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- **Early registration:**  
Within 365 days of foaling
- **Yearling registration:**  
Dec. 31 of yearling year
- **Stallion registration:**  
April 30 of year breeding
- **Broodmare domicile:**  
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## Moorheads stakes double

By Linda Dougherty

Talk about beginner's luck. Rod and Alice Moorhead of Unionville, Pa., have tasted stakes success with their first homebreds to hit the racetrack, an accomplishment that can typically take breeders years to achieve similar results.

Thanks to the breeding and training guidance and expertise of their longtime friend, neighbor and Hall of Fame member Jonathan Sheppard, the Moorheads began their journey into the sport with a foundation of well-bred mares in foal to top stallions, with the result being two juveniles that collected a PA-Bred stakes double in 2016.

The Moorheads' Rose Tree, a daughter of Harlan's Holiday—Amusing, by Distorted Humor, captured the \$100,000 Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies Stakes at Penn National Nov. 23 after having broken her maiden in her debut at Delaware Park Oct. 15. Downhill Racer, a son of Pennsylvania's leading sire Jump Start out of Encore Saritta, by Consolidator, won the \$100,000 Pennsylvania Nursery Stakes at Parx Racing Dec. 3 after breaking his maiden the day before Rose Tree at Penn National. According to the record books, no other owner/trainer combination had ever won both the Blue Mountain Juvenile and Pennsylvania Nursery in the same season.

In addition, another homebred, Button My Button, a year-old half-sister, by Colonel John, to Downhill Racer, broke her



A large contingent join the Moorheads in winner's circle with undefeated Downhill Racer.

maiden in PA-Bred special weight company at Presque Isle Downs Sept. 27 over the Tapeta surface. That day, she hit the gate at the start, but recovered nicely to defeat seven rivals by nearly 6 lengths and came back to win an allowance at Penn National Dec. 7.

"Button My Button started it all," said Moorhead, a Harvard Business School graduate who was managing director of the private New York equity firm Warburg Pincus. "She was our experiment."

The Moorheads' Buttonwood Farm near Unionville had been home to Sheppard's breeding operation, as it was right next door to his Ashwell Farm. But at first, they didn't think they'd venture into that aspect of the sport.

"We knew Jonathan very well," said Moorhead. "My wife is the first cousin of Jonathan's first wife, Penny Lofting Sheppard. Although I wasn't all that interested in getting involved, I was born in Louisville and had always been intrigued by racing."

The Moorheads had been avid fox hunters, with Rod working during the week in New York and then coming home on the weekends to enjoy time on horseback, riding across the Chester County countryside. But an injury he sustained changed the direction of the couple's equine pursuits.

"I suffered a severe injury five years ago from a fox hunting accident," said Moorhead. "I was tired and another horse came up on the second to last fence and spooked my horse. I went off and hit the ground, which was as hard as cement. I broke my back in two places and had to have a rod inserted. My wife didn't want me to ride again."

With Sheppard's assistance, the couple became owners of a steeplechase horse, All the Way Jose, whom Sheppard had bred and trained for them.

"We had great fun with All the Way Jose, who was the Novice Champion on the steeplechase circuit," said Moorhead. "And then we also thought we'd like to get a broodmare and give Thoroughbred breeding a try."

"Rod and Alice liked seeing my mares and playing with the foals and decided they wanted a mare of their own," said Sheppard. "I bought Encore Saritta for them for \$30,000 at the Keeneland January (2013) sale; she was in foal to Colonel

John and foaled shortly after we brought her back to Pennsylvania. Then the next year they wanted a few more, so we went back to the Keeneland January sale and spent \$705,000 for three mares. They were by good sires and were in foal to good stallions. One of them was Amusing, in foal to Harlan's Holiday (who eventually had a filly named Rose Tree)."

Alice Moorhead named Rose Tree in honor of her father, James R. Kerr, who was the Master of Foxhounds of the Rose Tree Hunt, and later of the Cheshire Hunt.

The two other mares Sheppard bought with Amusing (who cost \$280,000) were the Unbridled's Song mare Sanibel Star (for \$155,000 in foal to City Zip) and Silk and Satin (by Storm Cat, whom Sheppard trained, for \$270,000). Sanibel Star foaled a colt named Junonia (now 3), and has a 2-year-old by First Samurai named Samurai Star. Silk and Satin, bought in foal to Quality Road, had a colt named Royal Attire (now 3) and has a yearling filly by More Than Ready named China Silk.

Junonia, who has yet to start, has needed some time to grow, while Royal Attire is also unraced.

Amusing has a 2-year-old colt by Animal Kingdom named Magical Kingdom, as well as a yearling colt by Hard Spun named What a Laugh. Encore Saritta has

a yearling filly by Munnings named Lady Munnings, and a 2-year-old full brother to Button My Button named Colonel Moorhead.

To accommodate their growing family of homebreds, the Moorheads bought a 115-acre farm across the road from Buttonwood, and the two farms combined now span 300 acres. Because a "Buttonwood" tree is another name for a Sycamore, explained Rod Moorhead, the second farm was named "Sycamore."

"Jonathan was very encouraging when we told him we'd like to get into breeding," said Moorhead. "The horses are broken on his farm [Ashwell]; I would go over almost every day and talk with him and watch them train. He pays attention to the fact that they can earn the PA-Bred bonus, and he is constantly looking for races in the state for them. It was quite exciting to see Rose Tree and Downhill Racer both win stakes, and after Rose Tree won the Blue Mountain Juvenile, we got offers to buy her, but we decided not to sell."

All three of the Moorheads' homebreds were given the winter off and started back training at the end of January. With another new crop ready to make their racing debuts, the couple is hoping that their beginner's luck can continue into 2017.

## A few words from the Executive Secretary

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## 2017 PA-Bred Stakes Schedule

**ALL BREEDING FUND STAKES WILL INCLUDE A 25% PA-SIRED BONUS FOR 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD. Proposed 2017 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., April 29 Parx	<b>\$100,000 Lyman S</b> , 3 & up, 7 fur.
	<b>\$100,000 Foxy J. G. S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 7 fur.
Sat., June 3 Penn	<b>\$100,000 Lyphard S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
	<b>\$100,000 Danzig S</b> , 3YO, 6 fur.
	<b>\$100,000 New Start S</b> , 3YO fillies, 6 fur.
Sun., July 9 PID	<b>\$100,000 Leematt S</b> , 3 & up, 1 mi.
	<b>\$100,000 Northern Fling S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 mi.
Sat., July 22 Parx	<b>\$100,000 Crowd Pleaser S</b> , 3YO, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
	<b>\$100,000 Power by Far S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 5 fur., turf
Sat., Aug. 5, Penn	<b>\$100,000 Robellino S</b> , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Sun., Aug. 6, PID	<b>\$100,000 Malvern Rose S</b> , 3YO fillies, 1 mi.
Sat., Sept. 2 Parx	<b>\$100,000 Banjo Picker Sprint S</b> , 3 & up, 6 fur.
<b>PA Day At Races</b>	<b>\$100,000 Roanoke S</b> , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi.
	<b>\$100,000 Marshall Jenney S</b> , 3 & up, 5 fur., turf
	<b>\$100,000 Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 6 fur.
	<b>\$100,000 Mrs. Penny S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Sun., Sept. 3, PID	<b>\$100,000 Mark McDermott S</b> , 2YO, 6 fur.
Sun., Sept. 17, PID	<b>\$100,000 Mrs. Henry D. Paxson Memorial S</b> , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
Sat., Sept. 23, Parx	<b>\$100,000 Alphabet Soup S</b> , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Sat., Oct. 7 Parx	<b>\$100,000 Plum Pretty S</b> , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi.
Wed., Nov. 22, Penn	<b>\$100,000 Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies S</b> , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
Sat., Dec. 2, Parx	<b>\$100,000 Pennsylvania Nursery S</b> , 2YO, 7 fur.

Total: \$2,200,000

# PA-Bred Fund Statistics: Top Earners

(January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, rounded to dollars)

## LEADING EARNERS - TOTAL AWARDS

Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Owner	Total	Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Owner	Total
Northview Stallion Station Inc.	\$ 924	\$373,124	\$0	\$374,048	Glenn E. Brok LLC	\$128,623	\$12,769	0	\$141,392
Barlar LLC	192,534	72,377	0	264,911	St. Omer's Farm	131,143	0	0	131,143
Michael W. Jester	127,338	99,457	0	226,795	Sylmar Farm Inc.	130,005	0	0	130,005
Patricia L. Chapman	126,109	99,761	0	225,870	Blackstone Farm LLC	126,036	3,307	0	129,343
Thomas G. McClay	215,786	0	0	215,786	Yaroslav Kolybabiuk MD	108,936	0	0	108,936
Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	101,267	87,141	0	188,408	Godstone Farm LP	85,177	22,466	0	107,643
Xanthus Farms Inc.	170,951	16,675	0	187,625	Kenneth L. Ramsey	49,073	51,260	0	100,333
Arrowwood Farm Inc.	182,739	0	0	182,739	Everest Stables Inc.	41,063	58,250	0	99,314
Charles A. Cuprill	134,926	43,735	0	178,661	Henry R. Nothhaft	33,549	64,295	0	97,844
William J. Solomon VMD	58,927	116,445	0	175,373	Pewter Stable	80,521	15,797	0	96,319
George Strawbridge Jr.	101,628	56,866	0	158,494	Donald L. Brown Jr.	78,840	7,051	0	85,891
The Elkstone Group LLC	141,700	0	0	141,700	Kathryn Goldenberg	56,996	27,396	0	84,392

## 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
Jump Start	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	422	237,697	Monba	Triton Farms LLC	139	\$36,792
Smarty Jones	Patricia L. Chapman	205	99,761	Albert the Great	William J. Solomon VMD	148	36,323
Weigelia	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	180	87,141	Eurosilver	Dromoland Farm Inc.	151	33,635
Fairbanks	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	264	82,894	Medallist	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	121	33,344
E Dubai	Barlar LLC	186	72,377	Andiron	Tea Party Stable Inc.	65	32,365
Silver Train	Henry R. Nothhaft	154	64,295	Lite the Fuse	William J. Solomon VMD	86	31,204
Petionville	Everest Stables Inc.	177	58,250	Toccet	Castleton Lyons Inc.	93	30,403
Rimrod	George Strawbridge Jr.	166	56,866	Ecclesiastic	Walmac Stud Management LLC	123	29,559
Talent Search	Kenneth L. Ramsey	142	51,260	Emperor Tiberius	Kathryn Goldenberg	26	20,075
Cat Thief	Michael W. Jester	195	42,719	Gimmeawink	Richard N. Miller	101	19,773
Trust N Luck	Michael W. Jester	77	41,777	Love of Money	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	73	18,650
City Sharpster	Charles A. Cuprill	158	37,271	Partner's Hero	Peter Gianguilio	104	17,853

## 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
Roxbury N Overton *	Andiron - Centennial Cat	Jettany Thoroughbred Corp	6	0	\$60,000	\$61,764	\$20,588	\$0	\$31,680	\$174,032
A Fleet Attitude	Afleet Alex - Lucky Lefty	Timothy F. Ritchey	7	0	60,000	49,471	0	0	45,416	154,887
Disco Chick *	Jump Start - Disco Flirt	Yaroslav Kolybabiuk MD	3	0	80,000	48,000	16,000	6,000	0	150,000
Saratoga Jack *	Emperor Tiberius - Thinkoutsidethebox	Kathryn Goldenberg	6	0	60,000	47,986	15,995	0	18,564	142,546
Trace of Grace *	Petionville - Joy to Run	W M T Stables Inc.	9	0	66,000	44,735	14,912	0	16,773	142,420
Fat Kat *	Weigelia - Katarica Disco	St. Omer's Farm	6	0	63,000	42,532	14,177	0	16,272	135,981
Lucabunny *	Silver Train - Record High	Gunpowder Farms LLC	8	0	60,000	34,802	11,601	0	7,718	114,121
Granny's Kitten	Kitten's Joy - Granny Franny	Kenneth L. Ramsey	3	0	91,000	18,200	0	0	0	109,200
Valued Strike	Smart Strike - Deputy Valuation	George Strawbridge Jr.	5	0	77,000	22,724	0	0	5,220	104,944
Red Razzo *	Toccet - High Iron Lass	Roger Cettina	9	0	0	52,553	17,518	0	33,456	103,526
Diamond Dollar	Not For Love - Ruby Rubles	The Elkstone Group LLC	5	0	71,000	21,220	0	0	8,100	100,320
Winning the Medal *	Medallist - Fountain	Richard Molineaux	3	0	60,000	26,868	8,956	0	4,160	99,984
Devilwentogeorgia	Devil His Due - Stitznwolf	Samantha E. Kamen	4	0	80,000	17,571	0	0	2,244	99,815
Runs for Luck *	Trust N Luck - Runs Like L	Melissa Houghton	12	0	0	51,392	17,131	0	30,918	99,441
Downhill Racer *	Jump Start - Encore Saritta	Rodman W. Moorhead III	2	0	60,000	28,494	9,498	0	0	97,992
Kobel	Sequoyah - April Lady	Donald Clifford Wilson	3	0	63,000	21,072	0	0	12,960	97,032
Duval	Kodiak Kowboy - Sahnkindawonderful	Mark J. Reid Sr.	8	0	0	42,488	0	0	50,640	93,128
Rowd E Allie *	E Dubai - Pining	Two-Turn Farm LLC	5	0	0	45,558	15,186	0	32,280	93,024
Bound *	Jump Start - China Sky	Barlar LLC	3	0	63,000	22,500	7,500	0	0	93,000
Dynamic Strike	Smart Strike - Dynamic Deputy	Fitzhugh LLC	4	0	60,000	21,360	0	0	10,800	92,160
Black Mission Fig	Fusaichi Pegasus - Lady de Rosa	Gold Square LLC	6	0	60,000	21,663	0	0	9,853	91,516
Brio Man *	Jump Start - Iron Maggie	Roland Thomas Bowman Jr.	7	0	0	49,187	16,396	0	25,696	91,278