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Thoroughbreds: Made in New York

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SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY — On the afternoon of April 8, the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame in Saratoga Springs hosted a roundtable discussion on "New York State and Thoroughbred Breeding: A Winning Combination?"

Racing columnist Mike Veitch of the *Saratogian*, the local daily newspaper, served as moderator. Panelists were William Welch, executive administrator of the New York State Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund Corporation; Harry Snyder, chairman of the New York State Racing Com-mission and a board member of the Breeding Fund; Barbara Brewer of the Genessee Valley Breeders Association; Jill Rich, owner of Rich Farm in Stillwater, NY; Joe McMahon, owner of McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds; and Dr. Doug Koch, a Breeding Fund board member and president of New York Thoroughbred Breeders, Inc. (NYTB), of which Brewer, Rich, and McMahon are board members.

In his opening remarks, Veitch noted such famous New York-bred horses as Fourstardave, the gelding who has won a stakes race in nine straight Saratoga seasons; and At the Threshold, sire of 1992 Kentucky Derby winner Lil E. Tee. He also noted the stallions standing in New York, including Cormorant (sire of 1994 Kentucky Derby winner Go for Gin); 1990 Belmont Stakes winner Go and Go; Cure the Blues; and Bounding Basque, who stands at Rich Farm.

However, said Veitch, the size of New York state's Thoroughbred foal crop is down; and a number of top stallions have left the state. Working against that trend is the New York State Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund Corporation, which offers bonuses and additional purse money to New York-bred horses.

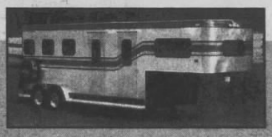
Welch then gave a brief history of how the Breeding Fund came to be in 1973 after being vetoed two straight years by Governor Rockefeller, despite being passed by both houses of the legislature. The fund allocates money from the betting tax, "which amounts to somewhere between $12 and $14 million." Beginning with a foal crop of 100-200, breeding in New York reached a high point of about 1,500 foals a year before experiencing a downturn in the last few years, partially due to tax legislation that has adversely affected the entire racing industry.

Welch noted the rescinding of the so-called "breed-back" law. He said, "So now a mare can be bred virtually anywhere in the country, as long as she foals here in New York state. This can be a resident or a nonresident mare. She comes to breed to our stallions, hopefully, and remains here for a period of time, then goes back to her home state." Welch said that this should increase the number and quality of horses eligible to be called New York-bred.

Commissioner Snyder discussed the

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