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## Good Night Shirt, trainer Tom Voss enshrined in racing's Hall of Fame



*Sonny Via Jr. accepted Good Night Shirt's Hall of Fame plaque with trainer Jack Fisher at his side, above, and Mimi Voss admired the plaque honoring her late husband, trainer Tom Voss.*

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Two-time Eclipse Award champion Good Night Shirt and five-time National Steeplechase Association champion trainer Tom Voss took their rightful places in the National Museum of Racing on Friday, Aug. 4, when they were inducted into Thoroughbred racing's Hall of Fame.

The ceremony at Fasig-Tipton's Humphrey Finney Pavilion in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., attracted a sizable group of steeplechase owners and officials. Recognized at the beginning of the induction ceremony were current Hall of Fame members Jonathan Sheppard, Janet Elliot, and Jerry Fishback.

Accepting the Hall of Fame plaque for Good Night Shirt was owner Sonny Via Jr., accompanied by trainer Jack Fisher. Unbeaten in five Grade 1 races in 2008, Maryland-bred Good Night Shirt set a National Steeplechase Association earnings record that year of \$485,520.

Tom Voss died unexpectedly in January 2014 at the age of 63, and his plaque was accepted by his son, Sam. The Maryland horseman trained successfully both for the flat and over fences. He was the NSA's champion trainer by wins in 1997, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2011.



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## Fall schedule kicks off this month with Belmont, Shawan, and Foxfield

The National Steeplechase Association kicks off its action-packed fall season at one of America's premier race tracks this month and within days transitions to the country for meets in Maryland and Virginia.

Belmont Park opens the fall lineup with two races, the \$150,000 Lonesome Glory Handicap (Gr. 1) and the \$75,000 William Entenmann Novice Stakes on Thursday, Sept. 21. Those races kick off the Fall Championship Season in their respective divisions and lead respectively to the \$400,000 Grand National (Gr. 1) and \$125,000 Foxbrook Champion Hurdle at the Far Hills Races on Saturday, Oct. 21.

With record fall purses on the line, the Belmont races attract strong fields. Last year, Bruton Street-US's Scorpiancer won the Lonesome Glory and finished second to champion Rawnaq in the Grand National. This year, Scorpiancer has won the Calvin Houghland Iroquois (Gr. 1) and the Temple Gwathmey (Gr. 3) to lead the earnings list.

Two days after the Belmont races, the action shifts to Maryland's Hunt Valley for the 17th annual Shawan Races. Growing in popularity and purses, Shawan features the Legacy Chase, the kickoff for the fall's timber racing.

The 2016 edition of the Legacy Chase was won by Two's Company, campaigned by a Bruton Street partnership and trained by Jack Fisher. Irish-bred Two's Company ended the year as the NSA's champion timber horse.

With a theme of "Hats, Horses, and Hope," the Shawan Downs meet is the GBMC's signature event benefiting its oncology services and patient support programs.

The following afternoon, Sunday, Sept. 24, the horses will be out in force for the Foxfield Fall Races in Charlottesville, Va.

Foxfield Fall is a fun family day, and its proceeds benefit International Neighbors of Charlottesville, a non-profit organization committed to assisting the region's refugee and immigrant communities.



*Two's Company and jockey Sean McDermott took advantage of dislodged rails in winning last fall's Legacy Chase for owner Bruton Street-U.S. and trainer Jack Fisher.*

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