

ASSINIBOIA DOWNS



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DINING



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140 VLTS

- Open daily from 10 a.m. to 1 a.m.
- VLTs, Race Carrels and Tables are sanitized between customer use.
- Our fully immunized staff will continue to wear masks for the safety of all customers.

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Do the Downs!

SPIN TO WIN FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS IN THE CLUBWEST

GAMING LOUNGE - Enter at the VLT cage every Friday & Saturday for a chance to spin the wheel for up to \$100 cash! Draws will be made every 30 minutes starting at noon.



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY - Stop by the VLT lounge today and enter for your chance to spin the lucky shamrock wheel for up to \$100 cash. Draws start at noon and continue every 30 minutes until 11 p.m.

MONDAY MARCH MADNESS - 4% cash back on all eligible wagering Mondays in March. Minimum wagered \$100 (each Monday). Maximum deposit \$25 (each Monday). Wagers must be



ASD SPRING MARKET THIS SUNDAY!

- Sunday, March 20 & Sunday, April 10
- 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 70+ talented local artists and vendors will be showcasing their products at the first spring market
- Free admission and free parking



EASTER & MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCHES

Our amazing brunches are back! From Certified Angus beef to all of your brunch favourites - we have you covered! Tickets are now on sale for Easter Brunch and Mother's Day Brunch.

EASTER BRUNCH: Sunday, April 17 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Click [here](#) for full menu. Adults \$44.95, 12 & under \$21.95, 5 & under \$9.95. For tickets call 204-885-3330.

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH: Sunday, May 8 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Click [here](#) for full menu. Adults \$44.95, 12 & under \$21.95, 5 & under \$9.95. For tickets call 204-885-3330.

Both of these brunches will sell out quickly so get your tickets today! Please note that there is no live racing on either of the above dates as live racing begins Victoria Day, Monday, May 23.



RESERVATIONS OPEN FOR LIVE RACE NIGHT BUFFETS

ASD's signature Prime Rib buffet is returning for live race nights starting Monday, May 23. Call 204-885-3330. Adults, \$47.95, Seniors (65+), \$44.95, 12 & under, \$27.95, 5 & under, \$14.95. See the buffet highlights at ASDowns.com. Reservations are required. Call 204-885-3330. Click [here](#) for full race schedule.



STEAK & RIB SPECIALS

FRIDAYS: 8 oz. top Sirloin steak charbroiled and seasoned with our smoky dry rub. Served with vegetables and choice of mashed potatoes or french fries. Every Friday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. \$24.95. Reservations are not required.

SATURDAYS: Smoky charbroiled St. Louis ribs with our signature BBQ sauce. Served with vegetables and choice of mashed potatoes or



A Snapshot in Time

by ASD Historian Bob Gates



This week we remember and pay our respects to the late Harvey Warner, who passed away on Wednesday, March 9. This Manitoba Derby photo was the inaugural Derby hosted by the Manitoba Jockey Club (MJC) upon their operation of Assiniboia Downs in September 1993.

The 1994 Manitoba Derby featured the winner P C's Bluff with Warner making his first Derby trophy presentation on behalf of the MJC to Stan Ryan, while trainer Tom Dodds and wife Jane Gammon (far right) look on. It was five years earlier that Warner and partners won the Manitoba Derby with Rough Catch – such sweet memories!

The Warner family has indicated that a Celebration of Life has been tentatively planned for Saturday, May 21 on the main level of Assiniboia Downs. All are welcome.

Gerry Hart photo.

At The Post with G.S. Thompson

Manitoba Jockey Club names Jeff Goy Interim Chair



The Board of Directors of the Manitoba Jockey Club, non-profit operators of Assiniboia Downs Racetrack, has elevated current 10-year Director Jeff Goy to the role of interim Chair in light of the recent unexpected passing of Harvey Warner on March 9, 2022.

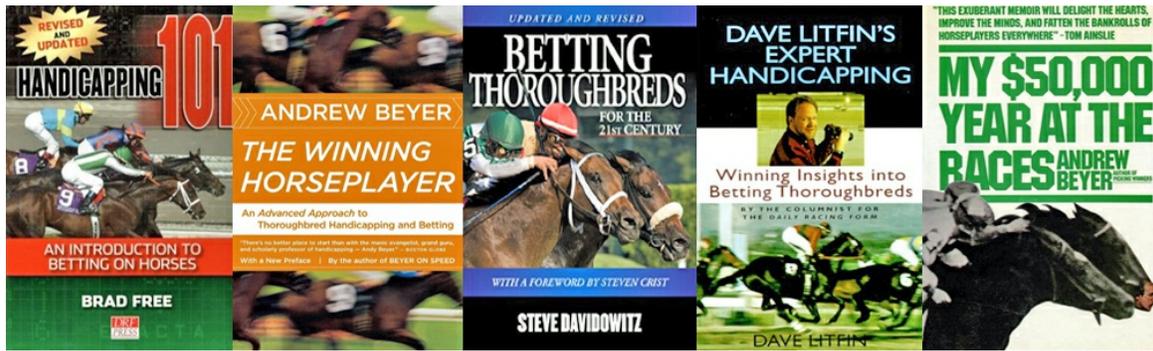
Jeff, a proud Manitoban and graduate of the University of Manitoba, is currently President and CEO of Wawanesa Insurance, a position he has held since 2014. He also serves as Chair of Western Financial Group. Jeff previously chaired the 2019 United Way Winnipeg Campaign and the 2019 Board of Governors of the Insurance Institute of Canada. He has served on many insurance industry Boards as well as on the Business Council of Manitoba.

“Horse racing is an important industry in Manitoba that provides this Province with over \$100 million in annual economic impacts, while employing over 1,000 full time job equivalents in the tourism and agriculture industries,” noted Goy. “We are still mourning the loss of our dear friend and Board colleague Harvey Warner. We will recognize his achievements and efforts towards our industry during the upcoming 2022 live thoroughbred season that gets underway on May 23. I want to thank my fellow MJC Board members for trusting me with the responsibility to continue in the proud shoes worn by Harvey in this role.”

Jeff has been a part of the horse racing industry in Manitoba in one way or another his entire life. For over 30 years he has owned and raced horses both locally here at Assiniboia Downs and at Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto. More recently, as the owner of Manitoba based Two Points Ranch, he has developed into one of the largest racehorse breeders in the province. Before joining the MJC Board, from 2006-2012 Jeff volunteered as President of the Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association, the representative and negotiating arm for the horse people based out of the backstretch of Assiniboia Downs during a live race season.

“Spring training is underway, foals are being born in Manitoba as we speak, and opening day will soon be upon us with the opportunity to finally welcome back our valued customers in a meaningful way from the outset,” said Goy. “We have an incredibly strong executive management team at Assiniboia Downs with the demonstrated leadership of Darren Dunn, our CEO and Sharon Gulyas, the Vice President of Finance and Gaming. Assiniboia Downs continues to be on very strong footing, measurably growing on a year-over-year basis, while also consistently achieving significant expansion of our 'ASD Live' brand throughout the world.”

Handicapper's Corner



A Double Whammy for Your Handicapping Homework Player's Choice Tourney, Mandatory Pick 6 Payout at Santa Anita

You'll get a double whammy for your handicapping homework this Saturday, March 19, and maybe much more!

A mandatory payout on the Rainbow Pick 6 at Santa Anita is scheduled for Saturday, and if no one hits the jackpot on Friday, it's estimated the pool could grow to over \$4,000,000. Get expert picks [here](#).

The third [Player's Choice Handicapping Tournament](#) of the year also goes this Saturday, with \$1,850 up for grabs. Nicole Baker (76 points) currently leads the local [Handicapper of the Year standings](#), followed by Ken Stewin (73), James Werry (70), Terry Pagee (68) and David Smook (68).

A win (51 points, \$1,000, trophy, bragging rights), or even an in-the-money finish would not only vault you into the running for Handicapper of the Year, but also make you extra cash! Enter by 4 p.m. on Friday. Entry forms and rules [here](#).

Good luck!

Photo of the Week



Left to right, runners Bearly Regal and Miss Giving with broodmare Spun Eazy on a balmy -35° afternoon at [Ziprick Thoroughbreds](#) in Russell, Manitoba. Bearly Regal and Miss Giving have now moved to the track, while Spun Eazy has a date with Speculating. And they're all happy the warm weather has finally arrived! Sherisse Ziprick photo.

Do you have an interesting photo you would like showcased in an upcoming newsletter? Email your photos to theinsidetrack@ASDowns.com.

In The News

[View From The Eighth Pole: Another Kentucky Derby Asterisk?](#)
Will Baffert horses run in the Derby? Will they get new trainers?



Disqualified 2021 Kentucky Derby winner Medina Spirit with trainer Bob Baffert. Paulick Report / Nellie Carlson photo.

With the weeks dwindling down to a precious few before the final round of races offering qualifying points for the Grade 1 Kentucky Derby on May 7, the options for trainer Bob Baffert and the various owners with horses in his stable are coming into focus. More from the Paulick Report [here](#).

Canadian Wrap - Good Races in Wet, Wild and Windy Weather **Mrs. Barbara Has Solid Return, Apprentice Morrison Wins**



Canadian-born apprentice rider Ailsa Morrison won her first race at famed Gulfstream Park on March 12 with Summer Shandee, trained by Woodbine's Bill Tharrenos. Gulfstream Park photo.

Blustery winds and heavy morning rain were the theme for racing at Tampa Bay Downs on March 12, the biggest day of its season. At Gulfstream, there wasn't any rain until later on during the race card, but it too was very windy. And a selection of Canadian owned and bred horses acquitted themselves well in tough races. More from Jennifer Morrison at the Canadian Thoroughbred [here](#).

Road to the Kentucky Derby 2022

- **Mar. 26** - UAE Derby (Dubai)
- **Mar. 26** - Louisiana Derby (FG)
- **Mar. 27** - Sunland Derby (Sun)
- **Apr. 2** - Florida Derby (GP)
- **Apr. 2** - Arkansas Derby (OP)
- **Apr. 2** - Jeff Ruby Steaks (TP)



Full list of Kentucky Derby prep races [here](#).
Kentucky Derby [leaderboard](#).

Carryover Watch & Programs

- [Santa Anita](#) (Mar. 18) - Rainbow Pick 6 - \$358,858
- [Turfway Park](#) (Mar. 17) - Jackpot Pick 6 - \$116,291
- [Mahoning Valley](#) (Mar. 18) - Jackpot Pick 6 - \$100,473
- [Charles Town](#) (Mar. 17) - Jackpot Pick 6 - \$87,179
- See all carryovers [here](#).

MANDATORY PAYOUT: The Rainbow Pick 6 at Santa Anita will be paid out on Saturday, Mar. 19. The current Rainbow Pick 6 single ticket jackpot pool is at \$358,858 (as of Sunday, March 13) and must be paid out on Saturday, March 19. The pool is estimated to exceed \$4,000,000. First race post time is 3:00 p.m.

RAINBOW PICK 6
SATURDAY, MARCH 19

MANDATORY PAYOUT
20¢ RAINBOW PICK 6
JACKPOT MUST PAY OUT!
POOL EXPECTED
TO EXCEED \$4,000,000

"I Won Bigg" Betting Group

The "I Won Bigg" betting group meets every Saturday at 10:30 a.m. on the plaza in the Clubhouse. This week the group will focus on Santa Anita and possibly Tampa Bay. Everyone welcome. Can't make it to the track? Email [Larry](#) for a share.

The Best of Bob

by ASD Historian Bob Gates



This week I uncovered a real gem. My research took me back 100 years, but I found a Rosser pig farmer who became a world class horseman. He was also the second leading trainer in all of North America in 1936. In addition, our mystery man was the father-in-law of Alberta-born jockey Johnny Longden. I am convinced that no one will know this man's name – no Googling please. Click [here](#) for his story. (From July 2020)

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