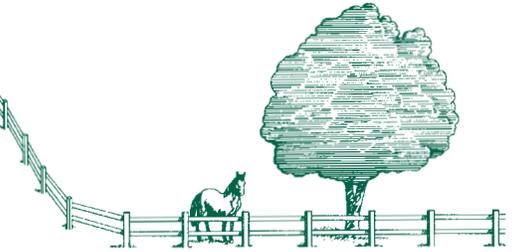


SRF is celebrating 20 years of helping horses & kids

Standardbred Retirement Foundation

FALL 2009 NEWSLETTER

Recipient of the HTA Distinguished Service Award, ARCI International Animal Welfare Award, the USHWA Proximity Award, and the American Association of Equine Practitioners Lavin Cup Finalist



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Muscles Yankee has many talents.

SRF's "Harness Horse Masterpiece Collection"

Muscles Yankee will soon be a master painter as SRF launches a new fundraiser, the "Harness Horse Masterpiece Collection". In training to paint like the great Michelangelo and Matisse, Muscles Yankee will be creating an original on canvas with his own brush strokes. Using his muzzle, tail, and hooves to paint a one of a kind, the first original will be made available through an auction in November, it will be known as the "Muscles Michelangelo", a limited number of prints will be reproduced in the near future.

"There are so many great stallions and we are excited about this wonderful fundraiser where the horses will be helping the horses. It will be an ongoing fundraiser that SRF so desperately needs to sustain its mission. RocknRoll Hanover is also training with the paintbrush this month for his original the, "RocknRenoir" as we continue going down the list from stallion to stallion," explained Paula Campbell.

The idea came from Ellen Manzi, wife of Hall of Famer Cat Manzi who teamed up with Lella Montgomery from Swedish Horse Power. The original will be displayed at the Harrisburg sale and then auctioned through ebay starting in November. Check our website for more information in the next few weeks.

Breeding Gifts Needed and Greatly Appreciated

SRF could never accomplish what it does without the generous gifts of individual breeding donations each year, and the wonderful gifts of lifetime breedings. The need for help grows in leaps and bounds and we hope your kindness will grow with us as the breeding season sneaks up on us both. Thank you so very much.

RECENT ADOPTIONS

After Dinner Mint	Gaal Pal	Potluck
Allamerican Dion	Grandview Sonny	Prairie Dream
Art Dialing	Jo Pa's Patton	Scout Away John
Art & Magic	KW's Champion	Shelter by The Storm
Bengal Blitz	Kenny D	Sids Mystery
Bermuda Almahurst	Key To Christina	Silverlinedpocket
Bet Me Laag Prayer	Kokorama	Spring Lake Artist
Big Freddy D	Life is a Caberet	Steady As She Goes
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- Use Good Search as your search engine, powered by Yahoo and select Standardbred Retirement Foundation as your charity of choice.
- Go to iGive.com and register to shop at thousands of stores.
- Donate your car, truck, boat; we will have it picked up.
- TD Bank – open any account and TD bank will donate to SRF.
- Company match gifts, please ask at work.
- Check out Petabet.com and choose SRF as your favorite animal welfare group
- How about donating jewelry that is collecting dust or even broken? Send us an email to admin@srfmail.com asking for a prepaid envelope to mail it to us and we will send you a receipt for the value for your taxes.
- Purchase any ADT home security system and use promotional code G35448 and SRF will receive a \$250.00 donation. Contact Richard Jones at 732-346-6113
- If you need a realtor, please visit www.ellenmanzi.com. A donation will be made to SRF from any commission that resulted from an SRF lead. So, don't forget to mention us!

MISSION STATEMENT

The Standardbred Retirement Foundation is a private, non-profit, tax-exempt organization created to care for, rehabilitate, and secure lifetime adoption of non-competitive racehorses, to ensure their proper care with follow-up, and to combine the needs of youth at risk and these horses in therapeutic equine programs to benefit both.

SRF is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization

TREMENDOUS THANKS!

McCauley Feed and Kevin Reynolds are our Farm Sponsors with their generous donation of feed for all the horses at the farm. They are the best! Our horses look great, feel good and show like winners. We are very grateful.



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Wish List

- ❖ Land or Farm to care for our horses, very much needed as our lease is running out
- ❖ Hay and Outdoor Hay racks (any sizes)
- ❖ Sponsorship for our horses permanently retired.
- ❖ Water Troughs
- ❖ Wormers and Vaccines
- ❖ Grant Writing skills
- ❖ Volunteers for all type of help; fundraisers, shipping, barn and office help
- ❖ Help with our youth programs
- ❖ Items to auction at our events, such as, tickets for sporting events, shows and travel, art, tack, please use your imagination!
- ❖ A farm truck or tractor
- ❖ Horse guardians who will check on SRF horses in their part of the US
- ❖ True foster homes for horses being rehabilitated

Please Call (609) 324-1500 or email admin@srfmail.com if you can help.



Great Holiday Gift Idea

How about sponsoring a horse for a week, a month or a year as a gift to someone special. Make a donation in their name and we will send them the membership gift and a holiday thank you.

A Few Horses Needing Holiday Cheer

Aduka	Here Comes	OK Crown N
Amiable	Rosie	Petes Sake
Bay Leaf	Idolator	Premier Luck
Big Run	Island Flower	Scooter Won
Casino Skipper	Junes Warrior	Sporting Chance
Dazzling Diamond	Keena	Ting Tang
Dex Appeal	Keystone Chablis	Tylers Legend
Duke of Earl	Kouros	Two Cylinder
Dynamic Dude N	Lucy Montcolm	Viking Serenade
Ever Shining	Neet Control	Watchtower
	Northsong Rose	



SRF is UNIQUE and this is why...

by: **Debbie Frey and Dana Letual**

There is a reason we ask for Vet Follow-up Forms and Cherokee Chief is the perfect example why.

We were getting no response to our semi-annual follow-up requirement from the adopter of Chief, so we asked Rodney and Sally Bolon if they would go to the address on record for him. At first they reported that our horse was not there. Then they realized that they just did not recognize him because he was so emaciated and his foot markings were covered by the deep manure he was standing in.

We immediately hitched up the emergency trailer (a donation from Lisa Cregar Hall) and were on the road within the hour for a 6-hour trek to rescue Chief. Upon arriving in the middle of the night with flashlights in hand, we entered the barn and were appalled by the conditions. There were three horses locked in stalls, standing in 2 to 3 feet of manure with no bedding, hay, food or water. Garbage, buckets and various items littered the barn and stall floors. We immediately removed Chief whose entire body was covered in urine and manure, his 4 white socks completely obscured. We struggled and had to physically assist him into the trailer, as he was so weak. Fortunately, he

noticed the hay net and mustered up the strength to get on. He immediately went to the water bucket and then happily started munching on hay.

The return trip was tense and we hoped our passenger would be able to stand for the duration of the long ride back to our facility in Hamilton. We stopped frequently to check on him and give him sips of water. Thankfully, the ride home was uneventful...he was a champ!

We arrived early the next morning and Dr. Foster, our dentist came to float his teeth and our farrier, Joe Boehringer cared for his neglected feet. After that we spent hours soaking and scrubbing the grateful gelding to remove the layers of caked on manure. He had sores and bald patches in so many areas from the neglect, which made him quite ouchy. Regardless, he was just happy for our attention and nuzzled us often.

McCauley's Top Ten was gradually introduced into his diet of mash and supplements until he was eating more regularly. It took the poor guy two days to realize that the bucket meant food. Once he had it figured out, he would sing for his meals. Heaven forbid if we were late!

Dr. Bokman came to check his overall health and once he cleared his physical, put on a little weight, and regained some strength, he was introduced to other horses that were also in need of care and rest. Chief quickly made many new friends and he is now continuing his recovery and will soon be evaluated to see whether he can be adopted as a rideable horse or need a friend to sponsor him in pasture.

So, as you can see, even though it's expensive to our program our Vet Follow-up Forms have a purpose. It seems like unnecessary, tedious paperwork for the adopters, but when you consider that this horse was adopted almost 10 years ago, and was completely healthy months prior as per the last Vet Follow-up Form, it's clear that semi-annual follow up is necessary. This was a case where an adopter ran into trouble and could not care for her horse but just couldn't admit it.

Just a Note: We left with heavy hearts for the other two horses and placed a call immediately, along with the Bolon's to the local large animal protection agency. We want to thank the Bolons, our Horse Angels for taking the time to help, it clearly means a lot.



This kind soul had such a will to live to survive that ordeal, as you can see from his before and after photos. That's our Chief!



~ CHARITY GOLF



Jim Raymer, Dr. Meirs, Doran & Belgrave



Taking a chance on the Trick Shot



George Malmberg, Dr. Fugaro, Victoria Irmen & Dr. Nagle

SRF 2009 Charity Golf Tournament a Success!

On May 26, 2009, lovers of trotters, pacers and putters turned out at beautiful Knob Hill Country Club in Manalapan, New Jersey to play in the Standardbred Retirement Foundation's Annual Charity Golf Tournament. Despite rescheduling due to racing conflicts and a day of inclement weather, the tournament experienced a strong turnout, as always, from the horsemen and the harness racing community. The generosity of Valley High Stable, John Carver, Showplace Farms, Gaitway Farms, and the kindness of the many other supporting sponsors was matched by the enthusiasm of the 150 combined players and attendees who stayed to enjoy the gourmet dinner and bid generously on the wonderful items donated for a record-breaking auction. The support of our sponsors, players, donors, buyers and especially our volunteers produced our most successful tournament to date. We want to thank everyone!



Jim, Daria, Paula & John Campbell

Golf Committee:

Lella Montgomery, Judith Bokman, Ellen Manzi,
Suzanne D'Ambrose, Karen Taft, and Dana Letual

Thank you to all our sponsors, golfers, contributing auction and raffle donors and volunteers that helped make this year's SRF Charity Golf Outing a Success!

Please see our website for complete donor lists.

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Hambo Golf Scores for Charity

The 17th Annual Hambletonian Charity Golf Outing marked another successful year with the generosity and support of the harness racing community. This event sponsored, supported and put together by the Hambletonian Society and the Meadowlands Racetrack benefits two charities, the Harness Museum and Hall of Fame and the Standardbred Retirement Foundation.

It was a beautiful and hot day at the Hackensack Golf Club in Oradell, NJ for the shotgun start followed by an evening of good food and drinks and a live charity auction with Sam McKee as the MC. John Campbell rallied the crowd for bids on donated luxury items such as international airline tickets, U2 concert tickets, premier stadium suites for the Jets and Nets, beautiful equine art and more.

SRF and the Harness Racing Museum are grateful to the event sponsors and donors. We would also like to express our sincerest gratitude to the Meadowlands and its staff, the Hambletonian Society, golf committee and all the volunteers for their hard work and dedication to make it such a beautiful and successful day for all.



Practice makes perfect



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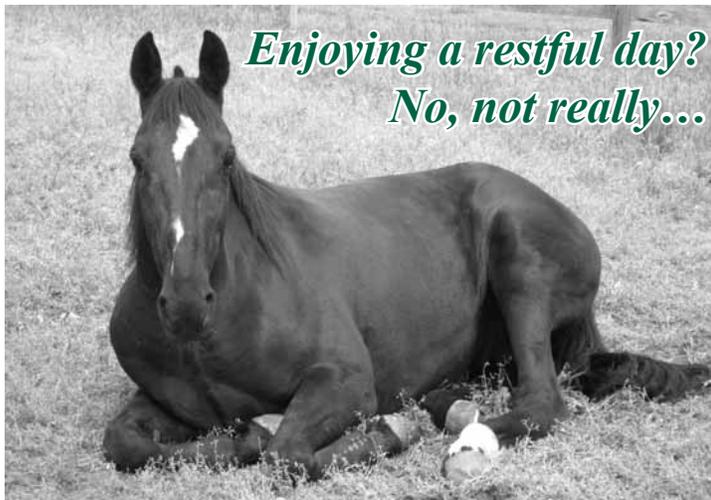
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Grass is Scarce, Neighing for Hay

What a tough year for SRF, so much pressure to take in horses. Presently, SRF has 145 horses on a waiting list to enter the program. With the slaughterhouses closed in the US, and the news of the long trip to slaughterhouses to Mexico and Canada for horses to meet their end many people are realizing what an awful plight it is. A big influx of horses unfortunately has not been accompanied by the same in gifts to help them. SRF has crammed more into the farm and into boarding facilities but needs more help. We are not only short on hay, as the fields are bare but the cold weather will soon be upon us and the loft is empty. We made a plea to our friends for gifts for the basic need, to purchase hay, and we are grateful for the wonderful gifts we received but we truly need horse angels to sponsor those in need to come into the program before patience and money run out for those who are holding them. Please keep in mind that many of these horses were once great campaigners who have slid down the ranks of claiming races and are struggling with chronic injuries. Generally, they are with a trainer/owner who did not benefit from the good years but rather had to keep their horse “patched up” and cannot afford to offer a lifetime home. Today SRF, in addition to the 145 horses on our waiting list, we have 36 that are at the leased farm, 123 that SRF pays board on and a mere 8 that are in true foster care and all are waiting for homes.



The beautiful black gelding is resting his chronic injury that obviously didn't happen in one day. Time will tell if he can become comfortable enough to just live out his life in pasture until then he is resting with us. Chronic injuries are often life ending for these noble athletes, they may be comfortable in pasture for a time but eventually the pain becomes too unbearable to live.



What is Your Job?

An owner expects a trainer to get his horse to perform to the best of his ability, to get to the winner's circle, to make money, and enjoy it all. What SRF often sees is the result of those intentions falling apart. How does that happen? Often a trainer feels pressure to get this job done and may be pushing a horse too far with the owner right along side. The result is no horses to train or race, often tens of thousands of dollars wasted, and money spent on rehabilitation *if* that is possible. We see it every day and in many cases the horse is done and usually has a lifetime of chronic pain, arthritis, degenerative joint disease, or a number of other issues. Look at the photos, we have hundreds more.

Owners often forget that a horse does not have 4 Firestones, a bicycle pump and a mindless engine. *Breaking a horse down decreases a horse's value, period.* Trainers often forget to convey that a horse does not have a “warning sound” telling us when he is about to stress a joint, break a bone. Once you cross that fine line and the horse is hurt, an owner and trainer can look forward to a few things none of which are good; chasing their tail with that injury, investing more money on veterinary and turnout care, loss of time, and a loss of value in their horse. It is just not worth it.

He's a Champion

SRF would like to thank Mr. Jeff Gural, Chairman of Tioga Downs for his generosity with the gift of \$5,000.00 in the names of Tim Tetrick, Jason Bartlett, Ron Pierce, Brian Sears, David Palone, Jody Jamieson, Andy Miller, Yannick Gingras and Jimmy Marohn, Jr. for their wonderful support in the 2009 Drivers Championship at Tioga Downs.



Prix d'Amerique in 2010

Florida may be warm in January but France has flavor! SRF has a trip planned to the Prix d'Amerique in January 2010 and a \$20 raffle ticket can get you there. You can win five days and four nights at a four star hotel, a day at the Prix d'Amerique, and an air voucher up to \$1,800 towards airfare! Spend some time visiting training centers, go to the Louvre and take in the wonderful art, enjoy the delicious cuisine, travel to the countryside, do it all. Raffle tickets will be available at the Harrisburg sale, in the mail to our members, by emailing at admin@srfmail.com or calling us, 609-324-1500. Want to help us sell the winning ticket? Please let us know, your help is greatly appreciated. Good luck!

SRF Joins the NRR on October 3, 2009

The Standardbred Retirement Foundation is proud to be part of the national effort of the Luitpold Animal National Health Rescue Ride/Walk scheduled for Saturday October 3, 2009. This year SRF will host a Ride/Walk "Jeopardy Ride". Please go to the NRR website www.nationalrescueride.org and click on "Find a Ride in Your Area" then select "Standardbred Retirement Foundation" and come out to help the horses. So come in your sneakers or in your saddle and help us have fun and raise some funds. Please go to www.Adoptahorse.org for our SRF Ride details including, location, agenda and much more....



Magic gets kisses for being such a gentleman on his first trail ride.

Equine Oktoberfest at SRF

It's an Open House with a twist; this year SRF will have so much more planned for Sunday Oct. 25th. Carriage rides, pumpkin painting, face painting, horse demos, expert speakers such as a veterinarian, nutritionist and blacksmith. We'll have holiday vendors, autumn pies, wine tasting, equine art, and furry friends on hand looking for homes, both equine and canine. From 1-5 at the SRF leased farm in Hamilton, NJ. So join us for some great fun and all for a good cause, rain or shine in our indoor arena. Go to our website for a schedule of our speakers, and directions, or give us a call or shoot an email, at 609 324-1500 events@srfmail.com.

Roosevelt Raceway Reunion

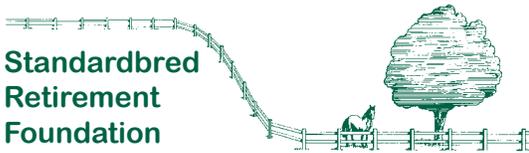
A reunion of those who share fond memories from the much-loved Roosevelt Raceway days was a night to behold at the first Roosevelt Raceway Reunion. Seeing Buddy Gilmore, Carmine Abbatiello, Lucien Fontaine, Frank and Billy Popfinger, Jimmy Marohn, Benny Webster and others embrace old friends and colleagues created its own future memory. More than 175 guests attended the long overdue event. John Kopas, the Remmens, Bobby Vitrano, Randy Perry, Joe Barbera, and John Manzi all had great stories to tell. Manzi spoke of his uncle who raced at the Long Island oval in the mid 1950's, and Joe Barbera referenced happenings with Butch Dokey racing the great Seatrain. Making a long journey from the west coast was Cece Levy the daughter of Roosevelt Raceway founder George Morton Levy who shared in the three decades of racing.

The night was the result of the efforts of Fred Hudson, Peter Buck, Susan Arrington, and the Perrys. There is a planned sequel in Florida on February 21, 2010 for those who missed the trip and those who want to do it again. Photos can be viewed at www.rrtrotting.com/rr_reunion_photos. All proceeds from the events will benefit the Standardbred Retirement Foundation. For information on the February date, check the website at www.rrtrotting.com in the near future.



Bill Popfinger, Jim Marohn, Carmine Abbatiello, Lucien Fontaine, Frank Popfinger & Buddy Gilmore

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Who's Guilty

On a recent trip to Gettysburg, Pa., one of our staff members came across a black horse and buggy on the side of the road waiting for a passenger. In conversation she learned several things, he was indeed a Standardbred, a trotter by Super Gill, he was 22 years old, was bought from an Amish man who used him for a workhorse and buggy horse, and he was the last Amish buggy horse in Adams County. With huge development in that area the Amish now are driving cars. Yes, cars!

But it was sad and disturbing to see the old boy, he was lethargic and thin, he hung his head like a worn out warhorse. We wonder if the breeder, owners, and trainers would have felt any concern for this kindhearted animal had they seen his broken spirit, poor body condition and listless manner. Was this what they thought would happen to this once handsome, big boned, stunning animal? His name was Mr. Gill T. But who is really guilty here? Many would agree everyone who touched his life beginning with the day of the idea to breed him 23 years ago.

Up Coming Events / Save the Dates

SRF NRR Ride - Oct 3 Harrisburg Sale - Nov 2-7

Equine Oktoberfest - Oct 25

**Goshen Adoption Day at the Harness Museum
and Hall of Fame - Oct 17**

For details please visit our website

at www.Adoptahorse.org



This horse is one of the few who was lucky enough to find a forever home rather than spend his life pulling a plow.