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- **Early registration:**
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- **Yearling registration:**
Dec. 31 of yearling year
- **Stallion registration:**
April 30 of year breeding
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Thomas G. McClay: Entrepreneur, Businessman and Horseman

By Barbara Luna

Thomas G. McClay and his wife Mary Beth live in Hummeltown, Pennsylvania just 11 miles from Penn National. About halfway between the track and his home is the Milton Hershey School which was McClay's home from the time he was four-years-old until he left for college. He is a man who has always stayed close to his roots and supports the Hershey School and his community as much as he supports the racing and breeding program in the Commonwealth.

With between 20-25 broodmares and the same number of yearlings, weanlings and horses in training, McClay works with bloodstock agent Ed Price in managing all aspects of his large stable. Price operates from his Mohns Hill Farm in Reinholds, PA and for 25 years has bought and sold broodmares and racehorses and was instrumental in the acquisition of PA stallions Lite the Fuse, Buddha, Wegelia and others.

The pair met through mutual friends while dining at the track. "I was impressed with his knowledge," said McClay, who as the former CEO of his own companies recognizes a successful businessman.

"Tom and I discuss all decisions regarding his horses," said Price. "We talk about everything. He invested \$3 million in the PA breeding program in two years because of the financial incentives," he said. "He rarely claims or sells a horse, but breeds to race."

McClay is a vibrant and successful entrepreneur who lives life to the fullest and speaks openly about his youth, religion and desire to support the men and women who care for his horses. From humble beginnings he has stayed true to the traditions ideals that were ingrained in him from an early age.

A graduate of the Milton Hershey School Class of 1967, McClay attributes his strong work ethic to his years living and attending classes at the private institution. "My dad had been diagnosed with cancer when I was nine months old," said McClay. "Back in those days there weren't any cancer treatments like people go through now. The doctors found the disease and he was sent home and died within two weeks."

"My mom was a stay-at-home mother with young children. I followed my two brothers to Milton Hershey in 1952 and I graduated in June of '67. It was a great school," said McClay, who was an honor roll student as well as co-captain of the football team according to his biography as Alumnus of the Year in 2007.

Milton and Catherine Hershey founded the school in 1909 and invested their wealth from the chocolate industry to develop the private school that offered a stable life for children without families or who were in financial need. The Hershey School continues to be known for its small classes and rigorous combination of agricultural, vocational and academic learning cost-free. McClay frequently returns to mentor students and has offered internships within his companies to students from the school.

McClay compared the school to a home with 30 children. "We had house parents, we were disciplined—things were a lot different back then—but we accepted it, it was my home and I loved it."

His own work ethic was developed from an early age on the school's farm. "We were up at 4:45 every morning and I milked cows," he said. "They had to be milked twice a day and those gals were always on schedule." His mentor was

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a teacher named Ken Cook who shared with McClay his own belief that the future would offer the availability of computer systems that anyone could own. Following that premise, McClay enrolled in the electronics program at Hershey, graduated and went on to Boston to earn his associate degree in engineering in 1970 at Wentworth Institute of Technology, then his bachelor's degree at Northeastern University. During his time at school a college roommate's father introduced him to Thoroughbred racing with a trip to Suffolk Downs.

Out of college McClay was offered his first job by Honeywell during a job fair in 1971. He worked repairing computer line controls and after a few years went out on his own. In 1976 he founded one of his most successful companies, NRG Controls, Inc. a company based in Harrisburg that developed automatic temperature control systems for schools, hospitals, health care and retail clients.

"I was ten years into it before I could afford to get involved in racing," said McClay. "Penn National's (publicity and marketing director) Fred Lipkin recommended Todd Beattie as a trainer and we bought a couple of horses." Perhaps it is McClay's many successes and even a few failed business ventures during his life that have offered him an insight into the lives of the horsemen who live on a racetrack's backstretch and the desire to help the hard-working trainers.

"I understand the work ethic," he said. "These people are up every morning before 5:00. If any of them are wealthy I haven't seen it. But trainers have to understand it from an owner's viewpoint. I know they all have times when they worry about getting paid. But it is important to me that they call me—let me know what is going on.

"I laid it out to all of them because I want to enjoy the journey," he said. "As a board

member of Penn National's HBPA and a horse owner I want to understand what is happening. For me it is all about education and that is why I serve on the board." He currently employs about six different trainers at Penn National, Presque Isle and Ramon Preciado from Parx. Ed Price said McClay is interested in each trainer's reputation and the care he or she provides for the horses. "All of our horses start at two or three-years-old," he said. "They come up from Best A Luck Farm in Reddick, Florida after being broke and we sit down and decide to which trainer they will ship. Every horse is different and so are the trainers."

Penn National trainer Brandon Kulp met McClay in 2008 when he was 25-years-old and had just started training. "I met Brandon and liked the way he cared for his horses," said McClay. "He communicates well and I decided to give him a horse." Kulp describes McClay as

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A few words from the Executive Secretary

Our first 2 of 22 PA-Bred Stakes, the Lyman and the Foxy J. G. were recently contested at PARX with 11 and 10 runners respectively. A beautiful sunny Derby Day

saw the Lyman won by Briardale Stable's A Fleet Attitude in a 3-way photo at the wire. The Foxy J.G. was won by James Courtney's Power of Snunner who came



from a little off the pace to win going away. Both races were very exciting and congratulations go out to all the competitors.

As the State budget completion draws near, the Equine Coalition is working diligently to make sure we receive every dollar we deserve so rest assured that 2015 will be another fantastic year for PA-Breds. Please remember that old saying "The More the Merrier", so contact your local Representatives and make sure they don't forget that our industry fuels the Commonwealth with 23,000 jobs and \$1.6 billion in economic growth.

/Brian Sanfratello

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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.

2015 PA-Bred Stakes Results

Sat., May 2 **\$75,000 Lyman H**, 3 & up, 7 fur.
Parx 1st - A Fleet Attitude, 2nd - Kobel, 3rd - Yougotthatgoinfuru

\$75,000 Foxy J. G. S, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 7 fur.
1st - Power of Shunner, 2nd - Shoplift, 3rd - Fat Kat

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very straight-forward. "He doesn't beat around the bush and he lets you know what he expects but he puts good horses in your barn and stays pretty involved but will let you do your thing. It is a good mix. "I usually have about four horses for Tom," he said. "He is great to train for as he doesn't breed cheap horses and they are almost always PA-Breds. When I get a horse from him I am pretty excited because you can expect them to have ability due to their breeding. Tom's been very good to me." In 2012 McClay's homebred Kyma became Kulp's first stakes winner when he won the Pennsylvania Governor's Cup. "He was the best horse I have ever had," said Kulp. "We retired him after a recurring tendon problem because we did not want to drop down in class and run him for a claiming tag."

For the past five years McClay has been among the top 10 PA breeders - his best season in 2013 when his awards totaled \$152,507. Of his 19 homebreds that earned awards that year his Raging Smoke and Kelly Rock accounted for over \$119,000 in PA-Bred stakes purses, and breeder, stallion and bonus awards according to the PHBA statistics.

This year McClay's stable includes 2012 PA-Bred Champion Two-Year-Old Uptown Boy. A son of Johannesburg out of Two Classy by Two Punch the gelding is trained by Ramon Preciado and has won over \$214,000 and was graded stakes-placed in the Jersey Shore Stakes as a three-year-old. He was recently third in an allowance race at Parx.

Trainer Mark Salvaggio conditions This Guns For Hire a three-year-old by Posse. "Although Mark didn't give this horse a ringing endorsement he ran very well in his first race in April," said McClay. "He got into traffic trouble and finished second just getting beat."

Kid Kelly a 2012 son of Bellamy Road out of Kelly Mac by Gulch ran in his first start

of the season in April at Penn National against maiden special weight company. He is trained by Bernie Houghton.

Planning the breedings to successful stallions is one of McClay's favorite aspects of raising his homebreds. "I have strong opinions about which stallions we should breed my mares to," said McClay. "I've been involved in that part for ten years and believe that nicking is very important."

This year he is expecting foals by stallions including Quality Road, Munnings, Super Saver and Jump Start and will breed back to Bellamy Road, Broken Vow, Mine Shaft and Shackelford. His mares are foaled at WynOaks Farm, LLC in Delta, PA. He is expecting his crop of two-year-olds to begin arriving from Florida at Penn National in April and May.

Although McClay retired in 2008 after selling NRG and his other electronics companies he admits his life is very busy. "My wife laughed when I said I'd retire," he said. "She didn't believe me. Everyday seems to be full," he said. "It sounds strange but there is never a day that I have nothing to do although there is a lot less stress then when I was a CEO. I was the average CEO—you work for years in your business to make money then after all of that the IRS says you have a lot of wealth but damned if you can find it."

He spends time daily trading online and visits the racetrack at least once a week. "I am very big on investing and keep track of the market," he said. "I try to spend time at the Hershey School too mentoring students and still give counsel to two of my former businesses."

With habits instilled in him as a youngster McClay still finds time to stay home Sundays where he and his wife enjoy a traditional family dinner with his two sons and three grandchildren.

PA-Bred Fund Statistics: Top Earners

(January 1, 2015 through March 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	56,709	0	57,468	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	9,026	5,359	0	14,385
Michael W Jester	25,152	25,718	0	50,869	Triton Farms LLC	8,806	5,321	0	14,127
Glenn E Brok LLC	39,566	0	0	39,566	DMD Thoroughbreds LLC	14,076	0	0	14,076
Estate of Joseph W Holman Jr	36,609	0	0	36,609	SMD Ltd	12,982	0	0	12,982
Charles C D McGill	28,279	0	0	28,279	Flint W Stites	9,375	3,307	0	12,682
Fitzhugh LLC	26,897	0	0	26,897	Pot O'Gold Stable LLC	9,420	2,728	0	12,148
Sylmar Farm Inc	26,039	0	0	26,039	Mohns Hill Farm LLC	8,533	3,262	0	11,795
William J Solomon VMD	3,553	21,637	0	25,189	Copper Penny Stables LLC	11,534	0	0	11,534
Xanthus Farms Inc	19,149	2,427	0	21,576	Brushwood Stable	11,196	0	0	11,196
Arlene London	18,648	0	0	18,648	Heart Hill Farms LLC	11,160	0	0	11,160
Smart Angle LLP	17,944	0	0	17,944	Ashwell Stables Inc	10,940	0	0	10,940
Arrowwood Farm Inc	16,858	0	0	16,858	Jodie Pointer	10,778	0	0	10,778
Main Line Racing Stables LLC	15,441	0	0	15,441	Charlton Bloodstock Agency Inc	10,606	0	0	10,606

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
Medallist	Northview Stallion Station Inc	34	20,742	Monba	Triton Farms LLC	27	5,321
Jump Start	Northview Stallion Station Inc	40	18,012	Partner's Hero	Peter Giangulio	15	4,530
Fairbanks	Northview Stallion Station Inc	51	14,708	Trust N Luck	Michael W Jester	11	4,054
Cat Thief	Michael W Jester	45	13,001	Eurosilver	Dromoland Farm Inc	11	3,799
Ecclesiastic	Walmarc Stud Managem't LLC	36	10,620	Formal Dinner	Willa LLC	17	3,340
Talent Search	Kenneth L Ramsey	23	9,727	Aisle	Flint W Stites	24	3,307
Real Quiet	Michael W Jester	30	8,662	Gouldings Green	Mohns Hill Farm LLC	10	3,262
Lite The Fuse	William J Solomon VMD	26	7,933	Love Of Money	Northview Stallion Station Inc	4	3,248
Smarty Jones	Patricia L Chapman	13	6,553	Activist	Judith M Barrett	25	3,199
Albert The Great	William J Solomon VMD	35	6,395	Lido Palace	Lambholm South LLC	7	3,108
Toccet	Castleton Lyons Inc	27	5,492	Andiron	Tea Party Stable Inc	10	2,828
Weigelia	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	28	5,359	Delaware Township	Benjamin W Perkins Sr	11	2,814

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
Indiscreetness	Discreetly Mine - Warm Springs Girl	Arlene London	3	0	0	15,456	0	0	22,080	37,536
Curly W	Macho Uno - Nice Dilemma	DMD Thoroughbreds LLC	3	0	0	14,076	0	0	14,400	28,476
Grasshoppin *	Cat Thief - Sweetheart Sami	Michael W Jester	2	0	0	11,340	3,780	0	10,800	25,920
Brazilian Symphony *	Fairbanks - Brazilian Bliss	Estate of Joseph W Holman Jr	2	0	0	11,088	3,696	0	10,560	25,344
Had It All	Songandaprayar - After All	Nellie M Cox	2	0	0	10,080	0	0	14,400	24,480
Medallicious *	Medallist - Philly Gal	Main Line Racing Stables LLC	3	0	0	13,611	4,537	0	6,240	24,388
Brave Girl *	Medallist - Darn Wild	Estate of Joseph W Holman Jr	4	0	0	10,412	3,471	0	9,916	23,798
Total Thief *	Cat Thief - Grand Total	Jeffrey M Edelson	3	0	0	10,353	3,451	0	9,860	23,664
Ultimate Avary *	Love Of Money - Avary Run	Stanton J Smith Jr	3	0	0	9,744	3,248	0	9,280	22,272
Total Talent *	Talent Search - Tubacity	Glenn E Brok LLC	4	0	0	15,039	5,013	0	1,980	22,032
Great Drive	Great Notion - Dune Drive Avalon	SMD Ltd	2	0	0	8,946	0	0	12,780	21,726
Echo Libra *	Lido Palace - Gadget	Julie D Gordon	1	0	0	9,324	3,108	0	8,880	21,312
Life At Six	Corinthian - Aldora	Randy P Brungard	2	0	0	8,736	0	0	12,480	21,216
Kimberlee's Moment *	Medallist - Ashley's Moment	Richard Molineaux	3	0	0	9,072	3,024	0	8,640	20,736
Silver Money *	Eurosilver - Spright	Estate of Joseph W Holman Jr	2	0	0	8,988	2,996	0	8,560	20,544
Cash Payout	Fusaichi Pegasus - Critical Factor	Golden Oak Farm LLC	4	0	0	8,400	0	0	12,000	20,400
Sabbath Bay *	Real Quiet - Pulpit Harbor	Copper Penny Stables LLC	4	0	0	11,534	3,845	0	4,008	19,387
Zipped Code	City Zip - Control Premium	Jon A Marshall	1	0	0	7,896	0	0	11,280	19,176
Lemon Maker	Lemon Drop Kid - Pissarro	Fitzhugh LLC	4	0	0	12,852	0	0	6,180	19,032
Johnny Jump Up *	Jump Start - Queen Kennelot	Charles C D McGill	3	0	0	9,959	3,320	0	5,533	18,812
Scattered	Scat Daddy - Attemptress	South Branch Equine LLC	1	0	0	7,560	0	0	10,800	18,360

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