



## EIGHTH WELFARE AND SAFETY SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS INTEGRITY, INJURY RATES, AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

The eighth Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summit, held Wednesday, June 27, at the Keeneland Sales Pavilion in Lexington, Ky., featured insightful discussions on topics ranging from disaster preparedness, jockey injuries, and equine injuries to racing integrity, Thoroughbreds as sport horses, and racing surfaces. The Summit, which was organized and underwritten by Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation and The Jockey Club, drew approximately 200 observers as well as an international audience from six countries watched a live video stream.



Video replay of the summit is available at [grayson-jockey-club.org/WelfareSafety/includes/2018Wss\\_agenda.asp](http://grayson-jockey-club.org/WelfareSafety/includes/2018Wss_agenda.asp).

Dr. Roberta Dwyer, an extension veterinarian at the University of Kentucky, discussed the importance of having a plan for yourself and your horses in case of a natural disaster. She recommended that all horses be microchipped to help with identification in instances when they are separated from their owners.



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Participants of the panel titled, “Impacts of Weather - Equine Health and Business Decisions,” agreed with Dr. Dwyer’s point and that it also applied to racetracks, which must have plans in place when extreme weather occurs. It was also noted by Sal Sinatra, president and general manager of the Maryland Jockey Club, that large fluctuations in weather from day to day can be extremely disruptive to race days.

In the session focused on safety initiatives for jockeys, Dr. Peta Hitchens, research fellow in the Equine Orthopaedic Research Group, University of Melbourne, discussed the link between horse injury and jockey injury and the importance of acclimating horses, ensuring a good jockey/horse combination, understanding racehorse injuries, record keeping, and regular analysis with regard to decreasing the incidence of both.

“One of the most important things to me has been the standardization of both record keeping and the regular analysis of this data,” Dr. Hitchens said. “We will never know if our interventions are successful

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unless we can go back and look at whether our incidence of jockey falls and injuries and racehorse fatalities have declined and the reasons for both.”

Also discussing jockey safety, Dr. Carl Mattacola, associate dean of academic and faculty affairs at the University of Kentucky, remarked that the lack of centralization in horse racing has made it difficult to implement national concussion protocols.



In an update of the Equine Injury Database, Dr. Tim Parkin, professor of veterinary epidemiology at the University of Glasgow, reviewed risk factors for fatal injuries and focused on the time a horse spends with one trainer and a horse's presence on the vet's list with respect to a horse's risk for injury.



For horses that have spent time with more than one trainer, risk of injury decreases with every extra month spent with the same trainer, and horses that have been put on a vet's list are at a greater risk of suffering a fatal injury than horses that have never been on a vet's list.

Dr. Parkin also remarked on the challenges of analyzing data from the Equine Injury Database. “We're not lacking data. Statistical power isn't an issue,” he said. “The issue is the frequency of outcome [low rate of fatal injuries] and the scope of data.”

He also stressed the need to increase the reporting of non-fatal injuries during racing and training.

Graham Motion, a Kentucky-Derby and multiple-stakes winning trainer, provided insight into the responsibilities of the trainer to the welfare of the horse in a Q&A session with Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation President Edward L. Bowen.



“Don't be afraid to pass on bad news,” Motion said. “You have to know when it's time to stop on a horse. We are there to protect [horses]. I think that's a tremendous responsibility that I take very seriously.”

In the portion of the program that focused on integrity, viewers had the chance to learn about protocols that have been put in place in California, Kentucky, and at the Breeders' Cup. For example, California's program to monitor horses that are deemed to be “at-risk” has resulted in a 35% drop in fatalities.

Dora Delgado, the senior vice president of racing and nominations for the Breeders' Cup, went into detail about the organization's security and out-of-competition testing protocols and efforts to enable best practices in the industry no matter where the event is held.



“Whatever circumstances we can come up with, we've got a plan and a protocol for it,” said Delgado. “We want to make sure that everybody has the ability to get the best program available to them.”



One of the afternoon sessions focused on the success of Thoroughbreds as sport horses after their racing careers end and promoting the abilities of Thoroughbreds. One point of emphasis was avoiding the “one last race” mentality sometimes seen with Thoroughbreds.

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According to Jen Roytz, the executive director of the Retired Racehorse Project, trainers should have a discussion about aftercare with new owners as part of an “on-board” protocol.

Katie Ruppel, the owner of Yellow Rose Eventing, noted an interesting recent aspect of her clientele. She said here top horse, Houdini is an ex-race horse and added that “I have a few other international level horses that are ex-race horses still owned by the owners that raced them. The owners bought them as weanlings or yearlings and have retained them into their second career.”

The last presentation of the day was given by Dr. Mick Peterson, the executive director of the Racing Surfaces Testing Laboratory and the director of Ag Equine Programs at the University of Kentucky. He noted the importance of consistent surfaces and proper moisture, especially on dirt tracks. He also highlighted the increased incidence and popularity of turf racing in the United States.



“We need to invest in ways to increase safe turf racing,” he said. “It should be a priority for the sport.” According to Bowen, “This year’s Summit offered an excellent mix of discussions on a variety of issues that demonstrate the industry’s dedication to the welfare of both humans and equines. It is encouraging to see the progress that the industry has made in areas from equine and jockey injuries to track surfaces and safely transitioning Thoroughbreds to second careers.”

The event was once again emceed by Donna Barton Brothers, former jockey and current NBC racing analyst, and was free and open to the public. It attracted a cross-section of Thoroughbred industry representatives, including owners, breeders, horsemen, regulators, veterinarians, racetrack officials, jockeys, and media.



The first Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summit was held in October 2006; subsequent summits were held in March 2008, June 2010, October 2012, July 2014, July 2015, and June 2016.



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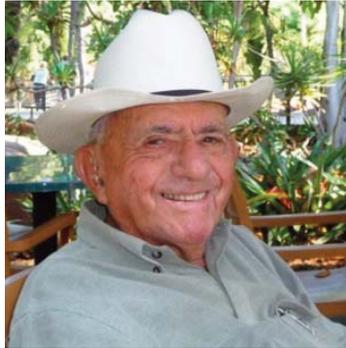
## 2018 BELMONT STAKES CHARITY CELEBRATION

Frank Stronach, the founder and honorary chairman of The Stronach Group and a leading Thoroughbred owner and breeder, accepted the Dinny Phipps Award at the Belmont Stakes Charity Celebration on June 7<sup>th</sup> at the Bryant Park Grill.



## Jack Goodman: Yaleman, Cowboy, Philanthropist

Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation, The Jockey Club, and the horse world suffered a loss during earlier this year with the death of John K. (Jack) Goodman.



“Jack Goodman cared about horses, which was apparent to all of us involved with Grayson,” said Foundation Chairman Dell Hancock. “His western wit and wisdom added a lot to the Foundation. We were lucky to know him, let alone have him involved. I was especially appreciative that he would make the effort to travel from Arizona to Saratoga to attend summer meetings of the Foundation and The Jockey Club while in his 90s.”

A stroll up or down the stairs at the unique enclave named the Mountain Oyster Club provided an opportunity to scan a series of photos which gently reminded that Mr. Goodman played many roles in the world of the horse. This was verified by various likenesses of Mr. Goodman in such favored attire as pinstripe suit, gray cowboy hat, which on him looked natural in board rooms in Saratoga or the Arizona Racing Commission. We cannot vouch for their presence at Aintree the day in 1964 when he and partners won the world’s greatest steeplechase, the Grand National, with their Team Spirit, but we have no doubt that he managed well in those surroundings in which his fellow owners included The Queen Mother and American sportsman Raymond Guest.

Team Spirit had run in the Grand National five times previously, before Goodman bought into the horse. The owning trio was made up of himself and other American businessmen R. B. Woodard of Indianapolis and Gamble North of Chicago. Team Spirit rallied to take the lead in the final yards of the 123rd Grand National and won by a half-length over Purple Silk. There were various historic footnotes connected. Trainer Fulke Walwyn was winning his first Grand

National as a trainer, following his victory as the jockey of Reynoldstown years before (1936). Winning jockey William Robinson was a grandson of the breeder of the historic Thoroughbred The Tetrarch, and he married the daughter of Major Cyril Hall, manager of The Aga Khan’s racing and breeding operation. Mr. Goodman’s involvement added its own elements of the historic, as well.

A native of Kansas City, Mo., Mr. Goodman graduated from the Wharton School of Finance and then graduated summa cum laude from Yale in 1942. He enlisted in the old Army Air Corps during World War II and worked in intelligence. Among his later roles in his business career, he and Harold Ashton formed and operated Ashton Goodman Properties, from which he did not retire until last year. He also for a time owned the Hotel Del Coronado in San Diego, CA.

Mr. Goodman threw his energies into an array of activities which embraced, but superseded, the fun he found around horses, and included support of various worthwhile causes benefiting many. He was one of three co-founders of the Race Track Industry Program at the University of Arizona in his adopted Tucson, AZ., and was honored by The Jockey Club with establishment of a scholarship in his name in 2007. For some 45 years, the program has provided training and opportunities for alumni to become professional in many aspects of the horse racing industry.

Goodman also provided leadership over many years in the related endeavor of guiding and preserving race meetings at little Rillito Park Race Track in Tucson. Of course, when other forms of leadership on the Turf called, he served on the Arizona Racing Commission for two decades (1965-85) as well as operating his own small stable. This led on to a 1979-80 term as chairman of the old National Association of State Racing Commissioners (now the Association of Racing Commissioners International).

Even the Mountain Oyster Club, which he co-founded, while having many of the attributes of simply a social club, took on a roll supporting one of Mr. Goodman’s

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passions, Western Art, with exhibitions and auctions supporting artists. He was also a founder and past president of the Friends of Western Art.

Mr. Goodman was certainly adept, however, at turning to his love of horses and the cowboy life for the pure fun of it. The riding organizations to which he belonged included the Rancheros Visitadores, which he joined in California in 1947. Rancheros activities included long horseback and camping trips in the wilds, where teams would be created and jockeys selected for rough and tumble cross-range races. We recall Jack's expression of disappointment when he recalled having been told he would be replaced as his team's jockey---at the age of 76. He was inducted into the Hall of Great Westerners at the Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum Oklahoma City.

Mr. Goodman was elected to The Jockey Club in 1978 and to the board of Grayson in 1992. In addition to his own generosity as a donor, he organized fund-raising trail rides benefiting Grayson in the Tucson area from 1998 through 2009.

He recruited horsemen from surrounding ranches to host and/or donate through fees for the trail rides, which culminated in excellent outdoor meals.

Mr. Goodman remained an active Foundation board member until last year, when he was elected director emeritus.

Mr. Goodman passed away at 97 on April 16, 2018. He is survived by his wife, Aline; son John, and grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

---Edward L. Bowen



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