

A Grand Day at the Strawberry Hill Races and Local Charities are the Real Winners!



Thank you to the nearly 18,000 who participated in the 74th Running of the Strawberry Hill Races, April 15th at Colonial Downs in New Kent county. You can be proud knowing your patronage of the Races and Race Week events supported the State Fair Scholarship program as well as AARF (Animal Adoption and Rescue Foundation), Cats Cradle, PAL (Prevent A Litter), Friends of the Richmond Mounted Squad and Special Olympics.

Six races with 44 starters and \$70,000 in purses and awards made for a great day of steeplechasing. Winner of the feature \$25,000 Strawberry Hill Classic was Mark the Shark, owned by Cohiba Stable, trained by Jack Fisher and ridden by Shelley Houston (Coatesville, PA).

“Congratulations”

2006 Reserved Space Competition Winners

Epicurean talents abounded as individual and corporate patrons celebrated the “Colts, Celts and Kilts” theme at the annual Reserved Space Competition held at Colonial Downs. Impressing judges comprised of SFVA Board of Directors and their spouses, winners included:

Individual Category

Ricky Falto – Grand Award
Vicki Morgan – First Place
Jeremy Allenbough – Second Place
The O’Kelly’s – Third Place
George Gregory – Lindemann Trophy

Corporate Category

Pepsi Cola Company – Grand Award
Phillips Cox Insurance – Judge’s Choice

The Strawberry Hill Races may be in the record books but the memories will last a lifetime. Make plans to attend next year’s 75th Running of the Strawberry Hill Races on April 14, 2007 at Colonial Downs.



For more photos, race results and information visit <http://www.strawberryhillraces.com/site.asp>

Mark your calendars now...

STATE FAIR
OF VIRGINIA

September 28 – October 8, 2006

at Richmond Raceway Complex

Highlights of this year's Fair include:

- Young MacDonald's Farm in the Big Red Barn
- Amazing Animal Adventures featuring exotic animals displayed in a rainforest environment
- A state fair tradition returns with the Racing Pigs
- Great American Frontier Show back by popular demand
- Demolition Derby with new classes added for ½ ton Pickups, Mini Pickups and Minivans

Competitions:

- Open Beef competition
- Market Goat Show for youth exhibitors
- Golden Palominos join the AQHA Quarter Horse Show
- Team Penning
- Rawhide Championship Pro and High School rodeos
- Arts & Crafts featuring a new "1960's" category
- Hershey Cocoa Classic returns for a second year
- Robotics competition and demonstration in the Technology Center

Musical Entertainment:

- Colgate Country Showdown
- Radio Disney Pop Star Finals
- Toyota Concert Series

Visit <http://www.statefairva.org> often for concert updates and other information throughout the summer on the 2006 State Fair of Virginia.

2006 Competition Guides
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Click 'Competitions'

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2005 Scholarship Recipients

First Row: Sarah Barlow, Michelle McCann, Mary Ashley Balsley, Elizabeth Talbot
Second Row: Mary Margaret Morris, Maurice Smith, Heather Moseley, Jessica Smith, Bradley Bennett

State Fair of Virginia to Recognize 2006 Top Scholarship Winners

Scholarship Awards Luncheon Set for May 25

The State Fair of Virginia, Inc., a not-for-profit company which presents the State Fair each Fall, will honor its top scholarship winners during an awards luncheon at the Fair's future site in Caroline County on Thursday, May 25. Nearly \$30,000 will be awarded to students from across Virginia.

The State Fair of Virginia Scholarship Program rewards young people for their hard work and achievement in nineteen State Fair competition areas.

Since the program's inception in 1989, The State Fair Scholarship Program has awarded 1,680 scholarships and has dedicated nearly one and a half million dollars to youth education. Scholarship winners may attend any accredited post-secondary educational

institution. Scholarship funds are paid directly to the educational institutions.

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Its mission is to celebrate the Commonwealth of Virginia's heritage – to heed its roots in agriculture, advance its youth through scholarships, encourage friendly competition and foster multicultural celebrations in a fun, safe atmosphere.

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