

Dear NSA Horsemen,

We would like to share details of an upcoming fundraising event being hosted in Saratoga during Travers Week that directly supports a critical safety initiative in our sport.

On Thursday August 21st, Maggie Magnier will be hosting “Back the Vest,” a fundraising event and silent auction at The Wine Room in Saratoga Springs. This evening will benefit the Temple Gwathmey Steeplechase Foundation and is focused on helping U.S. steeplechase jockeys cover the cost of newly mandated Level II safety vests. Please RSVP HERE:

<https://pp.events/vestfund>

These vests - vital for rider protection - are a significant expense for our jockeys, and this fundraiser is a chance for our community to step in and show support, as well as an opportunity to connect with flat racing horsemen and get them involved in our sport.

We’re already fortunate to have exciting auction items committed, including halters from Coolmore, worn by Triple Crown winners, and signed memorabilia from jockeys Frankie Dettori and John Velazquez. The Carolina Cup Racing Association has donated box seats to the Carolina Cup Races.

**This drop-in event is free to attend- swing by before or after your Saratoga dinner plans. 100% of the proceeds raised will go directly to the Steeplechase Foundation. If you cannot attend, donations can be made at the [www.TGSteeplechaseFoundation.org/donate-now](http://www.TGSteeplechaseFoundation.org/donate-now).**

If you or anyone within the steeplechase community has an item that would make a strong auction donation - or know someone who should be involved in this effort - please reach out to Maggie directly at (630) 715-9196 or contact Alissa at [anorman@tgsteeplechasefoundation.org](mailto:anorman@tgsteeplechasefoundation.org).

Thank you for your continued support of our athletes. Together, we can help ease this transition and show our riders that their safety is our priority.

Katherine Neilson  
President, Temple Gwathmey Steeplechase Foundation



August 21st  
6PM-10PM



# BACK THE VEST: *A Steeplechase Fundraiser*

Join us on Thursday, August 21st, for an open house and silent auction benefiting the Temple Gwathmey Steeplechase Foundation. Your support will help ensure every rider has access to the protective gear they need to compete safely at the highest level of the sport.

DATE:  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 21  
6PM-10PM

HOSTED BY:  
MAGGIE MAGNIER

ADDRESS:  
THE WINE BAR  
417 BROADWAY, SARATOGA



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