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Top Harness Driver Tyler Buter, WVOX Radio Host John Marino and WAG Magazine Editor Georgette Gouveia at Empire City Casino to Judge “Fancy Derby Hat Contest” on Saturday, May 2nd

Yonkers, New York - Tyler Buter, one of Yonkers Raceway's top harness drivers, popular WVOX Radio “Good Morning Westchester” host **John Marino**, and **Georgette Gouveia**, writer and editor for WAG Magazine (Westfair, Inc.) have been announced as the judges for the “**Fancy Kentucky Derby Hat Contest**” at Empire City Casino (810 Yonkers Ave. Yonkers, NY 10704) on Saturday, **May 2**. The first Saturday in May brings the “most exciting two minutes in sports” to the world, and the Fancy Hat Contest Derby Tradition to Empire City.

The grand prize is \$500 in cash, and bragging rights – hats off to the winner! Contestants will register between 2:00 and 4:00 pm trackside, wearing their fancy hats, which have become part of the Derby fabric as much as the big race itself. The winners will be announced at 5 pm, after being chosen by the blue ribbon panel of judges. Second place will take home \$250 in cash, and third prize is \$100 in cash.

All qualified hat contestants will receive a \$10 Free Play coupon which can be redeemed at the promotions booth.

Buter is a winner of over 2,000 career races, and will also be available to meet and greet fans, and sign autographs.

Free Exacta Box on the Derby:

The first 700 Empire Club Members to visit the Gotham Palace promotions booth at 4 pm will receive one 2-horse exacta box for the Kentucky Derby. Limit one per Empire Club Member.

About Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway:

Empire City Casino, one of the largest entertainment and gaming destinations in the northeast, features 5,300 of the hottest slots, electronic craps, roulette, baccarat and sic bo; year-round harness racing & International simulcasting; live entertainment including the best party, tribute and Latin bands, comedy, & more. A plethora of dining options will satisfy even the most discerning palate with Italian cuisine at *Nonno's Trattoria*; trackside dining with live betting at *Empire Terrace Restaurant*; and convenient delicious options at the International Food Court or Lil' Cocina. A new \$50 million expansion added *Dan Rooney's*, a high-energy sports bar, and *Alley 810*, a craft cocktail lounge rounds out the entertainment options with retro bowling lanes. Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway is located at 810 Yonkers Avenue (off I-87 at Central Avenue) Yonkers, NY, Westchester County, open seven days a week from 10:00am to 6:00am. Visit www.empirecitycasino.com or call 914.968.4200 for information.

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