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- Monday, May 20 to Tuesday, September 17 - click [here](#) for schedule

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Do the Downs!

Upcoming Handicapping Tournaments

Player's Choice Tournaments:

- **This Saturday, March 16**
- Saturday, April 13
- Saturday, May 11



Tournament Winners:

- Player's Choice - Saturday, January 20 - Winner: Ron Phelps
- Player's Choice - Saturday, February 17 - Winner: Trevor Phelps

Club West Gaming Lounge



140 VLTs are available daily in our spacious Club West Gaming Lounge from 10 a.m. through 1 a.m. Enjoy complimentary coffee or tea. We also have fantastic deals on [daily drink specials](#), [happy hour specials](#), [daily lunch](#) and [nightly food features](#). Please note that our VLTs are sanitized between play.

Free daily draws take place for your chance to win cash!

- **Break Open Bonanza!** Draws to win \$10 plus 20 break-open tickets! Monday through Friday from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.
- **Lucky Spins!** Draws for \$20 in FREE VLT Spins Friday, Saturday & Sunday from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Luck of the Irish Draws! Pick a lucky coin and win up to \$100 CASH!

Each coin will be worth a dollar amount up to \$100 and you keep what you win. Draws will be made throughout the day and evening on Saturday, March 16 & Sunday, March 17 starting at noon.



There's Always a Deal at ASD!

\$11.95 Daily Lunch Specials

Enjoy breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks from our Club West Dining Room menu or try our ever changing \$11.95 lunch special.

- Club West Dining Room & Lounge [menu](#)
- Daily Happy Hour [specials](#)



Daily Drink Features All Day Long

- Monday - Margarita \$6 (lime, peach or strawberry)
- Tuesday - Corona \$5
- Wednesday - Wine \$4.50 (6 oz. glass of house white or house red)
- Thursday - Beer \$4.75 (house pint of beer)
- Friday - Trifecta Tea \$6 (Absolut peach vodka, lemonade, sweet tea)
- Saturday - RazDerby Lemonade \$6 (Absolut raspberry vodka, lemonade)
- Sunday - Caesar \$6



Daily Evening Chef's Specials

Monday - BBQ Ribs \$19.95: Smoky char-broiled ribs with our signature BBQ sauce. Served with french fries and coleslaw.



Tuesday - Tacos \$9.95: Two flour tortillas stuffed with taco beef, chicken or fish, lettuce, green onions, cheese and diced tomato. Served with a drizzle of avocado cilantro lime sauce and taco chips.



Wednesday - Two Topping Pizza \$14.95: Thin crust pizza with mozzarella and tomato sauce. Choose from pepperoni, bacon, ham, spicy beef, chicken, tomato, mushroom, peppers, black olives or onions.



Thursday - Chipotle Mozza Burger \$14.95: Our signature sirloin patty and crispy bacon smothered in melted mozzarella. Topped with fresh sliced tomato, fried onion rings, chipotle mayo and sweet bold barbeque sauce.



Friday - Steak & Suds \$24.95: 8 oz. Sirloin steak charbroiled and seasoned with our smoky dry rub. Served with fresh vegetables and a choice of mashed potatoes or french fries. **Plus a complimentary pint of ASD Lucky Lager.**



Saturday - Prime & Wine \$29.95: Certified Angus Prime Rib (8 oz. cut.) Served with fresh vegetables and a choice of mashed potatoes or french fries, horseradish, and Yorkshire pudding au jus. **Plus a complimentary 6 oz. glass of house wine.**



Sunday - Fish & Chips \$14.95: Two pieces of beer battered cod with tartar sauce and lemon. Served with french fries and coleslaw.



Reservations are not required. The above specials are available from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

Everyone who purchases one of the above specials will receive a coupon to play our free "Pick to Win" game in the VLT lounge for a chance to spin our lucky cash wheel where you can win up to \$100 cash!

At The Post with G.S. Thompson

Top Trainer Jared Brown Back In Town

56-year-old conditioner arrives early at ASD with new crop of youngsters



Trainer Jared Brown with 2023 Gold Cup runner-up Convention. (George Williams)

Trainer Jared Brown is back at Assiniboia Downs earlier than usual this spring, eager to get his promising new crop of babies on the track.

"You've got to get them going early," said Brown as we walked through his barn on Thursday morning.

Brown purchased six yearlings at the Keeneland September Sale last fall, paying particular attention to pedigree and conformation. Normally in Turf Paradise in Phoenix at this time of year, Brown still has some horses there after that track's late opening, but they'll all soon be here.

As we continue through the shedrow, Brown points out the first horse, a strapping chestnut filly by Del Mar Futurity (G1) winner Klimt. "I knew I could buy a Klimt for a good price," said Brown. "His babies don't seem to sell well for some reason."

He got her for \$1,000.



Grooms Christine Greaves (left) and Dodie Chmilowsky with Welcome to Hollywood. (George Williams)

Next is a well-bred daughter of Arkansas Derby (G1) winner Omaha Beach out of a mare that is a half sister to Monmouth Breeders' Cup Oaks (G3) winner Flying Glitter. Brown is partnered on the filly with owner John Ganas. Another filly, this one by multiple Grade 2 stakes winner Catalina Cruiser, was a bargain purchase for top Manitoba/owner breeder Cam Ziprick.

Brown's stable star for now is 2023 ASD Gold Cup runner-up Convention, who also ran second in the Harvey Warner Manitoba Mile. The friendly 5-year-old gelding posed for a photo with Brown, as his trainer fed him peppermints. "Convention is the barn leader right now until these babies hopefully step up," said Brown. "His biggest win is still ahead of him."



Equicizer time at ASD! (George Williams)

In addition to the six babies already on the grounds, Brown is expecting more horses to arrive soon. He currently has a string of 10 horses at Turf Paradise overseen by his barn foreman and partner Susan Crane.

"I've got about 26 horses so far this year between here, Phoenix, some at the farm in Saskatchewan, and a few others I've claimed or bought privately," said Brown "And I haven't really started putting partnerships together and claiming yet."

For the 56-year-old conditioner, now in his 25th year of training at Assiniboia Downs, it's the lifestyle that keeps him coming back each spring.

"Just being around the horses is the best part," he says simply, greeting his grooms Dodie Chmilowsky and Christine Greaves, who've worked for him for over a decade combined. "Some of my favourite horses over the years were Alpine Luck, Mixed Intent, and of course, champion claimer and sprinter Mark Ye Well."

Brown has compiled a career record of 577-560-519 from 3,924 starts for purse earnings of \$4,603,375. While he has yet to win a training title at the Downs, he has had some huge years here. He finished third in the standings in 2023, and second in both 2021 and 2022. He's looking forward to 2024 at ASD with a solid mix of older horses and 2-year-olds, but he won't be pushing the youngsters too hard.

"Two-year-olds to me aren't make or break at two," said Brown. "I just want to see how they progress, and have a good solid year overall. If we can get a couple stakes horses out of this group when they turn three and four, even better."

Brown has an excellent group of owners backing him including Kane Kachur, John Ganas, Lorna Gray, Pat Wallace, Ingrid Lee, Cam Ziprick and Violetta Adamczyk. His Omaha Beach filly fits perfectly with this bunch. Her name?

Welcome to Hollywood.



Assistant Track Superintendent Shane Ball filling the spreader with one of 23 loads of sand for the training track at ASD, which opens this Saturday. (George Williams)

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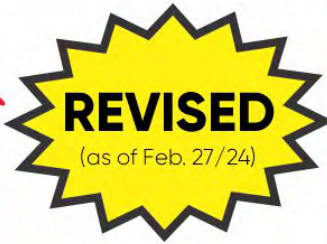
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CONDITION BOOK #1

Monday, May 20 - Wednesday, June 19, 2024

Download a copy of Condition Book #1 [here](#) or click on the image above.

2024 SHIPPING INCENTIVE PROGRAM

A one time credit per horse is automatically put in the horse owner's account by the racing bookkeeper after the horse has completed one start.

Zone 1 - \$250 per horse

Zone 2 - \$350 per horse

Zone 3 - \$500 per horse

Zone 4 \$1,000 per horse



Not Long Till Spring
Original painting by **Tim Cox**



"If we had no winter, spring would not be so pleasant." ~ Ann Bradstreet. "Not Long Till Spring" painted by Tim Cox. See more original paintings from Tim Cox [here](#).

Road to the Kentucky Derby

- Jeff Ruby Steaks (TP) - Mar. 23 - 100 points
- Louisiana Derby (FG) - Mar. 23 - 100 points
- UAE Derby (Mey) - Mar. 30 - 100 points
- Florida Derby (GP) - Mar. 30 - 100 points
- Arkansas Derby (OP) - Mar. 30 - 100 points
- Wood Memorial (Bel) - Apr. 6 - 100 points
- Blue Grass (Kee) - Apr. 6 - 100 points
- Santa Anita Derby - Apr. 6 - 100 points
- Lexington (Kee) - Apr. 13 - 20 points



2024 Kentucky Derby points standings - [here](#)

Kentucky Derby Future Wager Pool #5 Friday, March 15 to Sunday, March 17 - click [here](#)

Easter Brunch - Sunday, March 31 - **SOLD OUT**

We are excited to announce our Easter Brunch on Sunday, March 31 in the Terrace Dining Room from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Join us for a delicious brunch with your family and friends.

Our menu includes a variety of dishes such as:

- Sliced Certified Angus Prime Rib in Mushroom Sauce
- Carved Ham with Grilled Pineapple

- Scrambled Eggs with Green Onion
- Eggs Benedict
- Omelette Station
- Bacon
- Sausage
- Hashbrowns
- French Toast
- Caesar Salad
- Broccoli Salad
- Golden Beet Salad
- Wild Rice Salad
- Cheddar Cheese, Kolbassa & Pickles
- Smoked Sockeye Salmon Pizza
- Rolls, Flatbreads and Butter
- Croissants
- Sliced Fruit & Berries
- Cakes & Pastries

Tickets are priced at \$39.95 (adults), \$22.95 (12 & under), and \$9.95 (5 & under). **To purchase tickets, please call Samantha at 204-885-3330.**

This event sells out every year so order your tickets today!



Looking for a Special Photo of Your Big Horse or...?

Track Photographer Jason Halstead may have just what you're looking for



Lady Nyla (#1 inside) wins a 4-horse photo in the 4th race on July 18, 2023 for trainer Don Senebald. Shavon Belle up. And she paid \$23.50 to win! (Jason Halstead / Assiniboia Photo)

Looking for that extra-special photo of your big horse, one you might not find in your win pictures? Track photographer Jason Halstead takes numerous photos during the races, and not all of them can make it into the win photos. If you're looking for something frameable from your big race, or of your special horse, email Jason at jjhphoto@gmail.com. Prices are excellent! Almost as good as his photos 😊

Wager on Top Tracks



Watch and wager on world class racing from the comfort of your private carrel in our race book located on the 2nd level of the grandstand. The race book is open daily at 10 a.m.

Can't make it to the track? Visit one of our partner locations listed below or wager at HPIbet.com. Click [here](#) for a list of tracks to wager on during the month of March.

Carryover Watch

- Gulfstream (March 15) - Jackpot Pick 6 carryover \$205,235

See all carryovers [here](#).

Can't make it to the track to wager?

Watch and wager at one of our off-track betting 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](#)
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Wagers must be placed using your HPIbet Rewards Card. The week (*) is designated as Monday through Sunday. Any bonus money earned during this period will be deposited to your HPI account on Wednesday by 5 p.m. Betting bonus cash is in addition to regular HPIbet rewards points earned. Assiniboia Downs reserves the right to alter or amend this promotion at any time. Bonus calculations are available on payouts of \$2.20 and above. Maximum weekly bonus deposit \$1,000.

"I Won Bigg" Wagering Group Saturday at 10:30 a.m. (2nd floor plaza)

Join the "I Won Bigg" wagering group this Saturday at 10:30 a.m. The wagering group is open to everyone. This week they will be playing Tampa and Santa Anita. \$20 per share. If you would like more information please email [Larry](#).

A Snapshot in Time by Track Historian Bob Gates



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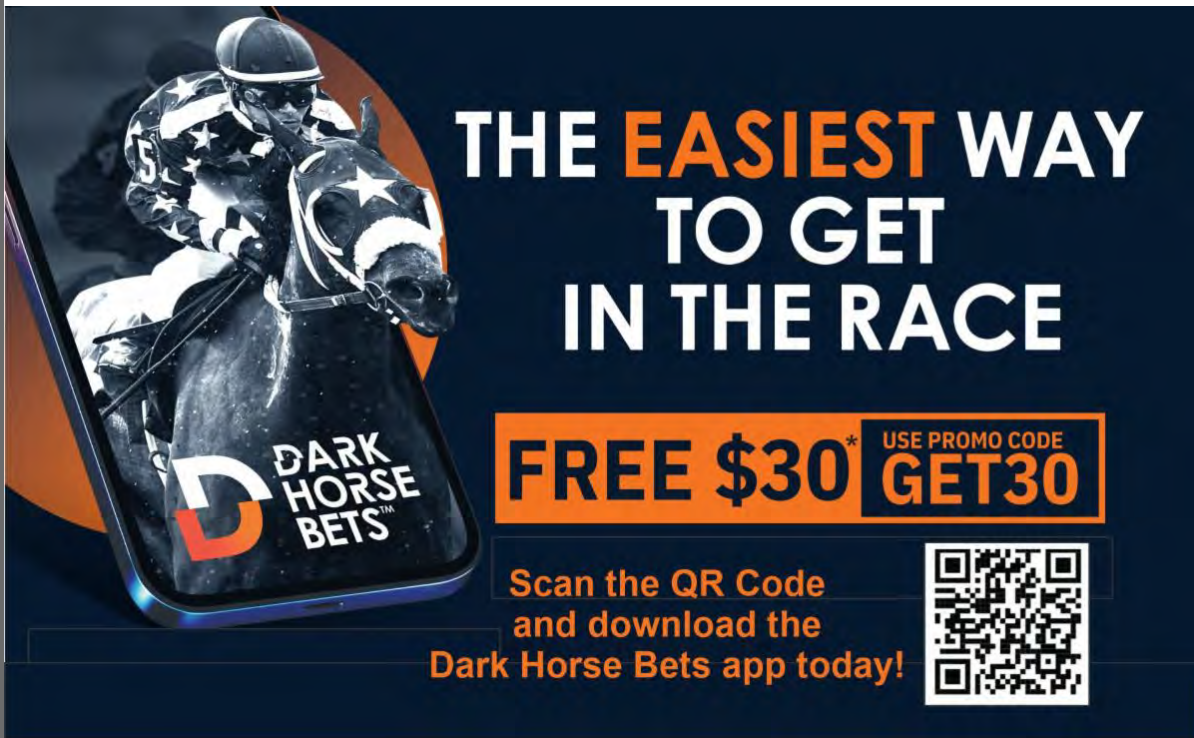
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TRAINER LEN ANDERSON

OWNER NORM CHERNIE

While Tom Dodds is not in the above photo, he had "Hasty" in his barn for some time. He described him as a horse that gave it his all every time out. Tom said this lower-level claimer never lost a race because of a lack of effort. "He was all heart and ran his eyeballs out every time he ran." (Gerry Hart photo)




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Domestic Product Nips No More Time in Tampa Bay Derby

A tote issue that delayed post time prevented many from wagering



Domestic Product (green cap) wins a close Tampa Bay Derby photo. (SV Photography)

Neither a post time delay of more than a half-hour due to a tote outage, nor a sluggish pace, could stop strong-finishing Domestic Product from winning the March 9 Tampa Bay Derby (G3), which was run as a non-wagering race. More from the *Blood Horse* [here](#).

165th King's Plate: First Look at Early Contenders

My Boy Prince tops King's Plate contenders on Canadian Thoroughbred's first look



Sahin Civaci guides My Boy Prince to victory for owner Gary Barber and trainer Mark Casse in the \$200,000 Simcoe Stakes. (Woodbine/ Michael Burns Photo)

The King's Plate may be over five months away, but it's never too early to get an early list of horses to watch with Woodbine slated to open in just over 50 days. The 165th Plate is set for Saturday, August 17 and of course the Woodbine Oaks, the 3-year-old filly equivalent, will be held a month earlier. More from Jennifer Morrison at the *Canadian Thoroughbred* [here](#).

Kentucky Derby Rankings by Steve Haskin

The Road to the Derby, March 11, 2024 – Week 8



"Another race this week in which we learned nothing, so we're back to 15 and keeping the list somewhat elite, while letting the rest of them fight it out in the big 100-point races. There is so little separating many of these horses the order is virtually meaningless until further developments and racing results reveal which true Derby contenders will emerge from the pack. ~ Steve Haskin. Read more at [Secretariat.com](#) [here](#).

Best of Bob

by *ASD Historian Bob Gates*

A newspaper article written 75 years ago was Bob's inspiration for this week's blog. Have you heard of Slim Keith or Contributor? Probably not, but it's such a good story! Bob has it [here](#) (from June 14, 2019).



Upcoming events at ASD

- Break Open Bonanza - Draws for Break-Open tickets - Monday to Friday - [more info](#)
- Lucky Spins - Draws for \$20 in free VLT Spins - Friday to Sunday - [more info](#)
- Player's Choice Handicapping Tournament - Saturday, March 16 - [more info](#)
- Good Friday, Friday, March 29 - VLTs open regular hours 10 a.m. to 1 a.m.
- Easter Sunday, Sunday, March 31 - VLTs open regular hours 10 a.m. to 1 a.m.
- Easter Brunch - Sunday, March 31 - [more info](#)

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