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## Letter From the Editor

Dear Fans,

We were rained out at the Horseshoe last Monday but we'll be back on August 18 and hopefully enjoying sunny weather. We would love to have you join us there for conversation and other pleasantries.

Today begins the second half of the meet, hopefully the dry half. In the first eighteen days we experienced sixteen days of rain and as I don't need to remind you, it was something other than summer showers. But remember, yesterday is history and tomorrow is a mystery. Today we have a picture perfect summer day. Hopefully many of you can get out and enjoy the races. It will seem like a celebration to be able to dress normally, move around freely, and see horses perform more predictably.

Handicapping is back in style. If you struggle with that discipline, I recommend for you to come to the track a little early and catch our educational seminars in the 'B' section of the carousel. Jeanne Wood and Andrea Delong are doing a terrific job orienting newcomers to the nuances of handicapping and their refresher course is sharpening the handicapping skills of seasoned bettors. It was a lucky day for Thorofan when these two gals grasped our vision and offered to team up with us to offer this segment of our educational program.

We are looking for trainers, jockeys, owners and other racing professionals who can wiggle a little time away from their busy lives and help us to intrigue fans with inside information about their trades. Every individual in this sport is a unique and special story. Racing is not like baseball or football where youthful careers lay the way to get drafted. It is not like Harvard Business School prepared individuals for this field. Racing draws people into its fold in magical, almost mystical ways. The how's and why's they got into this game is always interesting to learn. Thorofan wants people to hear as many as these stories as possible. Too much of the magic of racing is kept in the inner circles, not by design but because its uniqueness is difficult to share. To change this is one of Thorofan's major goals. This is an open plea for others in the industry to recognize the importance of this goal and to help us share the beauty and magic of this wonderful sport.

Remember Thorofan is about the fan. Fans make this sport possible so let's get together and provide them with more and better reasons to be fans.

Good Racing Luck to All,  
The Editor



*"Horseracing is a peculiar institution and a gracious, exciting way of life. It is also a state of mind, like Greenwich Village, Christmas, and schizophrenia."*

*~David Alexander*

### QUOTABLE

*"The task of the writer is to seize the reader by the back of the neck and force him to love life" ~ Leo Tolstoy*

*This editor's task is to take fans by the forelock and lead them back to the traditions and joys of horseracing.*