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## **International FEGENTRI Ladies Race At Delaware Park**

On June 13, 2009, Delaware Park was pleased to host an International Federation of Gentlemen and Lady Riders (FEGENTRI) Ladies Race. In the race 8 out of 9 originally entered amateur lady riders overcame threatening weather and raced in the \$21,000 event over a distance of one and one-sixteenth mile on grass. The race, number 5 on the day's card, was won by "Boot Scoot N Run" ridden by Ms. Nadine Gratz of Germany, who is a pharmaceutical technician in her day-job.

FEGENTRI competitors are all amateurs that make their living in a whole gamut of other professions in the countries that they represent. What they share in common is a love of horses, riding, and racing. The competitors in the June 13 event were from France, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, and the USA.

Twenty-four countries are now members of FEGENTRI, which was founded in 1955 by France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, and Switzerland. The organization was founded to promote international races for amateur riders that ultimately result in two championships each year – one for gentlemen riders and one for lady riders.

W. Duncan Patterson, Secretary-Commissioner of the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission, and his wife, Beasie Patterson, co-chaperoned the international riders and shuttled them around Delaware during their visit. Secretary Patterson said, "I have really enjoyed helping to arrange races for FEGENTRI this year. As parents of two daughters who were amateur riders, Beasie and I are very thankful for Delaware Park's continued support of the FEGENTRI program. We look forward to future races."



**Pictured top row from left to right:**  
Catherine Engebretsen (Norway), Catherine Burri (Switzerland),  
Michelle Pennman (USA), Nadine Gratz (Germany), Melanie Plat (France)  
**Bottom row left to right:** Paula Flierman (Netherlands), Clare MacMahon (Ireland), Clare Allen (Great Brittan), Diane Gillam (USA)

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