

News Updates

Back in August we had our annual Owner Appreciation Day at the races. The day was filled with a good crowd, fellowship, a delicious buffet luncheon and trophies for the 9 race card. The trophies made a big hit with the horsemen.

With the retirement of Mr. Lenny Hale, the Board of Directors spent a great deal of time reviewing applicants and after weeks of work, unanimously voted to hire Maria Catignani as the new Executive Director for the Charles Town HBPA. Maria was the Executive Director at Mountaineer for 4 years and began her work at Charles Town on September 1, 2011. The first day on the job, she attended a Board of Directors meeting followed by a trip to the backside with Trainer Jim Starkey, who was introducing her to all the horsemen followed by a general membership meeting on the 19th. Maria has spent many hours getting herself familiar with not only the horsemen but with the work at hand. We all welcome her to our HBPA and hope that she will get the support of all the horsemen.

We had a very different General Membership meeting on September 19th. It was held in Shepherdstown at the Old Opera House. The meeting was at 6 p.m. followed by a movie called "Buck". Those who attended thought this was a good idea.

October 14th is HBPA Night at the Races, part of the West Virginia Breeders Classics weekend. We will be sponsoring 3 trophy stakes races.

There will be a Fund Raiser Golf Tournament on October 21 for Tex Lee. Check out the details here on our website.