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**For Second Straight Year...**

**Historic *New York Daily News* Golden Gloves to be Contested at Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway on Wednesday Night, March 14**

**\*\*\*2012 Semi-Finals to be held on Casino's 4<sup>th</sup> Floor\*\*\***

**New York, March 1**—The iconic *New York Daily News* Golden Gloves returns to **Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway** for the second straight year. The 2012 semi-finals of the fabled amateur boxing tournament will be hosted on the Casino's fourth floor, it was announced jointly by Casino President **Timothy J. Rooney** and *Daily News* Senior Vice President **John Campi**.

General Admission tickets will be priced at **\$25**; senior citizens, college students (with proper ID) and children under 14 priced at **\$15**. For more information log onto [www.nydailynews.com/Golden Gloves](http://www.nydailynews.com/Golden%20Gloves); or call **Brian Adams** at the *Daily News* at **212-210-1908** ([badams@nydailynews.com](mailto:badams@nydailynews.com)) or **Clare Galterio** at Empire City at **914-457-2609** ([crgalterio@yonkersraceway.com](mailto:crgalterio@yonkersraceway.com)). Doors open at **6:15 PM**, and first bell is at **7:30 PM** sharp. Tickets will be sold at the door only on fight night.

Last year, for the first time in the storied history of Yonkers Raceway, hundreds of fans flocked to the raceway to attend the Golden Gloves. The oldest and most esteemed amateur event in the U.S.A., celebrating its 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary this season, has produced generations of legendary boxers including **Sugar Ray Robinson, Emile Griffith, Floyd Patterson, Riddick Bowe, Gerry Cooney, Mark Breland, Jose Torres, and Zab Judah**.

Yonkers Raceway first opened its doors in 1899, and in over 100 years of its history has been the home to harness racing's Triple Crown events such as the Yonkers Trot, Cane Pace and Messenger Stakes, as well as such premier stakes races as the Art Rooney Pace. Professional boxing had been held in the Old Glory Horse Pavilion, and many major fights shown on closed circuit television. But the *Daily News* Golden Gloves, the most elite Golden Gloves tournament in the country for 85 years, became a "first-time starter" in 2011.

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“We are delighted to again bring the *Daily News* Golden Gloves to Yonkers Raceway,” said Rooney. “Two New York institutions are teaming for a spectacular evening of boxing for fight fans.”

“It will be another historic night for the Daily News Golden Gloves,” said Campi. “Our rich history grows even richer, and we are looking forward to making the return of the Golden Gloves another memorable night at the casino.”

### **About Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway**

Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway features: 5,300 slot machines, video roulette, electronic craps and baccarat tables, Italian dining in Nonno’s Trattoria, and trackside dining in the Empire Terrace Restaurant, which overlooks the track for live harness racing, as well as a quick bite at the International Food Court and its wide-ranging menu. The multi-faceted Good Time Room is available for parties, benefits, weddings, and major events for up to 500. Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway is located at 810 Yonkers Avenue (at Central Avenue) in Yonkers, New York, Westchester County, (I-87 to Exit 2). Empire City Casino is open seven days a week, every day from 9:00 AM to 4:00 AM For more information call 914.968.4200 or log onto [www.empirecitycasino.com](http://www.empirecitycasino.com).

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