

Daisy Tobin – Owner/Breeder/Groom

Ms. Tobin was born in Martinsburg, WV. Her interest in horses began when she would visit her single mother who worked as a waitress at Charles Town Races. Her first job was walking hots for Trainer Richard Schwartz. Throughout the years, she has worked for various trainers as a groom including her current employer, James W. Casey, since 1996.

Daisy has never left the backstretch. As a single mother she raised her son Jesse and daughter Elizabeth to work on the backstretch galloping horses and “walking hots” to earn their tuition while going through four years of college.

“My fiance’, Lewis Craig, Jr., is a longtime trainer here at Charles Town. We own, breed and raise our own horses. Lewis only trains for himself so if the horses don’t

run well there is no money coming in. Year round racing at Charles Town gives us a steady income. This has allowed us to purchase a home in Shenandoah Junction, and rent a farm for breeding WV bred horses. If races and/or days were to be reduced, this would have a great impact on our livelihood. For example our mortgage, rent for the farm, grain, hay, straw, along with our personal expenses would still need to be paid. This would severely affect our business and personal life. Many people could no longer afford to live here. On the breeding side, it’s expensive to breed, own and/or raise horses. Who would want to buy a West Virginia bred horse if the horse could not run? The West Virginia Supplemental Purse Awards would no longer be an incentive for Owners, Breeders and Sire Owners. This would affect the entire community not just the local farmers, feed companies and horsemen; it would have a ripple down effect on all merchants. A loss for everyone.”

