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## Do the Downs!

### SPIN TO WIN THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS IN THE CLUB

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



**MONDAY MADNESS** - 3% cash back on all eligible racing on Monday, July 4, 11, 18 & 25. Minimum wagered \$100 (per Monday). Maximum deposit \$25 on eligible wagering each Monday. Wagers must be placed on [HPIbet.com](https://HPIbet.com) account to qualify. (\$2.10 payoffs not included). Promotion deposit will be made on Wednesdays.



**DEL MAR OPENING DAY BONUS** - 4% cash back on all eligible racing from Del Mar Friday, July 22, 2022. Minimum wagered \$100. Maximum deposit \$25. Wagers must be placed on [HPIbet.com](https://HPIbet.com) account to qualify. (\$2.10 payoffs not included).

**ASSINIBOIA DOWNS MANITOBA DERBY NIGHT** - 3% cash back on all eligible racing from Assiniboia Downs on Monday, August 1. Minimum wagered \$40. Maximum deposit \$100. Wagers must be placed on [HPIbet.com](https://HPIbet.com) account to qualify. (\$2.10 payoffs not included).

**FREE ASD PROGRAMS ON PLAYER PORTAL** - All the important information you need for Assiniboia Downs live racing is now in one place! Watch the live feed and ASD Live handicapping show in HD. Plus free online ASD programs, free Brisnet pps, jockey & trainer stats, photo finishes, jockey bios, expert tips from ASD, Canadian Thoroughbred and Horse Racing Nation. Bookmark this [page](#) and check back daily as programs and picks will be added as they are available.

**FAN EDUCATION CENTRE** - How do I place a bet? What do the odds mean? How do I read the information in the program? If you need answers to the questions above or any other racing questions be sure to stop by the Fan Education Centre on the main floor. Shannon and Brad are there to answer all your questions and maybe help you pick a winner! They can also show you how to open a free betting account at [HPIbet.com](https://HPIbet.com).



The Fan Education Centre is open every race night from 6 p.m. to the end of racing.

**CHASE THE ACE** - Play Chase the Ace every live race night. Ace of Diamonds wins the \$1,800 jackpot. Other prizes: Either Joker \$100, any other card \$25. Tickets are \$5 and available at Guest Services from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The draw will be made at 9:30 p.m. Proceeds in support of Final Furlong. Manitoba Jockey Club license LGCA-5630-RF-34975.



Final Furlong is a Manitoba-based charity that helps find good homes for retired racehorses and pony horses. Visit them on Facebook [@FinalFurlongCanada](https://www.facebook.com/FinalFurlongCanada).



**FAMILY FUN FROM 6:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.!** Mondays are Family Fun Days in August beginning on Monday, August 1 (Manitoba Derby Night) and continuing every Monday through to August 29. Free kids activities from 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Bouncy castles, face painting and live kids entertainment. Racing starts at 7:30 p.m. Free admission and free parking.



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## Dining at ASD

### **BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER & SNACKS**

The Club West Dining Room is open daily at 10 a.m. until 1 a.m. for breakfast, lunch, dinner & snacks. Our menu includes favourites such as chicken wings, pizza, chipotle mozza burger (pictured), steak sandwich or bacon and eggs plus much more! See the full menu [here](#).



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### **RACE NIGHT PRIME RIB BUFFET**

Enjoy our fabulous all-you-can-eat Prime Rib buffet every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday during live racing! Buffet highlights include signature certified Angus prime rib of beef carvery, seafood table featuring jumbo shrimp and salmon, fresh salads and side dishes prepared with locally grown vegetables plus much more!

Complimentary programs and tip sheets are included and the table is yours for the evening.  
Adults - \$47.95, Seniors (65+) - \$44.95, Kids 12 & under - \$27.95, Kids 5 & under - \$14.95  
Reservations are required. Call 204-885-3330.

**RACE NIGHT PLAZA DINING**

Looking for a more casual dining experience during racing? Tables on the plaza (with a view of the track) are available on a first-come-first-served basis. Choose from the Clubhouse a la carte Race Night [Menu](#). The table is yours for the entire evening of racing. Minimum charge \$20 per person.



**FRIDAY & SATURDAY CHEF'S SPECIALS**

**Friday Top Sirloin Steak** - \$24.95 - 8 oz top Sirloin charbroiled and seasoned with our smoky dry rub. Served with vegetables and choice of mashed potatoes or french fries. Served from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.



**Saturday BBQ St. Louis Ribs** - \$24.95 - Smoky charbroiled ribs with our signature BBQ sauce. Served with vegetables and choice of mashed potatoes or french fries. Served from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Reservations are not required.

**At The Post with G.S. Thompson**

**Assiniboia Downs requests regulator complete a formal review of July 20, 2022 live race**

<b>ASD</b>	<b>18 RACE 6</b> MTP	Track Fast Win \$1,428	<b>JACKPOT HI-5 \$21,883</b> CARRYOVER RACE 7	Jul 20, 2022 9:44:24 PM
<b>RACE 5 PRICES</b>		<b>REPLAY</b> <small>JUL 20, 2022 8:28:08 PM</small> RACE 5		
<b>5</b>	MUCHO EXPRESS 13.30 5.90 4.00	3/4 1:09.0		
<b>1</b>	KING WITT 3.80 2.70	1/2 49.3		
<b>6</b>	NOTABLE NORA 4.00	1/4 25.0		
\$1 EKA	5-1 28.80			
\$2 QNL	1-5 19.80			
20¢ TRI	5-1-6 44.12			

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** WINNIPEG, Manitoba, Canada, July 21, 2022 - The Manitoba Jockey Club, non-profit operators of Assiniboia Downs Racetrack, have reached out to their Provincial regulator, the Liquor, Gaming & Cannabis Authority (L.G.C.A.) to

formally request a full and complete review of Race 5 from July 20, 2022. [Read full Press Release here.](#)



Highriseinthepeg wins the 7th race on Wednesday evening at ASD, giving jockey Leonel Camacho Flores his fourth win on the card. Well done! (Jason Halstead photo)

### **Camacho-Flores Scores 4-Bagger on Wednesday**

Building on his first ever stakes win last week at the Downs aboard Spun Line in the Canada Day Stakes, jockey Leonel Camacho-Flores won four races on Wednesday to move into eighth place in the local rider standings.

The big four-win night included a natural hat trick in the first three races for the 39-year-old rider from Mexico, who is in his first season here, and included Pucker (\$3.10) in the first race for trainer William Tourangeau, Lifesbeengoodsfar (\$6.50) in the second race for trainer Marvin Buffalo, and Goldeneyed (\$4.30) for trainer Gary Danelson in the third race. Camacho-Flores' ride aboard Goldeneyed is worth watching again and will only lead to more mounts from some top trainers.

Camacho-Flores capped off Wednesday night with a victory in the seventh race aboard Highriseinthepeg (\$16.00) for trainer Blair Miller and 2 Points Ranch, which gave Miller his first victory of the season. Congratulations all around!

Highriseinthepeg completed a \$1 Pick 4 that paid \$2,422.15, a \$1 Jackpot High 5 that paid \$5,036.50 and forced another carryover in the Jackpot Pick 5 that remains the highest in North America at \$410,099.66. A mandatory payout of the Jackpot Pick 5 is scheduled for Manitoba Derby night on Monday, August 1 if no single ticket holder wins it before then, the pool could grow to over \$1 million.

Last year's leading rider Jorge Carreno won a pair of races to maintain a good margin over his fellow riders with 27 wins, 11 more than Renaldo Cumberbatch, who has 16 victories, followed by former two-time champ Antonio Whitehall and 2015 leading rider Chavion Chow, who have 14 wins apiece. Stanley Chadee Jr. and 2018 co-leading rider Prayven Badrie round out the top five with 12 wins each.

Trainer Jerry Gourneau picked up the pace this week with five winners including a hat trick on Monday, to up his win total to 21, which is eight more than Shelley Brown and Jared Brown, who have 13 wins apiece, followed by Tom Gardipy, Jr. with nine wins and Mike Nault, who has eight victories.

Also of note, Gourneau's winners included Ragatagtag on Monday, who somehow paid \$35.10 to win the seventh race under Antonio Whitehall despite making her second start off the layoff, dropping in class and cutting back to her favoured best distance of six furlongs.

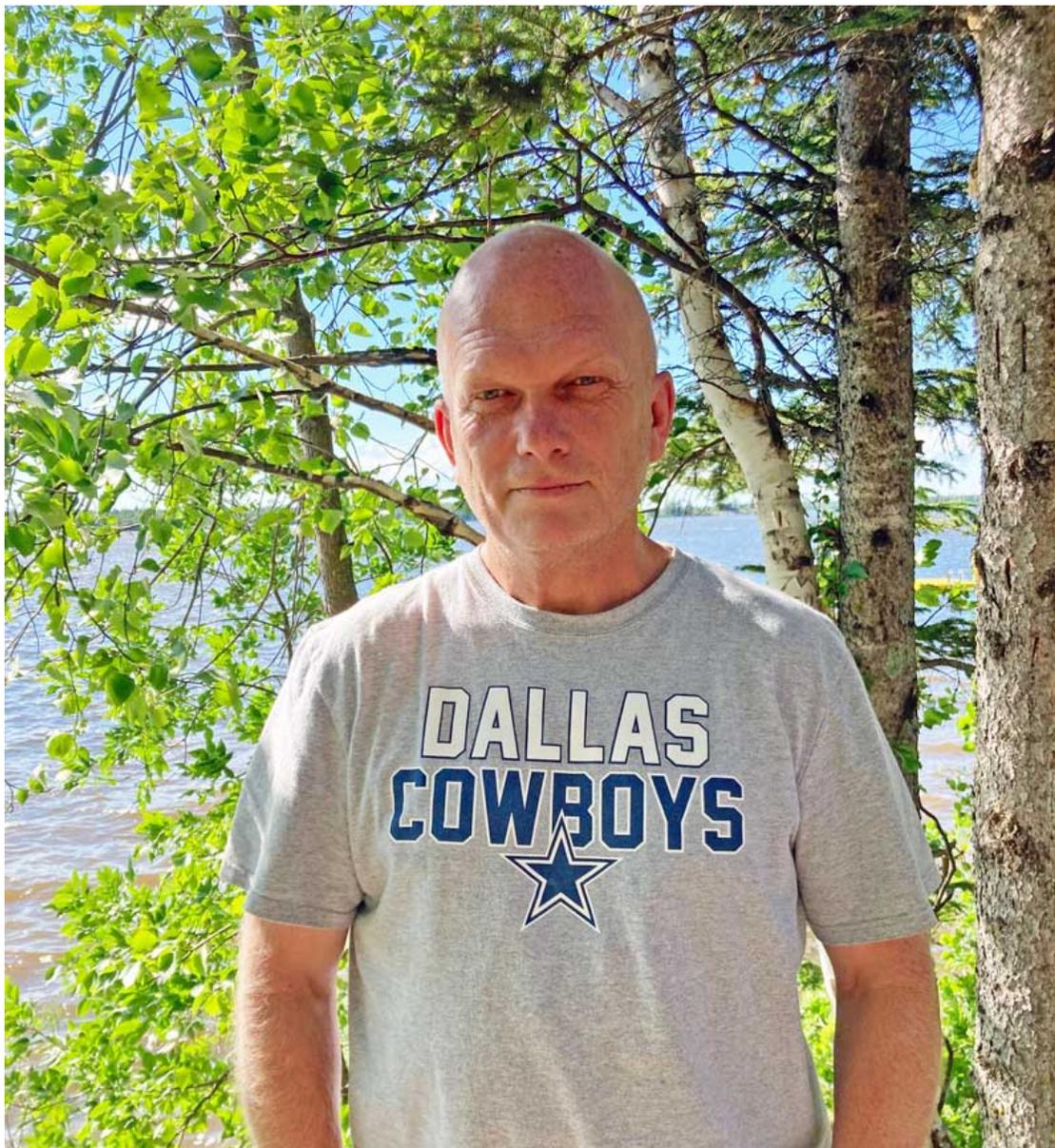
The big payoff was even more surprising considering 18 of the entrants in Monday's Las Vegas Challenge [handicapping contest](#) played Ragatagtag to win, which made us think of a famous quote that still rings true after almost 150 years.

"You can fool all of the people some of time; you can fool some of the people all of the time, but you can't fool all the people all the time." ~ Abraham Lincoln, 16th President of the United States, *New York Times*, August 27, 1887.



Ragatagtag wins the 7th race on Monday at ASD at 16-1 with Antonio Whitehall up. And 18 of the players in the handicapping contest played her! (Jason Halstead photo)

## Darcy Penner Wins Las Vegas Challenge Tourney



Darcy Penner of St. Vital won Monday's Las Vegas Challenge Handicapping Contest with an amazing bankroll of \$112.30 to take home the first place prize of a trip for two to Las Vegas (\$3,500 paid to the winner to book their trip), a trophy and bragging rights! Well done Darcy!

St. Vital resident and longtime handicapper Darcy Penner put his picks in ahead of time for last Monday's [Las Vegas Challenge Handicapping Tournament](#) and hoped his longshot in the last race, Ragatagtag, would be enough to win.

It was.

"Normally I would wait until the last race to decide what to play," said Penner while vacationing at Eleanor Lake in the Whiteshell. "But Ragatagtag was at good odds and I liked her a lot, so I put the picks in before the first race and hoped for the best."

Ragatagtag paid \$35.10 to win the seventh race on Monday and upped Penner's bankroll to \$112.30 to win him the first prize of a trip for two to Las Vegas (\$3,500 paid to the winner to book their trip), a trophy and bragging rights.

It was the first local contest win for the 55-year-old account manager at [Bridgeport Office Solutions](#), who has been handicapping the horses at the Downs since he was 18.

"I've come close a few times," said Penner, who added there were some good handicappers to beat. "If you have an off day it can be humbling, even for the best."

Penner learned how to handicap from both playing the horses and reading handicapping books, with one of his favourites being *Betting Thoroughbreds for the 21st Century, Revised Edition*, by Steve Davidowitz.

"I like to look at comparables," said Penner. "Two or three horses with the same angle going for them, and then look for something else that can separate one of them from the others."

Penner defeated an excellent group of handicappers to win Monday's contest including runner-up Wayne Misko (2nd place, \$95.80 bankroll), Ken Porter (3rd, \$95.80), Dave Boehmer (4th, \$89.80) and Reg Pluchinske (\$86.10).

"I'd like to thank Sheri (Glendinning, Simulcast & Program Director at Assiniboia Downs) and the Downs for always supplying the programs quickly and being so well organized during the tournaments," said Penner. "That must be very difficult."

Penner was enjoying his vacation, despite the fact that the high water had taken away most of the beaches. He found a blessing in the wind. "There's less mosquitoes," he said.

And you could tell he was smiling.

The advertisement features a dark blue background with white text. On the left, a black box contains the text "MANITOBA NIGHT MARKET & FESTIVAL at Assiniboia Downs". To the right, the text reads "This Sunday July 24 3 p.m. - 11 p.m.". Below the text is a photograph of a crowded outdoor market at dusk, with many people walking and browsing under various tents.

The Manitoba Night Market & Festival is back this Sunday from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.

- 15+ food trucks
- 100+ artisans
- Live local musicians and bands
- Beer Garden featuring local Manitoba Breweries
- Fire Show and Dancers at 9:45 p.m.
- Kid's activities including bouncy castles, face painting and balloon artist from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Tickets are \$7 (5 & under free) and are available at the door. Event parking \$5.

## A Snapshot in Time

By Track Historian Bob Gates



GERRY HART  
PHOTOGRAPHER

### ASSINIBOIA DOWNS

WESTERN CANADA'S FINEST RACETRACK

	Winner <b>MAUREEN DEB</b>		
Feature	<b>CLAIMING</b>	Purse	<b>\$1,200</b>
Distance	<b>6 FURLONGS</b>	Time	<b>1:13.2</b>
2nd	<b>TEDIE'S FALCON</b>	Owner	<b>H. R. V. BIEBER &amp; E. V. SPARKER</b>
3rd	<b>FOUR PERCENT</b>	Trainer	<b>H. J. BIEBER</b>
		Date	<b>May 16, 1969</b>
		Jockey	<b>B. J. RUBIN</b>

In May 1969 Jack Hardy announced that 19-year-old riding sensation Barbara Jo Rubin was coming to the Downs to ride on May 16 and 17. She was to have six mounts, three each day, including one in the first race of the 56-day meeting. And wouldn't you know she won on her first mount on May 16, and became the first female jockey to win a race at Assiniboia Downs. It's hard to believe, but more than a half century had passed since Barbara Jo's record-setting performance. (Gerry Hart photo)



**Presented by Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries**

**Monday, August 1**

**Racing starts at 7:30 p.m.**

- \$100,000 Manitoba Derby for 3-year olds presented by Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries
- \$50,000 Harvey Warner Manitoba Mile for 3-year-olds and upward
- \$50,000 Escape Clause Stakes for Fillies and Mares, 3-year-olds and upward
- Mandatory payout of the ASD Jackpot Pick 5 (if not won prior). The current jackpot is \$410,099 (as of Wednesday, July 20). The ASD Jackpot Pick 5 pool is expected to exceed \$1 million on mandatory payout day.
- \$100,000 Guaranteed Pick 4
- Derby Sweepstakes. Win a \$100 win wager on a Derby horse!
- Family Fun! Bouncy castles, face painting and live entertainment for the kids from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm
- Special Derby history display by Track Historian Bob Gates
- Free admission & free parking

### **CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE TRACK TO WAGER?**

Watch and wager at one of our partner locations:

- **Canad Inns Windsor Park** - 1034 Elizabeth Road
- **Green Brier Inn** - 1611 Main Street
- **Rookies at Central Hotel** - 201 Melrose Avenue East
- **Quest Inn** - 367 Ellice Avenue
- **McPhillips Station Casino** - 484 McPhillips Street
- **Club Regent Casino** - 1425 Regent Ave W
- **Nor-Villa Motor Hotel** - 1763 Henderson Hwy
- Wager 24/7 at [HPIbet.com](https://www.hpi.com)

### **OPENING SOON!**

- **Club 3D** - 3317 Portage Avenue

### **Photo of the Week**



Jockey Leonel Camacho-Flores was all smiles after his fourth victory on the card aboard Highriseinthepeg in the 7th race on Wednesday evening at ASD for trainer Blair Miller and 2 Points Ranch. (Jason Halstead photo)

**Do you have an interesting photo** you would like showcased in an upcoming newsletter? Email us at [theinsidetrack@ASDowns.com](mailto:theinsidetrack@ASDowns.com).

## In The News

### **67th Woodbine Oaks: Moira Looms Large in Filly Classic**

**Trainer Kevin Attard aims for his second straight Oaks with filly owned by X-Men, Madaket and SF Bloodstock.**



Moira works out a win in the Stella Artois Fury Stakes in her 3-year-old debut. (Michael Burns photo)

The \$500,000 Woodbine Oaks highlights a huge card of racing at Woodbine on Sunday, July 24, which also includes the \$125,000 Plate Trial. Both the Oaks and the Trial will go a long way to sift out contenders for the premier race in Canada, the Queen's Plate, which is on August 21. More from Jennifer Morrison at the *Canadian Thoroughbred* [here](#).

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### **Santa Anita to Host Breeders' Cup for 11th Time in 2023**

**The California track has hosted the Breeders' Cup more than any racetrack.**



Storm the Court wins the 2019 TVG Breeders' Cup Juvenile at Santa Anita. (Alex Evers / Eclipse Sportswire / Breeders Cup / CSM photo)

The Breeders' Cup, one of Thoroughbred racing's most prestigious international events, announced July 21 that Santa Anita Park will host the 2023 Breeders' Cup World Championships for a record 11th time. More from the *Blood Horse* [here](#).

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## Carryover Watch

- Assiniboia Downs (July 25) - Jackpot Pick 5 carryover - \$410,099
- Woodbine (July 22) - Jackpot Pick 6 carryover - \$242,201
- Parx (July 25) - Jackpot Pick 5 carryover - \$155,371
- Sacramento (July 22) - Pick 6 carryover \$133,445
- See all carryovers [here](#).

**MANDATORY PAYOUT** - The ASD Jackpot Pick 5 will be paid out on Monday, August 1st (if not won prior to). The current carryover (as of Wednesday, July 20) is 410,099. The ASD Jackpot Pick 5 pool is expected to exceed \$1 million on mandatory payout day.

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## Bob's Blog

by **ASD Historian Bob Gates**

This week Bob has gone rogue and hijacked the history blog. Instead of his usual time tunnel horse racing adventure, he has something special in mind for this his 200th blog story. Click [here](#) to see what made him depart from his usual yesteryear storytelling theme.



### Upcoming events at ASD

- Live Racing every Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday at 7:30 p.m
- Manitoba Night Market & Festival - Sunday, July 24 - [more info](#)
- Manitoba Derby Night - Monday, August 1 - Post time: 7:30 p.m. Featuring the \$100,000 Manitoba Derby presented by Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries plus family fun for the kids. [More info.](#)
- Holi Summer Fest - Saturday, August 6 - [more info](#)
- Las Vegas Challenge Handicapping Tournament - Monday, August 8 - [more info](#)
- Manitoba Night Market & Festival - Sunday, August 28 - [more info](#)
- Las Vegas Challenge Handicapping Tournament - Monday, August 29 - [more info](#)
- Las Vegas Challenge Handicapping Tournament - Monday, Sept. 26 - [more info](#)

### Feedback

We would love to hear from you! Email your comments and/or suggestions to [theinsidetrack@ASDowns.com](mailto:theinsidetrack@ASDowns.com).

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