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## Smithwick's Spice Wins Extravagant Kid Handicap at Gulfstream Park

Smithwick's Spice, a homebred gelding trained by Douglas Nunn, made a strong showing in the \$75,000 Extravagant Kid overnight handicap at Gulfstream Park on November 24. Ridden by Jorge Gonzalez, the 8-year-old horse sprinted to an early lead and successfully fended off multiple challengers in the stretch, ultimately securing an upset victory.

Covering 5 ½ furlongs in 1:02.90 over the all-weather Tapeta course, Smithwick's Spice achieved his 14th career victory out of 50 starts. This win marked his fourth stakes race victory of 2024, which includes wins in the Leinster

Turf Dash Stakes at Tampa Bay Downs, as well as the Select Stakes and Joey P. Handicap at Monmouth Park.

Gonzalez quickly hustled Smithwick's Spice to the front from the outermost Post 8, posting fractions of 22.25 and 45.11 seconds while maintaining an uncontested lead. While he faced dwindling margins as they straightened for home, the son of Frost Giant persevered through the stretch to hold on for a victory by a nose.

This year, Smithwick's Spice has earned \$272,525, bringing his total career earnings to \$727,792.



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## Stallion Season Auction set for January 20

The Thoroughbred Breeders' Association of New Jersey (TBANJ) will conduct its annual Stallion Season Auction beginning Monday, January 20 and ending Monday, January 27.

The online auction is being hosted on the Thoroughlybred bidding platform at [www.thoroughlybred.com](http://www.thoroughlybred.com). All participants must be registered with Thoroughlybred prior to bidding. Thoroughlybred offers an automatic bidding process that allows participants to enter the maximum amount they are willing to pay for a season. Thoroughlybred then keeps bidding on the buyer's behalf until the maximum amount is reached or the

buyer is the high bidder. Each season's conditions will be posted as part of their auction page on [Thoroughlybred.com](http://Thoroughlybred.com).

All proceeds from the auction go to the TBANJ, which uses the funds for promoting the Thoroughbred breeding industry in New Jersey. Stallion seasons will be added until the auction begins on January 20 and a complete list of available seasons will be listed on [www.njbreds.com](http://www.njbreds.com).

Please contact the TBANJ office at 732-542-8880 for additional information.

## 2025 Monmouth Park Dates Approved

The New Jersey Racing Commission on November 20, 2024 approved Darby Development's request to run a 50-day racing schedule at Monmouth Park from May 10-September 14.

However, their application to host 21 Thoroughbred programs at Meadowlands from September 19 to November 29 has been tabled. Representatives from both tracks plan to meet to discuss this application further.

In recent years, all races during the Monmouth-at-

Meadowlands meet, which typically lasts for a maximum of 10 nights, have been conducted on turf. The NJRC meeting did not address whether the extended Thoroughbred meet would include both turf and dirt racing. However, officials noted that they intend to have further discussions regarding the meet.

Additional information about the 2025 racing dates will be posted on the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association of New Jersey's website when it becomes available.



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## 2025 Spirit of the Horse Award

The Rutgers Equine Science Center presented Dr. Amy Lynn Butewicz with the 2025 Spirit of the Horse award for her steadfast commitment to the New Jersey equine industry. The award was presented to Dr. Butewicz during the Rutgers Equine Science Center's 2024 "Evening of Science & Celebration," sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Equine Medical Center.

"I've known Amy since her time in the New Jersey 4-H program," said Equine Science Center Founding Director, Dr. Karyn Malinowski. "I have had the distinct honor of watching her become one of New Jersey's fiercest supporters of the equine industry and youth outreach and engagement."

Dr. Amy Lynn Butewicz is a lifelong New Jersey resident and equestrian who has immersed herself in many aspects of the equine industry. From an early age, Dr. Butewicz participated in the 4-H horse program on the local, state, and national levels garnering many accomplishments. Because of this, she was crowned the 2001 NJ State Equestrian of the Year for her strong leadership in the equine community.

In 2008, Dr. Butewicz graduated Summa Cum Laude from the Rutgers University Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy with a Doctorate Degree (PharmD) in Pharmacy, and was a member of Rho Chi, the national pharmacy honor society. Even though she continues to hold an active pharmacist

license in the states of New Jersey and Kentucky; her deep connection to horses, agriculture, and open space in New Jersey led her to obtain her real estate license in 2015. She currently works as a full time Realtor for Keller Williams Princeton Real Estate, specializing in equestrian properties, farms and land across the entire state. Dr. Butewicz, and her sister Stacy, operate their real estate team under the Butewicz Equestrian Lifestyle Real Estate banner. To date, Butewicz Lifestyle Real Estate has proudly represented both buyers and sellers in over 135 farm sales totaling just over \$100 million in sales volume.

Always giving back her time and efforts to organizations and charities, her volunteerism philanthropy, and leadership have been a tremendous focus for Dr. Butewicz. She is currently a Chair Emeritus for the Rutgers University Board for Equine Advancement, the advisory group to the Rutgers Equine Science Center, and had previously served as Co-Chair of the Board. A champion for open space and agriculture initiatives, she serves as a council member for Millstone Township (Monmouth County) on 2 separate councils: the Open Space Preservation Council and the Agricultural Advisory Council, serving currently as Chairperson. To foster the growth of future leaders, Dr. Butewicz created the NJ Agricultural Achievement Award Scholarship which is awarded annually.



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## Membership Application

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### Membership Categories

- Breeder      A breeder member shall be a person who owns the required interest in a broodmare or registered stallion domiciled in New Jersey; who submits an application for membership, and pays the membership dues. A breeder member shall have voting rights.
- Owner      An owner member shall be a person who owns a registered New Jersey- bred; who submits an application for membership, and pays the membership dues. An owner member will not have voting rights.
- Associate      An associate member is a person who is interested in owning, breeding, or racing horses in the State of New Jersey or in fostering economic activity through the breeding, ownership and/or racing of horses in the State of New Jersey. An associate member will not have voting rights.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Membership Dues

A check or money order for \$100.00 must accompany this form. Spouses are encouraged to join the **TBANJ** under joint membership status. This fee would total \$150.00 per couple. Each spouse must fill out a separate form to accompany the payment. Membership will be effective upon receipt and will be in force each calendar year and must be renewed annually.

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