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2012 RECAP: HANDLE RECORDS SET FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR RUNCO, MONTANO TOP STANDINGS

Charles Town, WV (December 28, 2012) – In addition to hosting the track's first ever Grade 2 race, seeing multiple long standing track records broken by Good Lord and Lucy's Bob Boy and another series of successful event days, 2012 saw Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races' live racing season also reach new handle and wagering heights. Following the closure of its 2012 season on Friday evening, Charles Town was able to boast a new annual record for average daily handle for a second consecutive year, and this time did so by hitting the 7-figure mark for the first time in the track's 79 year history.

When all was said and done in 2012, the average daily all-sources number of $1,001,938 – which includes all completed live racing programs - established a new benchmark, topping the previous record of $954,280 set in 2011, by 5%. A new record for total all-sources handle was also set in 2012 with $227,660,327 wagered on Charles Town's races.

"To be racing as long as Charles Town has and now reach a milestone like this is something our entire team should be immensely proud of," said Vice President of Racing Operations Erich Zimny about hitting the $1 million mark in average daily handle. "We'll do our best to build on our 2012 success as we move forward in 2013."

However, setting new standards for the highest average daily handle and total annual handle in track history were only two of several pari-mutuel records established at Charles Town in 2012. The full list of those all-time pari-mutuel marks includes:

- Highest average daily all-sources handle ($1,001,938)
- Highest average daily export handle ($948,250)
- Total annual all-sources handle ($227,660,327)
- Total annual export handle ($215,454,197)
- Consecutive live cards handling $1,000,000 or more (23 – 2/14/12 to 3/15/12)
- Highest average daily all-sources handle in a single month (April 2012 - $1,354,412)
- Highest average daily export handle in a single month (April 2012 - $1,292,386)
- Total all-sources handle in a single month (March 2012 - $29,426,572)
- Total export handle in a single month (March 2012 - $28,232,739)
- Highest single card export handle (April 14 - $3,174,035)
- Highest single card all-sources handle (April 14 - $3,441,631)
- Largest single race handle (April 14, Charles Town Classic - $1,006,789)
- Largest Pick 4 pool (April 14 - $159,056)

All told, average daily handle at Charles Town has grown 30% between 2009 and 2012.

Jockey Jose Montano, who spent much of 2012 as an apprentice, cruised to the riding title by racking up 216 wins, 109 ahead of runner-up Travis Dunkelberger. Montano, who came into 2012 with just 28 victories to his name, saw his 1,027 mounts earn a total of $3,442,187 on the racetrack. Included in those 216 wins were 5 stakes triumphs, including one division of the Tri-State Futurity and a pair in the West Virginia Breeders' Classics.

For the seventh consecutive year, Jeff Runco found himself on top of Charles Town's trainer standings. Runco won 159 races at the track in 2012, including a pair of scores in the West Virginia Breeders' Classics with Waves and Tides and In the Fairway. In addition to topping the list at Charles Town, Runco's 2012 campaign will enable him to finish amongst the country's top 25 trainers in wins for the fifth straight year and he also stands poised to finish in the top 10 nationally for the first time in his career. Ronney Brown finished second with 79 victories.

On April 14, Charles Town hosted the first Grade 2 in track history and the $1,000,000 Charles Town Classic once again featured a deep and talented field. The 2011 Charles Town Classic marked the first time a non-Breeders Cup race in the United States had 10 or more starters, all of which went into the gate as a graded stakes winner, since the 2006 Arlington Million and the 2012 Classic was able to duplicate that same feat.

While trainer Todd Pletcher had saddled the beaten favorite in the previous two Charles Town Classics, 2012 played out differently as Mike Repole's Caixa Eletronica gave Pletcher his first win in West Virginia's richest race, defeating defending champion Duke of Mischief by 3 lengths. The 2012 Charles Town Classic was also responsible for establishing a new record for the largest single card handle in track history with $3,441,631 being put through the windows. The Classic itself also set a single race handle benchmark for the track, as a total of $1,006,789 was wagered on the race.

The 5th annual Charles Town Sprint Festival on June 30 was highlighted by the $400,000 Red Legend, the second richest sprint for three-year-olds in the country. Sum of the Parts and jockey Leandro Goncalves never looked back, drawing off to a 3 ¾ length win over Il Villano. The win signaled what was to come for Sum of the Parts as he went on to capture a Breeders' Cup Win & You're In Challenge race in the Stoll Keenon Ogden Phoenix (G3) later in the year, prior to running fourth in the XpressBet Breeders' Cup Sprint.

Charles Town also hosted the country's second richest sprint for three-year-old fillies in 2012 as the $400,000 Charles Town Oaks served as the feature on the fourth Race for the Ribbon card. Five of the top seven finishers in the Test (G1) were back in the Charles Town Oaks and one of those, Gary & Mary West's Book Review, provided trainer Chad Brown with his first win at Charles Town as she came from well back to beat longshot Holiday Soiree. Book Review would later come back and validate the strength of the Charles Town Oaks by winning the La Brea (G1) at Santa Anita on December 26, defeating the likes of champion My Miss Aurelia in the process.

Race for the Ribbon day was punctuated by a series of events to help raise money for breast cancer care and research, with more than $15,000 ultimately raised for the West Virginia Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure Foundation. The all-sources handle of $1,912,570 also represented the largest non-Charles Town Classic day total in track history.

West Virginia Breeders' Classics XXVI took place on October 20 and while Russell Road was aiming for his third consecutive win in the $500,000 Breeders' Classic, a three-year-old stole the show with Lucy's Bob Boy romping to an 8 length triumph over his elder counterparts. Lucy's Bob Boy, who would later go on to smash the 36 year old track record for 6 ½ furlongs, provided trainer Sandra Dono and jockey Gustavo Larrosa with the biggest wins of their respective careers. All told, Breeders' Classics XXVI included 9 races worth more than $1.3 million in purse money.

As the year drew to a close at Charles Town, the track announced its plans for 2013, which not only included 235 live racing days, but also an increase in the Charles Town Classic purse to $1,500,000. The $500,000 increase allows for the 2013 Charles Town Classic – which will be held on April 20 – to be the most lucrative thoroughbred race run in the United States outside of the Kentucky Derby and Breeders' Cup.

Charles Town's 2013 racing season kicks off on Wednesday, January 3, with post time for the first race scheduled for 7:15pm EST.

HOLLYWOOD CASINO AT CHARLES TOWN RACES YEAR-END STATISTICAL RECAP

2012 HANDLE*

	2012	2011	Diff. ($)	Diff. (%)
All Live Racing Programs**	231	232	(1)	-0.4%
Gross Live Handle**	$12,281,319	$13,332,502	($1,051,183)	-7.9%
Gross Export Handle**	$215,454,197	$208,060,353	$7,393,844	3.6%
Gross All-Sources Handle**	$227,660,327	$221,392,855	$6,267,472	2.8%

	2012	2011	Diff. ($)	Diff. (%)
Avg. Daily Live Handle***	$54,025	$57,468	($3,443)	-6.0%
Avg. Daily Export Handle***	$948,250	$896,812	$51,438	5.7%
Avg. Daily All-Sources Handle***	$1,001,938	$954,280	$47,658	5.0%

* Preliminary, unaudited totals

** Includes all partial, live racing programs

*** Only includes full, completed live racing programs

2012 LEADERS BY WINS

	HORSES			*JOCKEYS*			*TRAINERS*	
1.	Lucy's Bob Boy	7	1.	Jose Montano	213	1.	Jeff Runco	159
2.	Firstie	6	2.	Travis Dunkelberger	107	2.	Ronney Brown	79
T3.	Bigum	5	3.	Arnaldo Bocachica	103	3.	Scooter Davis	58
T3.	Broad But Nice	5	4.	J.D. Acosta	100	4.	Ollie Figgins, III	54
T3.	Fear the Facelift	5	5.	Clifford Dooley	93	5.	Crystal Pickett	42
T3.	Graemy	5	6.	Gerald Almodovar	88	6.	James W. Casey	39
T3.	Righteous Again	5	7.	Alexis X. Batista	87	7.	Stephanie Beattie	37
T3.	Rita Haywood	5	8.	Antonio Lopez	81	8.	Kevin Patterson	35
T3.	Short But Sweet	5	9.	Erik Ramirez	77	9.	Stacey Viands	29
T3.	T.M.'s Treasure	5	10.	Matt McGowan	75	10.	David Walters	28

2012 STAKES WINNERS

Date	Race	Purse	Conditions	Winner	2nd	3rd
Apr. 14	Charles Town Classic (G2)	$1,000,000	4&up, 1 1/8 Miles	Caixa Eletronica	Duke of Mischief	Mister Marti Gras
Apr. 14	Robert Hilton Memorial	$250,000	F&M 4&up, 7 Furlongs	Flashy Dresser	Mr. Handsome	Trippi's Secret
Apr. 14	Sugar Maple	$200,000	F&M 4&up, 7 Furlongs	Magical Feeling	Island Bound	Strike the Moon
Apr. 14	Webb Snyder S.	$50,000	3&up 4 1/2 Furlongs	Immortal Eyes	Yukon Wildcat	Who's Big Daddy
Apr. 14	Original Gold S. (WV)	$50,000	F&M 3&up, 7 Furlongs	Silver Heart	Cat o' Nine Tails	Buckle Bunny Babe
Apr. 14	Confucius Say S. (WV)	$50,000	3&up, 7 Furlongs	Russell Road	Son of a Bear	Confederate Silver
May 19	It's Only Money Stakes (WV)	$50,000	3&up, 4 1/2 Furlongs	Russell Road	Henry the Lover	Mastic Village
May 26	It's Binn Too Long S. (WV)	$50,000	F 3yo, 4 1/2 Furlongs	Nightime Fun	Navy Chapel	Fear the Facelift
Jun. 30	Red Legend	$400,000	3yo, 7 Furlongs	Sum of the Parts	Il Villano	Mr. Handsome
Jun. 30	Wild & Wonderful	$100,000	3&up, 7 Furlongs	Good Lord	Bandbox	Hurricane Ike
Jun. 30	Lady Charles Town	$75,000	F 3yo, 6 1/2 Furlongs	Doe	Jazzy Idea	Moon Philly
Jun. 30	Charles Town Dash	$70,000	3&up 4 1/2 Furlongs	Immortal Eyes	Map of the World	Candy Games
Jun. 30	Fancy Buckles Stakes (WV)	$50,000	F&M, 3&up, 4 1/2 Furlongs	Down Town Allen	Won't Be Denied	Ideal Thoughts
Jun. 30	Coin Collector (WV)	$50,000	3YO, 4 1/2 Furlongs	Lucy's Bob Boy	Paco Smart	Smoking Green
Aug. 4	Robert G. Leavitt (WV)	$50,000	3yo, 7 Furlongs	Lucy's Bob Boy	Paco Smart	Primary Account
Aug. 11	Sadie Hawkins Stakes (WV)	$50,000	F&M, 3&up, 7Furlongs	Down Town Allen	Silver Heart	Little Shiney
Aug. 18	Frank Gall Memorial (WV)	$50,000	3&up, 7 Furlongs	Russell Road	Son of a Bear	Black Belt
Aug. 27	Sylvia Bishop Memorial (WV)	$50,000	F 3yo, 7 Furlongs	Rita Haywood	OK Listen Up	Navy Chapel
Sept. 22	Charles Town Oaks	$400,000	F 3yo, 7 Furlongs	Book Review	Holiday Soiree	Beautiful But Blue
Sept. 22	Miss Shenandoah	$75,000	F 2yo, 4 1/2 Furlongs	Flattering Bea	Easter Fashion	Gallant Performer
Sept. 22	Pink Ribbon S.	$70,000	F&M 3&up, 7 Furlongs	Bayonne	Withgreatpleasure	Moonlit Malibu
Sept. 22	Rachel's Turn Stakes (WV)	$50,000	F 2yo, 4 1/2 Furlongs	Jax and Jill	Dixieland Silk	Flirting Song
Sept. 22	Henry Mercer Mem. (WV)	$50,000	2yo, 4 1/2 Furlongs	In the Fairway	Hidden Canyon	Grey Tiger
Oct. 19	HBPA Jefferson Cty Comm. S.	$50,000	3&up, 4 1/2 Furlongs	Immortal Eyes	Time for a Winner	Ju Jitsu Jax
Oct. 19	HBPA Municipalities Mayors S.	$50,000	F&M 3&up, 7 Furlongs	Moonlit Malibu	Don'tgetsuspicious	Bayonne
Oct. 19	HBPA Governor's Cup	$50,000	3&up, 1 1/8 Miles	Twenty Hawks	Working Man Blues	Smoke the Devil
Oct. 20	WV Breeders Classic (WV)	$500,000	3&up, 1 1/8 Miles	Lucy's Bob Boy	Russell Road	Alleghany Jack
Oct. 20	West Virginia Cavada BC (WV)	$250,000	F&M 3&up, 7 Furlongs	Down Town Allen	Silver Heart	Belle of Camden
Oct. 20	WV Onion Juice BC (WV)	$85,000	3&up, 7 Furlongs	Waves and Tides	Strawberry Cupcake	Golden Set
Oct. 20	WV Breeders Classic Distaff (WV)	$85,000	F&M 3&up, 1 1/8 Miles	Buckle Bunny Babe	Runaway Brae	Hot Sauce
Oct. 20	WV Dash for Cash BC (WV)	$85,000	3&up, 4 1/2 Furlongs	Henry the Lover	Lady Bobcat Champs	Blues in the Night
Oct. 20	WV V. Moscarelli Mem. BC (WV)	$85,000	2yo, 6 1/2 Furlongs	In the Fairway	My Jordan	Roy's Song
Oct. 20	WV Triple Crown Nutrition BC (WV)	$85,000	F 2yo, 4 1/2 Furlongs	Jax and Jill	Dixieland Silk	Just a Trick
Oct. 20	WV Division of Tourism BC (WV)	$85,000	F 3yo, 7 Furlongs	Rita Haywood	Notayankeefan	Miss Henny Penny
Oct. 20	WV Lottery BC (WV)	$85,000	3yo, 7 Furlongs	Paco Smart	Greenway Court	Buy My Commissary
Nov. 10	Tri State Futurity (R) - Div. 1	$50,000	2yo, 7 Furlongs	Flirting Song	Dixieland Silk	Queen'o'daball
Nov. 10	Tri State Futurity (R) - Div. 2	$50,000	2yo, 7 Furlongs	In the Fairway	Hanky Doodle	Cinderella'spalace
Nov. 10	My Sister Pearl Stakes (WV)	$50,000	F&M 3&up, 1 1/8 Miles	Down Town Allen	Runaway Brae	Hot Sauce
Nov. 17	A Huevo Stakes (WV)	$50,000	3&up, 1 1/8 Miles	Plantation	Tup Take' Please	Son of a Bear
Dec. 1	WV Futurity (WV) - Div. 1	$50,000	2yo, 7 Furlongs	Cinderella'spalace	Roy's Song	Mr. Ripken
Dec. 1	WV Futurity (WV) - Div. 2	$50,000	2yo, 7 Furlongs	Queen'o'daball	Landon Did It	Golden Style
Dec. 15	Eleanor M. Casey (WV)	$50,000	F 2yo, 7 Furlongs	Queen'o'daball	Landon Did It	Donnameade