

# THOROPAC – Our Voice in Trenton

Racing returned to Monmouth Park on May 13th. With record level purses for the third year in a row, we are anticipating a very successful meet.

Monmouth Park's 61<sup>st</sup> season features a new turf course highlighted by a 5½ furlong chute. The main track also has been refurbished with new material. This summer the first OTW in Cumberland County is slated to open. Hopefully, a successful 2006 season will set the stage for an historic year for racing in 2007 as New Jersey hosts the Breeders' Cup.

Although we have a lot to be excited about over the next two years we cannot lose sight of the fact that post 2007 there will be no purse supplement or Breeders' Cup. No one has a "crystal ball" but if we do not start preparing now for 2008, New Jersey thoroughbred racing may cease to exist as we know it. We need to start planning for a permanent solution to keep thoroughbred racing sound for the long-term.

As 2007 nears, the entire industry, including our horsemen, our breeders and our fans, need to step-up our involvement in the political process. We need to connect with all of our elected state leaders and engage them in our efforts to save New Jersey racing. To do this we need to be visible. We need to show that our industry is worth the investment.

One of the ways you can participate in this effort is by supporting *ThoroPAC*, the political action committee for the New Jersey thoroughbred horsemen. ThoroPAC was started by Eb Novak and Dennis Drazin in 1999 and continues to be our main vehicle for making our voices heard.

Recommended levels of giving are listed below. We have also highlighted our elite list of givers, the *Triple Crown Club for 2006*. If your name is not listed, please consider a gift today so that we can list you in our summer edition of *ThoroNEWS*. You may also take an advertisement in the newsletter (*please see ads on page 14 and 15*). For more information on newsletter advertising, please call Barbara DeMarco at (609) 306-7555.



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Owner, Trainer, Breeder, Vendor	\$300.00	Veterinarian	\$300.00
Exercise Rider	\$150.00	Groom, Hot Walker	\$50.00

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