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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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## Decades of Excellence

by Tom Keyser

Vignette doesn't roam the fields of Derry Meeting Farm anymore, but she continues to bring credit to the state's breeding program through her Pennsylvania-bred offspring. She's a Pennsylvania-bred herself, a product of George Strawbridge's outstanding breeding operation that, sadly for him and for Pennsylvania, has moved to Kentucky.

Strawbridge moved his 14 broodmares, including Vignette, to Kentucky last summer after Derry Meeting Farm in Unionville was sold. Strawbridge had kept his horses there "forever," he says. "Forever" dates to 1973.

"I have a lot of pleasant memories and had a great deal of success raising horses there," he says. "So it's all very sad, very nostalgic.

"What was a complete shock to me was that nobody was interested in buying Derry Meeting Farm as a broodmare farm. It was on the market for over a year, and not one interested party from any Pennsylvania breeding operation, or any breeding operation, came forward to maintain it as a single entity. So it had to be sold off in three separate parcels. This is a farm that had an extraordinary production record. Yet nobody, absolutely nobody, was interested in continuing it as a broodmare farm."



Trevor Jones Thoroughbred Photography

George Strawbridge and homebred classic winner Lucarno following the 2007 English St. Leger-G1.

Bettina Jenney, who ran the farm after her husband Marshall died in 2000, sold it after deciding to retire. Marshall Jenney had bought it in 1964. Derry Meeting co-bred Danzig and foaled Storm Cat—two of the most influential sires in the world. It bred or raised champions and Breeders' Cup winners. And Strawbridge was its most prominent client because of astute decisions such as breeding Vignette to the Kentucky stallion Dynaformer.

He did it three times, and each time the foal, whom Strawbridge kept and raced, grew to become a stakes winner in England. The most recent was Flying Officer (born in 2010), who won the Further Flight Stakes on April 9 at Nottingham.

Flying Officer's older brothers—Thought Worthy (born in 2009) and Lucarno (born in 2004)—won more prestigious stakes. (Flying Officer will have his chance at more prestigious stakes this summer.) In 2012, Thought Worthy won the Great Voltigeur, a Group 2 stakes at York. And in 2007, Lucarno won not only the Great Voltigeur but also the St. Leger at Doncaster. The Group 1 St. Leger is England's oldest and longest (1¾ miles) classic race.

"He's the only American-bred and -owned horse to win the St. Leger," Strawbridge says.

The Dynaformer—Vignette mating combined Vignette's speed (she won

four turf sprints including a 5½-furlong stakes) with Dynaformer's stamina influence. It clicked. Why?

"I don't really know," Strawbridge says. "It's the uncertainty of the gene pool, I guess."

Vignette's foals by other stallions, including North Light (Ire) and Giant's Causeway, have also fared well. Of seven that started, six won, Strawbridge says. But only the three by Dynaformer won stakes.

Unfortunately, Strawbridge won't be breeding more Dynaformer—Vignette Pennsylvania-breds. Dynaformer died in 2012 at age 27. And the last of Strawbridge's Pennsylvania-breds were born in 2013, including a Vignette filly by Giant's Causeway now romping at Stone Farm in Paris, Ky., along with Strawbridge's other Pennsylvania-bred yearlings. (Two he's most excited about are fillies out of his mares Dynamic Cat and Dynamic Holiday. The sires are Henrythenavigator and Quality Road, respectively.)

Strawbridge has kept a few broodmares at Stone Farm for several years, including Forever Together and No Matter What. In 2006, No Matter What foaled a Dynaformer filly, Rainbow View, at Stone Farm who became a champion at 2 and 3 in Europe.

"It's a helluva productive farm," Strawbridge says of Stone. "So I just

exchanged one productive farm for another productive farm."

Asked whether it feels odd no longer producing Pennsylvania-breds, Strawbridge says:

"Slightly odd, because the Kentucky breeding program isn't nearly as good as Pennsylvania's. But look, the thing that's important to me is raising good horses. Stone Farm is very productive land. It puts a lot of bone on horses. So I've taken my horses where I think they're going to produce and thrive."

The 19-year-old Vignette foaled a colt by Giant's Causeway in March. Going back to a formula that worked, but with Dynaformer no longer available, Strawbridge bred her this year to Point of Entry, a son of Dynaformer who won five Grade 1 stakes.

"Maybe we can recapture the magic," Strawbridge says. ✨

### Leading Pennsylvania Breeder

Over the past five years, George Strawbridge's PA-Bred runners and those sired by his stallion Rimrod earned total bonus awards of \$1,102,339 (2009-2013). In 2011 and 2012 he topped the Pennsylvania Breeding Fund Program Awards rankings.

Strawbridge has also held the title as the state's leading overall breeder of Pennsylvania-breds since 2007.

# How the PA Breeding Fund Works

## 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 overnight 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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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.

# 2014 PA-Bred Stakes Schedule

**ALL BREEDING FUND STAKES WILL INCLUDE A 25% PA-SIRED BONUS FOR 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD.**

**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 3 Parx	<b>\$75,000 Lyman H</b> , 3 & up, 7 fur. 1st-Officer Alex, 2nd-Zipped Code, 3rd-Rustler Hustler
	<b>\$75,000 Foxy J. G. S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 7 fur. 1st-Where's Rosie B, 2nd-Villette, 3rd-Zippity Goomba
Fri., May 30 Penn	<b>\$75,000 Lyphard S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 1/16 mi., turf
Sat., June 14 Penn	<b>\$50,000 Danzig S</b> , 3YO, 6 fur.  <b>\$50,000 New Start S</b> , 3YO fillies, 6 fur.
Sun., July 13, PID	<b>\$75,000 Leematt S</b> , 3 & up, 1 mi.  <b>\$75,000 Northern Fling S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 mi.
Sat., July 26, Parx	<b>\$75,000 Crowd Pleaser S</b> , 3YO, 1 1/16 mi., turf  <b>\$75,000 Power by Far S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 5 fur., turf
Sun., Aug. 10, PID	<b>\$75,000 Malvern Rose S</b> , 3YO fillies, 1 1/16 mi.
Sat., Sept. 6 Parx	<b>\$75,000 Banjo Picker Sprint S</b> , 3 & up, 6 fur.  <b>\$75,000 Roanoke S</b> , 3 & up, 1 1/16 mi.  <b>\$75,000 Marshall Jenney H</b> , 3 & up, 5 fur., turf  <b>\$75,000 Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial S</b> , 3YO fillies, 6 fur.  <b>\$100,000 Mrs. Penny S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 1/16 mi., turf
Sun., Sept. 7, PID	<b>\$75,000 Mark McDermott S</b> , 2YO, 6 fur.
Sat., Sept. 20, Parx	<b>\$100,000 Alphabet Soup H</b> , 3 & up, 1 1/16 mi., turf
Wed., Nov. 26, Penn	<b>\$75,000 Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies S</b> , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
Sat., Dec. 6, Parx	<b>\$100,000 Pennsylvania Nursery S</b> , 2YO, 7 fur.

Total: \$1,450,000

# PA-Bred Fund Statistics: Top Earners

(January 1, 2014 through March 31, 2014, rounded to dollars)

## LEADING EARNERS - TOTAL AWARDS

Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Owner	Total	Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Owner	Total
Michael W. Jester	40,071	31,731	0	71,802	Barbara J. Geraghty	9,697	7,534	0	17,230
Thomas G. McClay	49,064	0	0	49,064	Denise K. McHenry	17,151	0	0	17,151
William J. Solomon VMD	9,958	29,972	0	39,931	Pot o'Gold Stable LLC	11,708	5,432	0	17,140
Charles A. Cuprill	29,878	9,604	0	39,482	Myron R. Wilson	16,288	0	0	16,288
Xanthus Farms Inc.	36,366	276	0	36,642	Jill D. Doyle	15,532	0	0	15,532
Yaroslav Kolybabiuk MD	29,079	0	0	29,079	Jose I. Samaniego	14,779	0	0	14,779
Northview Stallion Station Inc.	0	27,317	0	27,317	Jon A. Marshall	14,757	0	0	14,757
Sylmar Farm Inc.	25,685	0	0	25,685	Judith K. Johnston	14,112	0	0	14,112
Charlton Bloodstock Agency Inc.	22,746	0	0	22,746	Charles Mark Schnelle	14,095	0	0	14,095
Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	12,096	10,048	0	22,144	Vintage Thoroughbreds LLC	13,959	0	0	13,959
Equivine Farm Inc.	19,853	0	0	19,853	Maple Leaf Farm	13,861	0	0	13,861
Richard Simoff Inc.	18,938	0	0	18,938	Cedar Meadow Inc.	13,800	0	0	13,800

## 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	33	18,135	Albert the Great	William J. Solomon VMD	28	6,311
Fairbanks	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	59	17,714	Activist	Judith M. Barrett	41	6,288
Jump Start	Jump Start Synd. Manager LLC	17	13,118	Medallist	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	12	6,238
More Smoke	William J. Solomon VMD	22	10,412	Wiseman's Ferry	Lainey Bug Stables LLC	21	5,596
Weigelia	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	30	10,048	Alex's Pal	Pot o'Gold Stable LLC	7	5,432
Rimrod	George Strawbridge Jr.	27	9,185	Trust N Luck	Michael W. Jester	17	4,676
Cat Thief	Michael W. Jester	29	8,920	Show Tune	Kathryn Goldenberg	18	4,284
Southern Success	Barbara A. Rickline	26	8,675	Ecclesiastic	Walmac Stud Management LLC	27	3,880
Lite the Fuse	William J. Solomon VMD	30	7,990	Love of Money	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	16	3,364
Changeintheweather	Pin Oak Stud LLC	15	7,715	Barbican	Tea Party Stable Inc.	15	2,970
Power by Far	Barbara J. Geraghty	16	7,534	Freefourinternet	Ronald Peltz	9	2,845
City Sharpster	Charles A. Cuprill	26	6,381	Lido Palace (Chi)	Lambholm South LLC	6	2,526

## 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 Bonus	Total Fund Amount
Where's Rosie B *	Real Quiet - Lucky Nita	Michael W. Jester	3	0	0	25,740	8,580	0	18,000	52,320
Mr Brioni *	Jump Start - First Class Donna	Charlton Bloodstock Agency Inc.	3	0	0	17,283	5,761	0	16,460	39,504
Raging Smoke *	More Smoke - Marquee Kelly	Thomas G. McClay	3	0	0	19,944	6,648	0	11,980	38,572
Major Highway	Irish Road - Major Gams	Myron R. Wilson	4	0	0	14,848	0	0	19,040	33,888
Billygets Arrested	Louis Quatorze - Monette	Richard Simoff Inc.	3	0	0	14,280	0	0	14,400	28,680
Alex Inc	Afleet Alex - Topeka	Carol G. Zacney	3	0	0	11,744	0	0	14,720	26,464
Limestone Cowboy *	Alex's Pal - Pill Jam	Jill D. Doyle	3	0	0	13,860	4,620	0	7,200	25,680
Fat Kat *	Weigelia - Katarica Disco	St. Omer's Farm	2	0	0	11,088	3,696	0	10,560	25,344
Rod's Five Star	Five Star Day - Lady Silverrod	Silverrod Stable Inc.	2	0	0	12,960	0	0	12,000	24,960
Favorite Tale	Tale of the Cat - Tricky Elaine	Paul Conaway	2	0	0	11,880	0	0	10,800	22,680
Lemon Strudel *	Rimrod - Berry Tart	R H Breeding LLC	5	0	0	9,744	3,248	0	9,280	22,272
Arlo	Defrere - Crafty Compliment	Larry L. Suloman	3	0	0	9,880	0	0	12,000	21,880
Aunt Ellipsis	Successful Appeal - Aunt Dot Dot	Truxton Stables	3	0	0	13,016	0	4,500	3,680	21,196
Primo Via	Candy Ride - Breezy Street	Cedar Meadow Inc.	4	0	0	13,800	0	0	7,200	21,000
Candy Tunes *	Show Tune - Stone Candy	Judith K. Johnston	3	0	0	9,072	3,024	0	8,640	20,736
Southern Celebrity *	Southern Success - Elite Affair	Xanthus Farms Inc.	2	0	0	12,150	4,050	0	3,420	19,620
Tomica's Spirit	Officer - Silvercity Lady	Kathleen Crompton	3	0	0	8,064	0	0	11,520	19,584
Villette	Petionville - Untangled	Jon A. Marshall	1	0	0	8,064	0	0	11,520	19,584
Citi's Barometer *	Changeintheweather - City Woman	Sterling R. Krumbine	3	0	0	12,312	4,104	0	2,400	18,816
She Craves Capital	Sharp Humor - A Girl Needs Cash	Triton Farms LLC	2	0	0	7,728	0	0	11,040	18,768

\*Denotes PA-sired

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