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Howells quietly growing Whysper Wynd Farm

by Emily Shields

There was never any doubt that Justine Howell would be involved with Thoroughbreds.

Her parents met as jockeys working for Howell's grandfather, who took up training in the 1970s. Her father, the all-time leading rider at Erie Downs, is now a trainer at Presque Isle Downs. But Howell herself had to find a way to be involved in the business without arriving at the track at 4 in the morning on a daily basis. "My dad thrives off that, but it's not what I wanted to do," she said.

Enter Howell's dual interests of breeding and retraining. After participating in pony club and eventing as a child, she broke her first horse as a young teenager.

Through it all, her parents were experimenting with breeding horses. "I always thought it was fascinating," Howell said. "It was like a dance between art and science. That's where my interests lie."

Howell went to school to be a veterinary technician, but working with broodmares called to her. She and husband Marc "branched out from my parents" and bought a Pennsylvania farm in 2010. The Everson property was just over 11 acres and ultimately proved too small to run a full-scale operation.

In 2017, they upgraded to a 26-acre Chester Springs property, now the home of their Whysper Wynd Farm. "We had to gut it and start a whole new barn," Howell said. "There was a barn that hadn't had any livestock in it since the 1970s, so we had a lot of work to do to set it all up, and it's still not finished. It's a work in progress, but it's been worth it because I've got the foaling facilities set up just how I want it."

Right now there are 16 horses on the property, but that number can fluctuate up to 20 depending on the time of year. Howell, her husband, and their two daughters are the only employees, doing



all of the feeding and care themselves every day. "I do the stalls," Howell said, "and then foal watch is a rotation. We have cameras that we can access through an app, so my husband watches remotely until I get up at midnight and watch through the early morning hours. The girls fill in if he's traveling to give me some time to sleep. All of the family works."

Howell pointed out that the lockdown caused by the coronavirus COVID-19 has actually been a blessing, because, "everyone has been at home, so I am getting more help than I'm used to this year!"

Howell foaled out seven mares this season, and prefers to keep it closer to a "boutique four. But this is the last spring that my daughter will be home before college, so we bred six and a friend of mine sent a mare as the seventh."

She has been quietly collecting well-bred mares over the years, including several from the same female family. Howell is a big fan of three-time Grade 1 winner Curalina, and Grade 2 heroine Mylady Curlin, as well as Buckleupbuttercup, who won the Grade 3 Eight Belles Stakes at Churchill Downs in 2010. "One of my favorite mares I've got here is a half-sister to the dam of Curalina," Howell said. "I also bought a half-sister to Mylady

Curlin, who is one of his top runners right now. I tracked down a Hard Spun mare who is a little more branched out from Curalina but it's the same female family. I've kind of become a collector."

Howell doesn't wager often, but she did on Buckleupbuttercup when she won the Eight Belles. "She paid a ton of money," Howell said of the \$17.80 winner. "I have a half-sister to her."

She has been using Kentucky-based stallions over the last few years, with mares bred to the likes of Malibu Moon and Breeders' Cup Classic-G1 hero Vino Rosso this season. Recently, however, she has become fond of some local sires.

"With the increased breeder awards and increasing quality of stallions in Pennsylvania, I definitely moved towards these sires a little bit," she said. "I have 50 percent Pennsylvania-bred and Pennsylvania-sired, with the others being Kentucky-sired but Pennsylvania-bred."

Howell is especially interested in Social Inclusion, whose first foals are juveniles this year. He stands at Diamond B Farm. "He's such a great looking horse, I can't wait to see his babies," Howell said. "I have a Smarty Jones on the farm that belongs to a client and is a really nice baby. And just recently I had an Eastwood foal."

Eastwood, by Speightstown, was graded stakes-placed at Santa Anita after winning allowance races at Keeneland, Saratoga and

Belmont Park. He also stands at Diamond B. "I wasn't expecting a ton, but I am in love with this baby!" Howell proclaimed. "Such a little firecracker and a powerhouse. It's always cool to see where the surprises pop up. That's exactly what I like about breeding, because you never know where you'll get an awesome baby from."

While most of Howell's foals are bred for commercial purposes, she does like to keep a few to race. Her favorite homebred was Midnight Raven, a maiden special weight winner at Parx who is now being retrained for a sporting career. She also bred the hard-knocking Party Pants, who only won twice but finished in the top three 13 times.

Howell fills any spare time with the re-training of retired racehorses. She rides for the Mid-Atlantic Horse Rescue, and is the Presque Isle Downs contact for CANTER Pennsylvania. She also shows, taking horses to the annual Retired Racehorse Project Thoroughbred Makeover. This year she will have her first homebred in the event that shows off former racehorses as they succeed in their new careers.

Between breeding, foaling, and rehabilitating former runners, there isn't a lot of spare time in the Howell household, but the family matriarch wouldn't have it any other way. The work is grueling, but rewarding. "There's days when I wake up and think, 'Why did I do this?'" Howell joked. "But those aren't as frequent as the days when I think, 'I am so glad I did this!'"

A few words from the Executive Secretary

Our annual Pennsylvania's Day at the Races at Parx is just around the corner with purses over a half million dollars. The event will take place on Monday, Sept. 7. The day will honor and celebrate the breeding industry in Pennsylvania, as well as provide the chance for some top notch horses to showcase their talents and earn black type in our five \$80,000 stakes: the Banjo Picker Sprint for 3 & up at six furlongs; the Storm Cat for 3 & up at a mile and a sixteenth; the Marshall Jenney Handicap for sprinters 3 & up at five furlongs on the turf; the

Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial for fillies and mares, 3 & up, at six furlongs; and the Mrs. Penny for fillies and mares, 3 & up, at a mile and a sixteenth on the turf. A 25 percent PA-sired bonus will again be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in all stakes.

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the luncheon this year but the important thing is that the day is on and we want you to know that we will do everything we can to continue to move the PA program forward! Go PA!! As a reminder, the annual Stallion and Breeding Farm Directory will be published in December. Forms are being mailed and emailed to our stallion owners and domicile farms to have your information listed in the directory. Submissions will be due to our office by the end of September. Don't miss out on this free service!

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PA-Bred Fund Statistics: Top Earners

January 1 through June 30, 2020

LEADING EARNERS - TOTAL AWARDS

Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total	Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total
Northview Stallion Station Inc.	0	98,406	98,406	Castle Rock Farm	29,279	0	29,279
Glenn E. Brok LLC	48,278	26,285	74,563	Donald L. Brown Jr.	23,478	5,594	29,072
William J. Solomon VMD	48,115	24,703	72,818	Arrowwood Farm Inc.	26,026	0	26,026
Fantasy Lane Stable Inc.	44,176	11,044	55,220	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	13,089	12,027	25,116
Blackstone Farm LLC	52,785	0	52,785	Robert C. Roffey Jr.	24,476	0	24,476
Thomas G. McClay	51,516	0	51,516	Pewter Stable	16,792	6,832	23,624
Richard N. Miller	40,054	8,136	48,190	Flint W. Stites	16,974	5,912	22,886
Sylmar Farm Inc.	37,781	0	37,781	A & J Racing Stable LLC	22,148	0	22,148
Patricia L. Chapman	26,226	8,996	35,222	Barlar LLC	15,668	6,130	21,798
Wendy H. Mutnick	33,584	0	33,584	Stacy McMullin Machiz	21,509	0	21,509
Cavanaugh Breen Farm LLC	32,124	0	32,124	Roger Cettina	21,104	0	21,104
Spring Run Farm LLC	30,049	0	30,049	Richard Molineaux	20,668	0	20,668

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.	148	55,015	Mad Flatter	Glenn E. Brok LLC	25	6,055
El Padrino	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	61	33,742	Reflect Times	Flint W. Stites	13	5,912
Talent Search	Glenn E. Brok LLC	42	18,829	E Dubai	Barlar LLC	12	5,810
Albert the Great	William J. Solomon VMD	43	14,806	Messner	Donald L. Brown Jr.	5	5,594
Uptowncharlybrown	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	22	13,048	Wiseman's Ferry	Lainey Bug Stables LLC	5	5,537
Weigelia	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	63	12,027	Tocet	Castleton Lyons Inc.	4	5,276
Partner's Hero	Peter Giangiulio	19	11,362	Medallist	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	13	5,208
Smarty Jones	Patricia L. Chapman	40	8,996	Well Spelled	Godstone Farm LP	31	4,599
Winchill	Pewter Stable	11	6,524	Any Given Saturday	William J. Solomon VMD	29	4,024
Rimrod	George Strawbridge Jr.	14	6,522	Silver Train	Henry R. Nothhaft	11	3,704
Petionville	Everest Stables Inc.	14	6,426	Fairbanks	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	14	2,688
Emperor Tiberius	Richard N. Miller	5	6,240	Flashy Bull	James E. Hess	10	2,373

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
Final Shot *	Talent Search - Last Shot	Wendy H. Mutnick	4	0	0	33,584	8,396	16,960	58,940
E T's Gypsy Woman *	Emperor Tiberius - Deona	Richard N. Miller	2	0	0	28,740	6,240	10,800	45,780
Wait for It *	Uptowncharlybrown - Kimberley Diamond	Fantasy Lane Stable Inc.	2	0	0	22,064	5,516	15,760	43,340
Peach Alley *	Jump Start - How Bout Tonight	Thomas G. McClay	5	0	0	21,644	5,411	15,460	42,515
Wise Jude *	Wiseman's Ferry - Sweet as You Are	A & J Racing Stable LLC	3	0	0	22,148	5,537	14,720	42,405
Promised Storm *	El Padrino - Innovative	Cavanaugh Breen Farm LLC	3	0	0	22,352	5,588	11,280	39,220
Admiral Abe	Midshipman - Precious Penny	James Walker	4	0	0	14,392	0	20,560	34,952
Graves Island *	Petionville - Sherrie Belle	Robert C. Roffey Jr.	4	0	0	20,108	5,027	9,220	34,355
Red Razzo *	Tocet - High Iron Lass	Roger Cettina	4	0	0	21,104	5,276	6,160	32,540
Mess'n Around *	Messner - She Is a Lioness	Donald L. Brown Jr.	1	0	0	16,464	4,116	11,760	32,340
Flashy Kyem *	Medallist - Flash Riot	Daniel W. McConnell Sr.	3	0	0	15,680	3,920	11,200	30,800
Geebert *	Albert the Great - Gee Pari	Richard Molineaux	3	0	0	16,464	3,612	10,320	30,396
Sunday Inn *	El Padrino - Dynamist	Patricia L. Chapman	1	0	0	15,456	3,864	11,040	30,360
You Must Chill *	Winchill - Only Me	Mark Brown Grier	1	0	0	15,456	3,864	11,040	30,360
Lucky Hero *	Partner's Hero - Leigh's Last Power	Barbara J. Geraghty	2	0	0	18,912	4,728	6,480	30,120
Philadelphia Belle *	Jump Start - Cam's Cousin	Nick J. Polydoros	1	0	0	16,800	3,360	9,600	29,760
Tara's Talent *	Talent Search - Graemy	Glenn E. Brok LLC	3	0	0	17,472	4,368	6,480	28,320
Late Breaking News *	Jump Start - Very Distinctive	Stacy McMullin Machiz	3	0	0	14,621	3,655	8,892	27,168
Madam Meena	Include - Good Tidings	Michael R. Cox	5	0	0	13,896	0	13,080	26,976
Dreamer's Moon	Alternation - Dream Realized	Blackstone Farm LLC	4	0	0	13,992	0	12,960	26,952
Broad Street Bully *	El Padrino - Broad Gale	Spring Run Farm LLC	3	0	0	18,176	4,544	3,360	26,080
Tale of E Dubai *	E Dubai - Lady's Tale	M A T Stables LLC	3	0	0	12,768	3,192	9,120	25,080
My Danzig Partner *	Partner's Hero - Second in Power	Castle Rock Farm	5	0	0	13,692	2,738	7,824	24,254
Miss Dillingham *	Jump Start - Dillingham	Thomas G. McClay	2	0	0	15,648	3,912	3,360	22,920

*Denotes PA-sired