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- **Yearling registration:**
Dec. 31 of yearling year
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April 30 of year breeding
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A PA-Bred success story for New Jersey's Freedom Acres

The talented race mare Disco Chick is the first Pennsylvania-bred stakes winner for current PHBA board member Dr. Y. Jerry Kolybabiuk. But she's just the latest of a long list of top runners bred by Kolybabiuk over decades in the business.

Since the 1980s, Kolybabiuk and his wife Maria have raised, nurtured, and developed a steady stream of runners at their Freedom Acres Farm in Moorestown, N.J. The tidy and compact 21-acre residence has turned out the likes of Pennsylvania Oaks winner Willie's Luv and graded stakes-winning turf runner American Freedom. But about eight years ago it was time for a change.

"I decided I had to make a move," said Kolybabiuk, a retired general surgeon who had a practice in the Philadelphia area for nearly 40 years. "I supported the New Jersey program thoroughly and was on the [Thoroughbred Breeders' Association of New Jersey] board about 10 years. But I decided we had to make a move because we couldn't rely on the racing in New Jersey for three or four months out of the year."

After delivering their own foals, nearly 100 over the years, at their New Jersey farm, the Kolybabiuks sent their mares across the state line to foal. "Now that we're breeding in Pennsylvania, we're not delivering here—so that kind of gives us a break," he added.

The decision was also made to go exclusively to Pennsylvania stallions. "We used to send most of our mares to Kentucky before that. So we started breeding strictly to Pennsylvania sires and we've been quite successful."

Disco Chick is a 5-year-old daughter of Northview PA stallion Jump Start. The mare has had a breakout season in 2016, winning three sprint stakes in less than a month this spring, starting with the My Juliet at Parx Racing on May 7. Thirteen days later she dominated the Skipat Stakes at Pimlico by 8 lengths, and did the same June 4 in the Foxy J. G. Stakes at Parx, leading by nearly a dozen lengths before gearing down to a 6-length score at odds of 1-5.

Based at Parx with Mario Serey, Disco Chick has earned over \$200,000 from six starts this year and has career earnings of \$539,300 from 29 starts. She is the first foal for the Disco Rico mare Disco Flirt,

also bred by the Kolybabiuks. "Disco Flirt was very very fast, but this one here [Disco Chick] seems to be naturally so," said Kolybabiuk.

Fast is a family trait.

In 1992, Kolybabiuk spotted a filly at Meadowlands and dropped the claiming slip, adding to his barn the Allen's Prospect mare Survey. "She was a super-fast mare and two generations back in her female family was the fastest filly in America," he pointed out. That filly was Chou Croute, named the nation's champion sprinter over males in 1972.

A successful producer by the numbers—nine of her 10 foals started, eight won—Survey didn't produce any stakes performers, but the Kolybabiuks kept two of her daughters, Our Deer Lady and Disco Flirt.

The Kolybabiuks generally have no more than five foals in any one year, and also choose to stagger their foal crops. "We do not breed every year," said Kolybabiuk. "We skip one or two years, because we just have had so many mares."

Disco Flirt has produced three foals since 2011. In addition to Disco Chick, she is the dam of the Silver Train 3-year-old gelding Yeah Rocky, a two-time winner this year for the Kolybabiuks racing exclusively at Parx, and a yearling Bullsbay colt named Dancing Bull. "We didn't breed anybody for next year," said Kolybabiuk. "Next year we're planning on breeding four."

The Freedom Acres mares have regularly foaled at Jodie Pointer's Turning Point Farm in Bernville or Northview PA in Peach Bottom. In Kolybabiuk terms, there was a horse population explosion this year, for in addition to having four yearlings on the farm (by El Padrino, Bullsbay, Fairbanks and Corinthian), they welcomed three new foals. "Our mares and babies are at Peter Giangliullo's farm right now and they'll come here [to the New Jersey farm] once the foals are weaned," noted Kolybabiuk, who recently had knee surgery and is welcoming the time off of working with the babies.

One of the mares due back is homebred stakes-placed runner Proud and Free, a daughter of Fly So Free named New Jersey-bred champion 2-year-old filly in 2000. Kolybabiuk had leased the mare to Pointer for a few years after she produced the filly Spring Flower, one of Kolybabiuk's first Pennsylvania-breds, in 2009. Spring Flower, who was eventually claimed

away from her breeder, is an earner \$410,408 and still racing, winning twice this year in five starts. Proud and Free, a half-sister to Willie's Luv and a descendant of Freedom Acres' foundation mare Got a Cold, produced a colt by Jump Start this year.

Disco Flirt's half-sister Our Deer Lady (by Deerhound) also delivered a colt by Jump Start this spring. The third mare is Easter Blossom, Proud and Free's winning half-sister by Speightstown who produced her first foal, a filly by El Padrino.

The current crop of yearlings will head out to be broken sometime in November. Kolybabiuk has been sending the yearlings to the Pons family's Merryland Farm in Maryland, and by next summer the 2-year-olds will head right to the track.

Because the Kolybabiuks didn't breed a crop of 2014 they don't have any current 2-year-olds, but do have five runners at the track after losing a few to claims. One of their current runners, the 3-year-old filly Love Is All (Love of Money—Our Deer Lady), recently bucked shins and is now on the shelf. "She is very very fast but needs time off," said Kolybabiuk. "If she stays together she'll be a heck of a filly—short distance of course."

Kolybabiuk has had calls from several big farms congratulating him on Disco Chick's recent wins.

"They've been asking if they can do anything and if I want to sell her or put her in a sale." But very few Freedom Acres Farm horses have been sold at public auction, and he notes he's not thinking of selling her at this point, although he might consider it. The few he has sold over the years did exceptionally well.

"My first sale was \$330,000. That was shocking. When you're in there and expecting less than \$100,000 for a horse and it goes for 330. . ." That was Magical Dreamer, a son of El Corredor sold as a yearling at Keeneland September in 2006. The next year, Kolybabiuk offered a Street Cry (Ire) filly at the same sale, the first foal out of Willie's Luv, and got \$220,000. She was named Freedom Star and became a graded stakes winner of \$332,972. Willie's Luv was sold a few months later at the Keeneland November sale in foal to Speightstown and brought \$225,000.

Those three sales horses descended from Got a Cold, the Drone mare Kolybabiuk purchased for \$13,000 at the 1991 Keeneland November sale

while in foal to Dixieland Brass. The foal she was carrying was stakes-placed Dixie Fever, the dam of Willie's Luv.

Got a Cold produced nine foals for the Kolybabiuks—five were stakes performers, led by three-time New Jersey-bred champion turf horse American Freedom, an earner of \$645,829 and 15-time winner. Among his four stakes wins was the Grade 3 Red Bank Handicap. American Freedom, now 18, is a pensioner at Freedom Acres.

Kolybabiuk loves his horses, but ask him about his family background, and life in the U.S., and he can't help but get emotional. Both he and his wife are of Ukrainian descent, were born in other countries (he in Austria and Maria in Germany), and immigrated to the U.S. at a young age. "It felt like we finally found freedom in this country," he remembers. "I bought the little farm in New Jersey, and I called it Freedom Acres. We're thanking America for allowing us to be here. And to gain the freedom that we did."

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We invited Charles "Chuck" Zacney, owner of 2016 Longines Kentucky Oaks-G1 champion Cathryn Sophia, to join us as our guest speaker. Chuck spoke to his exhilarating experience with Afleet Alex and Cathryn Sophia, in addition to his work giving back through Alex's Lemonade Stand.

The event was, in my opinion, one of our best and we're committed to making next year's even better. To ensure that you're invited to the banquet next year, and other PHBA events, sign up for our newsletter on our website.

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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.

2016 PA-Bred Stakes Schedule

ALL BREEDING FUND STAKES WILL INCLUDE A 25% PA-SIRED BONUS FOR 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD.
Proposed 2016 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 28 Penn	\$100,000 Lyphard S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf 1st-Devilwentogeorgia, 2nd-Rock Me Again, 3rd-Devilish Love
Sat., June 4 Parx	\$100,000 Lyman S , 3 & up, 7 fur. 1st-Roxbury N Overton, 2nd-He's Got Talent, 3rd-Bump Start
	\$100,000 Foxy J. G. S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 7 fur. 1st-Disco Chick, 2nd-Rockin Jojo, 3rd-Ignite
Sat., June 11 Penn	\$100,000 Danzig S , 3YO, 6 fur. 1st-Rolin With Olin, 2nd-Jaguar Poz, 3rd-Bird of Trey
	\$100,000 New Start S , 3YO fillies, 6 fur. 1st-Behrnk's Bank, 2nd-Authoritative, 3rd-Its a Journey
Sun., July 10, PID	\$100,000 Leematt S , 3 & up, 1 mi. 1st-Dynamic Strike, 2nd-Granny's Kitten, 3rd-Grand Old Game
	\$100,000 Northern Fling S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 mi. 1st-Bound, 2nd-R Frosty One, 3rd-Valued Strike
Sat., July 23, Parx	\$100,000 Crowd Pleaser S , 3YO, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
	\$100,000 Power by Far S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 5 fur., turf
Sat., Aug. 6, Penn	\$100,000 Robellino S , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Sun., Aug. 7, PID	\$100,000 Malvern Rose S , 3YO fillies, 1 mi.
Sat., Sept. 3 Parx	\$100,000 Banjo Picker Sprint S , 3 & up, 6 fur.
	\$100,000 Roanoke S , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi.
	\$100,000 Marshall Jenney H , 3 & up, 5 fur., turf
	\$100,000 Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 6 fur.
	\$100,000 Mrs. Penny S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Sun., Sept. 4, PID	\$100,000 Mark McDermott S , 2YO, 6 fur.
Sun., Sept. 18, PID	\$100,000 Mrs. Henry D. Paxson Memorial S , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
Sat., Sept. 24, Parx	\$100,000 Alphabet Soup H , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Sat., Oct. 8 Parx	\$100,000 Plum Pretty S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi.
Wed., Nov. 23, Penn	\$100,000 Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies S , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
Sat., Dec. 3, Parx	\$100,000 Pennsylvania Nursery S , 2YO, 7 fur.

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