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## CHRISTMAS STRIKE

### PA-BRED REMINDERS

- **Early registration:**  
Within 365 days of foaling
- **Yearling registration:**  
Dec. 31 of yearling year
- **Stallion registration:**  
Dec. 31 of year breeding
- **Broodmare domicile report:** Oct. 15 prior to year foaling or within 15 days of arrival in state

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Christmas comes but once a year everywhere except at Rick and Dixie Abbott's Charlton, where she makes her presence known every day. "Christmas," as she's known, is Christmas Strike, a 14-year-old mare by Smart Strike out of Christmas Gift, by Green Desert. She has been delivering presents to the Abbotts since they acquired her as a 3-year-old in foal to Pleasant Tap.

The Christmas fable goes something like this: Bred by Edward P. (Ned) Evans, Christmas Strike had an undistinguished career of three starts and was retired and bred to Pleasant Tap on July 7 of her 3-year-old year. Entered in the 2001 Keeneland November sale, she failed to reach her reserve. Abbott, attending the sale, got a call from one of his clients watching the auction on his computer and went to the Lane's End Farm consignment to have a look at her. Told that she could be bought for \$10,000, the Abbotts and their client each took a 50 percent interest in the filly.

After foaling a Pleasant Tap colt (later named No Passing Zone) on May 29, 2002, Christmas Strike was not bred. The following year, she was bred to Holy Bull, and her Pleasant Tap yearling was sold at Timonium for \$35,000. The resulting Holy Bull filly (Holy Christmas) was sold to F. Eugene Dixon's Erdenheim Farm for \$100,000 in the Eastern Fall Yearling sale at Timonium. Both No Passing Zone and Holy Christmas became stakes-placed runners. In 2005, Christmas Strike produced an Out Of Place colt and was bred back to Lion Hearted.

At this point in the story, Charlton's partner sought to dissolve the partnership. The mare and her Out of Place colt were entered into the Timonium February

sale, where the Abbotts bought out their partner paying \$39,000 for the mare and \$9,000 for the colt. Later that year, Mark Reid of Walnut Green Bloodstock purchased the colt at the Eastern Fall Yearling sale for \$42,000. That colt, Double Down Vinman, is a stakes winner of 18 races. Success followed success with Christmas Strike's next two foals: Her Lion Hearted colt (Lion Strike) sold for \$70,000, and her 2008 Stormin Fever colt (Agonistic) brought \$65,000. Lion Strike resold in the Timonium May sale for \$210,000.

All that success was prelude to the next three foals. In 2008, the Abbotts wanted to breed Christmas Strike to first-year sire Hard Spun; however, Double Down Vinman had not won a stakes yet, and she was turned down for Hard Spun's book. Instead the Abbotts selected After Market, another first-year sire, standing at the time for \$30,000. That summer Double Down Vinman's racing career took off, and the Abbotts decided it might be time to cash in their investment. Sent to the 2008 Keeneland November sale as the world financial crisis was unfolding, Christmas Strike entered the ring with a \$99,000 reserve and left unsold. Returned to Charlton with a promise from Dixie that she would never go through the ring again, Christmas Strike delivered a chestnut After Market colt in 2009 and subsequently was bred to Harlan's Holiday.

As a yearling, Market Strike developed into a breathtaking individual and became the object of a bidding duel between Samantha Siegel's Jay Em Ess Stable and Ellen Charles's Hillwood Stable at the 2010 Eastern Fall sale. Market Strike topped that sale

on a bid of \$250,000 from Jay Em Ess and now trains at Gulfstream Park with Rick Dutrow. The Harlan's Holiday colt, another beauty, was the second-highest-priced yearling at the 2011 Eastern Fall sale, going to Lawrence Karp for \$180,000.

The Abbotts finally got to breed Christmas Strike to Hard Spun in 2010, his third year at stud. "I loved everything about Hard Spun for Christmas Strike," said Rick Abbott. "He's tall and leggy, which the mare is not, and he's a Danzig with terrific speed, which I liked for a Smart Strike mare."

Born on April 15, the resultant colt was entered in the 2011 Keeneland November sale with hope that Hard Spun would be among the leading freshman sires. Another consideration in entering the foal was that all of her relatives would be selling in the Evans dispersal. Everything worked to perfection. Hard Spun was the second-leading freshman sire on sale day, and Christmas Strike's half-sister, Christmas Kid, sold for \$4.2 million the day before the weanling was to sell. Interest in the colt intense, he sold for \$195,000.

It's easy to see why the Abbotts have a special place in their hearts for Christmas Strike. She has six foals of racing age, and only her 2-year-old is not a winner. Two are stakes placed, two are winners and Double Down Vinman is a stakes winner of \$493,000. Altogether, her eight foals have sold for \$937,000 and her six of racing age have earned in excess of \$830,000 -- not a bad return on an original \$10,000 investment. Christmas Strike, open this year, is to be bred to Exchange Rate in 2012.

## PHBA REGIONAL MEETING - WYNOAKS FARM

The PHBA held a Regional Meeting on November 16th in Barbara and Chip Wheeler's beautiful post & beam barn at WynOaks Farm in Delta, PA. 40 people attended the meeting which was led by PHBA President Brian Sanfratello. Discussion included an overview of the Breeding Fund, Awards and

Bonuses paid in 2011, PA Legislative Affairs update, PA-Bred Restricted race schedule and other topics. The PHBA is considering dates and locations for the next regional meeting. Members are reminded that the Annual Meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 16, 2012 at the Kennett Square Country Club.



Robert P. Weber photos

## How the PA-Bred Fund Works

Pennsylvania's Breeding Fund Program distributes more money, on a per foal basis,

than nearly every other state-bred program now in operation. Established in 1974, the

Pennsylvania Breeding Fund has grown from a disbursement of \$65,000 in its initial year of operation to over \$15 million annually.

The Pennsylvania Breeding Fund is financed by a percentage of pari-mutuel handle and slots revenues. It provides for individual award payments (breeder, owner and stallion awards), overnight races for PA-Breds, purse bonus supplements, and PA-Bred stakes races.

### OVERVIEW OF AWARDS AND BONUSES FOR REGISTERED PA-BREDS

- \$ Award of 30% of purse earned to Breeder for PA-sired horses (first through third)
- \$ Award of 20% of purse earned to Breeder for non PA-sired horses (first through third)
- \$ Award of 10% of purse earned to Stallion Owner (first through third)
- \$ Award of 10% of purse earned to winning Owner on selected open races
- \$ Bonus of up to 40% of purse earned to Owner on selected races (first through third)
- \$ Bonus of 25% of purse earned to Owner for PA-sired horses in PA-Bred stakes races (first through third)

For more details, visit  
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—NOTICE—

**2012 Stallion  
Auction Reminder  
PENNSYLVANIA  
HORSE BREEDERS  
ASSOCIATION PAC  
2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL  
ONLINE  
STALLION  
AUCTION**

The Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association will be holding its second annual online Stallion Auction on January 26, 27, and 28, 2012 to benefit the Political Action Committee. The auction will take place through [www.thoroughlybred.com](http://www.thoroughlybred.com). Log on to the website and become a member to participate - it's free and easy.

Help the PHBA PAC work on your behalf for the betterment of the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred industry!

Please continue to follow the PHBA website, [www.pabred.com](http://www.pabred.com), for updates.

## 2011 PENNSYLVANIA-BRED STAKES SCHEDULE

Sat., Apr. 9, Parx	<b>\$75,000 Lyman H</b> , 3 & up, 7 fur. 1st, GOLDDIGGER'S BOY; 2nd, Movin Out; 3rd, Whistle Pig
	<b>\$75,000 Foxy J. G. S</b> , 3 & up, Fillies & mares, 7 fur. 1st, JEMILYN; 2nd, Diva's Gold; 3rd, Bright Abyss
Sat., May 21, PID	<b>\$75,000 Presidentialaffair S</b> , 3 & up, 6 fur. 1st, GATOR BAY; 2nd, Whistle Pig; 3rd, Zoeling
	<b>\$75,000 Ambassador Of Luck S</b> , 3 & up, Fillies & mares, 6 fur. 1st, FUGITIVE ANGEL; 2nd, Looky Here; 3rd, Hygh Jacque
Fri., May 27, Pen	<b>\$75,000 Danzig S</b> , 3YO, 6 fur. 1st, MOONLITE GRINDER; 2nd, Trade Secret; 3rd, Der Meister
	<b>\$75,000 Wonders Delight S</b> , 3YO fillies, 6 fur., \$75,000 1st, QUANTUM MISS; 2nd, Ann's Smart Dancer; 3rd, Lenape Rim
Tue., June 14, Pen	<b>\$75,000 Lyphard S</b> , 3 & up, Fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., off turf, \$75,000 1st, OUTLAW DANCER; 2nd, Tap Softly; 3rd, Single Scoop
	<b>\$75,000 Docent S</b> , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi. 1st, GOLDDIGGER'S BOY; 2nd, Sloane Ranger; 3rd, Royal Clash
Sat., July 2, Parx	<b>\$75,000 Peppy Addy S</b> , 3YO, 7 fur. 1st, TRADE SECRET; 2nd, Bibblesman; 3rd, Der Meister
	<b>\$75,000 Caught In The Rain S</b> , 3YO fillies, 7 fur., \$75,000 1st, ANN'S SMART DANCER; 2nd, Lenape Rim; 3rd, Prize Winner
Fri., July 8, PID	<b>\$75,000 Leematt S</b> , 3 & up, 1 mi. 1st, TERRIFFICO; 2nd, Ryan's Gift; 3rd, Pocket Patch
	<b>\$75,000 Northern Fling S</b> , 3 & up, Fillies & mares, 1 mi. 1st, MALIBU WIN; 2nd, Fugitive Angel; 3rd, You Need Me
Sat., Jul. 30, Parx	<b>\$75,000 Power By Far S</b> , 3 & up, Fillies & mares, 6 fur. 1st, ANN'S SMART DANCER; 2nd, Diva's Gold; 3rd, Project Rose
Fri., Aug. 5, Pen	<b>\$75,000 Robellino S</b> , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf 1st, DEAL MAKING; 2nd, Roadhog; 3rd, Saco River
	<b>\$75,000 Russian Rhythm S</b> , 3 & up, Fillies & mares, 5 fur., turf 1st, YOU NEED ME; 2nd, Look At Me Dance; 3rd, Amnesian
Fri., Aug. 12, PID	<b>\$75,000 Malvern Rose S</b> , 3YO fillies, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi. 1st, PRIZE WINNER; 2nd, Lenape Rim; 3rd, Military Wife
	<b>\$75,000 Lil E. Tee H</b> , 3YO, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi. 1st, LUCKY LEWIS; 2nd, Beatnik; 3rd, Kyma

### PENNSYLVANIA'S DAY AT THE RACES • Saturday, Sept. 10 • Parx

**\$100,000 PHBA Sprint**, 3 & up, 7 fur.

Cancelled

**\$100,000 Mrs. Penny S**, 3 & up, Fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$  mi., off turf

1st, SEYCHELLES; 2nd, Single Scoop; 3rd, Tap Softly

**\$100,000 Mr. Jenney H**, 3 & up, 5 fur., off turf

1st, NOBLE MAZ; 2nd, Just Don; 3rd, Philly Bound

**\$75,000 Crowd Pleaser S**, 3YO, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$  mi., off turf

1st, LUCKY LEWIS; 2nd, Winchill; 3rd, Gondwanan

**\$75,000 Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial S**, 3YO fillies, 6 fur.

1st, ANN'S SMART DANCER; 2nd, Voodoo's Argument; 3rd, Prize Winner

Sat., Sept. 24, Parx **\$75,000 Roanoke S**, 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$  mi.

1st, GUNFIGHTER; 2nd, Layers; 3rd, Winchill

Sat., Oct. 1, Parx **\$100,000 PA Horse Breeders Distaff S**, 3 & up, Fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$  mi.

1st, COCO'S SWEETIE; 2nd, Diva's Gold; 3rd, Seychelles

Sat., Oct. 8, Parx **\$75,000 Alphabet Soup H**, 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$  mi., turf

1st, I'M SURE; 2nd, Wannabe; 3rd, Cat Park

Fri., Oct. 14, Pen **\$75,000 Nepal S**, 3 & up, 6 fur.

1st, PHILLY BOUND; 2nd, Whistle Pig; 3rd, Locked Out

**\$75,000 Ligature S**, 3 & up, Fillies & mares, 6 fur.

1st, LENAPE RIM; 2nd, Tap Softly; 3rd, Voodoo's Argument

Wed., Nov. 23, Pen **\$75,000 Blue Mt Juvenile S**, 2Yo Fillies, 6 fur.

1st, B C'S TRAIN; 2nd, Love Contract; 3rd, Pink Candy

Sat., Dec. 10, Parx **\$75,000 Pa Nursery S**, 2Yo, 7 fur.

All stakes will include a 25% PA-Sired Bonus for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Total purses \$2,275,000  
Subject to change, updated 10/18/2011

**PHBA Membership Notice:**

**January 2012**

Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association (PHBA) is responsible for the administration and development of The Pennsylvania Breeding Fund program - perhaps the most lucrative of its kind in the country. Fund revenues are expected to exceed \$20 million in 2012 - for breeder and stallion awards and for race purses for PA-Breds.

PHBA is the voice of breeders before the Legislature, State Horse Racing Commission, and Breeding Fund Advisory Committee, presenting valuable input regarding Fund policies.

**PHBA regular members (dues paid by March 31, 2012) receive:**

- A free weekly subscription to *Thoroughbred Times*, and its daily email newsletter
- PHBA's monthly newsletter, via a free subscription to *The Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred*
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- Full voting privileges for the election of PHBA directors and at all other elections
- A personalized embossed PHBA member card

All PHBA members are eligible for substantial discounts on: PA-Bred registration fees; all NTRA co-op products; Liberty Mutual home and automobile insurance lines; and several additional benefits. Please visit [www.pabred.com](http://www.pabred.com) for more details and to obtain forms and W-9.

PHBA's Board of Directors thanks you for your past support and participation. We hope you choose to continue your involvement in helping to make Pennsylvania the premier place to breed Thoroughbreds. We are here to serve you. **REMINDER: BREEDER NAME & SSN/EIN ON FOAL REGISTRATIONS MUST MATCH MEMBERSHIP NAME & SSN/EIN AND BREEDER NAME ON THE CURRENT JOCKEY CLUB FOAL CERTIFICATE COPY MAILED WITH REGISTRATION.**

Brian Sanfratello, President

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<b>2012 DUES</b>	<b>PHBA PAC Contribution</b>	<b>Total Amt.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> \$65	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> \$_____	\$_____
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