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### **RUNNING ACES HARNESS PARK ANNOUNCES 2009 RACING SECRETARY & ANNOUNCER**

*Columbus, Minn.* - Running Aces Harness Park is proud to announce Rod Newhart as the Racing Secretary and Peter Galassi as the track announcer for the 2009 live meet.

Newhart returns to Running Aces for his second season in the racing office. He was the Assistant Racing Secretary and Paddock Judge for the 2008 meet. "I'm excited to build on the success of our inaugural season and look forward to a strong 2009 race meet," said Newhart.

Race fans may recognize Galassi as the voice of Hawthorne Race Course and will conduct his first season as the announcer for Running Aces.

"Running Aces is privileged to have two experienced additions to our team. Both Rod and Peter bring their knowledge and enthusiasm of the industry to race fans here in Minnesota, and throughout the country in our broadcasts," stated General Manager Robert Farinella.

Running Aces Harness Park will host live racing May 15 through August 9, 2009 with 51 race days. Post times will occur at 7:00 pm on Friday, Saturday and Tuesday and 4:00 pm on Sunday. Stall applications are now available on-line at [www.runningacesharness.com](http://www.runningacesharness.com).

The only professional harness park in Minnesota, Running Aces Harness Park features a 5/8 mile, state of the art oval track with indoor and outdoor seating, four stables with 300 stalls, and seasonal live racing. In addition to live racing, Running Aces features a card room open 24 hours a day with 50 tables including blackjack, poker and casino games, a full service dining and lounge, simulcast wagering on thoroughbred and harness tracks from around the country from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm year-round.

Running Aces is located on Interstate 35 and Highway 97/County Road 23 (Exit 129) in Columbus, Minnesota near Forest Lake. For more information visit [www.runningacesharness.com](http://www.runningacesharness.com), or call 651-925-4600 or 1-877-RUN ACES (786-2237).

Running Aces® Card Room and Harness Park is a cutting-edge 50-table Las Vegas style casino card room, with live summer season harness racing and year round full-card Simulcast wagering on Thoroughbred, Quarter horse and Standardbred horses located in the Minneapolis/St. Paul metropolitan area. The facility is open 24 hours, 7 days a week. Running Aces is located adjacent to I-35 exit #129 in Columbus, Minnesota, minutes north of downtown Minneapolis and St. Paul. The 250-seat Winner's Circle restaurant and lounge offers full food and beverage service. Banquet facilities and catering are available year round. Running Aces® features the **Aces Rewards Club®** that earns members rewards for complimentary food and beverages, merchandise, exclusive events, promotions and tournaments. Running Aces® is owned locally by North Metro Harness Initiative, LLC. For more information about Running Aces, please visit [www.runningacesharness.com](http://www.runningacesharness.com).

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