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A History of The New York Racing Association

Created more than 50 years ago so that New York State could share in the boom in racing that followed World War II, The New York Racing Association, Inc., (NYRA) holds the exclusive right to conduct racing at Aqueduct Racetrack, Belmont Park, and Saratoga Race Course until 2033.

NYRA tracks are the cornerstone of the state's thoroughbred business, which contributes more than \$2 billion annually to New York State's economy.

In 2015, the first Triple Crown winner in 37 years and a record-breaking Saratoga meet were just some of the highlights. American Pharoah's conquest of the Belmont Stakes thrust horse racing into the national spotlight and set the stage for a tremendous Saratoga meet. Although attendance was capped at 90,000 to ensure an enhanced guest experience for the Belmont, on-track handle exceeded \$16.9 million and total handle topped \$135.7 million for the day. At the Spa, ontrack paid attendance broke the one million mark for the first time since 2003, with a total of 1,065,625. On-track handle was up 4.8 percent year over year and total handle jumped 14.1 percent, to \$656 million.

In 2015, on-track attendance was up 1.4 percent at all three tracks, to 1,756,591, the third straight gain, while gross total handle increased 2.6 percent to more than \$2.5 million. Export handle at all three tracks increased 4.0 percent from the previous year to \$1,876,463,617.

While staging just 5.7 percent of all races run in the United States in 2015, wagering on NYRA's 2,217 races again accounted for more than 20 percent of all monies bet on thoroughbred racing in the United States.

NYRA's beginnings date back to 1955, when the Greater New York Association acquired the assets of the four racing associations operating Belmont, Jamaica, Saratoga and Aqueduct racetracks.

Within four years, the NYRA had demolished the old Aqueduct and in 1959 opened the modern Aqueduct Racetrack. Jamaica Race Track was closed the same year. From 1963 through 1968, Belmont Park was shuttered while a new grandstand was built.

In 2012, at the direction of Governor Andrew Cuomo, a temporary, publicly controlled body was put in place to transform management of thoroughbred racing in New York.

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NYRA: ONLINE

The New York Racing Association, Inc. continued to make improvements to its NYRA.com online wagering platform this past year. Featuring a new graphical layout and easy-to-use navigational menus, the site presents a wealth of information with a variety of user-friendly features. Fans, handicappers, and horsemen can easily locate frequently accessed information including entries, results, replays, scratches, track conditions, and more.

Users who signed up for a free NYRA.com account are able to access high-definition live streaming video of NYRA races. New York State residents are also given the option of signing up for a NYRA.com wagering account which can be easily accessed on a desktop or mobile platform. NYRA.com members also benefit from a variety of exclusive membership rewards, including discounted admission and wagering bonuses. This dynamic platform boasts a new wagering interface along with a multitude of features which utilize cutting-edge technology while simultaneously enabling online guests to watch multiple camera angles on a fully customizable homepage.

NYRA's social media feeds – Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Youtube – are each integrated at the bottom of the homepage, allowing guests on mobile devices to access real-time updates while on-the-go.

NYRA's library of online offerings includes:

NYRA.com - Main website for Aqueduct, Belmont, and Saratoga NYRA Network/NYRA.com - Weekly television schedule of live NYRA racing plus simulcasting Stewards' Corner/NYRA.com – Explanations of stewards' decisions BelmontStakes.com - Comprehensive Belmont Stakes coverage Facebook.com/TheNYRA - Offers all the latest news Instagram.com/TheNYRA - NYRA photos and videos Twitter.com/TheNYRA – Racing updates Twitter.com/BelmontStakes - Updates on all things Belmont Stakes Twitter.com/LarryCollmus - Race caller Twitter.com/AndySerling - Race analysis and handicapper Twitter.com/JasonBlewitt30 – Race analysis Twitter.com/horseplayer_ (Sean Morris) - Sean Morris' race analysis and handicapping Twitter.com/MaggieWolfndale - Paddock analysis Twitter.com/RichardMigliore - Post parade analysis Youtube.com/NYRAvideo - The Official YouTube Channel of The New York Racing Association, Inc. Offers a variety of videos including Trips & Traps, post-race interviews, handicapping analysis, race replays, and much more



NYRA: ON-AIR

For 2016, the New York Racing Association, Inc. (NYRA) and MSG Networks (MSGN) have announced a multi-year agreement that will focus on live programming from Belmont Park and Saratoga Race Course.

From mid-May through early October, live programming will air on MSG+ from 4-6 p.m. at Belmont Park and from 4-6:30 at Saratoga. The shows will provide in-depth analysis of the races featuring NYRA TV analysts Jason Blewitt, Richard Migliore, Andy Serling, and Maggie Wolfendale. In addition, MSG+ will air a special Belmont Stakes Preview Show in early June and live shows for New York Showcase Day during the Belmont Park Fall meet and Cigar Mile Day from Aqueduct Racetrack in November.

In addition to MSG, the National Broadcasting Company Sports Group will again provide extensive coverage of the Grade 1, \$1.5 million Belmont Stakes, the final leg of racing's Triple Crown to be run for the 148th time on Saturday, June 11. Last year's telecast of American Pharoah's run for glory to become the first horse in 37 years to capture the Triple Crown drew an averafe of 20.6 million viewers, making it the third most-watched Belmont Stakes in history. The NBC Sports Group will also offer additional coverage from Belmont, including the Grade 1, \$1 million Belmont Oaks, as well as from Saratoga Race Course, where the \$1.25 million Travers Stakes and the \$1 million Sword Dancer Stakes will take place.

This marks the second year that NYRA is providing a live high-definition stream of the races at Aqueduct, Belmont Park, and Saratoga, available online at NYRA.com. Visitors to NYRA.com can sign up for a free NYRA.com account and gain access to an HD Video page that will allow fans to select from a number of angles to watch races.



NYRA AND THE COMMUNITY

The New York Racing Association, Inc. (NYRA) is committed to upholding the ideals of community service and support within our thoroughbred racing industry and the communities neighboring Aqueduct Racetrack, Belmont Park, and Saratoga Race Course.

Industry-related groups which NYRA is proud to support include the Belmont Child Care Association, which created Anna House, for the benefit of working families at the track; the Backstretch Employee Service Team (B.E.S.T.), which provides a full scope of health and human services to workers in the backstretch areas of our three racetracks; and the New York Racetrack Chaplaincy. NYRA also supports and advocates for the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation, the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund and the Jockey Safety Net Foundation. In addition, NYRA hosts events honoring and supporting military veterans, first responders, the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots and many local community organizations.

We proudly host the annual Belmont Stakes Blue Ribbon Run for Prostate Cancer, which each year raises more than \$100,000 for the Integrated Medical Foundation, in addition to a partnership with Winthrop-University Hospital to promote breast cancer awareness and early detection in addition to Fabulous Fillies Day at both Saratoga Race Course and Belmont Park which raises charitable donations for Play for P.I.N.K. and breast cancer research.

In our continuing effort to support the people and organizations that support racing, NYRA has established a Community Relations Committee representative of different departments and facets including racing and administration.

To contact our Community Relations department. please call Vanessa Rodriguez, Community Relations Manager, 718-659-2385, or email vrodriguez@nyrainc.com.

THE VOICES OF NYRA



LARRY COLLMUS

Highly respected for his work during the Triple Crown and the Breeders' Cup for NBC Sports, Larry Collmus succeeded the legendary Tom Durkin as the voice of NYRA in 2015. Collmus's announcing career began at age 18, first calling races at Bowie Race Course in 1985. The Maryland native has since been the regular announcer for Golden Gate Fields, Suffolk Downs, Monmouth Park, Gulfstream Park, and Churchill Downs. Collmus's 2010 call at Monmouth involving two horses named Mywifenoseverything and Thewifedoesntknow went viral with more than one million views on Youtube.



LUIS GRANDISON

Last year, Luis Grandison was hired by NYRA to become the first full-time track announcer in the country to provide live calls in Spanish, at Aqueduct Racetrack, Belmont Park and Saratoga Race Course. Grandison, a 58-year-old Panama native, called races at El Hipódromo Presidente Remón in Panama City from 1978 – 2003. His extensive sports broadcasting experience also includes stints with ABC Radio, KW Continente and Radio Pan-Americana. NYRA's Spanish race calls are available on-track at Aqueduct via channel 3.2 (HD) or channel 19 (SD).



JOHN IMBRIALE

Imbriale joined NYRA in 1979 after winning a New York Daily News contest for aspiring racecallers.Imbriale later worked with the legendary Harvey Pack, longtime host of the NYRA recap show "Thoroughbred Action." Imbriale joined "Inside Racing" in 1984 and "Raceday" in 1996 and took over hosting responsibilities of "Thoroughbred Action" after Pack's retirement in 1998. Today, the Long Island native serves as the primary race caller at Aqueduct and the back-up announcer at Belmont and Saratoga. Imbriale is also the Director of TV Production, directing simulcast feeds for all three NYRA tracks.



TRAVIS STONE

A lifelong racing fan, Stone spent summers visiting Saratoga Race Course with his family while growing up in nearby Schroon Lake. Stone, a graduate of SUNY Oneonta with a degree in Communication Arts, called his first live race at Suffolk Downs in 2005 and then became the announcer at Louisiana Downs. He succeeded Collmus as the track announcer for Monmouth Park in 2014 and took over the announcing duties at Churchill Downs in 2015. The two-time All-Star Announcer participant currently serves as a featured handicapper and back-up race caller at Aqueduct.



AQUEDUCT RACE TRACK

Aqueduct Racetrack opened on September 27, 1894, on property that belonged to the old Brooklyn Water Works, which was home to a conduit that brought water to New York City from the vast Hempstead Plain. Also known as the Big A, Aqueduct is the only racetrack in New York City, occupying 210 acres in South Ozone Park in the borough of Queens. Just eight miles from its sister track, Belmont Park, Aqueduct's neighbor is John F. Kennedy International Airport, the top international passenger gateway in the United States.

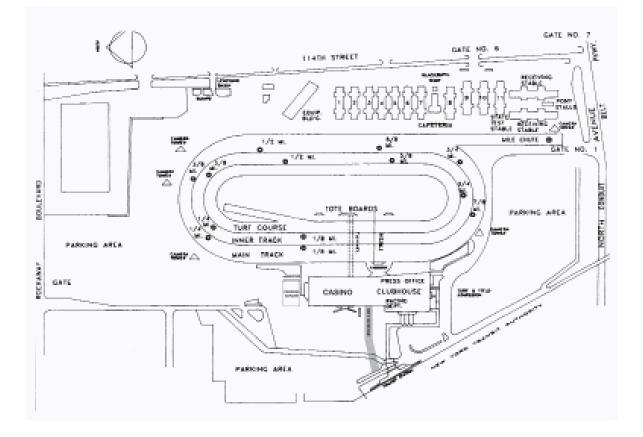
Through the years, the Big A has been the scene of some of racing's landmark events, including the only triple dead heat in stakes history when Brownie, Bossuet, and Wait a Bit hit the wire as one in the Carter Handicap on June 10, 1944. Man o' War, Sword Dancer, Kelso, Buckpasser, Dr. Fager, Secretariat, Forego, Easy Goer and Smarty Jones built their legends at Aqueduct, and Cigar, for whom the Grade 1 Cigar Mile is named, won the first two races of his 16-race winning streak at the Big A.

From 1955-59, Aqueduct was rebuilt at a cost of \$34.5 million. With a new grandstand, racing strip, barns, and accessory buildings, the new Aqueduct opened on September 14, 1959 to a crowd of 42,473 and rave reviews as the most up-to-date racing facility in North America. From 1963-68, during the reconstruction of Belmont Park, Aqueduct was the site of the Belmont Stakes.

In 1975, Aqueduct opened its winterized, one-mile inner dirt track on the former site of the inner turf course, and on October 11, 1981, it unveiled one of the largest restaurants in New York City, the multi-tiered Equestris. In 1985 and 1989, Aqueduct underwent two more rounds of improvements, including the construction of mini-theatres, the expansion of the backyard, paddock and grandstand and installation of a weather-insulated paddock.

Over the past three years, the New York Racing Association has invested more than \$14 million in capital improvements at Aqueduct, showcasing a continued focus towards enhancing the guest experience and improving the quality of racing. One of the most transformational additions was the opening of *Longshots*, a state-of-the-art simulcasting center and sports bar located on the second floor. With more than 270 individual handicapping carrels and 55 selfservice betting terminals located across four separate seating areas, *Longshots* has become highly popular with horseplayers year-round, including the Belmont and Saratoga meets when operations shifted away from Aqueduct.

Additional improvements to the Big A during this time included installation of hundreds of new HD televisions and new HD video boards across the property; installation of Trakus technology for horseplayers; installation of new, airport-style seating, the opening of a new horsemen's lounge and installation of vibrant, equine-themed urban murals throughout the grandstand and clubhouse.

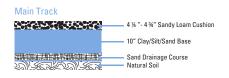


BASIC PHYSICAL DATA OF AQUEDUCT RACETRACK

Area of site	
Parking area	52 acres
Main Course	1 1/8 miles

TRACK ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE RECORDS

AQUEDUCT TRACK SPECIFICATIONS



4 ¼ "- 4 ¼ - ½ "
8" Lime
Sand Di Natural

Inner Track

4 ½ "- 4 ¾" Sandy Loam Cushion ¼ - ½ " Clay/Silt/Sand Base 8" Limestone Screening Base Sand Drainage Course Natural Soil

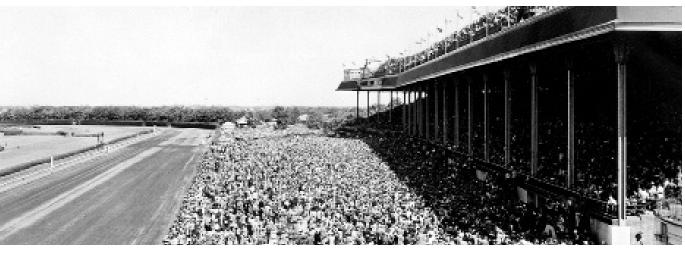




Turf (Tall Fescue) 4 ¼ "- 5 ½ "
8" Sandy Topsoil Growing Medium
Natural Soil

HISTORY OF BELMON

BELMON



"The 37-year wait is over," proclaimed track announcer Larry Collmus as American Pharoah swept across the finish line in the 147th running of the Belmont Stakes to become just the 12th Triple Crown winner in history. A sold-out crowd of 90,000 was on hand to witness history as the Zayat Stables color-bearer added the "Test of the Champion" to his earlier victories in the Kentucky Derby and Preakness. His triumph was a fitting conclusion to the Belmont Stakes Racing Festival, expanded to three days, featuring 17 stakes races worth nearly \$10 million and anchored by the 1 1/2mile Belmont, which this year will be run on Saturday, June 11.

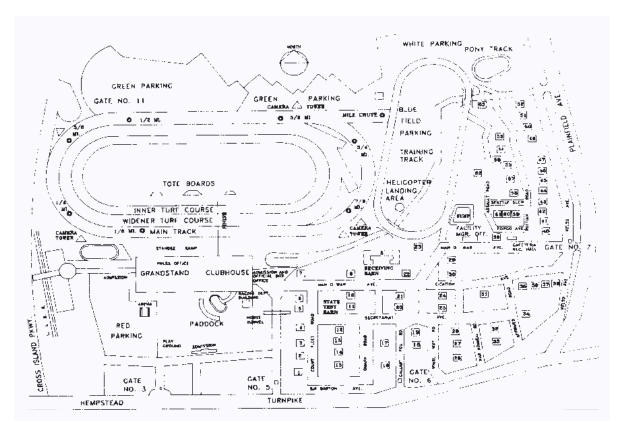
American Pharoah joined 11 other winners of racing's most prestigious, and elusive prize. Since 1919, when Sir Barton was the first to sweep the spring classics, only Gallant Fox (1930), Omaha (1935), War Admiral (1937), Whirlaway (1941), Count Fleet (1943), Assault (1946), Citation (1948), Secretariat (1973), Seattle Slew (1977) and Affirmed (1978) have achieved racing immortality.

Along with the Belmont Stakes Racing Festival from June 9-11, the second "must-see" event of Belmont's spring/summer meet will be the third edition of the Star & Stripes Racing Festival on July 9, a spectacular day of racing featuring elite competitors from around the world, highlighted by the Grade 1, \$1.25 million Belmont Derby Invitational and the Grade 1, \$1 million Belmont Oaks Invitational, both at 1 1/4 miles on the turf.

For more than a century, Belmont as been the stage for many of racing's greatest legends, from Man o' War to Curlin, Beldame to Rachel Alexandra, and Seabiscuit to Cigar. It began in 1902, when a syndicate headed by August Belmont II and former Secretary of the Navy William C. Whitney sought land on Long Island to build the most elaborate track in America, one modeled after the great race courses of Europe. They found what they were looking for on the border of Queens County and Nassau County. Originally known as Foster's Meadow, the 650 acres of land included a turreted Tudor-Gothic mansion owned by William de Forest Manice, which was to serve as the track's Turf and Field Club until 1956.

The grand opening of Belmont Park on May 4, 1905, attracted more than 40,000 fans who witnessed August Belmont II's Blandy, at 7-1, hold off 100-1 shot Oliver Cromwell in the \$1,500 Belmont Inaugural. Later, James R. Keane's Sysonby, who would be ranked No. 30 on the Blood-Horse Magazine's top 100 horses of the 20th century, made his 3-year-old debut against the super filly Beldame, another of Belmont's charges. In the stretch, Sysonby got unexpected competition from 20-1 Race King, and the two hit the wire in a dead heat.

Closed in 1963 due to structural defects, Belmont Park was rebuilt and re-opened in 1968. Since 2012, numeous improvements have been made to enhance the guest experience while preserving its historic architectural elements, including the installion of hundreds of HD televisions across the property and new video display boards in the Pad-dock, installing Trakus technology for horseplayers and enhancing and expanding the Belmont Cafe and the Top of the Stretch picnic area. Last year, guests were be greeted by \$5 million in improvements to the transit rotunda on the west end of the Grandstand, as well as new rail station platforms, which increased the Belmont Station train capacity from eight to 10 cars and improved egress from the track on major racing days.



BASIC PHYSICAL DATA OF BELMONT PARK GROUNDS

Area of Site
Parking Areas
Main Course 1 1/2 miles
Widener Turf Course 15/16 miles
Inner Turf Course 1 3/16 miles, 103 feet
Training Track 1 mile
Pony Track
Railroad Terminal - 4 Platforms; City Bus Terminal

STABLE AREA

63 Barns (1 Receiving Barn, 1 Pony Barn)
Stabling Capacity
Dormitory Capacity (455 rooms)

FACILITIES PROVIDED

Total Capacity	
Trackside Dining	
Other Dining	
Total Seating Capacity (including picnic tables and benches) 32,941	

GRANDSTAND

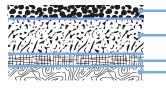
Length	et
Depth Clubhouse and Grandstand	et
Height	et
Floor Area	et
Concrete Work	ds
Structural Steel Framing	ns

TRACK ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE RECORDS

One-Day Attendance
One-Day Handle\$19,200,102 on Belmont Stakes Day, June 7, 2014

BELMONT PARK TRACK SPECIFICATIONS

Main Track



4 ¼ "- 4 ¾" Sandy Loam Cushion

10" Clay/Silt/Sand Base

Sand Drainage Course Natural Soil



Turf Courses

Turf (Kentucky Bluegrass) 8" Sandy Topsoil Growing Medium Natural Soil



SARATOGA RACE COURSE

The record-setting 147th meet at historic Saratoga Race Course saw the continued growth of two marquee days, Whitney Day and Travers Day, the latter of which marked by the historic appearance of American Pharoah, only the fourth Triple Crown winner ever to compete in the "Mid-Summer Derby." While the momentum from American Pharoah's victory in the Belmont Stakes drove attendance and handle at the Spa, perhaps one of the best moments in racing came the day before his upset by Keen Ice in the Travers, when 15,000 fans turned out in the morning just to watch him jog around the track.

With paid attendance at more than one million in 2015, the annual summer meet at Saratoga Race Course generates \$237 million in economic activity and nearly 2,600 jobs across the greater Capital Region, according to the findings of a study released this year by the Saratoga County Industrial Development Agency (IDA). The update also shows a surge in job growth of more than 30 percent attributed to the operation of Saratoga Race Course and its participants, including owners, trainers and jockeys, as well as tourism activity generated by the track.

Already famous for its mineral baths, Saratoga held its first thoroughbred meet just a month after the Battle of Gettysburg. Staged by gambler, casino owner, ex-boxing champion and future Congressman John "Old Smoke" Morrissey and beginning on August 3, 1863, the four-day meet drew thousands of locals and tourists who saw Lizzie W. defeat Captain Moore in the best-of-three series of races.

Emboldened by the success of that first meet, Morrissey promptly enlisted his friends John R. Hunter, William Travers and Leonard Jerome to form the Saratoga Association. Its first responsibility was the construction of a new, permanent grandstand on the current site of Saratoga Race Course. Across the street, the "old course" became the barn area known as Horse Haven, with the vestiges of the original track still encircling the stables.

While the summer meet routinely drew weekday crowds of more than 10,000 during the 1950's, there was concern that the Greater New York Association, formed in 1955, would run a concurrent meet downstate. In April, 1957, Gov. Averill Harriman signed into law a bill that prohibited a simultaneous downstate meet and also guaranteed a minimum of 24 days of racing at the Spa. In 1963, the construction of the Northway improved automotive access to the track from the New York State Thruway in Albany.

Named one of the world's great sporting venues by Sports Illustrated, the past comes alive every summer in the historic grandstand as guests experience not only the best in thoroughbred racing, but the unmatched ambience and charm of Saratoga Springs.

Although some may quibble with the order, it's no wonder that Saratoga's motto is "Health, history, and horses."

LEADING JOCKEYS AND TRAINERS AT SARATOGA

YEAR	JOCKEY	WINS	TRAINER	WINS	YEAR	JOCKEY	WINS	TRAINER	WINS
2015	Irad Ortiz, Jr.	57	Todd Pletcher	34	1983	Angel Cordero Jr	31	Phil Johnson	9
2014	Javier Castellano	58	Todd Pletcher	28	1982	Angel Cordero Jr	30	Frank Martin	13
2013	Javier Castellano	66	Todd Pletcher	36	1981	Angel Cordero Jr	23	Robert DeBonis	8
2012	Ramon Dominguez	68*	Todd Pletcher	36				Woody Stephens	8
2011	John Velazquez	54	Todd Pletcher	38*	1980	Angel Cordero Jr.	35	Frank Martin	9
2010	John Velazquez	57	Todd Pletcher	36	1979	Angel Cordero Jr.	24	Lazaro Barrera	11
2009	Ramon Dominguez	45	Linda Rice	20	1978	Angel Cordero Jr.	34	Allen Jerkens	7
2008	Alan Garcia	39	Kiaran McLaughli	n 17				Woody Stephens	7
2007	Cornelio Velasquez	44	Bill Mott	27				Sidney Watters Jr.	7
2006	Edgar Prado	46	Todd Pletcher	24	1977	Angel Cordero Jr.	34	Lazaro Barrera	8
2005	Edgar Prado	44	Todd Pletcher	22				Thomas Kelly	8
2004	John Velazquez	65	Todd Pletcher	35	1976	Angel Cordero Jr.	29	Lazaro Barrera	12
2003	John Velazquez	61	Todd Pletcher	35	1975	Eddie Maple	23	Lazaro Barrera	13
2002	Edgar Prado	54	Todd Pletcher	19	1974	Jorge Velasquez	20	Jose Martin	15
2001	Jerry Bailey	55	Bill Mott	22	1973	Ron Turcotte	27	Allen Jerkens	14
2000	Jerry Bailey	50	Bill Mott	17	1972	Jorge Velasquez	20	Allen Jerkens	19
1999	Jerry Bailey	47	Bill Mott	16	1971	Laffit Pincay Jr.	25	Allen Jerkens	12
1998	John Velazquez	31	Todd Pletcher	20	1970	Jacinto Vasquez	21	Robert Frankel	6
1997	Jerry Bailey	48	John Kimmel	15				James Maloney	6
			Bill Mott	15	1969	Jorge Velasquez	34	John Campo	10
1996	Jerry Bailey	45	Bill Mott	20	1968	Braulio Baeza	26	Lucien Lauren	10
1995	Jerry Bailey	47	Bill Mott	18	1967	Angel Cordero Jr.	36	Ivan Parke	10
1994	Jerry Bailey	38	Shug McGaughey	15	1966	John L. Rotz	28	Ivor Balding	9
1993	Mike Smith	40	Bill Mott	12	1965	Braulio Baeza	17	Howard Jacobson	9
1992	Mike Smith	38	D. Wayne Lukas	14		Robert Ussery	17		
			Bill Mott	14	1964	Manuel Ycaza	22	John Gaver	12
1991	Mike Smith	33	D. Wayne Lukas	16	1963	Manuel Ycaza	37	Howard Jacobson	12
1990	Chris Antley	28	D. Wayne Lukas	10	1962	John Sellers	35	James Fitzsimmons	9
1989	Angel Cordero Jr	34	D. Wayne Lukas	16	1961	Manuel Ycaza	25	Burley Parke	11
1988	Angel Cordero Jr	36	D. Wayne Lukas	16	1960	Sam Boulmetis	26	John Gaver	8
1987	Jose Santos	26	Sidney Watters Jr.	12				Walter Kelley	8
1986	Angel Cordero Jr	27	D. Wayne Lukas	13				Michael Walsh	8
1985	Angel Cordero Jr	22	Jonathan Sheppard	d 10	1959	Manuel Ycaza	41	Norman McLeod	8
1984	Angel Cordero Jr	24	Jonathan Sheppard	1 9	1958	Bill Boland	22	Hirsch Jacobs	11

SARATOGA ON-TRACK RECORDS

One-day attendance	72,745 on August 11, 2007	Average dai
One-day handle \$11,472,451, A	August 29, 2015 (Travers Day)	Opening Da
Track Attendance		Opening Da
Average daily attendance		Largest wee
Meeting handle (includes downstate)	\$157,647,699 in 2015	Largest wee

werage daily handle	2015
Dening Day in July	
Dening Day in August	1989
argest weekday crowd (non-opening day) 34,597 on August 2, 2	2015
argest weekday handle (non-opening day) . \$4,789,081, Aug. 28, 2	2015

SARATOGA RACE COURSE TRACK SPECIFICATIONS

Main Track



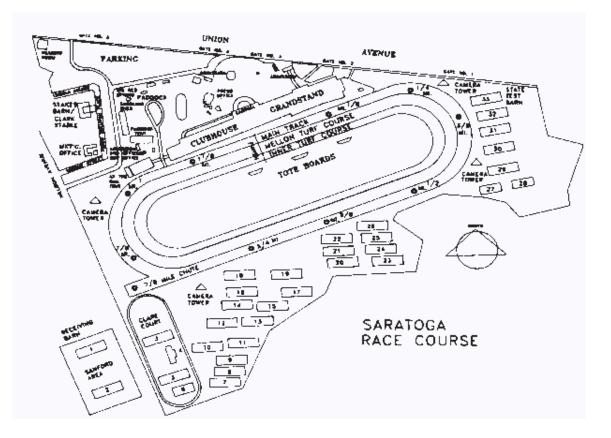
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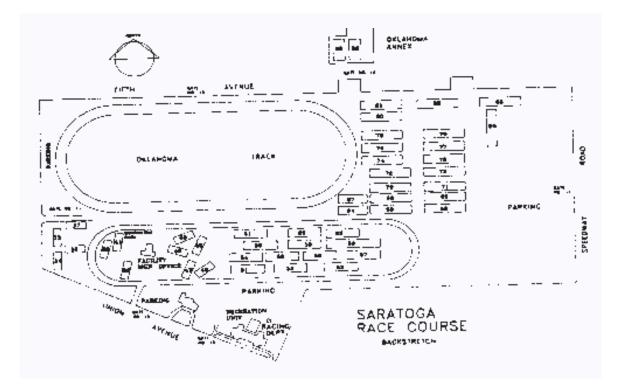
Sand Drainage Course Natural Soil

Turf Courses



Turf (Kentucky Bluegrass)
8" Sandy Topsoil Growing Medium
Natural Soil





SARATOGA "WALK OF FAME"



NYRA President and CEO Christopher Kay (center) is joined to his left by "Red Jacket" recipients D. Wayne Lukas, John Velazquez, Tom Durkin and Angel Cordero, Jr. at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Saratoga "Walk of Fame"

In 2013, NYRA began recognizing prominent thoroughbred industry owners, trainers and jockeys who have left a significant mark on Saratoga with a commemorative plaque and iconic red Saratoga jacket presented on the eve of the Travers Stakes, Saratoga's signature race and the nation's oldest major stakes race for 3-year-olds.

In 2015, a new attraction was unveiled at Saratoga Race Course to showcase those individuals - the Saratoga "Walk of Fame," which provides a permanent home for the plaques - and their narratives - where guests can learn about the honorees' contributions. The covered structure is located next to the Carousel and features iconic Saratoga architecture, right down to the turrets.

"The Saratoga Walk of Fame is our way of acknowledging and recognizing these individuals for their dedication to the sport with a place to publicly enshrine their accomplishments," said New York Racing Association CEO and President Chris Kay.

"We hope our guests will enjoy Saratoga's newest attraction which is designed to highlight the contributions of our industry's leading pioneers and achievers for decades to come."

Inaugural honorees included all-time Saratoga leading riders John Velazquez, Jerry Bailey and Angel Cordero. The following year, Hall of Fame trainers D. Wayne Lukas and H. Allen Jerkens, in addition to NYRA racing announcer Tom Durkin, were honored and 2015 saw the induction of industry icons Marylou Whitney and Ogden Mills Phipps. With roots in racing dating back to 1926, Phipps has long been an advocate for the industry as both a breeder and an owner. Thoroughbreds owned by the distinguished Phipps Stable have captured victories in some of the Spa's most prestigious races, including the Sword Dancer Invitational, Personal Ensign, the Alabama and Travers. Earlier this year, Phipps announced his retirement as chairman of The Jockey Club after 32 years of leading the organization, establishing his tenure in the position as the longest in the history of the organization.

In addition to being a celebrated philanthropist and public figure, Whitney is one of the racing industry's most committed supporters and top breeders as owner of the eponymous Marylou Whitney Stables, which has produced such memorable thoroughbreds as 2004 Belmont Stakes and Travers winner Birdstone who himself produced two classic winners: 2009 Kentucky Derby winner Mine That Bird; and 2009 three-year-old champion Summer Bird. Whitney and her husband John Hendrickson have donated millions of dollars to various causes supporting the Saratoga Springs community and serve as the organizers and patrons of the annual Saratoga Backstretch Appreciation Program.

BASIC PHYSICAL DATA OF SARATOGA
RACE COURSE
GROUNDS

GROUNDS
Area of Site
NYRA Parking Capacity
Main Course 1 1/8 miles
Turf Course
Steeplechase Course - Inner Turf Course
Oklahoma Course1 mile
Turf & Steeplechase Course
Clare Court Course

GRANDSTAND

Length	5 feet
Depth (Varies)) feet
Height (Clubhouse)	tories
Height (Grandstand)	tories
Floor Area	sq. ft.

FACILITIES PROVIDED

Attendance Capacity	
Park Area	25,000 Estimated
Dining	
Closed-Circuit TV Monitors (Public)	
Kitchens	4
Dining Areas	
Toilets	23
Elevators	
Escalators	
Pari-Mutuel Windows	
First Aid Room	1
Ambulances	4

STABLE AREA

Stabling Capacity) Stalls
Dormitory Capacity (496 Rooms)	onnel
Barns	91

THE FACES OF NYRA



ANDY SERLING

The always opinionated Serling has been offering his handicapping insights on the NYRA circuit as a member of the broadcast team since 2008 on *Talking Horses, NYRA Live, Trips & Traps,* and *The National Racing Report.* Serling has also provided his handicapping insights on nationally televised racing broadcasts. Previous to working in the racing industry, Serling traded options on the floor of the American Stock Exchange and played the horses for a living. Fans can also follow Serling on Twitter, where he offers insights for horseplayers daily.



JASON BLEWITT

A native of Floral Park, NY, Blewitt was first introduced to the game visiting Belmont Park where he quickly fell in love with the sport and began working for NYRA in 1998 as a press box assistant and nine months later made his first appearance on *Talking Horses*, NYRA's daily preview show. Today, Blewitt is the regular host on *Talking Horses* and *NYRA Live*. Blewitt also co-hosts *The National Racing Report*, which takes a look at stakes races throughout the country and usually airs on Saturday and Wednesday mornings on the NYRA Network.



RICHARD MIGLIORE

With 4,450 career winners under his belt, Migliore brings his wealth of experience to his role as a broadcast analyst on a variety of NYRA TV programs. The Brooklyn-born Migliore decided upon a career as a jockey at the age of 12. He began riding in 1980, and in 1981 won the Eclipse Award as the nation's top apprentice. Crowned as the leading rider in New York in 1981 and 1985, Migliore also won or tied as leading rider at 10 different NYRA meets, before his retirement in June of 2010.



MAGGIE WOLFENDALE

Wolfendale has been NYRA's paddock analyst since October 2010. The daughter of Maryland trainer Howard Wolfendale, Wolfendale served as a television analyst at Pimlico and Colonial Downs prior to joining NYRA. Along with her broadcasting career, Wolfendale is still involved in the training aspect of the industry, working with her husband, trainer Tom Morley, galloping horses in the morning and retraining several retired thoroughbreds into new careers.



ERNIE MUNICK

Ernie Munick was one of the country's leading handicappers from 1986 to 1989, selecting winners at a high clip for the *New York Daily News*, where he also wrote a daily racing column. In 2011 he resumed the role of public handicapper in fine fettle, serving as co-host of *The NYRA Network Presents Raceday*, a television show which was broadcast on dark days. He currently serves as a part-time broadcast analyst on *Trips & Traps* as well as *NYRA Live*. Munick has also served as a video blogger for the Breeders' Cup World Championships and a blogger for BelmontStakes.com.

SPOTLIGHT NYRA SAFETY STEWARD HUGH GALLAGHER



Hugh Gallagher joined NYRA in April 2014 to fill the newly created position of Safety Steward, among the first of its kind in the country, as part of NYRA's ongoing commitment to safety. A longtime accredited steward, he has officiated races in his home state of Maryland, as well as Illinois, New Jersey, Florida, and other jurisdictions. A respected authority on racing safety and integrity, Gallagher has spoken at ROAP continuing education seminars and taught at the University of Louisville. He has served on the Board of Directors for RCI, as well as vice chair of the Model Rules Committee, and is currently on the Equine Safety Board and chairman of ROAP. The "boots on the ground" at NYRA racetracks, his role on the backstretch includes training and supervising NYRA security personnel in overseeing integrity missives such as the "Horse Watch" detail and monitoring the activities of private veterinarians.

DATE	TRACK	ATTENDANCE
JUNE 5, 2004	BELMONT	120,139
JUNE 8, 2002	BELMONT	103,222
JUNE 7, 2014	BELMONT	102,199
JUNE 7, 2003	BELMONT	101,864
JUNE 7, 2008	BELMONT	94,476
JUNE 6, 2015	BELMONT	90.000
JUNE 6, 1999	BELMONT	85,818
JUNE 9, 2012	BELMONT	85,811
JUNE 5, 1971	BELMONT	82,694
JUNE 6, 1998	BELMONT	80,162

TOP 10 NYRA ON-TRACK HANDLES (DOES NOT INCLUDE SIMULCASTING)

DATE	TRACK	HANDLE
JUNE 7, 2014	BELMONT	\$19,200,102
JUNE 6, 2015	BELMONT	\$16,250,758
NOCTOBER 29, 2005	BELMONT	\$14,742,520
JUNE 5, 2004	BELMONT	\$14,461,402
JUNE 9, 2012	BELMONT	\$13,866,953
JUNE 7, 2008	BELMONT	\$13,256,019
OCTOBER 27, 2001	BELMONT	\$13,087,813
JUNE 7, 2003	BELMONT	\$12,973,555
JUNE 8, 2002	BELMONT	\$12,045,114
AUGUST 29, 2015	SARATOGA	\$11,472,451

NYRA ALL-TIME RECORD MUTUEL PAYOFFS

WIN	
DAILY DOUBLE	
EXACTA	
TRIFECTA	
SUPERFECTA \$565,235 on ARGUMENT'S SAKE-OUTLAW CODY Z-SWEET MOON and BRIDGETTA at BELMONT	ч
on JUNE 17, 2012	2
PICK THREE (since 1992) \$166,483 on CARRBINE SPECIAL, APPEALING LEGEND and FOREVER MAN at AQUEDUCT	
on DECEMBER 8, 1999)
PICK FOUR	-
UNDER SCRUTINY at SARATOGA on AUGUST 29, 2014	
PICK FIVE \$228,225 on MAJESTIC NUMBER-YOUR TIME IS UP-SPA CITY FEVER-RUN TO MAMA-RUTHLESS	
ALLEY at AQUEDUCT on DECEMBER 4, 2013	
PICK SIX\$1,120,287 (Two Tickets) on COINED FOR SUCCESS, HORNSHOPE, OUR TUNE, A ONE ROCKET. AUSTIN'S	
MOM and HOT AS A PISTOL at AQUEDUCT on JANUARY 17, 2004	

YEAR IN REVIEW 2015

Like 24 much-admired thoroughbreds that came before him, American Pharoah walked into the starting gate at Belmont Park on June 5, 2015 and stepped onto the cusp of history.

The only question for the colt to answer in the "Test of the Champion" was whether he would become the 14th to bask in the glory of the Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes only to bear defeat in the Belmont Stakes, or would he add his name to the most prestigious roster in thoroughbred racing as only the 12th – and first since Affirmed in 1978 – to win the elusive Triple Crown.

And, for the first time in 37 years, American Pharoah had the long-awaited answer.

In front of a thunderous, sold-out crowd of 90,000 and 22 million viewers watching NBC's network broadcast, American Pharoah floated over the 1 ½-mile oval, completing his herculean feat by a widening 5 ½ lengths.

Complete with the deafening roar of the grandstand, a jam-packed winner's circle and, in the middle of it all, the Sport of Kings' newly crowned prince, unfazed by the melee that had enveloped him, the most appropriate of curtains fell on a spectacular Belmont Day.



His sweep of horse racing's Triple Crown, was honored as the "Sports Story of the Year" by The Associated Press. As well, his breathtaking triumph in the Belmont Stakes was voted the NTRA's "Moment of the Year."

With the three-day Belmont Stakes Racing Festival capped by six Grade 1's on Belmont Park's richest day, there was no shortage of racing excitement on the undercard, either. Remsen hero Honor Code made a dazzling run to earn the first Grade 1 of what would become an outstanding 4-year-old season in the \$1.25 million Metropolitan Handicap, and the Kiaran McLaughlin-trained Wedding Toast held off reigning Eclipse champion Untapable to pull away for a five-length victory in the \$1 million Ogden Phipps.

Well-represented with three contenders in the \$1 million Knob Creek Manhattan, Chad Brown closed out the exacta with a pair of his runners as 14-1 longshot Slumber got the best of his well-regarded stablemate Big Blue Kitten with a 2 ³/₄-length upset.

Bookending the Belmont Spring Meet for the second year in a row, NYRA's internationally themed Stars & Stripes Racing Festival for turf stars made its return in July. In the \$1.25 million Belmont Derby on Independence Day, Force the Pass kept the Americans' record intact with a 3 ³/₄-length win over European invader Canndal in the Belmont Derby while undefeated grass star Lady Eli powered through the \$1 million Belmont Oaks' 14-horse field to extend her streak to six for Chad Brown.

The competition in the older male ranks picked up steam as racing moved to Saratoga Race Course. Rock Fall thwarted 2014 King's Bishop winner The Big Beast's quest for domination of the sprint division by the narrowest of margins in the Grade 1 Alfred G. Vanderbilt. A week later, Honor Code launched from nearly 20 lengths back to get a neck over the front-running Liam's Map in the Grade 1 Whitney.



Anticipation for the Travers Stakes, the traditional main event at Saratoga, grew to unparalleled proportions with the appearance of the Triple Crown winner in the supercharged 146th edition, worth a record \$1.6 million and joined by five Grade 1's on the undercard. "Pharoah Phever" washed over the Spa as Travers Day tickets promptly sold out and 15,000 fans gathered for American Pharoah's final gallop on Friday morning.

The Spa's mystique as the "Graveyard of Champions" held sway over the clout of racing's newest king. American Pharoah fell victim to a hard-charging Keen Ice, who put up a threequarter-length win to give Javier Castellano his record fifth Travers.

Liam's Map returned in the Grade 1 Woodward on closing weekend to post an authoritative victory, while the 2-year-old princess Rachel's Valentina, the only daughter of 2009 Horse of the Year Rachel Alexandra, proved regal in her stakes debut, taking the Grade 1 Spinaway.

The record-breaking meet saw more than one million in paid attendance for the first time since 2003, with a record \$158 million in on-track handle and \$656 in total handle.

Great racing continued into the Fall Championship Meet at Belmont, with a pair of



blockbuster race days offering \$10.6 million in purses, including six "Win and You're In" contests for the Breeders' Cup.

Big Blue Kitten took the featured stakes on the first of two "Super Saturdays," turning the tables on Slumber in the Grade 1 Joe Hirsch Turf Classic on his way to picking up the Eclipse Award for Champion Grass Horse at the conclusion of his 7-year-old season.

The following week, Stephanie's Kitten made the most of a patient ride by Irad Ortiz Jr., overtaking stablemate Danza Cavallo in the Grade 1 Flower Bowl and eventually riding the momentum to victory in the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf.

The Grade 1 Jockey Club Gold Cup saw 2014 Belmont Stakes winner Tonalist overcome a bout of bad racing luck that had lingered throughout his summer in time to defend his title over Wicked Strong. Rebounding from his subsequent loss in the Breeders' Cup Classic, Tonalist regained his winning stride to conclude his decorated career with a neck victory in the Grade 1 Cigar Mile, the centerpiece of the Aqueduct Fall Meet.

As 2015 came to a close, NYRA-circuit winners were once again well represented with end-of-the-year honors.



At the Eclipse Awards, American Pharoah and his connections held a virtual lock on their respective categories with the exception of the New York-based Javier Castellano, who earned Outstanding Jockey for the third straight year. Castellano won 17 Grade 1's and not only led the country in wins and earnings but broke his own single-season record as well, ending 2015 with over \$28.1 million in mount earnings.

Named Champion Female Sprinter, La Verdad crossed the wire first in six consecutive races at NYRA tracks in 2015, while Honor Code edged out Liam's Map and Tonalist in the Eclipse voting as Champion Older Male. King's Bishop hero Runhappy cemented his title as Champion Sprinter with a resounding score over older horses in the Breeders' Cup Sprint and Grade 1 Just a Game winner Tepin wrapped up her season beating male rivals on the grass in the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Mile en route to being named Champion Turf Female.

In the NYRA standings, Chad Brown won his first year-end training title while Michael Dubb won top owner for the fourth time.

Irad Ortiz Jr., who earned his first Saratoga riding title in the summer, repeated as leading jockey for the year with 281 wins, once again beating his younger brother Jose, who finished second in 2015 with 234 wins.

NEW YORK RACING ASSOCIATION ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE, PAST 10 YEARS

	AQUEDUCT (WINTER/SPRING)	BELMONT PARK (SPRING)	SARATOGA	BELMONT PARK (FALL)	AQUEDUCT (FALL)	NYRA (TOTAL)
2015 Dates Attendance On-Track Handle - NYRA Races Total Handle - NYRA Races Total Handle - Including Simulcas	1/1 - 4/26 (60 Days) 181,212 \$47,964,783 \$354,047,210 tt \$456,185,424	4/29 - 7/19 (59 Days) 286,432 \$88,293,037 \$647,740,050 \$719,530,206	7/24 - 9/7 (40 Days) 1,065,625 \$157,647,599 \$656,121,664 \$697,613,499	9/11 - 11/1 (38 Days) 108,210 \$39,989,451 \$321,050,623 \$365,108,231	11/4 - 12/31 (40 Days) 115,112 \$32,680,889 \$263,809,828 \$304,306,123	237 Days 1,756,591 \$366,575,759 \$2,243,039,376 \$2,542,743,482
2014 Dates Attendance On-Track Handle - NYRA Races Total Handle - NYRA Races Total Handle - Including Simulcas	1/1 - 4/26 (72 Days) 242,693 \$61,158,831 \$450,973,537 it \$553,289,787	4/29 - 7/13 (54 Days) 302,512 \$84,626,885 \$599,264,939 \$664,676,938	7/19 - 9/2 (40 Days) 965,027 \$150,387,443 \$575,072,210 \$616,445,431	9/7 - 10/26 (38 Days) 102,566 \$42,697,719 \$299,376,017 \$339,085,116	10/29 - 12/31 (41 Days) 119,543 \$35,516,547 \$253,292,270 \$304,419,007	245 Days 1,732,341 \$374,387,425 \$2,177,979,073 \$2,477,916,278
2013 Dates Attendance On-Track Handle - NYRA Races Total Handle - NYRA Races Total Handle - Including Simulcas	1/1 - 4/21 (66 days) 247,049 \$57,407,599 \$430,568,658 it \$533,487,479	4/26 - 7/14 (56 days) 282,488 \$78,472,865 \$574,750,431 \$644,715,569	7/19 - 9/2 (40 days) 867,182 \$147,456,901 \$589,916,930 \$628,966,406	9/7 - 10/27 (37 days) 126,469 \$47,238,016 \$330,921,290 \$368,837,354	11/1 - 12/31 (40 days) 1se34,473 \$36,447,266 \$272,236,100 \$319,575,449	239 days 1,657,661 \$367,022,646 \$2,198,393,408 \$2,495,582,258
2012 Dates Attendance On-Track Handle - NYRA Races Total Handle - NYRA Races Total Handle - Including Simulcas	1/1 - 4/22 (78 days) 316,707 \$70,023,842 \$513,903,608 tt \$614,962,246	4/27 - 7/15 (55 days) 328,915 \$87,660 853 \$566,467,233 \$636,065,934	7/20 - 9/3 (40 days) 901,033 \$150,637,998 \$590,187,876 \$629,033,996	9/8 - 10/28 (36 days) 114,294 \$42,499,742 \$297,670,005 \$333,747,794	11/2 -12/31 (36 days) 122,599 \$30,302,407 \$234,490,763 \$282,688,989	245 Days 1,783,538 \$381,114,842 \$2,202,719,485 \$2,496,498,959
2011 Dates Attendance On-Track Handle - NYRA Races Total Handle - NYRA Races Total Handle - Including Simulcas	1/1 - 4/23 (73 Days) 322,165 \$58,741,413 \$419,099,663 st \$505,700,849	4/29 - 7/17 (55 Days) 332,413 \$77,319,171 \$517,096,685 \$582,036,257	7/22 - 9/5 (39 Days) 871,772 \$140,277,616 \$526,983,000 \$563,620,769	9/10 - 10/30 (36 Days) 133,369 \$41,656,097 \$263,037,788 \$300,624,810	11/4 - 12/31 (37 Days) 150,146 \$33,841,343 \$233,714,655 \$281,420,026	240 Days 1,809,865 \$351,835,640 \$1,959,931,791 \$2,233,402,711
2010 Dates Attendance On-Track Handle - NYRA Races Total Handle - NYRA Races Total Handle - Including Simulcas	1/1 - 4/25 (75 Days) 218,078 \$42,455,943 \$486,241,985 \$27,255,053	4/30 - 7/18 (57 Days) 290,494 \$56,508,485 \$548,021,102 \$573,567,467	7/23 - 9/6 (40 Days) 878,284 \$126,761,875 \$552,385,597 \$570,781,470	9/11 - 10/31 (35 Days) 127,540 \$28,656,204 \$292,978,274 \$305,126,312	11/5 - 12/31 (35 Days) 119,729 \$23,314,175 \$234,500,829 \$252,924,156	242 Days 1,634,125 \$277,696,682 \$2,114,127,787 \$2,229,654,458
2009 Dates Attendance On-Track Handle - NYRA Races Total Handle - NYRA Races Total Handle - Including Simulcas	1/1 - 4/26 (80 Days) 234,937 \$45,409,102 \$565,924,129 tt \$605,262,393	4/29 - 7/26 (64 Days) 357,659 \$63,462,612 \$629,863,275 \$657,150,891	7/29 - 9/7 (36 Days) 854,413 \$121,574,702 \$513,837,235 \$528,358,034	9/11 - 10/25 (33 Days) 114,519 \$23,790,597 \$263,376,581 \$274,341,120	10/28 - 12/31 (38 Days) 100,626 \$21,704,317 \$251,661,345 \$270,356,326	250 Days 1,662,154 \$275,941,330 \$2,224,662,565 \$2,335,468,764
2008 Dates Attendance On-Track Handle - NYRA Races Total Handle - NYRA Races Total Handle - Including Simulcas	1/1 - 4/27 (80 Days) 218,245 \$50,263,569 \$653,234,532 tt \$694,031,499	4/30 - 7/19 (58 Days) 391,634 \$69,722,257 \$662,605,734 \$689,531,430	7/23 - 9/1 (35 Days) 872,627 \$124,446,562 \$523,170,122 \$538,802,445	9/5 - 10/26 (37 Days) 147,515 \$31,385,364 \$356,265,049 \$371,086,050	10/29 - 12/31 (39 Days) 105,694 \$23,886,735 \$294,001,150 \$311,341,150	249 Days 1,735,715 \$299,704,487 \$2,489,276,587 \$2,604,792,574
2007 Dates Attendance On-Track Handle - NYRA Races Total Handle - NYRA Races Total Handle - Including Simulcas	1/1 - 4/29 (75 Days) 204,232 \$46,088,995 \$597,624,002 \$637,570,314	5/2 - 7/22 (60 Days) 380,495 \$68,718,518 \$677,495,619 \$706,343,755	7/25 - 9/3 (36 Days) 958,574 \$134,606,756 \$583,470,420 \$598,443,977	9/7 - 10/21 (33 Days) 165,045 \$34,280,261 \$346,451,154 \$359,475,022	10/24 - 12/31 (45 Days) 117,882 \$26,876,579 \$339,675,975 \$361,606,949	248 Days 1,826,228 \$310,571,109 \$2,544,717,170 \$2,663,440,017
2006 Dates Attendance On-Track Handle - NYRA Races Total Handle - NYRA Races Total Handle - Including Simulcas	1/1 - 4/30 (84 Days) 248,110 \$53,271,785 \$689,937,407 at \$730,543,311	5/3 - 7/22 (59 Days) 377,570 \$66,071,199 \$654,304,624 \$681,801,569	7/26 - 9/4 (36 Days) 908,569 \$124,741,484 \$549,037,413 \$564,267,671	9/8 - 10/22 (33 Days) 152,733 \$30,541,127 \$333,902,495 \$346,592,553	10/25 - 12/31 (45 Days) 121,764 \$27,508,331 \$344,140,347 \$363,788,569	257 Days 1,808,746 \$302,133,926 \$2,571,322,286 \$2,686,993,673