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Eclipse Awards to PA-Bred Fillies

Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint-G1 winner Shamrock Rose (left) and two-time 2018 Grade 1 winner and 2017 champion female sprinter Unique Bella earn 2018 Eclipse Award finalists.

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TAPIT-RHUMB LINE, BY MR. GREELEY

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- ◆ At 3, won the **G2** Robert B. Lewis Stakes; placed in **G2** San Felipe Stakes and **G1** Santa Anita Derby. Career earnings of \$405,730.
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PA-Bred Year in Review Offers Plenty of Highlights

by Linda Dougherty

It was an outstanding 2018 for Pennsylvania-breds, as horses foaled in the Keystone State hit the highest levels of the sport, earning a pair of Eclipse Awards, collecting 14 graded stakes wins, and proving to be extremely valuable in the sales ring. Those achievements helped to cement the Pennsylvania-bred program as one of the best in the country.

Of the 10 individual year-end champions crowned Jan. 24 at Gulfstream Park, two were Pennsylvania-breds: Don Alberto Stables' Unique Bella and Conrad Farms' Shamrock Rose. Other than Pennsylvania, Kentucky (7) and Ireland (1) were represented.

Unique Bella (top right), a daughter of Tapit bred by Brushwood Stable, was voted Cham-



pion Older Dirt Female based on her victories in the Beholder Mile Stakes and the Clement L. Hirsch Stakes, both Grade 1 events, as well as the Grade2 Santa Maria Stakes.

Shamrock Rose (bottom left), a daughter of First Dude bred by Best a Luck Farm, earned the title of Champion Female Sprinter, capturing the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint, as well as the Grade2 Lexus Raven Run Stakes and two other graded events.

It was the third year in a row that a Pennsylvania-bred was voted champion female sprinter – in 2017, Unique Bella earned the Eclipse, while in 2016 Finest City, bred by HnR Nothhaft Horseracing LLC, was honored.

The Pennsylvania-bred program completed the year boasting of 11 individual horses with 14 graded stakes wins, the third-most in North America behind Kentucky and Florida, and one better than New York.

And at auction, Pennsylvania-bred yearlings commanded premium prices, including an \$875,000 Into Mischief colt co-bred by C Biscuit Racing, Smart Angle LLP, CJB Holdings, Jeff Bozel, et al, and purchased by Godolphin at the Keeneland September sale; a \$390,000 Quality Road filly bred by Michael Moran and bought by Team D/Woodford Racing, also at Keeneland September; a \$350,000 Street Sense colt, bred by Blackstone Farm, and purchased by Godolphin at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July sale, and a \$250,000 Candy Ride (Arg) filly also bred by Blackstone, bought by Leonard Green at the Saratoga Select August sale.

For the seventh consecutive year, the Pennsylvania breeding program paid out more than \$30 million, the richest program in the Mid-Atlantic region. There was also increased confidence by breeders in the Pennsylvania program in 2018 due to safeguards implemented to the Race Horse Development Fund, which prevents lawmakers from using the money for



other purposes, as evidenced by the strong numbers of mares bred and the annual foal crop.

"It was another great year for Pennsylvania breeding in 2018, and 2019 looks even better," said Brian Sanfratello, executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association. "I think the consistency of the Fund and the Race Horse Development Fund Trust was the icing on the cake. We already have the best breeding program in the country, but the safety of the Fund has triggered an explosion of investment. And with the influx of good new stallions, the 2019 breeding sheds will be bustling."

The Report of Mares bred released by The Jockey Club for 2018 showed a 5 percent decline nationally, but Pennsylvania enjoyed an 8.3 percent increase as compared to 2017, one of only four states among the top 10 to do so. In 2018, 32 Pennsylvania stallions bred 610 mares, as compared to 563 in 2017.

Also, Pennsylvania had the greatest increase among the top 10 states and provinces by live foals in 2018, a 29 percent boost from 2017. Last year, 373 live foals were reported, as compared to 289 in 2017. The second-highest increase in the top 10 states or provinces was Ontario, with a 24.7 percent jump. New York, Florida and Louisiana all reported double-digit decreases in their live foal crops.

"Now that the Fund is protected, it presents a great opportunity for breeders," said Donny Brown, a longtime owner and breeder and

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2018 PENNSYLVANIA-BRED GRADED STAKES WINNERS

PA-Breds finished the year with the third highest number of graded stakes winners in the country. Congratulations to our graded stakes winners and their breeders!

ARMY MULE

bred by Hope Hill Farm
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bred by Beatrice Patterson & Vicky Schowe
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6-1/2F Saratoga

COSMIC BURST

bred by Pewter Stable
\$200,000 G3 Honeybee S, 1-1/16M Oaklawn

DADDY IS A LEGEND

bred by HnR Nothhaft Horseracing LLC
\$150,000 G3 Lake George S, 1-1/16M T Saratoga

DIXIE SERENADE

bred by Fantasy Lane Stable
\$150,000 G3 Victory Ride S, 6-1/2F Belmont

FAHAN MURA

bred by Michael Moran
\$150,000 G3 Robert J. Frankel S, 1-1/18 M T Santa Anita

PAGE MCKENNEY

bred by Dr. James E. Bryant & Linda P. Davis
\$102,000 G3 Salvator Mile S, 1M Monmouth



**Only Kentucky & Florida
won more Graded Stakes in 2018.**



PUMPKIN RUMBLE *bred by Smart Angle*
\$125,000 G3 Valedictory S, 1-3/4M Woodbine

SHAMROCK ROSE *bred by Best A Luck Farm*
\$1,000,000 G1 Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint, 7F
Churchill Downs
\$250,000 G2 Lexus Raven Run S, 7F Keeneland

SPRING QUALITY *bred by George Strawbridge, Jr.*
\$1,000,000 G1 Woodford Reserve Manhattan S, 1-1/4 M
T Belmont

UNIQUE BELLA *bred by Brushwood Stables*
\$400,000 G1 Beholder Mile S, 1M Santa Anita
\$300,000 G1 Clement L. Hirsch S, 1-1/16M Del Mar
\$200,000 G2 Santa Maria S, 1-1/16 M Santa Anita

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managing partner for Warrior's Reward, who stands his first season in Pennsylvania at Wyn-Oaks Farm in Delta. "The state of Pennsylvania has the best regional breeding program, and going forward there's no better time to invest in a broodmare. With a Pennsylvania-bred, you can earn a lot of money, and things are headed in the right direction."

Brown said that, because of the stability of the Pennsylvania program, requests from breeders for contracts to Warrior's Reward have exceeded expectations. The son of Medaglia d'Oro is the sire of eight stakes winners, including Axelrod, who captured the Indiana Derby-G3 and the Smarty Jones Stakes-G3 last season.

Other new stallions to the Keystone State in 2019 include multiple Grade 1 winner and multimillionaire Hoppertunity (Northview PA); graded stakes winner and freshman sire Flashback, young stakes-placed Speightstown stallion Eastwood, and track-record setter Social Inclusion, a son of Pioneerofthe Nile (Diamond B Farm), as well as Dolphin, a half-brother to champion Rachel Alexandra, and graded stakes winner Airforce (Cabin Creek Farm).

Pennsylvania-breds won graded stakes at major venues across North America in 2018. They include Spring Quality (above), who won the Grade 1 Manhattan Stakes at Belmont Park; Army Mule (Grade 1 Carter Handicap at Aqueduct); Call Paul (Grade 2 Saratoga Special at Saratoga);



Daddy Is a Legend (Grade 3 Lake George Stakes at Saratoga-Right); Dixie Serenade (Grade 3 Victory Ride Stakes at Belmont Park); Page McKenney (Grade 3 Salvator Mile at Monmouth Park); Pumpkin Rumble (Grade 3 Valedictory Stakes at Woodbine); Fahan Mura (Grade 3 Robert J. Frankel Stakes at Santa Anita), and Cosmic Burst (Grade 3 Honeybee Stakes at Oaklawn Park).

"Though stakes winners get the accolades, the PHBA program is so meaningful because it supports breeders who provide athletes to fill the day-to-day racing fields that are the lifeblood of our industry," said Henry "Hank" Nothhaft, a prominent Pennsylvania owner and breeder and board member of the PHBA, who bred Breeders' Cup winner Finest City, among many other stakes winners. "The opportunity for a reasonable financial outcome for breeders keeps our industry viable with the spillover economic benefits headed by job creation and land preservation. And on a personal level, as a native son of the Keystone State, the PHBA program provided a mechanism and motivation for me to make a contribution to my home state through the wonderful sport of Thoroughbred horses."

Last year, an additional incentive for breeders was implemented – increased breeder awards in maiden races. A Pennsylvania-sired, Pennsylvania-bred horse now receives a 50 percent award (first through third), while if not Pennsylvania-sired, receives a 25 percent award (first through third). That's in all maiden races, even maiden-claiming events.

The PHBA is again offering a Pennsylvania Derby bonus of \$250,000 in 2019 for any Pennsylvania-bred or sired horse who finishes first through third in Parx Racing's Grade 1 for



3-year-olds. Of that amount, \$200,000 goes to the owner, and \$50,000 to the breeder.

Making the Pennsylvania breeding program even more enticing is that there are more than 400 restricted races offered annually at the state's three racetracks – Parx Racing, Penn National and Presque Isle Downs. In 2018, there were ample opportunities for blacktype, as 22 restricted \$100,000 stakes races were presented at the three venues.

Also in 2018, the PHBA demonstrated its commitment to the integrity of the sport in Pennsylvania by making a \$300,000 donation to Penn Vet New Bolton Center's Equine Pharmacology Laboratory in August to fund revolutionary research to detect gene doping in equine athletes. The World Anti-Doping Agency defines gene doping as "the non-therapeutic



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Eclipse Award Winner

CHAMPION FEMALE SPRINTER

SHAMROCK ROSE

B.f., 2015, by First Dude—Slew's Quality, by Elusive Quality
Bred by Best A Luck Farm LLC



A winner of four straight stakes to complete her 3-year-old campaign, Shamrock Rose made the most of her final start when she got up to win one of the most exciting renewals of the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint-G1, taking the spoils in a four-horse photo finish. Competing solely in stakes competition in 2018, she earned \$848,076 with four wins and two second-place finishes in seven starts. Owned by Conrad Farms, who purchased the bay as a 2-year-old at Ocala in the spring of 2017 for \$120,000, and trained by Mark Casse, Shamrock Rose also won the Grade 2 Raven Run at Keeneland, the La Lorgnette at Woodbine, and Presque Isle Downs' Malvern Rose, the latter by more than 10 lengths.

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Eclipse Award Winner

CHAMPION OLDER DIRT FEMALE

UNIQUE BELLA

Gr./ro.m., 2014, by Tapit—Unrivaled Belle, by Unbridled's Song
Bred by Brushwood Stable



The 2017 Eclipse Award-winning champion female sprinter as a 3-year-old returned in 2018 with a campaign geared at longer distances and more prestige. In four starts, all graded stakes as odds-on favorite, Unique Bella won three times, taking Grade 1 victories in the Clement L. Hirsch at Del Mar and Beholder Mile at Santa Anita, as well as Santa Anita's Grade 2 Santa Maria in her 4-year-old debut by nine lengths. She also finished second in Oaklawn Park's Apple Blossom Handicap-G1 while giving seven pounds to winner Unbridled Mo. While preparing for a fall campaign, the filly owned by Don Alberto Stable and trained by Jerry Hollendorfer fractured a sesamoid during a Saturday morning workout at Del Mar in August, which forced her retirement.

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A Letter From the Executive Secretary



Congratulations to our PA-Bred Eclipse Award winners Shamrock Rose, bred by Best A Luck Farm and Unique Bella, bred by Brushwood Stable. Shamrock Rose is the third consecutive PA-Bred to win the Eclipse Award in the Female Sprinter category. Unique Bella's Eclipse was her second consecutive award – Female Sprinter in 2017 and Older Dirt Female this year.

I'd like to thank everyone who donated seasons to our 9th Annual Auction as it was a big success. I know some of you have already picked your sire for 2019 but if you haven't please go to our interactive Stallion Directory on pabred.com. Take a look at our new Stallions and earn a 50% maiden breeder award and 40% for all other races. What a deal!

Remember that in order to receive voting privileges along with the *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* and *Trainer* magazine you must pay your membership dues by March 31st. Have a great 2019 and Go PA!!

/Brian Sanfratello



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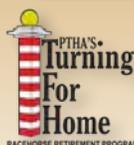
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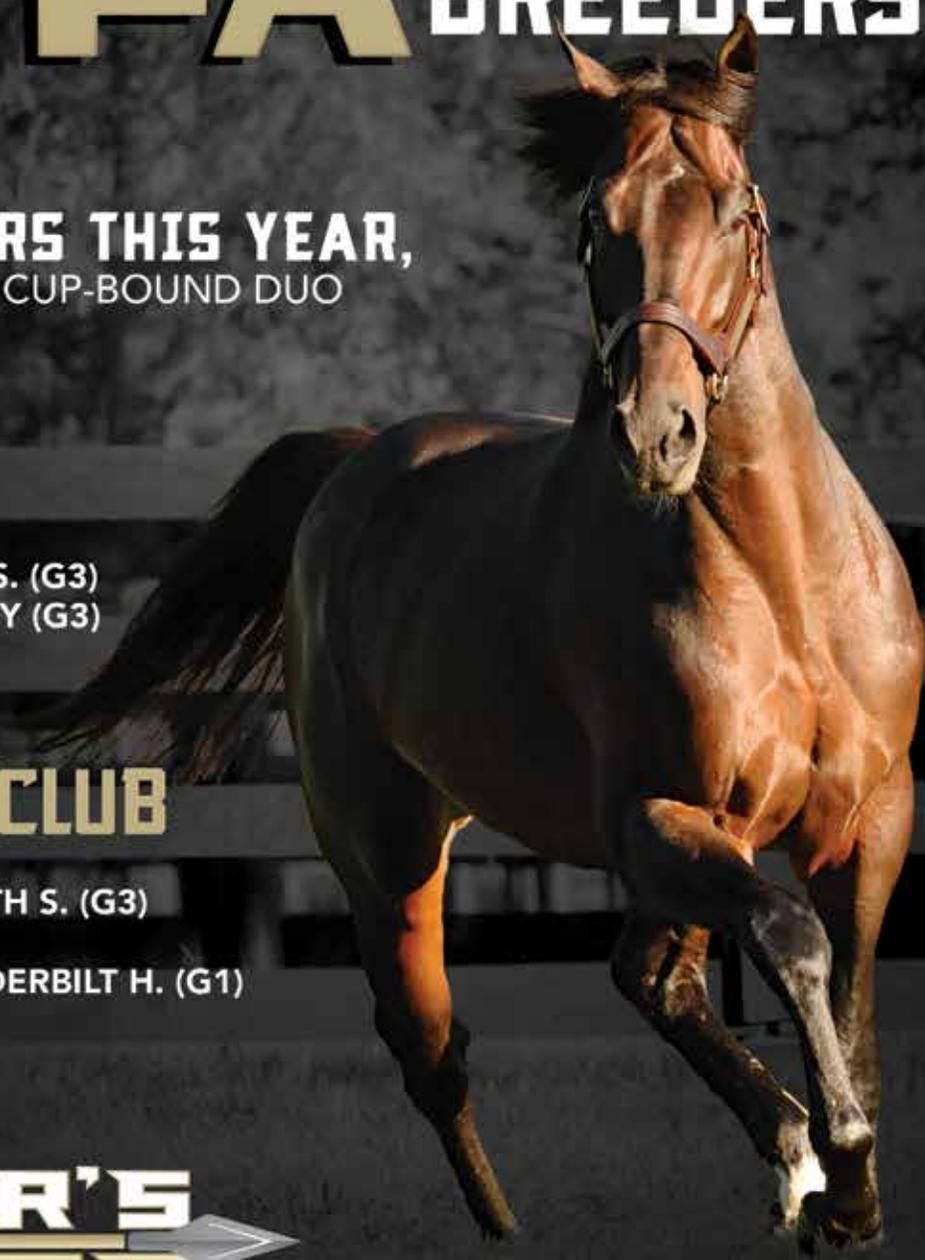
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Pennsylvania News Briefs

MATCH SERIES RETURNS WITH NEW FORMAT WITH PENN AND PARX HOSTING SERIES DAYS

The MATCH Series (Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred Championships) returns in 2019 featuring a new format designed to encourage more participation from horsemen, brand the Series as special event days at the participating racetracks, and make it easier for the racing public to follow the Series.

In a change to the historic scheduling of Series races and a first for the Series, each track will host a MATCH Series Day, and a race in each of the four MATCH divisions will be contested on the card that day. The 2019 Series will debut at Laurel Park on Saturday, April 20. The Series will then move to Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course on June 1, Delaware Park on July 13, Parx Racing on September 2, and conclude with Championship Day at Monmouth Park on September 28.

There will be four Series Divisions: 3-Year Old & Up Sprint Dirt Division; 3-Year Old & Up Sprint Turf Division; 3-Year Old & Up Fillies and Mares Sprint Dirt Division and 3-Year Old & Up Fillies and Mares Long Turf Division. Each Division will have five stakes races. The purse for each Series race will be \$100,000 with a total purse pool of \$2 million. Bonuses for owners and



trainers will total \$375,000 with \$75,000 in divisional bonuses, \$50,000 to the overall Series winning owner and \$25,000 to the winning trainer. In addition, there will be breeder's bonuses totaling \$40,000.

"We were thrilled by the successful return of the MATCH Series in 2018," said Alan Foreman, creator of MATCH. "It was really well-received. Despite the most challenging weather conditions in Mid-Atlantic history, the Series exceeded all of our expectations and we are proud and excited to bring it back. We learned a lot in our return last year and have tried to make changes that are the product of numerous conver-

sations with Series participants, horsemen, track management and fans. We think the 2019 Series will be a credit to Mid-Atlantic racing and generate tremendous interest and enthusiasm throughout the industry."

The MATCH Series is a collaboration of racetracks, and horsemen's and breeder's organizations in the Mid-Atlantic region – the largest daily concentration of Thoroughbred racing in the United States – each of whom contribute to marketing the Series, the purse and bonus pools. The participating organizations are: The Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association and its affiliates in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania; Maryland Jockey Club (Laurel Park); Delaware Park; Greenwood Gaming and Entertainment (PARX); Penn National Gaming (Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course); Darby Development (Monmouth Park); Pennsylvania HBPA; Maryland Horse Breeders Association; Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association; Thoroughbred Breeders Association of New Jersey; and Delaware Certified Thoroughbred Program. ■



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PA-Breds Catalogued to Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Mixed

FASIG-TIPTON KENTUCKY WINTER MIXED SALE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4 AND TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

A total of six PA-Breds have been catalogued to the winter mixed sale – two broodmare prospects and four yearlings. Below are the PA-Breds offered, with breeder and consignor.

Yearlings

Hip 72 - Gr./ro.c., 2/9/18, Tiznow—Coppermine, by Unbridled's Song. Blackstone Farm LLC; Ballysax Bloodstock, Agent XX. BC nom.

Hip 82 - Dk.b./br.c., 3/14/18, Honor Code—Dancinginthestreet, by Street Boss. Blackstone Farm LLC; St George Sales Agent VIII. BC nom.

Hip 95 - Dk.b./br.c., 4/9/18, Shackleford—Donnatale, by Tale of the Cat. Richard H. Bosshard Jr.; Blake-Albina Thoroughbred Services LLC, Agent II. Reg. PA-Bred.

Hip 230 - B.c., 3/31/18, Will Take Charge—Mary Bernice, by Bernardini. Blackstone Farm LLC; Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent II. BC nom.

Broodmare Prospects

Hip 24 - **AP Majestic**, b.m., 4/3/13, Majestic Warrior—Annette's Jet, by Golden Missile. Triple Threat LLC; Mulholland Springs, Agent.

Hip 383 - **Tiz a Gem**, b.f., 4/14/16, Tiznow—Brilliancy, by Exchange Rate. Blackstone Farm LLC; Hidden Brook, Agent III.



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- **No. 2 sire of his crop by winners** — ahead of Super Saver, Munnings, Blame, etc.
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Reminders for Breeders

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Yearling Registration: Dec. 31 of the yearling year

Early Registration: Within 365 days of foaling

Stallion Registration for next breeding season:

Feb. 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.

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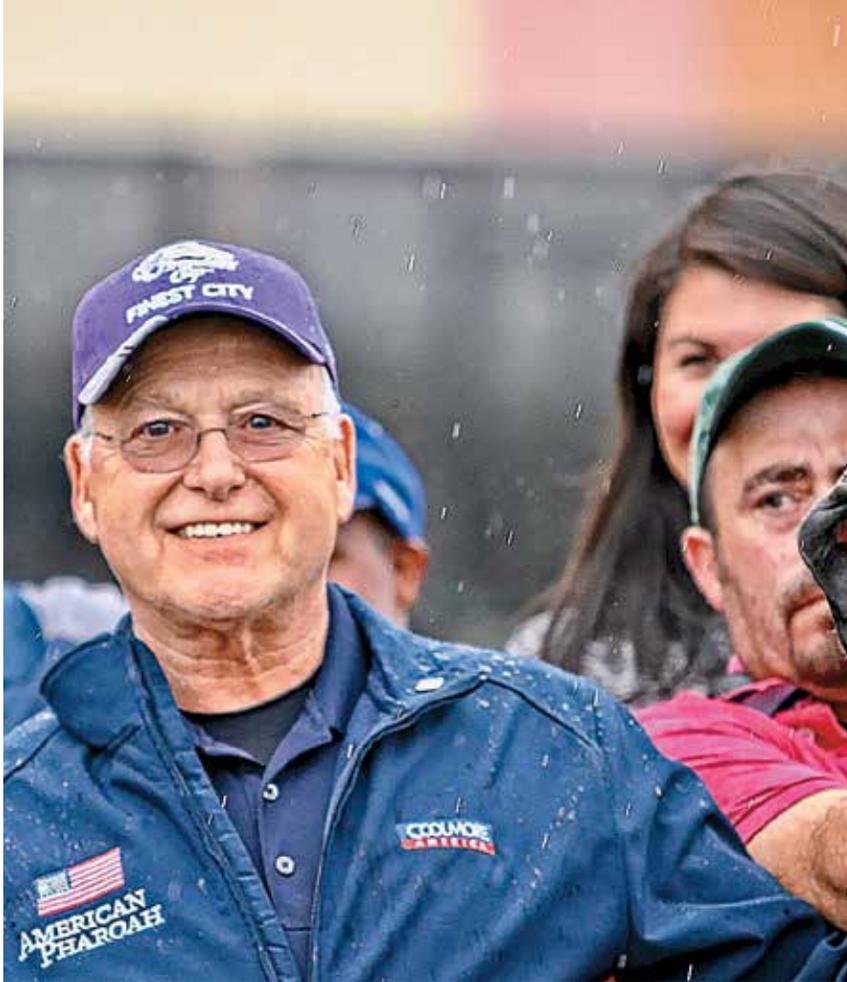


PASSION PLAY

Hank Nothhaft with his
American Pharoah—
Kindle weanling
at Keeneland in 2017

Hank Nothhaft builds a top
breeding program from scratch

BY LENNY SHULMAN
PHOTOS COURTESY OF HANK NOTHHAFT



Nothhaft traded venture technology companies for a career in horses

ELEVEN YEARS AGO VENTURE-TECHNOLOGY COMPANY CEO Hank Nothhaft looked at himself in the mirror and realized that, after three decades, he was losing his passion for his work. He needed a new challenge, one that satisfied his all-encompassing, adrenaline-driven, compulsive lifestyle.

Hello Thoroughbred breeding and racing.

A decade of immersion into everything horses has yielded significant results for the 74-year-old Nothhaft, a native of Pennsylvania who has traveled the world in both his military and civilian lives. Under HnR Nothhaft Horse Racing (the “R” coming courtesy of wife Randie) Nothhaft has bred Breeders’ Cup champion *Finest City*, multiple graded stakes winner *Daddy Is a Legend*, and multiple stakes-winning homebred *Grand Prix*. He has also campaigned multiple graded stakes winner *Living The Life* and multiple grade 2-placed stakes winner *Kindle*, and has specialized in purchasing modestly-priced stock that has gone on to perform on the racetrack and in the breeding shed.

There were no horses or racing in Nothhaft’s youth in Sharon, Pa., between Erie and Youngstown, although today that area is littered with racetracks that didn’t exist decades ago. Nothhaft graduated from the United States Naval Academy and served in Vietnam, achieving his MBA in information systems technology after he exited the military. He assumed ownership of a series of tech companies, which



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Nothhaft-bred *Finest City*, winner of the 2016 Breeders’ Cup Filly & Mare Sprint



Nothhaft with Finest City at the 2012 Keeneland November sale

took him from Washington D.C., to Dallas, and eventually to Silicon Valley in Northern California. There, the racing bug bit him on friends-and-family outings to Bay Meadows.

“We loved that place, and I developed a positive view of horse racing,” noted Nothhaft. “I was going back and forth to England quite a bit, and read all the Dick Francis novels on those trips, and began going to racetracks like Lingfield, near London, and really enjoyed it.”

Those good feelings persuaded Nothhaft to take up the challenge of trying to survive in the horse industry, initially as an owner.

“I analyzed a bunch of different industries, and I ended up with Thoroughbred racing,” he said. “I do look back and chuckle at my naivete in thinking I could do what has subsequently occurred. I love the competition and the immediate feedback you get on your decisions.

“What I find appealing is you can immerse yourself in the data side of it. I al-

ways had a dashboard on any company I was running and loved to throw myself into the statistics and analyze the company in as many ways as possible. So when I started looking at pedigrees and bloodlines, I thought, ‘Wow, that amount of data is perfect for an insatiable appetite like mine.’”

Nothhaft did his homework. He attended seminars put on by the Thoroughbred Owners of California, watched *BloodHorse* videos on conformation, read books, and then went out and raced some cheap claimers in Northern California, seeking to have fun, enjoy the competition, and hopefully break even. The plan didn’t work well, and Nothhaft used the economic meltdown of 2009 to liquidate his stock, learn from his early mistakes, and start over again.

With the benefit of advice from Gary Mandella and Mary Knight, he began buying better Cal-breds. Chalking it up to “dumb luck,” he bought Randie’s Legend at auction for \$43,000 in 2008.

She would go on to produce Daddy Is a Legend. But Nothhaft turned the corner when he decided that Pennsylvania offered more opportunity than did the situation in California. He enlisted Carl McEntee to help buy bloodstock and the operation clicked. Nothhaft grabbed Kindle for \$50,000, Be Envied for \$37,000, Living The Life for less than \$50,000, and Halljoy, who would become group stakes-placed, for \$150,000. All became valued members of his broodmare band, with Be Envied producing Finest City and Grand Prix.

“Hank came to realize that buying more-commercial broodmares was the most productive place to be, and safest to work within,” McEntee noted. “We’ve had good success and have made smart decisions on our breeding selections, which we both spend a lot of time on. There’s luck involved, because this is the Thoroughbred industry, and there are no certainties. But the harder you work, the luckier you seem to get.”

Today, Nothhaft’s 10 broodmares produce Pennsylvania-breds after being bred to Kentucky stallions, and he himself is on the board of the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association.

“One of the side benefits of getting into horses is that I’ve reconnected with my home state,” he said. “I’ve traveled the world, lived for three decades in California (today he lives in Austin, Texas), and came back to my roots in Pennsylvania. I’ve won the Presque Isle Downs Masters Stakes (G2) twice. Where other guys have Kentucky Derby fever, I want to get a Pa-bred to win the Masters, which has never happened. It takes all kinds of people, right?”

Most of the mares Nothhaft owns today either raced for him or were bred by him, the notable exception being Sulis, whom he bought specifically to breed to Silver Train, a stallion Nothhaft bought and stood in Pennsylvania, but who died after just two years. Having paid \$105,000 for Sulis, a daughter of Maria’s Mon, Nothhaft proceeded to sell weanlings out of her for \$250,000, \$130,000, and \$220,000 within four

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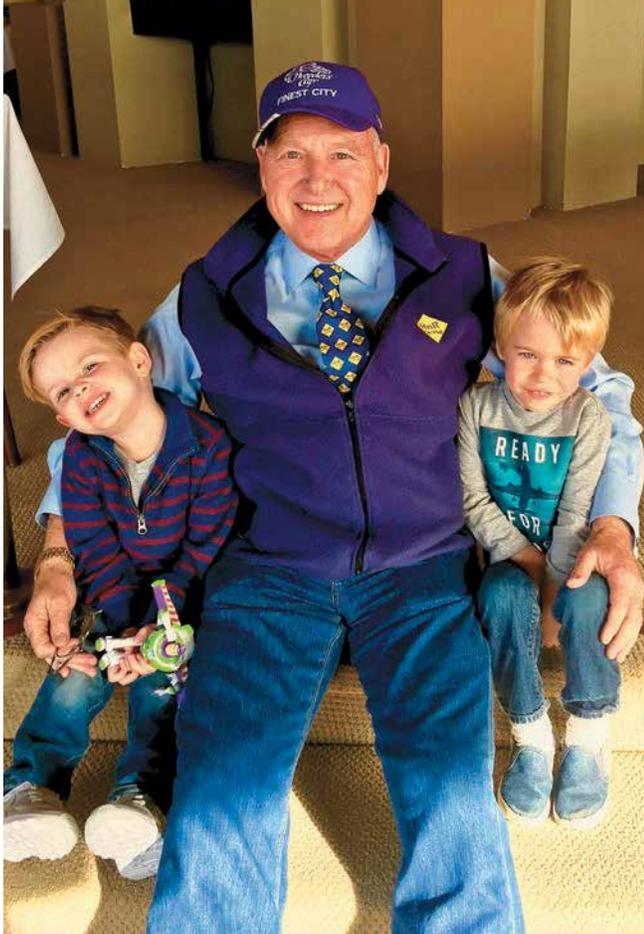
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Nothhaft with his grandchildren at Golden Gate Fields



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Nothhaft with two-time Presque Isle Downs Masters winner Living The Life

years. As legendary Kentucky horseman Robert Courtney used to say, that's how you make money in this business.

Because the Pennsylvania incentive program is going well, Nothhaft said he might increase his mare population to 15, but generally he is concentrating on improving the quality of the band rather than increasing its number.

"Carl and I made a decision not to take the risk of raising them to be yearlings," Nothhaft said of his early preference for selling weanlings. "At least until now. The yearling market is crazy right now, so I'm not unhappy to hold onto them another year because the financial advantage is shifting that way. That hasn't always been true."

That updated strategy comes in part from the American Pharoah—Kindle weanling colt Nothhaft sold for \$400,000 who was pinhooked by Peter O'Callaghan and sold for \$2.2 million at last September's Keeneland yearling auction.

Nothhaft supported McEntee during the latter's time at Darby Dan Farm and has helped bankroll McEntee's move to

open Ballysax Bloodstock, which now consigns the Nothhaft-breds.

"Carl is all energy and is a hard worker," said Nothhaft. "In his first year in 2018 he's had good-quality consignments and gotten good results."

"Hank is an incredibly passionate man who has to have something to drive him, and I'm the same way," noted McEntee. "He'll call me at 4 or 5 a.m. his time to talk. He knows only one speed, and that's 100 mph."

Nothhaft's single most notable day in the business came on Nov. 5, 2016, when the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint (G1) was run at Santa Anita Park. The Nothhaft-owned Living The Life, who had won the Presque Isle Downs Masters in 2014 and 2015 and the All American Stakes (G3) in 2016, was slated to compete against the Nothhaft-bred Finest City, whom the breeder had sold as a weanling in 2012 for \$50,000.

"My wife and I and other family members were planning to go from our home in Saratoga, Calif.," Nothhaft stated. "Then a week before the race Living The

Life came up lame and had to be retired. I was so bummed out I had a knee-jerk reaction to give my tickets away. So we watched from home. I bet heavily on Finest City and when she won, there was an eruption. My phone started going crazy, so there was a lot of recognition of our connection to the horse. But I felt silly watching Gary Mandella accept our trophy."

In the past, Nothhaft annually compiled what he now calls a "fantasy list" of stallions for his mares, where he and McEntee would generate a roster of studs that fit his mares although they knew they wouldn't be able to get to those stallions. Today, it is a different story.

"Now that I have better mares, we know we're able to get to all the stallions on our list this year," said Nothhaft. "So we're not playing fantasy football anymore."

Nothhaft bought back a Pioneer of the Nile—Kindle weanling colt in November 2018 on a final bid of \$375,000. He also kept an American Pharoah—Halljoy yearling filly who RNA'd for \$335,000. Those

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Kindle with her American Pharoah foal in 2017; the foal sold as a yearling for \$2.2 million

babies are indicative of the quality of stallions to whom he now sends his mares.

“This is a very faddish industry in my opinion,” he stated. “So going to American Pharoah in his first year—if you pick the right first-year stallion it can be a bonanza when you’re selling the progeny. Certainly, American Pharoah was a good pick. So we do use some select first-year or young stallions who we call ‘Living the Dream’ stallions. They don’t have anything running yet, or at least won’t before (the progeny) sell.

“As far as more proven stallions, we’re not generally going to the heavy hitters such as Tapit, Candy Ride, Into Mischief, and so on. When I was starting out, I bred to Tizbud, a full brother to Tiznow. Now, I love Tiznow, who is one of the less-expensive studs I go to today, so that highlights where I started and where I’m at. But I’m also smart enough to know the minute you think you’ve got it all figured out, you’re actually really stupid because the gods are about to come down and

chop your knees off. So I keep my feet on the ground.”

Said McEntee, “Hank is unlike most business people who come into the horse industry, where they tend to lose all of their previous business acumen. Hank has maintained the smart decision-making that got him to where he is.”

Nothhaft has worked diligently to try and help ensure that the Pennsylvania incentive program remains on sound footing, although that has proven to be a tricky enterprise in the past.

“Pennsylvania has had a great program for years,” said Nothhaft, “except that the state (government) kept coming up short on funds and taking money away from the breeding program for the general fund. As a breeder, you never knew what was going to be there going forward. What we’ve done is put the program in a trust; while that can still be broken, there is a significant penalty for the state if it decides to take funds away, so we feel more comfortable going forward.

“The number of foals is increasing in the state. There are new sires and broodmares showing up, and the quality of the talent you need is increasing. We know New York-bred and Cal-bred races are tough, but Pennsylvania isn’t a lay-up, either. But it does run between 400 and 500 races a year for state-breds, and if you have a decent horse, you can find a level at which to race and have a good chance of earning some money, which is attractive.

“The man on the street—which I consider myself—who doesn’t have 200 horses can realistically breed Pennsylvania-breds and sell or race them with the anticipation of a reasonable financial outcome. That’s the world I thought I was getting into way back at the start.”

A dose of naivete represents standard equipment for those seeking entrance to the Thoroughbred industry as a business proposition. And the addition of successful business people such as Hank Nothhaft to its ranks swells the legitimacy as well as the feasibility of this world of horses. He has embraced a challenge far too puzzling for most; entered on the ground floor and built a sturdy operation upward despite knowing nothing about its workings when he started. That horses can rekindle this sort of passion in a person of substance such as Nothhaft is a huge positive.

“I have been retired from the tech world for three or four years now, and I thank God every morning that I got involved in the horse business because it is so satisfying,” he said. “It is extremely difficult, so when things do go right, the satisfaction and the adrenaline and the good feeling you get is so significant that it’s worth all the effort.

“For a small guy like me, you have to work really hard to have something good going on, and when it does, it keeps you in a good mood for awhile and you really have to inhale the happy fumes and the success. You have to ride over what I call the Valley of Despair to keep yourself going and motivated if you’re passionate about it.” **BT**

\$2.75 million 2019 Stakes Schedule for PA-Breds kicks off in April



The PA-Bred stakes calendar kicks off in April with two seven-furlong sprints for older runners at Parx Racing the final Saturday of the month.

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 earlier in 2019, set for Saturday, Aug. 3 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 2019 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.

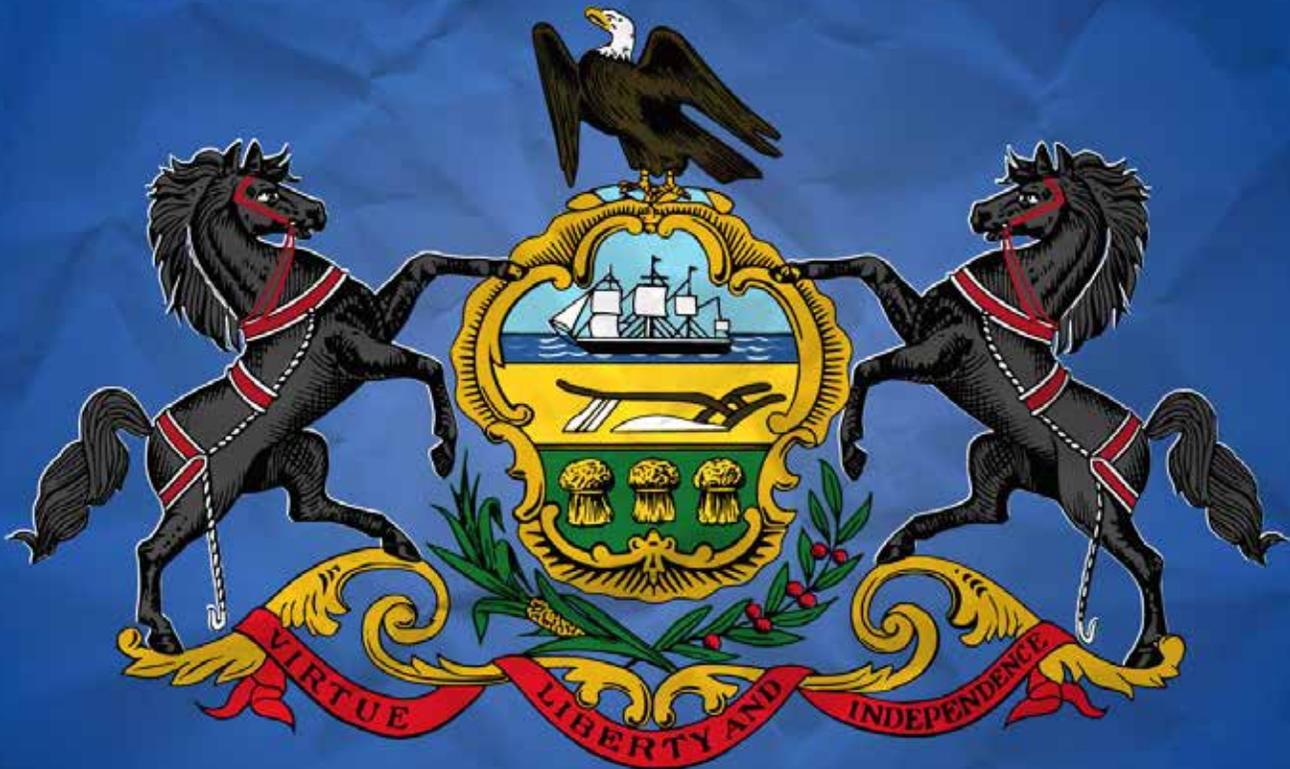
Sat., April 27, Parx	\$100,000 Lyman H , 3 & up, 7 fur.
	\$100,000 Foxy J. G. S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 7 fur.
Sat., June 1, Penn	\$100,000 Danzig S , 3YO, 6 fur.
	\$100,000 New Start S , 3YO fillies, 6 fur.
Sun., June 9, Penn	\$100,000 Lyphard S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
	\$100,000 Robellino S , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Sat., June 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
Sun., July 7, PID	\$100,000 Leematt S , 3 & up, 1 mi.
	\$100,000 Northern Fling S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 mi.

Pennsylvania's Day At the Races

Sat., Aug. 3, 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 H , 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, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf

Mon., Sept. 9, PID	\$100,000 Malvern Rose S , 3YO fillies, 1 mi.
Sat., Sept. 21, Parx	\$100,000 Alphabet Soup H , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Mon., Sept. 23, PID	\$100,000 Mark McDermott S , 2YO, 6 fur.
	\$100,000 Mrs. Henry D. Paxson Memorial S , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
Sat., Oct. 5, Parx	\$100,000 Plum Pretty S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi.
Wed., Nov. 27, Penn	\$100,000 Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies S , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
Sat., Dec. 7, Parx	\$100,000 Pennsylvania Nursery S , 2YO colts and geldings, 7 fur.

Total: \$2,750,000



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Pennsylvania Broodmare Domicile Requirements & Registration Eligibility for 2019 Foals

Please note the following broodmare domicile requirements for the 2019 crop of foals. Mares bred to registered PA-Sires are up again this year, according to our preliminary count, and continuing that trend will move us to an increase in registered foals, which is our priority.

- 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.
- 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.
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