

WHAT'S HAPPENING: WEEK #6 AT SARATOGA RACE COURSE

- WHAT:** Week #6 of Saratoga Race Course
- WHEN:** Wednesday, August 21 – Monday, August 26, 2013
- WHERE:** Saratoga Race Course and various locations in Saratoga Springs

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

- **Travers 1864 Restaurant Week:** Approximately 40 restaurants and eateries throughout the greater Capital Region will offer special pricing and menus in celebration of the crowned jewel of the Spa racing season during the fourth annual Travers 1864 Restaurant Week. Through Thursday, August 22, diners have the opportunity to indulge in a three-course meal at participating restaurants for the prix-fixe cost of \$18.64, the year of the inaugural running of the Travers, the oldest major stakes race in the country for 3-year-olds. For a complete list of participating restaurants and to view the prix-fixe menus, please visit www.nyra.com/travers1864.
- **Annual Stewart's Ice Cream Eating Contest:** Racing fans can cool down at the track with the Stewart's Shops annual Ice Cream Eating Contest. One of the best ways to beat the summer heat, the competition will include categories for kids, teens and adults. The winners receive gift certificates for free Stewart's Shops ice cream. Registration begins at noon in the Event Tent located inside the entrance to the Reserved Seats Box Office near the Carousel. Contest takes place after the third race in the Event Tent, approximately 2:10 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

- **Dunkin' Donuts Thursdays:** Each Thursday of the 2013 meet, all racing fans who present a Dunkin' Donuts card or show the Dunkin' Donuts app on their mobile phone at the admission gates will receive a \$2 discount on grandstand admission.
- **15th annual Ronald McDonald House Fashion Show:** Start the day at Saratoga Race Course with a fashion show and luncheon presented by Natalie Sillery of Saratoga Trunk to benefit the Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Capital Region. Held in the At the Rail Pavilion, the luncheon begins at 11 a.m. with the fashion show at 11:45 a.m. To purchase tickets or for more information, please visit www.saratogafashionshow.com.
- **13th annual Travers Celebration:** As dusk settles over Saratoga Race Course, the 13th annual Travers Celebration, the official party of the \$1 million Travers, will return to celebrate the 144th running of the Mid-Summer Derby. This year's event will honor three-time Eclipse Award Outstanding Jockey winner Ramon Dominguez, who announced his retirement in June following injuries sustained in a riding accident earlier this year. Sponsored by The New York Racing Association, Inc., Metropolitan Aviation, Ketel One Vodka, Northeastern Fine Jewelry, Ball Watch, the Mercedes-Benz Center at Keeler Motor

Car, NewsCenter 10, Fly 92.3, and the *Times Union*, the elaborate cocktail reception will feature exquisite food stations and beverage offerings, a silent auction and dancing to live music from the New York Players. Event attendees and racing fans alike will have the opportunity to bid on a round-trip private jet for the 2014 Kentucky Derby, courtesy of MetropolitanJets.com. All proceeds from the auction item will benefit the Backstretch Employee Service Team (B.E.S.T). Bidding available online at www.givingworks.ebay.com or during the event. Online auction will be open through noon on Sunday, August 25. Tickets for the Travers Celebration are available for \$175 per person and \$125 for young adults (under 30). Tables may be reserved for \$2500 per table of 10, which includes complimentary wine. The event benefits the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund, B.E.S.T and the *Times Union* Hope Fund. Tickets are available for purchase online at www.2013traverscelebration.eventbrite.com or by phone at (518) 383-6183.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

- **“Free Beer and Hot Wings” Morning Show:** The nationally syndicated talk radio show “Free Beer and Hot Wings” will take their morning antics trackside with a live broadcast at Saratoga Race Course from 6 to 10 a.m. Show hosts Gregg “Free Beer” Daniels, Chris “Hot Wings” Michaels, Eric Zane, and “Producer Joe” will welcome fans to join them for the morning broadcast on-track next to the Dunkin’ Donuts concession stand. The syndicated show is heard on radio stations in 15 states throughout the Midwest and East Coast. The Free Beer and Hot Wings Show is broadcast locally on Capital Region rock station Q 103 FM, a member of Townsquare Media of Albany.
- **Special Ceremony to Honor Saratoga Jockeys:** The New York Racing Association will host a special ceremony to honor the three all-time leading jockeys at Saratoga Race Course: John Velazquez, Jerry Bailey and Angel Cordero, Jr. A commemorative plaque will be unveiled to mark the outstanding accomplishments of the three riders. Track announcer Tom Durkin will serve as emcee. The ceremony will take place outside the paddock at 11:30 a.m. The event is free and open to the public.
- **16th annual Battle of the Brews:** The Event Tent will play host to the area’s best brews as adults enjoy the ultimate in beer tasting. The festival will feature some of the best microbrewery beers in the area with proceeds benefiting the American Red Cross Adirondack-Saratoga Chapter. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 on day of the event. The event runs from noon to 4 p.m. For ticket information or to purchase tickets, visit www.redcross.org/news/event/Battle-of-the-Brews-2013.
- **Family Friday:** Friday marks the meet’s sixth Family Friday, held each Friday from noon to 4 p.m. This week’s event will take place at the playground area. Family Fridays feature a variety of free family-friendly activities for all ages, including a bounce inflatable and the Tiny Tots Tea Room arts and crafts table.
- **Coca-Cola Best Bet:** Fridays feature the Coca-Cola Best Bet: adult grandstand admission, a Post Parade program, a hot dog and Coca-Cola for \$5. The Coca-Cola Best Bet offer is found on Coca-Cola displays at participating retailers throughout the Capital Region. The voucher

can be redeemed at the Reserved Seats Office on Union Avenue on any Friday during the season.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24 – TRAVERS DAY

- **The Travers:** It's Travers Day at Saratoga Race Course with a special first post time of 11:35 a.m. Gates open at 7 a.m. for the 144th running of the Grade 1, \$1 million Travers, the oldest major stakes race for 3-year-olds in the nation. This year's Mid-Summer Derby is poised to feature a showdown between the nation's top 3-year-old thoroughbreds ó 2013 Kentucky Derby winner Orb, Belmont Stakes winner Palace Malice and Haskell winner Verrazano. As the preferred timepiece sponsor and jeweler of Saratoga Race Course, Northeastern Fine Jewelry and BALL Watch USA will present special timepieces to the winning owner, trainer and jockey of the Travers. The Travers Day undercard will include the Grade 1 Foxwoods King's Bishop; the Grade 1 Test; and the Grade 2 Ketel One Ballston Spa. The broadcast will be shown live on NBC from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

- **Ceremony to Honor Ramon Dominguez:** The New York Racing Association will name the day's fourth race at Saratoga in honor of three-time Eclipse Award Outstanding Jockey winner Ramon Dominguez, who announced his retirement in June following injuries sustained in an accident at Aqueduct Racetrack in January 2013. A special ceremony, including a video tribute, will take place in the winner's circle following the fourth race at approximately 2:30 p.m.
- **Taste NY at Saratoga Race Course:** An all-new attraction for the 2013 meet, Taste NY at Saratoga Race Course is held each Sunday of the racing season from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Located at the Event Tent, the lively market features numerous vendors and artisans offering products made exclusively in New York State.
- **Personal Ensign Invitational:** Fillies and mares compete in the Grade 1, \$600,000 Personal Ensign Invitational, one of the signature stakes races on the road to the Breeders' Cup Ladies Classic.

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

- **The New York Racing Association Public Forum:** Senior management executives from The New York Racing Association will host a public forum at the National Museum of Racing from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The session will provide an opportunity to discuss items of interest in an open forum setting. The town hall-style meeting will begin with a brief introduction, followed by a moderated question and answer discussion with the panel. Topics for discussion will include the Whitney Viewing Stand and activities surrounding the Saratoga 150 celebration. Questions from the public on other topics will also be addressed. Pre-registration is required to attend and is available at www.nyra.com/publicforum. Space is limited.