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## PA-BRED REMINDERS

- **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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## In celebration of the PA Breeding Program

by Emily Shields

From Iroquois to Smarty Jones, Flatterer to Unique Bella, Pennsylvania-breds have shown they can compete with the very best. Danzig and Storm Cat helped shaped the breed, Princess of Sylmar won the Kentucky Oaks, and Alphabet Soup, Finest City, Go for Wand, Shamrock Rose and Tikkanen all won Breeders' Cup races.

With a comprehensive system of bonuses for breeders and owners, Pennsylvania is a premier place to breed and race horses. Owners from other states—including Kentucky and New Jersey—have been moving their mares to the Keystone State in pursuit of those bonuses, and have been reaping the rewards.

"You cannot beat the breeders' awards and what they are doing with the program," said Rick Molineaux, a New Jersey resident who has had as many as eight mares a year in Pennsylvania. "Where else can you breed a horse and run it for seven years or more and make that much money? With just one horse I made about \$500,000 and that doesn't include the awards. It's a win-win."

Molineaux's history with Pennsylvania runs deep, as aunt Jane Baker was involved in the sport from the 1950s.

"I started breeding in 2000, but my aunt was breeding horses in Pennsylvania in the late '70s or early '80s," he said. "She was very much a senior citizen but she loved her horses."

Molineaux became involved by picking out stallions for Baker's mares. "I went to the breeding farms and they met me and my 50 questions and decided to educate me," he recalled. "The Pennsylvania breeding farms were very helpful to everybody."

Over time, Molineaux bred several major earners, including Winning the Medal, a son of Medallist who had a record of 43-7-6-9 with earnings of \$461,516. He was a multiple stakes winner. Stakes-placed Estrada's Girl ran 56 times with 15 wins and 20 placings, earning \$549,854. Ricky's Lite was a stakes-placed earner of \$277,262, and the Vicky Schowe-bred but Molineaux-raced Aussie Mist compiled \$273,886. Almost every start came in Pennsylvania.

The breeders' bonuses in maiden races are 50% to a Pennsylvania-sired and bred runner, or 25% for a non-Pennsylvania-sired state-bred. Other race conditions are 40% for dual qualifiers and 20% otherwise. As for owners, the bonuses are paid by the track, with 40% paid out from Parx, 30% at Presque Isle, and 30% at Penn National.

"Do you know how many vacations I can take due to these horses?" Molineaux joked.

Wife Liz added, "Breeding in Pennsylvania is well worth it, financially. And it's a better organization all together. The people you deal with are nice, they're more organized, the farms are well maintained. It's worth it, to us."

Mark Toothaker, Stallion Sales Manager at the renowned Spendthrift Farm in Kentucky, also has become involved in Pennsylvania. "I've been part of the program there for quite a while," he said. "I want to be able to breed back to Kentucky stallions while taking advantage of the program up there, so being able to foal the mare there is a plus. I was looking for a state program that had that option."

He has found the market in Pennsylvania to be ideal. "It's a great avenue for me to take mares I'm looking to move along. I could sell them in Kentucky but I would rather work with the breeders in Pennsylvania, give them the mare at no expense, and split the foal and the breeders' award money."

Toothaker makes sure to send at least one if not two mares every year. "It's a great program," he said. "You can run in restricted company at some of the tracks where you aren't having to face the world. It's a big advantage to race there and still have a chance to get black type."

Spendthrift sent Grade 1-winning stallion Wicked Strong to Pin Oak Lane Farm in Pennsylvania for the 2021 season. "When things went south as far as commercial breeders abandoning him in Kentucky, we didn't want to give up," Toothaker said. "I really think he's a great fit for the Pennsylvania breeder. He can get you a runner that goes long or short, so we're hoping something big will pop up for him."

David Todd Wilkinson, one of the four "Ds" in New Jersey's Hidden Acres 4-D Farm, has become fond of the Pennsylvania program as well. "It's actually closer for us to see our horses race," he said. "We are about 20 minutes from Parx, where they run almost all year. And between Parx, Presque Isle and Penn National, there's racing almost every single day."

Wilkinson has been sending mares to Pennsylvania for eight years, and owns a breeding right to WynOaks Farm stallion Warrior's Reward. "We just like

the program," he said. "We are the breeder, the owner, everything. So we foal out in Pennsylvania, then breed back to a PA-sire. I like that when you have a Pennsylvania sire, it's even more money for the breeders awards. Hopefully it promotes bringing new stallions here and making the program even better."

Wilkinson had as many as 12 mares before, but is down to four, all of which will foal in Pennsylvania in 2023. He also bred Fortheluvofbourbon, a multiple stakes winner who has won 11 of 22 starts and earned \$518,120. The son of Bourbon Courage has won five starts in a row and just defended his title in the 2022 Banjo Picker Sprint on Pa Day at the Races.

The PHBA Breeding Fund distributes an average of \$28 million each year in Breeders Awards, Stallion Awards, Owners Bonuses and purses for Restricted Races. With the extra funding available to owners and breeders, Pennsylvania stands as the place to develop a racehorse.

## A few words from the Executive Secretary

Congratulations to the winners of the inaugural running of the Pa-Sired Pa-Bred Stallion Series! Bonuses of \$50,000 were presented to the four winning trainers, led by Lupe Preciado receiving \$28,333 for the first-place finish of Flor de Sombra and third with Gordian Knot. Second place money of \$15,000 went to Ed Coletti for Keithsendshelloooo. Bernie Houghton and Butch Reid received \$3,333 each as part of a three-way tie for third.

Thanks goes out to all the owners and trainers who participated and let's not forget all our PA Stallions who are the lifeblood of our series.

Excitement is building for 2023 as

the series will be run in three legs, SIX STAKES, at 5½ furlongs for \$100,000, 6½ furlongs for \$150,000, and a flat mile for \$200,000. Each leg will consist of a 2yo race and a 2yo filly race. Don't forget about the \$50,000 trainer bonus for the top three point-earning horses. Nomination forms for the 2023 series are only \$200 if paid by Dec. 31st of the participants yearling year. You can go to [pabred.com](http://pabred.com) under 'Home' and print the nomination form.

As a reminder, the annual Stallion and Breeding Farm Directory will be published in December. Please make sure you reserve your spot before Nov. 11th. Don't miss out on this free service!

Please remember, for the foal crop of 2023, broodmares must be in the state by Dec. 1, 2022, or within 14 days of a public sale (within 60 days of a sale outside the U.S.) or bred back to a PA-Sire. We ask that you submit all broodmare domicile forms online. We will let everyone know when the new form is available.

As usual, please contact our office with any questions you may have. Pennsylvania is the only place to Breed & Race and remember, you ain't seen nothing yet! Go PA!!



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