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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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Xanthus Farm

By Linda Dougherty

For more than three decades, Ron and Barbara Rickline's Xanthus Farms has been one of Pennsylvania's leading commercial stallion establishments, as well as one of its top breeders.

Located just outside the historic town of Gettysburg, Xanthus has built a solid reputation for standing stallions that offer the complete package – solid race records, outstanding bloodlines, and superb conformation. It has also bred and sold horses that have gone on to reward their owners with many profitable trips to the winner's circle.

Many stakes winners have been foaled at Xanthus, including Gr. 1 winner and millionaire Fabulous Strike, as well as stakes winners Jake N Elwood, Hey Kiddo, Above the Light, Sham Francisco, and Beau's Surprise, to name but a few.

Xanthus has been among the top award winners from the Pennsylvania breeding fund over the last five years, primarily through stallion awards. In 2012, it ranked fourth with \$225,505; in 2013, it also ranked fourth with \$196,029; in 2014, it ranked fifth with \$165,240; in 2015, it was seventh with \$190,042, and last year it was also seventh, with \$187,625.

Xanthus's stallion Andiron, a son of A.P. Indy and a half-brother to Gr. 1 winner The Cliff's Edge, was the sire of last year's top Pennsylvania-Bred breeder award winner, Roxbury N Overton.

Bred by Jettany Thoroughbred Corp., Roxbury N Overton earned a total of \$247,856 in 2016 that includes \$61,764 for his breeder, \$20,588 in stallion awards, and \$31,680 in owner bonuses.



The success of Xanthus hasn't occurred because of luck. It's happened because of the hard work of Barbara Rickline, who has "stayed the course" from the time before the bill legalizing slots was enacted in 2004, through today.

Rickline, a graduate of Penn State University, was in her early 20's when she began to ride and show horses. She managed a large show horse barn, South Forth Acres, in New Tripoli, Pa. during the early 1980's, and launched Xanthus Farms 21 years ago.

First established in Kutztown, Pa., Xanthus was relocated to the Hanover, Pa. area in 1986 before moving to its present site near Gettysburg a decade ago.

One of the first commercially successful stallions to stand at Xanthus was Judge Smells, who proved immensely popular with local mare owners, breeding as many as 124 mares in a season, and eventually siring the winners of 40 horses who earned \$100,000 or more.

The farm currently stands nine stallions: newcomer Red Vine, Il Villano, XiXiXi, In the Woods, Banachek, Adiron, Victory Isle, White Mercedes and Southern Success.

Rickline said that this season she's noticed that breeders have renewed interest in not only her stallions, but the Pennsylvania breeding program, in general.

"I've had more interest in breeding to my stallions than in the last 3-4 years," said Rickline. "I've had more calls, more people stopping by to see them ... it's very encouraging."

Rickline said that for 2017 she has reduced the number of mares she's breeding to out-of-state sires to only a handful. She also noted that there is acute competition for mares, especially since Maryland's breeding program is on the upswing after several lean years.

"Now that Maryland is doing better, those mare owners are choosing to stay home," she said. "There's a lot of competition for mares because there's not as many people actively breeding like there used to be, and it also can be hard to pass up some of the deals for stallions in Kentucky, because they need mares, too. But we didn't lose a lot of mares (at Xanthus) because people realize our breeding program is one of the best."

"We still have the best program as far as the number of racing days available," she continued. "We have two tracks that run year-

round, and the third offers the Tapeta surface. There are good financial rewards because of the purses."

A new name in the Xanthus stallion barn is multiple grade 1-placed stakes winner Red Vine, who was purchased at the Keeneland January horses of all ages sale by Bode Miller, the Olympic and world championship gold medal alpine skier, to stand in Pennsylvania. Red Vine's introductory fee is \$2,500.

A son of Candy Ride out of Murky Waters, by Storm Creek, Red Vine was sold as a yearling for \$200,000 and was trained during his career by Christophe Clement. He became a stakes winner at 5, winning the Majestic Light Stakes at Monmouth Park, and then placing in five consecutive graded stakes, which included a third in the \$1 million Pacific Classic Stakes, a third in the Gr. 1 Breeders Cup Dirt Mile, and a second in the Gr. 1 Cigar Mile Handicap. Red Vine retired with \$775,915 in earnings.

Red Vine's second dam is stakes winner Fort Pond, the dam of multiple graded stakes winner and millionaire Fort Prado (\$1,211,681).

Of Red Vine, Rickline said: "He's a very good-looking horse, very correct, with a nice disposition. Everyone who has seen him has been very impressed."

In addition to its stallions, Xanthus Farms also offers breeding, boarding, foaling,

layups, sales preparation, agent services and horse transportation, through its own Rickline Horse Transport, which is handled by Ron Rickline.

Xanthus was the birthplace of one of the nation's top sprinters, Pennsylvania-Bred Fabulous Strike. Owned and bred by Walter Downey's Tea Party Stables, a longtime client, Fabulous Strike captured the Gr. 1 Vosburgh Stakes at Belmont Park in 2007 and captured four other graded stakes before retiring in 2011 with \$1,447,804. He's currently a pensioner at Old Friends in Kentucky.

In 2009, Xanthus made news in Pennsylvania when a rare white thoroughbred was foaled at the farm, one of fewer than 40 in the world at the time.

Christened Banachek, he now stands at Xanthus for a fee of \$2,000, live foal. He was 2009 Junior Champion, Thoroughbred Division, at the Maryland State Fair, and hails from the female family of multiple stakes winner Doradoradora (\$590,350).

The farm also stands another white stallion, White Mercedes. Both Banachek and White Mercedes were sired by noted white Kentucky stallion The White Fox.

Also on the Xanthus stallion roster for 2017 is XiXiXi, by Maimonides, a half-brother to Triple Crown winner American Pharoah, who stands for \$5,000, as well as the speedy Il Villano, who stands for \$1,500.



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A few words from the Executive Secretary



This year's Iroquois Banquet will again be at The Hotel Hershey on Friday, June 9 beginning with cocktails at 5 p.m. Come out and help us honor our PA-Bred Stakes and Award Winners. It's a great opportunity to share your ideas with the leading breeders in Pennsylvania, meet our board members or just come out to have an evening of fun.

On Saturday, June 3rd, Penn National will be hosting one of its biggest race nights of the year featuring the \$500,000 Penn Mile for 3-year-olds and three PA-Bred \$100,000 stakes. What a night! Hope to see you there.

Don't forget about our Annual Membership Meeting at the Kennett Square Country Club on May 17 at 4 p.m.

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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.

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	\$100,000 Lyman S , 3 & up, 7 fur.
	\$100,000 Foxy J. G. S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 7 fur.
Sat., June 3 Penn	\$100,000 Lyphard S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
	\$100,000 Danzig S , 3YO, 6 fur.
	\$100,000 New Start S , 3YO fillies, 6 fur.
Sun., July 9 PID	\$100,000 Leematt S , 3 & up, 1 mi.
	\$100,000 Northern Fling S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 mi.
Sat., July 22, 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. 5, Penn	\$100,000 Robellino S , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Sun., Aug. 6, PID	\$100,000 Malvern Rose S , 3YO fillies, 1 mi.
Sat., Sept. 2 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 S , 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. 3, PID	\$100,000 Mark McDermott S , 2YO, 6 fur.
Sun., Sept. 17, PID	\$100,000 Mrs. Henry D. Paxson Memorial S , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
Sat., Sept. 23, Parx	\$100,000 Alphabet Soup S , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Sat., Oct. 7 Parx	\$100,000 Plum Pretty S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi.
Wed., Nov. 22, Penn	\$100,000 Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies S , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
Sat., Dec. 2, Parx	\$100,000 Pennsylvania Nursery S , 2YO, colts & geldings, 7 fur.

Total: \$2,750,000

PA-Bred Fund Statistics: Top Earners

(January 1, 2017 through February 28, 2017, rounded to dollars)

LEADING EARNERS - TOTAL AWARDS

Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Owner	Total	Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Owner	Total
Donald L Brown Jr	\$40,787	\$5,995	\$0	\$46,783	Richard Simoff	\$19,656	\$0	\$0	\$19,656
Arrowwood Farm Inc	\$43,797	\$0	\$0	\$43,797	Angelo Zalalas	\$19,504	\$0	\$0	\$19,504
Xanthus Farms Inc	\$40,066	\$1,068	\$0	\$41,134	St. Omer's Farm	\$19,179	\$0	\$0	\$19,179
Northview StallionStation Inc	\$0	\$40,812	\$0	\$40,812	Hope Hill Farm	\$16,317	\$2,660	\$0	\$18,977
Glenn E Brok LLC	\$19,864	\$10,900	\$0	\$30,764	William E Riddle Jr	\$18,648	\$0	\$0	\$18,648
Thomas G McClay	\$30,230	\$0	\$0	\$30,230	Spring Run Farm LLC	\$18,640	\$0	\$0	\$18,640
Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	\$18,405	\$10,728	\$0	\$29,133	Richard N Miller	\$14,774	\$3,191	\$0	\$17,966
Barlar LLC	\$23,208	\$3,674	\$0	\$26,882	William J Solomon VMD	\$1,562	\$15,895	\$0	\$17,457
Michael W Jester	\$17,504	\$8,494	\$0	\$25,998	Yaroslav Kolybabiuk MD	\$15,646	\$0	\$0	\$15,646
Blackstone Farm LLC	\$21,684	\$1,680	\$0	\$23,364	Pewter Stable	\$13,080	\$1,596	\$0	\$14,676
Patricia L Chapman	\$14,232	\$8,758	\$0	\$22,990	Tea Party Stable Inc	\$10,450	\$3,872	\$0	\$14,322
Smith Farm And Stable	\$20,656	\$0	\$0	\$20,656	SMD Ltd LLC	\$14,280	\$0	\$0	\$14,280

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 StallionStation Inc	69	\$30,695	Andiron	Tea Party Stable Inc	11	\$3,872
Weigelia	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	20	\$10,728	E Dubai	Barlar LLC	16	\$3,674
Silver Train	Henry R Nothhaft	27	\$10,164	Rimrod	George Strawbridge Jr dba	14	\$3,564
Got The Last Laugh	Glenn E Brok LLC	11	\$9,524	Uptowncharlybrown	Fantasy Lane Stable Inc	8	\$3,540
Petionville	Everest Stables Inc	31	\$9,114	Talent Search	Kenneth L Ramsey t/a	24	\$3,496
Smarty Jones	Patricia L Chapman	27	\$8,758	Partner's Hero	Peter Giangiulio	6	\$2,668
Fairbanks	Northview StallionStation Inc	32	\$6,851	Formal Dinner	Willa LLC	2	\$2,664
Cat Thief	Michael W Jester	35	\$6,249	Stonecoldbroke	Hope Hill Farm	8	\$2,660
Albert The Great	William J Solomon VMD	31	\$6,227	Love Of Money	Northview StallionStation Inc	10	\$2,512
Messner	Donald L Brown Jr	14	\$5,995	Kentucky Pride	Victoria Marie Herlinger	2	\$2,268
Ecclesiastic	Walmac Stud Managem't LLC	13	\$4,686	Wheaton	William J Solomon VMD	3	\$2,044
Rockport Harbor	William J Solomon VMD	9	\$4,662	Trajectory	Richard N Miller	6	\$1,998

LEADING HORSES

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

Horse	Pedigree	Breeder	PA-Bred Restricted Races	PA-Bred Stakes Purse	Total Breeder Purse	Total Stallion Award	Total Owner Award	Total Owner Award	Total Fund Bonus	Amount
So You Know *	Jump Start - Our Fantene	Smith Farm And Stable	2	0	\$0	\$20,656	\$5,164	\$0	\$12,240	\$38,060
Sultry Silhouette *	Jump Start - Rhythm And Que's	Spring Run Farm LLC	2	0	\$0	\$15,904	\$3,976	\$0	\$11,360	\$31,240
Ginner *	Albert The Great - Shawklit Kisses	Xanthus Farms Inc	3	0	\$0	\$15,120	\$3,780	\$0	\$10,800	\$29,700
Aunt Rose	Flower Alley - Once Again	Donald L Brown Jr	2	0	\$0	\$14,016	\$0	\$0	\$12,480	\$26,496
Kelly And Kiley *	Got The Last Laugh - Crossing Over	Daniel Wilson Frazier Estate	2	0	\$0	\$13,440	\$3,360	\$0	\$9,600	\$26,400
Tin N Lint	Macleans Music - Holiday Lights	Blackstone Farm LLC	2	0	\$0	\$9,940	\$0	\$0	\$14,200	\$24,140
Citrine Harbor *	Rockport Harbor - Miss Gemstone	William E Riddle Jr	3	0	\$0	\$18,648	\$4,662	\$0	\$0	\$23,310
Yeah Rocky *	Silver Train - Disco Flirt	Yaroslav Kolybabiuk MD	4	0	\$0	\$13,966	\$3,491	\$0	\$3,424	\$20,881
Chippewawhitechief *	Weigelia - Chippewa	St. Omer's Farm	2	0	\$0	\$10,080	\$2,520	\$0	\$7,200	\$19,800
Midtowncharlybrown *	Uptowncharlybrown - Torchwood	Godric LLC	2	0	\$0	\$12,696	\$3,174	\$0	\$3,360	\$19,230
Miss Avalon *	Jump Start - Dune Drive Avalon	SMD Ltd LLC	1	0	\$0	\$9,744	\$2,436	\$0	\$6,960	\$19,140
Overhear *	E Dubai - Listen In	Barlar LLC	2	0	\$0	\$13,464	\$3,366	\$0	\$2,280	\$19,110
Purcell *	Jump Start - Buff'n Polish	Thomas G McClay	2	0	\$0	\$9,408	\$2,352	\$0	\$6,720	\$18,480
Kwik E	E Dubai - Limited Series	Emma V Krohn	3	0	\$0	\$7,504	\$0	\$0	\$10,720	\$18,224
Mi Gal Fren *	Kentucky Pride - Colebrook Go Go	Victoria Marie Herlinger	2	0	\$0	\$9,072	\$2,268	\$0	\$6,480	\$17,820
Watch My Dust	Majestic Warrior - Maid Service	Blackstone Farm LLC	1	0	\$0	\$7,056	\$0	\$0	\$10,080	\$17,136
Just A Taste	Louis Quatorze - Smokin' Prospect	Carmen H Celino	2	0	\$0	\$6,888	\$0	\$0	\$9,840	\$16,728
Ignite *	Jump Start - Perverse	Barlar LLC	3	0	\$0	\$8,512	\$2,128	\$0	\$6,080	\$16,720
Andrew L *	Wheaton - Zuley	Robert A Szezyler	2	0	\$0	\$8,176	\$2,044	\$0	\$5,840	\$16,060
Spring Away *	Jump Start - One More Lillian	Paul F Spears	2	0	\$0	\$9,961	\$2,490	\$0	\$3,540	\$15,992
Bird Of Trey	Birdstone - Take Me Home Too	JRita Young Thoroughbreds LLC	1	0	\$0	\$6,216	\$0	\$0	\$8,880	\$15,096
Alexandra's Mist	Smoke Glacken - In The Evening	Marimax Stables LLC	2	0	\$0	\$6,160	\$0	\$0	\$8,800	\$14,960