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# **El Padrino**

Freshman sire gets first winner



Northview PA's popular chestnut stallion El Padrino got his first winner with Whereshetoldmetogo's victory at Delaware Park on June 8.

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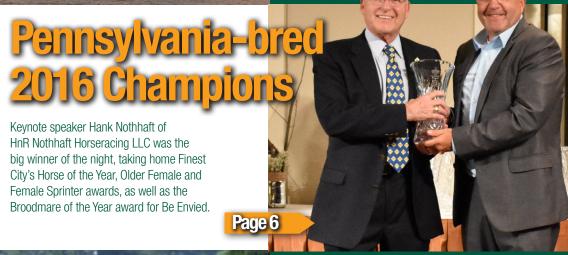
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# The Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association presents

\$250,000 Bonus to a PA-Sired, PA-Bred

(\$200,000 - owner, \$50,000 - breeder)

Who Wins the

# 2017 Pennsylvania Derby

\$100,000 for 2nd and 3rd place

(\$75,000 - owner, \$25,000 breeder)



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# **Southern operation** in Pennsylvania

**By Linda Dougherty** 

Jack Damico may live in Georgia, but for many years he has been an enthusiastic supporter of the Pennsylvania breeding and racing programs.

Damico, who heads The Posse Racing Stable, a partnership group consisting of close friends, turned his attention to Pennsylvania because of the money that can be made by breeding and racing homebreds. He is also vice president of the Georgia Horse Racing Coalition, working to bring horse racing to Georgia. Damico and his partner Tom Schulte started a Thoroughbred operation at Schulte's Southern Oak Farm in Ball Ground, Ga., last year, in anticipation of Georgia legalizing pari-mutuel wagering.

The Posse has about a dozen horses in training at tracks in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and Florida. Kate DeMasi handles the Posse horses at Parx Racing, while Erin McClellan trains the horses at Penn National. However, they have also

used Flint Stites, John Connor and Brandon Kulp at Penn National. In New York, Gary Gullo does the training honors, while in Florida Kathleen O'Connell handles the horses.

"We don't have a lot of horses, but we always have a lot of fun," said Damico.

It was at Penn National on April 28 that The Posse celebrated its 300th win with Keystone Jones (above), who broke her maiden by  $4\frac{1}{2}$  lengths for McClellan. A 3-year-old daughter of Smarty Jones, Keystone Jones is out of Keystone Dancer (by Dance With Ravens), who was also campaigned by The Posse.

This year, another homebred to find the winner's circle for The Posse include Hello'ndubai, who broke his maiden March 1 at Penn National, defeating nine rivals and becoming the partnership's 299th winner. The 3-year-old gelded son of E Dubai is out of Eden is Burning, by Hook and Ladder.

"We started breeding and racing in Pennsylvania quite a while ago," said Damico, a forensic accountant. "We stood our stakes stallion U So Bad at Tom Reigle's farm [Reigle Heir in Grantville, in 2002] and sent mares to support him. Although that didn't work so



well, we've still been foaling mares at Jodie Pointer's Pointer Farm in Bernville."

Pointer and her husband, Tom, own and operate Pointer Farm, as well as a rescue, Cabin Creek Rescue and Retirement, on about 85 acres.

"Jodie is a dear friend of mine," said Damico, who said he typically keeps one or two mares at Pointer Farm. "I consider her part of our extended family. We've worked with her for a long time, and we also try to support her rescue."

Pointer echoed Damico's words, stating, "We're more than business partners — we're like family. I really respect Jack because of the way he cares about his horses. If a horse needs time off, no matter how long, he'll give it. We're good together and have a mutual respect for one another."

The Posse has campaigned many good horses over the years, including stakes performers American Dreamer, Cin Cin, Legacy Wildcat, Paint Me Red, Rebecca Mae, Timely Threat and the aforementioned U So Bad. Multiple winners Crucial Time, who annexed

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11 races; Atlanta National, a six-time winner who was named for the Pete Dye golf course Jack co-founded in 1987, and Arrow's Flight, a nine-time winner, including five consecutively at Gulfstream Park, all wore the red, white and blue Posse silks. Arrow's Flight is now a permanent resident at Cabin Creek Rescue.

Damico is a native of Fair Haven, N.J., and was exposed to horse racing at a young age. While in high school, he worked at the Rumson Country Club in Monmouth County, not far from Monmouth Park.

"I was a caddy for Amory L. Haskell [the first president of the new racetrack when it opened in 1946], as well as starter Eddie Blind," he recalled. "They would play a round of golf early, and then get to the track." He was also a part-owner of Wayar, who raced in the Haskell Invitational in 1986.

Damico said that, over the years, he estimates he's introduced about 50 people to racing through The Posse. Several of the friends that are involved in the stable are lawyers and professionals from the Philadelphia region, with Damico nicknaming them the "Philadelphia mini-Posse."

Damico will attend sales in New York, Kentucky and Florida and buy horses for The Posse's racing stable, then get several people involved in each. His family – wife Becky and daughters Jennifer and Lacey – help select the horses and come up with catchy names.

Damico is also heavily involved in the push to legalize pari-mutuel racing in Georgia.

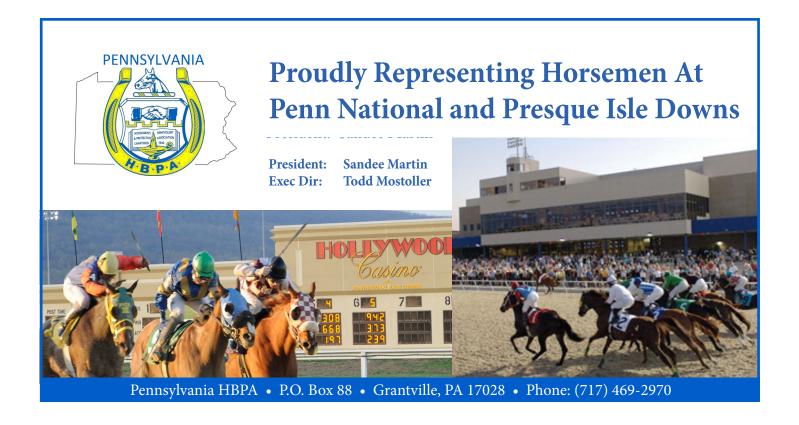
"We think it's a no-brainer that a racetrack would economically benefit the state," he said. "We envision two boutique meets - 30 days in the spring and 30 days in the fall."

The Georgia Horse Racing Coalition has already developed plans for a new multi-purpose entertainment facility and racetrack, a privately-funded venture that would sit on 250 acres. Damico said the location of the track near Atlanta would be a halfway spot between the Florida and northern ovals.

According to the preliminary design, created by Populous, a global architecture and design firm, the racetrack would be integrated into a community which features a walkable neighborhood, public market, office park, hotel and casino, entertainment options, and recreation park.

The infield of the track would be the recreation park, which connects to the surrounding development with linear green spaces that reach into the neighborhood. These linear spaces connect under the track, forming gateways to the central park space. The track would be complemented by shops, entertainment options and restaurants, and is projected to create thousands of jobs.

Until these plans come to fruition, Damico and The Posse will continue to race and breed in Pennsylvania, and take advantage of its lucrative owner and breeder awards.



# Mor Spirit Scores Victory in Historic Met Mile-G1



The Grade 1 Metropolitan Handicap, or Met Mile for short, remains one of the nation's most esteemed races for older horses. Champions, future leading sires, the creme de la creme have won the race in its 124 runnings. PA-Bred Mor Spirit added his name to the list of illustrious winners that includes Native Dancer and Buckpasser, Forego and Kelso, Equipoise, Tom Fool and Stymie, Devil Diver and Ghostzapper when he spurted away to a six and a quarter-length victory in 1:33.71 for the mile over Belmont's sandy oval on June 10.

Bob Baffert trains the 4-year-old son of Eskendereya for Michael Lund Petersen and was impressed with the effort, telling the throng of press on hand for Belmont Stakes Day, "That was pretty impressive, I have to admit. All my horses were impressive today, but this horse the way he ran today, how fast he ran — it was incredible." It was the first win for Baffert in the Met Mile, a designated "Win and You're In" event for the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile, and completed a stakes sweep for the California-based trainer, who won with all four horses he entered that day.

Mor Spirit, a Grade 1 winner at 2 when he captured the Los Alamitos Futurity, was a stakes winner at 3 in the Grade 3 Robert

B. Lewis Stakes to start his year as he targeted the Triple Crown. Two seconds in graded company at Santa Anita, including the Grade 1 Santa Anita Derby, put him in the Kentucky Derby field, but after finishing 10th, he was away from the races until the Grade 1 Malibu last December, where he finished fourth.

This year's campaign has been one of huge leaps, as now the dark bay has won three stakes in a row. He kicked off the season finishing second to stablemate Hoppertunity in the Grade 2 San Antonio, then ventured to Oaklawn Park, where he won the Essex Handicap under top weight. Next out was a trip to Lone Star and a rousing five and three-quarter-length score in the Steve Sexton Mile Stakes-G3, which pushed The Elkstone Group-bred past the \$1 million mark in earnings.

With the Met Mile win, Mor Spirit increased his lifetime bankroll to \$1,658,400 from 13 starts, and has been first or second in 11 of his races.

Mor Spirit ranked fifth on the NTRA Top Thoroughbred Poll through June 26, behind only Arrogate, Gun Runner, Songbird and Shaman Ghost.



# Pennsylvania-bred 2016 Champions

# HORSE OF THE YEAR

OLDER FEMALE & FEMALE SPRINTER

## **FINEST CITY**

Ch.m., 2012, by City Zip—Be Envied, by Lemon Drop Kid. Bred by HnR Nothhaft Horseracing LLC.





The Breeders' Cup, Eclipse Award winner and track record setter was the richest PAbred runner of 2016, earning \$823,200 in eight starts, five of them graded stakes wins or placings. In addition to taking the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint, which sealed the Eclipse Award for Champion Female Sprinter, she set a Los Alamitos record of 1:14.48 for 6½ furlongs in the Grade 2 Great Lady M Stakes. Never worse than fourth during the year, she also hit the board in Santa Anita's Grade 1 Vanity Mile when third behind champions Beholder and Stellar Wind, missed by a head when second in Del Mar's Grade 2 John C. Mabee and kicked off the year when second, by a head, in Santa Anita's Santa Monica Stakes-G2.

## TWO-YEAR-OLD FILLY

## **ROSE TREE**

B.f., 2014, by Harlan's Holiday—Amusing, by Distorted Humor. Bred by Mr. and Mrs.

Rodman W. Moorhead III.



Undefeated at 2 in two starts, the filly won Penn National's Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies Stakes by nearly 4 lengths for her owner/breeders, Rod and Alice Moorhead. Named in honor of Alice Moorhead's father, James R. Kerr, who was Master of Foxhounds of the Rose Tree Hunt, Rose Tree is a member of the first full crop bred by the Moorheads at their Buttonwood Farm near Unionville.

# TWO-YEAR-OLD MALE **DOWNHILL RACER**

B.c., 2014, by Jump Start—Encore Saritta, by Consolidator. Bred by Mr. and Mrs. Rodman W. Moorhead III.

The Jump Start colt won both his starts at 2, including the Pennsylvania Nursery, and in doing so completed a unique double for his breeder/owners Rod and Alice Moorhead and trainer Jonathan Sheppard as the first to ever win both the Blue Mountain Juvenile (with Rose Tree) and Pennsylvania Nursery in the same season. Downhill Racer is out of the first broodmare the Moorheads ever



purchased, and is the second foal bred by the couple.

# THREE-YEAR-OLD FILLY

# LUCY N ETHEL /br.f., 2013, by During—Kid Silv

Dk.b./br.f., 2013, by During—Kid Silver, by Silver Ghost. Bred by Jettany Thoroughbred Corp and J.A.G. Racing Inc.



J A G Racing and Jettany Thoroughbred Corp.'s homebred filly made her first two outings of 2016 memorable to remain undefeated in her first four career starts. In her 3-year-old debut, the sensational sprinter won Gulfstream Park's Grade 3 Old Hat Stakes at 6 furlongs by nearly 4 lengths in January. Upon her return after being sidelined by a bone chip, she captured the Grade 2 Prioress Stakes at Saratoga in September, getting the 6 furlongs in 1:09.33. In just three starts for the year, she earned \$242,094 for boyhood friends James Stevenson and Stephen Perry.

# THREE-YEAR-OLD MALE & MALE SPRINTER

## TOM'S READY

Dk.b./br.c., 2013, by More Than Ready—Goodbye Stranger, by Broad Brush.Bred by Blackstone Farm LLC.



The richest PA-Bred 3-year-old of the year, the Blackstone Farm-bred son of More Than Ready, sold for \$145,000 as a yearling at Saratoga, earned \$612,047 in eight starts and won two graded stakes at a mile or less, the Grade 2 Woody Stephens at Belmont going 7 furlongs and Churchill Downs' Grade 3 Ack Ack Stakes against older runners at 1 mile. Shortly after his impressive score at Belmont, Spendthrift Farm announced an agreement had been reached with owner GMB Racing to acquire the breeding rights to the colt.

# OLDER MALE PAGE MCKENNEY

Ch.g., 2010, Eavesdropper—Winning Grace, by Yarrow Brae. Bred by Dr. James E. Bryant and Linda P. Davis.



The only champion to repeat in 2016, Adam Staple and Jalin Stable's veteran gelding became a millionaire in an abbreviated campaign when winning the 1½6-mile Native Dancer Stakes at Laurel Park in January. The son of former PA stallion Eavesdropper trained by Mary Eppler won twice in three starts, highlighted by Laurel Park's Grade 3 General George Stakes at 7 furlongs, and finished second in the \$1.25 million Charles Town Classic-G2 at 1½8 miles in his final start of the year. Those three starts yielded the chestnut gelding \$429,000, the highest earnings for an older PA-bred male runner in 2016.

# FEMALE TURF HORSE AL'S GAL

B.m., 2011, by English Channel—Dans La Ville (Chi), by Winning. Bred by Malone Racing LLC.



The richest PA-bred turf runner of the year, the first foal bred by Alex Malone's Malone Racing LLC in Kennett Square did it running long on the grass at seven different tracks, with wins in three stakes, topped by the Grade 1 E.P. Taylor going 11/4 miles at Woodbine. Campaigned by Kenneth and Sarah Ramsey, she also captured the 15/16mile Kentucky Downs Ladies Marathon Stakes in 2:12.16, less than a second off the course record, and Churchill Downs' 11/2mile Keertana Stakes. Three times she finished second in graded stakes: in the Grade 1 Beverly D. and Grade 3 Modesty Handicap at Arlington, and Keeneland's Grade 3 Bewitch Stakes. A \$50,000 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky sales weanling, the mare brought \$800,000 at the same sale five years later.

# MALE TURF HORSE GRANNY'S KITTEN

B.h., 2012, by Kitten's Joy—Granny Franny, by Grand Slam. Bred by Kenneth L. Ramsey and Sarah K. Ramsey.



Kenneth and Sarah Ramsey's homebred hit the board in five stakes in six attempts in 2016, scoring his first career stakes win in Parx's Alphabet Soup Handicap at Parx, just missed when second in the Leemat Stakes at Presque Isle, and placed in stakes from Canterbury Park to Penn National to the Fair Grounds. Also a two-time allowance winner at Keeneland, the graded stakes-placed runner at 3 finished in the top three in six consecutive outings and earned \$186,800 with a record of 9-3-2-2 for the year.

# STEEPLECHASER SENIOR SENATOR

B.g., 2010, by Domestic Dis-pute— Queen Kennelot, by Awesome Again. Bred by Charles C.D. McGill.



Bred by Charles C.D. McGill, the gelding won the prestigious Maryland Hunt Cup at age 6 at a grueling 4 miles over timber in one of his two starts. Leading by as many as 23 lengths as he cleared the 22 fences, the Irvin Crawford-owned, Joe Davies-trained bay gelding won the biggest race of his career when taking home the winner's share of the \$100,000 purse.

## PA PREFERRED: PA-SIRED, PA-BRED FEMALE

## **DISCO CHICK**

B.m., 2011, by Jump Start—Disco Flirt, by Disco Rico. Bred by Y. Jerry Kolybabiuk.



Y. Jerry Kolybabiuk's Freedom Acres' homebred, a daughter of Northview PA stallion Jump Start, made 11 starts in 2016 and finished in the top three nine times, all in stakes. She won three consecutive stakes in a four-week span—the My Juliet at Parx, Skipat on Preakness weekend at Pimlico, and Foxy J G at Parx—and was graded stakes-placed when third in the Honorable Miss Handicap-G2 at Saratoga on her way to 2016 earnings just shy of \$300,000.

# PREFERRED: PA-SIRED, PA-BRED MALE & LEADING BREEDING FUND RECIPIENT (Horse)

## **ROXBURY N OVERTON**

Dk.b./br.h., 2012, by Andiron— Centennial Cat, by Tale of the Cat. Bred and owned by J A G Racing and Jettany Thoroughbred Corp.

A son of PA sire Andiron, who stands at Xanthus Farms, J A G Racing and Jet-

tany Thoroughbred Corp.'s homebred won the Lyman Stakes at Parx during a win streak that extended to four at the start of the year, and finished second in the Donald LeVine Memorial Stakes while earning over \$200,000 in 2016. Counting PA-Bred Races, Breeder, Stallion and Owner Awards and PA-Bred Owner-Bonus Payments, his total Fund amount was \$174,032.

# BROODMARE OF THE YEAR BE ENVIED

Ch.m., 2002, by Lemon Drop Kid—While Rome Burns, by Overskate. Owned by HnR Nothhaft Horseracing LLC.

Purchased by Hank Nothhaft's HnR Nothhaft Horseracing LLC in the fall of 2011, the daughter of Lemon Drop Kid produced three PA-Bred foals, all starters in 2016: Breeders' Cup and Eclipse Award winner and 2016 PA-Bred Horse of the Year Finest City, stakesplaced 2016 juvenile filly Grand Prix, and 3-year-old Silver Train filly Move, who hit the board in four of seven starts.

# STALLION OF THE YEAR JUMP START



For the second year in a row, Jump Start led all Pennsylvania stallions in Stallion Awards, his total in 2016 was \$237,697. The now 18-year-old son of A.P. Indy moved to Pennsylvania in 2010, and two years later took up residence at Northview PA in Peach Bottom, where he is standing his sixth season in 2017. In 2016, he was the sire of seven stakes winners, including PA-Bred 2-year-old champion male Downhill Racer, and 18 stakes-placed, and the earners of more than \$5.8 million.

# LEADING TOTAL BREEDING FUND RECIPIENT

# NORTHVIEW STALLION STATION

\$374,048 in Breeder and Stallion Awards

The vast majority of Northview's awards were earned by the arsenal of Northview PA stallions standing at the Peach Bottom farm, topped by Jump Start and former stallion of the year Fairbanks. Also earning stallions awards in 2016 in the name of Northview were Medallist and Love of Money.

## LEADING BREEDER AWARD EARNER

## **THOMAS G. MCCLAY**

\$215.786 in Breeder Awards

Thomas G. McClay, of Hummelstown, Pa., has been breeding in Pennsylvania for more than 25 years. A familiar name on the top-5 list of the state's leading breeders by Fund Awards the past seven years, McClay has led the list the past two years. In 2016, 28 runners bred by McClay earned awards totaling \$215,786, topped by the Smarty Jones' 4-year-old son Amplified (\$34,534). Five of the top six McClay-bred runners to earn breeder bonuses of \$10,000 or more are by Pennsylvania stallions.

# LEADING OVERALL BREEDER OF PENNSYLVANIA-BREDS

## **BLACKSTONE FARM**

\$1,587,775 in purses earned

Christian Hansen, Douglas Black and Mark Weisman's Blackstone Farm in Pine Grove led all breeders by total purse money earned by PA-Breds in 2016, topped by multiple graded stakes winner, PA-Bred 3-year-old and sprint champion Tom's Ready, who earned \$612,047. Tom's Ready was one of two PA-Bred graded stakes winners to represent Blackstone Farm in 2016, the other Grade 3 Delaware Oaks winner Dark Nile, an earner of nearly \$250,000 in six starts, the most for any PA-Bred 3-year-old filly last season.



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# **Snapshots from PHBA Awards Banquet**



Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding



Betsy Barr presenting Hank Nothhaft with Horse of the Year Award for Finest City



Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding presenting PA Preffered Female Award to Dr. and Mrs. Kolybabiuk



Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding presenting PA Preffered Male Award to JAG Racing Inc.



Deanna Manfredi presenting John Hughes with 2YO Male Award



Betsy Barr presenting John Hughes with 2YO Female Award



Jennifer Corado presenting Blackstone Farm LLC with 3YO Male Award



Greg Newell presenting JAG Racing and Jettany Thoroughbred with 3YO Female Award



Kate Goldenberg presenting James Bryant with the Older Male Award for Page McKenney



Dr. Kolybabiuk presenting Hank Nothhaft with Older Female Award for Finest City



Blackstone Group's Doug Black, Christian Hansen and Mark Weissman (from left) for top Sprinter Tom's Ready



Bernie Houghton presenting Hank Nothhaft Female Sprinter Award for Finest City



Glenn Brok accepting Turf Male Award for Kenneth and Sarah Ramsey



Betsy Barr presenting Leading Breeding Fund Recipient (Horse) to JAG Racing Inc.



Brian Sanfratello presenting the Thoroughbred Charities Award to Kate Goldenberg and Safe Haven Equine



Kate Goldenberg presenting Leading Breeder Award Earner Thomas G. McClay, accepted by Ed Price



Greg Newell presenting Leading Total Breeding Fund Recipient Award to Northview Stallion Station



Deanna Manfredi presenting Tim Fazio and Paul O'Loughlin with Leading Stallion Award for Jump Start



Hank Nothhaft giving the keynote speech



Tim and Miranda Fazio



Eddie and Wendi Graham and Shannon and Bernie Houghton



# Congratulations to the 2016 Iroquois Award Winners



Iroquois Awards are presented to the breeders of all Pennsylvania-Bred stakes winners in 2016.

A Fleet Attitude Charles Zacney and Tim Ritchey

A P Majetstic Triple Threat, LLC

Al's Gal Malone Racing LLC

**Behrnik's Bank** Kaz Hill Farm

**Beyond Henry** George Strawbridge Jr.

Black Mission Fig Gold Square, LLC

**Bound** Barlar, LLC

**Capitanazo** Dorothy A. Matz

Chapel Of Chimes Elizabeth R. Houghton

Dark Nile Blackstone Farm LLC

**Devilish Love** Sycamore Hall Farm, LLC

**Devilwentogeorgia** Samantha E. Kamen and Devil His Due Syndicate

**Diamond Dollar** The Elkstone Group LLC

**Disco Chick** Y. Jerry Kolybabiuk

**Downhill Racer** Mr. and Mrs. Rodman W. Moorhead III

**Dynamic Strike** Fitzhugh, LLC

**Edge Of Reality** The Elkstone Group LLC

**Fat Kat** Wynoaks Farm, LLC and St. Omers Farm

Finest City HnR Nothhaft Horseracing, LLC

**Granny's Kitten** Kenneth L. Ramsey and Sarah K. Ramsey

**Great Soul** Steven E. Long and Jane M. Long

Illuminant Sycamore Hall Farm LLC

**Item** Arrowwood Farm, Inc.

**Joyful Thing** George Strawbridge Jr.

**Kobel** Donald Clifford Wilson



Paul O'Loughlin, Hank Nothhaft and Carl McEntee with Horse of Year Hansen and Mark Weissman) Trophy for Finest City



Hank Nothhaft and Henry Nothhaft Jr.



Hank Nothhaft and Tim Fazio



Dark Nile. Blackstone Farm LLC



Paul O'Loughlin accepting for Sycamore Hall Farm LLC



Diamond Dollar, The Elkstone Group LLC



Courtney Dankanich, Keri Wolfsont, Kelly Wooster and Bailey Poorman



Bernie Houghton accepting for Barlar LLC



dge of Reality, ne Elkstone Group LLC



Fat Kat. Ed Price accepting for WynOaks Farm LLC and St. Omers Farm



Finest City, HnR Nothhaft Horseracing LLC



Downhill Racer. John Hughes accepting for Mr. and Mrs. Rodman W. Moorhead III



Illuminant, Paul O'Loughlin accepting for Sycamore Hall Farm LLC



Item, Tom Coulter, Arrowwood Farm Inc.



Kobel. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clifford Wilson



Y. Jerry Kolybabiuk

Lucy N Ethel. Jettany Thoroughbred Corp. and JAG Racing Inc.



Page McKenney, Dr. James E. Bryant and Linda P. Davis



Raging Smoke, Ed Price accepting for Tom McClay and Harry Nye



Res Judicata. Patricia L. Chapman



Rolin With Olin, Glenn E. Brok LLC



Rose Tree, John Hughes accepting for Mr. and Mrs. Rodman W. Moorhead III



Roxbury N Overton, Jettany Thoroughbred Corp. & JAG Racing Inc.



Royal Daddy, Y. Jerry Kolybabiuk



Saratoga Jack, Kate Goldenberg and Helen Boynton



Farm LLC (Doug Black, Christian Hansen and Mark Weissman)



Trace of Grace, WMT Stables Inc., Bernie and Shannon Houghton



Rick Molineaux



# 2016 Iroquois Award Winners continued...



**Lil Rockerfeller** Brushwood Stable

**Lucabunny** Gunpowder Farms LLC

**Lucy N Ethel** Jettany Thoroughbred Corp. & JAG Racing Inc.

Mister Nofty HnR Nothhaft Horseracing, LLC

**Mor Spirit** The Elkstone Group LLC

Morning Fire Cynthia Hipple

Mr. OwenDerry Meeting FarmOur RombauerSpring Run Farm, LLC

Page McKenney Dr. James E. Bryant and Linda P. Davis

**Raging Smoke** Tom McClay and Harry Nye

**Res Judicata** Patricia L. Chapman

**Rockin Jojo** David P. Miller and Skymarc Farm

**Rolin With Olin** Glenn E. Brok LLC

**Rose Tree** Mr. and Mrs. Rodman W. Moorhead III

**Roxbury N Overton** Jettany Thoroughbred Corp. & JAG Racing Inc.

Royal Daddy Y. Jerry Kolybabiuk

Saratoga Jack Kate Goldenberg and Helen Boynton

Senior Senator Charles C. D. McGill
Spelling Again George Strawbridge Jr.

**Tempt Me Alex** Robert A. Kinsley

Tom's Ready Blackstone Farm LLC

**Trace Of Grace** WMT Stables, Inc. **Trooper John** Smart Angle, LLP

Tulsa Queen Anne L. Walsh

Valued Strike George Strawbridge Jr.

Winning The Medal Rick Molineaux

RANKED IN TOP 20 MID-ATLANTIC LEADING SIRES BY NORTH AMERICAN EARNINGS IN 2016

# TALENTSEARCH

2016 Progeny Earnings of over \$900,000

Sire of 2016 Danzig Stakes Winner ROLIN WITH OLIN (\$136,424)



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# A Letter From the Executive Secretary



A great time was had by all at the annual Iroquois Banquet at the Hotel Hershey. Congrats to our 2016 Horse of the Year Finest City, bred by HnR Nothhaft Horseracing LLC, and all of our award winners. If you didn't get a chance to attend, you won't want to miss next year. A date will be coming shortly. Photos from this year can be found in this issue.

Our 17th annual Pennsylvania's Day At the Races at Parx Racing is just around the corner. The event will take place on Saturday, Sept. 2, with registration beginning at 12 p.m.

The day will honor and celebrate the breeding industry here in the Commonwealth, as well as provide the chance for some top-notch horses to showcase their talents in our five \$100,000 stakes: the Banjo Picker Sprint for 3 and up at six furlongs; the Roanoke for 3 and up at a mile and a sixteenth; the Marshall Jenney for sprinters 3 and up at five furlongs on the turf; the Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial for fillies and mares, 3 and up, at a mile and a sixteenth on the turf. A 25% PA-sired bonus will again be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in all stakes.

To nominate your horse, please call Parx Racing at 215.639.9000. Early nominations close Saturday, July 15. We hope to see you on Sept. 2!

//Brian Sanfratello



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# **Pennsylvania News Briefs**

# **EL PADRINO GETS FIRST WINNER**

Northview PA's popular chestnut stallion El Padrino got his first winner as a freshman sire when his first runner Whereshetoldmetogo scored at 5 furlongs in a maiden race for 2-year-olds at Delaware Park June 8.

Owned by Black Cloud Racing and trained by Anthony Pecoraro, Whereshetoldmetogo was left at the break, trailed into the stretch, then mowed down his five rivals to win going away by  $2\frac{1}{2}$  lengths. The longest shot on the board and one of only two first-time starters in the field, he paid \$27.40 to win.

Bred in Maryland by Northview Stallion Station's general manager and director of sales David Wade, Whereshetoldmetogo was foaled March 22 out of Wade's winning homebred mare Undisputed Legend (by Domestic Dispute). The chestnut colt, sold by Wade through the Northview Stallion Station consignment for \$7,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Fall Yearling sale to Black Cloud Racing, is his dam's fourth winner from as many foals of racing age.

El Padrino has 53 2-year-olds in his first crop. The strikingly-handsome chestnut entered stud at Northview PA in Peach Bottom in 2014 and covered 89 mares his first season, the second most of any stallion in the region, behind only established sire

Any Given Saturday. He covered 109 mares the next year to top the region.

El Padrino was successful on the track – a Grade 2 winner of \$326,770 who contested the Kentucky Derby-G1 – and boasts an extended family of Grade 1 winners. The now 8-year-old is a son of sire of sires Pulpit and the first foal for the Giant's Causeway mare Enchanted Rock. He is a year-older half-brother to multiple Grade 1 winner Verrazano, an earner of \$1,878,013 whose two biggest scores came in \$1 million

stakes—the Wood Memorial and Haskell Invitational. Their dam, Enchanted Rock, has also produced multiple stakes-placed mare La Madrina. His second and third dams, Chic Shirine (by Mr. Prospector) and Too Chic (by Blushing Groom-Fr), are both Grade 1 winners. Found in the immediate family are Chic Shirine's full-sister, champion handicap mare and three-time Grade 1 winner Queena, as well as Grade 1 winners Somali Lemonade, Brahms, Harmonize and Serra Lake.

El Padrino stood the 2017 season for \$5,000 live foal as the property of a syndicate.



# **PHBA Dates to Remember**

# **Reminders for Breeders**

PHBA Membership Form and Dues: March 31

**Broodmare Domicile**: Nov. 1 or 14 days after a public

sale

**Yearling Registration**: Dec. 31 of the yearling year

Early Registration: Within 365 days of foaling

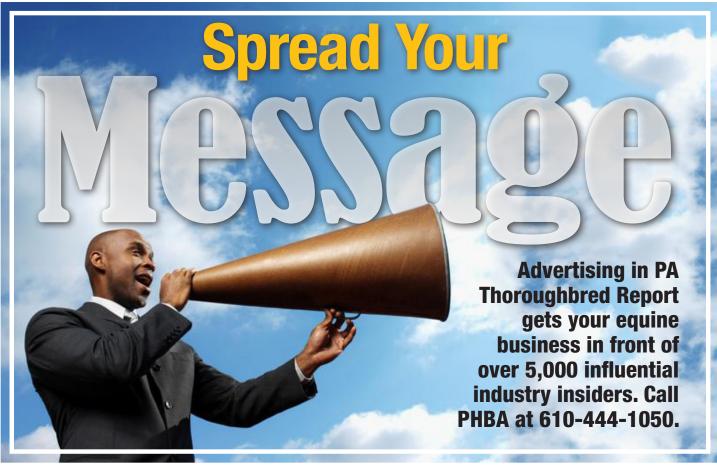
Stallion Registration for next breeding season:

February 15 of year breeding or before any mares

are bred.

Check out the "Calendar of Events & Reminders" section at **www.pabred.com** for more reminders and upcoming PA-Bred stakes, members' events, and more.







# **Pennsylvania News Briefs**

# **OBITUARY: DR. RICHARD A. REVELEY**



Dr. Richard A. Reveley, a longtime breeder/owner who with his wife Gale campaigned the well-known "S W" stable of runners under their Spring Water Farm banner, passed away on June 2, 2017, at his home in Glen Rock, Pa. He was 75.

Dr. Reveley served on the boards of the Pennsylvania Horse Breeder's Association and the Pennsylvania Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association. He and Gale earned a Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association award as Pennsylvania's outstanding owners and breeders of 1999. They also were selected the year 2000 Mid-Atlantic Regional Owners of the Year. In 2005, Richard received the PHBA Champion Three-Year-Old Filly award for S W Aly'svalentine, and in 2006, he took home her trophy for Champion Older Female.

Born in Little Rock, Ark., Dr. Reveley graduated from Ohio State University with a DDS degree and a Bachelor of Arts degree in anatomy. Highlights of his career include being an Assistant Director of the Dental Department at Baltimore City Hospital and serving as an Oral Diagnosis Instructor at the University of Maryland College of Dentistry. Richard was a member of the American Dental Association, the Maryland State Dental Association, and the Harford-Cecil Dental Society. He was also the onetime President of the Harford-Cecil Dental Society. Dr. Reveley was in private practice in Fallston, Md., for 33 years.

He was also a golf enthusiast and was a member of the Bon Air Country Club for many years.

As a horse breeder, he loved all aspects of the industry. At his Spring Water Farm in Glen Rock, he enjoyed every step in the journey. . . from watching his mares foal, to watching those foals make runs down the backstretch at Penn National Racecourse. He never tired of talking about his horses to anyone who would listen.

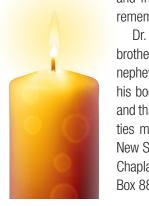
Among the most memorable runners to race in the Spring Water colors were S W Aly'svalentine, a daughter of Malibu Moon whose 13 wins, six in stakes, included back-to-back runnings of the Am-

bassador of Luck Handicap; and S W Clarence, the enormous son of Iron who stood over 18 hands and won 16 times in 30 starts, five in stakes, including the Iroquois Handicap at Philadelphia Park, Harrison E. Johnson Memorial at Laurel Park, and Lyphard Handicap at Penn National.

A tribute to Dr. Reveley noted that "his accomplishments, however, were not as important as his good qualities. Known for his outgoing personality, kindness, and loyalty, Richard placed an emphasis on family and enjoyed hosting holiday gatherings at the farm. Richard's gentle and patient demeanor had a calming influence on horses and people, and his ever-present sense of humor even had patients laughing in the dentist's chair. Richard spent his

life fixing and causing smiles, so even though his family and friends will miss him greatly, it is fitting that when remembering Rich, you can't help but smile."

Dr. Reveley is survived by his wife of 36 years, Gale; brother, Robert H. Reveley of Michigan; and numerous nephews, nieces, and friends. It was Richard's wish that his body be donated to the Anatomy Board of Maryland and that no formal funeral service be held. Interested parties may make donations in his name to the PA HBPA New Start Horse Adoption or the Central Penn Racetrack Chaplaincy. The mailing address for both charities is P.O. Box 88, Grantville, PA. 17028.



# PA-Bred Stakes Recaps at Penn National



The 2017 PA-Bred stakes schedule has a total of 22 stakes, each worth \$100,000. Also continuing is the 25% bonus for all PA-Sired PA-Bred horses finishing first through third in all restricted stakes, which brings the total combined purses to \$2.75 million.

Go to the Pennsylvania tracks' websites for the stakes books and to nominate.

## **Lyphard Stakes**

A field of eight older fillies and mares went postward for the \$100,000 Lyphard at a mile and a sixteenth over Penn National's turf course, and sent off as favorite was Star-



Ladies Racing's Firsthand Report, making her Penn National debut in her 11th start. Before the enthusiastic Penn Mile Day card, the Todd A. Pletcher-trainee led the field at every call, turned back challenge after challenge and crossed the line a neck in front of Imply for her first stakes win.

The 4-year-old daughter of Blame has been touring the country since making her debut in February 2016 at Gulfstream Park (which she won while setting all the pace at six furlongs on the main track). Her addition-

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# 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.

1st-Page McKenney, 2nd-Someday Jones, 3rd-Duval **\$100,000 Foxy J. G. S**, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 7 fur. 1st-Discreet Senorita, 2nd-Heatherly, 3rd-Disco Chick

Sat., June 3, Penn \$100,000 Lyphard \$, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 11/16 mi., turf

1st-Firsthand Report, 2nd-Imply, 3rd-Lillie's Answer

**\$100,000 Danzig S**, 3YO, 6 fur.

1st-The Critical Way, 2nd-Midtowncharlybrown, 3rd-Sepicato

\$100,000 New Start S, 3Y0 fillies, 6 fur. 1st-Grand Prix, 2nd-Rose Tree, 3rd-lanthe

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, 11/16 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, 11/16 mi., turf

Sun., Aug. 6, PID **\$100,000 Malvern Rose S**, 3YO fillies, 1 mi.

## **Pennsylvania's Day At the Races**

Sat., Sept. 2, Parx **\$100,000 Banjo Picker Sprint S**, 3 & up 6 fur.

\$100,000 Roanoke S, 3 & up, 11/16 mi.

**\$100,000 Marshall Jenney S**, 3 & up, 5 fur., turf

\$100,000 Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial S, 3 & up, F&M, 6 fur.

\$100,000 Mrs. Penny S, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 11/16 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 \$, 2YO fillies, 6 fur.

Sat., Sept. 23, Parx \$100,000 Alphabet Soup \$, 3 & up, 11/16 mi., turf

Sat., Oct. 7, Parx \$100,000 Plum Pretty \$, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 11/16 mi.

Wed., Nov. 22, Penn \$100,000 Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies \$, 2YO fillies, 6 fur.

Sat., Dec. 2, Parx **\$100,000 Pennsylvania Nursery S**, 2YO colts and geldings, 7 fur.

Total: \$2,750,000

# PA-Bred Stakes Recaps at Penn National

al starts have come at Keeneland, Churchill Downs, Monmouth Park, Saratoga (twice, including her second win, at five and a half furlongs on the turf), Belmont Park, Tampa Bay and twice at Parx. The second start at Parx resulted in another sprint win on the dirt

The versatile filly was bred by Lindsay C.F. Scott and Jane MacElree out of the Delaware Township mare Kinsey, a stakes-placed juvenile purchased for \$210,000 with Firsthand Report in utero at the Keeneland January Horses of All Ages sale. Firsthand Report was offered at auction at Keeneland in September 2014, and brought a final bid of \$310,000 from Starlight. Kinsley was barren in 2014 and has produced nothing but PA-Breds since. Her 2015 colt by Violence has yet to start; she has since produced colts by Street Sense and Tonalist the past two Aprils.

From 11 career starts, Firsthand Report has a record of 4-3-2 and earnings of \$208,395.

#### **Danzig Stakes**

The Critical Way entered the Danzig Stakes against rising stars as a maiden winner. He exited undefeated in two starts by re-rallying down the stretch to take the six-furlong stakes by a half-length over odds-on favorite Midtowncharlybrown. Downhill Racer, the 2016 PA-bred cham-

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pion 2-year-old, was four and a quarter lengths behind the winner in fourth.

Bred by Blackstone Farm, The Critical Way races for Ruis Racing LLC and is trained by California-based Mick Ruis, who purchased the gelded son of Tizway as a 2-year-old at the OBS June sale for \$75,000. Twice before The Critical Way had sold at auction: for \$17,000 as a weanling at Keeneland November and \$65,000 as a yearling at the Keeneland September sale.

Ruis didn't start his charge until May 6, and the gelding, sent off at 45-1 odds, surprised with a length and a half upset in the five and a half Santa Anita maiden special weight when defeating nine others. He went off as the even-money second choice in the Danzig, took the lead at the start, was hounded by Midtowncharlybrown as they cruised through fractions of :22.58 and :45.52, and was losing ground to Midtowncharlybrown after five furlongs in :57.63. But the ground Midtowncharlybrown opened up into the stretch evaporated as The Critical Way reeled him back in. Final time was 1:10.29.

The Critical Way is the first stakes winner for Critical Factor (by Star de Naskra), whose only career stakes mark came at the highest level — a third in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies-G1 at Woodbine. The mare produced a full sister to The Critical Way in 2016 and aborted to the cover of Ready's Image for this year.

#### **New Start Stakes**

A week before her half-sister Finest City took home honors as PA-Bred Horse of the Year, Champion Older Female and Female Sprinter, Hank Nothhaft's homebred Grand Prix launched her quest for stardom with a victory in the New Start Stakes. The 3-year-old daughter of Tale of the Cat was making her first East Coast appearance when trainer Gary Mandella shipped her to Penn National on June 3. And she faced a tough group of fillies in the New Start, including last year's

PA-Bred champion juvenile filly Rose Tree, who went off as odds-on favorite.

Grand Prix was sharp from the gate, battled on the lead through the :21.90 opening quarter, opened up after a half in :44.61 and continued to show the way home as she posted fractions of :56.77 and a final time of 1:09.61 for the six furlongs. It was a length back to Rose Tree, who gradually cut into the lead but was not a threat in second.

Based in California, Grand Prix had posted her best efforts in her three starts at



Golden Gate, where she broke her maiden in her fourth start, and was second twice, including last November's Golden Gate Debutante Stakes. She had also hit the board three times at Santa Anita, including her outing prior to the New Start.

Following her first stakes win, Grand Prix returned to face older runners in a Parx allowance on June 26 and finished second going five furlongs on the turf. Her record stands at 11-2-4-2 for earnings of \$126,510.

Nothhaft bred three foals out of the Lemon Drop Kid mare Be Envied. All three are winners, two are stakes winners, and combined they have earned \$1,436,979. Be Envied was named 2016 Pennsylvania Broodmare of the Year after the exploits of her champion daughter Finest City, the first PA-bred in 20 years to capture a Breeders' Cup race, when scoring the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint-G1 at Santa Anita, which earned her the Eclipse Award as 2016 champion female sprinter.

# Uptowncharlybrown

(Limehouse - La Iluminada, by Langfuhr) 2007, ch, 16.2 hands, entered stud 2013

FIRST CROP: 6 STARTERS – 5 WINS – 3 DIFFERENT WINNERS! All by DOUBLE-DIGIT MARGINS, and now a stakes horse!

We wish to gratefully thank all PA breeders for supporting Uptowncharlybrown & congratulate stakes-placed Midtowncharlybrown for surpassing \$100,000 in only 6 career starts.











# Recent PA-Bred Stakes Horses



## **MOR SPIRIT**

r, 4, Eskendereya - Im a Dixie Girl Won - METROPOLITAN H-G1, Belmont Park, \$1,200,000, 3YO/UP, 1 M, 6/10.



#### FIRSTHAND REPORT

f, 4, Blame-Kinsey Won - LYPHARD S, Penn National, \$100,000, 3YO/UP, F/M, 1 1/16MT, 6/3.



## **GRAND PRIX**

f, 3, Tale of the Cat—Be Envied Won - NEW START S, Penn National, \$100,000, 3YO, F, 6F, 6/3.



#### **POWER OF SNUNNER**

m, 7, Power by Far - Snunner Won - OBEAH S, Delaware Park, \$100,000, 3YO/UP, F/M, 1 1/8M, 6/10.



# PA-Bred Bonus Babies

## **CANDID CATHY**

Foaled 2010 by Rimrod out of Last Valentine Bred by Derry Meeting Farm & Ashwell Stables 12 starts in PA, 6 wins

Lifetime Earnings: \$145,023

PA Breeding Fund money earned by her connections (Breeder & Stallion Awards and Owner Bonuses): \$73,738



# Pennsylvania's Day at the Races



Saturday September 2, 2017
PARX

All Breeding Fund Stakes Will Include a 25% PA-Sired Bonus for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd

\$100,000

Banjo Picker Sprint S.

3 & up, 6 fur.

\$100,000

Roanoke S.

3 & up, 1-1/16 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, 1-1/16 mi., turf

Early nominations: 7/15/17

Late nominations: 8/19/17







# Recent PA-Bred Stakes Horses



#### THE CRITICAL WAY

g, 3, Tizway–Critical Factor Won - DANZIG S, Penn National, \$100,000, 3YO, 6F, 6/3.

#### **PAGE MCKENNEY**

g, 7, Eavesdropper - Winning Grace 2nd - MOUNTAINVIEW S, Penn National, \$200,000, 3YO/UP, 1 1/8M, 6/3.

#### **IMPLY**

f, 4, E Dubai–Allude 2nd - LYPHARD S, Penn National, \$100,000, 3YO/UP, F/M, 1 1/16MT, 6/3.

#### **MIDTOWNCHARLYBROWN**

c, 3, Uptowncharlybrown—Torchwood 2nd - DANZIG S, Penn National, \$100,000, 3Y0, 6F, 6/3.

#### **ROSE TREE**

f, 3, Harlan's Holiday—Amusing 2nd - NEW START S, Penn National, \$100,000, 3YO, F, 6F, 6/3.

#### **FINEST CITY**

m, 5, City Zip - Be Envied 3rd - BEHOLDER MILE S-G1, Santa Anita, \$400,000, 3YO/UP, F/M, 1 M, 6/3.



#### **TROOPER JOHN**

g, 3, Colonel John - Shouldn't We All Won - KY ALTA H, Northlands Park, \$50,000, 3YO, 1 M, 6/17.

#### **IANTHE**

f, 3, Sky Mesa–Bellflower 3rd - NEW START S, Penn National, \$100,000, 3YO, F, 6F, 6/3.

#### **LILLIE'S ANSWER**

m, 5, Kitten's Joy-Empires Answer 3rd - LYPHARD S, Penn National, \$100,000, 3YO/UP, F/M, 1 1/16MT, 6/3.

#### **SEPICATO**

g, 3, Got the Last Laugh—Candy Buttons 3rd - DANZIG S, Penn National, \$100,000, 3YO, 6F, 6/3.





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