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## ***Mr Nice Guy* overcomes *Ideal Conditions***

**Scarborough, Maine (April 18, 2009)** – The Kim and Wendy Ireland stable refuses to relinquish their stranglehold on the top class events at Scarborough Downs this season as the husband and wife team impressively claimed their third 2009 Open-level victory on Saturday with ***Mr Nice Guy*** grabbing top honors in the \$6000 colt pacing feature.

The four-year-old son of ***Western Ideal*** once again employed front-end tactics en route to his second consecutive winner's circle session, and while remaining undefeated on the young season, was forced to extend himself throughout every step of Saturday's mile to secure the fast class victory.

***Ideal Conditions*** (the defending champion of Scarborough's marquee Mid-Summer Classic) sat the patient pocket to ***Mr Nice Guy's*** sterling speed throughout the contest, assisted in his challenge as ***Swing Batter Batter*** and driver Drew Campbell tipped to engage the pacesetter as the field approached the 3/8<sup>th</sup> mile marker.

***Ideal Conditions*** and driver Shawn Gray quickly pounced on the supposedly softened-up Mr Nice Guy as the plugs came out around the final turn and the pair gallantly dueled through the storied Scarborough stretch to the roaring approval of the assembled fans.

When the dust had cleared a mere head was all that separated the well-matched foes in a mile timed in 1:56.3 – The fastest clocking of the two-week-old Scarborough Downs season.

**Downs Doings** – The Scarborough faithful will be treated to an exceptional treat next Saturday (April 25) when the Open-level contest should include the venerable pacer ***Georgia Pacific***. Arguably the richest pacer ever to compete in Maine, ***Georgia Pacific*** qualified handily at the Downs on Saturday, under wraps and timed in 2:00.3. The lifetime winner of \$1,294,554 who has matched strides against the best of his generation in many of North America's premier racing events is owned by William Varney of Bangor, Maine and is now trained from the Heath Campbell/Valerie Grondin stable.

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.