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**Thursday at 5 PM Pacific**  
**April 19th 2018: Trainer Gary Johnson and**  
**Horse Racing Nation Founder Brian Zipse**

Trainer Gary Johnson is a man who re-invented himself - twice. He has been a guest as a former trainer-turned-tournament player, who used his skills as a sharp claiming trainer to spot winners in big money handicapping contests. Previous to that, he won numerous trainer titles at Thistledown. From 1998 to 2002 he won over \$1 million each season. After his hiatus as a trainer to do the tourney tours, the lure of the track drew him back. He started out with 3 horses claimed at Tampa Bay and now has 50 heads. He is already closing in on \$1/2 million in purses in 2018 and is 2nd in the tra

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**Gary Johnson**  
Professional Handicapper Gary Johnson has seen the sport of racing from many sides. An accomplished trainer, he won 26 meets at Thistledown and one at Mountaineer Park. In 2001 he finished 7th nationally in number of wins with 205 victories, in 2000 he was ranked 13th and in 2002 18th. Gary has also worked as a jockey agent, chart caller for Equibase and is the current track handicapper for Beulah Park. A consummate handicapping contest competitor, over the past several years Gary has consistently qualified for the National Handicapping Championship in Las Vegas.

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**Brian Zipse**  
Brian Zipse has been a passionate fan of horse racing since birth. Taken to the races at a very young age, he has been lucky enough to see all the greats

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