

15TH ANNUAL



TRAVERS FESTIVAL

AUGUST 21-29, 2010

Saturday, August 21

Thoroughbred Racing,

Saratoga Race Course

Feature Race: The Betfair TVG Alabama (GI) \$500,000. Post Time: 1 pm.

Tuesday, August 24

No racing today at Saratoga Race Course.

Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation, *Saratoga National*

Charity golf tournament — Lunch, awards ceremony and buffet dinner, featuring the Grey Goose martini bar. \$350. Contact: 226-0609.

Wednesday, August 25

Stewart's Shops Ice Cream Eating Contest, *Saratoga Race Course*

Sign up or just cheer on the contestants. Event will be categorized into three age groups — kids, teens and adults. Registration begins at Noon in front of the Jockey Skills Room. Come hungry!

Belmont Child Care Association Benefit, *Gideon Putnam Hotel*

A "Down Home Rodeo" Dinner & Auction fundraiser for Anna House, an early childhood education center at Belmont Park Racetrack. This year's event will honor D. Wayne Lukas and Leona and John Velazquez. Admission: \$250 per person. 6:30 pm—midnight. Casual Attire. Contact: 516-527-4746.

Sunday, August 22—Thursday, August 26

Travers 1864. Visit participating restaurants in the Capital Region and enjoy a three course meal for \$18.64, in celebration of the oldest major stakes race in the country for 3-year-olds, the Travers Stakes. List of restaurants and menus at www.nyra.com.

Thursday, August 26

San Gennaro Day,

Saratoga Race Course

Get a taste of Italy as Saratoga celebrates its first-ever Feast of San Gennaro. Indulge in some Italian food favorites, enjoy the classic songs of Frank Sinatra and Tony Bennett, or watch traditional activities including the Tarantella folk dance or a game of Bocce!

12th Annual Ronald McDonald House Charities Fashion Show & Luncheon, *Saratoga Race Course* — *At the Rail Pavilion*

Proceeds to benefit the Ronald McDonald House Charities. Admission: \$150. 11:30 am—1 pm. Contact: 438-2655.

10th Annual Travers Celebration, *Saratoga Race Course*

An evening of dinner and dancing to honor the winner of last year's Travers Stakes, Summer Bird. Proceeds benefit the Backstretch Employee Service Team and the Double H Ranch. \$300 per person. Contact: 584-6200 ext. 4233.

Friday, August 27

13th Annual Battle of the Brews, *Saratoga Race Course*

Visitors 21 and older get the chance to taste a variety of brews and vote on their favorites. Almost 20 breweries from throughout the Northeast & beyond. \$25 (includes tasting glass) Proceeds benefit the American Red Cross Adirondack Saratoga Chapter. Noon—4:30pm. Contact: 792-6545.

Join us as we celebrate the 141st running of the Travers Stakes!

The Travers Wine Tasting, *National Museum of Racing*

An upscale wine, craft beer and food tasting featuring more than 100 fine wines from around the globe and 11 area restaurants and caterers! Live jazz band, silent and live auction to benefit Senior Services of Albany. \$135 per person. 7—10:30 pm. Contact: 518-463-4381.

Travers Eve Party, *on Broadway*

Get ready for the Mid-Summer Derby as NYRA & the Saratoga Chamber of Commerce welcome fans downtown. Event will feature Saratoga's leading jockeys, who will meet fans and sign autographs, live music, strolling entertainment, horse themed silly bands for kids and red and white themed Mardi Gras beads for adults.

DOUBLE DAY SPECTACULAR

Saturday, August 28

Travers Day, *Saratoga Race Course*

Feature Races: The Travers Stakes (GI) \$1,000,000; The King's Bishop Stakes (GI) \$250,000; The Ballerina (GI) \$250,000; The Ballston Spa Hdcp. (GII) \$200,000; The Victory Ride (GIII) \$100,000. Post Time: 11:35 am. Gates open at 7am.

Sunday, August 29

Thoroughbred Racing,

Saratoga Race Course

Rachel Returns! See 2009 Horse of the Year Rachel Alexandra in The Personal Ensign (GI) \$300,000. Post Time: 1 pm.