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**NYRA PRESIDENT & CEO CHARLES HAYWARD TO SPEAK AT
PGR MEETING**

Saratoga Springs, N.Y. – New York Racing Authority (NYRA) President/CEO, **Charlie Hayward**, will guest speak at the monthly [Parting Glass Racing](#) meeting on **Thursday, May 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.** at The Parting Glass Pub, 40 Lake Avenue, Saratoga Springs, New York.

NYRA has managed thoroughbred racing in New York at the Aqueduct, Belmont, and Saratoga Racetracks since 1955. Mr. Hayward will explain the resolution of the franchise agreement reached in early 2008 for NYRA to continue racetrack management for another 25 years. He will also detail the current status of the VLT issue, discuss the excitement of the Belmont Stakes and how NYRA plans to manage the event, unveil the “new NYRA”, and talk about what’s new for 2008 Saratoga Racetrack meet.

As the former President and CEO of the Daily Racing Form and Little Brown Publishing, Hayward brings to his position a wealth of experience in thoroughbred horse racing and business management. He has been a horseracing fan for over 25 years and a Thoroughbred owner for the last 10. Parting Glass Racing’s Managing Owner, Tom Gallo, feels honored the Charlie Hayward has, “returned to our monthly meeting as guest speaker, using our venue to introduce the ‘new NYRA’ to all racing fans. Charlie has been a key component of NYRA’s turnaround, and his sharp business acumen certainly facilitated New York State’s recommendation that NYRA continue. We are excited to hear directly from Mr. Hayward about NYRA’s future”.

Parting Glass Racing was founded by Tom Gallo and Joan Desadora (owner of The Parting Glass Pub) in 2001. With more than 200 members, Parting Glass Racing, LLC is the umbrella organization managing several partnerships and horses. Their meeting is held every month at the Parting Glass Pub and is open to the public.

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