

\$250,000 Spirit of Massachusetts Trot returns to Plainridge in 2019

January 29, 2019, by Plainridge Park Casino and Harness Horsemen of New England

Plainville, MA — Plainridge Park Casino and the Harness Horseman's Association of New England are pleased to announce the return of the Spirit of Massachusetts Trot.

After a one year hiatus, the \$250,000 Open event for North America's top trotters will be contested on Sunday, July 28th.

The inaugural Spirit of Massachusetts Trot in 2017 was very successful with forty nominations and a thrilling race which produced a track record by JL Cruze and created excitement both locally and nationally.

For 2019, the track has added a co-featured event, the \$100,000 Clara Barton Pace for Open fillies and mares. Race Secretary Paul Verrette said, "the goal of both events is to fill a need on the national stakes calendar."

"The Spirit of Massachusetts was designed to give top trotters a stake event the weekend prior to Hambletonian Day and I hope that the Clara Barton will do the same thing for top mares," said Varette.

Nominations shall be made to the Hambletonian Society and close February 15, 2019, for the \$250,000 guaranteed "Spirit of Massachusetts Trot" and the \$100,000 guaranteed "Clara Barton Distaff Pace."

The 2019 season gets underway at Plainridge Park on Monday, April 8th. For more information on staking to either event visit, www.hambletonian.com.