

WHAT'S HAPPENING WEEK #2 AT SARATOGA RACE COURSE

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WHEN: Wednesday, July 29 – Monday, August 3, 2015

WHERE: Saratoga Race Course and various locations in Saratoga Springs

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

- **College Day, presented by Toyota:** Saratoga Race Course will welcome college students back to their favorite course during the seventh annual College Day, presented by Toyota. The New York Racing Association, Inc. (NYRA) will offer free grandstand admission to all college students who pre-register at www.saratogacollegeday.com. College students enrolled in the upcoming academic year will have the opportunity to win one of a series of \$1,000 scholarships offered throughout the day. Registration for the scholarships begins at 11 a.m. at the Saratoga Pavilion. One scholarship recipient will be announced following each race on the day's card. Toyota and Hannoush Jewelers will present two of the day's scholarships. Students must present valid college identification to be eligible for the scholarships.

Students are also invited to the Saratoga Pavilion to enjoy a variety of free fun activities including a wrecking ball inflatable, giant jenga game and speed pitch baseball. Prize packages will be awarded to activity winners, including special items from Hannoush Jewelers and Flight Trampoline Park. Additionally, students who pre-register through the event page at www.saratogacollegeday.com will have the option to share the event on Facebook to be entered to win a free FitBit Flex. Three winners will be randomly selected.

- **Honorable Miss Handicap:** The day's feature race is the Grade 2, \$200,000 sprint for fillies and mares on the dirt.
- **NYRA Community Outreach Booth:** The NYRA Community Outreach Booth will host the United Way of the Capital Region, which works to advance the common good for all people of the community through four core aspects that ensure a quality life . basic needs, health, education, and income. By partnering with community stakeholders, donors, organizations, and experts, United Way works to advance these aspects by creating initiatives that address the region's most pressing issues.

THURSDAY, JULY 30

- **Taste NY: Cider, Wine & Spirits:** Taste NY: Cider, Wine & Spirits offers track patrons the opportunity to sample varieties of cider, wine and spirits from numerous New York State distilleries and wineries. The tasting will be held each Thursday of the meet from noon to 5 p.m. in the Saratoga Pavilion. Participating distilleries and wineries include: 1911 Cider and Spirits Company; Cider Creek; Harvest Spirits;

Helderberg Meadworks; Heron Hill Winery; Hudson Valley Distillers; Kaneb Orchards; Saratoga Courage (Saratoga Pick Six Vodka); Saratoga Winery; SunDog Cider; and Thirsty Owl Saratoga. Sampling fee applies.

- **NYRA Community Outreach Booth:** The NYRA Community Outreach Booth will host the Knights of Columbus Saratoga Council #246, which offers financial assistance and mutual aid to sick, disabled and needy members and their families, as well as social and intellectual fellowship promoted through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief works.
- **“At the Post Live: Serling on Saratoga”:** NYRA broadcast analyst and nationally recognized thoroughbred racing personality Andy Serling will host the second in a series of weekly live broadcasts on ESPN Radio 104.5 ~~W~~The Team+at The Parting Glass in downtown Saratoga Springs from 8 to 9 p.m. Serling will offer weekly tips, discuss behind the scenes information about Saratoga Race Course and interact with special guests including Hall of Fame trainers and jockeys, leading racing personalities, notable industry figures and celebrity horse racing fans. The weekly broadcasts are free and open to the public.

FRIDAY, JULY 31

- **The Curlin:** Three-year-olds will go nine furlongs on the dirt for a purse of \$100,000 in a potential prep for the Travers.
- **Taste NY: Craft Beer:** Taste NY: Craft Beer offers track patrons the opportunity to sample numerous craft beers produced exclusively by New York State breweries. The day’s featured breweries are Saranac and Brooklyn Brewery. The tasting will be held each Friday from noon to 5 p.m. in the Saratoga Pavilion. Sampling fee applies.
- **NYRA Community Outreach Booth:** The NYRA Community Outreach Booth will host Adopt a Soldier, which sends care packages to deployed United States troops. Their efforts began in 2003, when a few co-workers decided to send a package to a platoon of soldiers from the 368th Combat Engineer Unit from Rutland, Vermont. Upon receiving immense gratitude and excitement from the troops, Adopt a Soldier expanded its efforts to all deployed troops of the United States Military in need of food, supplies and other care items. Operation Adopt a Soldier collects many items for donation to include in packages sent to troops, including clothing, toiletries, non-perishable food, newspapers, and school and office supplies.

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- **A Travers Day Preview:** A trio of graded stakes headline one of the most highly anticipated Saturdays on the Saratoga calendar. Racing fans may get a glimpse of the field for the Travers in the running of the Grade 2, \$600,000 Jim Dandy for 3-year-olds. The afternoon also features a pair of sprint preps for Travers Day: the Grade 1, \$350,000 Alfred G. Vanderbilt Handicap for older horses whose next stop may be the Forego; and the Grade 2, \$200,000 Amsterdam for 3-year-olds in advance of the King’s Bishop.

- **Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund Awareness Day:** Saratoga Race Course will host autograph signings, photo opportunities and a jockey foot race as part of the second annual Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund (PDJF) Day Across America. Riders from the Saratoga jockey colony will sign autographs on the Jockey Silks Room Porch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with a \$5 donation to PDJF. A commemorative PDJF magazine will also be available with a \$10 donation to the non-profit organization. The highlight of the day will be a jockey foot race on the main track following the day's fifth race, which will feature a number of Saratoga's top riders. For a \$5 donation to PDJF, guests will have the opportunity to place a bet on their favorite jockey and be entered for a chance to win either a reserved picnic table or a table in the sports bar in the lower Carousel on select dates during the 2015 meet. Additionally, donation bins to benefit PDJF will be positioned throughout the facility.
- **Fashion Saturdays:** Designed to highlight the tradition of style and glamour in thoroughbred racing, the weekly event will feature various local fashion retailers and spas throughout the season. Prizes for the best dressed man and woman will be awarded each Saturday afternoon, including participation in a trophy presentation for the Fashion Saturday race, presented by Saratoga Living. Participating shops include Aggie Mullaney, Lifestyles of Saratoga, The National, Rumors Salon & Spa and Serendipity.
- **NYRA Community Outreach Booth:** The NYRA Community Outreach Booth will host the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund in conjunction with the day-long celebration of PDJF Awareness Day. PDJF provides financial assistance to former jockeys who have suffered catastrophic on-track injuries. Since its founding in 2006, the fund has disbursed over \$5 million to permanently disabled jockeys.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

- **Shuvee Handicap:** The day's feature race is the Grade 3, \$200,000 for fillies and mares at nine furlongs on the dirt.
- **Taste NY: Food and Artisans:** Returning for the 2015 summer meet, Taste NY: Food & Artisans is a lively on-track market of nearly 20 food and artisan vendors featuring products made exclusively in New York State. Products include jams, honey, baked goods and hand-crafted soap, amongst other items. The market will be held each Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Saratoga Pavilion.
- **Low Rollers Handicapping Contest:** Sunday will feature the return of the Low Rollers Handicapping Contest, which allows aspiring handicappers the opportunity to experience the thrill of tournament play for \$40, with \$30 going towards live money and \$10 to the prize pool. Participants must select five races on which to place live \$2 win, place and show wagers on five different horses in five different races. Only Saratoga horses are accepted for contest play. Guests are invited to register on the

first floor of the grandstand by the lower Carousel before post time for the day's fifth race. The tournament will be held each Sunday of the meet.

- **NYRA Community Outreach Booth:** The NYRA Community Outreach Booth will host the Girl Scouts of Northeastern NY, which enhances leadership and development skills for young girls. Established in 2007, the Girl Scouts of Northeastern NY is a union of four former Girl Scout Councils that now collectively serves 15 counties and over 10,000 girls in Northeastern New York.

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

- **Saratoga Cooler Bag Giveaway:** Racing fans will receive the second giveaway of the 2015 meet: a Saratoga cooler bag, presented by Saratoga Casino and Raceway, free with paid admission, while supplies last.
- **Berkshire Bank Family Mondays:** Monday will be highlighted by the newly expanded and enhanced Berkshire Bank Family Mondays, presented by Mister Softee from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Saratoga Pavilion. The weekly family festival will enable families and children to experience and enjoy a wide array of games, attractions, and educational activities against the backdrop of historic Saratoga Race Course, including the opportunity to pet a retired thoroughbred.
- **Low Rollers Handicapping Contest:** The contest which allows aspiring handicappers the opportunity to experience the thrill of tournament play returns for a second day. Guests are invited to register on the first floor of the grandstand by the lower Carousel before post time for the day's fifth race.
- **NYRA Community Outreach Booth:** The NYRA Community Outreach Booth will host the Watervliet Civic Center, which serves as a recreational home to more than 800 youth, young adults and adults of the Watervliet community each year. Designed to give its members a place to meet, connect and learn, the Civic Center offers numerous programs designed for youth and young adults ages 4-21.
- **Riders Up: An Evening of Jockey Karaoke:** Saratoga jockeys will be in full voice when they take the stage at Vapor Night Club at Saratoga Casino and Raceway for an evening of live music, dancing and jockey karaoke to benefit the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund. Doors for general admission open at 7 p.m. Tickets for general admission are \$75. VIP tickets are \$150, which include a buffet dinner and exclusive meet and greet with Saratoga jockeys beginning at 5:30 p.m. Advance tickets can be purchased online at www.pdjf.org. Must be 21 years old or over to attend.