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## PRINCESS OF SYLMAR STILL QUEEN OF PENNSYLVANIA

By Barbara Luna

### 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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Ed Stanco, majority partner of Pennsylvania breeder and owner King of Prussia Stable, is CEO of Toa Re America, a Morristown, N.J.-based reinsurance company which is the overseas subsidiary of Japan's Toa Tokyo. But when it comes to caring for the filly Princess of Sylmar, Stanco is happy to defer to her trainer.

Stanco, who has been with Todd Pletcher for 12 years, says "Todd is the CEO, and I am on the board of directors. He is the real genius, and he plans everything out for the filly." Plans which this past season included a trip to the West Coast for the 30th running of the Breeders' Cup at Santa Anita. King of Prussia Stable is a small group of seven partners formed in 2006 which owns and breeds just two mares, racing their offspring.

"We like to race just one or two horses at a time," said Stanco. "We are just a couple of prudent guys who work with a manageable budget."

Stanco's first Breeders' Cup runner was Capeside Lady, who ran for the partnership So Madcapt Stable and was sixth in the 2005 Distaff. At the time, Stanco thought he'd never have another Breeders' Cup experience. In 2006, bloodstock agent Joe Brocklebank encouraged the purchase of Storm Dixie from the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-year-old sale in Timonium. The daughter of Catienus retired stakes-placed with one win. In 2009, her planned breeding to Grand Slam at Ashford Stud in Versailles, Ky., was cancelled after the stallion was injured covering a mare. Instead, Storm Dixie was bred to first-year stallion Majestic Warrior, a son of A.P. Indy.

The following spring, Princess of Sylmar was foaled at Ronnie and Betsy Houghton's Sylmar Farm in Christiana. Living nearby in Malvern, Stanco made one of his regular trips to the farm the day the chestnut filly was foaled.

"Racing has its own adrenaline rush, but I really enjoy going out to the farm. It is great to have 20 yearlings surrounding you in a big field," he said. "The hardest part is trying to name the babies, but to me, one of the best parts of the filly's story is her name—she was named for the Houghtons' Sylmar Farm, where she was born, raised and broken to ride."

Princess of Sylmar lost her debut at Penn National, but was sensational breaking her maiden by 19 lengths in her second start at the Grantville track in November 2012. She then reeled off three more wins, including two stakes at Aqueduct, before finishing second in the Grade 2 Gazelle Stakes. Her next victory was in the Kentucky Oaks-G1 over the Eclipse Award winner Beholder. That began a historic skein of wins in the 3-year-old filly division which included the Grade 1 Coaching Club American Oaks and Alabama Stakes at Saratoga.

Stanco admits that he had suggested the Alabama Stakes in August for his Pennsylvania-bred filly. As a native of upstate New York, it was a race he always dreamed of winning. "My uncle used to take me to the races in Saratoga when I was a kid," he said. "I fell in love with the horses."

The Alabama was Princess of Sylmar's third consecutive Grade 1 victory, and rumblings about an Eclipse Award as top 3-year-old filly became louder.

“Ed threw a huge party at Saratoga, and we were all invited,” said Betsy Houghton, there along with about 120 people, including the filly’s farm blacksmith, Chris Marsh, and his family, and Kim Eshelman, who has been breaking youngsters at Sylmar for 36 years and was the first person to put tack on Princess of Sylmar. “Ed stood up at the party and introduced Kim, saying she was the filly’s first grade teacher. He gave credit to everyone who had a part in this.”

“She came out of the Alabama so well,” said Stanco. “Her exercise rider, Jake Nelson, said she was back training like she had never even raced. We still were adamant, however, that we’d not go the Breeders’ Cup. But then came the Beldame against older fillies and mares.”

Her 2-length victory at Belmont in the Grade 1 Beldame over champion Royal Delta nearly guaranteed the 3-year-old filly championship. Rarely has a filly accomplished what she had in winning four consecutive Grade 1 races.

Prior to the Sept. 28 Beldame, the Breeders’ Cup was not in the plans. But “champions don’t stay home,” said Stanco. “Todd is an incredibly focused guy who wants to do everything the right way. I usually communicate via text messaging with him, he is so busy that I never want to bother him, but this time, I wanted to have a meeting in his office. I shut the door and said ‘This is a really big deal to me, is it to you, too?’ I wanted him to be as excited as I was about the prospect of running in California.”

The decision was made to supplement for \$100,000.

“The way we approached it,” said Pletcher, who has saddled 103 Breed-

ers’ Cup starters, “is if she continued to train well after the Beldame, we felt she deserved the opportunity. Collectively, to have won four Grade 1 races as she did is extremely rare. I cannot think of anyone else that has done that. I always have some reservations about shipping any horse to California, but she had been training so well.”

“It was pretty simple. It was not about her worth, but about something much bigger,” said Stanco. “The fans wanted to see her, and there was no way we were going to sit home if she was healthy. We were quite an entourage at Santa Anita,” he said. “With the partners very passionate about this filly, we had 50 people—friends from all over: Colorado, Texas, California, Kentucky and Pennsylvania. Win or lose, our filly has quite a following.”

Unfortunately, Princess of Sylmar did not handle the speed-favoring Santa Anita surface. Added to that was an outside post and a stumble coming out of the gate, and the filly was defeated, finishing last of six. Stanco said Javier Castellano asked her to move on the backstretch, and got no response.

“Afterwards, I told Todd that I have absolutely no regrets,” he said. “Running her was the right thing to do. If people are only in the business for the action, and only for the ‘highs’ of the sport, they need to rethink wanting to get involved in racehorse ownership. You have to love the Thoroughbreds for what they are, and if you don’t have the passion for the animal, you shouldn’t be in it.”

The Houghtons watched from their farm, and were, as would be expected, disappointed.

“We saw how the races were running out there, and she had a couple of things against her,” said Betsy. “The slow start from her stumbling, and the speed bias were very unfortunate, but we knew she had come into the race in great shape. She’ll be back next year.”

After the race, Princess of Sylmar shipped to Rood and Riddle in Kentucky for a complete physical. Coming out of the race in perfect condition, she was shipped to WinStar Farm for her previously planned vacation. She will return to the track and Pletcher’s care in January.

“I have trained some of the top fillies in the country,” said Pletcher. “She stacks up to the very top of that list. Her record places her right among them, and I am looking forward to her 4-year-old campaign.”

Pletcher said that East Coast races like the Grade 1 Personal Ensign Stakes and Delaware Handicap could be on her 2014 agenda.

Princess of Sylmar has a just-turned 2-year-old half-sister by E Dubai. She is currently hacking under saddle at Sylmar under the watchful eyes of Eshelman and the Houghtons.

Storm Dixie produced a filly by Pentionville in May 2013, and was not bred due to the late foaling.

Queen to Be, a filly by Flatter out of Raise the Kitty unraced last year at 2 (through mid-December), is the second of the King of Prussia Stable runners, and will likely will follow the same path as Princess of Sylmar.

“She went to Todd’s barn at Saratoga last August,” said Houghton. “And as a 3-year-old, she’ll make her first start at Penn National, just as Princess did.”

## How the PA-Bred Fund Works

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

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### 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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### 2014 Stallion Auction Reminder

## PENNSYLVANIA HORSE BREEDERS ASSOCIATION PAC 4th ANNUAL ONLINE STALLION AUCTION

The Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association will be holding its fourth annual online Stallion Auction on January 24, 25, and 26, 2014, 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.

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## 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 1st - Roadhog; 2nd - Shetan; 3rd - S S Skittles
Wed., Nov. 27, Penn	<b>\$75,000 Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies S</b> , 2YO Fillies, 6 fur. 1st - Gracer; 2nd - Raging Smoke; 3rd - Chasing the Moon
Sat., Dec. 28, 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

SUBJECT TO CHANGE - updated 12/10/2013

—PENNSYLVANIA-BRED FUND STATISTICS – TOP EARNERS—

(January 1, 2013 through October 31, 2013, rounded to dollars)

**LEADING EARNERS - TOTAL AWARDS**

Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Owner	Total	Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Owner	Total
William J. Solomon VMD	76,387	193,785	0	270,172	Thoroughbred Associates LLP	84,279	0	0	84,279
Michael W. Jester	90,921	116,887	0	207,808	Richard Molineaux	75,482	0	0	75,482
George Strawbridge Jr.	175,254	30,011	0	205,265	Equivine Farm Inc.	73,833	0	0	73,833
The Elkstone Group LLC	172,051	0	21,000	193,051	Gum Tree Stables LLC	72,280	0	0	72,280
Xanthus Farms Inc.	174,155	5,702	0	179,857	Welcome Here Farm LLC	68,139	0	0	68,139
Judith M. Barrett	115,466	33,214	0	148,680	Ellendale Racing LLC	67,338	0	0	67,338
Thomas G. McClay	128,451	0	0	128,451	Yaroslav Kolybabiuk MD	66,604	0	0	66,604
Smart Angle LLP	125,411	0	0	125,411	Tea Party Stable Inc.	51,805	14,225	0	66,030
Charles A. Cuprill	93,759	27,407	0	121,166	James M. Courtney	59,346	0	0	59,346
Glenn E. Brok LLC	111,783	0	0	111,783	Mark J. Reid Sr.	58,716	0	0	58,716
Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	66,739	32,513	0	99,252	Fox Tale	39,208	19,218	0	58,427
Northview Stallion Station Inc.	0	99,062	0	99,062	Jon A. Marshall	57,123	0	0	57,123
Arrowwood Farm Inc.	88,607	0	0	88,607	James Hackman	55,995	0	0	55,995
Charlton Bloodstock Agency Inc.	86,811	0	0	86,811	Sylmar Farm Inc.	55,439	0	0	55,439
Pewter Stable	57,652	22,560	4,500	84,711	Joseph Imbesi	52,138	0	0	52,138

**LEADING STALLIONS**

Fund Money includes Stallion Awards only

Stallion Name	Stallion Owner / Manager	No. of Races	Award Total	Stallion Name	Stallion Owner / Manager	No. of Races	Award Total
Real Quiet	Michael W. Jester	248	80,315	Southern Success	Barbara A. Rickline	89	29,690
Fairbanks	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	170	66,784	Jump Start	Jump Start Syndicate Manager LLC	42	28,560
Lite the Fuse	William J. Solomon VMD	188	62,738	Congressional Honor	Pewter Stable	123	21,960
Albert the Great	William J. Solomon VMD	106	48,116	More Smoke	William J. Solomon VMD	70	19,826
Changeintheweather	Pin Oak Stud LLC	108	44,210	Siphon (Brz)	William J. Solomon VMD	88	19,574
Activist	Judith M. Barrett	118	33,214	Rubiyat	Fox Tale	69	19,218
Cat Thief	Michael W. Jester	95	33,202	Love of Money	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	52	18,520
Power by Far	Barbara J. Geraghty	79	32,888	Delaware Township	Benjamin W. Perkins Sr.	63	18,426
Weigelia	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	89	32,513	Cetewayo	John A. Chandler	67	16,279
Partner's Hero	Peter Giangiulio	108	31,595	Wiseman's Ferry	Lainey Bug Stables LLC	54	16,186
Rimrod	George Strawbridge Jr.	85	30,011	Service Stripe	William J. Solomon VMD	30	15,866
Ecclesiastic	Walmac Farm LLC	136	29,806	Aisle	Flint W. Stites	56	14,217

**LEADING HORSES**

Fund Money includes: PA-Bred Races, Breeder, Stallion and Owner Awards and PA-Bred Owner-Bonus Payments

Horse	Pedigree	Breeder	PA-Bred Restricted Races	PA-Bred Purse	PA-Bred Stakes Purse	Total Breeder Award	Total Stallion Award	Total Owner Award	Total Owner Bonus	Total Fund Amount
Edge of Reality	Lawyer Ron - Our Nancy Lee	The Elkstone Group LLC	5	0	0	68,488	0	21,000	37,840	127,328
Dani's Storm *	Changeintheweather - Stormy Danyelle	Xanthus Farms Inc.	7	0	0	53,651	17,884	0	51,096	122,630
Roadhog	Bowman's Band - Little Wing	Ellendale Racing LLC	2	0	90,000	18,000	0	0	0	108,000
This Ain't No Bull	Holy Bull - Disco Darlin'	Classic Thoroughbred XVIII LLC	5	0	45,000	28,038	0	0	24,512	97,550
Chicharito *	Albert the Great - Twin Tower	James Hackman	11	0	2,250	44,184	14,728	0	34,080	95,242
One Smart Philly	Smarty Jones - Philly Gal	Main Line Racing Stables LLC	17	0	0	39,562	0	0	54,160	93,722
Norman Asbjornson *	Real Quiet - Merryland Missy	Thoroughbred Associates LLP	3	0	45,000	35,925	11,975	0	0	92,900
Chippewawhitechief *	Weigelia - Chippewa	St. Omer's Farm	5	0	45,000	30,078	10,026	0	5,310	90,414
Lenape Rim *	Rimrod - Mai Debeau	Margaret H. Brigham	5	0	49,500	27,675	9,225	3,600	0	90,000
Lisa Stannard *	Lite the Fuse - Bijou Belle	Walnut Green LLC	9	0	15,000	39,525	13,175	0	22,000	89,700
Generally George *	Patton - Margeaux's Wish	Roberta L. Schneider MD	5	0	8,250	36,190	12,063	0	31,520	88,023
Villette	Petionville - Untangled	Jon A. Marshall	3	0	45,000	20,200	0	0	16,000	81,200
Cat's Holiday	Harlan's Holiday - Dynamic Cat	George Strawbridge Jr.	2	21,600	45,000	13,320	0	0	0	79,920
Platinum Steel	Eddington - Crafty Toast	Charles Mark Schnelle	8	35,200	15,000	21,676	0	0	6,480	78,356
Power of Snunner *	Power by Far - Snunner	James M. Courtney	10	0	15,000	38,064	12,688	0	12,280	78,032
Fersmiley	Domestic Dispute - Lullaby's Melody	Primrose Hayes	2	0	45,000	17,904	0	0	12,720	75,624
Tujoes	Oratory - Mrs. Vanderbilt	Barbara Smith Brown	2	0	45,000	17,904	0	0	12,720	75,624
Big Feat	Mutakddim - Party Fever	Ellendale Racing LLC	5	0	45,000	17,352	0	0	11,460	73,812
Starship Girl	Lion Heart - Savage Beauty	Martin S. Schwartz	6	0	0	30,296	0	0	43,280	73,576
Estrada's Girl	Golden Missile - Fountain	Richard Molineaux	13	0	8,250	30,989	0	0	33,856	73,095
Major Highway	Irish Road - Major Gams	Myron R. Wilson	8	0	0	33,704	0	5,760	31,692	71,156
Tiz Morgan *	Albert the Great - Tiz Beverly	Charles Fiumano	10	0	0	34,008	11,336	0	24,880	70,224
Madrikena	Stormy Atlantic - Brush Over	Smart Angle LLP	3	0	47,250	11,968	0	0	4,240	63,458
Winchill	Tapit - Exclusive Hold	Gum Tree Stables LLC	5	0	17,250	23,872	0	4,500	16,960	62,582
Anearful	Eavesdropper - Fulmine	Briter Farm	10	0	0	25,488	0	0	36,412	61,900

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