

Historic Track gears up for 107th season of Grand Circuit racing

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Goshen, NY --- Goshen Historic Track, where it all started and where it still is today, is gearing up for its 180th season of exciting harness racing and 2017 will mark the 107th year of Grand Circuit racing at "the Cradle of the Trotter."

Racing action this season at Historic Track commences with three consecutive Sundays of matinee racing programs beginning June 4 and continuing on the Sundays of June 11 and June 18. Post times for all three matinee race cards will be at 1 p.m. This year will be the 56th consecutive season of matinee racing over the historic double-oval.

Grand Circuit racing begins on Saturday (July 1) and will feature 3-year-old pacers in the New York State Excelsior Series followed on Sunday (July 2) with events for 3-year-old trotters in the Excelsior Series along with a race under saddle.

Also on that Sunday afternoon card is the annual Hall of Fame Trot with various members of harness racing's Hall of Fame at the controls which has always been a fan favorite. And after that race the Hall of Famers will be available for photos and autographs.

Then that evening the annual Hall of Fame banquet will again be held under the tent on the lawn of the Harness Racing Museum.

Featured on Monday (July 3) will be the C.K.G. Billings Amateur Trots along with the Landmark Stakes for 2- and 3-year-old pacers and trotters.

The 2017 racing season in Goshen ends on Tuesday (July 4) featuring the New York County Fair Stakes for 2- and 3-year-old trotters and pacers.

Post times for Grand Circuit action will also be at 1 p.m.

A wonderful new addition to Historic Track this season is the Goshen Equine Spa located on the backstretch adjacent to the racing paddock stalls. It is available to all types of horses.

The Cold Saltwater Hydrotherapy Spa can be used to treat and prevent a multitude of injuries. At 35°F/2°C saltwater temperatures, the spa can address virtually all lower leg injuries. The treatment temperature alone induces a massive rush of blood and enhanced circulation which otherwise would not be present. Drug-free, the spa therapy can be used to increase mobility and reduce swelling in the limbs before and after competitive events and training. It is ideal for injury prevention.

For further information about the Equine Spa or to make an appointment call 845.294.5333 or 609.865.9388.