural opportunities.

The 2015 summer meet at historic Saratoga Race Course continues through Labor Day, Monday, September 7. For more information about Saratoga Race Course, call (518) 584-6200 or log onto [www.nyra.com](http://www.nyra.com).