

SARATOGA RACE COURSE 2011 FACT SHEET

WHAT: Saratoga Race Course's 143rd season.

WHEN: 40 days. Friday, July 22 through Monday, September 5, Labor Day. No racing on Tuesdays.

WHERE: Saratoga Race Course, Union Avenue, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

FIRST RACE POST TIME: 1 p.m. Eastern. On Travers Day, Saturday, August 27, first race post is 11:35 a.m. On Party at the Spa, presented by Coors Light, Fridays, July 29 and September 2, first race post time is 2:30 p.m. On Labor Day, Monday, September 5, first post is 12:30 p.m.

ADMISSION: General admission is \$3; Clubhouse admission is \$5. Children 12 and under are admitted free when accompanied by an adult. Admission gates open at 11 a.m. on weekdays and 10:30 a.m. on weekends. On Travers Day, Saturday, August 27, gates open at 7 a.m. Travers Day admission is \$5 general admission; \$10 for Clubhouse. Reserved seating is sold separately. On Party at the Spa Fridays, presented by Coors Light, gates open at noon.

PARKING: Trackside parking is \$10 and general parking is free. Handicapped parking is available at the Clubhouse and Grandstand entrances. Parking gates open at 7 a.m. on Travers Day, Saturday, August 27. ***NO BREAKFAST PARKING REFUNDS ON TRAVERS DAY***, Saturday, August 27. There is also Oklahoma Preferred Parking for \$5 on the corner of East Avenue and Union Avenue (not trackside).

COOLERS: Coolers are permitted at Saratoga Race Course on the trackside apron, Top of the Stretch and the backyard area ***ONLY***. No coolers will be allowed anywhere inside the building. ***ALL GLASS CONTAINERS ARE PROHIBITED***. All coolers and any carry-in items are subject to inspection by NYRA Security.

RESERVED SEATS: A limited number of Grandstand seats are on sale each morning of a race day at the Reserved Seat Sales Office at Union Avenue Gate at 9 a.m. (7 a.m. on Travers Day, Saturday, August 27). Closed Tuesdays. There is a limit of four (4) seats per person. Cash, American Express, Visa, and MasterCard are accepted. Clubhouse seats Monday, Wednesday and Thursday are \$11 per seat; on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, they are \$16 per seat. Grandstand seats are \$7 per seat on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday; \$9 per seat on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. On Travers Day, Saturday, August 27, clubhouse seats are \$26 and grandstand seats are \$19. After Opening Day

phone orders are accepted until 4:30 p.m. each racing day. No telephone orders are accepted for “Day Of” or “Sun Seats.” For more information on reserved seats, call 1-800-814-7846.

DINING: NYRA has simplified its restaurant reservation system with a toll free dining reservations number (888) 516-NYRA (6972). Dining options include: the Turf Terrace Dining Room, Club Terrace, At The Rail Pavilion, Carousel Restaurant, and The Porch.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

31st ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE, presented by Hannaford Supermarkets: Sunday, July 17, FREE! 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visitors get a free sneak-peek into the popular summer meet just five days prior to the start of the 143rd racing season. Saratoga’s Open House, presented by Hannaford Supermarkets, is fun for the whole family, with a full day of games, activities, live music, food, pony rides, behind-the-scenes tours, mascot races, handicapping seminars, and non-wagering horse racing. Proceeds from the day’s events benefit dozens of local non-profit organizations.

OPENING DAY AT SARATOGA: Friday, July 22. Gates open at 11 a.m. and first Post Time is 1 p.m. A breakfast buffet is available from 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. for those who want to watch the morning workouts.

HATS OFF TO SARATOGA: Friday, July 22 – Sunday, July 24. This three-day festival celebrates opening weekend at Saratoga Race Course and includes a terrific weekend of world-class racing, live music downtown and at the track, and dazzling headpieces to celebrate the start of the racing season.

20th ANNUAL HAT CONTEST: Sunday, July 24. The topper to “Hats Off to Saratoga” weekend - visitors will go head-to-head in the annual Hat Contest at the track for prizes worth hundreds of dollars. For contest information call (518) 383-6183 and after July 22, call (518) 584-6200.

COLLEGE DAY: Friday, July 29. College students vie for their shot to win a \$1,000 scholarship after each race, plus other great prizes and activities!

PARTY AT THE SPA, presented by Coors Light: Friday, July 29. First post time is 2:30 p.m. as racing fans celebrate the first of two Party at the Spa presented by Coors Light events – stay after the races as the festivities continue at The Post with great music and food.

SARATOGA BASEBALL CAP GIVEAWAY: Sunday, July 31. Visitors can pick up a FREE Saratoga Baseball Cap, with paid admission, while supplies last.

MID-SUMMER ST. PATRICK’S DAY, presented by Bailey’s Irish Cream: Wednesday, August 3. Irish eyes will be smiling as Saratoga celebrates mid-summer St. Patrick’s Day. Enjoy traditional Irish food and drink while taking in Irish music and

dance, including traditional Irish step dancers. Also, show your Irish spirit and decorate your backyard picnic area in green and gold to win prizes!

BEAT THE BUGLER: Thursday, August 4. Three lucky fans will receive their very own “call to the post” from Sam the Bugler with the chance to challenge the illustrious Saratoga fixture in the “Beat the Bugler” Celebrity Handicapping Contest.

RIVALRY DAY: Friday, August 5. It’s a celebration of one of the oldest, most famous rivalries in sports: New York vs. Boston. Don a jersey or cap of your baseball favorite team and join us for a day of “fandom at the Spa” as New York travels to Boston for a key summer series.

FASIG-TIPTON FESTIVAL OF RACING: Saturday, August 6 and Sunday, August 7. The Fasig-Tipton Festival of Racing celebrates the rich history of Fasig-Tipton in Saratoga and the upcoming Select Yearling Sales. The New York Forum: Racing and Breeding in the VLT Era, hosted by NYRA, Fasig-Tipton and the New York Thoroughbred Breeders (NYTB) will take place on Saturday, August 13 at the Humphrey Pavilion. Seminar is free and open to the public with advance registration through NYTB suggested.

GALLOPING GRAPES: A NY WINE EVENT: Sunday, August 7. Sip and sample your way through some of New York’s best wines at the Spa. Raise a glass of your favorite red or white in the backyard to benefit the Times Union Hope Fund.

FOXWOODS MARDI GRAS AT THE SPA: Wednesday, August 10. The French Quarter will descend upon the Spa City as Mardi Gras comes to Saratoga Race Course. Celebrate the purple, green and gold spirit of Bourbon Street with live jazz and zydeco music, traditional New Orleans fare and carnival atmosphere.

"BATTLE OF SARATOGA" HANDICAPPING CHALLENGE: Wednesday, August 10 and Thursday, August 11. The highly successful Battle of Saratoga Handicapping Challenge will return to the Spa this summer with up to \$150,000 in prize money and a trip to the *Daily Racing Form*/NTRA Las Vegas National Handicapping Tournament at stake. One hundred and fifty players will be invited to compete in the handicapping contest in the At the Rail tent which will open registration on Wednesday, June 29.

SARATOGA SHORT SLEEVE T-SHIRT GIVEAWAY: Sunday, August 14. Don’t forget to pick up one of the season’s classic souvenirs, a Saratoga T-Shirt, FREE with paid admission while supplies last.

SERLING SYNDICATE: Thursday, August 18. Four lucky fans will split the winnings from professional handicapper Andy Serling’s \$2,000 Pick 6 play at Saratoga Race Course.

FABULOUS FILLIES DAY: Friday, August 19. A day for all fabulous fillies – in the backyard, ladies will have the opportunity to learn more about women’s issues, fashion and health with interactive displays and exhibits – while trackside takes a pink hue in an effort to raise funds for the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

16th ANNUAL TRAVERS FESTIVAL: Saturday, August 20 - Sunday, August 28. The Travers Festival celebrates the 142nd running of the \$1 million Travers Stakes! Visitors can enjoy nine days of special events, kicking off with the TVG Alabama Stakes for the nation’s top 3-year-old fillies.

SARATOGA SPORTS BAG GIVEAWAY: Sunday, August 21. Visitors can pick up a Saratoga Sports Bag, the newest Saratoga souvenir, FREE with paid admission while supplies last.

STEWART’S SHOPS ICE CREAM EATING CONTEST: Wednesday, August 24. Participants see how much ice cream they can devour without succumbing to brain freeze! Contestants are divided into three age groups – kids, teens and adults. The winners receive gift certificates for free Stewart’s Shops ice cream.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BATTLE OF THE BREWS: Friday, August 26. Visitors 21 and older get the chance to taste a variety of brews and vote on their favorites. Proceeds (\$25 to participate) benefit the Adirondack-Saratoga chapter of the Red Cross.

TRAVERS EVE DOWNTOWN PARTY: Friday, August 26. Bring the family to celebrate in downtown Saratoga Springs on the eve of the \$1 million Travers Stakes – meet your favorite jockeys, dance to live music, enjoy family entertainment and pick up a special track-themed giveaway at local businesses.

THE TRAVERS STAKES: Saturday, August 27. It is Saratoga’s biggest race – the one you don’t want to miss – the 142nd running of the \$1 million Travers, the “Mid-Summer Derby” for 3-year-olds. First post-time is 11:35 a.m. and gates open at 7 a.m. The Travers day undercard will include the Grade 1 Foxwoods King’s Bishop, the Grade 1 Ballerina, the Grade 2 Ballston Spa, and the Grade 3 Victory Ride.

HANNAFORD HALLOWEEN IN AUGUST: Wednesday, August 31. Halloween comes early as Saratoga Race Course celebrates Hannaford Halloween at the Spa. Kids come in costume and trick-or-treat at some of the track’s famous landmarks.

WIN WAGER: Thursday, September 1. The final in a series of wager promotions, the Win Wager will bankroll three fans with \$1,000 each to use during a three race window. Those who accurately pick the winning horse will keep their winnings!

VETERANS DAY: Thursday, September 1. Join us as we honor veterans and active military with FREE grandstand admission, with proper identification.

PARTY AT THE SPA, presented by Coors Light: Friday, September 2. Post time is 2:30 p.m., as Saratoga kicks off closing weekend with the final Party at the Spa, presented by Coors Light. Stay after the races for live music and great food!

FINAL STRETCH FESTIVAL: Saturday, September 3 – Monday, September 5. The three-day festival marks the culmination of the Saratoga racing season with live music downtown and at the track, a family fun fest and Labor Day BBQ to mark the final days of the 40-day meet.

SARATOGA LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRT GIVEAWAY: Sunday, September 4. It's the perfect giveaway heading into fall! Visitors receive a FREE Saratoga Long Sleeve T-Shirt, with paid admission while supplies last.

FAMILY FUN FEST/LABOR DAY BBQ: Sunday, September 4 - Monday, September 5. Families can enjoy an afternoon of kid-friendly activities in the backyard at the Family Fun Fest, which benefits the Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Capital Region. Also on Sunday and Monday, visitors can say goodbye to another season with a traditional Labor Day BBQ. The specially priced family BBQ includes Clubhouse admission, official track program, BBQ lunch and tax. To order, call (888) 516-NYRA (6972).

Information/schedule current at time of printing; subject to change without notice. For up-to-date special event information from now through Labor Day, visit www.nyra.com/saratogaevents

GROUP ACCOMMODATIONS: Special rates on dining packages for groups of 20 or more. Dining packages consist of admission, official track program, and buffet lunch (tax and gratuity included). For information on groups and availability, call 1-888-285-5961.

GET PAID TO PLAY WITH NYRA REWARDS: NYRA Rewards is your opportunity to earn cash rewards just by wagering on the races, whether it's on NYRA races or simulcast races. Members receive one point for every dollar wagered on NYRA races and a half-point for every dollar wagered on a simulcast event. Sign up for an account at www.nyrarewards.com and wager on track, over the phone, on the internet, or by using mobile wagering supported devices. Open, fund and wager with 10 Minutes to Post. Live video streaming is now available on www.nyrarewards.com. NYRA Rewards is New York's premier PHONE and INTERNET wagering program, offering the highest rebates in the industry.

GUARANTEED WAGERS: NYRA is offering a \$500,000 Guaranteed Late Pick 4 on Saturdays and a \$100,000 Guaranteed Pick 6 on Thursdays during the 2011 Saratoga meet. In addition, there will be a \$1 Million Guaranteed All Graded Stakes Pick 4 on Travers Day, Saturday, August 27. Pending New York State Racing and Wagering Board Approval.

U.K. RACING AT THE POST: Spend your mornings watching and wagering on the top thoroughbreds from the UK's premiere race courses – including York, Chester, and Sandown. Enjoy light refreshments and beverages in the hottest spot at the race course, The Post – the new home of UK Racing in Saratoga. There is no cover or admission charge for seating for the UK Racing portion of the day. First post time most days 8:45 a.m.

TALKING HORSES, PRESENTED BY DAILY RACING FORM: Returning this summer, the popular longstanding daily show will be conducted in a live audience format at Saratoga Race Course. The show runs from 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. every racing day, and is broadcast live. Scratches and changes have been moved to 11:40 a.m. to allow the live program to be broadcast uninterrupted on all on-track monitors.

TOM DURKIN'S THIRD RACE CALL FOR CHARITY, SPONSORED BY DAILY RACING FORM: Fans will get a chance to sit with track announcer Tom Durkin as he calls the day's third race, and at the same time, get a spectacular view of Saratoga Race Course. Tickets are \$100 with proceeds going to the health programs administered by the Backstretch Employee Service Team (B.E.S.T). Participants will also receive an embroidered baseball cap, courtesy of DRF, a *Daily Racing Form* program and a souvenir photograph on the roof with Durkin. Limited to six fans daily July 22 to September 5; Travers Day not available. For reservations, call 516 488-3434 or 518-587-3720 beginning July 22.

ATTIRE: *Box Seats:* Gentlemen – suits or sports jackets required. Ties not required. Ladies – dresses, skirts or slacks outfits. No jeans, shorts, or abbreviated wear permitted. ***Clubhouse:*** No short shorts, cutoffs, or abbreviated wear permitted. No tank tops. Proper attire at management's discretion. ***Grandstand:*** Shoes and shirts are required at all times.

BREAKFAST AT SARATOGA: A longstanding tradition is to watch the morning workouts at Saratoga. A buffet breakfast is served every racing day from 7 - 9:30 a.m. Admission to the breakfast is free, except on Travers Day, Saturday, August 27, and vehicles leaving the grounds before 10 a.m. get a parking refund. Morning visitors may also take a free walking tour of the Backstretch Area and watch the Paddock Show and Starting Gate Demonstration. There are no tours on Travers Day, or Closing Day, Labor Day, Monday, September 5. The buffet is priced at \$14.95 per person, \$7.95 for children between the ages of 3 and 12. Race fans who wish to attend the afternoon's races are charged admission upon re-entering the track. For more information, call Customer Service at (718) 641-4700; from July 22 – September 5, call (518) 584-6200.

JOCKEY AUTOGRAPH BOOKS: Thursdays at Saratoga Race Course will welcome the return of the Jockey Autograph Book, sponsored by Hannaford Supermarkets. Headed by John Velazquez, the colorful 20-page autograph book features a full page for the top 12 leading jockeys by the number of wins at Saratoga in 2010, along with photos and fun facts for each. Other popular riders, among them Jorge Chavez, Channing Hill,

Calvin Borel and Mike Luzzi, are also included, along with Sam the Bugler and blank pages for additional autographs.

The autograph books will be distributed randomly to fans on track and will also be available with a voluntary contribution to benefit the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund at the Saratoga Style vendor tent, where Hannaford Supermarkets will be located each Thursday.

PREMIUM GIVEAWAYS: All giveaways are free with each paid admission, while supplies last.

Giveaway

Saratoga Baseball Cap
Saratoga Short Sleeve T-Shirt
Saratoga Sports Bag
Saratoga Long Sleeve T-Shirt

Giveaway Date

Sunday, July 31
Sunday, August 14
Sunday, August 21
Sunday, September 4

NOTE: Saratoga will again offer “spinner-free” service – a dedicated turnstile at the East Avenue admission gate specifically designed for patrons who wish to avoid the potentially lengthy lines on giveaway days. No coupons will be issued in this express lane, which will be reserved for fans seeking expedited admission to the grandstand.

TRACK FACTS:

MAIN TRACK: 1 1/8-mile oval with seven-furlong chute; 4 percent banking on the turns; distance from final turn to the finish line is 1,144 feet.

TURF COURSES: *The Mellon (Outer) Turf Course* is a one-mile (plus 98 feet) oval; 4 percent banking on the turns; distance from final turn to the finish line is 1,144 feet; *The Inner Turf Course* is a seven-furlong (plus 304 feet) oval; 4 percent banking on the turns; distance from final turn to finish is 1,164 feet.

OKLAHOMA TRAINING TRACK: One-mile oval with a quarter-mile chute; 2 percent banking on the turns; distance from final turn to the finish line is 990 feet.

OKLAHOMA TURF COURSE: Seven-furlong oval; 2 percent banking on the turns; distance from final turn to the finish line is 1,024 feet.

OKLAHOMA STEEPLECHASE COURSE: Six-furlong oval, five fences.

CLARE COURT TRAINING TRACK: Half-mile oval; 1.5 percent banking on the turns.

DIRECTIONS TO SARATOGA RACE COURSE:

From New York Metropolitan Area: New York Thruway (I-90) to Exit 24 at Albany; then the Adirondack Northway (I-87) to Exit 14.

From Western New York: New York Thruway (I-90) to Exit 28 at Fultonville; to Johnstown and Route 29E to Saratoga Springs; or Exit 27 to Amsterdam, Route 30 N to Route 67 E to Ballston Spa and Route 50 to Saratoga Springs.

From Upstate and Canada: Northway (I-87) to Exit 14. **From Massachusetts and Connecticut:** Massachusetts Turnpike to New York Thruway (I-90) then Adirondack Northway (I-87) to Exit 14.

From Vermont and New Hampshire: Route 40 to Schuylerville and Route 29 to Saratoga Springs.

By Train: For a list of departure cities, prices and reservations, call 1-800-USA-RAIL.

SWITCHBOARD: Until July 17 (718) 641-4700; From July 22 – September 5 (518) 584-6200.

ON-LINE: www.nyra.com, www.nyragroupsales.com