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## 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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## Blackstone Partners see results at Saratoga: Unbridled's Song colt top PA-bred at \$500,000

By Barbara Luna

Five years ago Christian Hansen answered a real estate ad for a 380-acre property formerly called Long Stretch Farm in Pine Grove, Pa., that was being sold to dissolve a partnership. He met then managing partner Douglas Black and the conversation between the two quickly turned toward horses and their shared philosophy of how to raise and care for them. The property sale was forgotten.

"Christian is a total horse nut, which I love," said Black, owner of DB2 Inc., which manufactures men's formal wear. "I had fallen in love with Thoroughbred racing years ago—followed Kelso, Ruffian, Secretariat — and owned racehorses in New Jersey before buying this farm in 2006. When Christian found me I was in the process of buying my partners out and wanted to expand into breeding. Our 'meeting of the minds' resulted in Blackstone Farm LLC. I hadn't really wanted to sell the farm anyway."

A third partner, New York businessman Mark Weissman, came on in 2012 while the new group jumped full-time into the business of breeding PA-Breds.

"We inherited the stallion Pure Precision, who bred just 10 to 14 mares a year, but did well in Pennsylvania with a limited crop," said Black of the precocious son of Montbrook who had won the 2002 Grade 3 Sapling Stakes. He has four foals on the ground this year at Blackstone.

Realizing quickly that standing a stallion is a very expensive venture, the partners decided to concentrate on selecting outside stallions for their broodmare band and foaling and raising their foals themselves with the goal of producing sales quality youngsters.

Pure Precision was sold and currently stands in Saskatchewan.

"We did take some chances that first year,"

said Hansen, a native of Denmark who has been in the United States for nearly 10 years after working with both Standardbreds and Thoroughbreds in his home country. "I started in Kentucky and learned how the sales worked then worked in Maryland and New York as well," he said. "One thing I realized was that everyone does things differently—we all have different views in the equine industry. I think it took a process to get where we wanted to be and there is always some tweaking we have to do and some chances we have taken."

In just five years Blackstone LLC's changes and risks have paid off, most recently in August at Saratoga when three of their PA-Bred yearlings wowed the crowd: two Unbridled's Song colts sold for \$500,000 and \$300,000; and a \$150,000 Discreet Cat colt out of Ginger Bay, therefore a half-brother to Frammento, who was third in this year's Fountain of Youth Stakes-G2 at Gulfstream.

Hansen had recognized the Unbridled's Song—Escape With Me colt, purchased by Fox Hill Farm, as something special early on. The colt is a half brother to multiple graded stakes winner Unzip Me, who was a champion older mare in California earning nearly \$1 million before retiring at the age of 6. "He did stand out physically from the other yearlings—he just has that good mind and a good walk, developing really nicely as he has grown."

A good walk means that each yearling walks well toward you, and well away, throwing his legs easily in a fluid and effortless manner according to Hansen. "A good walk comes naturally," he said. "I think you can improve a horse's walk but you cannot create it. We look at their hips often and their hindquarters which is the engine that pushes them and an overstep from behind where the hind footprint overreaches the front footprint is also a good sign."

Hansen, as both farm manager and managing partner, is hands on in foaling, feeding and sales prepping nearly 30 yearlings. "These horses are very good to us. We bring them into this world, get them ready to sell and maybe that is the emotional part more than anything else since we get attached to them. We believe in our horses fully trusting us and we don't believe in using force with them so we teach our help to learn our way—very hands-on."

With proper care of his horses a top priority, Hansen found assistant Ashley Rom-bough four years ago through the Yard and Groom classified ads. In her mid 20s she is an important part of the all-woman staff which works closely with the horses. "I don't know how that happened that we have all girls on the farm, but Ashley learned our way of doing things as soon as she started and we have well behaved yearlings, all in good flesh and easy to handle—indicating how well we all work to get them ready."

His attachment to the Blackstone home-breeds includes following them from sales to track. "We try to stay close to the buyers," said

Hansen. "We sometimes talk to the people that break them and call to get up-to-date information on them as they get close to racing." Then Equibase's Virtual Stable takes over sending computer alerts when the individuals work, are entered to race and the program provides complete race results, too.

Following their progress also allows Hansen to help out when they retire or are in need of new homes. "Maybe we can help out when they are finished racing," he said. "Geldings that never made it to the track, or one filly in particular that broke her maiden for us before we sold her—we'd bring them home or make an effort to help them if we didn't have a spot for them here."

Hansen affectionately calls the retirees "uncles" (the geldings) and "aunts" (the mares) that come back to the farm as babysitters for their weanlings.

Hansen admits he is not "a big racehorse guy," preferring to choose the matings and raise the babies. "When they reach 2 years old and we haven't sold them, they go on to experts in that field," he said. "My knowledge does not extend that far."

When it comes to breeding, however, Hansen is almost obsessive in his method. "I love the pedigree research and will start with the mare: the level of the mare chooses the stallion."

"We often will take a chance and breed to first year, unproven stallions," he said. "The physical part is the only thing you really know for sure about them, so we go and see them, too. Sometimes I get a little lost in it because there are so many aspects to making the choice: what are the mare's offspring doing, what are the commercial trends and the responses to a new stallion and what kind of horse do we want out of the mare. The puzzle pieces need to come together."

Of the 42 PA-Bred Blackstone foals born this season, young sires include first-crop Point of Entry, a son of Dynaformer who stands at Adena Springs, Jimmy Creed, a 2009 son of Distorted Humor, and Liaison, by Indian Charlie, both of whom stand at Spendthrift Farm; and The Factor, a Lane's End son of War Front, whose first foals are yearlings.

## A few words from the Executive Secretary

Our 15th annual PA Day at the Races was another huge success!

Congratulations to all who participated in the 12 carded races which totaled \$850,000 in purses, highlighted by five \$100,000 stakes

(the results are posted on the opposite page in the stakes schedule).

I would like to thank the PTHA, who continues to contribute to the PA-Bred program by sponsoring our day; Sam Elliott for his hard



work putting the races together; PARX for their hospitality and use of the banquet facility and AV work and setup; and our own Greg Newell, PA Day committee chair, and his team for bringing it all together for a wonderful experience.

Over the past couple of years the quality and competitiveness of PA-Breds has greatly improved. The money available for good PA runners has urged many breeders to upgrade their broodmare and stallion choice as noted in this year's event. With the consistency of the Race Horse Development Fund there isn't a better time to Breed and Race in Pennsylvania. Give me a call for details of the program.

/Brian Sanfratello



### PARX Fall Festival

## PA-Bred Mania - WOW!!!

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OPEN RACES <small>Includes Owner Bonus</small>	RESTRICTED RACES
<b>Mdn Sp Wt</b> - \$100,800	<b>Mdn Sp Wt</b> - \$60,000
<b>A1X</b> - \$103,200	<b>A1X</b> - \$70,000
<b>Clm 10 nw2</b> - \$48,000	<b>A2X</b> - \$74,000
<b>Clm 10</b> - \$60,000	<b>Clm 12.5 nw2</b> - \$35,000

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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.

# 2015 PA-Bred Stakes Schedule with Results

**ALL BREEDING FUND STAKES WILL INCLUDE A 25% PA-SIRED BONUS FOR 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD.**  
Proposed 2015 schedule – dates and conditions for all the PA-Bred Stakes are subject to change.  
Please contact the Racing Offices for the most current schedules.

Sat., May 2	<b>\$75,000 Lyman H</b> , 3 & up, 7 fur.
Parx	1st-A Fleet Attitude, 2nd-Kobel, 3rd-Yougotthatgoinforu
	<b>\$75,000 Foxy J. G. S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 7 fur.
	1st-Power of Snunner, 2nd-Shoplift, 3rd-Fat Kat
Sat., May 30	<b>\$75,000 Lyphard S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Penn	1st-Royal Renege, 2nd-Lenape Rim, 3rd-Bound
Fri., June 12	<b>\$75,000 Danzig S</b> , 3YO, 6 fur.
Penn	1st-Amplified, 2nd-Instructor Kunu, 3rd-Duff
	<b>\$75,000 New Start S</b> , 3YO fillies, 6 fur.
	1st-Capar Girl, 2nd-C R S Angels, 3rd-Rockin Jojo
Sun., July 12,	<b>\$75,000 Leematt S</b> , 3 & up, 1 mi.
PID	1st-Dynamic Strike, 2nd-Roadhog, 3rd-Forward Thinker
	<b>\$75,000 Northern Fling S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 mi.
	1st-Henny Jenney, 2nd-Power of Snunner, 3rd-Bound
Sat., July 25,	<b>\$75,000 Crowd Pleaser S</b> , 3YO, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Parx	1st-Saham, 2nd-Cat Humor, 3rd-Street Fashion
	<b>\$75,000 Power by Far S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 5 fur., turf
	1st-Kiss the Daddy, 2nd-Previous Honor, 3rd-Royal Renege
Sun., Aug. 9,	<b>\$75,000 Malvern Rose S</b> , 3YO fillies, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi.
PID	1st-R Frosty One, 2nd-Zig Zag, 3rd-Valued Strike
Sat., Aug. 22,	<b>\$75,000 Robellino S</b> , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Penn	1st-Page McKenney, 2nd-Willy d'Rocket, 3rd-Athelstane
Sat., Sept. 5	<b>\$100,000 Marshall Jenney H</b> , 3 & up, 5 fur., turf
Parx	1st-This Ain't No Bull, 2nd-Chief Exchanger, 3rd-El Seventyseven
<b>PA Day At Races</b>	<b>\$100,000 Roanoke S</b> , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi.
	1st-Duff, 2nd-Page McKenney, 3rd-Grasshoppin
	<b>\$100,000 Mrs. Penny S-Div. 1</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
	1st-R Frosty One, 2nd-Al's Gal, 3rd-Devilish Love
	<b>\$100,000 Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial S</b> , 3YO fillies, 7 fur.
1st-Discreet Senorita, 2nd-Busy Busy Busy, 3rd-Capar Girl	
<b>\$100,000 Mrs. Penny S-Div. 2</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf	
1st-Kitten's Point, 2nd-Emotional Kitten, 3rd-Keystone Kelly	
Sun., Sept. 6,	<b>\$75,000 Mark McDermott S</b> , 2YO, 6 fur.
PID	1st-Balk, 2nd-Morning Fire, 3rd-Bella Flor
Sat., Sept. 19,	<b>\$100,000 Alphabet Soup H</b> , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Parx	
Sun., Sept. 20,	<b>\$75,000 Mrs. Henry D. Paxson S</b> , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
PID	
Sat., Oct. 10	<b>\$75,000 Plum Pretty S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi.
Parx	
Wed., Nov. 25,	<b>\$75,000 Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies S</b> , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
Penn	
Sat., Dec. 5,	<b>\$100,000 Pennsylvania Nursery S</b> , 2YO, 7 fur.
Parx	

Total: \$1,825,000

# PA-Bred Fund Statistics: Top Earners

(January 1, 2015 through July 31, 2015, rounded to dollars)

## LEADING EARNERS - TOTAL AWARDS

Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Owner	Total	Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Owner	Total
Northview Stallion Station Inc.	759	166,590	0	167,349	Thomas G. McClay	84,458	0	0	84,458
Michael W. Jester	78,758	69,134	0	147,892	Sylmar Farm Inc.	83,620	0	0	83,620
William J. Solomon VMD	28,724	68,583	0	97,306	Estate of Joseph W. Holman Jr.	80,303	0	0	80,303
Barlar LLC	69,133	24,611	0	93,743	The Elkstone Group LLC	74,424	0	4,500	78,924
Pewter Stable	65,678	21,330	0	87,008	George Strawbridge Jr.	60,517	17,047	0	77,564

## 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
Fairbanks	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	163	56,911	Talent Search	Kenneth L. Ramsey	62	31,927
Jump Start	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	135	52,725	Ecclesiastic	Walmac Stud Management LLC	121	29,480
Medallist	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	92	51,774	E Dubai	Barlar LLC	52	24,611
Cat Thief	Michael W. Jester	128	34,494	Weigelia	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	70	23,072
Smarty Jones	Patricia L. Chapman	56	32,981	Congressionalhonor	Pewter Stable	59	21,330

## LEADING HORSES

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

Horse	Pedigree	Breeder	Races	PA-Bred Restricted Purse	PA-Bred Stakes Purse	Total Breeder Award	Total Stallion Award	Total Owner Award	Total Owner Bonus	Total Fund Amount
Power of Snunner *	Power by Far - Snunner	James M. Courtney	4	0	60,000	31,380	10,460	0	0	101,840
Amplified *	Smarty Jones - Queens Point	Thomas G. McClay	3	0	45,000	27,963	9,321	0	10,560	92,844
Kiss the Daddy	Scat Daddy - Kiss the Breeze	The Elkstone Group LLC	10	0	45,000	26,402	0	0	20,460	91,862
A Fleet Attitude	Afleet Alex - Lucky Lefty	Timothy F. Ritchey	2	0	45,000	16,896	0	0	11,280	73,176
Grasshoppin *	Cat Thief - Sweetheart Sami	Michael W. Jester	6	0	4,500	32,067	10,689	0	21,840	69,096
Capar Girl	Munnings - Bumble Bee Mama	Lindsay C.F. Scott	4	0	45,000	18,660	0	0	4,720	68,380
Andrew L *	Wheaton - Zuley	Robert A. Szezyller	6	0	0	27,972	9,324	0	26,640	63,936
Royal Renege	Broken Vow - Princess V.	Welcome Here Farm LLC	2	0	53,250	10,650	0	0	0	63,900
C R S Angels *	Medallist - Hailie's Girl	Wendy H. Mutnick	8	0	15,000	28,677	9,559	0	10,640	63,876
Roxbury N Overton *	Andiron - Centennial Cat	Jettany Thor. Corporation	7	0	2,250	26,640	8,880	0	17,600	55,370

# 2015 PA DAY AT THE RACES

Photos by Robert P. Weber



Toni and Michael Kirwan with Ed Hipps.



Charlie Crawford, Joey, Tony, Joe and Orla Imbesi, Layton, Tiffany and Ellie Artiz and Jennifer Crawford.



Presentation for Discreet Senorita's Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial win: BOD Greg Newell, Debbie and Dr. Steve Appel, PTHA President Sal DeBunda, Cheryl Finocchiaro, jockey Frankie Pennington and Dr. Garofalo's relatives Jim Scholz, Beth-Anne White, Edmund White, Linda Waagen, Ted Vanderlaan, Matthew White, Pat Johnson and Ellen Johnson.



Carolann McGee and Alex Cintron accept from PHBA President Roger Legg for Kitten's Point's win in the Mrs. Penny Stakes.



Board of Directors Bob Graham and Greg Newell, and PHBA treasurer David Charlton with son Trent.



PHBA Executive Secretary Brian Sanfratello with his wife Terry.