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# Taylor Palmer Jr. receives 2024 Spirit of the Horse Award

The Rutgers Equine Science Center presented Taylor Palmer Jr. with the 2024 Spirit of the Horse award for his decades of service to the New Jersey equine industry. The award was presented to Palmer during the Rutgers Equine Science Center's 2023 "Evening of Science & Celebration," sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Equine Medical Center.

"When one thinks of the history of Standardbred harness racehorse breeding in the State of New Jersey, the name Taylor Palmer is always top of the mind for his vast contribution not only to the racehorse breeding industry but to the equine industry as a whole," said Dr. Amy Butewicz as she read parts of her nomination letter to the crowd.

Palmer gained recognition through the ownership and operation of "his grand, meticulously maintained" Boxwood Farm, located in historic Englishtown in the heart of Monmouth County horse country.

Over decades, Palmer focused on the fine details of harness racehorse breeding which embraced quality over quantity with what has been described as "some of the finest of yearlings" sold at the Lexington Selected Sale in Kentucky, and Harrisburg Black Book Sale in Pennsylvania.

Palmer has held a variety of leadership roles and continues to remain active in the Standardbred Breeders & Owners Association of New Jersey (SBOANJ). A strong supporter of connecting the equine industry with educational and research initiatives, Palmer was the founding Chair of the Rutgers

University Board for Equine Advancement (RUBEA) and continues to hold Chair Emeritus status on RUBEA. This board of elected members assists the Rutgers Equine Science Center in its decisions regarding its equine teaching, research, and outreach; and promotes and supports these activities through fund-raising and advocacy efforts.

Palmer has also held positions on the Monmouth County Board of Agriculture (MCBOA), and in 2022 he was honored with the MCBOA Lifetime Achievement Award. He has also embraced the state initiative of Farmland Preservation, which included placing his very own Boxwood Farm into preservation status to ensure the land would remain free of future development.

"The 'Spirit of the Horse' award recognizes individuals whose lives have been profoundly changed because of their involvement with horses and who have acknowledged the impact by giving back to the horse industry," said Dr. Karyn Malinowski, Founding Director of the Rutgers Equine Science Center.

"There is no other person that I can think of that has steadfastly spent decades fighting for, building, and preserving the equine industry in New Jersey. Taylor raised some of the finest mares and yearlings, dedicated his time to the agricultural community, and even allowed us to conduct groundbreaking research into weaning stress on his farm. Horses and the equine industry have certainly changed his life, but more importantly, he has profoundly changed the course of the New Jersey equine industry for the betterment of us all."



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## The Rutgers Equine Science Center Horse Management Seminars

The Rutgers Equine Science Center is bringing back the LIVE version of the Horse Management Seminars! However, due to popular demand there will also be a virtual version with a mixture of the same and different talks from the live version. The LIVE Horse Management Seminar will take place at the Cook Campus Center on the Rutgers' Cook Campus in New Brunswick Feb. 3 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Talks will be a mixture of those most requested topics from the past three years of virtual seminars and will include senior horse nutrition and veterinary care, controlling and dealing with parasites and ticks, emergency management, hoof and leg care. A flyer with registration information will be ready soon, but

the online registration website is located at: <https://go.rutgers.edu/2024HMSLiveReg>.

The virtual seminars will be over the course of three Tuesday evenings in February (13th, 20th and 27th) between 6:30 pm and 8:30 pm. These seminars are broken into topic areas with two speakers each evening. Pasture Management (Feb. 13) with Rutgers' Weed Specialist Dr. Matt Elmore speaking on "Managing Weeds in Horse Pastures", followed by Dr. Robert Coleman, Equine Specialist from the University of Kentucky, speaking on "Equipment for Small Horse Farm Pasture Management".

Senior Horse Care will be the focus on Feb. 20, with talks from nutritionist

Dr. Nettie Liburt on "Feeding the Senior Horse", and "Veterinary Care for the Geriatric Horse" presented by Mountain Pointe Equine's Dr. Jessica Martin.

The final evening of webinars (Feb. 27) will focus on Health and Welfare, with a talk on "Parasites and Ticks in your Horse," from Penn State's Equine Extension Specialist Dr. Danielle Smarsh, and "Evaluating Pain in your Horse" by Oklahoma State's Equine Extension Specialist Dr. Kris Hiney.

The Virtual Horse Management Seminar Webinar series is free, but registration is required. To do so please go to: <https://go.rutgers.edu/2024VirtualHMSReg>.

## 2023 New Jersey-bred stakes winners



**BOOK'EM DANNO**

2023 Earnings: \$230,625

Winner of the Smoke Glacken Stakes, Futurity Stakes

Bred by Gregory J. Kilka & Bright View Farm;

Owned by Atlantic Six Racing LLC; trained by Derek Ryan



**MIA'S CRUSADE**

2023 Earnings: \$162,750

Winner of the Spruce Fir Handicap, Eleven North

Handicap, Pinot Grigio Handicap

Bred by Dianne Boyken

Owned by Joseph & Gayle Iola & Chuck Spina; trained by Chuck Spina

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**BEACH DAZE**

2023 Earnings: \$175,400; Winner of the Smart N Classy Handicap  
Bred by Lenny & Beth Rera; owned by All in Racing  
Stables LLC & J P S Stable; trained by Farrell Mann



**HE'SPUREGOLD**

2023 Earnings: \$131,050; Winner of the Irish War Cry Handicap  
Bred by John Bowers Jr.; owned by Roseland  
Farm Stable; trained by Kelly J. Breen



**GREAT NAVIGATOR**

2023 Earnings: \$162,750; Winner of the Charles J. Hesse III Handicap  
Bred and owned by Holly Crest Farm; trained by Eddie Owens Jr.



**IRISH BOOLUM**

2023 Earnings: \$69,510; Winner of the Friendly Lover Handicap  
Bred and owned by Isabelle H. de Tomaso; trained by Cathal Lynch



**PRECIOUS AVARY**

2023 Earnings: \$227,793  
Winner of the Jersey Girl Handicap, Maryland Million Ladies Stakes  
Bred and owned by Smith Farm & Stable; trained by Tim Shaw



**SPEAKING**

2023 Earnings: \$111,740  
Winner of John J. Reilly Handicap, New Jersey Breeders Handicap  
Bred and owned by Holly Crest Farm; trained by Eddie Owens Jr.

## THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY

### Membership Application

#### Member Information

_____ NAME		_____ SS#/FEDERAL I.D.#
_____ ADDRESS		_____ CITY
_____ STATE	_____ ZIP	_____ COUNTY
TELEPHONE: _____		E-MAIL: _____

#### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 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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