

MQHRA

NEWSLETTER

MINNESOTA QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION



MQHRA Executive Director Report

By Jennifer Perkins

The meet is off and running at Canterbury Park! I hope you were able to make it out to the track for opening weekend to enjoy our first races of the season. If not, then I hope you were able to get outside somewhere and enjoy our long overdue, much deserved spring weather.

The Thoroughbred season is underway with Quarter Horses to follow on May 19th. This is also Preakness Stakes day, so come early and expect a good live crowd to be on hand as we kick off the season with trials for the Minnesota Stallion Breeders' Futurity.

Then, come back for Memorial Day weekend – Gopher State Derby trials are Saturday, May 26. Also, Leg Up Day is a bit earlier this year – the annual fundraising event will be held on Sunday, May 27. There are several opportunities to support our on-track athletes this year: in addition to Leg Up Day, Canterbury Park is the proud host of the national Jockeys and Jeans event on June 23. More information about both events are in this edition of the newsletter.

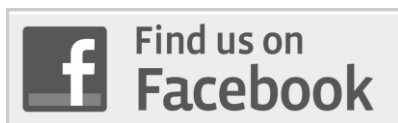
If you know any Minnesota youth who love horses and racing, encourage them to apply for this year's Youth Day at the Races. Youth Day at the Races is a wonderful opportunity to tour the backside, shadow a trainer, go behind the scenes at the track, and compete for a scholarship! Deadline to apply is May 20 for the annual event on June 2.

Mark your calendars now for our Quarter Horse Celebration night on July 7 and our biggest stakes day of the summer, July 8, including the Mystic Lake Northlands Futurity. We'll also have our annual Backside BBQ, co-hosted with the Minnesota Thoroughbred Association, on July 22.

There is still plenty of time to renew your 2018 membership if needed and watch for information about events and admission passes in the mail to all members!

Good luck to all as we make this our best meet yet. See you at the track! ☺

Look for us on the Internet



www.mqhra.com

Our Facebook page name is:
Minnesota Quarter Horse Racing
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Leg Up Day

Leg Up Day is quickly approaching! Join us on Sunday, May 27, for a day of fun and fundraising.

The Leg Up Fund raises funds for emergency financial support for our Canterbury jockeys in the event of an on-track injury.

On May 27, the Leg Up Fund will host its annual fundraising event at Canterbury Park. The day will feature a silent auction, raffle drawing, jockey photos, jockey sponsorships and bouncy ball races. 100% of the proceeds from this day benefit the Leg Up Fund.

How you can help:

- Buy raffle tickets for a chance to win a John Deere Lawnmower
- Donate items to the silent auction
- Sponsor a jockey for the day
- Sponsor an entry in the bouncy ball race
- Join us on-site for auctions, photo opportunities, and more

If you can't make it to the track, your support is always welcome through donations or jockey sponsorships. Visit <http://mqhra.com/event/leg-up-day> for more information.

About the Leg Up Fund

Founded in 2014, the Leg Up fund provides emergency transitional financial assistance to jockeys who have sustained on-track injuries, in the performance of their profession, at Canterbury Park. Our

long-term goal is to create a legacy that will enable the Leg Up Fund to sufficiently assist every jockey injured at Canterbury Park in the years ahead. Reaching that goal requires continuous effort and support; not only from

those who participate and are connected to horse racing, but from the thousands of fans from communities all over Minnesota and beyond who visit or follow Canterbury Park each year.



Jockeys and Jeans

Canterbury Park is proud to announce they will host this year's Jockeys and Jeans fundraising event on June 23, 2018.

Jockeys and Jeans began as a reunion for jockeys across the United States. With a little input from key committee members, the idea grew into a way to give back to the industry and became an event at Tampa Bay Downs on March 30, 2014. As a result of the hard work and dedication to the cause, more than \$205,000 was raised for the Permanently Disabled Jockey's Fund at our 2015 event at Indiana Grand Racing-Casino.

At the 2017 event at Parx Racing records were broken because of the dedication and hard work of the Jockeys and Jeans committee, PDJF and Greenwood Racing, raising over \$252,000 for the PDJF.

The 2018 event at Canterbury Park will feature Hall of Fame riders from across North America and will include both a live and a silent auction on all types of premium items. Tickets to the gala will be available later this year. Discounted tickets will be provided to all retired jockeys wishing to attend the event.

In addition, those who cannot attend will be able to support the cause through donations with 100 percent of the proceeds going to the Permanently Disabled Jockey's Fund.

More information on the fifth annual Jockeys and Jeans event may be found on the organization's Facebook page or through their Website at jockeysandjeans.com.

About Jockeys and Jeans

Jockeys and Jeans is a group of former Jockeys who are dedicated to aiding jockeys who have suffered career ending injuries by increasing awareness of their physical and emotional struggles and

providing funds to rebuild their lives.

Jockeys and Jeans has formed a relationship with both the Jockeys Guild and the PDJF with the intent of

raising money and increasing public awareness of the dangers of being a jockey and what can happen in a blink of an eye.



Assisting Canterbury's Injured Jockeys

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On May 27, 2018, the Leg Up Fund will hold its annual event at Canterbury Park. The day will feature a silent auction, raffle drawing, jockey photos and a special jockey challenge. 100% of the proceeds from this day will benefit the Leg Up Fund.

We are looking for silent auction donations.

Your support of this fundraiser is greatly appreciated!

The Leg Up Fund is a registered 501(c)3 organization which relies solely on volunteer donations of time and money. Your donation is 100% tax deductible and will help to provide the emergency financial assistance that is greatly needed at the time of an injury.

For more information, please call Michele Dahl at (952) 233-4879. Donations can be sent to:

Michele Dahl
Attn: Leg Up Fund
Canterbury Park
1100 Canterbury Rd
Shakopee, MN 55379



Leg Up Day at Canterbury Park

Sunday, May 27th First Race 12:45

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How to Donate:

1. Donate for Every Jockey Win, Place, and Show

Please cap my maximum contribution for the day at: \$_____

Jockey Name: _____ Win \$100____ \$50____ \$25____ Other____ Place \$100____ \$50____ \$25____ Other____ Show \$100____ \$50____ \$25____ Other____	Jockey Name: _____ Win \$100____ \$50____ \$25____ Other____ Place \$100____ \$50____ \$25____ Other____ Show \$100____ \$50____ \$25____ Other____
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2. Donate a one time contribution.

I want to donate a fixed amount of \$500___ \$250___ \$100___ other_____

Your information:

Sponsor name _____ Phone _____

Sponsor email _____ Signature _____

Contribution Methods: _____ Contribution enclosed

Withdraw Canterbury Horsemen Account # _____

Bill me after the event _____ Address _____

SUBMIT COMPLETED FORMS TO HORSEMEN'S BOOKKEEPER, OR INFORMATION BOOTH

FAX TO 952-496-6443 OR MAIL TO: Leg Up Fund, 1100 Canterbury Rd, Shakopee, MN 55379

About the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund

The Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund (PDJF) is a 501(c)(3) public charity that provides financial assistance to 60 former jockeys who have suffered catastrophic on-track injuries. Since its founding in 2006, the fund has disbursed nearly \$9 million dollars to permanently disabled jockeys, most of whom have sustained paralysis or brain injuries.

Welcome New and Renewing MQHRA Members

Michael and Gail Ahern

Pat Krieg

Wanda Hanson

Leonard Reed

Charles Kaim

2018 Calendar of Events

Date	Day	Description
May 19	Saturday	Quarter Horse Meet Begins at Canterbury
May 27	Sunday	Leg Up Fund Day
June 2	Saturday	Youth Day at the Races
June 23	Saturday	Jockeys and Jeans
July 22	Sunday	Backside Appreciation BBQ





One day I am going to win the Kentucky Derby.



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Communication Team

The MQHRA Communication Team is working diligently to provide members with regular updates regarding issues and events concerning the Minnesota Quarter Horse racing industry via its newsletter, website (www.mqhra.com) and Facebook page (Minnesota Quarter Horse Racing Association). While the information contained within these communication tools is believed to be accurate, we will not be responsible for errors. If we are notified about an error in writing, we will gladly publish a correction. All PAID members will receive the MQHRA Newsletter.

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**Jockeys and Jeans at Canterbury Park
Saturday, June 23, 2018**

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
MINNESOTA QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION**

RENEW MEMBERSHIP
 \$25 SINGLE

NEW MEMBER
 \$40 FAMILY (does not include adult children over the age of 18)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE _____ (Include _____ area _____ code)

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Send membership dues to: Tom Pouliot, MQHRA Treasurer, 23425 County Road 117, Rogers, MN