

Mohawk Raceway opens Sunday

By Colin Gibson

Mohawk Raceway in Campbellville opens its gates to the public tomorrow (Sunday) and the fall harness racing season is introduced with a definite "bang-for-the-buck" for the paying customers.

Racing starts at 7:30 p.m. - \$1 General Admission and a free program - and those who follow the horse-

drawn sulkies will be treated to the \$225,000 Champlain Stakes for two-year-old pacing colts and the \$220,000 Simcoe Stakes for three-year-old pacing colts.

Mohawk Raceway opened in the spring of 1963 and in its 30th year of operation, is considered Canada's most modern racing facility.

Mohawk offers major league harness racing five nights a week, Fridays through Tuesdays starting at 7:30 p.m. and giant video screens are available for those who wish to relax in either the Sports Lounge or Sports Dining Room and make the odd wager.

In 1988, a new clubhouse and lounge added to the allure of the facility for harness racing aficionados, and four new escalators hummed into operation.

Mohawk Raceway, owned and operated by the Ontario Jockey Club, is open year-round to serve as a training centre for area horsemen.

The facility - on a 450-acre tract of land - surrounded by woodlands of spruce, cedar, pine and birch, blends in well with the rural countryside, but is easily accessed.

A 20-minute journey from Halton Hills, it can best be reached by taking the 401 west to Guelph Line and turning north. Mohawk is just a quarter-mile north of the 401.

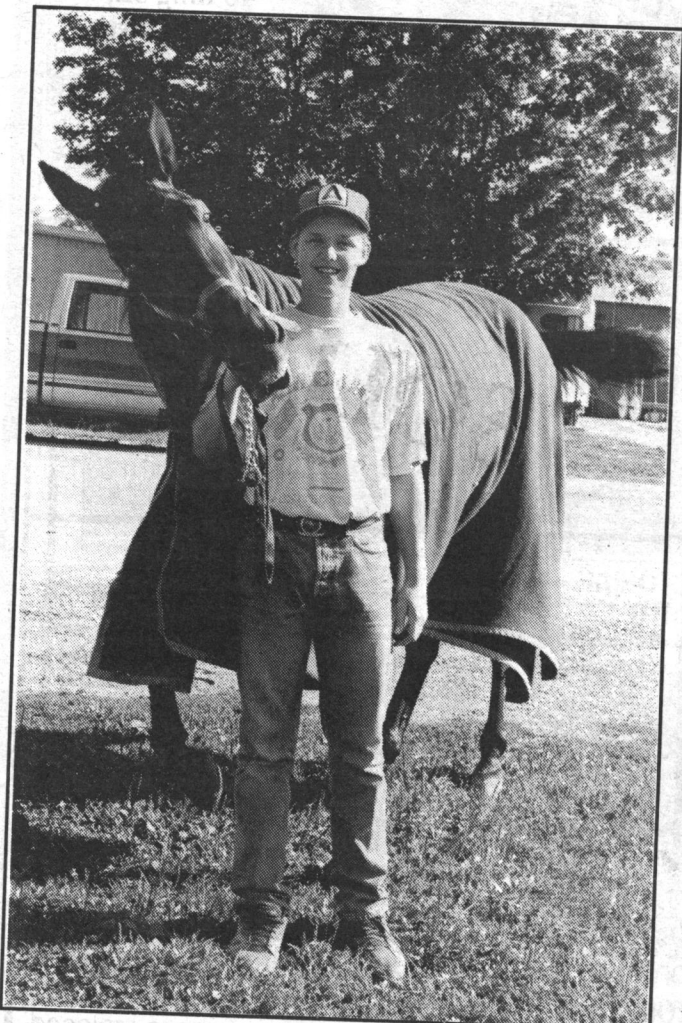
The highlight of Mohawk's fall racing season will take place Oct. 8, with the hosting of harness racing's showcase, the Breeders Crown.

Four finals will be presented with a total of over \$1 million up for grabs.

On Oct. 22, the annual Mohawk Fall Fair is scheduled, with a total family-oriented entertainment package including, agricultural displays, an auction, homebaked goods and numerous displays.



Evil Annie, seen here cooling off at Mohawk Raceway's shedrow with driver Chris Caputto, is said to have a somewhat contrary nature. The horse is reportedly named after its owner's wife, all in good fun, of course. The fall harness racing season at Mohawk opens tomorrow, (Sunday). photo by Colin Gibson/HHTW



18-year-old Hank Greff has a firm grip on a frisky Armbr Legacy on the backstretch of Mohawk Raceway in Campbellville. Hank's father Henny, trains horses both in Canada and in Holland and the young man will soon be returning to his native land after spending the summer in Canada. photo by Colin Gibson/HHTW

Off and running at Mohawk Raceway

By Kathy Wade-Vlaar

Welcome back! Mohawk Raceway, the OJC's country raceway is ready for another exciting season of North America's finest harness racing starting Sunday (tomorrow) and continuing through Dec. 7. Opening week is highlighted by over \$1.5 million in Grand Circuit stakes action featuring North America's finest two and three-year-old trotting and pacing stars, not to mention the accomplished and prominent horsemen of the sport.

Sunday night the season gets underway with the \$225,000 Champlain Stakes for two-year-old pacing colts and the \$220,000 Simcoe Stakes for three-

year-old pacing colts. Racing starts at 7:30 p.m. and fans can enjoy the welcome back pack - \$1 General Admission and a free program.

Racing continues at the Campbellville oval with Grand Circuit stakes each night of opening week on Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday with a 7:30 p.m. start each night.

The Metro Pacing Stakes, which annually attracts the sport's finest freshmen, with a purse of \$600,000 is one of the big racing events of the meeting and is scheduled for Sept. 25 with eliminations on Sept. 18. Some of the expected starters include: Greenwood track record holder Expensive Scooter, Woodrow Wilson winner, Magical Mike, Armbr MacKintosh and Million to One.

On Sept. 26, the older distaffers move into the limelight for the \$100,000 (est) Milton Pacing Stakes for three-year-olds and up. Defending champion and millionaire Shady Daisy, one of the toughest mares ever to look through a bridle, is expected to compete.

The highlight of the fall meet is The Breeders Crown, the championship forum for harness racing.

On Friday, Oct. 8, Mohawk will present the

four finals with a total of over \$1.2 million in purse money for the older pacing horses, pacing mares, trotting horses and trotting mares. These events will showcase the sport's superstars - both horses and drivers. It promises to be a night no racing fan will want to miss!

Back by popular demand for the fall is The People's Horse promotion where racing fans have an opportunity to share in the ownership of a harness horse. Watch for details of this exciting event on track.

Of course, the fall meet wouldn't be complete without the annual Mohawk Fall Fair, which is scheduled for Oct. 22 and Oct. 23. The fair features handicrafts, demonstrations, agricultural displays, homebaked goods, an auction, and nightly entertainment - something for every member of the family.

If you want to take in North America's finest harness racing in style, consider a night in our trackside dining room - The Terrace. The Terrace offers a great view of all the racing action plus fine dining at affordable prices. For reservations, call 854-2255.

For winning entertainment, join us at Mohawk this fall - it's where the money is!



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HARNESS RACING RETURNS TO MOHAWK THIS SUNDAY WITH \$1 ADMISSION & FREE PROGRAM

World-class harness racing rolls back into your neighbourhood this Sunday, featuring some of North America's best two and three-year-old pacing stars. Be there opening night, this Sunday September 5th, and Saturday September 11th, and get \$1 general admission and a free program. General admission is regularly \$3.50. Clubhouse is \$5.00. Bring your friends harness racing Fridays through Tuesdays. Post time is 7:30 p.m.

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Blacksmith Ken Carter of Erin makes sure Miami Blues' shoe fits leading up to the fall harness racing season at Mohawk Raceway in Campbellville which gets underway tomorrow, (Sunday). photo by Colin Gibson/HHTW