



BETWEEN *races*

with Mike Gulotta

A prominent figure in New Jersey Racing, Mike Gulotta has campaigned top horses like Dan Patch winners Worldly Beauty and Lis Mara. He is currently the owner and operator of Deo Volente farm in New Jersey. He is also the 2009 recipient of the William Haughton Good Guy Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Assn. and also served on N.J. Gov. Chris Christie's transition team.



Q. If you could trade places with one person, dead or alive, for one week, who would it be?

New Jersey Governor Chris Christie because then I could make the decisions that are clearly beneficial to horse racing in New Jersey.

Q. If you could get in a time machine, where would you go?

Back to the birth of both of my children.

Q. If you were a car, what would you be?

Red Ferrari F 430 Scuderia Coupe.

Q. What's your guilty pleasure?

Guilt is not in my DNA. I make a decision and live with the outcome.

Q. What's the last movie you saw?

Inglorious Basterds

Q. If there was a movie based on your life, who'd play you and who'd play your leading lady?

Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta-Jones

Q. If you could currently star in any TV show, which would it be?

Celebrity Jeopardy on SNL

Q. What's the best thing currently in your refrigerator?

So Delicious coconut milk and Chocolate Silk ice cream

Q. You're Mr. Ed, which horse would you like to talk to and what would you say?

I would like to talk to Muscle Hill and tell him how sorry I am that when I sat down with Lou Pontone and Jerry Silva, I did not end up being part of the ownership group.

Q. What person or persons in history would you like to have dinner with?

Bill and Hillary Clinton so I could observe their relationship and ask Bill his perspective on "not having sex in the oval office."

IN OTHER NEWS

On May 5, the New Jersey Racing Commission upheld an earlier ruling suspending the licenses of owners Andrew Brooks, Jeffrey Brooks, Terry Brooks and Victoria Brooks in reciprocity with rulings handed down by the Ontario Racing Commission.

On Tuesday, May 18, trainer Tracy Brainard confirmed to The Horseman that she won't be training for Bullet-proof Enterprises in 2010. Led by the quartet of Bullet-proof's top sophomore pacing fillies Yellow Diamond, Shacked Up, Not Enough and Showherthemoney, Brainard trainees earned \$9,579,362 in 2009.

"It was amicable," said Brainard. "It was nice to travel all over the world and have a great year, but we've bought a farm in New York and my daughter is turning eight in June. It's time to focus on other things."

The Kentucky Court of Appeals on May 14 dismissed an appeal by owner Daniel Waxman regarding a positive test on his horse Loyal Opposition in 2005 at The Red Mile. The decision upheld a ruling issued in April 2009 by a Franklin County Circuit Court judge that affirmed the ruling by the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC) following the positive test for flunixin on Loyal Opposition after she won the \$80,000 Allerage final Oct. 8, 2005.

In making its ruling, the Court of Appeals stated that the decision was a "final and appealable order," with the next step being an appeal to the state Supreme Court.

Waxman is an attorney for the Lexington-Ky.-based law firm of Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs. His ownership of Loyal Opposition began May 14, 2004, after it was transferred from his father, Robert.

In a decision that will preclude situations such as the Loyal Opposition case in the future, on May 11 the KHRC approved a regulation that requires all drug tests to have cleared the laboratory before purse money is paid.

Citing a decline in stakes payments and a likely shortage in horse population, The Red Mile has received approval from the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission on its agreement with the Kentucky Harness Horsemen's Association to drop three Mondays from its 2010 schedule—Aug. 16, Aug. 30 and Sept. 20—in a move that will eliminate \$100,000 from the purse account.

Billy "Zeke" Parker Jr. became the ninth driver to win 10,000 races, with the 56 year old reaching the milestone Monday, May 17, at Monticello Raceway with Deliver Val.