

WHAT'S HAPPENING WEEK #7 AT SARATOGA RACE COURSE

WHAT: Week #7 of Saratoga Race Course

WHEN: Wednesday, August 27 – Monday, September 1

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

- **Saratoga Heritage Day:** The New York Racing Association, Inc. will celebrate the history and culture of the Spa during Saratoga Heritage Day. The day-long festivities will feature music, dance, entertainment and food intrinsic to Saratoga Springs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Saratoga Pavilion located inside the Reserved Seats Box Office entrance.

The New York Racing Association will welcome Saratoga Springs Mayor Joanne Yepsen and local community stakeholders to unveil the official logo for the Saratoga Springs 2015 Centennial Celebration in the winner's circle.

Singers from Saratoga Soundtrack will greet arriving guests at the grandstand and clubhouse entrances and dancers from the Dance Factory will perform trackside at 12:40 p.m. The Saratoga Auto Museum will have cars on display at the Clubhouse entrance and the Saratoga Pavilion throughout the afternoon. Food samples will be available in the Pavilion from Saratoga Garlic, Sundaes Best and Saratoga Sweets. Various local organizations will be represented on track, including the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame; Saratoga National Historic Park; Friends of Saratoga Battlefield; The Children's Museum at Saratoga; Saratoga Springs History Museum; Saratoga History Tours; and the Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

- **Military Appreciation Day:** The New York Racing Association, Inc. will pay tribute to the nation's service members and veterans during Military Appreciation Day. The day will feature free grandstand admission for all United States military service members and veterans with valid military ID or proof of military service. Additionally, the New York Racing Association will honor an active duty service member or veteran during each race throughout the afternoon.

United States Military Academy Master Sergeant MaryKay Messenger will perform the National Anthem, accompanied by a Presentation of Colors from members of the Navy Operational Support Center Schenectady Honor Guard and NSA Saratoga.

Veterans of World War II will be recognized in the winner's circle following the day's third race. The veterans are beneficiaries of the Leatherstocking Honor Flight, which transports American veterans to Washington D.C. to visit national memorials dedicated to honoring their service and sacrifices. Before the day's third race, the participating veterans will ring the traditional Saratoga bell in the winner's circle seven times at 17 minutes to post to mark the 70th anniversary of the D-Day invasion and the Battle of the Bulge.

Artwork created by veterans participating in a program in partnership with Living Resources; the Department of Veterans Affairs; Veterans Housing and Services; and Soldier On will be on display at the Jockey Silks Room Porch from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The art therapy program is designed to assist veterans as they adjust to life as civilians and heal the physical, psychological, or cognitive effects of time in the service.

- **Taste NY: Wine & Cheese:** The weekly Taste NY: Wine & Cheese tasting will return to the Saratoga Pavilion from noon to 4:30 p.m. The event allows track patrons the opportunity to sample varietals of wine from numerous New York State wineries. Guests will receive five tastings for \$10; 10 tastings for \$15; or 20 tastings for \$30. This week's event will feature Halfmoon Cellars Winery; Heron Hill Winery; Thirsty Owl Saratoga; Swedish Hill Winery; The Saratoga Winery; Lakeland Winery; and Adirondack Winery.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

- **Taste NY: Craft Beer & Cider:** The weekly Taste NY: Craft Beer & Cider tasting will return to the Saratoga Pavilion from noon to 4:30 p.m. The event will allow track patrons the opportunity to sample numerous craft beers produced exclusively by New York State breweries. As many as a dozen breweries from New York State will be featured. Guests receive five tastings for \$5. This week's lead breweries are Adirondack Brewery and Brown's Brewing Co.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

- **Four Graded Stakes:** The Spa will celebrate the final Saturday of the 2014 meet with a pair of Grade 1 races and Grade 2 affairs. The Grade 1 Woodward and The Grade 1 Forego will be accompanied on the card by the Prioress and Bernard Baruch Handicap. The Woodward will be broadcast live on the NBC Sports Network as part of the Breeders' Cup Challenge Series from 6 to 7 p.m. ET. The live broadcast will also feature The Forego.
- **Lord & Taylor Fashion Saturdays:** This weekly event is designed to highlight the tradition of style and glamour in thoroughbred racing with a Lord & Taylor pop-up shop at the Saratoga Pavilion from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Track patrons will be invited to dress their best for the chance to be crowned Most Fashionable at Saratoga. Two winners will each receive a \$250 Lord & Taylor gift card and have the opportunity to present a trophy in the winner's circle.
- **Final Stretch Music Festival:** After the conclusion of the day's races, fans can make their way downtown for the first night of the two-day Final Stretch Music Festival. Numerous bands will provide free musical entertainment at familiar downtown locations on both Saturday and Sunday evenings. Music will fill the streets of downtown Saratoga from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. The festival is presented by the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce and The New York Racing Association, Inc.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

- **Tom Durkin Days:** The New York Racing Association, Inc. will celebrate the illustrious career of longtime track announcer Tom Durkin with a pair of days in his honor at Saratoga

Race Course beginning on Sunday. The highlight on Sunday will be a special winner's circle ceremony honoring the accomplishments of Durkin's legendary career following his final race call at Saratoga in the Grade 1 Spinaway. The call will bring Durkin's 43-year career to a close. Fans are encouraged to remain in their seats after the Spinaway to witness the ceremony.

- **Saratoga T-Shirt Giveaway:** Guests will enjoy the final giveaway of the 2014 meet - a commemorative short sleeve t-shirt, free with paid admission, while supplies last. Guests will be able to redeem up to three vouchers at Saratoga Race Course's giveaway redemption areas, including the one they receive with paid admission and the two additional vouchers they are able to purchase at the multiple admissions line beneath the grandstand.
- **Taste NY: Food and Artisans:** Taste NY: Food & Artisans is a lively on-track market of up to 18 food and artisan vendors featuring products made exclusively in New York State. The market is held from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Saratoga Pavilion.
- **Final Stretch Music Festival:** After the conclusion of the day's races, fans can make their way downtown for the second night of the two-day Final Stretch Music Festival. Numerous bands will provide free musical entertainment at familiar downtown locations on both Saturday and Sunday evenings. Music will fill the streets of downtown Saratoga until 11 p.m. The festival is presented by the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce and The New York Racing Association, Inc.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 – CLOSING DAY

- **Meet Tom Durkin:** The celebration of Tom Durkin's career will continue when Durkin returns to Saratoga Race Course to greet fans, sign autographs and take pictures in the backyard beginning at noon.
- **The Hopeful:** The traditional final feature race, the 110th running of the Grade 1 Hopeful for 2-year-olds, will afford racing fans a preview of potential standouts in next year's Triple Crown series and Travers Stakes.
- **Berkshire Bank Family Mondays:** Monday will be highlighted by Berkshire Bank Family Mondays from noon to 4 p.m. inside the Saratoga Pavilion. The event features a variety of free family-friendly activities for all ages, including face painting, arts and crafts, mascot appearances and bounce inflatables. This week's featured activity will allow families to enjoy a special magic show and learn simple tricks from magician John Green.

Low Rollers Handicapping Contest: Saratoga Race Course will host a live-money Low Rollers Handicapping Contest each Monday of the 2014 summer season. The tournament allows guests 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 races are accepted for contest play. Guests are invited to register on the first floor of the grandstand before post time for the day's fifth race.