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## WALNUT GREEN: WHERE THE AIR IS RARE

By Brooke Keaton

### PA-BRED REMINDERS

- **Early registration:**  
Within 365 days of foaling
- **Yearling registration:**  
Dec. 31 of yearling year
- **Stallion registration:**  
April 30 of year breeding
- **Broodmare domicile report:** Oct. 15 prior to year foaling or within 15 days of arrival in state

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A gentle breeze rolled through the windows, ruffling the curtains and washing the old Walnut Green farmhouse in the sweet relief of a cool summer afternoon. Under a cloudless sky everybody went about their routines; from broodmares snacking on lush pastures, to employees diligently maintaining the grounds and holding yearlings for purchase exams.

From across the kitchen table Mark Reid, Walnut Green's managing partner, seems like an intimidating man with a broad build and the height to match. But one flash of his welcoming smile and warm laughter is enough to erase those suspicions. In fact, his demeanor rivals the bright conditions just beyond the screen of the window.

"What do you want to know?" he asks teasingly, a smile on his face, "My life story is just so interesting."

And right he is. Unlike many in Reid's position, he did not get his start in horses at a young age. In fact, it was not until his sophomore year of college that he first ventured to the track—a move encouraged by his father who insisted that Reid "laid around long enough."

It was love at first sight, as Reid describes it. His first visit to the track hooked him and there was no turning back. He learned the game while he finished his business degree at the University of Maryland and soon thereafter got a job.

"After awhile the old neck tie was strangling," he jokes with a hand tucked to his chin, "My passion for racing was all consuming and I just did not want to do anything else."



**Mark Reid with graded stakes winner and track record setter Quantum Miss.**

Soon, visiting tracks all over the east coast could not stave off what Reid saw as inevitable. He left his job selling industrial paper products in the fall of '73 and became a groom. Shortly after he took out a \$4,000 loan and purchased his first horse and built up his own string of Thoroughbreds to train.

After managing a successful band of 130 horses, he retired as the all-time leading trainer at Philadelphia Park (now Parx Racing) and Garden State Park. "I wanted to watch my children grow. It was a choice I have never regretted," he comments, reminiscence flickering in his bright eyes.

It was not until nearly a decade after getting out of racing that fate would bring Reid back into the sport. Ben Perkins, Reid's good friend, made a name for himself through buying and selling horses with top train-

ers and owners. "He introduced me to Bobby Frankel and Tony Dutrow," Reid explains, raising his eyebrows as though still surprised by the turn of events.

Reid spent the next years networking with the best trainers, breeders, and owners in the game. He even managed the sales of Medaglia d'Oro, You, and Spoken Fur. "I just happened to be in the right place at the right time," he shrugs, humbly noting his successes.

Reid found himself fortunate enough to receive a call from William Warren Jr., asking him to manage the career of a horse he had in training. "I'm not sure if you've heard of him," Reid interrupts his own story, playful enthusiasm rising in his voice. "He was the 2005 Horse of the Year, Saint Liam. You could definitely say I was fortunate."

After Saint Liam's successful 2005 campaign, culminating with a win in the Breeders' Cup Classic-G1, Reid made a move to Pennsylvania after the passing of the slots bill. He purchased Walnut Green in late 2005 from Russell Jones, the lucrative Pennsylvania-bred purses drawing him in, but he never lost sight of getting horses to the big races.

But things are not always what they seem and nobody could predict the downfall of the economy in 2008. "I should've known it wouldn't be that easy," he says, rolling his eyes.

Despite the economic setbacks, Reid and the Walnut Green community are prepared to weather the storm. By maintaining a smaller number of broodmares, the farm is able to focus its program on "breeding the best to the best." A plan that will take several years

to reveal the payoff, but Walnut Green is already off to a promising start.

Plum Pretty, 2011 Kentucky Oaks-G1 winner and a daughter of Medaglia d'Oro, was bred, born and raised on the 250 acres of rich Chester County ground. "She (Plum Pretty) was an interesting story," admits Reid, "We sent her dam, Liszy, to one of the Keeneland sales for our client while she was carrying Plum Pretty."

Fate had other plans and Reid could not resist buying back the mare. "She was the best looking mare there!" he insists.

Plum Pretty is not the only success story to sprout from these fertile grounds. Quantum Miss, a multiple stakes winner of over \$250,000, winner of the Cicada Stakes-G3 and a track record holder at Penn National, and multiple stakes-winning mare Ann's Smart Dancer are proud to call Walnut Green home.

The list does not stop there and Reid is determined to continually add to the farm's successes by improving the quality of his stock.

Between gazes out the window, he inhales deeply while sorting his thoughts. "I just want to better this breed," he nods. "But I sure do admire long-term breeders. We don't get the quick turnaround rewards of racing in the breeding industry."

Yet he still seems undaunted, diligently focusing his efforts on improving Walnut Green's bloodstock—a task that does not end with the breeding industry.

"Our philosophy is to breed and create the best product out there," Reid explains. "We're not here to just go af-

ter these great Pennsylvania-bred races and rewards. We want to take the horses to the top. I breathed in a bit of that rare air with Bobby Frankel, and that's where I want my horses to go."

Yet Reid is not convinced that the state of racing in the United States can support the development of top-class athletes. He believes the near year-round circuits in many states do not draw in the best horses, despite tremendous purses. "I like quality racing," he says honestly, "but you can't have that all year."

Instead, Reid would like racing dates to be rearranged to seasonal meets. A move that he thinks would attract bigger races, larger crowds and better horses. Seasonal meets could reflect the atmosphere of other large, seasonal racing events like those at Royal Ascot. "It's alive!" Reid excitedly explains with a smile broadening his face. "It's more exclusive with good quality racing, it makes horse racing an event again—it makes it special."

That is exactly what Reid is doing with Walnut Green—making it special. Every day he is up before the sun to be the first person to see the horses. He can name each mare out in the field and can recite who she is in foal to and who she was bred to in years prior. He can make small talk with just about anyone and nobody is safe from his light-hearted and innocent jokes—not even the two resident dogs and the "exceptionally needy" cat.

Walnut Green is a special place; where beautiful horses are plentiful, the grass is green, the faces are friendly and the air is rare.

## 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)

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## PA-BRED PREMIUM EARN MORE JOIN THE PHBA

Whether you are currently a breeder or an owner, or if you are just considering getting involved in this exciting industry, there are many reasons to join the PHBA. The PHBA is devoted to those involved in Pennsylvania's Thoroughbred breeding industry. A not-for-profit organization founded in 1948, we provide a number of services to members, including informational assistance, educational opportunities and a variety of social events.

The goal of the organization is to advocate on behalf of the state's breeding industry. We are mandated by statute as administrator of the Pennsylvania Breeding Fund program, and as official registrar of the Pennsylvania-Bred roster of eligible program participants.

Working with industry leaders over the years, PHBA has achieved several goals that have brought reform and benefits to breeders, owners, race tracks and the public. The PHBA is vital to everyone involved in breeding throughout Pennsylvania. Your support and participation can help Pennsylvania's breeding industry continue to grow and prosper.

## 2013 PENNSYLVANIA-BRED STAKES SCHEDULE

Sat., Apr. 13, Parx	<b>\$75,000 Lyman H</b> , 3 & up, 7 fur. 1st - Tujoes; 2nd - Arlo; 3rd - Layers
	<b>\$75,000 Foxy J. G. S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 7 fur. 1st - Villette; 2nd - Lisa Stannard; 3rd - Ann's Smart Dancer
Sun., July 14, PID	<b>\$75,000 Leematt S</b> , 3 & up, 1 mi. 1st - Roadhog; 2nd - Kelly Rock; 3rd - Great Investment
	<b>\$75,000 Northern Fling S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 mi. 1st - Lenape Rim; 2nd - Lotta Lovin; 3rd - Sixth and Arch
Sat., July 27, Parx	<b>\$75,000 Crowd Pleaser S</b> , 3YO, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf 1st - Big Feat; 2nd (DH) - A Fleet Attitude/Fessed Up
	<b>\$75,000 Power by Far S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 5 fur., turf 1st - Madrilena; 2nd - Chulula; 3rd - Estrada's Girl
Sun., Aug. 11, PID	<b>\$75,000 Malvern Rose S</b> , 3YO Fillies, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi. 1st - Cat's Holiday; 2nd - Platinum Steel; 3rd - Emerald Bracelet

### PENNSYLVANIA'S DAY AT THE RACES • Saturday, Sept. 7 • Parx

<b>\$75,000 Banjo Picker Sprint S</b> , 3 & up, 6 fur. 1st - Fersmiley; 2nd - Officer Alex; 3rd - Generally George
<b>\$75,000 Roanoke S</b> , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi. 1st - Norman Asbjornson; 2nd - Winchill; 3rd - Arlo
<b>\$75,000 Marshall Jenney H</b> , 3 & up, 5 fur. (turf) 1st - This Ain't No Bull; 2nd - Love Those Boots; 3rd - Merry's Honor
<b>\$75,000 Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial S</b> , 3YO Fillies, 6 fur. 1st - Classy Coco; 2nd - Power of Snunner; 3rd - Tetherball
<b>\$75,000 Mrs. Penny S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi. (turf) 1st - Ski Holiday; 2nd - Sixth and Arch; 3rd - Defeat R Fleet

Sun., Sept. 8, PID	<b>\$75,000 Mark McDermott S</b> , 2YO, 6 fur. 1st - Chippewawwhitechief; 2nd - Shiny Finish; 3rd - Cosmic Emergency
Sat., Sept. 21, Parx	<b>\$75,000 Alphabet Soup H</b> , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Wed., Nov. 27, Penn	<b>\$75,000 Blue Mountain Juvenile S</b> , 2YO Fillies, 6 fur.
Sat., Dec. 7, Parx	<b>\$75,000 Pennsylvania Nursery S</b> , 2YO, 7 fur.

All stakes included a 25% PA-Sired Bonus for 1st, 2nd and 3rd

Total: \$1,200,000

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Tom Marks

## SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU BREED IN PENNSYLVANIA?

*Now that's a double. Congratulations to CCA Oaks and Alabama winner Princess of Sylmar, owned and bred by Ed Stanco and King of Prussia Stable.*

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