

DELAWARE PARK OPENS WITH A BIG CROWD

Opening day at Delaware Park fell on Preakness Day this year and it brought out the crowds. Every area of the track was crowded – from the picnic grove, to the clubhouse, to the grandstand. It was wonderful to see the track buseling and lively, and since the Preakness was run later in the day many people stayed to watch the Arabian race.

The opening day's race was an allowance race for fillies and mares. Most people were flashing back to Cre Run's great Royal Atheena when they saw the bay filly Royal Richess gallop home to an easy win. She is racing for Ann Fostock and trained by Lynn Ashby.



ROYAL RICHESSE WINS ON OPENING DAY WITH ALPHAA SECOND. PHOTO BY PAUL SMOKE.

Following the races, Arabian fans gathered at the White Clay Creek Country Club to cheer California Chrome to victory in the Preakness. They then were treated to dinner and drinks courtesy of EARA. Deb Mihaloff led a toast in memory of Bobbi Patscheider who had passed away earlier that week and Stephanie Corum announced that she would be taking over *Arabian Finish Line* (see story on page 2). Special awards were handed out in the form of cutting boards with Hoofprints, Inc. photos added. They were a big hit!

The day was a huge success and many people commented that it seemed like old times with the fun, festivity and good spirits. There is an air of optimism not seen in the industry for several years and hopefully it is a sign of good things to come.

ARABIAN RACING CUP RETREAT

The Stewards for the Arabian Racing Cup met for a 3-day retreat around the opening of Delaware Park. They have established an aggressive agenda over the coming years to support their mission and vision which are:

MISSION: The Arabian Racing Cup is an organization dedicated to the national and international promotion of breeding and racing purebred Arabian horses.

VISION: The vision of the Arabian Racing Cup is to encourage and support breeding and ownership of purebred Arabian race horses, expand public awareness, and recognize and reward excellence in our industry's breeders and horses.

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ARABIAN FINISH LINE TO CONTINUE UNDER NEW EDITOR

The Arabian racing industry suffered a significant blow with the unexpected passing of Bobbi Patscheider, longtime editor of *Arabian Finish Line* and staunch racing supporter. However, earlier this year, she had begun discussions of turning the magazine over to Stephanie J. Corum, and this transition is now occurring. The magazine will change its base of location from Summerfield, FL to Frederick, MD and continue to be a monthly print publication with plans to go digital in the future. *Finish Line* also publishes an annual *Stallion Guide* which will be in both print and digital formats.

Corum has been a regular contributor for *Arabian Finish Line* since 2000 and she has over 25 years of experience in Arabian and thoroughbred racing. She is a familiar, well-respected face in Arabian racing and suited to take the reins of the publication. *"While I am very excited for this new challenge I wish it were under different circumstances. I would like Bobbi here to help with the transition, but her husband Don and daughter Judy have been very gracious and helpful. Everyone I have spoken to are enthused that the magazine will continue and are very supportive of my role in it. I see great things ahead for Arabian Finish Line, and it is my goal to make Bobbi proud."*

Corliss Hazard, another longtime member of the Arabian racing industry and media professional, has been named Director of Marketing. *"I am very excited about Stephanie's vision for the magazine and quite honored to be associated in her leadership for Arabian racing's foremost publication. As she takes over the reins from the revered Bobbi Patscheider, we all find ourselves guardians of a proven winner- a magazine as enduring as the horse it represents. Positioned for its best years yet, exciting changes are about to happen. Arabian Finish Line is set to launch an impressive drive, and the avid support of everyone involved with purebred Arabian racehorses will lift this industry to the next level of growth and participation.*

You will see changes that will elevate your spirit. The new marketing focus of Arabian Finish Line is to provide enhanced results for advertisers by reaching



HOWELL WALLACE (LEFT) AND BOBBI PATSCHEIDER (RIGHT) ENGAGE IN A SPIRITED CONVERSATION.



STEPHANIE J. CORUM (SECOND FROM LEFT) HAS BEEN NAMED EDITOR OF ARABIAN FINISH LINE. ALSO PICTURED ARE DEBBIE POWELL, KATHY SMOKE AND DONAVON CORUM.

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FIRST SELECT ARABIAN RACEHORSE SALE IN THE UK



The Arabian Racing Organisation (ARO) is delighted to announce that, in partnership with Brightwells, a select International Arabian Racehorse sale is to be held in the UK on August 9, 2014.

Arabian racing has been run in the UK for over 30 years, under the Patronage of HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, and ARO is pleased to extend its portfolio to include an international Arabian sale, with Brightwells; the UK's Leading Equestrian Auctioneers, whose name is synonymous with staging high profile events.

Markel International will be sponsoring the event. The specialist insurer provides equine cover globally and is the preferred supplier of the Arabian Racing Organisation.

The Arabian Sale will be held at the prestigious Neardown Stables, set in the heart of the racing community of Lamourn

and only a few miles away from Newbury, courtesy of Charlie Mann, ex-professional jockey and successful thoroughbred racehorse trainer.

The debut of this exciting event will be held on the eve of the annual Dubai International Arabian Race Day held at Newbury racecourse, to promote and to continue to generate interest in Purebred Arabian racehorses worldwide.

Terry Court, who together with Andrew Elliott, will be responsible for the event on behalf of Brightwells commented: *"Brightwells offer in excess of 7000 horses and ponies annually, holding high profile auctions of bloodstock, sport horses and society sales, at Cheltenham, Ascot and other prominent venues throughout the United Kingdom. This yet again gives Brightwells the opportunity of broadening its portfolio of sales in the equestrian world. We are thrilled that we have been given the opportunity together with ARO to stage this event and are both excited and enthusiastic about its potential success".*

Markel's Juliet Redfern, UK Divisional Managing Director of Equine and Livestock, commented *"Markel has enjoyed a long association with the Arabian racing industry and is delighted to be involved with such an exciting opportunity in the UK. We are proud to be sponsoring this exclusive event and are confident this will be the start of many successful sales."*

ARO Director Bill Smith remarked: *"ARO is delighted to have formed a partnership with Brightwells and their excellent equine team for this event and are very grateful to Markel International for their sponsorship. It is our pleasure to be working with Denise Gault; Principal Bloodstock Consultant of Race Street Management Inc. whose extensive experience working with Shadwell Estate Company Ltd will ensure a high quality of Arabians are selected and offered for sale. ARO's ambition is to establish an annual event to encourage the growth of Arabian racing and breeding worldwide".*

The sale itself will commence at 6:00 pm on Saturday August 9, 2014 and horses will be available to view on Friday August 8 starting at 10:30 am at Neardown Stables. ARO looks forward to welcoming you to this unique opportunity to purchase Arabian Racehorses of the highest quality.

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out to a greater audience, and in turn growing a grand, legitimate marketplace for the magnificent race-bred Arabian horse."

The next issue will be a combined June/July issue and then will resume its monthly schedule. Advertising and content deadline is the tenth of every month.

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