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## Shane Taggart earns 1000<sup>th</sup> career win

**Scarborough, Maine (May 22, 2008)** – Shane Taggart corralled the 1000<sup>th</sup> driving win of his twelve-year career on Thursday (May 22) guiding Patricia Bileau's **Lucky Flower** through the storied Scarborough Downs stretch during the very first race on the afternoon card.

Taggart sat the perfect pocket journey throughout the mile before popping off the pylons in the final turn to challenge the pace-setting **Gamble**. The duo then held off a determined late mile challenge from the heavy betting favorite **Western Hope** to seal the victory and secure the driving milestone.

"It was good to get this out of the way early on," said a jubilant Taggart. "Sometimes these things can drag on for days or even months and I really didn't want to go through something like that. The mare (**Lucky Flower**) raced extremely game today and we were able to get through for the win."

Taggart, a native of Monticello, New York, cut his teeth driving at the Catskill oval before venturing north to Scarborough six years ago.

"I came to Maine one summer with Mike Cushing and kind of liked it up here" Taggart explained. "I met my future wife Amy that summer and while we both went back to Monticello the following winter we really decided that we'd rather call Scarborough Downs home."

Taggart has now won over 500 races since joining the Pine Tree State circuit and has become a regular fixture on the Scarborough Downs backstretch as he and his wife Amy condition a string of ten in the southern Maine oval's stable area.

"It's been a long journey since I gained my first win with **Bubba Leroy** back at Monti but I wouldn't change a thing" concluded Taggart "I've got a beautiful wife, a great family and a nice lifestyle here in Maine – Life is good."

Today life rewarded Shane Taggart with his 1000<sup>th</sup> trip down victory lane.

Life indeed is good.

Scarborough Downs proudly features live harness racing every Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening at 4:15 pm (EDT). The popular Sunday matinees feature a 1:30 pm post time.

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