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Top-20 PA Breeders of 2017

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Cosmic Burst a bright light

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A win in Oaklawn Park's Honeybee Stakes-G3 in March, a \$200,000 contest for sophomore fillies, has Cosmic Burst's connections looking at future graded stakes. The filly, bred by Greg and Kate DeMasi's Pewter Stable, aims next for the Fantasy Stakes-G3.



Making A Little Magic

With the success of his stallion Uptowncharlybrown, Bob Hutt suggests "run, don't walk, to buy yourself a broodmare as the Pennsylvania state-bred program will reward you many times over."

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2017 Iroquois Award Finalists



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2-Year-Old Filly

Bronx Beauty
Bred by Glenn E. Brok LLC

Cosmic Burst
Bred by Pewter Stable

Daddy is a Legend
Bred by HnR Nothhaft Horseracing, LLC

Daisy
Bred by Jonathan Sheppard

2-Year-Old Colt

American Talent
Bred by Glenn E. Brok LLC

Oldzfourfortytwo
Bred by Scot Waterman

Prince Lucky
Bred by Daniel W. McConnell Sr.

3-Year-Old Filly

Grand Prix
Bred by HnR Nothhaft Horseracing, LLC

Risque's Diamond
Bred by WynOaks Farm and St. Omer's Farm

Unique Bella
Bred by Brushwood Stable

3-Year-Old Colt

Fast and Accurate
Bred by John R. Penn

Midtowncharlybrown
Bred by Godric LLC

Prince of Hempt
Bred by Donald L. Brown Jr.

Older Female

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Bred by HnR Nothhaft Horseracing, LLC

Firsthand Report
Bred by Lindsay CF Scott and Jane MacElree

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Bred by James M. Courtney

Older Male

Mor Spirit
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Tom's Ready
Bred by Blackstone Farm LLC

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Spring Quality
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dam of Mor Spirit

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Top 20 PA Breeders of 2017

by Linda Dougherty



Becky and Glenn Brok

It was a record-setting year for **Glenn E. Brok**, who collected the most Pennsylvania Breeding Fund awards in the program's history in 2017.

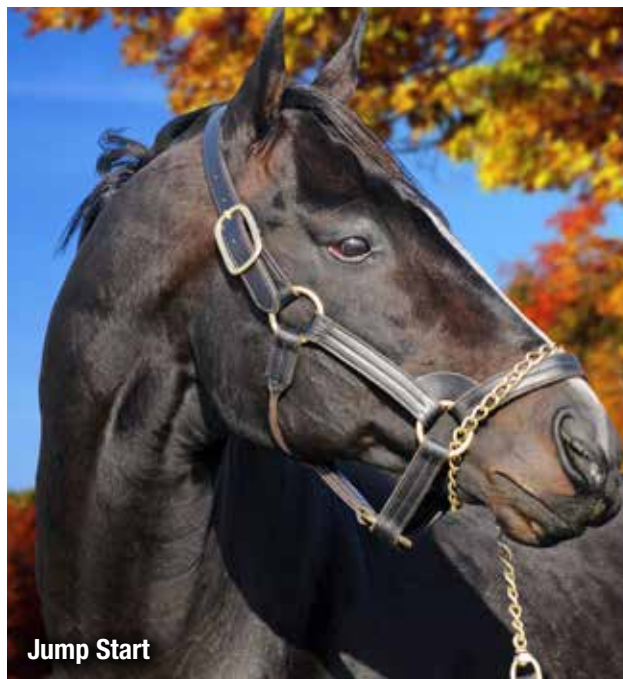
Brok, who owns Diamond B Farm in Mohrsville with his wife Becky, saw his homebreds earn \$374,651, while he garnered stallion awards of \$75,191, for a total of \$449,842. The top homebred for Brok was The Man, a son of Ecclesiastic, who formerly stood at Diamond B. Campaigned by Natalie Baffert and Bernard Schiappa, The Man captured the Banjo Picker Sprint Stakes for Pennsylvania-breds at Parx Racing, as well as five consecutive allowance races for a perfect six-for-six season.

"The Pennsylvania breeding program has been really great for us," said Glenn Brok. "And our program is stronger and better than other states."

Donald L. Brown Jr. was the second-leading breeder in Pennsylvania in 2017, with his combined breeder and stallion awards totaling \$326,862. Brown's top three award winners were all sired by the stallion Messner, who stood at Penn Ridge Farms in Harrisburg before being exported. They were Ruby Bleu (\$42,128), Wildcat Cartridge (\$42,806) and Wildcat Combat (\$41,795).

"The Pennsylvania breeder awards give you the best opportunity to recover and possibly profit from the expenses of raising a horse," said Brown. "Further, the awards are great for Pennsylvania agriculture! I would rather see a farm and green grass than a parking lot or strip mall."

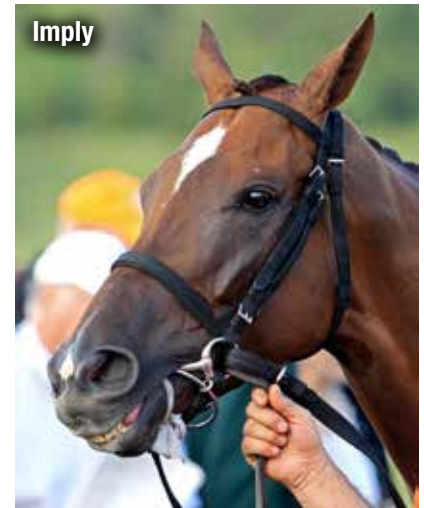
It was sheer sire power for **Northview PA**, as the Peach



Jump Start

Bottom nursery, owned by Richard Golden, earned \$321,054 in stallion awards. Dominating the Pennsylvania sire list in terms of stallion awards earned was Jump Start, whose progeny generated \$207,984. Other stallions who stand or stood at the farm were Fairbanks (\$54,989), Medallist (\$28,836), Love of Money (\$21,298), El Padrino (\$7,352), and Bullsbay (\$366). Jump Start (bottom left) was the top sire in the Mid-Atlantic region in 2017, with total progeny earnings of more than \$6.2 million. His top Pennsylvania-bred during the year was Late Breaking News, who earned more than \$47,000 in awards for his breeder, Stacy McMullin Machiz.

Thanks to a pair of stakes-winning half-sisters, the **Barlar LLC** stable of owner/breeder Larry Karp was the fourth-leading recipient of breeder awards in 2017. Karp's homebreds earned \$214,866 in awards, and he earned \$58,431 in stallion awards from the progeny of E Dubai, for a total of \$273,298. **Imply** (right), a daughter of E Dubai out of Allude, by Orientate, captured the Northern Fling Stakes at Presque Isle Downs, accruing \$161,000 in stakes purses and breeder awards. Her younger half-sister **Advert**, by Lonhro (Aus), won the Malvern Rose Stakes at Presque Isle and earned \$92,624.



Imply

A bevy of homebreds and a slew of stallion awards combined to boost **William J. Solomon VMD**, owner of Pin Oak Lane Farm in New Freedom, into fifth place of all Pennsylvania award winners last season with a total of \$265,597. Fourteen Solomon-bred runners competed at area tracks, and they accrued \$102,616 in breeder awards, with Invisible and Hygh Life the top two earners. Stallion awards for horses who stand or stood at Pin Oak Lane amounted to \$162,981, led by Offlee Wild (\$35,159) and Albert the Great (\$34,103).

Thanks to the success of homebreds sired by her champion Smarty Jones, **Patricia L. Chapman** completed 2017 as the sixth-leading breeding fund award recipient. Chapman earned \$162,409 in breeder awards and \$94,120 in stallion awards, for a total of \$256,529. Chapman's top home-

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Diamond B Farm

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breeds were Someday Jones, a multiple allowance winner and second in the Lyman Stakes at Parx Racing, and Mama Jones, who placed in both the Plum Pretty Stakes and Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial, both at Parx.

"I'm thrilled about my top award winners," said Chapman. "The Pennsylvania Breeders Award program has been very good to me. I am especially happy that my top winners are homebreds, by a homebred, out of my homebred mares, and that both are trained by John Servis."

Tom Coulter's **Arrowwood Farm Inc.** ranked seventh last year, with 34 homebreds earning \$245,533 in awards. Island Romance, a daughter of Petionville, collected \$28,755 in awards after winning or placing 10 times from 13 starts, while Jumpmaster, a 2-year-old colt by Jump Start, was never off the board in three Pennsylvania starts, breaking his maiden in a \$59,870 maiden special weight at Parx in December.

Xanthus Farms Inc. breeds were extremely active at Pennsylvania ovals last year, earning \$215,911 for the Gettysburg-based nursery. Xanthus bred 32 runners, with less than \$500 separating the two top earners, Andy's Love (\$25,560) and I Am So Jealous (\$25,128). Both Andy's Love, who won or placed 13 times in 2017, and I Am So Jealous, winner of three races, were sired by the farm's stallion Andiron, a son of A. P. Indy owned by the Tea Party Stable of Walter Downey. Overall, Andiron's progeny earned \$24,410 in stallion awards for Tea Party Stable.

The **WynOaks Farm** of Chip and Barbara Wheeler had an extremely profitable 2017, thanks to farm stallion Weigelia. The farm's homebred progeny of Weigelia earned \$133,824 in breeder awards, while \$79,420 was collected in stallion awards, which placed him among the top five in the state. Total breeder awards for WynOaks was \$213,244. Topping WynOaks homebreds was Disco Rose, who placed in the Mrs. Penny Stakes at Parx and earned \$50,076 in breeder awards. Disco Rose's half-sister Pink Princess earned \$26,422.

Michael W. Jester earned a total of \$210,064 through the Pennsylvania breeding fund program last year, divided between breeder awards of \$137,506 and stallion awards of \$72,557. The bulk of Jester's stallion awards came from the progeny of Cat Thief, the sire of his top two breeder award winners – Tactical Plan (\$38,063) and Grasshoppin (\$35,080). Tactical Plan earned awards in eight of 13 starts in the state, while Grasshoppin placed in both the Robellino Stakes at Penn National and Roanoke Stakes at Parx.

Thomas G. McClay, a longtime participant in the Pennsylvania breeding program, had another outstanding season, with 31 homebreds earning \$190,903. While a large percentage of McClay's homebreds were sired by stallions standing outside of the state, his top two earners were by Jump Start, who stands at Northview PA. Gurt Boys (\$23,353) won twice and placed in multiple allowance races, while Purcell won a \$50,100 starter allowance at Parx en route to collecting \$22,848 in breeder awards.



Henry R. "Hank" Nothhaft

Henry R. "Hank" Nothhaft, a Silicon Valley entrepreneur, benefited from both breeder and stallion awards, with his total of \$187,999 split nearly evenly. Horses that Nothhaft bred earned \$98,477, while he earned stallion awards of \$89,521, all from the progeny of Silver Train, whom Nothhaft stood at Northview PA before the stallion's untimely death in 2013.

"This was my best year in Pennsylvania and I was very proud to win two Pennsylvania-bred stakes races with Grand Prix," said Nothhaft, who foals his mares at Northview PA. Grand Prix, a half-sister to champion Finest City (also bred by Nothhaft), captured the New Start Stakes at Penn National and Dr. Theresa Garofalo Memorial Stakes at Parx Racing.

Blackstone Farm's homebreds excelled not only on the national stage but at Pennsylvania racetracks, where they earned \$172,079 for

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the Pine Grove-based enterprise. Tom's Ready, a graded stakes-winning son of More Than Ready, won the Leematt Stakes at Presque Isle Downs in July, in which he earned \$12,000 in breeder awards. The farm's top award winner was Tin N Lint, a daughter of Maclean's Music, who made 11 starts in the Keystone State and earned \$26,262.

Charles A. Cuprill enjoyed an outstanding 2017 with a combination of homebreds and stallion progeny, earning a total of \$169,419. Cuprill, who owns Woodvale Farm in Oxford with his wife Luisita, saw Campeona, a homebred daughter of farm stallion City Sharpster, win or place in six allowance events during the year, bringing home \$40,988 in breeder awards. Diadema, another daughter of City Sharpster, was also an allowance winner, earning \$22,576 in awards. Nearly all of the \$32,766 Cuprill earned in stallion awards was collected by the progeny of City Sharpster, a son of Carson City.

While the St. Omer's Farm of **Stephen Quick** is located in Maryland, the decision to foal many of its mares in Pennsylvania at nearby Wyn-Oaks Farm in Delta proved to be an extremely lucrative one. St. Omer's Pennsylvania-breds, all sired by the WynOaks stallion Weigelia, earned \$169,411 last season. Chief earner among the eight runners was Risque's Diamond, whose first victory of 2017 was in a \$61,470 maiden special weight at Parx Racing in March. He went on to win or place in six allowance tests. Chippewawwhitechief was also a prolific breeder award earner, collecting \$27,328.

The **Fantasy Lane Stable** of Bob Hutt reaped the rewards from the progeny of stallion Uptowncharlybrown in 2017. 'Charly's' progeny dominated Fantasy Lane's breeder awards, and collected more than \$37,000 in stallion awards, for a total of \$147,449.

"Making Uptowncharlybrown a stallion and standing him in Pennsylvania was a very wise decision," said Hutt. "Moving him to Glenn and Becky Brok's Diamond B Farm was even wiser. Without question, the Pennsylvania-bred program, with its numerous incentives, is the best in the nation."

With just a very small broodmare band, **Daniel W. McConnell Sr.** had a very profitable year as a Pennsylvania breeder, with his homebreds earning \$135,760. McConnell's top three award winners were Flashy Kyem, a daughter of Medallist—Flash Riot; Prince Lucky, a son of Corinthian—Lucky Notion, and Prince Lucky's half-sister, Saint Main Event, by Redeemed.

"To be in the top 20 of Pennsylvania breeders, but only really breeding one or two horses each year, is something I could not do by myself," said McConnell. "I give credit to the whole team—my son John McConnell, Karen Godsey at Eagle Point Farms, Tim Fazio at Northview PA,

jockey Jorge Vargas, trainers Keith Nations and Larry Jones, and Larry's assistant trainer Andre Stock."

Judy Barrett's **Godstone Farm** has had much success over the years with its homebreds and stallions. In 2007, Godstone was the state's leading breeder, and in 2008 the second-leading breeder. For 2017, Godstone collected a total of \$130,332 (\$115,315 in breeder awards, \$15,016 in stallion awards), ranking 18th. Sixteen Godstone homebreds earned breeders awards, topped by Nancy Pants (\$20,251) as well as Golden Promise (\$13,256), who was third in the Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies Stakes.

"My new stallion Well Spelled will have his first crop of 2-year-olds running in 2018," said Barrett. "Just a handful of them, but I'm excited to see how they do. The Pennsylvania program is wonderful and enables breeders like me to make a living and stay in the business."

The **Pewter Stable** of Greg and Kathleen DeMasi earned \$118,211 through a combination of breeder and stallion awards last year. Pewter had 14 homebreds competing at Pennsylvania tracks, topped by Superling, a daughter of Congressionalonor, who won three races for \$23,311 in breeder awards. Congressionalonor formerly stood in the state for Pewter, and his progeny earned \$11,521 in stallion awards for them in 2017. In addition to Superling, Maximus Meridius and Merry's Honor also represented him as Pewter homebreds.

Jim McGreevy's **Hope Hill Farm** in Oxford rounded out the Top 20 breeder award winners for 2017, with homebreds earning \$99,379 and his stallion Stonecoldbroke \$15,401 in stallion awards, for a grand total of \$114,780. Stonecoldbroke is the sire of Hope Hill's top breeder award earner Portent, who won two races and placed three times for \$24,056. Another homebred, Cowboy Mz (by Friesan Fire) captured two allowance races at Parx Racing for \$23,757 in awards. ■



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Cosmic Burst a bright light on 3-year-old filly stage

by Emily Shields



"She's pretty well mannered most of the time," trainer Donnie K. Von Hemel said. "But if she's startled in the shed row, she will kick first and ask questions later."

The horse in question is Pennsylvania-bred Cosmic Burst, a quiet, focused presence heading to the post but an occasional spitfire in the barn. "Thank goodness that on race day she's as easy going as they come," the conditioner added.

Her demeanor—and a dry track surface—helped propel Cosmic Burst to a win in Oaklawn Park's Honeybee Stakes-G3, a \$200,000 contest for sophomore fillies run on March 10. The victory was redemption for a disappointing loss in the Martha Washington Stakes one month before; a race where she struggled with a bad start, a wide trip, and a sloppy track.

"We were very thrilled to win the Honeybee," said co-owner Norma Lee Stockseth. "We were so disappointed when she ran in the Martha Washington. The track was so bad, we just couldn't believe that was all she had."

Stockseth and co-owner Todd Dunn had reason to think their filly, a \$25,000 Keeneland September Yearling Sale purchase, could win. The daughter of Violence—Peggy Ring, by Ghostzapper, broke her maiden second out at Keeneland in October, then added a Churchill Downs allowance in November as a 19-1 outsider. Cosmic Burst made it three in a row when scoring in Remington Park's \$100,000 Trapeze Stakes in December as the favorite. On that day, she rolled away to win by 5¼ lengths.

That's why the loss in the Martha Washington came as a frustrating surprise. "Her jockey, Richard Eramia, said she was trying to get away from the slapping noise," Stockseth said, "es-

pecially around the corner where the wet mud sounded so bad. He said she was really running at the end." She wound up third.

But Eramia left Stockseth and Dunn gasping in the Honeybee, when he was still sitting eight lengths off the leader, Amy's Challenge, rounding the far turn. "I asked him if he thought he had plenty of horse," Stockseth confessed. "He told me he was just waiting. My heart can't stand that much waiting."

Her heart will have to handle the pressure, because Cosmic Burst's next start will come in the Fantasy Stakes-G3 at Oaklawn on April 13. "It's hard not to get excited about the future," Dunn said. "I've been in this business with Norma Lee for 13 years, and while she's had horses like this, I haven't. I've been around long enough to know to take things one day at a time. It's hard to stop yourself thinking further than that, but anything can happen in this business."

Trainer Von Hemel said that, "Everything is on track and she's doing well," prior to the Fantasy. Other connections that would love to see Cosmic Burst do well in that event are her breeders, Greg and Kate DeMasi of Pewter Stable.

Kate, who trains all the horses for the Pewter partnership and is a Hall of Fame trainer at Parx Racing, deferred to her husband when it came to the story of Cosmic Burst. "Greg gets all the credit for picking out the mating," she said.

Greg DeMasi recalls selecting Peggy Ring, an unraced Pennsylvania-bred daughter of Ghostzapper, out of the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December Mixed Sale in 2011. Pewter Stable only paid

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\$3,500 for the then 3-year-old. “We tried her as a racing prospect, but it wasn’t viable,” DeMasi said. “She had such a good pedigree that she was worth a shot as a broodmare.”

Peggy Ring’s first foal was the 2013 colt Come On Bert, a four-time winner by Roman Ruler. She was bred to Elusive Quality that spring but did not get in foal.

DeMasi had always been high on Violence, an unbeaten Grade 1-winning juvenile who was forced to retire after only four starts. “He’s really hot right now,” DeMasi said of the son of Medaglia d’Oro, “but he wasn’t at the time. I really thought he would hit, so I was trying to get in on the ground floor with him. I hoped that something would happen, like it did with Curlin,” he said of another successful sire.

The resulting foal, Peggy Ring’s second, was Cosmic Burst. “We breed a lot, and we race a lot,” DeMasi said of Pewter Stable. “We figured that we would sell her but still get the Pennsylvania breeders awards. I was a big proponent of the stallion and thought he would do well. As luck would have it I was proven correct. The people who got this filly got a great bargain.”

Cosmic Burst sold for \$20,000 to Machmer Hall as a short yearling in January 2016. Machmer Hall wheeled her back as a pin-

hook in Keeneland’s September Sale, and the DeMasi wanted her back. “We tried to buy her but we were the underbidder,” Greg explained. “If I were to do it over again I would have sold her later. It’s nice to say you bred a horse that is this nice, but if you sell locally you’re hoping to get the back end of the breeders awards.”

Pewter Stable also sold Peggy Ring, in foal to their stallion Winchill at the same January 2016 sale. “She was a mare we didn’t have a lot invested in,” DeMasi said of the finances. “But we had other mares we wanted to concentrate on, so we sold her in foal.” Peggy Ring brought only \$2,000.

Winchill, a stakes-winning, Pennsylvania-bred son of Tapit, is currently at stud in West Virginia but could return to Pennsylvania in the future. “His first foals are two-year-olds this year,” DeMasi said. “If he hits, we will bring him back.”

Whereas a lot of racing partnerships have expanded nationally, Pewter Stable will remain a Pennsylvania-based outfit. “We’re regional to this state,” DeMasi said. “We’re still young, but we have been doing it a while. Our mares will foal in Pennsylvania.”

Cosmic Burst, who has earned \$267,080 from four wins in six starts, is the next horse putting Pennsylvania breeding industry on the map. ■

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Charly Making A Little Magic In Pennsylvania

by Robert L. Hutt

As they say in Hollywood, life imitates the movies.

My late best friend was trainer Alan Seewald, who unexpectedly passed away eight years ago this April while Uptowncharlybrown was on the Triple Crown trail. Alan thought Uptowncharlybrown was the best of his generation and once turned down \$2.5 million for “Charly”, as he’s affectionately known.

At the same time, we also had a top-class filly in the barn who was turning heads by the name of R Betty Graybull. Betty was a multiple stakes winner and earned nearly a half-million dollars. Among her many victims with her patented last-to-first style was Grade 2 winner Quiet Giant (now best known as the dam of Gun Runner) in the Ladies Handicap. We used to tease Alan all the time that we were going to breed Betty to Charly while he wasn’t looking. Unfortunately, fate had other plans for all involved.

Betty was subsequently sold to Adena Springs for \$300,000. With Alan’s passing, what Charly couldn’t prove on the racetrack because his career was short circuited because of injury, he’s now proving as a prolific sire. Through late March, Charly was the number one third-crop sire in Pennsylvania and the Mid-Atlantic region. He’s produced 80 percent winners, with his progeny averaging nearly \$60,000 per starter. Three different offspring have won by margins of greater than 10 lengths and already exceeded \$100,000 in career earnings.

If that wasn’t enough, Midtowncharlybrown is among the finalists for Pennsylvania-bred 3-year-old top male honors of 2017, with six wins from nine starts, including a stakes-placing. Charly’s daughter, Dixie Serenade, was among the top 2-year-old Pennsylvania-bred fillies last year. Dixie’s next assignment is the \$300,000 Gazelle Stakes-G2 at Aqueduct on April 7, as we

point her toward the Grade 1 \$1,000,000 Kentucky Oaks the first Friday in May. Charly’s current crop of juveniles are training up a storm in Ocala, Fla. It won’t be long until we unveil the most powerful group of his sons and daughters yet.

Yes, you can say Pennsylvania is being very well represented by the Uptowncharlybrown progeny. Everywhere I go these days I’m being congratulated about Charly’s success as a stallion. In the next breath I’m often asked about the Pennsylvania state-

bred program. Everyone can see the tremendous breeding award money being offered. I often feel as if I’m the ambassador from Pennsylvania promoting the program, but it’s all true!

We believed so much in the Pennsylvania program that we continued to purchase quality broodmares to support Uptowncharlybrown, and we now proudly

own 15. Bar none, Pennsylvania offers the best state-bred program in the land.

We still had one piece of unfinished business that was eight years in the making. When we noticed R Betty Graybull was set to be auctioned off in November 2015, one of our partners successfully bid \$110,000 to get her back. He did so with only one thought in mind—that is, to make a little magic! On March 4, we were blessed with the arrival of a gorgeous and perfectly-balanced Uptowncharlybrown PA-Bred filly out of R Betty Graybull. You’ve heard the expression “Only in Hollywood?” Well introducing Pennsylvania’s version of “Only in Pennsylvania” . . .

May I suggest you run, don’t walk, to buy yourself a broodmare as the Pennsylvania state-bred program will reward you many times over. As they say in the movie *Back To The Future*: To Be Continued. . . ■



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A Letter From the Executive Secretary



It's an exciting time for Pennsylvania! Fillies Cosmic Burst Bred by Pewter Stable and Smokinpaddylassie bred by Richard Simoff could be on the path to the Kentucky Oaks. Maiden breeder awards have increased by 25%, the \$250,000 PA Derby bonus is open to any PA-Bred or PA-Sired horse, and PA continues to be the best breeding program in the country. If you can't get excited now, have a friend check your pulse!

If you haven't picked your next champion, visit our website to view the Stallion and Boarding Farm Directory. If you're looking to buy a PA-Bred or mare to breed in PA, visit our sale horse page on www.pabred.com.

On a somber note, the PA racing community has lost two fine men recently. We mourn the loss of jockey Jose Flores and owner of Tom's Ready, Tom Benson. They were valued members of racing, and our hearts go out to their family and friends. If you would like to donate to the PTHA GoFundMe that will benefit Jose's family, visit www.gofundme.com/PTHAsFloresFamilyFund.

As a reminder, our annual meeting will be May 23rd at the Kennett Square CC and the Iroquois Awards Banquet will be held June 8 at The Hotel Hershey. This year's guest speaker is Hall of Fame Jockey Ramon Dominguez. Invitations will go out shortly. If you aren't following us on Facebook and Twitter, go to www.Facebook.com/PennsylvaniaHorseBreedersAssociation and www.Twitter.com/PA_PHBA.

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SIX-FIGURE PA-BREDS AT OBS MARCH SALE

Renowned bloodstock agent Dennis O'Neill, whose trips to juvenile sales in past years have yielded the likes of Kentucky Derby-G1 winners I'll Have Another and Nyquist, went to \$400,000 to secure a Pennsylvania-bred colt by Dominus on the second day of the Ocala March Two-Year-Olds In Training Sale, which was held March 13-14 in Ocala, Fla.

Bred by Maria Montez Haire out of Lil Cora Tee, a stakes-placed daughter of Pennsylvania-bred Kentucky Derby winner Lil E. Tee, the gray colt is the most expensive sales horse for his sire, who stands at stud at Spendthrift Farm in Kentucky. His dam was purchased by Haire for \$25,000 at the Keeneland January Horses of All Ages sale in 2016 with the colt in utero.

Three times the son of Dominus has gone through the auction ring. He was a \$41,000 Keeneland January short yearling in 2017, and sold at that fall's Keeneland September sale for \$85,000 before being pinhooked by Bobby Dodd, Agent I at Ocala. A half-brother to multiple stakes-winning \$301,448-earner Lovely Loyree, the colt is from the family of Peyote Patty, a multiple stakes-winning earner of \$538,343. His second dam is stakes winner Runaway Emily A.

The only other Pennsylvania-bred to sell of the four offered was a Flashback filly bred by Randy Alderson purchased for \$100,000 by L.E.B., Agent for West Point. Out of stakes-placed Bud's Little Edge, by Valid Expectations, the bay also sold as a short yearling at the Keeneland January sale, bringing \$16,000.



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THE MAN NAMED 2017 PTHA PENNSYLVANIA HORSE OF THE YEAR

His name is simply The Man, and throughout the 2017 racing season at Parx Racing, he proved to be just that. A victory in the \$100,000 Banjo Picker Stakes on the Pennsylvania's Day At the Races card capped off a perfect 5-year-old season for the gelded son of Ecclesiastic, who won all six of his starts, five at Parx.

At the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association annual awards banquet, which celebrates the excellence of the prior year's outstanding horsemen and equine athletes of Parx Racing, The Man was named Pennsylvania Horse of the Year. The awards were presented on Wednesday, March 28, delayed a week due to the snow storm.

The Man came east after winning once in four starts in California in 2015 with Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert, who trained the Pennsylvania-bred colt for his wife, Natalie, and partner Bernie Schiappa. The Man was sent to trainer John Servis in hopes of taking advantage of the state-bred bonus program. And take advantage he did.

After missing all of his 4-year-old season, his first local start was a resounding 4-length allowance win and he never let up. Racing right through three allowance conditions, he won the Banjo Picker Sprint in his stakes debut in what would be his final start of the year.

Bred in the name of Glenn E. Brok LLC, The Man is out of the Northern Afleet mare Shorty's Epiphany. He was a buy back when

he failed to sell for \$17,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Fall Yearling sale in 2013. At the following year's May sale in Timonium, he was purchased by Olive Guy Stable for \$115,000. From a record of 10-7-1-1, he has career earnings of \$293,750.

The Man was one of three Pennsylvania-breds earning year-end awards. Midtowncharlybrown was named champion 3-year-old male. Bred by Godric LLC, the son of Uptowncharlybrown races for Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC and Godric LLC. And older female title went to Starladies Racing's Firsthand Report. Trained by Todd Pletcher, she was bred by Lindsay C. F. Scott and Jane MacElree.

Other highlights included jockey Frankie Pennington winning his fourth consecutive riding title and now fifth of his career. If he can capture the riding title again in 2018, he'll become the first jockey in the history of the racetrack to win five consecutive titles.

Trainer Patricia Farro won the third training title of her career, her second straight, and in doing so became the first female trainer to win three career titles at Parx.

Jockey Dexter Haddock won the award as top apprentice jockey, while owner Marshall Gramm, racing as Ten Strike Racing, was awarded top honors as leading owner for the second consecutive year.

MORE SIX-FIGURE PA-BRED JUVENILES AT FASIG-TIPTON FLORIDA SALE

Three Pennsylvania-bred juveniles went into the Fasig-Tipton ring in Florida on Wednesday, March 28 for the selected 2-year-old sale at Gulfstream, and all three sold for six figures. And Dale Romans, who trained Preakness Stakes-G2 winner Shackleford, went \$250,000 for a son of the classic winner.

The chestnut colt, bred by Matthew T. Groff, is the first foal out of Ms. Cruisen', a daughter of Candy Ride (Arg) and stakes winner of \$245,924. The family includes champion grass mare and Breeders' Cup Turf champion Miss Alleged. The colt initially sold for \$100,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Fall Yearling sale to Pick View, who consigned him to the Florida sale.

Selling for \$175,000 was a son of Dialed In out of Her Lady Grace, a half-sister (by Lord Carson) to Halory Leigh, a multiple graded stakes winner of \$672,872. The chestnut colt was purchased by Deuce Greathouse, Agent. The colt was a pinhook for Q Bar J Thor-

oughbreds LLC (Jenn & Quincy Adams), who paid \$80,000 for him at Fasig-Tipton's Kentucky summer yearling sale. Bred by Donald L. Brown Jr., he initially sold for \$70,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Winter Mixed sale that January.

The third PA-bred sold from the consignment of Kirkwood Stables as agent for Gulfstream Gallop LLC. The Noble Mission (GB)—Mahkama colt, the second horse in the ring, was bought by Caves Farm for \$120,000. He is the third foal—of three offered—to sell for six figures out his dam, a daughter of Bernardini who was purchased by Blackstone Farm from the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Fall sale for \$60,000, with the Noble Mission colt in utero. Mahkama at one time sold as a broodmare prospect for \$700,000. She's from the family of Grade 1-winning miler Wild Rush, four-time graded stakes winner Lewis Bay (also by Bernardini), and Group 1 winner Hayil.

Announcements!

We are pleased to announce an increase in Breeder Awards for maidens!

50% for PA-Sired, PA-Bred maidens finishing 1st-3rd

25% for Non PA-Sired, PA-Bred maidens finishing 1st-3rd

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- The dam of the foal resided continuously in Pennsylvania since **DECEMBER 1** of the year of conception through foaling. Mares not being bred back will fall under this category. *(Formerly November 1.)*
- The dam of the foal was purchased at a public sale after **DECEMBER 1** of the year of conception and brought into Pennsylvania within 14 days of the date of purchase and remained continuously through foaling. During the year of foaling, the foal or its dam spent at least ninety (90) days in the state. *(Formerly November 1.)*
- The dam of the foal arrived after **DECEMBER 1** of the year of conception, foaled in Pennsylvania and was bred back to a registered PA stallion standing in Pennsylvania and the dam of the foal resided **SIXTY (60)** consecutive days during which foaling occurred. *(Formerly November 1 and 90 days.)*



PA-Breds Catalogued to OBS April Juvenile Sale



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A total of eight Registered PA-Breds have been catalogued for the April sale held in Ocala from Tuesday, April 24 through Thursday, April 27. The Under Tack Show will be Monday through Saturday, April 16-21. The following list includes breeder and consignor.

- Hip no. 293 – 3/21/2016, b.f., Tizway—Double Stuff, by Double Honor; Tooth and Kent Inc.; Harris Training Center LLC. Breeders' Cup nominated.
- Hip no. 316 – 4/30/2016, b.f., Warrior's Reward—Escape With Me, by Arazi; Blackstone Farm LLC; Eisaman Equine, Agent. Breeders' Cup nominated.
- Hip no. 326 – 4/19/2016, b.f., Union Rags—Exquisite Cassie, by King of Kings (Ire); Chadds Ford Stable LLC; Off the Hook

LLC, Agent for Gelfenstein Farm. E.B.F. and Breeders' Cup nominated.

- Hip no. 349 – 3/2/2016, dk.b./br.f., Yes It's True—First Class Fever, by Stormin Fever; Charlton Bloodstock Agency Inc.; Linda Vista Stables.

Hip no. 357 – 4/4/2016, b.f., Flatter—Fleetheart, by Northern Afleet; Dr. S. Mark Rayburg Inc.; Randy Miles, Agent IX.

- Hip no. 563 – 3/8/2016, dk.b./br.c., Shakin It Up—Lady Pomeroy, by Pomeroy; Whys-

per Wynd Farm LLC; Wavertree Stables Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), Agent III. Breeders' Cup nominated.

- Hip no. 883 – FOIL METHOD, 1/28/2016, b.c., The Factor—Return the Jewel, by Broken Vow; Blackstone Farm LLC; Crupi's New Castle Farm, Agent X. Breeders' Cup nominated.

Hip no. 1139 – 3/29/2016, b.c., Drill—Triple Great, by Greatness; Best Foot Forward LLC; Best A Luck Farm LLC, Agent.



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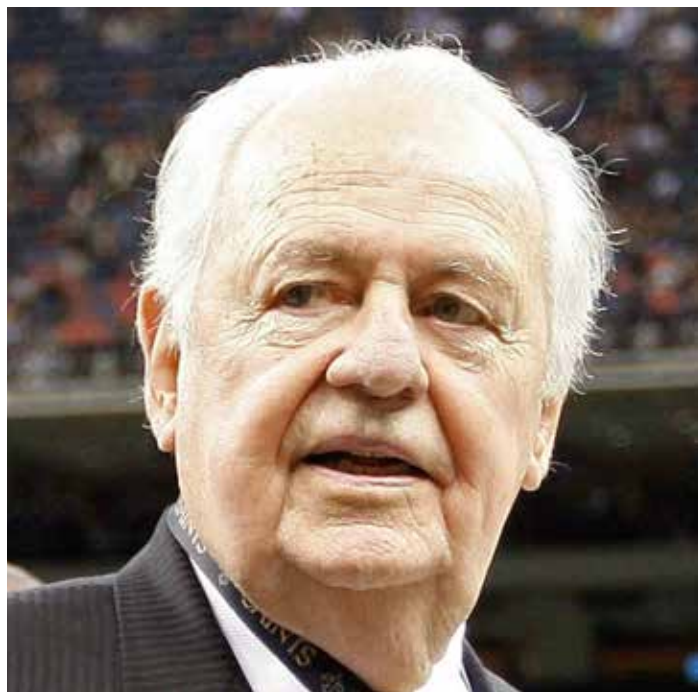
All of us at the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association are mourning the passing of two fine members of the PA racing community. Our hearts and condolences go out to the families and friends of jockey Jose Flores and owner of PA-Bred champion Tom's Ready, Tom Benson.



Flores, a winner of 4,650 races, tragically lost his life as a result of injuries that occurred from a spill during a race at Parx Racing on Monday, March 19. He never regained consciousness and was removed from life-support at a Philadelphia hospital on March 22. He leaves behind his wife and three children. Jose was a respected jockey at Parx Racing, and was remembered fondly by many who loved him at a memorial service held Tuesday, March 27.

Growing up in Peru the son of a jockey, he first started riding professionally in the early 1980s and made his way to the U.S. when he was 25. Starting at the Florida tracks, he moved his tack to Pennsylvania in 1990 and became one of the top riders in the state. He earned his first riding title at Penn National in 1992. The all-time leading money-winning jockey at Parx Racing, he was inducted into the Parx Hall of Fame in 2013.

Flores, 56, was a treasured mentor, friend, father and husband, and will be missed by all on the race-track. The PTHA is still accepting donations for the benefit of Jose's family. Visit www.ptha.org to donate.



Tom Benson, owner of PA-Bred Tom's Ready, passed away on March 15 at the age of 90 after being hospitalized with the flu in February. Born in New Orleans, La., and a lifelong resident of the city, Benson was a World War II veteran, businessman and owner of sports teams in Louisiana and Texas, including the Super Bowl-winning New Orleans Saints since 1985, and poured millions of dollars back in to his community.

He got into racing with a vigor in 2014, making a major investment in yearlings, with Tom's Ready a member of that first crop. He was as dedicated to his horses as he was to everything else he did.

Racing under the G M B Racing banner, two from that initial yearling crop—Mo Tom and Tom's Ready—started in the 2016 Kentucky Derby (finishing eighth and 12th, respectively). Both became graded stakes winners, with Tom's Ready earning \$1,036,267 from 21 starts, and being named PA-bred champion 3-year-old male and champion male sprinter of 2016 after taking the Grade 2 Woody Stephens and Grade 3 Ack Ack Stakes. Tom's Ready is a finalist for 2017 honors in the older male and male sprinter categories. ■



PHBA Dates to Remember

Reminders for Breeders

PHBA Membership Form and Dues: March 31

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There are 22 Pennsylvania Bred restricted \$100,000 stakes races on the schedule for 2018, worth a total of \$2.75 million in purses when calculating in the 25 percent bonus for all PA-Sired PA-Bred horses finishing first through third in all restricted stakes.

The date for Pennsylvania's Day At the Races is set for Saturday, Sept. 1 at Parx Racing, with five stakes scheduled on the card for PA-Breds.

Contact the racing office or check the tracks' websites on a regular basis for closing dates, updates and changes of the 2018 schedule. ■

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

Proposed 2018 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 28, Parx	\$100,000 Lyman S , 3 & up, 7 fur.
	\$100,000 Foxy J. G. S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 7 fur.
Sat., June 2, 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 8, PID	\$100,000 Leematt S , 3 & up, 1 mi.
	\$100,000 Northern Fling S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 mi.
Sat., July 21, Parx	\$100,000 Crowd Pleaser S , 3YO, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
	\$100,000 Marshall Jenney S , 3 & up, 5 fur., turf
Sat., Aug. 4, Penn	\$100,000 Robellino S , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Sun., Aug. 5, PID	\$100,000 Malvern Rose S , 3YO fillies, 1 mi.
Pennsylvania's Day At the Races	
Sat., Sept. 1, Parx	\$100,000 Banjo Picker Sprint S , 3 & up, 6 fur.
	\$100,000 Roanoke S , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi.
	\$100,000 Power by Far S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 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, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Sun., Sept. 2, PID	\$100,000 Mark McDermott S , 2YO, 6 fur.
Sun., Sept. 16, PID	\$100,000 Mrs. Henry D. Paxson Memorial S , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
Sat., Sept. 22, Parx	\$100,000 Alphabet Soup S , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Sat., Oct. 6, Parx	\$100,000 Plum Pretty S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi.
Wed., Nov. 21, Penn	\$100,000 Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies S , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
Sat., Dec. 1, Parx	\$100,000 Pennsylvania Nursery S , 2YO colts and geldings, 7 fur.

Total: \$2,750,000



Recent PA-Bred Stakes Horses



COSMIC BURST

f, 3, Violence - Peggy Ring
Won - HONEYBEE S-G3, Oaklawn Park, \$200,000, 3YO, F, 1 1/16M, 3/10.



SMOKINPADDYLASSIE

f, 3, Paddy O'Prado - Smoking Kitty
Won - BEYOND THE WIRE S, Laurel Park, \$100,000, 3YO, F, 1M, 3/17.

FOREST FIRE

g, 3, Friesan Fire - Majestic Forestry
2nd - PRIVATE TERMS S, Laurel Park, \$100,000, 3YO, A1 1/16M, 3/17.

SHAMROCK ROSE

f, 3, First Dude - Slew's Quality
2nd - CICADA S, Aqueduct, \$100,000, 3YO, F, 6F, 3/25.

CITY SPIRIT

f, 3, Temple City - Raquel
2nd - SCOTTSDALE H, Turf Paradise, \$30,000, 3YO, 1M, 3/10

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c, 4, Hansen - It's Heidi's Dance
3rd - KENTUCKY CUP CLASSIC S, Turfway Park, \$100,000, 4YO/UP, 1 1/8M, 3/17.



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