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International Fegentri Ladies Race at Delaware Park

On June 12, 2010, Delaware Park was pleased to again host the International Federation of Gentlemen and Lady Riders (FEGENTRI) Race. In the race, 11 out of 14 originally entered amateur lady riders raced in the \$16,000 event over a distance of one and one-sixteenth mile on grass. The race, number 4 on the day's card, was won by "Ditch" ridden by Ms. Ruther Jefferson of England, who is an Assistant Trainer 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 12 event were from Germany, Great Britain, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, and the USA.

Don Yovanovich, Executive Director of the American Rider's Club which is a member of FEGENTRI remarked that "Delaware Park has been an annual stop for the amateur ladies and gentlemen and have supported them year after year." Mr. Yovanovich continued "Delaware Park is very important to us in our summer schedule and never ceases to impress everyone with the quality of their turf course and facilities."

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."

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.



INTERNATIONAL LADIES FEGENTRI

Pictured Top Row left to right: Nina Wagner (Germany), Alison Juvonen (USA), Cathrine Engebretsen (Norway), Catlyn Spivey (USA), Catherine Burri (Switzerland)
Pictured Bottom Row, left to right: Cecily Evans (USA), Tina Henriksson (Sweden), Brittany Trimble (USA), Ruther Jefferson (England), Diana Gillam (USA), Suzanne Stettinius (USA),