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**SARATOGA CONVENTION AND TOURISM BUREAU'S GOLF OUTING
RAISED HUNDREDS FOR BACKSTRETCH WORKERS**

Local Cause Benefited from Day of Golf and Networking!

SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY --- The Saratoga Convention and Tourism Bureau's Annual Golf Tournament at Saratoga National Golf Club raised nearly \$1,000 in donations on Wednesday, May 19, 2010 for the Backstretch Employee Service Team of New York, Inc. (B.E.S.T.).

Thank you to all who donated to this tremendous local cause which also secured many in-kind donations and increased awareness of B.E.S.T. and its services to the Backstretch Workers of the Saratoga Race Course. At the closing reception, B.E.S.T. compiled all donations and raffled off a Clubhouse Box for a weekday at the Saratoga Race Course with a visit to Tom Durkin's booth for the 3rd race call. The winner of the raffle was Mike Squires!

There was great turnout for the event; 125 bureau members, meeting and conference planners and other participants enjoyed the day of golf and the reception that followed.

The Bureau would like to thank Chad Griffin and the golf services staff at Saratoga National Golf Club, Angelo Mazzone, Lauren Holmes and staff at Prime/Saratoga National Golf Club, Tom Newkirk of Saratoga National Golf Club, Jim and Gretchen Squires of The Posie Peddler Inc., Tom Thomas of DeCrescente Distributors, Tim Wedeman of AMS Entertainment, Johnny Miller of Johnny Miller Adventures, and all of the SCTB members that donated prizes!

For more information on the Saratoga Convention and Tourism Bureau, please visit www.discoversaratoga.org

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The Saratoga Convention and Tourism Bureau is an independent, not-for-profit destination marketing organization with the mission of attracting group business to the Saratoga area and to serve as a liaison between group buyers and local businesses.

Backstretch Employee Service Team of New York, Inc. (B.E.S.T.) is the organization in the backstretch that provides a full range of health and human services to support workers in the barn areas of the racetracks at Belmont Park, Aqueduct and Saratoga. The goal of B.E.S.T. is to draw upon strong connections to resources in the racing industry and extended community so that we can all help backstretch workers lead healthy and full lives. Visit www.bestbackstretch.com

Photo below: Julie Cobello of B.E.S.T. and winner of raffle, Mike Squires

