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Newest Member of Our Jet Set

Paul Shurman, the first place winner of Suffolk OTB's October 2007 Handicapping Challenge, is the third and final qualifier who'll be jetting to Las Vegas in January 2008 for the Coast Casino's \$1 Million Horseplayer World Series. The Dix Hills resident, who is a regular at the Racing Forum, took home his first place winnings of \$10,100 and the all expense paid entry. A handicapper since the 1970s, Shurman tags Saratoga as his favorite track.

Congratulations to all three qualifiers and good luck in Vegas!

The Day Was a 10!

Suffolk OTB employees had their very successful annual Employee Charity Golf Outing on October 23rd. Held at Bethpage State Golf Course, the day was perfect and, as the saying goes, a good time was had by all. Everyone enjoyed dinner at the Carlyle on the Green including the golfers, sponsors, and representatives from the event's beneficiaries. The **Andrew Lakeman Assistance Fund** and the **Gerald J. Ryan Outreach Center** have each received \$6,266.00 from the event.



We're grateful to our vendors who stepped up to sponsor the event; to all of our raffle donors; to everyone who golfed and to our employees who attended to every detail necessary to put this event together.

Saying Goodbye to John Henry

Last year we wished happy birthday to *John Henry* on his 32nd birthday. This year we bid farewell to one of thoroughbred racing's champions.

No one could have predicted what was in store for thoroughbred racing when *Once Double* bore a foal named *John Henry* in 1975. Sold in 1977 for \$2,200 *John Henry's* new owner gelded him in an effort to control his temperament. The champ went on to chart 39 wins from 83 starts and retired in 1985 with a then record career earnings of over \$6.5 million. Named Horse of the Year in both 1981 and 1984, *John Henry* was retired 23 years ago to the Kentucky Horse Park where he continued to draw visits from fans. Living to an age well beyond that of most horses, *John Henry* challenged veterinarians to cope with age related problems that most horses and owners never have to confront.

Considering what a legacy he left to horse racing by himself, one can only wonder what *John Henry's* impact on racing would have been had he been a stallion.

In the first half of 2007, Suffolk OTB generated over \$1.3 million in non-tax revenue for Suffolk County. *Suffolk OTB makes all Suffolk residents winners!*

December 2007



From the President's desk

The Grand Opening of our new Commack branch in October was indeed 'grand'. We're very proud of how the branch turned out and it appears that our Commack patrons are just as happy with the results.

The work continues on the new Deer Park branch on Grand Boulevard and the doors are set to open in early December. Styled after Belmont Raceway we think it's sure to be a crowd pleaser.

Look for some remodeling changes in the future at the Racing Forum, too. Suffolk OTB is working hard to make your betting experience the best that it can be no matter what branch you frequent.

As 2007 comes to a close and 2008 looms just at the horizon, on behalf of myself, Vice President Marietta Seaman, our Board of Directors and staff, I'd like to offer our Best Wishes for a happy holiday season whether you celebrate Hanukkah, Christmas or Kwanza. May the New Year bring you what you most hope for, in whatever form means the most to you.

Jeffrey A. Casale
President/CEO

Help With Your Holiday Shopping

For the racing enthusiast on your list, Suffolk OTB gift certificates are available for holiday gift giving. Check with any branch manager or call Headquarters at 853-1000 for details.

Breeders' Cup 2007

This year's Breeders' Cup run at Monmouth Park in New Jersey was wet if nothing else. Since the switch at most tracks from dirt to synthetic surface, the course proved to be a real test for many of the horses who had never run in such muddy conditions.

Congratulations go to all the BC winners: *Maryfield, Nownownow, Corinthian, Indian Blessing, War Pass, Lahudood, Midnight Lute, Kip Deville, Ginger Punch, English Channel and Curlin.*

Curlin, who took the enviable BC Classic, is probably the best placed for Horse of the Year and Champion 3 year old male honors. With three of his top rivals retiring following the BC, *Curlin* still has an opportunity to continue racing in 2008. *Any Given Saturday, Hard Spun* and *Street Sense* will all stand at Darley farm in Kentucky for \$40,000, \$50,000 and \$75,000 respectively.

While we wish that only good news came from the meet, SROTB extends its sympathies to the connections of *George Washington* who suffered a breakdown on the track and had to be euthanized.

Top of the Charts

This year's list of the names you know, the top ten horses rated by earnings as of Nov 15th:

Curlin	\$5.1 million
Street Sense	\$3.2 million
English Channel	\$2.6 million
Hard Spun	\$2.5 million
Kip Deville	\$1.9 million
Ginger Punch	\$1.7 million
Cloudy's Knight	\$1.7 million
Lahudood	\$1.5 million
Lava Man	\$1.4 million
War Pass	\$1.3 million

What's in a Word?

Each business has its own particular and peculiar language. Sometimes it's an everyday word that has a whole different meaning; sometimes it's a totally new word. Here's a favorite: "thumps".

Know what it is? It's the equine equivalent of hiccups!

The Daily Racing Form and www.equibase.com were sources for some material contained in this newsletter

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