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Steeplechase community turning out for Hall of Fame induction ceremonies

The American Steeplechasing community will be turning out in force this month for the induction of champion steeplechase trainer Tom Voss and two-time champion Good Night Shirt into the National Museum of Racing's Hall of Fame.

The induction ceremony will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 4, at Fasig-Tipton's Humphrey Finney Sales Pavilion. The induction is open to the public, and admission is free.

The National Steeplechase Association Board of Directors will meet on Thursday, Aug. 3, and a social event for steeplechase participants hosted by Mimi Voss and Good Night Shirt owner Harold "Sonny" Via will be held that evening.

Voss, a universally respected Maryland horseman who died in early 2014, will be the 21st steeplechase participant to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. He was the NSA's champion trainer by wins five times, most recently in 2011, and led the earnings table three times.

In all, he won 394 steeplechase races and had purse winnings of \$8,868,201, the third-highest total behind Jonathan Sheppard and Jack Fisher. He trained Sarah and Ken Ramsey's Slip Away to the 2010 Eclipse Award.

Voss was equally adept on the flat and over fences, and roughly half of his career earnings were on the main track. He is best known as the trainer of John's Call, a two-time Grade 1 winner who eventually became Voss' stable pony.

Good Night Shirt is the 19th steeplechase horse to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Trained by Fisher throughout his jumps career, Good Night Shirt was the Eclipse Award champion steeplechase horse in 2007 and 2008. He won eight Grade 1 races and was undefeated in 2008, when he broke his 2007 record for single-season earnings with \$485,520 in purse winnings.



Good Night Shirt, a two-time winner of the Colonial Cup (above) and five-time champion trainer Tom Voss (right) will be inducted into Thoroughbred racing's Hall of Fame.

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Among his Grade 1 victories were the Iroquois Steeplechase, Lonesome Glory Handicap, and Marion duPont Scott Colonial Cup, all of which he won twice, and the 2008 editions of the Grand National and the Atlanta Cup.

He retired midway through the 2009 season and currently ranks second on the all-time earnings list with \$1,006,493 in purses.



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NSA participating in Equestricon

For the horse racing world, Saratoga Race Course is the place to be in August, and steeplechasing has been a part of the scene at the Upstate New York track since 1864. Steeplechase races, including two Grade 1 stakes, will be featured throughout the summer season of world-class racing at the New York Racing Association track.

The Saratoga Springs area will have a new fan attraction this year, the inaugural edition of Equestricon, and the National Steeplechase Association will be an exhibitor at the event. Equestricon will run Aug. 13-15, the latter two days at the Saratoga Springs City Center.

The NSA will maintain a booth at the City Center to introduce new and longtime racing fans to the excitement of steeplechasing racing. The NSA's Equestricon activities are under the supervision of Courtney C. Reid, racing operations coordinator.



Visitors to the NSA exhibition will be greeted by a colorful banner, shown below, that depicts the excitement of horses racing over fences.

In addition to information about jump racing, Equestricon visitors will have something to take away with them and a chance to win one of the hottest tickets in all of horse racing.

The takeaway will be a postcard-sized refrigerator magnet containing the NSA's racing lineup at Saratoga and Belmont Park as well as the fall racing schedule. The Saratoga

schedule runs through August, and two steeplechase stakes, including the Lonesome Glory Handicap (Gr. 1), will be held at Belmont on Thursday, Sept. 21.

A drawing will be held for two tickets to the 97th edition of the Far Hills Races in New Jersey on Saturday, Oct. 21. Always a sellout, the Far Hills Races will offer \$800,000 in total purses this year and will feature the year's richest race, the \$400,000 Grand National (Gr. 1). The tickets are courtesy of the Far Hills Race Association.

In addition to exhibitions, Equestricon will offer more than 50 panels, workshops, autograph signings, and other activities over the two days at the City Center. For a full schedule of activities and ticketing information, visit the Equestricon website at Equestricon.com.

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