Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY - Hofstra University Continuing Education offers a two-day course on “Racehorse Ownership for the Small Investor” on Saturday, June 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Hofstra and Sunday, June 20 from 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Belmont Park Racetrack. The cost of this two day course is $225. To register or for more information, visit ce.hofstra.edu or call (516) 463-7800.

This weekend immersion course is taught by attorney Chris Wittstruck, who examines in detail the benefits and risks of racehorse ownership as an alternative investment vehicle. New York is on the verge of installing video lottery terminals (slots) at racetracks, ensuring a much enhanced purse structure for owners, so the timing couldn’t be better. Racing syndicates (partnerships) for the small investor are being formed at a rapid pace. Topics will include forms of ownership, licensing, acquisition of horses, hiring of professionals, insurance, tax issues, training expenses and related areas. A stake in a racehorse costs much less than generally thought, sometimes as little as $1,000.

Two time John Hervey Award-winning journalist Chris Wittstruck is a Long Island-based attorney, a licensed thoroughbred owner in New York State and a standardbred owner licensed by the harness racing commissions in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He is a director of the Standardbred Owners Association of New York and member of the United States Trotting Association (U.S.T.A.) and the United States Harness Writers Association. Mr. Wittstruck pens the monthly “Racing and the Law” column for the U.S.T.A. He has lectured on legal topics involving the equine industry for Albany Law School’s Racing and Gaming Law Institute, the Equine Science Center of Rutgers University and the Suffolk County Bar Association.

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