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SUFFOLK DOWNS 2009 LIVE RACING SEASON FACT SHEET

- WHAT:** Suffolk Downs 2009 live racing season
- WHEN:** May 2 through November 7 (101 racing days)
- WHERE:** Suffolk Downs, East Boston, MA
- OPENING DAY:** Saturday, May 2
First post time – 1:15 p.m.
- LIVE RACING SCHEDULE:** **May:** Wednesdays, Saturdays, Memorial Day (25th), Hot Dog Safari Day (31st)
June 3-November 7: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays
- POST TIME:** 12:45 p.m. (1:15 p.m. on Triple Crown race days: May 2, May 16 and June 6)

COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY: The “Commitment to Community” program, which commences on Opening Day, will feature a series of Saturdays celebrating individuals and organizations that make a positive difference in eight surrounding communities: East Boston, Revere, Winthrop, Chelsea, Everett, Lynn, Saugus and Salem. On these days, the designated city or town will be recognized in a variety of ways, including “Community Winner’s Circle” presentations which honor individuals and groups who have dedicated themselves to worthy causes in the local community, honor guard presentations, national anthem performances and other unique opportunities.

COMMUNITY WINNER’S CIRCLE: The “Community Winner’s Circle” was established last year in a continuation of the track’s long-standing community outreach program. Each “Community Winner’s Circle” honoree is recognized by the track in a winner’s circle ceremony and with a contribution to a cause of their choice.

MASSCAP RECEIVES GRADE, WILL BE RUN THIS FALL: The track’s marquee event, the Massachusetts Handicap, which has earned Grade III status by the American Graded Stakes Committee, is slated for the fall. Track officials are in the process of finalizing the timing of the MassCap and will announce the date in the coming weeks.

10-CENT SUPERFECTA ON EVERY RACE: Suffolk Downs will now be offering a 10-cent superfecta wager on all of its races. The track added this exotic wager to its daily menu on a limited basis in 2007 and continued it last year.

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TRAINER REWARDS PROGRAM TO BENEFIT TRF: Trainers at Suffolk Downs will be contributing to the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation (TRF) through the Trainer Rewards Program, a special arrangement between Cargill's Nutrena® brand and local retail feed provider Dodge Grain. The Trainer Rewards Program is available to all trainers at Suffolk Downs who purchase designated Nutrena® brand feeds from Dodge Grain, a longtime feed provider at the track. For every bag of designated Nutrena® feed purchased by a trainer in excess of 60 bags per month, Cargill will donate 50 cents to the TRF and give the trainer a rebate of 50 cents to use toward future Nutrena feed purchases.

THE 20TH ANNUAL HOT DOG SAFARI: The Hot Dog Safari is celebrating its 20th year. This year's event will take place on **Sunday, May 31**. Gates open at 9 a.m. In addition to the food, fun and games, the day features a full racing program. First post time is 12:45 p.m. New this year, the Phantom Gourmet will be broadcasting live at the track from 1-3 p.m. on 96.9 WTKK FM Talk. Tickets are \$10 when purchased in advance, \$15 at the door. Children six and under are admitted free. All proceeds benefit the Joey Fund and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. To purchase tickets, visit the Customer Service Center at Suffolk Downs or go to **aceticket.com**. For more information, visit **phantomgourmet.com** or call **1-800-966-0444**.

PHANTOM GOURMET BBQ BEACH PARTY: One of the premier barbecue events in the nation is coming to Suffolk Downs. The 3-day Phantom Gourmet BBQ Beach Party will take place **Friday, June 26 through Sunday, June 28**. This event features the best barbecue teams in the world from Australia to Virginia, plus additional favorite summer foods, music, beer gardens, and 100 tons of sand. Event hours are 11 a.m.-11 p.m. daily. Live racing on Saturday. First post time is 12:45 p.m. Tickets are \$5 when purchased in advance, \$10 at the door (ticket does not include food and beverage). To purchase tickets, go to **aceticket.com**. For more information, visit **phantomgourmet.com**.

SUFFOLK DOWNS GOLF UMBRELLA GIVEAWAY: On Independence Day, **Saturday, July 4th**, fans will receive a green and white Suffolk Downs golf umbrella FREE with paid admission (while supplies last).

WALK NOW FOR AUTISM: For the third straight year, the Greater Boston Walk Now for Autism will take place at Suffolk Downs. This year's walk is scheduled for **Sunday, October 18**. Last year, nearly 20,000 walkers circled the track to raise funds for autism awareness and research.

PHANTOM GOURMET BEER AND FOOD PHEST: The Phantom Gourmet Beer and Food Phest, held for the first time in 2008, returns this year as an expanded two-day affair on **Saturday and Sunday, October 24-25**. Live racing on Saturday. First post time is 12:45 p.m. To purchase tickets, go to **aceticket.com** (ticket does not include food and beverage). For more information, visit **phantomgourmet.com**.

For additional information, visit www.suffolkdowns.com.

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