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NY Racing Fan Advisory Council hosting Stewards and Jockey Agents Town Hall in Saratoga on July 19

Angel Cordero, Jr. & Richard Migliore among participants for behind-the-scenes event

The New York Racing Fan Advisory Council (RFAC) will host a public town hall on July 19 with the Stewards that oversee races at The New York Racing Association (NYRA) tracks, as well as agents for the most successful jockeys in the country. Legendary jockey Richard Migliore will join the RFAC to participate in the panel discussions.

Among its mission to grow the fan base of New York horse racing, the [RFAC is charged with educating fans on significant industry topics](#). This event presents an excellent opportunity for racing fans to learn about the intricacies of how decisions are made at the track each day.

“The Racing Fan Advisory Council is proud to host this inaugural event, which will provide an in-depth ‘behind-the-scenes’ look at how the decisions are made that impact the races we love,” said RFAC Chair Craig Alfred. “All race fans are invited to this special event on the eve of the Saratoga meet to learn more about this great sport.”

The event is free, open to the public and will feature two panels filled with anecdotes and Q&A:

Wednesday, July 19, 2017
7-9 p.m.
Fasig-Tipton Pavilion
153 George Street
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Panel 1: Ask the Stewards (7-8 p.m.)

The RFAC and Migliore will moderate a discussion with NYRA Stewards (NYSGC’s Stephen Lewandowski, NYRA’s Braulio Baeza, Jr. and The Jockey Club’s Jim Edwards) about:

- How they approach their job
- What standards they use for making calls (e.g. “[Category 2](#)”)
- Review of the race call (with video replay) of the 2016 Sword Dancer

Panel 2: Jockey Agents – What do they do? (8-9 p.m.)

The RFAC and Migliore will moderate a discussion with popular Jockey Agents (Angel Cordero, Jr. (John Velazquez and Manny Franco), Tony Micallef (Rajiv Maragh), Steve Rushing (Irada Ortiz, Jr.), Mike Lakow (Javier Castellano), Jimmy Riccio, Jr. (Jose Ortiz and Joe Bravo), Ron Anderson (Joel Rosario) and Richard Depass (Luis Saez)) about:

- How they determine which mounts from high-demand riders to give to trainers;
- Relationships with other agents
- Relationship with their riders

To learn more about the RFAC and its members, please visit [here](#).