

# Portland Meadows memorial race honors horseman

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Portland Meadows hosted a memorial race in honor of the late Franklin Suppah recently.

Suppah spent years participating in the horse racing industry, according to two of his sons.

Jerry Kohls, manager of racing for Portland Meadows Racetrack, said, "Portland Meadows is always glad to have a memorial race named after a longtime trainer. Mr. Suppah always was very professional as a trainer and a pleasure to work with."

According to his son, Jay Suppah, Franklin started running racehorses in the 1950s and continued to do so until the 1990s.

He ran horses mostly throughout the northwest, Jay said, in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and sometimes California.

According to his son Ronald Suppah, he mainly ran in the county fair circuits.

Particularly in the early 1960s, Jay said, racing was popular in the Central Oregon region so his father would participate in races in this area frequently.

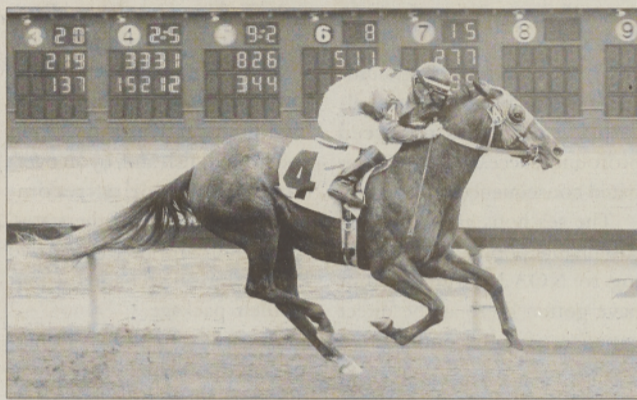
"At times we would have maybe up to 20 head of horses," Jay said. His father, he explained, frequently took in horses that were unwanted by prior owners or horses that had been injured.

After resting the horses and working with them, Jay said, "He would end up with some pretty nice horses."

"He's always been a good selector of horses, a good



Many people from Warm Springs attended the Franklin "Chin" Suppah Memorial Horse Race at Portland Meadows. In the photo at lower right, Joyce Suppah, Franklin's daughter, and Jay Suppah, his son, show the horse blanket from the race, which was worn by the number 4 horse.



judge of horse flesh. He had a knack for picking good horses," Ronald said.

"He spent a lot of time with his race horses," Jay continued. "I think that was the key to his success is he knew his horses pretty well. It was an around the clock job."

His father also excelled at working with people from the community, Jay said, and often involved people from the reservation in the horse rac-

ing industry.

"There were a lot of people that came through his life that were involved within the tribal members here," Jay said.

Though Franklin Suppah was very successful in the horse racing industry, he remained very humble, Ronald said.

"I don't think that my father really sought recognition," Ronald explained. "He was a very quiet person that let his actions speak for him."

In addition, Ronald said, "He was a pretty darn good trainer."

"He was very successful," Ronald added. "I think the main part is that, like any job, you have to be committed and dedicated to it and he was that. He loved racing horses, and it was in his blood and he wanted to excel at it. So he did."

As for the memorial race at Portland Meadows, Jay said, "It was surprising because I saw a lot of the older trainers come

out of the woodworks down there and came to the race; that was pretty good to see."

He believes the race helped many members of his family to be able to return to the race tracks after his father's death. "When they had this race it was good to see most of the family be able to come back to the track and be a part of it," Jay said.

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## Kah-Nee-Ta hosting job fair

Would you like to work surrounded by spectacular scenery, happy guests and great teammates?

If yes, then you should come to the Kah-Nee-Ta job fair.

The job fair is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. this Saturday, March 1 in the Wasco Room at Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge.

Here is a sample of some of the job openings at the resort:

Food and beverage: servers, bussers, cooks, restaurant supervisor, lead steward.

Lodging: front desk, night audit, bellman, housekeepers, inspectors.

Recreation: lifeguards, cashiers. Casino: slot keyperson, cage cashier, custodian.

Spa: nail technicians, LMT's, estheticians, receptionist. Security. Check out all our openings at [www.Kahneeta.com](http://www.Kahneeta.com)

Or call Human Resources at 553-4889.

## Fundraiser for Simnasho Vols

There will be a fundraiser on Friday, March 14, starting at 10 a.m., in the parking lot of the Warm Springs Market.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit the Simnasho Vols basketball team. The Vols will be traveling to a tournament in Pendleton on March 28-30. The fundraiser includes a luncheon plate of hamburger or cheesburger, potato salad, chips and drink for \$5. There will also be baked goods at various prices. The team greatly appreciates the support.

## Conference at Kah-Nee-Ta focuses on meth, HIV prevention

A conference on methamphetamine prevention and HIV awareness is set for Kah-Nee-Ta on Thursday and Friday, March 13 and 14.

Topics during the Second Northwest Tribes United conference will be women and HIV, risk assessment, community health plan, and youth involvement from the Jefferson County School District.

Presentations will be by motivational speakers Patrick Shining Elk and Fara Palmer, tribal Bear Project, elders, youth; com-

munity update and health and meth program for Warm Springs, and many more.

The conference will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on March 13-14. Meals include breakfast, lunch and dinner on the first day, and breakfast and lunch on the second day.

There will be a mini powwow at the Agency Longhouse on Thursday, March 13, and a dance for youth on March 14.

For information contact Wayne Miller at 553-3462; or email [wmiller@wstribes.org](mailto:wmiller@wstribes.org).

## Notice to resale firewood cutters

In 2008 the following changes to resale (commercial firewood) cutting on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation took effect:

Resale permits for the 2008 season will be sold at the rate of \$10 a cord. The minimum number of

cords that can be purchased at one time is five.

The 2008 resale wood-cutting season will expire on Oct. 31, 2008.

Effective March 3, 2008, resale permits will be valid for 30 days only from the time they are issued.

## Narcotics Anonymous

Meetings at the Family Resource Center Conference Room

Thursdays: 6-7:30 p.m.  
Fridays: Noon to 1 p.m.

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**Sunday, February 17 at 9pm**  
\$500 Cash Drawings at 7pm & 8pm, Feb 17

Must be present to win. See casino for details. Image may differ from actual vehicle.



**Williams & Ree**  
The Indian & The White Guy  
**Saturday, February 16 at 8pm**

\$119 Comedy Package for two includes two tickets and deluxe accommodations

Seating is general admission. Must be 21 and over.

Go to [Kahneeta.com](http://Kahneeta.com) for more details and upcoming events • Warm Springs, OR • 800-554-45UN  
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