

TROT KIDS

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TRACK TOUR

Canada has one of the highest number of Standardbred racetracks in the world - 36 to be exact! Since you may not have the opportunity to visit each and every racetrack in Canada, TROT 4 Kids would like to take you on a Track Tour and highlight one racetrack in each issue over the next year or so. This month's stop on TROT 4 Kids' Track Tour is Kawartha Downs.



Kawartha Downs was once hailed
The 'B' track home of 'A' class racing!

Kawartha Downs & Speedway

Fraserville, Ontario

In 1971, Eastern Ontario horsepeople banded together to raise \$1,000,000 in order to build Kawartha Downs after the need for another racetrack in the area became obvious.

Since then, the Peterborough area racetrack has survived many ups and downs including the closure and sale of the track in 1987, a labour dispute that shut its doors for almost a year in 1997 and the introduction of slot machines in 1999.

Kawartha Downs is one of the most unique racetracks in Canada because located within the Standardbred racetrack is a 3/8 mile stock car track!

Win a \$50 Dining Certificate!

Enter to win a \$50 dining certificate redeemable at Kawartha Downs' Starting Gate Dining Room by sending your name, age, address and phone number to: trotkids@standardbredcanada.ca or mail your entry to: TROT 4 Kids, 2150 Meadowvale Blvd., Mississauga, ON, L5N 6R6

All entries must be received by April 1, 2008. Winner will be randomly selected by the TROT 4 Kids Contest Committee and contacted by phone.

Track Size:
5/8 mile
Track Record:
1:49.3 set by Zooka
(driven by Mario Baillargeon)
Race Dates:
Year round
Signature Event:
Anniversary Pace

Event Date:
July 19, 2008
Top Drivers:
Gord Brown, Aaron Byron,
Bradley Rae
Track Announcer:
Evan Loucks

Right: Kawartha Downs was put up for sale in 1987.

Bottom: A birds eye view of Kawartha Downs & Speedway. Located inside the Standardbred racetrack is a stock car track and pit! Stock car racing takes place from May-September, 2008.
For more info visit www.kawarthadowns.com



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