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- **Early registration:**
Within 365 days of foaling
- **Yearling registration:**
Dec. 31 of yearling year
- **Stallion registration:**
Feb. 15 of year breeding
- **Broodmare domicile:**
Dec. 1 or 14 days after a public sale or entering state if being bred back to PA-sire

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Mick Ruis and his secret stallions

by Emily Shields

Longtime horseman Mick Ruis was not only born and raised in California, but also has homes there. He originally planned on having his broodmares and stallions there, too, but the lure of the Pennsylvania breeding program was too strong.

“When I found out about the program, it was a no brainer,” Ruis said. “I had to make a decision, and the decision was that I wanted to be a Pennsylvania breeder.”

What makes the program so appealing? “The incentives they give make it a clear choice, business-wise,” Ruis explained. “And there are three tracks in the state and another seven or eight nearby you can run at. It made sense to spend more time on the East Coast.”

One of Ruis’ first Pennsylvania experiences came with The Critical Way, a PA-bred by Tizway bred by Blackstone Farm. In 2017, The Critical Way won the \$100,000 Danzig Stakes in just his second start, shipping in from Santa Anita to score. “That’s what started me on it,” Ruis said. “There’s a lot of good races where you can make good money for a Pennsylvania-bred. I’m excited about that.”

Blackstone Farm, an operation shared by partners Christian Black, Mark Weissman, and Douglas Black, recently had a banner



runner with Pennsylvania-bred Tom’s Ready, a millionaire who retired after the 2017 season. Blackstone sold him for \$145,000 as a yearling. The farm is going to be an important part of Ruis’ expansion into the Keystone State. Ruis shipped 18 mares into the Pine Grove outfit, as well as two young stallions. Eleven of the mares were bred in California and are foaling in Pennsylvania this spring.

And with the two stallions, War Envoy and Saburo, Ruis has much to anticipate.

War Envoy, by War Front—La Conseil-lante, by Elusive Quality, is royally bred. His dam was a stakes winner in France; she went on to produce a \$750,000 yearling in Falaise—now an unraced sophomore—a \$300,000 broodmare in Beychevelle, and a \$150,000 juvenile in Kate’s Winnie. War Envoy himself won twice in 26 starts, but earned \$494,781 racing against some of the

best of his generation. He started his career in England and Ireland, placing in multiple group stakes, then came to America for the 2014 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf-G1 at Santa Anita. War Envoy actually went favored that day, but finished well back.

After returning to Europe, War Envoy won a handicap at Ascot before moving to the United States permanently in 2015. He contested the Sandy Lane Barbaros Gold Cup-G1 in Barbados and finished third, then later was one of the runners in the inaugural Pegasus World Cup Invitation-G1. War Envoy was retired in 2017 with 10 top three finishes to his name.

Saburo, a \$600,000 juvenile, is by Medaglia d'Oro and out of the stakes placed Lemon Drop Kid mare Kid Majic. She produced 2015 Sovereign Award Champion Older Mare and Champion Female Sprinter Miss Mischief, a graded stakes winner of over half a million dollars. Second dam Call Her Magic, by Caller I.D.,

won eight of 14 starts, including two stakes races. She is also the dam of J P's Gusto, a lightning-fast juvenile who won the Del Mar Futurity-G1 and \$811,760. He ultimately sired Puerto Rican Grade 1 winner Remember Willy and dual stakes-placed Epic Journey.

Saburo's physical and female family made him a slam dunk as a purchase, but he was injured shortly after making his first two starts. "They are both strapping individuals and nicely bred," Christian Black said. "Saburo was a very promising horse that showed talent before he was injured. His dam was a stakes performer in her own right. Physically he's a beautiful horse."

Both stallions are being used privately in 2019, but Ruis is giving thought to making them available to the public in 2020, although the stallions would have to be moved from Blackstone due to the setup there. There is one other son of War Front standing in Pennsylvania, Peace and

Justice at Northview PA. The only other son of Medaglia d'Oro in the state is Warrior's Reward.

Saburo and War Envoy's first foals are being born this season. "Their first crop of foals are really nicely boned and looking good," Ruis said.

He is grateful for Black's help; both men note they have been friends a long time, and Ruis is proud that Black is, "well known in the business."

"We have a good relationship," Black said of Ruis. "He wanted Pennsylvania-breds and to be part of the Pennsylvania breeding program. He'd been exploring it through conversations we've had in the past, and it all just came together."

And Ruis's expansion into Pennsylvania may not stop with breeding. "When this crop becomes 2-year-olds, I would love to eventually have them train out of there," Ruis said. "I have my daughter training for me at Santa Anita, and I could have an assistant train for me in Pennsylvania."

A few words from the Executive Secretary

Breeding season is well on its way so if you haven't booked your mare yet don't miss the opportunity. Go to pabred.com and take a look at our Stallion and Boarding Farm Directory. It's not too late to take part in the best breeding program in the country!

This year's Iroquois Banquet will again be held at The Hotel Hershey, on Friday, June 7 beginning with cocktails at 5:30 p.m. Come out and help us honor our

PA-Bred Stakes and Award Winners. It's a great opportunity to share your ideas with the leading breeders in Pennsylvania, meet our board members or just come out for an evening of fun.

On Saturday, June 1, Penn National will be hosting one of the biggest race nights of the year, featuring the \$500,000 Penn Mile for 3-year-olds, two 6-furlong \$100,000 PA Bred stakes for 3-year-olds—the Danzig for the boys and the New

Start for the girls—and four MATCH Series stakes. What a day! Hope to see you there.

Don't forget about our Annual Membership Meeting at the Kennett Square Country Club on May 22 at 4 p.m. Please call and we'll save you a seat. Go PA!!



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The goal of the organization is to advocate on behalf of the state's breeding industry. We are mandated by statute as administrator of the Pennsylvania Breeding Fund program, and as official registrar of the Pennsylvania-Bred roster of eligible program participants.

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2019 PA-Bred Stakes Schedule

ALL BREEDING FUND STAKES WILL INCLUDE A 25% PA-SIRED BONUS FOR 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD.
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	\$100,000 Lyman S , 3 & up, 7 fur.
Parx	
	\$100,000 Foxy J. G. S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 7 fur.
Sat., June 1	\$100,000 Danzig S , 3YO, 6 fur.
Penn	
	\$100,000 New Start S , 3YO fillies, 6 fur.
Sun., June 9	\$100,000 Lyphard S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Penn	
	\$100,000 Robellino S , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Sat., June 22	\$100,000 Crowd Pleaser S , 3YO, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Parx	
	\$100,000 Power by Far S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 5 fur., turf
Sun., July 7	\$100,000 Leematt S , 3 & up, 1 mi.
PID	
	\$100,000 Northern Fling S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 mi.
Sat., Aug. 3	\$100,000 Banjo Picker Sprint S , 3 & up, 6 fur.
Parx	
	\$100,000 Roanoke S , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi.
	\$100,000 Marshall Jenney S , 3 & up, 5 fur., turf
	\$100,000 Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 6 fur.
	\$100,000 Mrs. Penny S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Mon., Sept. 9	\$100,000 Malvern Rose S , 3YO fillies, 1 mi.
PID	
Sat., Sept. 21,	\$100,000 Alphabet Soup S , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Parx	
	\$100,000 Plum Pretty S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi.
Mon., Sept. 23	\$100,000 Mark McDermott S , 2YO, 6 fur.
PID	
	\$100,000 Mrs. Henry D. Paxson Memorial S , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
Wed., Nov. 27	\$100,000 Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies S , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
Penn	
Sat., Dec. 7	\$100,000 Pennsylvania Nursery S , 2YO, colts & geldings, 7 fur.
Parx	

Total: \$2,750,000

PA-Bred Fund Statistics: Top Earners

January 1 through February 28, 2019

LEADING EARNERS - TOTAL AWARDS

Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total	Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total
Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	37,986	12,757	50,743	Fantasy Lane Stable Inc.	12,883	9,317	22,200
Northview Stallion Station Inc.	0	47,641	47,641	Richard A. Malouf	20,608	0	20,608
Pewter Stable	38,487	3,200	41,687	Stonehedge Farm of PA/Equine Farm	18,985	0	18,985
Glenn E. Brok LLC	19,908	17,125	37,033	Godstone Farm LP	15,588	3,118	18,706
Arrowwood Farm Inc.	35,055	0	35,055	Barlar LLC	10,295	6,913	17,208
Donald L. Brown Jr.	25,923	6,481	32,403	William J. Solomon VMD	4,728	12,327	17,055
Cavanaugh Breen Farm LLC	30,576	0	30,576	Menotti Lembo	16,464	0	16,464
Peter Giangiulio	26,488	2,016	28,504	Charles Fiumano	15,456	0	15,456
Blackstone Farm LLC	27,604	0	27,604	Edward H. Stone	15,456	0	15,456
Spring Run Farm LLC	27,418	0	27,418	Silver Trail Stables LLC	14,610	0	14,610
Dennis Johnson	25,827	0	25,827	Chuck Russo	11,928	2,386	14,314
Godric LLC	25,296	0	25,296	Everest Stables Inc.	8,966	4,723	13,689

LEADING STALLIONS

Fund Money includes Stallion Awards only

Stallion Name	Stallion Owner / Manager	No. of Races	Award Total	Stallion Name	Stallion Owner / Manager	No. of Races	Award Total
Jump Start	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	67	22,735	Power by Far	Barbara J. Geraghty	3	3,724
El Padrino	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	21	15,822	Winchill	Pewter Stable	2	3,200
Weigelia	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	45	12,757	Rockport Harbor	William J. Solomon VMD	10	3,151
Mad Flatter	Glenn E. Brok LLC	17	9,803	Well Spelled	Godstone Farm LP	3	3,118
Uptowncharlybrown	Fantasy Lane Stable Inc.	10	9,317	Any Given Saturday	William J. Solomon VMD	23	2,888
E Dubai	Barlar LLC	9	6,913	Medallist	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	10	2,820
Talent Search	Glenn E. Brok LLC	16	6,629	Albert the Great	William J. Solomon VMD	13	2,513
Messner	Donald L. Brown Jr.	9	6,481	Il Villano	Chuck Russo	6	2,386
Silver Train	Henry R. Nothhaft	23	5,257	Toccet	Castleton Lyons Inc.	1	2,100
Petionville	Everest Stables Inc.	12	4,723	Harry the Hat	Peter Giangiulio	4	2,016
Fairbanks	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	19	4,455	Corinthian	William J. Solomon VMD	15	1,772
Smarty Jones	Patricia L. Chapman	28	4,326	Eurosilver	Dromoland Farm Inc.	10	1,728

LEADING HORSES

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

Horse	Pedigree	Breeder	Races	Restricted	Stakes	Breeder Award	Stallion Award	Owner Bonus	Total
Promised Storm *	El Padrino - Innovative	Cavanaugh Breen Farm LLC	2	0	0	25,536	6,384	18,240	50,160
Dennis' Diamond *	E Dubai - Snow Sprite	Dennis Johnson	4	0	0	25,827	6,457	12,448	44,732
Midnightcharly *	Uptowncharlybrown - Torchwood	Godric LLC	2	0	0	25,296	6,324	11,040	42,660
Thiscatcanjump *	Jump Start - Cat Mistress	Richard A. Malouf	2	0	0	20,608	5,152	14,720	40,480
Eldora *	El Padrino - Broad Gale	Spring Run Farm LLC	1	0	0	18,900	3,780	10,800	33,480
Not in the Mood *	Power by Far - I Disagree	Peter Giangiulio	3	0	0	16,408	3,724	10,640	30,772
Glowing Star *	Mad Flatter - Glowing Rate	Menotti Lembo	2	0	0	16,464	3,612	10,320	30,396
Jump For Alex *	Jump Start - Elena Says Hello	Edward H. Stone	1	0	0	15,456	3,864	11,040	30,360
Tiz Fair *	Fairbanks - Tiz Beverly	Charles Fiumano	1	0	0	15,456	3,864	11,040	30,360
Chasing My Halo *	Weigelia - Halo Effect	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	3	0	0	17,346	4,336	5,704	27,386
Grand Blue Harbor *	Rockport Harbor - Grand Miz Blue	Silver Trail Stables LLC	4	0	0	14,610	2,981	8,516	26,107
Nancy B	Afleet Alex - Party Fever	Charles J. Zacney	2	0	0	10,584	0	13,680	24,264
The Circle Game	Oxbow - Dixieland Knockout	Pewter Stable	2	0	0	11,183	0	12,780	23,963
D T Goodie *	Jump Start - Free Strike	Donald Clifford Wilson	2	0	0	13,216	3,304	7,440	23,960
Every Step *	Messner - Every Breath	Donald L. Brown Jr.	3	0	0	14,534	3,634	3,696	21,864
Ironbound *	Talent Search - Posse in Effect	Ney Pessanha	2	0	0	11,462	2,866	7,176	21,504
Aspen Xtreme	Eskendereya - Redaspen	Stonehedge Farm PA/Equine Farm	2	0	0	10,308	0	10,800	21,108
Izzadora Bella	Hey Chub - White Eye Julia I.	Joe-Dan Farm Inc.	2	0	0	8,624	0	12,320	20,944
Celesse	Line of David - Cherokee Moonlight	Horseshoe Valley Equine Center LLC	2	0	0	8,008	0	11,440	19,448
Saint Main Event	Redeemed - Lucky Notion	Daniel W. McConnell Sr.	1	0	0	7,896	0	11,280	19,176
Arch Contender	Archarcharch - Lola's Love	Blackstone Farm LLC	3	0	0	7,784	0	11,120	18,904
Gotta Be Strong	Strong Mandate - Gotta Rush	Scott Naylor	1	0	0	7,728	0	11,040	18,768
Grit'n'grind *	Jump Start - See the Forest	Marshall K. Gramm	2	0	0	9,453	2,363	6,752	18,568
Flattering Ruby *	Mad Flatter - Precious Lily	Luana J. Johnson	2	0	0	10,752	2,688	4,480	17,920

*Denotes PA-sired