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If you'd like to learn more about breeding and owning PA-Breds, please contact Executive Secretary Brian Sanfratello by phone at 610.444.1050 or by email at [pabreeder@gmail.com](mailto:pabreeder@gmail.com).

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# Message from Brian Sanfratello

## Executive Secretary of the PHBA

Thoroughbred horses were the last thing on my mind growing up in Philadelphia. I don't think I saw real grass until my 4th-grade field trip. After spending three years in the Marine Corps, from 1972 to 1975, I went back to school and worked as a security guard at what was then Philadelphia Park on the midnight-to-8 shifts. This was my first real exposure to racing life. While I worked at the track I met trainers, owners and others who made up our diversified industry. Some hot walkers and grooms spoke about moving up to become trainers in order to make better lives for their families.

My wife and I were fascinated with the industry and attended the races on Saturday afternoons with friends for a few years who were very knowledgeable about the business. In 1995, with counseling from our friends, we decided to give it a go as owners.

Our first trainer was a tough Kentucky-Bred named Marty Fallon. We learned a lot over the next few years but a whole new chapter was to unfold when we decided to go into the breeding end of the business in 2000. This would be easy, right? We had our foundation mare who had won two stakes races and was 3-year-old Horse of the Year at Philadelphia Park. Boy, was I wrong. What we did learn was that breeders lives were filled with hard work and dedication to their horses day in and day out.

I wanted to better understand and help advance the PA-Bred program, so I submitted my resume to the PHBA nomination committee requesting to run for a seat on the Board. A year or so later, I was nominated and elected. Over the next few years I had the pleasure of working with some of the elite minds in the breeding industry and learned from then-Executive Secretary Mark McDermott. I worked my way up through the chairs and became president in 2010 and executive secretary in 2014.

During my time as executive secretary, the Board and staff have worked diligently to make the PA-Bred program among the best in the nation by introducing

ways to compensate our breeders early in their horse's career. Our breeders have told us that most importantly, they wanted to compete on a level playing field. Considering this important request, we have partnered with PennVet New Bolton Center on several projects concerning biomarker and anti-doping research and gene testing pertaining to bone soundness for our equine athletes.

Our Board supports our Pennsylvania aftercare organizations Turning for Home and New Start. We also help with the bailing of our PA-Breds found in kill pens and support other rehoming farms. The PHBA is one of the first breeding organizations to incorporate a Code of Ethics into our registration process that all breeders must attest to when registering a horse or becoming a member.

I am most proud of the dedication of our Staff and Board who work tirelessly to advance the PHBA. It's been a pleasure to work for and with them as we continue to serve Pennsylvania. Go PA!!



*Brian  
Sanfratello*



# Message from Jeb Hannum, Executive Secretary of the Virginia Equine Alliance

It is my pleasure to share a few words on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the PHBA.

My congratulations to the PHBA Board and the staff on this important milestone. It's hard to fathom the extraordinary changes that have affected the horse industry over the last 25 years let alone the last 75. But through it all the PHBA has been a beacon of good standing, first for the show horses and later for the Thoroughbred breeders.

I was at a Virginia Racing Commission meeting earlier this year and was asked by a track employee how I got involved in racing. My response was a long pause as I thought – do I give the short answer or the long answer?

Horses have always been part of my life – pony races, foxhunting, steeplechase races – but horses were always a hobby for me. At some points in my life, I wasn't riding at all, at other points, it was all I was doing. Yet I always knew I was most happy around horses, going fast in the hunting field or being at the track.

The shift came for me in 2011 when racing switched from my hobby to my profession. It was at this time that my term on the Pennsylvania Racing Commission was wrapping up and when the legendary PHBA Executive Secretary Mark McDermott announced his retirement.

I threw my name in the hat as a candidate for the role at the PHBA. The Board had a big job on its hands as Mark had been the Executive Secretary since 1976. I was six years old when he started.

The more I learned about the state's breeding program the more I wanted to take the helm of the PHBA. I was very fortunate to receive a great deal of support and advice from Rick Abbott, Peter Giangulio and Liz Merryman. Rick has been a mentor to me in the industry and I so very much appreciate all of his help.

After a tough interview process, I was named the new Executive Secretary. There was no turning back now as I was overseeing one of the largest state-bred programs and faced with the daunting challenge of dealing with not one but two Horsemen's groups.

Mark was incredibly helpful in the transition. He devoted many hours reviewing documents with me - files,

spreadsheets, procedures - some dating back to 1976!

In my first few months on the job I would often call Mark in a minor panic and he would put my problem in perspective and assure me that all would be well. It usually was.

I got to work with some great breeders and horsemen during my tenure – I learned so much from Dale Schilling, Ed Price, Roger Legg and Brian Sanfratello and everyone on the Board. And of course Jane White kept us all in line.

One of the aspects of the job I really enjoyed was working with Tony Crisci in Harrisburg. Tony was another from whom I learned a great deal. Tony ensured the PHBA always had a good working relationship with the Legislature and the Governor's office as this was critical to maintaining funding for the organization.

I remember Mark saying to me that the breeders need to be seen as the good guys. We are the "white knights" he'd say and while the Horsemen Associations will get into tussles, the PHBA needs to remain an example of good conduct. Good advice then and now.

My thanks to Mark, Rick and everyone at the PHBA for helping me lead the organization – it was a great experience.

My congratulations once again to all – here's to another 75 years serving the Pennsylvania breeders.



*Jeb Hannum*

*Jeb Hannum served as the Executive Secretary of the PHBA from 2011 to 2014. He is now the Executive Secretary of the Virginia Equine Alliance and lives with his family outside of Middleburg, VA.*

# Mark McDermott

## Executive Director 1976-2011

*(Reprinted from 25 years ago)*

Four years at the United States Coast Guard Academy and the ensuing stint on active duty had taught me one thing above all—happiness for me at work was achievable only when doing something I greatly enjoyed.

My link to Thoroughbreds traces to 1967, on a rainy Washington's Birthday at Lincoln Downs outside of Providence, R.I. My cousin took an impressionable cadet co the windows, and had me lay down a deuce in the third on a maiden named My Son Louis. A few minutes later, he showed me how to exchange my ticket for the \$44.60 the unheralded first-time starter paid. What a country! I was fascinated, and from that moment onward my professional compass has yet to waver from the direction of Thoroughbred racing.

In this pursuit, I worked for both the Daily Racing Form and Fair Grounds race track while finishing out my final two years of active duty with the Coast Guard in New Orleans. I was a slave (today it's called an intern) to the legendary Form columnist Teddy Cox, and assisted the even more legendary publicity director Allen (Black Cat) LaCombe in the press box there. My son's birth announcement was first publicly noted in Cox's column! I was in THE business, and very proud of it.

I resigned my commission in 1971 and went to work immediately helping to jump-start the yet-to-be introduced Eastern edition of the Daily Racing Form in Hightstown, N.J. Although the new environs were a bit more orthodox than my Fair Grounds days, the overlying theme was horse racing, and for me it was heaven on earth.

Shortly thereafter, the Form totally replaced the Morning Telegraph as America's turf authority, and I returned to New Orleans to pursue the business from yet another angle—this time as managing editor of The Louisiana Horse. I cook the pictures, wrote the stories, set the type, sold the ads, wrote the copy and did anything else that needed to be done.

In the winter of 1975, while I was still in New Orleans, Russell Jones called. He told me I had been recommended to him as a potential candidate for a newly created position with the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association, and asked if I were interested in an inter-

view. Yes, I was. My older son was ready to enter school full time, and frankly, the idea of him getting his three R's from some Cajun queen was too scary even for me. It was time to come home, or at least head a good distance in that direction. On January 27, 1976, I arrived in Kennett Square—my first day on the job—and the rest, as they say, is history.

My years with the PHBA have provided me with the opportunity to work closely with many wonderful people. I cannot say enough of the vision and drive of Jones, the enthusiasm of Jenney, the example of Abbott, the pragmatic success of Mills, the dedication and unselfishness of Reihart and the broad-based wisdom of Solomon. They are the presidents who have led their respective boards through the formative, adjusting and innovative projects that today make the Pennsylvania program the best of its kind in all the world.

To the many members of the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association over the past quarter of a century, please be aware of the pleasure it has been for me to serve you, to help make your rough journey a bit smoother, and to try to maintain the high standards of an infant program set a quarter-century ago. The experience has been valuable, unique, terrific. Thank you for it all.



Mark  
McDermott

# Pennsylvania Breeding and Racing: A Running History

**1881**—Pennsylvania-bred Iroquois wins the English Derby.

**1948**—The Pennsylvania Horse Breeders is incorporated. Formed in an effort to “organize the widely scattered breeding interests” of horse people in the state, the PHBA had a mailing address in Philadelphia and listed the following as its slate of leaders:

Arthur E. Pew Jr. of Bryn Mawr, president; Henry Cadwalader of Ambler, vice-president; David Dallas O’Dell of Malvern, secretary/treasurer. Also serving as directors were Richard K. Mellon of Ligonier, William C. Hunneman Jr. of Malvern, Frank F. Truscott of Philadelphia, Sydney W. Glass of West Chester, Thomas H. McKoy Jr. of Haverford, George McNary of Greensburg and L.B. Sheppard of Hanover.

**December, 1967**—Governor Raymond Shafer signs into law Pennsylvania’s Thoroughbred pari-mutuel bill.

**October, 1968**—Inaugural issue of The Pennsylvania Horse magazine proclaims 1968 the “Year of the Horse” in Pennsylvania. The bi-monthly, general interest publication included within its editorial confines all horse activities, except for Standardbred racing, within the commonwealth. The first issue featured an interview with Pennsylvania Racing Commission chairman Roy Wilkinson and a profile of the Lewis C. Ledyard family of Unionville (among the accompanying photographs was one in which Mrs. Eve Ledyard enjoyed a leisurely ride with 3-year-old granddaughter Emery Jones—now manager of her father Russell Jones’s Walnut Green bloodstock agency office in Kentucky). In anticipation of live Thoroughbred racing, Alex C. Stokes of Newtown Square had been named state steward.



*Pennsylvania’s stature as a Thoroughbred breeding center was established more than a century ago by Iroquois, who in 1881 became the first American horse ever to win the English Derby.*

**1968**—The State Racing Commission appoints the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association to serve as its official “representative and consultant.” The PHBA was designated the “official custodian and arbiter for registration and recording of all Pennsylvania Thoroughbreds” and charged with determining what PA-bred horses would be eligible to enter PA-bred races. Furthermore, the Racing Commission empowered the PHBA to serve as a “clearinghouse for an inquiry and public relations service for all matters connected with the breeding of Pennsylvania-bred Thoroughbreds,” and to organize a stallion, mare and foal registry. Officers of the PHBA were David Dallas Odell, president; J. Blan van Urk and William H. Bale, vice-presidents; Richard E. McDevitt, treasurer; and Richard I.G. Jones, secretary.

**December, 1968**—Maui Meadow Farm (Gen. and Mrs. Charles B. Lyman) announces the first stallion ever syndicated to stand in Pennsylvania. Bold Effort, an unraced son of Bold Ruler-Magneto, by \*Ambiorix, would enter stud at the Lyman family farm in West Chester the following season for a \$1,500 live foal fee, joining Maui Meadow veteran Cosmic Bomb, Ribolini and Roman Steps.





*To say that the plant was jam-packed at Liberty Bell Park in its second Thoroughbred meeting in 1970 would be an obvious understatement.*

**May 31, 1969**—They're off!-at 1:31 p.m. EDT-in the first pari-mutuel Thoroughbred race ever conducted in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Liberty Bell Park (an existing harness track in northeast Philadelphia) broke first from the gate, launching a 34-day meeting the day after neighboring Garden State Park closed for the season.

Lead-off event on Liberty Bell's opening day nine-race card was a six-furlong sprint won by 7-year-old Craig Lynn, carrying the colors of Steve Triarhos' Pegasus Stable. The featured \$25,000 Keystone Handicap was won by Social Song, a 6-year-old Florida-bred owned by Sarah E. Humes and trained by Gene W. Semier.

Liberty Bell's minimum purse was \$3,500 and its stakes program included one \$75,000 race and five events each with \$50,000 in added money.

It was, as noted by The Blood-Horse "270 years after William Penn imported the stallion \*Tamerlane and two mares of racing stock." The magazine further recounted: "Although the Philadelphia Jockey Club flourished briefly in colonial days, Pennsylvania's blue laws had forbidden horse racing since shortly after the American Revolution." Harness racing, however, had been reinstated in 1963.

**July, 1969**—Ground is broken for what will become Keystone (Philadelphia Park) race track.

**1969**—Pocono Downs's first-ever Thoroughbred meet (August 22 through November 15) is declared a success. The 74-night program posted average daily handle of \$275,185 and attendance of 3,893. Purse distribution at the Wilkes-Barre oval totaled more than \$1.1 million. Pocono Downs would continue to operate both Thoroughbred and Standardbred racing until 1980, after which its dates were transferred to Penn National.

**1969**—In the first year of Pennsylvania racing, D.L. Reynolds's Keystone Stable draws off to an impressive lead among breeders of PA-breds. With stable star Addy Boy leading the way, Keystone was represented by 15 winners of 22 races and first-place earnings of \$127,848.

**1969**—The dramatic turnaround expected to occur with the advent of PA-bred restricted Thoroughbred racing is exemplified as Lancaster-based horseman M.A. Stoltzfus disperses his highly successful Saddlebred operation and launches a Thoroughbred racing and breeding operation at his Greystone Manor Stables, a showplace facility where top stallion prospect Fusilier Boy was now holding court.

**December, 1969**—Pennsylvania division of the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association is established. Edwin S. Hineman, longtime owner/breeder and executive deputy secretary of the State Department of Revenue, was appointed by then-Maryland/Delaware/Pennsylvania/Charles Town president Fendall Claggett to serve as the division's first president. In a general election the following July, Glenn Smith became the organization's first elected president.

**January, 1970**—Seventy-six Thoroughbred stallions are listed as standing in the commonwealth, according to a compilation by The Pennsylvania Horse. Highest advertised fee (\$1,500) was that of Maui Meadow Farm's Bold Effort.



**April/May, 1970**—“Considering the difficult winter,” Penn National Race Course general manager Barclay O’Dell tells *The Pennsylvania Horse*, “construction is proceeding well.” Much of the foundation work had been completed on the \$9 million plant, but so far no dates had been requested. Six-hundred fifty-thousand shares of stock at \$10 per share had been placed on the market through the Harrisburg brokerage firm Carter-Martin, Inc.

**November, 1970**—The PHBA announces plans for proposed breeding fund legislation to be introduced in the state legislature in early 1971. PHBA president Bruce Donaldson had appointed a committee consisting of Dr. John R.S. Fisher, Marshall Jenney and Richard I.G. Jones to study existing legislation in Maryland, New Jersey, Florida and California and put forth recommendations for a Pennsylvania program.

**March, 1971**—Introduction of breeding fund legislation, having been delayed by a changeover in the state administration, appears to be on track following a meeting between PHBA directors and the new state Secretary of Agriculture Jim McHale. “Secretary McHale expressed his belief that the growth of a Thoroughbred industry in Pennsylvania would contribute to a reduction in rural unemployment and to the preservation of open spaces,” reported *The Pennsylvania Horse*. Richard Jones, an attorney, has prepared the PHBA’s memorandum explaining in detail the proposed legislation and the reasons for each of the accompanying recommendations.

**1971-PA-bred Pistol Packer** conducts an awesome 3-year-old championship campaign in France, where she would retire the following season as France’s then-all-time leading female money-earner.

**1971**—The state’s first \$100,000 race, the Hobson Handicap run August 21 at Liberty Bell, showcases an 11-length victory by Hobeau Farm’s Peace Corps. The race is named in honor of Dr. Abraham Anthony Aloysius Hobson, one of the founders of Continental Racing Association, which operated the track.

**October, 1971**—Pitt Park Raceway brings Thoroughbred racing to the Pittsburgh area, operating a 69-night program (October 11 through January 1) at The Meadows, a five-furlong harness track with synthetic surfacing. The operation would be short-lived, terminated halfway through its 1972 meeting, with general manager Bill Bork telling *The Blood-Horse* “too much competition, bad dates and small crowds and betting” were the reasons. Bork said “wagering was well below our break-even figure of \$240,000. But we would have completed the meet had the horsemen agreed to a lowering of the minimum purse from \$1,500 to \$1,200.”

**Fall, 1971**—Renaissance horseman Russell Jones gets the first of three consecutive Pennsylvania Hunt Cup wins aboard his timber champion Jacko. Their margin of victory was recorded as 99 lengths.

**August 30, 1972**—Penn National opens its doors as the first Pennsylvania track built exclusively for Thoroughbred racing. Scheduled to run 100 nights (through December 30), the



*Pistol Packer was a champion two seasons and a classic winner in France.*

\$14-million facility in Grantville, near Harrisburg, did not draw the hoped-for crowds, with the opening-night figure of 10,686 dwindling sharply in succeeding weeks. Purses averaged \$31,000 per day and the “break-even” betting figure was \$400,000. “The sport is new to the area and there is no way one accurately can project attendance or handle,” noted racing secretary Pete Kosiba. Reported *The Blood-Horse*: “The absence of escalators and elevators and the obvious greenness of the pari-mutuel crew compounded matters, as did generally small race fields. Management promised to eliminate all the problems ‘in time,’ while noting that ‘most new tracks have bugs.’”

Under the management of president John J. Shumaker, Penn National would indeed overcome many of its early problems. Mr. Shumaker, a Harrisburg attorney, proved to be an innovative and unifying force, and remained at the helm until the track was sold in 1982.



**Fall, 1972**—House-sponsored legislation that would create a breeding fund passes the legislature by overwhelming margins, with the House approving it by a vote of 174-16 on September 27 and the Senate 42-4 on October 4. The program was to be funded by revenue from uncashed pari-mutuel tickets and the state’s share (50 percent) of the breakage.

Unfortunately, establishment of a breeding fund would once more prove an elusive goal. Gov. Milton Shapp vetoed the legislation that December.

Racing Commission chairman Joseph L. Lecce promised to meet immediately with the PHBA and other industry groups “to work out something that ties into the purse structure to insure everyone’s participation in a breeding program rather than the breeders alone.”

**December, 1972**—With breeding fund legislation on the horizon, *The Pennsylvania Horse* lists 110 Thoroughbred stallions in its December issue.

**1973**—Commodore Downs attempts to fill the gap in Thoroughbred racing action in northwestern Pennsylvania. Plagued by “poor attendance, low mutuel handle and adverse weather conditions,” the track operated sporadically through the 1970s and early 1980s and in 1986 began a reincarnation (lasting only three seasons) as Erie Downs.

**November 4, 1974**—The long-awaited, much-delayed opening of Pennsylvania’s first major Thoroughbred track, on the outskirts of Philadelphia, finally comes to pass. Known during most of its construction phase as Neshaminy Park, the track then called Keystone attracted an opening day crowd of 14,258.

The featured Keystone Inaugural Handicap (\$25,000, for 3-year-olds) went to Bayard Sharp’s Cool Spring Park.

With the new \$30-million facility up and running, Thoroughbred racing would no longer be conducted at nearby Liberty Bell.

**December 30, 1974**—Breeding fund legislation, a version of which has finally passed the legislature and been signed into law by Gov. Milton Shapp, takes effect. Funded by an allocation of one-half of one percent of the takeout from mutuel handle, the program essentially provided that PA-breds finishing first, second or third in any race in the state would earn for the breeder a sum equal to 15 percent of his purse earnings in the race.



*Penn National was the first facility constructed in Pennsylvania specifically for Thoroughbred racing. President throughout the track’s early years was John J. Shumaker.*



**November, 1975**—The PHBA, now immersed in all aspects of Thoroughbred racing and breeding, along with administration of the Breeding Fund, severs ties to Practical Horseman Magazine, successor publication to The Pennsylvania Horse.

**November, 1975**—PHBA newsletter publishes first list of breeder award recipients (thru Sept. 30): Joseph C. Giangiolio is tops with \$11,744.85.

**December 31, 1975**—Total distribution for the Breeding Fund's first year is \$67,409.40. Joseph C. Giangiolio leads the list with \$16,055.15.

**January, 1976**—The PHBA board of directors approves the hiring of a full-time executive secretary for the association, Mark A. McDermott.

**November 3, 1976**—The Pennsylvania Futurity – the first Thoroughbred race ever restricted to Pennsylvania-breds – is held at Keystone. The inaugural Pennsylvania Futurity, split into two divisions, featured popular victories by Triple Reverse and Pay the Toll. The races looked to the future, in more ways than one. Both winners came from breeding operations that remained a part of the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred industry for decades: Triple Reverse represented Marshall Jenney's Derry Meeting Farm in Cochranville; Pay the Toll was bred and owned by Mrs. Joseph Walker Jr., whose son Cuyler Walker would inherit the operation of her Rolling Plains Farm in Unionville.



*The first Pennsylvania Futurity was split and won by Triple Reverse and Pay the Toll (pictured), who later stood at stud in the region.*

**1976**—Pennsylvania is the “racingest” state in the union, according to figures released by the National Association of State Racing Commissioners. With 576 programs of Thoroughbred racing at four separate tracks (Commodore Downs, Keystone, Penn National and Pocono Downs), Pennsylvania racing fans were treated to eight more programs than West Virginia and 14 more than Louisiana, which ranked second and third, respectively.

**October, 1977**—The Pennsylvania Futurity is carded in colts and geldings/fillies divisions, with the purse for each set at \$20,000 (a \$5,000 increase over the previous year). Penn National hosted the fillies event, known as the Blue Mountain Futurity, while the colts performed at Keystone. Mrs. Joseph Walker Jr.'s homebred filly Eavesdrop starred in the distaff event, while Mrs. J.R.H. Thouron's homebred Cloud Forest, a supplemental nominee, romped as odds-on favorite in the Futurity.



*Jonathan Sheppard (left) and William Pape bred and raced the first PA-bred ever to win an Eclipse award—the 1979 champion steeplechaser Martie's Anger.*

**1979**—After a prolonged battle, the PHBA is successful in securing legislation to significantly boost the Breeding Fund program. The fund would now pay breeder awards in an amount equal to 20 percent of money earned whenever a Pennsylvania-bred finished first, second or third in any race in the state. Stallion awards were increased to 10 percent of the amount earned whenever a stallion's state-bred progeny finished in the top three in any Pennsylvania race. Under the new law, restricted races with lucrative purses for PA-breds could now be written.

**March, 1979**—The PHBA celebrates a major milestone when, for the first time, a race funded by the Pennsylvania Breeding Fund program draws the prescribed number of PA-breds, closing the race to outside company. The new law called for at least eight state-breds to be entered before a non-claiming Fund race could be closed to outsiders, and nine in a claiming race. If these limits were not met, state-breds were granted preferred status.

**May, 1979**—Keystone hosts the inaugural Pennsylvania Derby, a \$100,000-added event at a mile and an eighth. In 1983, after only four runnings, the race would be elevated to Grade 2 status, and its purse would be doubled.

**October, 1979**—The first major Thoroughbred auction in commonwealth history takes place at Penn National race course, with a mixed offering of 111 broodmares, weanlings, yearlings and horses of racing age bringing a total of \$319,500.

**Late 1979**—Races restricted solely to PA-breds become a long-awaited reality at Keystone and Penn National. These races carry purses double in amount to those of corresponding open races, with the money coming entirely from the Fund. Explaining the monumental import of this new program, PHBA president Marshall W. Jenney said: “Regularly scheduled restricted races represent another phase of the progression which began with Fund races which preferred state-breds as starters and was followed by Fund races which became closed to outside company after a prescribed number of Pennsylvania-breds passed the entry box. Prior to these restricted races, there was no substantial benefit of being the owner of a state-bred. But now, with the possibility of winning over \$30,000 by breaking a maiden and then following with two wins in allowance company, the demand for horses eligible for these races should increase sharply.”



*Mrs. Henry D. Paxson received an Eclipse award as North America's leading breeder of 1980. The owner of Elm Grove Farm in Bucks County was represented that season by six stakes winners, including PA-breds Heavenly Ade and Kaylem Ho.*

**December, 1979**—PHBA announces it will no longer serve as the organization for the commonwealth's horse show community. These duties were taken over by the newly-formed Pennsylvania Horse Shows Association.

**1979**—Impact of the Breeding Fund is now beyond doubt. During the first full year of 20 percent breeder awards and 10 percent stallion bonuses, total award payments nearly doubled those of the previous year, reaching \$420,000. Awards were paid to 201 individuals, as compared with 48 in 1975.

**May, 1980**—PHBA hosts the inaugural Iroquois Awards Banquet in King of Prussia. Honorees include Mrs. Henry D. Paxson, the state's overall leading breeder in 1979.

**December, 1980**—Gov. Richard Thornburgh vetoes legislation that would have greatly enhanced the Pennsylvania Breeding Fund, saying the state could not afford it.

**1980**—A dark chapter in PA racing history unfolds, as confessed race-fixer Anthony Ciulla testifies in a lengthy court trial that implicates a half-dozen others; Ciulla admits to having fixed 100 races at Pocono Downs in the spring and summer of 1974.

**1980**—Pennsylvania's national profile gets a big boost as Mrs. Henry D. Paxson, of Elm Grove Farm in Holicong, is voted an Eclipse award as the nation's leading breeder.

**1981**—A new policy requires all state racing associations to card at least one race per week restricted to Pennsylvania-breds, with a purse greater in value than that of a corresponding open race.



**April, 1981**—The first stakes race for older PA-breds, the Pistol Packer Handicap, has its inaugural running at Keystone. Victory went to Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Johnson's homebred 5-year-old mare Leslie J (by Noble Jay-Now Doris, by John William) trained by Suzanne H. Jenkins.

**Late 1981**—Race Horse Industry Reform Act - paving the way for much that has occurred in the state since then - is signed into law by Gov. Richard Thornburgh. Senator Frank O'Connell (R), a longtime ally of racing, was the bill's primary sponsor. Key provisions of the the Reform Act included: a 40 percent boost in Pennsylvania Breeding Fund monies; a stakes program with an estimated annual value of \$250,000 for PA-breds; 10 percent owner awards for state-breds winning in open company; a substantial reduction in the state's share of the pari-mutuel tax; allowances for interstate and intrastate simulcasting of races; establishment of telephone account wagering systems.

**March, 1982**—Penn National introduces simulcasting to the state, announcing plans to simulcast all stakes conducted at Aqueduct and Belmont Park.

**1982**—Penn National is purchased by Mountainview Racing Association (Peter Carlino, chairman), following months of negotiation. The change is not portentous to the rank and file, since Mountainview had operated the facility as a tenant since 1975.

**1982**—WCAU-TV in Philadelphia receives an Eclipse award for its outstanding coverage of local racing. The feat is directly attributable to station manager Richard Goldstein, horse owner and breeder and tireless campaigner for the promotion of racing's television opportunities. Five years later, the racing community was in shock after Mr. Goldstein was killed in an early Sunday morning automobile accident near his Bucks County home as he went to purchase a Daily Racing Form.

**1983**—'Twas a busy season for PA-bred Triple Crown hopefuls. Arlene Daney's Parfaitement pressed the pace for the opening mile in the Kentucky Derby before fading to 16th, then returned for a bid (but proved unable to handle the muddy track) in the Preakness. Taking a turn in the Belmont was PA-bred Megaturn, who rallied to finish fourth behind victorious Caveat.

**1983**—"We've come along way!" proclaimed the July/August issue of the PHBA newsletter. "So far in 1983, Pennsylvania-breds have started in the following Grade 1 races: Kentucky Derby, Preakness, Belmont, Coaching Club American Oaks, Haskell Invitational, Santa Anita Derby, United Nations Handicap, 1000 Guineas and French Guineas. Ten years ago, the mere appearance of a Pennsylvania-bred in a stake was a rarity; now it's commonplace."

The awesome trend would continue, with three PA-bred distaffers winning Grade 1 stakes in New York that season: Augustin Stable's homebred First Approach, Ambassador of Luck (bred by C. Thomas Fuller) and Peter Brant's homebred Spit Curl.

Biggest news of all: Two PA-breds would win Eclipse awards that season: steeplechaser Flatterer and handicap mare Ambassador of Luck. Noted the PHBA with pride: Pennsylvania produced 2 percent of the national foal crop but 20 percent of the champions. PA-breds even made their mark in France: Treizieme, bred by Kiltinan Farms and George Strawbridge, was



*Jim Manderino, Democratic Majority leader of Pennsylvania's House of Representatives, was instrumental in the passage of 1981 legislation that served to enhance the development of the breeding and racing industry.*



*Among George Strawbridge's many stars was First Approach (by Northern Fling), a Grade 1 stakes winner who later produced multiple graded stakes-winning PA-bred Alice Springs.*

the second high-ranked 2-year-old filly in France, based upon her spectacular record in her only two starts, a maiden score at Longchamp in which she set a new course record, and the Grand Criterium- G1 in which she became the first female winner in 17 years.

**August, 1983**—Penn National becomes the first track in the nation to offer telephone account wagering in conjunction with cable television broadcasts. The initial cable broadcasts were conducted on an “experimental” basis, in certain portions of the state and excluding the area within a 60-mile radius of the track. “The response (to phone betting) has been tremendous,” said Penn National general manager Bill Bork, noting that more than 5,000 accounts were opened the first night they were made available.

**1984**—Pennsylvania has hopes for inaugural Breeders’ Cup day, thanks to PA-bred Bessarabian, the starting favorite among 11 in the Juvenile Fillies. The Vice Regent daughter, bred by Ann and Dick Winn at their Welcome Farm in Pottstown, gave a valiant effort, but fell victim to traffic problems and finished fifth.

**December 28, 1984**—Keystone race track is purchased by International Thoroughbred Breeders (ITB)-the Robert Brennan-directed enterprise that owns Garden State Park in New Jersey-for a reported \$37 million. Extensive improvements, including a general facelift and addition of a turf course, were said to be in store for the Bucks County track. Garden State president Robert Quigley was named to that same post at Keystone.



*Flatterer was the nation’s steeplechase champion for an unprecedented four seasons, from 1983 to 1986. The PA-bred was inducted into the Racing Hall of Fame in 1994.*

**January, 1985**—Joan F. Pew, longtime PHBA member and supporter, and current member of the Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission, is elected president of the National Association of State Racing Commissioners (NASRC). Sadly, Mrs. Pew’s term would be all too brief; the popular horsewoman died of cancer in April 1986 at the age of 49.

**May, 1985**—A lengthy hiatus in racing at Keystone, ostensibly for improvements, raises widespread concern among Pennsylvania horsemen. “We are worried that ITB appears more interested in ensuring its future success in tandem with the other New Jersey tracks than fostering good will among Pennsylvanians who are now denied opportunities previously available,” PHBA’s Mark McDermott told the Racing Commission. “ITB’s promotional push thus far has been directed at boosting its New Jersey image with little or nothing done to maintain stimulation in the Keystone community.”

**May, 1985**—Taking stock upon the completion of the PA Breeding Fund’s 10th year of operation, PHBA president Paul Mills reports the following: “During those 10 years, nearly \$6.5 million has been paid out in breeder, stallion and owner awards-increasing from just \$65,000 in the Fund’s first year to nearly \$1.4 million in 1984. During those 10 years, another \$10 million in purse money has been distributed in Pennsylvania-bred races. During those 10 years, Pennsylvania-breds have increasingly supported Thoroughbred racing in the state, now to the point where over 17 percent of all the starts made at Keystone and Penn National are made by Pennsylvania-breds.”

**June, 1985**—Philadelphia Park is the new name given to Keystone, as International Thoroughbred Breeders unveils plans for a \$40-million overhaul and the richest stakes schedule in the history of the track.

**October and November, 1985**—Storm Cat gets the richest victory to date for a PA-bred in the



\$500,000 Young America Stakes-G1 at Meadowlands and finishes second by a nose to champion Tasso in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile-G1.

**January and February, 1986**—Booming business at Philadelphia Park is reflected in a 19.7 percent rise in mutuel handle over comparable 1985 figures.

**July, 1986**—PA Breeding Fund experiences more growth. Breeders of PA-breds sired by stallions standing in the state and registered with the PHBA will now receive breeder awards in an amount equal to 30 percent of whatever their PA-bred earns for finishing first, second or third in any race in the state. "With this new legislation," remarked PHBA president Gary Reihart, "it is possible for an individual who owns the runner, its dam and sire, to make an additional 50 percent of the purse earned in bonus awards." The change came as a result of legislation recently signed into law by Gov. Richard Thornburgh. This legislation was sponsored by Sen. Noah Wenger (R-Chester, Lancaster) and supported in the House by Rep. Bob Reber (R-Pottstown).

**Fall, 1986**—Intrastate simulcasting comes to Pennsylvania. In late November, Philadelphia Park and Penn National began exchanging simulcasts of their daily racing programs—a first for Pennsylvania racing.

**1986**—"Overachieving" PA-breds assemble an impressive record:

- PA-bred Flatterer earned an unprecedented fourth Eclipse award as North America's leading steeplechaser.
- PA-bred Lyphard topped the international rankings of stallions by progeny earnings.
- PA-bred Bessarabian won Canada's Sovereign Award as best older female to race north of the border.
- PA-bred Danzig ended the year as the third-leading sire in North America by progeny earnings.
- PA-bred Classy Cathy finished third in Eclipse balloting for 3-year-old filly honors.

**February, 1987**—Dorothy B. Weber, PHBA's assistant executive secretary, arrives, taking over many of the growing administrative responsibilities and bringing office procedures up to date with computerization.

**December, 1988**—"It wasn't supposed to happen the way it did, but off-track betting is now reality in Pennsylvania," reports the PHBA newsletter. Overriding an unexpected veto by Governor Bob Casey, the state legislature effected an 11th hour miracle. "When the dust had settled, the override effort received one more than the necessary two-thirds vote in both the Senate and House, with the House vote coming just hours before the constitutional adjournment of the legislature at midnight, November 30.

"Each of the state's four race tracks will now begin the site selection process..." A total of 23 sites is allowed statewide (six each for Philadelphia Park, Penn National and The Meadows, and five for Pocono Downs).

**March, 1989**—Martial Law becomes the first PA-bred to win a million-dollar race with his upset victory in the \$1,000,000 Santa Anita Handicap. His time for the mile and a quarter of 1:58 4/5 just missed Affirmed's stakes record. The 4-year-old, bred by Darley Management Co., was foaled at Marshall W. Jenney's Derry Meeting Farm in Cochranville.



*Martial Law win the \$1,000,000 Santa Anita Handicap and pays \$103.60.*

**July, 1989**—Philadelphia Park is set to be sold (for \$63 million) to Greenwood Racing, Inc., a group headed by former British bookmaker Bob Green. The announcement was welcomed by most area horsemen, as it promised relief from the Pennsylvania vs. New Jersey conflict that had existed since International Breeders took over Philadelphia Park (then named Keystone) five years earlier. But more than a year would elapse before the apparently imminent transaction was finalized.



*Yankee Affair, winner of 15 stakes (three Grade 1s), ranked as Pennsylvania's all-time leading money-earner throughout much of the 1990s. The gelded son of PA stallion Northern Fling amassed \$2,282,156 with 22 victories in 55 starts.*



*Jane du Pont Lunger's Christiana Stables homebred Go For Wand becomes the first PA-bred Breeders' Cup winner.*

**August, 1989**—Yankee Affair charges to the lead as Pennsylvania's all-time leading money-earner. The one-time \$10,200 sales yearling would remain at the pinnacle for seven years, until surpassed by Alphabet Soup.

**November, 1989**—Go For Wand becomes the first PA-bred Breeders' Cup winner with her victory in the Juvenile Fillies-G1 and earns an Eclipse Award as North America's leading 2-year-old filly.

**December, 1989**—The Racing Commission approves initial OTB site selections submitted by Philadelphia Park and Penn National. Philadelphia Park is approved for a Center City Philadelphia location and Penn National gets the go-ahead for a proposed \$2.5-million facility to be constructed in Reading.

**January, 1990**—The PA-bred overnight racing program gets a big boost. Under the new program, PA-breds would earn supplemental money in just about every overnight race. Owner bonuses (amounting to 35 percent of what a PA-bred earns at Philadelphia Park and 25 percent at Penn National) are added to most overnight races. These bonuses are considered part of a horse's official earnings, and breeder and stallion awards from the Fund are calculated on that basis.

**July, 1990**—PA-bred Ligature captures the Pennsylvania Governor's Cup at Penn National. The son of Pennsylvania stallion McCann earned breeder, stallion and owner awards of more than \$24,000—the biggest one-race hit in the history of the Fund.

**1990**—Pennsylvania breeders realize gross receipts of just under \$4.5 million for 46 PA-bred yearlings sold at Keeneland, Saratoga, Fasig-Tipton Kentucky and Timonium. Leading the list

was Brushwood Stable's filly by Danzig—Family Style, sold for \$1.3 million, second highest-price at the Saratoga sale.

**October, 1990**—During its first few months of operation, Philadelphia Park's Center City OTB site posts average daily handle of \$150,000.

**November 30, 1990**—Following months of uncertainty, speculation and heavy negotiation, the sale of Philadelphia Park to Greenwood Racing is finalized for a price reported to be in excess of \$67 million.

**December, 1991**—Six OTB facilities are up and running, with three more expected to open by next summer.

**1991**—As Pennsylvania's tracks continue to expand their off-track betting markets and Philadelphia Park ventures into year-round racing, total mutuel handle in the state reaches a record high of \$407,043,192. Monies accrued to the PA Breeding Fund (0.7 percent of



total handle) also reach an unprecedented level—\$2.8 million. Total Fund disbursements in '91 were \$1.7 million.

**May, 1992**—Lil E. Tee wins the Kentucky Derby—the first PA-bred ever to take the Run for the Roses. Pennsylvania was also well-represented in the Preakness: winner Pine Bluff's sire Danzig and dam Rowdy Angel are both PA-breds, with the same birthplace—Marshall W. Jenney's Derry Meeting Farm in Cochranville.



*Lil E. Tee in 1992 became the first Pennsylvania-bred ever to win the Kentucky Derby, with his one-length score over Casual Lies. Foaled at Dr. William Solomon's Pin Oak Lane Farm in New Freedom, Lil E. Tee was a true Cinderella horse—a once sickly individual who was sold privately by his breeder Larry I. Littman as a yearling for \$2,000.*

**June, 1993**—Legislation allowing for full-card simulcasting of races into Pennsylvania is signed into law by Governor Bob Casey, after passing both the Senate and House by wide margins. Previously, only races from tracks operating in Pennsylvania and selected stakes races from other tracks could be simulcast in Pennsylvania. The legislation had unanimous support from the state's Thoroughbred and Standardbred industries.

**November/December, 1993**—PHBA Newsletter makes its first appearance in Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred magazine.

**March, 1994**—PA-bred owner bonuses at Penn National are raised to 45 percent of purse share earned; program is also expanded to include certain maiden races.

**1994**—Purses for both the Pennsylvania Futurity and Blue Mountain Futurity are raised to \$50,000-added (a \$15,000 increase).

**June, 1994**—Penn National Gaming completes a public sale of stock which, after an initial period of little action, skyrockets in price and splits twice as the company acquires Charles Town, Pocono Downs and announces its intention to pursue racing in Tennessee.



*George Strawbridge's homebred Tikkanen returns to the winner's circle a Breeders' Cup Turf champion.*

**November 5, 1994**—PA-bred Tikkanen wins the Breeders' Cup Turf-G1 in course record time.

**November 1994**—In response to a concerted effort by pro-riverboat gambling forces, the PHBA's board adopts a resolution opposing any new forms of sanctioned gambling in the state. Two years later, the board would maintain its opposition to riverboats, but consent to legislation aimed at putting slot machines at licensed pari-mutuel tracks.

**March, 1995**—The Lyman family dispatches homebred Fleg to victory in the 26th running of the General Charles B. Lyman Handicap at Philadelphia Park.

**May, 1995**—PA-bred owner bonuses are raised to 45 percent at Philadelphia Park.

**Spring, 1995**—Penn National opens its OTB site in York, the track's third, and by far largest, such facility.

**May, 1996**—Owner bonuses expanded to 50 percent of purse share to include all overnight races. Overnight PA-bred restricted races curtailed.



*Polly Lyman was matriarch of family-owned Maui Meadow Farm, which has been synonymous with Pennsylvania horses for more than 50 years.*



*Penn National's paddock, built in 1996, allows fans to get a good view of the horses.*



*Alphabet Soup was the first Pennsylvania-bred winner of the Breeders' Cup Classic-G1. He gained the victory in 1996 at Woodbine, defeating Louis Quatorze and Cigar and setting a new track record (2:01) for the mile and a quarter. Bred by Southeast Associates (Roy S. Lerman), Alphabet Soup is the third leading money-earner among PA-breds, with \$2,990,270.*

**July, 1996**—Legislation is enacted to legally recognize the breeding and raising of race horses as an agricultural pursuit in Pennsylvania, thereby qualifying these enterprises as exempt from the state sales tax. The PHBA, along with other industry components, had worked for more than 20 years to effect this change.

**September, 1996**—Devil's Honor gallops to victory in the Pennsylvania Derby, fulfilling a 20-year dream of a Pennsylvania Futurity winner going on to win the big race.

**September, 1996**—Philadelphia Park hosts the inaugural runnings of the Mrs. Penny and Captain My Captain Stakes, a pair of \$25,000-added events restricted to the PA-bred offspring of registered Pennsylvania stallions.

**October, 1996**—Philadelphia Park's fourth OTB facility, Valley Forge Turf Club, is a "groundbreaker," in terms of luxury, technology (more than 350 televisions, 32 large-screen) and fan appeal.

**Fall, 1996**—Penn National purchases Pocono Downs (for \$47 million), and with it the license for five OTB sites, three of which remain to be built.

**October 26, 1996**—Alphabet Soup wins the \$4-million Breeders' Cup Classic-G1.

**November, 1996**—Outlook had appeared favorable for legislation to allow installation of 3,000 slot machines at each of the four race tracks in Pennsylvania, but the measure fails in the state Senate by a narrow margin.

Introduced by Sen. Robert M. Tomlinson (R-Bucks County), the bill calls for 12 percent of revenue at each track to go to purses for races run on-site, and an additional 1 percent for Thoroughbred and Standardbred breeders' funds.

**1996**—Off-track wagering and simulcasting continues to push the tracks' wagering figures to new heights: Total Thoroughbred handle in 1996 was \$782 million, up from \$702 million in 1995, and far above the \$480 million posted in 1992.

**Fall, 1996**—Penn National Gaming Inc., in a joint venture with Bryant Development Corp., exercises its option to purchase Charles Town race track in West Virginia for \$16 million. The purchase had been contingent upon Charles Town receiving voter approval for the installation of video lottery terminals.

**June, 1997**—Slot legislation, after passing the Senate by a narrow margin, fails to come to a vote in the closing hours of the legislative session prior to the summer recess in the House. Governor Tom Ridge demands provisions for a statewide referendum be included in any future attempts.

**1997-'98**—Penn National Gaming Inc.'s empire is among the marvels of the national Thoroughbred industry. The company was operating three tracks (Penn National, Pocono



Downs and Charles Town) and nine Pennsylvania off-track wagering facilities: in Allentown, Erie, Reading, Chambersburg, York, Williamsport, Lancaster, Hazleton and Carbondale.

**November, 1997**—Governor Tom Ridge selects PHBA director Cuyler Walker to serve as chairman of the Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission. This continues a strong tradition of PHBA leaders appointed to the Commission. In the past, the Commission has been well served by F. Eugene Dixon and Rick Abbott, each of whom served as Commission chairman; as well as Russell Jones, Paul Mills, Joan Pew and Hart Stotter.

**1997**—Breeding Fund revenues top \$8.26 million for the year—the most ever, as PA-breds account for nearly 35 percent of all starts in the state.

**May, 1998**—PHBA celebrates its 50th anniversary during the 19th annual Iroquois Awards Banquet at the Hotel Hershey, in Hershey. Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Sanmel E. Hayes Jr. delivers the keynote address.

**Winter, 1999**—Rules regarding PA Breeding Fund eligibility were changed to encourage out-of-state breeders to participate materially, not merely nominally, in the program. Effective with the 2000 foals, a 90-day residency requirement was to be instituted for mares or their foals.

**July, 2000**—Todd Mostoller began his new duties as the executive director of the Pennsylvania Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, the first time the position had been filled in more than a decade.

**April, 2001**—The PA-bred stakes schedule hits \$1 million as 24 stakes would be offered at Penn National and Philadelphia Park from May through November.

**October 6, 2001**—The inaugural Pennsylvania Day At the Races was held at Philadelphia Park, featuring eight stakes races, six for PA-breds with purses of \$50,000. Nearly 300 PHBA members and their guests were treated to a sumptuous buffet luncheon track-side. Stakes winners were odds-on favorite Beau's Surprise in the Lil E. Tee, and Golden Lake in the Go for Wand, for 3-year-olds; veteran Sir Echo in the Yankee Affair and Arty'svirginiagirl in the Mrs. Penny, both on the turf; 2-year-old Volley Ball in the Storm Cat; and longshot Classic Verse in the Devil's Honor Handicap.

"This day wouldn't have been possible without the state funding," said Peter Giangliulio of Castle Rock Farm in Unionville, also a director of the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association. "Hopefully, we can build on this."

**June 2003**—Russian Rhythm topped the World Thoroughbred Rankings after adding the Group 1 Coronation Stakes at Royal Ascot to go with her victory in the 3-year-old filly classic One Thousand Guineas Stakes-G1 at Newmarket. Bred by Elizabeth Moran's Brushwood Stable she was owned by Cheveley Park Stud and trained by Sir Michael Stoute.



*Bill Solomon is involved in numerous aspects of the business, as a practicing veterinarian and proprietor of Pin Oak Lane Farm, and was president of the PHBA for the 50th anniversary celebration.*



*Russian Rhythm became a classic winner in England's One Thousand Guineas-G1 at Newmarket.*



*Named Pennsylvania's stallion of the year for seven consecutive seasons was Nepal. The son of Raja Baba-Dumtadumtadum, by \*Grey Dawn II stood at Upland Spring Farm in Unionville.*



*Japanese-based Nobo Jack held the title of richest PA-bred in history when his earnings surpass \$3.8 million. The record was short-lived when Smarty Jones surpassed it the next year.*



*Governor Edward G. Rendell signs the Pennsylvania slots bill into law at Philadelphia Park on July 5.*

**October 13, 2003**—Nepal, Pennsylvania's Stallion of the Year a record seven-times, died at 23 at Upland Spring Farm in Unionville, where he stood his entire career for Heather Hunter and her mother Diana Donaldson.

**December, 2003**—Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Cuprill top the list of Breeding Fund recipients for the sixth time. Their run ranked second only to Paul D. Mills, who topped the list a total of 12 times – six years in a row twice.

**December, 2003**—Japanese-based Nobo Jack, bred by Mrs. Lewis C. Ledyard, becomes richest PA-bred in history when his earnings surpass \$3.8 million.

**Spring, 2004**—Smarty Jones becomes a national hero after taking the first two legs of the Triple Crown to remain undefeated in eight starts. The Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes winner, racing for his breeders Pat and Roy Chapman's Someday Farm, saw his popularity grow to a fever pitch, among the highlights a morning gallop at Philadelphia Park as he prepared for the Belmont Stakes, which drew nearly 10,000 fans who cheered, cried, took pictures and bought up souvenir hats and T-shirts.

Smarty Jones fever brought more than 120,000 people to Belmont Park to watch the chestnut colt's Triple Crown bid. After fighting back challenge after challenge he had a clear lead going into the stretch but wasn't able to hold off Birdstone late and lost by a length.

**July 5, 2004**—Gov. Ed Rendell signed bills at Philadelphia Park authorizing 61,000 slot machines in Pennsylvania – more than any other state except Nevada. Rendell would credit Smarty Jones with helping getting it passed. "As Smarty caught fire, and it hit home, he absolutely captured the imagination of the legislature," Rendell was quoted as saying in *The Blood-Horse*. "All of a sudden horse racing was big in Pennsylvania, and it's not an exaggeration to say that Smarty got us the extra votes that we needed down the stretch, and that his tremendous run helped us pass the law."

**July, 2004**—The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board was established in 2004 under the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act to ensure the integrity of the gaming industry in the Commonwealth. Its first executive director, Anne Lacour Neeb, was hired in July 2005.



**August 4, 2004**—Smarty Jones is officially retired without making another start after the Belmont Stakes, due to bone bruises in all four cannon bones. The son of Elusive Quality earned \$7,613,155 in nine starts, which included a special \$5 million bonus for winning the Arkansas Derby and Kentucky Derby, to become the richest PA-bred of all time. He entered stud at Three Chimneys Farm near Midway, Ky. He would win the Eclipse Award as the nation's top 3-year-old male.



*Pat and Roy Chapman's Smarty Jones was a crowd favorite, and fans flocked to see him in the mornings at Philadelphia Park.*

**June 10, 2005**—Lyphard, the second oldest confirmed Thoroughbred stallion, died at age 36. A son of Northern Dancer bred by Mrs. J.O. Burgwin, he ranked as one of the world's most influential stallions.

**July 23, 2005**—The inaugural edition of the \$50,000 Flatterer Hurdle Handicap was contested as part of the PA Day At the Races card at Philadelphia Park. Kenneth and Sarah Ramsey's steeplechaser Party Airs did just that, winning by 30 lengths over Three Carat, with Mixed Up third.



*One of the world's most influential stallions, Lyphard lived to be 36.*

**August 25, 2005**—Champion Real Quiet, acquired by a group of Pennsylvania breeders to stand at Regal Heir Farms in Grantville, attracted a large gathering for a reception at the 10-year-old stallion's new home. Those welcoming the two-time classic winner to the state included Pennsylvania's Lt. Governor Catherine Baker Knoll, Secretary of Agriculture Dennis Wolff and Adjutant General Pennsylvania National Guard Jessica Wright. Real Quiet later stood at Pin Oak Lane until becoming the linchpin for Mike Jester's Penn Ridge Farms in Harrisburg. He stood five seasons in the state before succumbing from injuries suffered in a paddock accident in September 2010.

**January 3, 2006**—Danzig dies at 29. The legendary son of Northern Dancer, bred by William S Farish and Marshall Jenney's Derry Meeting Farm – where he was foaled – stood his entire career at Claiborne Farm in Kentucky.

**Spring, 2006**—Penn National razes its 30-year-old grandstand, the first step toward construction of a new racino complex that will incorporate slots and race track operations under one roof.



*Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner Real Quiet was greeted to Pennsylvania by state dignitaries. Ann Reigle shows him to (from left to right) Secretary of Agriculture Dennis C. Wolff, Lt. Gov. Catherine Baker Knoll, Tom Reigle, Dennis Madonna, John Stoltz and State Horse Racing Commission Executive Director Ben Nolt.*

**November, 2006**—The first slots emporium to open its doors was Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs, and business was booming at the harness facility near Wilkes-Barre. Slots licenses were available for a total of seven tracks, five stand-alone facilities and two resort locations.

**July 28, 2007**—PA Day At the Races top \$1 million in purses with a 10-stakes card, topped by the inaugural \$125,000 Smarty Jones Classic won by Delaware River. Four of the stakes were reserved for PA-bred runners also sired in the state.

**August 25, 2007**—Hard Spun ranked among best of his generation as Rick Porter's Danzig colt recorded his first Grade 1 win in Saratoga's King's Bishop Stakes. It was his third graded stakes win of the year and he had Grade 1 placings in the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Haskell Invitational. Bred by Michael Moran and Brushwood Stable and trained by Larry Jones, he would wrap up his season with a second to Curlin in the Breeders' Cup Classic-G1.



*Presque Isle Downs in Erie got underway on September 1, 2007, with an opening day crowd of approximately 16,000.*

**September 1, 2007**—Presque Isle Downs in Erie got underway with an opening day crowd of approximately 16,000. The track owned and operated by MTR Gaming Group Inc. opened for slots earlier that year in February.

**September 15 & 16, 2007**—George Strawbridge's homebred Lucarno, and Bettina Jenney's Mrs. Lindsay captured Group 1 races in Europe in one weekend. Lucarno became a classic winner in the St. Leger Stakes-G1 at Doncaster in England, while Mrs. Lindsay captured the Prix Vermeille-G1 in France. Both were foaled and raised at Jenney's Derry Meeting Farm in Cochranville.

**October 27, 2007**—Real Quiet's son Midnight Lute dominates the Breeders' Cup Sprint-G1 at Monmouth Park.



*Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course was described as the "marriage of race tracks and slot machines".*

**December 2007**—Four PA-breds became millionaires during the year: Hard Spun (\$2,673,470), Mrs. Lindsay (\$1,174,574), Master Command (\$1,137,188) and Lucarno (\$1,033,373).

**February 12, 2008**—Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course opened to rave reviews. Described as a "multi-purpose gaming center with style and glamour and every imaginable amenity" it drew comments that included it was "unlike anything seen thus far when it comes to the marriage of race tracks and slot machines known as racinos."



*Real Quiet's son Midnight Lute, the first two-time winner of the Breeders' Sprint-G1, won in stakes record time of 1:07.08 at Santa Anita in 2008.*

**October 25, 2008**—Two stallions standing in Pennsylvania were represented by winners on Breeders' Cup Day at Santa Anita – Midnight Lute successfully defended his Sprint title with a stakes record 1:07.08 for six furlongs and Albertus Maximus scored in the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile. Real Quiet, sire of the former, was standing at the new stallion operation Penn Ridge Farms in Harrisburg, and Albertus Maximus' sire Albert the Great was at Pin Oak Lane Farm in New Freedom.

**December, 2008**—Total Breeding Fund disbursements surpassed \$21.7 million, 67 percent more than the previous year's record \$13 million.

**January, 2009**—Northview PA opens its doors for the upcoming breeding season in Peach Bottom, standing five stallions, led by first-year sire Fairbanks.



**August, 2009**—The Jockey Club releases foal crop figures and Pennsylvania exceeds 1,500 foals born in a year for the first time.

**December, 2009**—Ghost Ridge Farms in Felton announced that the A.P. Indy stallion Jump Start would be moving to the state for the 2010 breeding season. With four crops of racing age, the 10-year-old dark bay had more progeny earnings than any other stallion standing in Pennsylvania. Jump Start took charge of the leading sires list and led the region from 2014 through 2021 when including his international earnings. He was also the leading sire of PA stallion awards for seven years, from 2015 through 2021. Moved to Northview PA in 2012, he died at age 20 in May 2019.



*Northview PA opened for operation in 2009 in Peach Bottom.*

**January, 2010**—Mixed Up, bred by owner William L. Pape and trainer Jonathan E. Sheppard, was awarded the 2009 Eclipse Award for champion steeplechaser for a season in which he won two Grade 1 hurdle races.

**July, 2010**—The Pennsylvania HBPA, representing owners and trainers at Penn National and Presque Isle Downs, announced plans for a Thoroughbred retraining program to be run in conjunction with the successful New Vocations. New Start was created in 2013 with a mission to work with foster farms to find qualified homes for horses that have been retired from racing at Penn National.



*Jump Start moves to Pennsylvania and becomes the most dominant sire in the region for the next decade.*

**September, 2010**—Philadelphia Park's name was changed to Parx Racing. Parx was the name adopted for the casino in the summer of 2009. The track had been known as Keystone Racetrack prior to 1984.

**Fall, 2010**—Pat Chapman returns Smarty Jones to Pennsylvania from Kentucky to stand at stud at Ghost Ridge Farms in Felton. The 9-year-old landed atop of the Pennsylvania general and 2-year-old sires lists by progeny earnings in 2010.

**December, 2010**—The number of PA-bred millionaires grew to 20 as multiple Group 1 winner Sahpresa and veteran gelding Arson Squad joined the ranks in 2010. Sahpresa, with group wins in England and France, was the richest runner of the year with earnings of nearly \$600,000.

**May 6, 2011**—Plum Pretty wins the 137th Kentucky Oaks-G1 at Churchill Downs. The daughter of Medaglia d'Oro was bred by Silent Indy Stables LLC and DDS Stables, clients of Mark Reid and Walnut Green. In her prior start she won the Sunland Oaks by 25 lengths.



*Smarty Jones remains as big a draw as ever when he returns to the state in 2010 to stand the upcoming breeding season.*

**June 1, 2011**—Mark McDermott, who served for 35 years as the PHBA's first executive secretary, retired from his position. Former PHBA President Russell B. Jones Jr., who was in office at the time of McDermott's hiring, saluted his protégé, "I am truly proud that our selection 35 years ago has born such wonderful fruit. Mark has seen us through the institution of full-card simulcasting, telephone wagering, Internet wagering, the advent of slot machines and most recently, table games. In each instance his leadership has been invaluable."



**June 2, 2011**—John B. (Jeb) Hannum III was named executive secretary of PHBA, succeeding Mark McDermott. Hannum, a Pennsylvania native from Chester County, was a sitting member of the Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission the prior three years.

**September 24, 2011**—Sahpresa, bred by Douglas McIntyre and born at Bettina Jenney's Derry Meeting Farm in Cochranville, solidified her status as a world class miler when winning the Group 1 Sun Chariot Stakes at Newmarket for the third consecutive year for Japanese breeder Teruya Yoshida.

**February, 2012**—The Pennsylvania Equine Coalition was established to represent more than 10,000 owners, trainers and breeders in the state following the governor's announcement that \$72 million (30 percent) would be pulled from the Race Horse Development Fund. On June 30, Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett approved a new state budget that did not divert \$72 million from the Race Horse Development Fund as had originally been proposed in the preliminary budget. The Pennsylvania Equine Coalition and its members launched a comprehensive outreach effort focused on educating the public and legislators about the broad economic impact of the horse racing industry and the jobs it supports.



## TURNING FOR HOME

Rehab . Retrain . Rehome

**May, 2012**—The Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association's (PTHA) Turning For Home, the model program for Parx Racing's retired racehorses, received support from not only jockeys, owners and private donors, but the PTHA, Parx Racing, and the PHBA. In just four years the program had offered safe retirement to over 730 Thoroughbreds, a large percentage of them Pennsylvania-breds.



*Pennsylvania stallions Wiseman's Ferry and E Dubai sire stars of the 2012 Breeders' Cup: Wise Dan takes the Mile and Fort Larned the Classic.*

**November, 2012**—For the second time in less than five years, two Pennsylvania stallions were represented by winners of Breeders' Cup races in the same year. Wiseman's Ferry's son Wise Dan captured the Breeders' Cup Mile-G1 on his way to being named Eclipse Award-winning Horse of the Year, champion grass horse and champion older horse, which he'd repeat in 2013. The Classic-G1 went to Fort Larned, a son of E Dubai.

Wiseman's Ferry stood at Gayle Gerth Dana Point Farm in Lenhartsville; E Dubai, owned by Larry Karp, at Northview PA in Peach Bottom.



**April 24, 2013**—Leading sire and Grade 1 winner Storm Cat was euthanized due to complications from infirmities of old age. He was 30. Bred and raced by William T. Young, he was foaled at Derry Meeting Farm in Cochranville.

**May 3, 2013**—A Pennsylvania-bred filly strikes again in the Kentucky Oaks-G1 as Princess of Sylmar, bred and owned by Ed Stanco and foaled and raised at the Houghton family's Sylmar Farm in Christiana, wore the lillies.

**Fall, 2013**—William Pape and Jonathan Sheppard's Divine Fortune completes his championship season to become the fourth Eclipse Award winner for the powerhouse steeplechase duo who accumulated seven Eclipse Awards.

**December, 2013**—Pennsylvania-bred runners exceed \$63.7 million in earnings for a year, the highest in history, for average earnings per runner of \$23,345.

**April, 2014**—Steeplechasing legend Flatterer dies at the age of 35. The four-time Eclipse Award winner and Hall of Famer was owned by William Pape and Jonathan Sheppard (who bred him) and George Harris, and was trained by Sheppard.

**Fall, 2014**—Brian Sanfratello becomes the new executive secretary of PHBA and Rick Abbott takes over as president to fill out the term.

**November, 2016**—Finest City, the first stakes winner bred by Pennsylvania native Hank Nothhaft, concludes her 4-year-old season with a win in the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint-G1, resulting in the Eclipse Award as champion female sprinter.

**December ,26, 2017**—A victory in the Grade 1 La Brea Stakes sealed a female sprint championship for Brushwood Stable-bred Unique Bella even with an off-the-board Breeders' Cup result. She won five of six that year, all graded stakes. She earned her second Eclipse Award, as champion older dirt female, the next year with three wins in four starts.

**June, 2018**—The PHBA donates \$300,000 to Penn Vet New Bolton Center's Equine Pharmacology Laboratory to better detect gene doping and its performance-enhancing effects in horse races and other equine competitions. Another \$150,000 donation was presented in March 2022 to help continue research.

**November, 2018**—Shamrock Rose duplicated Finest City's accomplishment, winning in the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint-G1 and the Eclipse Award as champion female sprinter, the third consecutive in the division for a PA-bred. Shamrock Rose was bred by Lori and Tommy Fackler under the banner of Best A Luck Farm and foaled at Horseshoe Valley Equine in Annville.

**January, 2019**—Hoppertunity was to enter stud at Northview PA in Peach Bottom. The multiple Grade 1 winner was the richest-runner to retire to stud in the region.

**April, 2019**—Senior Senator becomes a Maryland Hunt Cup legend when taking the famed timber race for the third time in four years. Two years earlier, while attempting win number two, the Charles C.D. McGill-bred was featured in a segment on CBS's esteemed news program "60 Minutes" with his trainer Joe Davies.



*Senior Senator added his name to a select list of horses to win the Maryland Hunt Cup three times.*



One of the youngest winners to ever win the race, he was aiming for a record fourth victory when Covid caused the cancellation of the 2020 event. Tragically, the 10-year-old died of colic less than two weeks before the originally scheduled date.

**May, 2020**—Alphabet Soup, oldest living winner of the Breeders' Cup Classic-G1 and a resident of Old Friends Thoroughbred Retirement Farm in Georgetown, Ky., appears on the cover of the May 2020 issue of Smithsonian. The 29-year-old was featured in the story about Old Friends Equine founder and president Michael Blowen and the farm.

**June, 2020**—PHBA's Annual Awards Banquet was held virtually for the first of two years due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

**September 7, 2020**—The 20th Pennsylvania's Day at the Races was a modified version because of the Covid-19 pandemic. They were the only stakes races run at Parx that year.

**November, 2020**—Northview PA closes the Peach Bottom operation and moves three of the stallions to the Maryland farm, including Hoppertunity.

**March, 2021**—The PHBA announced its endorsement of the John Stringer Rainey Safeguard American Food Exports (SAFE) Act, legislation that would permanently end the slaughter of American horses for human consumption in the United States and abroad.



*Chub Wagon was a win machine as she ran her win streak to eight on her way to being named 2021 PA-Bred Horse of the Year.*

**July, 2021**—The talented 4-year-old sprinter Chub Wagon runs her unbeaten streak to eight with a victory in the Dashing Beauty Stakes at Delaware Park. Named 2021 PA-bred Horse of the Year she retired the following year with a record of 15-12-2-0 for owner/breeders Daniel J. Lopez and George Chestnut.

**January, 2022**—Jeff Matty was hired by the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association as its executive director, succeeding Mike

Ballezzi, who announced his retirement after 25 years. During Ballezzi's tenure he advocated for, along with PTHA president Sal DeBunda, the passage of the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act, legalizing slot machines and setting aside revenues to bolster racing in 2004. Ballezzi also championed the creation of Turning for Home in 2008, among numerous other programs.



**August, 2022**—Six PA-bred yearlings bred by Blackstone Farm sold for \$2,420,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga select sale, led by a \$1.1 million colt by Triple Crown winner Justify.

**August 22, 2022**—A new series of 2-year-old stakes is rolled out for PA-Sired PA-breds. The lucrative four-stakes series carried \$600,000 in purses. The series expanded in 2023, offering six stakes worth over \$1 million in purses and awards.

**November 5, 2022**—Caravel becomes the sixth PA-bred winner of a Breeders' Cup race when she defeats males in the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint-G1. She is named PA-bred Horse of the Year for a second time, as well as champion older female, female sprinter and turf female.

**December, 2022**—Weigelia dethrones Jump Start as the leading sire of PA stallion awards. Jump Start held the title from 2015 through 2021. The sire of four individual stakes winners (Beren, Smooth B, Disco Ebo and Ninetypercentmaddie) in 2022 stands at WynOaks Farm in Delta.

**April, 2023**—The PA-bred list of millionaires grew to 33 with the addition of Grade 1 Arkansas Derby winner Angel of Empire, bred by Christian Black's Forgotten Land Investment Inc. and Black Diamond Equine Corp. Caravel added her name to the list in 2022.



*Weigelia has sired an arsenal of talented PA-bred runners to become the state's leading sire of stallion awards in 2022.*



Pennsylvania-Bred  
**Angel of Empire**  
Multiple Graded Stakes  
Winner of \$1,489,375



## Some of those who helped lead the way



*Gathered at the 2004 PHBA Awards Banquet: Racing Commission members (left to right) Rick Abbott, Russell Jones, Fitz Dixon, Paul Mills and Larry Kent.*

### Richard D. Abbott

Rick Abbott has been deeply involved with Pennsylvania's Thoroughbred industry for the past half-century. An attorney, he has served as a member and former chairman of the Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission as well as president of the PHBA. For decades he and his wife Dixie owned and operated Charlton Bloodstock and were one of the nation's leading bloodstock agents and sales consignor. Over the decades the Abbotts stood stallions for a time, and foaled clients' and their own mares, raised babies and did yearling sales prep at their 160-acre farm near Cochranville.

### Judith Barrett

For nearly 25 years Judith Barrett ran a commercial breeding operation in Pennsylvania after spending two decades galloping and training horses in Maryland and Florida. Her Swatara Farm in Lebanon, not far from Penn National, was a stallion hub in the early 2000s, with nearly 100 mares being bred each year. She later moved the operation she renamed Godstone Farm to Littlestown, eventually adding Well Spelled to the roster. Twice the Leading Breeders Fund recipient (in 2007 and 2010), Barrett now stands stakes sire Well Spelled at Mountain Springs Farm in Palmyra.

### Doug Black

Doug Black, with partner Christian Black, owns and operates Blackstone Farm, which has grown into a major producer of sales horses and stakes winners since being established in 2006. Located on 350 acres in the mountains near the town of Pine Grove, Blackstone has been the state's leading breeder by total earnings every year from 2016 through 2022. And from 2016 to 2021, at least one PA-Bred champion was born at the farm, starting with multiple graded stakes-winning millionaire Tom's Ready. More recent Blackstone-breds include four-time divisional champion and graded stakes winner The Critical Way, additional graded stakes winners Dark Nile and Roses for Debra and eight-time stakes winner and \$706,370-earner Bronx Beauty. Often from modest-priced broodmares, Blackstone-breds have regularly brought six-figures at auction, topped by a \$1.1 million Justify colt sold in 2022. Mr. Black has been an officer on the board of the PHBA since 2020.



*At least one PA-Bred champion was bred by Doug Black every year from 2016 through 2021.*



*Glenn and Becky Brok operated Diamond B Farm in Mohrsville for nearly 20 years and brought in many young stallions, including Talent Search (pictured).*

### Glenn and Becky Brok

Diamond B Farm was opened by Glenn and Becky Brok in Mohrsville in 2003 and became one of the busiest operations in the state, standing stallions, breeding and foaling mares, offering layups, rehabilitation, bloodstock services and sales preparation. The Broks were at or near the top of the leading Breeders Fund Recipients for more than a decade,



and their operation foaled the likes of Grade 1 winner Real Solution and graded stakes winners Emotional Kitten and Hollywood Talent. They launched the careers of a number of stallions, including Talent Search, and their roster grew with young stallions, including Uptowncharlybrown and Social Inclusion, the latter whose first PA-sired crop of 2-year-olds debuted in 2022 and included both PA-bred champion juveniles. The Broks chose to retire from the business prior to the 2022 breeding season.

## Mrs. J.O. Burgwin

Barberry Farm near Sewickley, established in the late 1950s by Mrs. JO. Burgwin and her late husband, was among Pennsylvania's most prominent Thoroughbred nurseries for some 20 years until Mrs. Burgwin's death in 1979. Notable horses foaled at Barberry included Lyphard (European champion and major sire), Grade 1 stakes winner Agitate, Bonnie and Gay, Curribot and Northern Heiress.

## Pat and Roy Chapman

Pat and Roy Chapman had campaigned successful performance horses for decades, including a champion three-day eventer, a Maryland Hunt Cup winner (Uncle Merlin), and a small string on the flat, the latter for a time with

late trainer Bob Camac. In 2004 their success hit the stratosphere with homebred Smarty Jones. Out of the Camac-trained stakes winner I'll Get Along, whom the trainer recommended be bred to Elusive Quality, Smarty Jones, the result, took the couple on a magical ride, remaining undefeated while capturing the Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes, the latter by a record margin of victory. John Servis managed the colt magnificently through his nine starts, and he retired the richest PA-Bred of all time with \$7.6 million and earned the Eclipse Award as champion 3-year-old. Roy Chapman lost his battle with emphysema less than two years later. Pat Chapman continues to race a stable in the name of the couple's Someday Farm, the majority of her best horses by her stable star, whom she brought back to stand in Pennsylvania after a number of years in Kentucky.



*The media frenzy continued for Pat and Roy Chapman after Smarty Jones dominated the Preakness Stakes.*

## Tom Coulter

Racing homebreds from his Arrowwood Farm in York Springs – which he bought in the late 1990s when it was “just corn and soybeans” – Tom Coulter has ranked as Penn National's leading owner five times from 2015 to 2022 and in the top 10 for the past decade as a PHBA breeder award recipient. His broodmare band continues to grow and his young broodmare prospects have since produced the likes of multiple stakes winners Nimitz Class, Jakarta and Kaylasaurus.

## W. Burling Cox

Inducted into Racing Hall of Fame in 1985, steeplechase trainer Burley Cocks had a career the highlights of which could fill several pages. A consummate horseman who plied his trade at his Hermitage Farm near Unionville for more than 50 years, Mr. Cocks won five National Steeplechase Association championships, trained 47 stakes winners, conditioned three-time Eclipse Award winner Zaccio and retired in 1993 as steeplechasing's second-leading trainer in money won, with over \$4 million earned. Mr. Cocks was also renowned as a mentor to young horsemen, his many former pupils including perennial leading steeplechase trainer Jonathan Sheppard. Mr. Cocks died in February 1998 at age 82.

## Charles and Luisita Cuprill

For well over 30 years the Puerto Rican power couple Charles and Luisita Cuprill have produced a steady stream of runners from their Woodvale Farm in Lewisville. The result was six times they were the leading Breeders Fund Recipients. Many of their runners traced back to their foundation stallion, Lord Carlos, a stakes-winning son of Lord Gaylord. Horses bred by the Cuprills have been coveted not only for the attraction of being PA-Breds but also for their durability as racehorses. The Cuprills have been active board members of the PHBA, both having served in the capacity over the years.



*Arlene and Bernard Daney enjoyed many trips to the winner's circle.*

## Bernard and Arlene Daney

Bernard Daney celebrated numerous horse-related achievements along with his wife Arlene. He served 18 years as chairman of the Delaware Racing Commission and served on many boards,

including as treasurer of the PHBA. The Daney's ran a successful commercial Thoroughbred market started in the late 1970s, after which they became frequent consignors to Saratoga. In 1981, the Daney's held back one of their yearlings because colts by the youngster's sire, Halo, appeared to have limited commercial appeal. That colt—Parfaitement—carried their colors in both the Kentucky Derby and Preakness. The Daney's also enjoyed great fortune with Ramhyde (by Ram-bunctious), stakes-winning dam of their Pennsylvania Futurity winner Ramten. They bred and sold Ramhyde's daughter Rowdy Angel (by Halo), the dam of Preakness winner Pine Bluff and granddam of Kentucky Derby-G1 winner Fusaichi Pegasus. Mr. Daney was 92 when died in December 2017.

## Greg and Kate DeMasi

Operating Pewter Stable for over 25 years, Greg and Kate DeMasi provide opportunities for horse ownership through their partnerships and have developed many good runners over the decades. Kate handles the training while Greg, who majored in business administration at Widener College, takes care of the management duties. Not only do they purchase racing prospects at sales, they are breeders as well, with some of their best runners descending from their stakes-winning mare Merry Princess. Purchased as a yearling for \$5,700, Merry Princess went on to earn \$319,164. She is the second dam of Pewter Stable's undefeated 2-year-old Winning Time, winner of the 2022 Pennsylvania Nursery Stakes. Kate trains Winning Time and trained his first two dams, as well as his sire, Winchill, a stakes-winning son of Tapit managed by Greg who has stood his entire career in the state.

## F. Eugene Dixon

F. Eugene (Fitz) Dixon, during his 16-year tenure as chairman of the Pennsylvania State Racing Commission, guided the industry through a watershed era that encompassed the institution of off-track betting and full-card simulcasting. A scion of the family that bred Pennsylvania's immortal Iroquois, Mr. Dixon did not race horses in Pennsylvania during his Commission years, but once relieved of those duties immediately saw Matchless carry his time-honored Erdenheim Farm silks to victory in the 1997 Lyphard Stakes. Within a week of Mr. Dixon's death at age 82 in August 2006, three of his runners carried his colors to stakes victories, including homebred Smart Enough, a future multiple graded winner.

## Raymond J. Gambone Sr.

A nationally recognized horseman, Raymond J. Gambone Sr. founded Our Farm Inc. near Norristown with the help of his brothers in 1976. Originally a boarding and training facility, it became a large stallion operation and one of the leading Thoroughbred facilities in the state. Three times Our Farm topped the Breeders Fund list, breaking six-figures for the first time in Fund history in 1997 and topping that in 1998. Gambone died in 2004 after a long battle with cancer. He was 56.

## Joseph C. Giangulio

A stalwart member of Pennsylvania's Thoroughbred industry during the early years of racing in this state, Joseph C. Giangulio was a native of Cianti, Italy, who came to America at the age of 11. After an abbreviated career as a professional boxer, he founded the Main Line Construction Company, which he operated until 1974, when he retired. Following his retirement, the Ardmore resident devoted most of his considerable energy to the training of runners campaigned by his Castle Rock Farm and the development of his Indian Rock Stallion Station in Unionville. Among his best horses was stakes winner Foxy J. G. Mr. Giangulio, who died in 1979 at age 69, was the father of longtime PHBA director and former president Peter Giangulio.

## Peter Giangulio

Peter Giangulio and his wife Stephanie have been guardians of family, farm and horses. An attorney, and longtime PHBA director and former president, he has continued to breed and raise horses at his family's 166-acre Castle Rock Farm in Unionville, and has stood stallions for decades. In 2022, the Chester County farm became a protected property when placed in a land conservation easement arranged by the Natural Lands organization. It's a property that does well for its residents – stallions like Harry the Hat, powerhouse sprinter Power by Far (bred and owned by Giangulio's sister Barbara Geraghty, co-owner of the farm), Partner's Hero and Rimrod – all have had long lives while standing there (Harry the Hat living well into his 30s).

## George Hammerschmidt

George Hammerschmidt served as president of the Pennsylvania division of the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (HBPA) during the formative years of racing in the state, and continued as a board member of the horsemen's group into the



1990s. Mr. Hammerschmidt, who made his career in the moving and storage business, died in December 1997 at age 83. A longtime owner/trainer, he started out as a hotwalker at age 14 and went on to be a groom and, briefly, a jockey.

## Houghton family

Ronnie and Betsy Houghton and their Sylmar Farm in Christiana, which they purchased in the mid-1990s, not only grew as a thriving commercial breeding and training center turning out solid, blue-collar runners, but also a family which continues to maintain the successful operation. Sylmar Farm has been the top Pennsylvania Breeding Fund recipient three times, is the breeder of the likes of popular geldings Whistle Pig and Banjo Picker, and foaled and raised such luminaries as Grade 1 winners Princess of Sylmar and Mirth. After the passing of Ronnie Houghton in September 2018, the farm continues to serve as one of the state's busiest nurseries. And son Bernie Houghton, one of Penn National's leading trainers, has in his barn many stakes winners bred by Sylmar Farm clients.



*Betsy and Ronnie Houghton at their Sylmar Farm in Christiana.*

## Bob Hutt

A stallion named Uptowncharlybrown has taken Bob Hutt and his Fantasy Lane Stable, now Uptowncharlybrown Stud, to places Hutt could never have imagined, from classic races to leading breeder status. Uptowncharlybrown ranks as one of the leading sires in Pennsylvania, with graded stakes horses, lots of juvenile winners and runners who make heads turn with dominating performances, many bred in the name of Fantasy Lane Stable, which has consistently ranked among the leading breeders fund recipients with the stallion's offspring.



*Bob Hutt is riding high with his stallion Uptowncharlybrown.*

## Roy and Gretchen Jackson

Roy and Gretchen Jackson have had international success with horses they've bred and purchased, and their brilliant homebred, Barbaro, reached the pinnacle when winning the 2006 Kentucky Derby-G1. Both Jacksons are native Pennsylvanians who grew up not far from their Lael Farm, which they purchased in 1978. Over the years many of their stellar band of horses – both racehorses and broodmares – have resided in retirement near West Grove. The couple take an active interest in Thoroughbred matters, especially retirement charities. Roy has also been on the board of the PHBA and Gretchen is a past president of the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame and a current vice-chair on the Board of Trustees.

## Bettina Jenney

Upon the sudden death of husband Marshall Jenney in late 2000, Bettina Jenney could have understandably left their Derry Meeting Farm in Cochranville. But not only did she continue, she added to its legacy. For the next two decades, Jenney – with the support of longtime clients, including George Strawbridge



– saw dozens of stakes winners born at the farm, including Strawbridge's classic winner Lucarno. Less than a year after Marshall's death, Bettina sold a Kingmambo colt bred by Strawbridge for \$3 million at the Saratoga Yearling Sale, the most expensive ever sold by the farm.

She bred and campaigned Mrs. Lindsay, named after her mother, who was a Group/Grade 1 winner in France and Canada. And she bred and sold Mrs. Lindsay's half-sister, Dame Dorothy, who also became a Grade 1 winner. One of the last major runners foaled at the farm was Grade 1 winner Mor Spirit, born in 2013. Mrs. Jenney sold Derry Meeting in the mid-2010s. She died in December 2019 at the age of 86.

## Marshall W. Jenney

Marshall Jenney and his Derry Meeting Farm in Cochranville had a profound influence not only on Pennsylvania's breeding and racing industry, but throughout the world. Derry Meeting was the birthplace of countless elite auction yearlings, as well as leading sires Danzig (bred in partnership by Jenney and W.S. Farish) and Storm Cat. Mr. Jenney also bred European champion Mrs. Penny. The industry lost the giant in November 2000 at the age of 60.



*Marshall Jenney, a giant in the industry, was gone too soon.*

## Russell Jones

There is hardly any association leadership role within the Thoroughbred industry, either statewide or on a national level, that Russell Jones has yet to fill. A former PHBA president, he has served on the Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission, was president of the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association and chairman of the North American Graded Stakes Committee, all while maintaining a thriving Kennett Square-based bloodstock agency, Walnut Green, along with his brother Richard, which they sold in September 2005.

## Lewis Ledyard

Lewis C. Ledyard III, a member of PHBA's board of directors in its early years and closely involved with enactment of the legislation creating the Pennsylvania Breeding Fund died in 1990 at age 79. He was a prominent consignor to Saratoga sales for more than 30 years. Among the good horses bred by Mr. Ledyard and his wife Eve were Wonders Delight, Rhoman Rule, Jetta J., Indus Warrior and English stakes winner Flying Trove.

## Lyman family

The Lyman family and its Maui Meadow Farm near West Chester have been synonymous with Pennsylvania horses since the late Brig. Gen. Charles B. Lyman and his wife Polly settled there in the late 1940s. Gen. Lyman, who died in 1981 at age 92, was born on Maui Island, Hawaii, where his association with horses began in early childhood. He graduated from West Point in 1913 and was immediately assigned to campaign with the cavalry under General John J. Pershing in the Mexican expedition against Pancho Villa. A year later, when the U.S. entered World War I, he was sent to France. Between the wars, Gen. Lyman rode on the Army's Olympic team. He went on to serve with great distinction in World War II, and in 1945 was one of a select group of officers who accepted the surrender of the Japanese forces in the Philippines. Following his retirement from active duty he settled at Maui Meadow, where he concentrated on breeding and raising Thoroughbreds, training candidates for the U.S. Equestrian Team and judging horse shows. Maui Meadow has operated continuously over the years, with Polly at the helm, until her death just after her 97th birthday in November 2004, and son Charles and his wife Erika before grandson Charles B. Lyman III took it over with his wife Nina, and son Kai. The Lymans now



dedicate “The Oldest Working Thoroughbred Farm in Pennsylvania” to retired horses, elder horse care, and rehabilitation of horses. A Maui Meadow-bred mare named Panning for Gold was the third-dam of 2022 Kentucky Derby-G1 winner Rich Strike.

## Gen. Richard K. Mellon

Among those providing invaluable support for the PHBA throughout its early decades was Gen. Richard K. Mellon, who for nearly 20 years until his death in 1970 hosted fellow PHBA directors, members and their guests at an annual farm tour at his fabled Rolling Rock Farms in the Ligonier Valley. Rolling Rock was not only a Thoroughbred breeding establishment, but also a 20,000-acre hunting and fishing preserve maintained by Gen. Mellon and his wife Constance. For decades it was the site of an annual National Steeplechase Association-sanctioned meet for which Gen. Mellon constructed a course. Gen. Mellon was deeply involved in foxhunting, showing, racing and breeding, and the operation of Rolling Rock, despite the demands of a banking career and numerous corporate directorships. He developed one of the leading steeplechase stables in Europe, but was said to be focusing more of his attention upon racing in this country, standing English stakes winner \*Dondeen at Rolling Rock, when he died at age 70.

## Elizabeth Merryman

Success for Elizabeth Merryman hasn't been with just with one horse, the amazing Caravel, but a decades-long breeding and racing program. A Pennsyl-



*Liz Merryman celebrated Caravel's win on Breeders' Cup day 2022.*

vania resident since 1986 and a member of the PHBA board over the decades starting in 1997, Merryman had success early with the likes of open stakes winners and later stakes producers Merry Princess and Just a Wish. But nothing tops the success of Caravel. By winning the 2022 Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint-G1,

Merryman received the 2022 John Deere Award in recognition of the breeders whose horses participated in the Breeders' Cup and Breeders' Cup Challenge Series. And in her first three years of competition, Caravel has earned two PA-bred Horse of the Year titles and five divisional titles, as well as awards for her dam, and is a Grade 1 winner in 2023.

## Paul D. Mills

After acquiring his first horses in the mid-1960s, Paul Mills gave up his career in the mobile home business and found upward mobility in the Thoroughbred business. He began training his own stable and finally turned his picturesque Willow Tree Farm in Hellam into a breeding operation. For many years he owned and trained most of the horses bred at Willow Tree, with his foundation sire being Captain My Captain. Mr. Mills led the list of Pennsylvania Breeders Fund bonus earners for 12 years between 1977 and 1989 and was the recipient of the state's Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (TOBA) Award in 1985, '86 and '87. Mr. Mills served as president of both the PHBA and Pennsylvania division of the HBPA.

## Betty Moran

Elizabeth “Betty” Moran’s world-class Brushwood Stable stemmed from deep Pennsylvania roots. Born in Bryn Mawr, she was 12 when she and her father moved to “Brushwood Farm,” then a dairy farm, in Willistown Township in 1942. She married James Maxwell Moran in 1950 and raised her five children with a love for horses. Their lives included fox hunting, pony club at Radnor Hunt Club and horse shows before her interest turned to steeplechasing and flat racing. Mrs. Moran was a major player in the auction world, selling and buying million-dollar horses. As a breeder, her Grade 1 successes included Hard Spun, High Yield and Unaccounted For, two-time Eclipse Award winner Unique Bella, European champion and classic winner Russian Rhythm. She campaigned Belmont Stakes-G1 winner Creme Fraiche, Arlington Million-G1 winner Kicken Kris, Spinster Stakes-G1 winner Mushka, and Aintree Grand National Steeplechase winner Papillon. Mrs. Moran was 89 when she passed away at her home in January 2020.



*Betty Moran was a horse lover and breeder of champions and sales stars.*

## David Dallas O'Dell

Known as the major force behind the founding of the PHBA, for which he served as president, Mr. O'Dell died in 1980 at age 82. An insurance executive, he was the leading gentleman rider in the U.S. for several years in his youth, and held an engineering degree from Carnegie Mellon University. During World War II he served in the medical corps in Panama and was also a pilot in France.

## William Pape

Two Pennsylvanians share the record for breeding the most Eclipse Award winners – William Pape and his longtime racing partner, trainer Jonathan Sheppard. The legendary duo turned out four steeplechase champions who won a total of seven Eclipse Awards – Martie's Anger (1979), Flatterer (1983 to 1986), Mixed Up (2009) and Divine Fortune (2013). Their Hall of Famer Flatterer lived at Pape's My Way Farm in Unionville in retirement until his death at age 35 in 2014.

## Mrs. Henry D. Paxson

Mrs. Henry D. Paxson earned numerous accolades during her long career in the horse business, most notably an Eclipse award as the nation's leading breeder in 1980, a season in which she was represented by six stakes winners. Mrs. Paxson, who with her late husband converted their Elm Grove Farm in Holicong, Bucks County, to a Thoroughbred operation in the 1960s, was the first woman to receive the honor. Her 1980 stakes winners were PA-breds Heavenly Ade, winner of the Delaware Handicap, and Kaylem Ho; plus Candy Eclair (co-champion 2-year-old filly of 1978), No Bend, Pepi Wiley and Foretake. She later bred multiple stakes-winning Pennsylvania-bred champion Devil's Honor (a grandson of Heavenly Ade).

## Tom Reigle

Tom Reigle takes the philosophy you can be successful with young stallions who have a few crops of Kentucky-sired foals and move them to Pennsylvania. He's done it well for decades, first standing such stallions as Roanoke, Patton, Siphon (Brz), and most notably Real Quiet, at his Reigle Heir Farm in Grantville, many brought in through his connection with Airdrie Stud in Kentucky. Reigle Heir, which he started with his wife Ann in 1969 for show horses and road ponies before eventually turning to Thoroughbreds, was at its height as a breeding operation when he sold it to Dennis Ma-

donna and J. Bradley Jones in 2005. Reigle has since taken on an advisory role in bringing new stallions into the state.



*Larger than life Tom Reigle found success with a different take in the stallion business.*

## Gary Reihart

Elected PHBA president in 1986, Gary Reihart served in that role for 10 tumultuous years, leading this organization into the modern era of full-card simulcasting and off-track wagering. Mr. Reihart entered the horse business in 1970, and became involved full-time after giving up his earlier career in real estate in 1983. He and his wife Beverly have a farm in Dillsburg, where they have been involved in all phases of breeding and racing – from standing stallions to conditioning horses in an equine swimming pool which Mr. Reihart, a licensed trainer, designed.

## D.L. Reynolds

Throughout the early years of Pennsylvania racing, D.L. Reynolds and his Keystone Stable were an omnipresent force. Mr. Reynolds, founder and president of Pittsburgh-based Highway Equipment Company, owned Saxony Farm near Pittsburgh for nearly four decades, until his death in 1988, at age 83. Mr. Reynolds' Keystone Stable claimed Piecesofeight in the mid-1950s and shortly thereafter sent that horse out to win the rich Providence Stakes at Narragansett Park and



the Boardwalk Handicap at Atlantic City. Piece-o-eight eventually became the farm's foundation sire, his offspring including Addy Boy, who won the William duPont Handicap and Salvator Mile for Mr. Reynolds in 1969. Addy Boy stood at Saxony and sired Peppy Addy (leading PA-bred money-earner of 1977), who followed in his father's footsteps with victories in both the duPont Handicap and Salvator Mile for Mr. Reynolds in 1977.

## Barbara Rickline

After starting with a show barn, Barbara and Ron Rickline turned to the Thoroughbred business and have been at their Xanthus Farm in Gettysburg for more than 35 years. About the same time they launched their Thoroughbred operation, they received an offer to stand graded stakes winner and graded sire Judge Smells for Walter Downey's Tea Party Stable. One of the first stallions to relocate to the state as a successful established stallion – he was the leader in all categories on the Pennsylvania sires lists when he arrived – Judge Smells covered nearly 100 mares a year for six seasons before his death in 2000. He also opened the floodgate for other high-quality stallions to move to the state. Downey foaled his mares at Xanthus and the best was born there in 2003, future Grade 1-winning sprinter Fabulous Strike.

## Jonathan Sheppard

Unionville-based trainer Jonathan Sheppard, elected to Racing's Hall of Fame in 1990, amassed a record within his profession that is never likely to be equaled. The English-born horseman is not only North America's all-time leading money-winning steeplechase trainer, but also a highly successful conditioner of runners on the flat, as well as a noted breeder. He co-bred and trained the great PA-Bred four-time steeplechase champion and Hall of Famer Flatterer, as well as Eclipse Award-winning steeplechase champions Athenian Idol (1973), Hall of Famer Cafe Prince (1977 and '78), Martie's Anger (1979, another he co-bred), Jimmy Lorenzo (GB) (1988), Highland Bud (1989), Mixed Up (co-bred, 2009) and Divine Fortune (co-bred, 2013), champion turf mare Forever Together and champion female sprinter Informed Decision. Mr. Sheppard worked for Burley Cocks before going out on his own as a trainer. Among his first clients was Augustin Stable owner George Strawbridge, with whom he has had many of his major successes. Mr. Sheppard saddled his first winner, Haffaday, at the 1966 Rosetree Hunt meeting in Bala Cynwyd. He retired from training in 2020 after 56 years and nearly 3,426 wins.

## H. Morton Smith

H. Morton Smith was a founding member of the PHBA, a longtime director, and served as the association's secretary through most of the 1980s. He worked as a stockbroker and brokerage firm executive in Allentown from early 1950s until his retirement in 1978. Among his best runners was Write Off, a stakes-winning son of Wajima who went on to be a leading sire in this state.

## William J. Solomon

Bill Solomon has played a prominent role in the Pennsylvania horse industry (both Thoroughbred and Standardbred), for 50 years. The Gettysburg native, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, established his Pin Oak Lane Farm in New Freedom in 1973. A past-president of the PHBA, Solomon maintains a veterinary clinic and import/export station, at the 400-acre establishment, which was the birthplace of 1992 Kentucky Derby winner Lil E. Tee. Solomon has regularly relocated high-profile stallions from Kentucky to stand at Pin Oak Lane over the decades, including Pennsylvania's 2022 leading sire Wicked Strong, as well as Albert the Great, Any Given Saturday, Lite the Fuse, Offlee Wild, Rockport Harbor, Siphon (Brz) and Will's Way.



*Hall of Fame member Jonathan Sheppard compiled a record that may never be equaled. The English-born horseman is not only North America's all-time top money-winning steeplechase trainer, but also sent out champion flat runners.*



*George Strawbridge Jr. with his English classic winner Lucarno, one of his more than 100 graded/group winners to carry the Augustin Stable silks.*

## George Strawbridge Jr.

George Strawbridge's Pennsylvania-based breeding program produced elite runners for decades. His homebred runners regularly took home top state-bred honors, a shining example the 1994 season in which Tikkanen ranking as the top 3-year-old, De Niro (bred in partnership with Peter Brant) leading the juvenile division, and Alice Springs, being named the state's best older runner. Mr. Strawbridge and his Augustin Stable have bred and/or raced well over 100 graded/group winners, including Eclipse Award winners Waya (Fr), Forever Together, Informed Decision and Bricks and Mortar, such European champions as Lucarno, Tikkanen, Selkirk, Silver Fling, Ristna, Trezieme, Turgeon, Rainbow View and Moonlight Cloud, and steeplechase champions Cafe Prince (twice) and Pompeyo (Chi). His remarkable PA-Bred champion With Anticipation earned more than \$2.6 million, won five Grade 1 stakes and has had stakes races named for him. Mr. Strawbridge, an heir to the Campbell Soup Company, is a former president of the National Steeplechase Association and has been a member of The Jockey Club since 1976. He was presented an Eclipse Award as leading breeder in 2019.

## Domenic Tesauro

Domenic (Don) Tesauro, of Cinemod Stable, was a major figure in Pennsylvania breeding and racing for more than 20 years. Mr. Tesauro, who died in 1994, was instrumental in the PHBA's success in the legislative

arena. His successes with Cinemod Stable were highlighted by multiple stakes winner North Call, who went on to sire Speedy Bee, winner of the 1981 Pennsylvania Futurity in Tesauro's colors; Icy Groom, who won the 1988 Pennsylvania Governor's Cup for Cinemod; and stakes winner Ga Hai.

## Frank F. Truscott

Frank Truscott, a founder and longtime director of the PHBA, was at various times a Pennsylvania Attorney General and Philadelphia City Solicitor. He owned 230-acre Fox Trail Farm in Newtown Square.

## Cuyler Walker

Former chairman of the Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission, Cuyler Walker drew upon a wealth of experience in horse racing. His mother, Mrs. Joseph Walker Jr. (see below), was a long-prominent owner/breeder, and his grandmother, Mrs. W. Plunkett Stewart, won the 1938 Belmont Stakes with Pasteurized, a homebred by her stallion Milkman. Mr. Walker, an attorney in Berwyn, took over the family's horse operation upon his mother's death in 1992.

## Mrs. Joseph Walker Jr.

Mrs. Joseph (Avie) Walker Jr., of Rolling Plains Farm in Unionville, was a fixture in the Pennsylvania horse industry from its infant years until her death in 1992. Her homebreds Pay the Toll and Eavesdrop won the inaugural runnings of the Pennsylvania Futurity (1976) and Blue Mountain Futurity (1977), respectively. She bred and raced a number of prominent stakes winners including Rock Talk, Forum, Card Trick and English sprint champion Swing Easy, and her love for horses encompassed all areas of sport. In 1961, she was involved in a racing spill that left her paralyzed from the waist down, but never let the disability interfere with her horse activities.

## Truman Welling

A PHBA board member and treasurer during the association's defining years, Truman C. Welling had great enthusiasm for breeding horses at his Scarlett Thicket Farm in Kennett Square well into his 80s. His greatest successes came late in life as he was the breeder of stakes winners B Flat Major and PA-bred juvenile champions Dam I'm Gorgeous and Oswayo, who earned the title for his 2001 season. Welling died just one week shy of his 93rd birthday in December 2001.



## Betty Weymouth and Eugene Weymouth

Betty Weymouth, honored with the 1992 TOBA award as a leading PA breeder, and her former husband, trainer Eugene Weymouth, supported the state's Thoroughbred program since its earliest years. Among their best runners has been Stand In, a three-time winner of the Iroquois Handicap (1988, '90 and '91).

## Wheeler and Quicks

Chip and Barbara Wheeler and Chip's mother and late step-father Susan and Stephen Quick developed a breeding program that has grown substantially since opening WynOaks Farm in Delta in 2006. With a number of broodmares tracing back to the Quicks' foundation mare Pilgrim's Pride and with the acquisition of the millionaire Weigelia to stand at stud in 2009, the family has seen success with such top-class runners as multiple stakes winners Beren and Smooth B, to name a few. The combination of Weigelia with Katarica Disco (a great-great granddaughter of Pilgrim's Pride) has produced no fewer than 10 winners, six stakes performers, who have combined to earn more than \$3.3 million. In 2022, Weigelia was the leading sire of PA stallion awards.

## Phyllis Wyeth

After a lifetime around horses, Phyllis Wyeth became the owner and breeder of a classic winner when her Union Rags charged home to win the 2012 Belmont Stakes. While foaled in Kentucky, Union Rags was raised at Wyeth's Point Lookout Farm in Chadds Ford. She would later purchase a filly by Union Rags she named Dancing Rags, who would go on to become a Grade 1 winner at 2.



*Chip and Barbara Wheeler, and Chip's mother Susan Quick, have enjoyed success in recent years with offspring of WynOaks Farm home stallion Weigelia.*

## Lifetime Achievement Award

Lifetime Achievement Award is given to a breeder who has significantly contributed to the growth of our industry in Pennsylvania.

2017—Jonathan Sheppard  
2018—Sylmar Farm, Ron & Betsy Houghton  
2019—Bettina Jenney

2020—Pat Chapman  
2021—George Strawbridge  
2022—Mark McDermott

# Pennsylvania-Breds of Distinction

## Iroquois

*1881 Epsom Derby winner set standard for others to follow*

Iroquois stands alone among the giants of horse racing as the only one whose victory in the 1881 English Derby-caused trading on Wall Street to be suspended. The horse who stopped Wall Street was foaled at Erdenheim Stud in Chestnut Hill, Pa. His breeder Aristides Welch sold him in a package of yearlings to tobacco baron Pierre Lorillard, who raced the colt to international acclaim.

What the brown son of \*Leamington-Maggie B. B., by \*Australian, accomplished in his 3-year-old season is almost beyond belief. His victory in the June 1 Epsom Derby was preceded by three challenging, closely spaced performances: a second in the Two Thousand Guineas (May 4), and victories in the (May 6) Newmarket Stakes and (May 7) Burwell Stakes at Newmarket. Two weeks after the Epsom Derby, he came back to win the St. James Palace Stakes (carrying 131 pounds). After a three-month break, he won the Doncaster St. Leger. In October, he was third in the (mile and a quarter) Champion Stakes behind Bend Or, winner of the 1880 Derby. The next day-after being blanketed for a “sweating gallop” after his connections deemed he had not gotten enough out of the Champion Stakes-Iroquois was sent to the post for the mile and a half Newmarket Derby. He won. Unraced at 4, he campaigned successfully, although less spectacularly, at 5, then was brought back to stand at stud at Lorillard’s Rancocas Farm in New Jersey.

The euphoria that surrounded Iroquois’s English Derby has likely not been experienced by present-day horsemen, even those who remember such stirring events as Secretariat’s Belmont Stakes win. Turf writers penned eloquent poems in his honor. Men toasted Iroquois in hotels and sporting clubs. Some among the disenchanted British sniffed that Iroquois was, in fact, very nearly English-bred, being by an imported stallion and out of a mare whose sire was also imported. Still circumstance dictated that Iroquois be foaled in Pennsylvania-and go on to become the standard-bearer for an entire nation.

## Alphabet Soup

*1991, by Cozzene—Illiterate, by Arts and Letters. Bred by Southeast Associates; owned by Georgia B. Ridder; trained by David Hofmans.*

The third leading money-earning Pennsylvania-bred of all time with a career total of \$2,990,270, Alphabet Soup gave Pennsylvania some of its proudest moments in history with his victory in the \$4-million Breeders’ Cup Classic-G1-North America’s richest Thoroughbred race in 1996 at Woodbine. It was a heart-stopping finish, with the handsome roan scoring by a nose over Preakness winner Louis Quatorze, and “horse of the world” Cigar a close third, in new track record time of 2:01 for the mile and a quarter. Alphabet Soup was foaled in Pennsylvania at Frank and Mary Lapos’s Center Hill Farm because his breeder Roy Lerman of Middleburg, Va., had hoped that the horse might one day take advantage of the PA breeding program. Purchased privately as an unraced 2-year-old by owner Georgia B. Ridder after twice failing to make his reserve (he was a \$28,000 RNA at Keeneland in September and a \$29,000 RNA the following spring at the 1993 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-year-olds in training sale), Alphabet Soup never once competed in his home state.

## Ambassador of Luck

*1979, by What Luck—Detente, by Dark Ruler. Bred by C. Thomas Fuller; owned by Envoy Stables (Richard Ransom and Stephen Peskoff); trained by Mitchell Preger.*

The 1983 Eclipse Award for best older filly or mare was awarded to Ambassador of Luck on the strength of a brief but phenomenal campaign. She made just six starts that year and not only won all six (including the Grade 1 Maskette and Grade 2 Molly Pitcher Handicaps), but ran the fastest six furlongs for a filly in New York in 1983, equaled a stakes record while winning the Ballerina Stakes-G3 at Saratoga and defeated such top-notch rivals as Number, A Kiss for Luck, Broom Dance and Dance Number. Sold as a yearling for \$82,000, Ambassador of Luck earned \$231,030 during her championship season and \$489,583 throughout her career.





*Angel of Empire burst onto the 2023 Triple Crown scene with a victory in the Arkansas Derby-G1.*

## Angel of Empire

2020, by *Classic Empire*—*Armony's Angel*, by *To Honor and Serve*. Bred by *Forgotten Land Investment Inc.* and *Black Diamond Equine Corp*; owned by *Albaugh Family Stables LLC*; trained by *Brad H. Cox*.

Derby favoritism can come from unexpected places, and the path Angel of Empire took to get there was certainly unconventional. Bred by Christian Black's Forgotten Land Investment Inc. and Black Diamond Equine Corp, the colt was a \$70,000 yearling purchase for Albaugh Family Stables LLC. In the barn of Brad Cox, Angel of Empire broke his maiden and posted an allowance victory two starts later at Horseshoe Indianapolis at 2 before embarking on the Derby trail. He finished second at 18-1 in his stakes debut, the Smarty Jones Stakes at Oaklawn on New Year's Day, before upsetting the Grade 2 Risen Star field at Fair Grounds. He asserted himself as a legitimate Kentucky Derby contender when romping in the Grade 1 Arkansas Derby. Following the race day scratch of expected favorite, Angel of Empire inherited Derby favoritism and broke from the gate at 4-1. Closing from 16th in the field of 18, he rallied to finish third, beaten a length and a half. After a deadheat for fourth in the Belmont Stakes-G1, Angel of Empire remains a force in his division, hitting the board again in the roughly run Jim Dandy Stakes-G2 at Saratoga.

## Bessarabian

1982, by *Vice Regent*—*Tete de Linotte*, by *\*Turn-to*. Bred by *Welcome Farm*; owned by *Eaton Hall Farms*; trained by *Mike J. Doyle*.

The first Pennsylvania-bred millionaire, Bessarabian earned \$1,032,640 during a career encompassing 18 wins (14 stakes, including the Grade 2 Gardenia) in the U.S. and Canada. A two-time champion in Canada, she was top weighted at 125 pounds on the 1984 Canadian Free Handicap for juvenile fillies, and accorded high weight of 126 the following year. Bred by Dick and Anne Winn's Welcome Farm in Pottstown, she was purchased as a 2-year-old in training for \$122,000 by her trainer Mike Doyle, as agent for Canada-based Eaton Hall Farms.

## Caravel

2017, by *Mizzen Mast*—*Zeezee Zoomzoom*, by *Congrats*. Bred by *Elizabeth M. Merryman*; owned by *Qatar Racing*, *Marc Detampel* and *Madaket Stables LLC*; trained by *Brad H. Cox*.



*Breeders' Cup winner Caravel is a multiple Grade 1 winner against males.*

A story that is still being written, Caravel is the most recent of six Pennsylvania-breds to win a Breeders' Cup race. Initially trained and owned by breeder Elizabeth Merryman, Caravel debuted at 3 and notched her first stakes wins in the Lady Erie and Malvern Rose Stakes at Presque Isle. At 4, she won stakes at Pimlico and Monmouth before Merryman sold a 75 percent interest in the filly to famed celebrity chef Bobby Flay. She immediately became a graded winner in Caress Stakes-G3, switched barns, took on the boys in Canada in a Grade 1 (and finished third) and was offered for sale that November, where she was purchased for \$500,000 by agent Fergus Galvin on behalf of Qatar Racing and Marc Detampel. Moved to the barn of Eclipse

Award-winning trainer Brad Cox, Caravel immediately started paying dividends with stakes wins at Turfway, Belmont (Grade 3 Intercontinental), Saratoga and Keeneland (Grade 3 Franklin), the latter site of that year's Breeders' Cup. At odds of 42-1, Caravel went to the front and never looked back to take the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint-G1. Kept in training for 2023, the 6-year-old mare has additional victories against males, topped by the Grade 1 Jaipur, and earnings just shy of \$2 million as she prepares for her Breeders' Cup title defense.

## Curribot

1977, by *Little Current*—*Ameribot*, by *\*Ribot*. Bred by Mrs. J.O. Burgwin.

A genuine working-class hero, PA-bred Curribot was the oldest Thoroughbred runner competing in North America when he retired in 1991. Bred by Mrs. J.O. Burgwin at her Barberry Farm in Sewickley, Curribot campaigned for 12 seasons. His record included 139 starts, 37 wins, 20 seconds and 20 thirds and \$491,527. He won no fewer than 22 stakes (his last at age 11).



*The durable 22-time stakes winner Curribot won 37 times in 139 starts.*

## Danzig

1977, by *Northern Dancer*—*Pas de Nom*, by *Admiral's Voyage*. Bred by Marshall W. Jenney and William S. Farish.

Danzig had a brief but impressive racing career. In his only start at 2 he ran the fastest time in years for five and a half furlongs at Belmont, and he won his two starts the following year by a combined margin of 13 lengths. But that, of course, is not the reason that he ranks among Pennsylvania's all-time heroes. Retired to stud following a career-ending injury, the PA-bred (sold by his breeders Marshall Jenney and Will Farish



Danzig

*Danzig was brilliant both on the track and at stud.*

as a yearling at Saratoga for \$130,000), Danzig quickly became a sire par excellence. From his first crop, in 1984, came champion *Chief's Crown* and the title of North America's leading juvenile sire. Standing throughout his career at Claiborne Farm in Kentucky, Danzig ranked first on North America's general sires list in 1991, '92 and '93, sired 10 champions and 200 stakes winners. He was euthanized at the age of 29.

## Devil's Honor

1993, by *Devil's Bag*—*Dancing Heroine*, by *Hero's Honor*. Bred by Mrs. Henry D. Paxson; owned by Noreen Carpenito; trained by Walter C. Reese and James T Ryerson.

The first PA-bred to win the Pennsylvania Derby-G3, Devil's Honor achieved that feat in 1996, during a superb campaign in which he ranked among the Triple Crown hopefuls. One of many good PA-breds to represent his Eclipse award-winning breeder Mrs. Henry D. Paxson, Devil's Honor won or placed in 20 of 30 career starts and earned \$793,191. His eight stakes victories also included the Pennsylvania Futurity.

## Divine Fortune

2003, by *Royal Anthem*—*My Tombola*, by *Northern Fling*. Bred and owned by William L. Pape and Jonathan E. Sheppard; trained by Jonathan E. Sheppard.

Champion steeplechaser Divine Fortune put together an exceptional career during his nine years of competition, winning a graded event in five different seasons. Bred and owned by William Pape and Jonathan Sheppard, Divine Fortune won his first graded stakes in





*Divine Fortune earned an Eclipse Award as champion steeplechaser in 2013.*

the Grade 2 Somerset Medical Center Hurdle at the Meadowlands as a 4-year-old in 2007. At ages 7 and 8, he added back-to-back victories in the Grade 2 A.P. Smithwick Memorial Steeplechase at Saratoga. During his championship season as a 10-year-old in 2013, Divine Fortune won the Grade 1 Grand National Hurdle at Far Hills and placed twice in Grade 1 races. At age 11, racing exclusively in Grade 1s, he added the Calvin Coolidge Iroquois Hurdle and Colonial Cup and was runner-up in his Grand National title defense. With 12 wins, nine seconds, and three thirds in 47 starts, Divine Fortune earned \$829,795.



*Fabulous Strike was one of the nation's best sprinters from 2006 through 2009.*

## Fabulous Strike

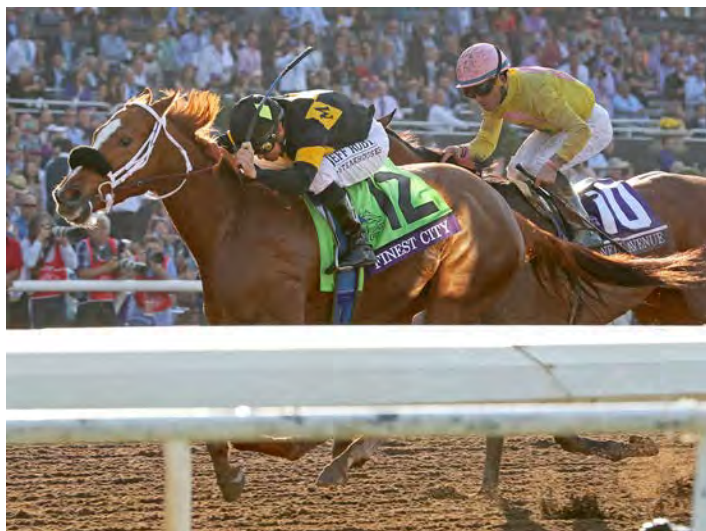
*2003, by Smart Strike—Fabulous Find, by Lost Code. Bred and owned by Tea Party Stable Inc. (Walter Downey); trained by Todd M. Beattie.*

One of the nation's best sprinters in the 2000s, Fabulous Strike strung together an impressive resume of stakes wins in fast times. Walter Downey's homebred gave notice in his stakes debut when he scored in Belmont Park's Romano Gucci in near track record time for six and a half furlongs at 3. From ages 3 to 6 the gelding won a dozen stakes. He won four straight between November 2006 and June 2007, including his first graded in the 2007 Grade 3 Aristides at Churchill in which he scorched six furlongs in 1:07.64, just .05 seconds off the track record. His 4-year-old tour-de-force was Belmont's Grade 1 Vosburgh that fall when he blitzed his rivals by nearly six lengths. An Eclipse Award sprint finalist, he lost the award when injury forced him to miss that year's Breeders' Cup Sprint. Fabulous Strike returned in 2008 to defend his Vosburgh title defense, but fell a head short. He finished second the next year to eventual champion sprinter Kodiak Kowboy, whom he also battled to a photo finish in the Grade 1 Carter. In 10 starts at 5 and 6, Fabulous Strike was first or second in nine, nearly all graded stakes. Among his victories was Saratogas Alfred G. Vanderbilt Handicap-G2. Fabulous Strike was retired with 15 wins in 28 starts, six placings, and career earnings of \$1,447,804. The Fabulous Strike Stakes is run annually at Penn National.

## Finest City

*2012, by City Zip—Be Envied, by Lemon Drop Kid. Bred by HnR Nothhaft Horseracing LLC; owned by Seltzer Thoroughbreds; trained by Ian Kruljac.*

An \$85,000 yearling purchase for Seltzer Thoroughbreds, Finest City turned out to be quite the bargain. The ultra-versatile daughter of City Zip arrived on the stakes scene in California when beaten a head in the Grade 2 Santa Monica in her 4-year-old debut. That summer, she blitzed a track record 1:14.48 for six and a half furlongs in the Great Lady M Stakes-G2 at Los Alamitos. Following a third in the Grade 1 Vanity Mile behind champions Beholder and Stellar Wind, Finest City took her talents to the turf with a second-place effort, beaten a head, in the Grade 2 John C. Mabee Stakes at nine furlongs. Cutting back and returning to the main track in the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint-G1, Finest City contested a blazing early pace and held off defending champion Wavell Avenue for the win, earning the Eclipse Award as champion



*Finest City was the nation's champion female sprinter after her victory in that year's Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint-G1.*

female sprinter. At age 5 in 2017, Finest City hit the board in her first five starts, all graded stakes including the Grade 1 Santa Margarita, Humana Distaff and Beholder Mile, before being unsuccessful in defending her Breeders' Cup title. She retired with 15 wins or placings in 20 starts while earning \$1,266,394. She was sold at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky November Sale to Katsumi Yoshida for \$1.5 million and sent to Japan. Her second foal brought a co-sale topping ¥330,000,000 (approximately \$2.7 million) as a yearling at the 2021 JRHA Select Sale.

## Flatterer

*1979, by Mo Bay—Horizontal, by Nade. Bred by Jonathan Sheppard and William Pape; owned by William Pape, Jonathan Sheppard and George Harris; trained by Jonathan Sheppard.*

Steeplechase star Flatterer's achievements were beyond immense. As a 4-year-old in 1983, he became the first horse to sweep U.S. steeplechasing's Triple Crown (American Grand National at Foxfield, Temple Gwathmey at Belmont Park and Colonial Cup in Camden). In 1985, with a third consecutive win in the Colonial Cup, he added his third championship title, and followed that with an unprecedented fourth in 1986. Flatterer was the first horse ever to carry 176 pounds to victory (in his six-length score in the 1986 National Hunt Cup at Radnor). Inducted into Racing's Hall of Fame in 1994, he won 20 of 27 NSA sanctioned starts and retired in 1987 with career earnings of \$538,807.

## Go for Wand

*1987, by Deputy Minister-Obeah, by Cyane. Bred and owned by Christiana Stables (Jane duPont Lunger); trained by William Badgett Jr.*

Some of the proudest, and saddest, moments in Pennsylvania-bred history accompanied the valiant and unforgettable Go for Wand. Her name will always conjure up images of that fall afternoon at Belmont Park when she suffered a fatal breakdown while dueling through the stretch in the 1990 Breeders' Cup Distaff-G1. But there is much more to the story of this PA-bred filly, who was inducted into the Racing Hall of Fame in 1996, her first year of eligibility. Go for Wand's racing career was a series of crowning achievements, from her victory in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies-G1, in which she clinched her first Eclipse award, to her championship 3-year-old season, in which she led up to the Breeders' Cup with victories in seven of eight races, including six Grade 1 stakes.

## Hard Spun

*2004, by Danzig—Turkish Tryst, by Turkoman. Bred by Michael Moran and Brushwood Stable (Elizabeth Moran); owned by Fox Hill Farms; trained by Larry Jones.*



*Classic-placed Hard Spun became a Grade 1 winner in Saratoga's King's Bishop Stakes.*

Never worse than fourth in his 13 starts, Hard Spun was a heavy hitter during the deep 3-year-old crop of 2007. Bred by Brushwood Stable and Michael Moran, Hard Spun was campaigned by Rick Porter's Fox Hill Farms. He went 3-for-3 as a juvenile, including victories in the Port Penn at Delaware and Pennsylvania Nursery at Philadelphia Park. During the early months of 2007 he captured the LeComte-G3 and Lane's End-G2



in preparation for the Kentucky Derby. He ultimately finished second in the Run for the Roses after setting a rapid early pace, beaten by champion Street Sense. He rounded out his Triple Crown runs with a third behind Curlin and Street Sense in the Preakness and a fourth in the Belmont. He finished second in the Haskell Invitational, beating Curlin, before landing his Grade 1 victory in Saratoga's King's Bishop Stakes. He enacted his revenge on Street Sense next out in the Kentucky Cup Classic-G2, and concluded his career with a runner-up effort to Curlin in the sloppy Breeders' Cup Classic-G1 at Monmouth Park. Tallying seven wins, three seconds, and a third in 13 starts, Hard Spun earned \$2,673,470. Standing his entire stud career at Darley in Kentucky, Hard Spun has consistently been a top general sire. To date, he has 116 stakes winners from dual hemisphere crops, 48 graded/group stakes winners, and 15 Grade 1 winners, including champion 3-year-old filly Questing.

## High Yield

1997, *Storm Cat*—*Scoop the Gold*, by *Forty Niner*. Bred by *Brushwood Stable (Elizabeth Moran)*; owned by *Robert B. and Beverly J. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. John Magnier and Michael Tabor*; trained by *D. Wayne Lukas*.



*A million-dollar yearling, High Yield was a Grade 1 winner at 2 and 3 and became a millionaire.*

In July 1998, the Brushwood Farm-bred High Yield sold for \$1,050,000 as a yearling. Turned over to trainer D. Wayne Lukas, the son of Storm Cat was a busy 2-year-old, making eight starts, his first in July. He contested the Hollywood Juvenile Championship-G3 as a maiden and finished third. Shipped to Saratoga, and he got his first win, scoring by nearly nine lengths, and followed with a five-length romp in the Grade 1 Hopeful. He recorded third-place finishes in the Grade 1 Champagne and Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile and

finished second in the Grade 1 Hollywood Futurity to prove he ranked as one of the best juveniles of the year. Gearing up for the 2000 Kentucky Derby, his chances looked bright as he won or placed in four graded stakes, including a victory in the Fountain of Youth-G1. After missing the Grade 1 Florida Derby by a scant head, High Yield added a third career Grade 1 in Keeneland's Blue Grass by a head over More Than Ready. But after fading in both the Derby and Preakness, the chestnut was retired. But he did make back his purchase price when earning \$1,170,196. Although his stud career was cut short when he passed away at age 10, he was the sire of graded stakes winners.

## It's a Giggle

1994, by *Northern Baby*—*Martie's Delighted*, by *Mo Bay*. Bred by *William L. Pape and Jonathan E. Sheppard*; owned by *William L. Pape*; trained by *Jonathan E. Sheppard*.

Another fantastic jumper bred by the duo of William Pape and Jonathan Sheppard, It's a Giggle flashed promise in his second start when winning the Future Champions Cup Hurdle at 3. Away from the races for three years, the gelding resurfaced in 2001 he reeled off three wins in one month, concluding with the Grade 1 New York Turf Writer's Cup Steeplechase. The following year, he added a second Grade 1 victory in the Royal Chase for the Sport of Kings Hurdle at Keeneland. Returning to Saratoga that summer, he added the G2 A.P. Smithwick Memorial to his resume. Retiring at the end of 2002 after 19 starts, It's a Giggle won or placed 13 times for earnings of \$356,910.

## Lil E. Tee

1989, by *At the Threshold*—*Eileen's Moment*, by *For the Moment*. Bred by *Lawrence I. Littman*; owned by *W. Cal Partee*; trained by *Lynn Whiting*.

Like catching lightning in a bottle—that is an expression that well describes Lil E. Tee, who in 1992 became the first PA-bred winner of the Kentucky Derby. The ultimate rags-to-riches hero, "E. Tee" has his own biography: *The Longest Shot*, by John Eisenberg (University Press of Kentucky, 1996). Of course, the once-sickly colt, sold as a yearling by his breeder Larry Littman for \$2,000, would have ranked among the best PA-breds of all time, even if he hadn't won the Kentucky Derby. In 13 starts, he won or placed 12 times, also registering victories in the Jim Beam Stakes and Razorback Handicap (both Grade 2.) His career earnings were \$1,437,506.



*Distance-loving Lucarno won the classic St. Leger in England for his breeder George Strawbridge.*

## Lucarno

*2004, by Dynaformer—Vignette, by Diesis (GB). Bred and owned by Augustin Stable; trained by John Gosden.*

A classic winner across the pond, Lucarno won the final leg of the English Triple Crown for breeder/owner George Strawbridge and trainer John Gosden. Sired by Dynaformer, Lucarno followed up a seven-length maiden win with a score in the Fairway Stakes at Newmarket. After a spring that included a fourth in the Epsom Derby-G1 and second in the King Edward VII-G2 at Royal Ascot, Lucarno righted the ship with a victory in the Group 2 Great Voltigeur, a standard prep for the St. Leger. Three weeks later, at 7-2 odds, Lucarno charged to victory in the longest of the British classics, taking the St. Leger by a length. He was the highweighted 3-year-old in England at 14 furlongs and up. The next year he added the Grade 2 Princess of Wales's Stakes to his resume. In a 14-start career, Lucarno won five times, was seconds twice and earned \$1,146,233. He found moderate success as a national hunt stallion and passed away in 2018.

## Lyphard

*1969, by Northern Dancer—Goofed, by \*Court Martial. Bred by Mrs. J.O. Burgwin; owned by Mrs. Pierre Wertheimer; trained by Alec Head.*

Lyphard was foaled at Mrs. J.O. Burgwin's Barberry Farm near Sewickley, sold as a weanling in 1969 at Keeneland by Mrs. Burgwin for \$35,000 and sent to France where he became one of that country's leading

milers. He was a two-time leading sire in France before returning to the U.S. in 1978. Syndicated at nearly \$1 million per share, Lyphard continued his successful stud career at Gainesway Farm in Kentucky, and left a legacy of 13 champions, including 1986 U.S. grass champion Manila and 1986 European champion Dancing Brave. When Lyphard died in 2005 at the age of 36 it was noted he was the second longest-living Thoroughbred stallion in history.

## Martie's Anger

*1975, by Spring Double-Martie's Mad, by Martins Rullah. Bred by partnership of William L. Pape and Jonathan Sheppard; owned by William L. Pape; trained by Jonathan Sheppard.*

The first PA-bred ever to earn an Eclipse award, steeplechase star Martie's Anger gained that distinction in 1979, a season in which he registered five wins from eight starts, including a hard-fought half-length score in the Colonial Cup over that season's leading money-earner, Leaping Frog.

## Mixed Up

*1999, by Carnivalay—Oh Nonsense, by Oh Say. Bred by William L. Pape and Jonathan E. Sheppard; owned by William L. Pape; trained by Jonathan E. Sheppard.*



*Mixed Up was a stakes winner on the flat and an Eclipse Award winner over jumps.*

With a career spanning from age 2 to 12, Mixed Up aged like a fine wine. His first stakes win came at age 5 on the flat in the Capital City Handicap for PA-breds. The following year his team of William Pape and Jonathan Sheppard sent him over jumps. Mixed Up



thrived, winning his first graded event in the National Hunt Cup Hurdle-G2 at Malvern. In 2006, he ran seven times, all stakes, and finished in the top three six times. His wins included the Grade 1 New York Turf Writer's Cup at Saratoga and Grade 3 Marcellus Frost Hurdle; his placements included a third in the Breeders' Cup Grand National Hurdle Stakes-G3 behind future Hall of Famer McDynamo. He only won twice at age 8, but nabbed another Grade 1 in the Royal Chase for the Sport of Kings Hurdle at Keeneland. After an abbreviated 2008 campaign, Mixed Up returned at age 10 in 2009 and earned an Eclipse Award. His four wins included Grade 1 scores in the A.P. Smithwick Memorial and Colonial Cup, the latter his final win. When he retired midway through the next year, Mixed Up had run 56 times, won 18 times, was second or third in a dozen more and earned \$773,011.

## Mor Spirit

2013, by *Eskendereya*—*Im a Dixie Girl*, by *Dixie Union*. Bred by *The Elkstone Group* (Stuart Grant); owned by *Michael Lund Petersen*; trained by *Bob Baffert*.



*Belmont's Met Mile-G1 was won by Mor Spirit by daylight in 1:33.71.*

Stuart Grant foaled his mares at Derry Meeting Farm in Cochranville for a number of years. His The Elkstone Group-bred Mor Spirit was the last Grade 1 winner to take his first steps at the legendary nursery. A \$650,000 2-year-old purchase by Michael Lund Peterson, Mor Spirit was shipped to Bob Baffert and by the end of the year was a Grade 1 winner after taking the Los Alamitos Futurity. His prior start was a runner-up effort in the Grade 2 Kentucky Jockey Club at Churchill Downs, which proved cross-country flights were no issue. His 3-year-old campaign kicked off with

a bang with a win in the Robert B. Lewis-G3 at Santa Anita. Second-place finishes in the San Felipe-G2 and Santa Anita Derby-G1 preceded his Kentucky Derby run, the latter the worst finish of his career and put him on the sidelines for nearly eight months. When he returned he once again proved he was among the best in competition, recording three more stakes wins including a dazzling romp in Belmont's Met Mile-G1 in 1:33.71, with a huge Beyer Speed Figure of 117. He retired with six wins and five seconds in 14 starts and \$1,668,400 in earnings.

## Mrs. Lindsay

2004, by *Theatrical* (Ire)—*Vole Vole Monamour*, by *Woodman*. Bred and owned by *Derry Meeting Farm* (Bettina Jenney); trained by *Francois Rohaut*.



*Mrs. Lindsay won the Group 1 Prix Vermeille in France, just as her fourth dam Mrs. Penny did 27 years earlier.*

Campaigned in France for breeder/owner Bettina Jenney of Derry Meeting Farm, Mrs. Lindsay strung together an impressive 3-year-old campaign in 2007. Trained by Francois Rohaut, the daughter of Theatrical (Ire) won four times and was second in another. After her maiden score at Fountainbleau in March, she followed with a victory in the Group 3 Prix Penelope at Saint-Cloud. In only her fourth career start, Mrs. Lindsay was second in the French Oaks at 14-1, beaten one and a half lengths. Later that summer, upset the Group 1 Prix Vermeille against older mares at Longchamp at 16-1. Just over a month later, Mrs. Lindsay traveled across the pond to Woodbine and picked up a second Grade 1 contest in the E.P. Taylor Stakes by a half-length over Canadian champion Sealy Hill, setting a mile and a quarter track record in 2:00.68. Not showing the same spark at 4, she was retired. She earned \$1,201,621 in 10 starts. Producing foals in Ireland, the

U.S. and Japan, Mrs. Lindsay is the dam of three-times stakes winner and French classic-placed Mr. Owen and stakes-placed Sunday Mirage.

## Mrs. Penny

1977, *Great Nephew*—*Tananarive* (GB), by *\*Le Fabuleux*. Bred by Derry Meeting Farm (Marshall Jenney); owned by Eric Kronfeld; trained by Ian Balding.

Mrs. Penny symbolized the rapidly escalating quality of Pennsylvania's breeding industry when she blazed to glory as England's champion 2-year-old filly of 1979. If given the customary allowance for her sex, she outranked top weighted Monteverdi (a son of Lyphard) on the 1979 English Tote Free Handicap, having been assigned 131 pounds to his 133. Mrs. Penny was bred by Marshall Jenney, who purchased dam Tananarive, by *\*Le Fabuleux*, for \$27,000 in the fall of 1976 in France, with Mrs. Penny in utero. Consigned by Jenney's Derry Meeting to the 1978 Saratoga sale, Mrs. Penny was sold on a bid of \$40,000 by New York attorney Eric Kronfeld in the name of Maverick Productions. Ultimately proving of priceless value as both a runner and a broodmare, Mrs. Penny produced stakes winners Northern Park (a \$2.8-million Keeneland sales yearling by Northern Dancer) and Mrs. Jenney, whose PA-bred son Unaccounted For was a Grade 1 winner of nearly \$1 million.

## Nobo Jack

1997, by *French Deputy*—*Flight of Angels*, by *Afleet*. Bred by Mrs. Lewis C. Ledyard; owned by LS.M. Co. Ltd; Hideyuki Mori.

Campaigned exclusively in Japan, Nobo Jack was bred by Mrs. Lewis C. Ledyard and purchased by Clover Club Co. of Japan for \$250,000 as a 2-year-old. During a career that spanned six seasons on the racetrack, Nobo Jack won 11 times with six seconds and four thirds in 43 races. He recorded eight Group wins between 2001-2003, including the JBC Sprint-G1 and Tokyo Hai-G2, each run at 6 furlongs at Ohi. In addition, Nobo Jack placed in eight additional Group stakes. His career earnings of ¥478,685,000 converted to roughly \$4,033,400. In 2003 he was the highest-earning PA-bred in history until Smarty Jones surpassed him the next year. He's ranked second all-time.

## Page McKenney

2010, by *Eavesdropper*—*Winning Grace*, by *Yarrow Brae*. Bred by Dr. James E. Bryant and Linda P. Davis; owned by Adam Staple and Jalin Stable; trained by Mary E. Eppler.



*Page McKenney was a fan favorite as the consistent gelding won 22 times in 58 starts around the region.*

The beloved gelding Page McKenney claimed many hearts during his seven-year racing career. It took 13 tries for the son of Pennsylvania stallion Eavesdropper to finally break his maiden, doing so for a \$16,000 tag when he was 3. Bred by Dr. James Bryant and Linda Davis, Page McKenney won the the Robellino in his stakes debut the next year. Not only was it his fourth consecutive win, but the start of a remarkable run. During a streak that ran from May 2014 through September 2017, he made 31 starts and was third or better in 30 (and fourth in the other). It included 13 stakes wins, including the Grade 3 General George at Laurel and back-to-back scores in Laurel's Native Dancer Stakes, including one off a nine-month layoff. Four of his placings were in graded stakes. His final season at age 8 saw him hit the board in four of five starts (while fourth in the other), all stakes, with two victories topped by the Salvator Mile-G3 and closed out his career in graded stakes. Page McKenney won 22 times in 58 starts, with 16 seconds and five thirds and earnings of \$1,905,940. He has remained busy since, competing as part of the 2020 Thoroughbred Makeover class in fox hunting, an activity he continues to enjoy.





*The iconic depiction of the Great Sweepstakes at Pimlico shows Parole in front.*

## Parole

*1873, by Leamington—Maiden, by Lexington. Bred by Aristides Welch; owned by Pierre Lorillard; trained by Matthew Byrnes Jacob Pincus.*

One of three Pennsylvania-breds inducted into the National Racing Hall of Fame, Parole lit up the scene during some of North America's earliest racing days. Bred by Aristides Welch's Erdenheim Stud, the gelding competed for 11 seasons across two continents. As a 2-year-old, Parole won the July and August Stakes at Monmouth before taking the Saratoga and Kentucky Stakes at Saratoga. The following year, he won four stakes races, including the All-Aged Sweepstakes at Saratoga over eventual Hall of Famer Tom Ochiltree. At age 4, Parole truly started to come into his own. Winning stakes from distances spanning from one and three-quarters to three miles, Parole traded punches with rival Tom Ochiltree as fellow rival Ten Broeck constructed a 15-race winning streak. The three met for a two and a half-mile match race in the Great Sweepstakes at Pimlico. The race drew such widespread attention that Congress adjourned. Although considered the far-and-away third choice, Parole romped by five lengths over Ten Broeck, with Tom Ochiltree in third. Parole added three more stakes in 1878 before traveling to campaign in Great Britain as a 6-year-old. The gelding reeled off five stakes victories against the best Britain had to offer. Returning stateside in 1881, Parole added the Manhattan and Westchester Cup before winning the final stakes of his career in the Washington Stakes as a 10-year-old in 1883. He retired at age 12 having made 138 starts with 59 wins, 28 seconds, and 17 thirds for \$82,812.

## Pistol Packer

*1968, by Gun Bow—\*George's Girl II, by \*Ossian. Bred by Mrs. J.R.H. Thouron; owned by Mrs. Alec Head; trained by Alec Head.*

It is difficult to overstate the magnitude of PA-bred Pistol Packer's 3-year-old campaign in France. Purchased for \$15,000 as a yearling at Saratoga by renowned French horseman Alec Head, the filly started her career quietly, with a win and a second in two starts at 2. But at 3, she became a national heroine, with five consecutive victories—including the penultimate 3-year-old filly events, the Prix de Diane-G1 and Prix Vermeille-G1 - leading up to the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, in which she finished second, beaten only three lengths, by the mighty colt Mill Reef. Pistol Packer was weighted at 138 pounds on the 1971 Handicap Libre for 3-year-olds, topped only by Mill Reef's 150-pound impost. Pistol Packer, also successful in top competition at 4, was France's leading female money-earner, with seven wins from 12 starts and the equivalent of \$534,710 in earnings upon her retirement in 1972.

## Plum Pretty

*2008, by Medaglia d'Oro—Liszy, by A.P. Indy. Bred by Silent Indy Stables LLC and DDS Stables; owned by Peachtree Stable; trained by Bob Baffert.*



*Winner of the Kentucky Oaks-G1 and a 3-year-old Eclipse Award finalist, Plum Pretty also was a Grade 1 winner at 4.*

Twice an RNA when offered for sale as a yearling, Plum Pretty was purchased for \$130,000 as a 2-year-old by John Fort for his Peachtree Stable in 2010. Sent west to the barn of Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert, the filly broke her maiden first time out at Hollywood Park that October. Her remaining 11 starts were all stakes,

all but one graded. In a 3-year-old season of nine starts, she captured the Grade 1 Kentucky Oaks and Grade 2 Cotillion at Parx Racing. Her placings included Grade 1 efforts in the Las Virgenes and Coaching Club American Oaks. In one of the most dominant performances in PA-Bred history, while taking the unconventional route to the Kentucky Oaks, she won the Sunland Park Oaks in New Mexico by an incredible 25 lengths. An Eclipse Award finalist at 3, Plum Pretty returned to capture the Grade 1 Apple Blossom in her 4-year-old debut. Retired after one more start, she recorded five wins and five placings in 12 outings for earnings of \$1,668,746. She was the most expensive broodmare prospect that fall at Keeneland when sold for \$4.2 million to Mandy Pope's Whisper Hill Farm.

## Princess of Sylmar

2010, by Majestic Warrior—Storm Dixie, by Catienus. Bred by Ed Stanco; owned by King of Prussia Stable; trained by Todd A. Pletcher.



*Princess of Sylmar was the second PA-bred to win the Kentucky Oaks-G1 in three years.*

Named after the Houghton's Sylmar Farm, where she was born and raised, Princess of Sylmar reeled off a quartet of Grade 1 affairs as a 3-year-old in 2013 for her breeder Ed Stanco. Breaking her maiden by 19 lengths at Penn National as a 2-year-old, Princess of Sylmar wintered in New York at 3, picking up easy scores in the Busanda and Busher Stakes and finishing second to Close Hatches in the Grade 2 Gazelle before aiming for the Kentucky Oaks-G1. Disregarded at odds of 38-1, Princess of Sylmar closed from ninth of 10 to run down 2-year-old champion Beholder and post the second largest upset in Kentucky Oaks history. She backed up

that result next out in the Coaching Club American Oaks-G1, added the Grade 1 Alabama at Saratoga, and stretched her Grade 1 win streak to four when taking on older runners, including three-time champion and eventual Hall of Famer Royal Delta, in the Grade 1 Bel-dame Invitational at Belmont, making her an Eclipse Award favorite until she finished behind Beholder in the Breeders' Cup Distaff-G1. She returned at 4 to win the Cat Cay Stakes and posted close runner-up efforts in the Ogden Phipps-G1 and Delaware Handicap-G1 and retired with nine wins and three seconds in 13 starts and \$2,017,220 in earnings. She was purchased for \$3.1 million by Shadai Farm at the 2014 Fasig-Tipton November Sale as a broodmare prospect and sent to Japan.

## Real Solution

2009, by Kitten's Joy—Reachfortheheavens, by Pulpit. Bred and owned by Kenneth L. Ramsey and Sarah K. Ramsey; trained by Chad C. Brown.

Real Solution was one of the first foals born for Ken and Sarah Ramsey in the Keystone State. The powerhouse Eclipse Award-winning breeders had sent nearly two dozen mares to Glenn and Becky Brok's Diamond B Farm in Mohrsville in the fall of 2008. Real Solution, a son of the Ramseys' champion Kitten's Joy, launched his career in Italy, where he won the Premio Boticelli in Rome. He was brought back to the U.S. and entered the stable of Chad Brown and, as a 4-year-old in 2013, recorded his first graded stakes at the highest level in dramatic fashion when awarded the Grade 1 Arlington Million on a disqualification. He landed his second Grade 1 win the next year in the Manhattan Stakes at Belmont Park and would retire a millionaire after 15 starts.

## Russian Rhythm

2000, by Kingmambo—Balistroika, by Nijinsky II. Bred by Brushwood Stable (Elizabeth Moran); owned by Cheveley Park Stud; trained by Sir Michael Stoute.

Russian Rhythm put forth an exceptional career in England. Campaigned by the legendary Cheveley Park Stud and trained by Sir Michael Stoute, the daughter of Kingmambo broke her maiden first time out at Newmarket before bagging the Princess Margaret-G3 at Ascot and Lowther-G2 at York. Her juvenile season ended with a runner-up effort in the race named for her owners, the Grade 1 Cheveley Park. Debuting as a 3-year-old in the the first filly classic of the season, the One Thousand Guineas-G1 at Newmarket, Russian Rhythm shocked the field when upsetting heavy



favorite Six Perfections by a length and a half at 12-1. She proved it was no fluke by following up with victories in the Group 1 Coronation at Royal Ascot and Group 1 Nassau at Glorious Goodwood against older mares. Facing older males for the first time, the filly finished second to the exceptional Falbrav in the Group 1 Queen Elizabeth II. Despite a poor showing in the Champion Stakes-G1 to close the season, Russian Rhythm received the Cartier Award for European champion 3-year-old filly. In her only start at 4, the filly bested males in the Lockinge Stakes-G1 at Newbury. She retired with seven wins and two seconds in 10 starts for \$1,260,794. As a broodmare, Russian Rhythm is the dam of stakes-placed runner Safina and the granddam of five Group 3 winners, as well as 2023 Group 1 Prix-Jean Prat winner Good Guess. She passed away at age 14 following a bout of colic.

## Sahpresa

2005, by Sahn—Sorpresa, by Pleasant Tap. Bred and owned by Douglas McIntyre; trained by Rod Collet.



*Sahpresa (right) made headlines in England when winning three consecutive runnings of the Group 1 Sun Chariot Stakes at Newmarket.*

Douglas McIntyre's globe-trotting Sahpresa was based in France with trainer Rod Collet, but made headlines in England when winning three consecutive runnings of the Group 1 Sun Chariot Stakes at Newmarket. Unraced at 2, she won her stakes debut at 3 in France in

the Prix Coronation at Saint-Cloud. She recorded four stakes wins all told in France, two in Group 3 company. Her eight stakes placings were all group races, six Group 1s, while racing in England, France, Japan (twice in the Mile Championship) and Hong Kong (Hong Kong Mile). She was voted Pennsylvania-bred champion turf horse three years in a row and champion older female twice. In 22 career starts she won eight and hit the board in nine others, to amass \$2,032,282, the most for any PA-Bred mare in history.



*Two-time champion miler in England, Selkirk became a major sire while standing his entire career at Lanwades Stud in Newmarket.*

## Selkirk

1988, by Sharpen Up (GB)—Annie Edge (Ire), by Nebbiolo. Bred and owned by George Strawbridge Jr.; trained by Ian Balding.

Selkirk was the first stakes winner and finest runner produced by George Strawbridge's remarkable broodmare Annie Edge (Ire), also dam of stakes winners Seebe, Rory Creek, Skillington, Syncline and Rimrod. The champion miler in England at 3, Selkirk added a second consecutive championship season when top weighted at 128 pounds for seven furlongs plus on the International Classifications. He became a major sire while standing in England.

## Shamrock Rose

2015, First Dude—Slew's Quality, by Elusive Quality. Bred by Best A Luck Farm LLC; owned by Conrad Farms; trained by Mark E. Casse.

In the second half of 2018, Shamrock Rose strung together a four-race win streak that ended with her becoming the second PA-bred to win a Breeders' Cup race in three years. Bred by Best A Luck Farm LLC and trained



*For the second time in three years, a PA-bred filly wins the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint-G1 and takes the Eclipse Award, this time Shamrock Rose.*

by Hall of Famer Mark Casse, Shamrock Rose broke her maiden in her 2-year-old debut in Woodbine's Ontario Debutante before a runner-up effort in the G3 Mazarine. After stakes placings in the Cicada and Weber City Miss as a sophomore, Shamrock Rose kicked off her stakes streak with a win versus PA-breds in the Malvern Rose Stakes at Presque Isle. She returned to Woodbine to add the La Lorgnette Stakes before heading to Keeneland for the Grade 2 Raven Run. An 18-1 longshot, she rallied from far back to win going away by two and a half lengths. Returning in three weeks and drawing the far outside post 14 in the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint, Shamrock Rose rallied from dead last, making up five lengths in the stretch and got her nose down on the wire in a three-horse photo. Her 25-1 Filly and Mare Sprint upset was enough to crown her with the title of 2018 champion female sprinter at the Eclipse Awards. In 13 starts, Shamrock Rose won five, and had two seconds and two thirds for \$968,962. Sold for \$2.5 million at the 2019 Fasig November Sale as a broodmare prospect, she returned to the sales ring in 2022 in foal to Curlin and sold to KI Farm for \$3 million.

## Smarty Jones

2001, by *Elusive Quality*—*I'll Get Along*, by *Smile*. Bred and owned by Pat and Roy Chapman's *Someday Farm*; trained by John Servis.



*Smarty Jones returned to Pennsylvania to stand at stud and now resides at Equistar Training & Breeding in Annville.*

Smarty Jones took the country by storm during his 2004 campaign that saw him become the second Pennsylvania-bred to win the Kentucky Derby. Prior to that, the son of *Elusive Quality* broke his maiden and won

the Pennsylvania Nursery for PA-breds at Philadelphia Park before embarking on a 3-year-old campaign that saw him win the Count Fleet at Aqueduct prior to a sweep of Oaklawn's Kentucky Derby prep races. With a \$5 million bonus offered to the winner of the Southwest, Rebel, and Grade 2 Arkansas Derby en route to a Kentucky Derby victory, Smarty Jones did just that. Becoming the first undefeated winner of the Kentucky Derby since Seattle Slew, Smarty's Derby win netted him the roses and the Oaklawn bonus. Two weeks later, he rolled to a still-standing record for margin of victory with his 11½-length Preakness romp. Coming up short in the Belmont Stakes, Smarty Jones retired with eight wins in nine starts and earnings of \$7,613,155, the highest ever for a Pennsylvania-bred.

## Storm Cat

1983, by *Storm Bird*—*Terlingua*, by *Secretariat*; bred and owned by W.T. Young; trained by Jonathan Sheppard.

Storm Cat was one of the most sensational 2-year-old performers ever spawned in this state, winning the Grade 1 Young America Stakes en route to a cliffhanger in the 1985 Breeders' Cup Juvenile-G1, which he lost by a nose to Tasso. The Jonathan Sheppard-trainee was weighted at 124 pounds on the Experimental Handicap, two less than co-highweights Tasso and Ogygian. But those feats have been overshadowed by his accomplishments as a sire. Standing his entire career at Overbrook Farm in Kentucky, Storm Cat was the nation's leading general sire twice (in 1999 and 2000) and the leading juvenile sire a record seven times (1992, '93, '95, '98, '99, '02 and '04), with 181 stakes winners, 14 champions. He died at the age of 30 in 2013 after being pensioned in 2008.

## Tikkanen

1991, by *Cozzene*—*Reiko* (Fr), by *Targowice*. Bred by George Strawbridge Jr.; owned by Augustin Stable; trained by Jonathan Pease.

The equine namesake of hockey star Esa Tikkanen found his metier on grass. George Strawbridge's homebred was runner-up for an Eclipse award as the nation's top turf performer in 1994, after setting a new Churchill Downs course record (2:26 2/5 for a mile and a half) while winning that year's Breeders' Cup Turf-G1. Tikkanen won and placed in major stakes in France and Germany, but his biggest victories (the Breeders' Cup Turf-G1 and Turf Classic Invitational Stakes-G1) came in the U.S. At 127 pounds, he topped the list of 3-year-olds on the American supplement to the International Classifications.



## Treizieme

1981, by *The Minstrel*—*Belle Pensee*, by *\*Ribot*. Bred by Kiltinan Farms (Ogden White) and George Strawbridge Jr.; owned by Thomas P. Tatham; trained by Maurice Zilber.



*Treizieme was a world-record priced weanling and, after becoming a Group 1 winner at 2, was a \$1.75 million broodmare prospect.*

Some horses seem destined to make a big impression wherever they go, and such was the case with Treizieme, foaled at Marshall W. Jenney's Derry Meeting Farm in Cochranville. The handsome daughter of *The Minstrel* shattered the weanling auction record when sold for \$500,000 at the 1981 Keeneland November sale, then at 2 became the first filly in 17 years to win France's Grand Criterium-G1. That race was her second start, following a maiden-breaking victory at Longchamp in which she set a new course record. As a broodmare prospect at the 1987 Keeneland January sale, Treizieme brought \$1.75 million.

## Turgeon

1986, by *Caro (Ire)*—*Reiko (Fr)*, by *Targowice*. Bred and owned by George Strawbridge Jr.; trained by Jonathan Pease.

George Strawbridge's homebred Turgeon was a champion at 3, 4 and 5: top weighted 3-year-old colt in France in 1989, top-weighted older horse in Ireland in 1990, and Europe's champion stayer in 1991. A model of consistency and class, he won six stakes, including the Prix Royal Oak-G1 and Irish St. Leger-G1, in which he was the first French-based winner since 1957. Turgeon is the first of two champions bred by Mr. Strawbridge from the stakes-winning mare *Reiko (Fr)*, the other being *Tikkanen*.

## Unique Bella

2014, by *Tapit*—*Unrivaled Belle*, by *Unbridled's Song*. Bred by Brushwood Stable (Elizabeth Moran); owned by Don Alberto Stable; trained by Jerry Hollendorfer.

One of the last horses bred by Betty Moran's Brushwood Stable, Unique Bella made for a fantastic finale. The strapping gray daughter of *Tapit* was out of Breeders' Cup Ladies Distaff-G1 winner *Unrivaled Belle*, whom Moran purchased as a broodmare prospect for \$2.8 million. Unique Bella sold as a yearling for \$400,000 to Don Alberto Corporation and was sent west to Hall of Fame trainer Jerry Hollendorfer. While she didn't make many starts – 12 over three seasons – her races were memorable. Although she couldn't catch freewheeling future seven-time stakes winner *Chalon* in her 2-year-old debut, she proceeded to reel off her next five races into her 3-year-old season, four of them graded stakes. When she notched her first Grade 1 score in *La Brea* in her final start of 2017, she was voted the Eclipse Award for champion female sprinter. She proved sharp in her first start of 2018, winning the Grade 2 *Santa Maria* by nine lengths. Runner-up next out in the Grade 1 *Apple Blossom* at Oaklawn, she returned to California and garnered another Eclipse Award in only two more starts – victories in the Grade 1 *Beholder Mile* and Grade 1 *Clement L. Hirsch*. Injury forced her retirement that summer, but voters didn't forget her class as she was named champion older dirt mare. Retired with nine wins and two seconds in 12 starts, Unique Bella earned \$1,272,400.



*Two-time champion Unique Bella won the 2017 Eclipse Award for female sprinter and the 2018 Eclipse Award for champion older dirt mare.*



*Whistle Pig won or placed in 48 of his 62 starts, making an average of over 12 starts a year, won seven stakes and retired just \$503 shy of \$1 million.*

## Whistle Pig

*2004, by Patton—Yanni's Girl, by Commadore C. Bred by Elizabeth Houghton; owned by H.A.C.K. Stable; trained by Andrew B. Carter.*

Whistle Pig tallied 62 starts across five seasons of racing, with all but five of his races coming in Pennsylvania. A seven-time stakes winner, Whistle Pig was claimed by trainer Andrew Carter and owner Steve Appel of H.A.C.K. Stable for a mere \$10,000 in his fourth career start. Only four months later, the gelding took home the first stakes win of his career when tackling the Lil E. Tee Handicap at Presque Isle. Oftentimes racing multiple times a month, Whistle Pig added the Lyman Sprint, Presidentialaffair, Leematt and Yankee Affair to his stakes resume in his 14 starts at 4. At age 5, he repeated in the Presidentialaffair and Leematt for the final stakes victories of his career prior to picking up eight more stakes placings across his final two seasons of racing. Retiring at age 7, Whistle Pig had tallied 17 wins, 18 seconds, and 13 thirds from 62 starts while just short of a million, ringing in at \$999,497.

## Willy Wank

*1978, by Leematt—Martyinhast, by Hi-Hasty. Bred and trained by Andrew H. Mukina; owned by Anita Czech.*

Willy Wank holds the record for number of stakes wins at Keystone (Philadelphia Park): nine, as well as a secure place in the hearts of longtime Pennsylvania racing fans. Bred and raised by his trainer Andrew Mukina, at Mukina's farm near Erie, Pa., the gallant gelding campaigned for eight seasons, amassing a total of 86 starts, 18 wins, 14 seconds and 11 thirds, for earnings of \$300,261.



*Keystone's stakes hero Willy Wank at age 6 carried 130 pounds to victory as the overwhelming favorite in the 1984 running of the General Charles B. Lyman Handicap.*

## Win Man

*1985, by Con Man—Winnie's Double, by Double Edge Sword. Bred by Louise Brandt.*

The all-time winningest PA-bred is aptly named Win Man. Bred by Louise Brandt, of York, the Con Man gelding won 48 of 178 starts over a nine-year span. Also registering 38 seconds and 23 thirds, he was twice honored as claimer of the year and retired with earnings of \$418,689.



## With Anticipation

1995, by Relaunch—Fran's Valentine, by Saros (GB).

Bred by George Strawbridge Jr.; owned by Augustin Stables;  
trained by Jonathan E. Sheppard.

Big, gray gelding With Anticipation campaigned for eight seasons on the racetrack, coming into his own at 6 and 7 in 2001 and 2002. Finding limited success on dirt during his first four years on the track, he picked up minor stakes victories in the Charles Staats and Creme Fraiche in 2000. Placed on turf for the first time in an April 2001 allowance at Keeneland, With Anticipation aired. Winning the Louisville Handicap next out at Churchill, the gelding made his Grade 1 debut in the United Nations—it was a winning one before losing it in the steward's booth for interference. With Anticipation did not have to wait long for that elusive Grade 1 score, scoring back-to-back victories in the Sword Dancer at Saratoga and Man o' War at Belmont. The following year, he avenged his disqualification in the United Nations with a neck victory before doubling up on wins in the Sword Dancer and Man o' War. He closed out his 2002 season with a runner-up effort to Euro shipper High Chapparral (Ire) in the Breeders' Cup Turf-G1. Retired in 2004 at age 9, With Anticipation won 15 of 48 starts with nine seconds and eight thirds for earnings of \$2,660,543. Since 2005, the Grade 2 With Anticipation Stakes is held each year during closing week at Saratoga.

## Yankee Affair

1982, by Northern Fling—My Malchen, by Debbysman.

Bred by Derry Meeting Farm (Marshall W. Jenney); owned by Ju Ju Gen Stable (Henry L. Carroll, Jay A. Garsman, Martin Scheinman); trained by Henry L. Carroll.

No other PA-bred ever has ever proved more of a bargain than Yankee Affair. Bred by Marshall W. Jenney's Derry Meeting Farm and sold as a yearling at Timonium for \$10,200 to trainer Henry L. Carroll as agent, the son of Pennsylvania stallion Northern Fling earned a grand total of \$2,282,156 during his five seasons on the track and ranked as Pennsylvania's all-time leading money-earner from 1989 until 1996 when surpassed by Alphabet Soup. Runner-up (to Steinlen-GB) for an Eclipse award as champion turf runner in 1989, a season in which he competed at eight different tracks and won three Grade 1 stakes, Yankee Affair won 22 of 55 career starts, and was a graded stakes winner at ages 5, 6, 7 and 8.



*Eye-catching With Anticipation found his home on the turf, winning five Grade 1s during his career.*

# Pennsylvania-Bred Auction Sales Leaders

Over the past 25 years, 21 horses born in Pennsylvania sold for seven-figures at auction.

Kentucky Oaks-G1 winner Plum Pretty was the 2012 Keeneland November sale's most expensive broodmare prospect when sold to Mandy Pope's Timber Town Stable for \$4.2 million. She is the all-time highest recorded auction price for a Pennsylvania-bred, surpassing the \$4 million the 11-year-old Alydar mare Twenty Eight Carat realized when topping the 2001 Keeneland November sale while in foal to Fusaichi Pegasus. The buyer was her breeder, Elizabeth Moran's Brushwood Stable.

Champion female sprinter Shamrock Rose sold twice after she retired from racing, a career that included a win in the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint-G1. In 2019 she went for \$2.5 million as a broodmare prospect; three years later, in foal to Curlin, she brought \$3 million at the Keeneland sale in November. Bred by Best A Luck Farm LLC, she initially sold as a 2-year-old at OBS for \$120,000.

Eleven yearlings sold for \$1 million or more the last quarter-century, with the Kingmambo colt Russia leading the way at \$3 million at Saratoga in 2001. Bred by George Strawbridge Jr. out of the Seattle Slew mare Seattle Way, he was consigned by Derry Meeting Farm.

Brushwood Stable was the breeder of eight yearlings to sell for seven figures, the first High Yield in 1998 for \$1.05 million. Four years later, full-brother Turbo Storm sold for \$1 million. Both were by Storm Cat out of Scoop the Gold (by Forty Niner). Two other Brushwood mares had multiple seven-figure yearlings. Homebred Balistroika produced two million-dollar sales yearlings—Empress Olga (2004, by Kingmambo) for \$1.5 million and Perfect-performance (2002, Rahy) for \$1.1 million. Balistroika was also the dam of champion Russian Rhythm (2000,



*At \$4.2 million, Plum Pretty is the highest-priced Pennsylvania-bred sold at public auction.*

by Kingmambo). Moran's graded stakes winner Strategic Maneuver had three hit the mark. Graded stakes winner Ishiguru (by Danzig) sold in 1999 for \$1,150,000, while Storm Cat yearlings Wile Cat and Stalking Shadow brought \$1,300,000 and \$1 million, respectively.

The most expensive 2-year-olds sold came out of the same sale. Darwin, at \$1.3 million, was not only the most expensive offering at the Fasig-Tipton Florida sale, but he was the highest-priced sold at a public auction in 2012. Purchased by Demi O'Byrne, the Big Brown colt became a Group 3 winner and Group 1-placed for Derrick Smith, Mrs. John Magnier and Michael Tabor and trainer Aidan

O'Brien in Ireland. He was bred by Lansdon Robbins and Tom Hansen. Selling for \$1.2 million was Price Is Truth, a son of Distorted Humor bred by Brushwood Farm and purchased by John Ferguson Bloodstock. Later gelded, he became a winner in the U.A.E.

## Sales highlights prior to 1998 included:

- Grafitti, a stakes winner of \$280,930, brought top price of \$220,000 at the 1976 Ocala Fall Mixed sale. In foal to What a Pleasure, the bay daughter of Graustark—Fictitious, by Abernant, highlighted the dispersal of the estate of Louisa d'A. Carpenter.
- A PA-bred Lyphard colt sold for a record-breaking \$1.7 million at the 1980 Keeneland July sale. Unfortunately, Pennsylvania did not immediately gain recognition for this world-class feat. Reported the PHBA newsletter: "The colt was reported in the catalog as a Kentucky-bred. The Jockey Club listed him as a Maryland-bred. But in reality the world's most expensive yearling ever sold at public auction was foaled at Mr. and Mrs. Russell B. Jones's Shiloh Farm in West Grove,



Pennsylvania.” Named Lichine, the colt (out of Stylish Genie, by Bagdad) became a stakes winner in France.

- On a final bid of \$300,000, a PA-bred filly by Exclusive Native out of Affirmed’s half-sister Confess (by Cornish Prince) topped the Hialeah Two-Year-Olds in Training sale in March 1981. The filly, named Native Confession, was consigned by her breeder Mrs. Miles Valentine of Unionville, with Kirkwood Stables as agent, and purchased by the New York partnership of Susan-Gail Stable.
- Top price of \$60,000 was paid at the 1981 Eastern Fall Yearling sale for a Rollicking colt, Rollicking Free (out of Freedom Now, by Restless Native), consigned by Galbraith Enterprises.
- A new world-record weanling price of \$500,000 was set at the 1981 Keeneland November sale by a daughter of The Minstrel bred by Kiltinan Farms, Inc., and George Strawbridge Jr. The record lasted only a short while, being eclipsed later in the sale. But that was not the last to be heard from the filly, named Treizieme, out of Belle Pensee, by \*Ribot. Two years later she became one of the top female runners in France.
- The 1987 Keeneland January sale saw two PA-breds bring top prices. Previous auction headliner Treizieme, now a 6-year-old broodmare prospect being sold to dissolve a partnership, was the most expensive in that category, bringing \$1.75 million on a bid by Tom Tatham. Top-priced yearling, at \$135,000, was a colt by The Minstrel—\*Veruschka, consigned by Charlton Bloodstock, agent.
- Derry Meeting Farm’s yearling son of Mr. Prospector and champion Waya (Fr) fetched a sales-topping \$2.4 million at Saratoga in 1987. The colt (Tagish) was bred in partnership by George Strawbridge and Peter Brant, and purchased by Hickory Tree Farm.
- Buck Trout (by Waquoit—Miss Buck Trout, by Spend a Buck), became the most expensive yearling ever sold at auction at Timonium when going for \$220,000 at the 1997 Eastern Fall sale. He was consigned to the sale by his breeder, Mrs. Miles Valentine, with Walnut Green (Jones brothers) as agent; purchaser was Dr. Mikel C. Harrington.

## PENNSYLVANIA-BRED ECLIPSE AWARD WINNERS

1979—Martie’s Anger (Steeplechaser)  
1983—Ambassador of Luck (Older filly or mare)  
1983—Flatterer (Steeplechaser)  
1984—Flatterer (Steeplechaser)  
1985—Flatterer (Steeplechaser)  
1986—Flatterer (Steeplechaser)  
1989—Go for Wand (2-year-old filly)  
1990—Go for Wand (3-year-old filly)  
2004—Smarty Jones (3-year-old colt)  
2009—Mixed Up (Steeplechaser)  
2013—Divine Fortune (Steeplechaser)  
2016—Finest City (Female Sprinter)  
2017—Unique Bella (Female Sprinter)  
2018—Unique Bella (Older filly or mare)  
2018—Shamrock Rose (Female Sprinter)

## PENNSYLVANIA-BRED CLASSIC WINNERS

1879—Harold (Preakness)  
1881—Saunterer (Preakness)  
1881—Saunterer (Belmont)  
1884—Panique (Belmont)  
1890—Montaque (Preakness)  
1891—Foxford (Belmont)  
1904—Bryn Mawr (Preakness)  
1910—Layminster (Preakness)  
1992—Lil E. Tee (Derby)  
2004—Smarty Jones (Derby)  
2004—Smarty Jones (Preakness)

## PENNSYLVANIA-BRED BREEDERS’ CUP WINNERS

1989—Go for Wand (Juvenile Fillies)  
1994—Tikkanen (Turf)  
1996—Alphabet Soup (Classic)  
2016—Finest City (Filly and Mare Sprint)  
2018—Shamrock Rose (Filly and Mare Sprint)  
2022—Caravel (Turf Sprint)



**SMARTY JONES – \$7,613,155**

2001 Horse, Elusive Quality - I'll Get Along by Smile  
Breeder: Someday Farm

**NOBO JACK – \$4,033,400**

1997 Horse, French Deputy - Flight of Angels by Afleet  
Breeder: Mrs. Lewis Ledyard

**ALPHABET SOUP – \$2,990,270**

1991 Horse, Cozzene - Illiterate by Arts and Letters  
Breeder: Southeast Associates

**HARD SPUN – \$2,673,470**

2004 Horse, Danzig - Turkish Tryst by Turkoman  
Breeder: Mike Moran & Brushwood Stable

**WITH ANTICIPATION – \$2,660,543**

1995 Gelding, Relaunch - Fran's Valentine by Saros  
Breeder: George Strawbridge, Jr.

**YANKEE AFFAIR – \$2,282,156**

1982 Horse, Northern Fling - My Malchen by Debby'sman  
Breeder: Derry Meeting Farm

**SAHPRESA – \$2,032,282**

2005 Mare, Sahm - Sorpresa, by Pleasant Tap  
Breeder: Douglas McIntyre

**PRINCESS OF SYLMAR – \$2,017,220**

2010 Mare, Majestic Warrior - Storm Dixie by Catienus  
Breeder: Ed Stanco

**CARAVEL – \$1,915,577\***

2017 Mare, Mizzen Mast - Zeezee Zoomzoom by Congrats  
Breeder: Elizabeth M. Merryman

**PAGE MCKENNEY – \$1,905,940**

2010 Gelding, Eavesdropper - Winning Grace by Yarrow  
Brae  
Breeder: Dr. James E. Bryant & Linda P. Davis

**PLUM PRETTY – \$1,688,746**

2008 Mare, Medaglia d'Oro - Liszy by A.P. Indy  
Breeder: DDS Stables & Silent Indy Stables

**MOR SPIRIT – \$1,668,400**

2013 Horse, Eskendereya - Im a Dixie Girl by Dixie Union  
Breeder: The Elkstone Group, LLC

**TIKKANEN – \$1,599,335**

1991 Horse, Cozzene - Reiko (FR) by Targowice  
Breeder: George Strawbridge, Jr.

**ANGEL OF EMPIRE – \$1,489,375\***

2020 Colt, Classic Empire - Armony's Angel  
by To Honor and Serve  
Breeder: Forgotten Land Investment Inc  
& Black Diamond Equine Corp

**FABULOUS STRIKE – \$1,447,804**

2003 Gelding, Smart Strike-Fabulous Find, by Lost Code  
Breeder: Tea Party Stable, Inc.

**LIL E. TEE – \$1,437,506**

1989 Horse, At the Threshold - Eileen's Moment by For  
the Moment  
Breeder: Larry Littman

**REAL SOLUTION – \$1,374,175**

2009 Horse, Kitten's Joy - Reachfortheheavens by Pulpit  
Breeder: Kenneth & Sarah Ramsey

**GO FOR WAND – \$1,373,338**

1987 Mare, Deputy Minister - Obeah by Cyane  
Breeder: Christiana Stables

**UNIQUE BELLA – \$1,272,400**

2014 Mare, Tapit - Unrivaled Belle by Unbridled's Song  
Breeder: Brushwood Stable

**FINEST CITY – \$1,266,394**

2012 Mare, City Zip - Be Envied by Lemon Drop Kid  
Breeder: HnR Nothhaft Horseracing, LLC

**RUSSIAN RHYTHM – \$1,260,794**

2000 Mare, Kingmambo - Balistroika by Nijinsky II  
Breeder: Brushwood Stable

**ROCHESTER – \$1,232,266**

1996 Gelding, Green Dancer - Central City (GB) by Midyan  
Breeder: George Strawbridge, Jr.

**MRS. LINDSAY – \$1,201,621**

2004 Mare, Theatrical (IRE) - Vole Vole Monamour  
by Woodman  
Breeder: Derry Meeting Farm

**ARSON SQUAD – \$1,190,181**

2003 Gelding, Brahms - Majestic Fire by Green Dancer  
Breeder: E&D Enterprises

**NATURE HEALER – \$1,182,749**

1998 Horse, Valiant Nature - Mintullah by The Minstrel  
Breeder: Mrs. Miles Valentine

**HIGH YIELD – \$1,170,196**

1997 Horse, Storm Cat - Scoop the Gold by Forty Niner  
Breeder: Brushwood Stable

**LUCARNO – \$1,146,233**

2004 Horse, Dynaformer - Vignette by Diesis (GB)  
Breeder: Augustin Stable

**MASTER COMMAND – \$1,137,188**

2002 Horse, A.P. Indy - Lady Lochinvar  
by Lord at War (ARG)  
Breeder: Brushwood Stable

**TOM'S READY – \$1,036,267**

2013 Horse, More Than Ready - Goodbye Stranger by  
Broad Brush  
Breeder: Blackstone Farm LLC

**BESSARABIAN – \$1,032,640**

1982 Mare, Vice Regent - Tete de Linotte by Turn-To  
Breeder: Welcome Farm

**FAVORITE TALE – \$1,026,300**

2011 Gelding, Tale of the Cat - Tricky Elaine  
by Grindstone  
Breeder: Paul Conaway

**LORD ADMIRAL – \$1,009,530**

2001 Horse, El Prado (IRE) - Lady Ilsley by Trempolino  
Breeder: London Thoroughbred Services  
& Derry Meeting Farm

**SMART BID – \$1,008,309**

2006 Horse, Smart Strike - Recording by Danzig  
Breeder: George Strawbridge, Jr.

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# Pennsylvania-Bred Grade 1 Winners

HORSE	BREEDER	YEAR	RACE	HORSE	BREEDER	YEAR	RACE
Agitate	Mrs. J. O. Burgwin	1974	Hollywood Derby	Russian Rhythm	Brushwood Stable	2003	Coronation S.
Mrs. Penny	Derry Meeting Farm	1979	William Hill Cheveley Park S.	Russian Rhythm	Brushwood Stable	2003	Sagitta One Thousand Guineas
Heavenly Ade	Mrs. Henry D. Paxson	1980	Delaware H.	Russian Rhythm	Brushwood Stable	2003	Vodafone Nassau S.
Mrs. Penny	Derry Meeting Farm	1980	Prix de Diane de Revlon-French Oaks	Russian Rhythm	Brushwood Stable	2004	Juddmonte Lockinge S.
Mrs. Penny	Derry Meeting Farm	1980	Prix Vermeille	Smarty Jones	Someday Farm	2004	Kentucky Derby
Ambassador of Luck	C. T. Fuller	1983	Maskette S.	Smarty Jones	Someday Farm	2004	Preakness S.
First Approach	George Strawbridge Jr.	1983	Flower Bowl H.	Great Hunter	Ivy Dell Stud	2006	Lane's End Breeders' Futurity
Spit Curl	Peter M. Brant	1983	Alabama S.	Fabulous Strike	Tea Party Stable, Inc.	2007	Vosburgh S.
Treizieme	Kiltinan Farms, Inc. & George Strawbridge, Jr., et al.	1983	Grand Criterium	Hard Spun	Michael Moran & Brushwood Stable	2007	King's Bishop S.
Contredance	Derry Meeting Farm	1984	Arlington-Washington Lassie S.	Lucarno	Augustin Stable	2007	Ladbroke's St. Leger
Golden Horde	Mrs. Joseph Walker Jr.	1985	Monmouth Oaks	Mrs. Lindsay	Derry Meeting Farm	2007	E. P. Taylor S.
Storm Cat	W. T. Young Storage Inc.	1985	Young America S.	Mrs. Lindsay	Derry Meeting Farm	2007	Prix Vermeille Lucien Barriere
Classy Cathy	E. A. Cox Jr.	1986	Alabama S.	Sahpresa	Douglas McIntyre	2009	Kingdom of Bahrain Sun Chariot S.
Classy Cathy	E. A. Cox Jr.	1986	Ashland S.	Sahpresa	Douglas McIntyre	2010	Kingdom of Bahrain Sun Chariot S.
Classy Cathy	E. A. Cox Jr.	1986	Gazelle H.	Plum Pretty	Silent Indy Stables, LLC & DDS Stables	2011	Kentucky Oaks
Melodist	Ziw Associates	1988	Kildangan Stud Irish Oaks	Sahpresa	Douglas McIntyre	2011	Kingdom of Bahrain Sun Chariot S.
Melodist	Ziw Associates	1988	Oaks d'Italia	Plum Pretty	Silent Indy Stables, LLC & DDS Stables	2012	Apple Blossom H.
Go for Wand	Christiana Stables	1989	Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies	So Many Ways	John R. Penn & John C. Penn	2012	Spinaway S.
Martial Law	Darley Stud	1989	Santa Anita H.	Princess of Sylmar	Ed Stanco	2013	Alabama S.
Silver Fling	George Strawbridge Jr.	1989	CIGA Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp	Princess of Sylmar	Ed Stanco	2013	Beldame Invitational S.
Yankee Affair	Derry Meeting Farm	1989	Man o'War S.	Princess of Sylmar	Ed Stanco	2013	Longines Kentucky Oaks
Yankee Affair	Derry Meeting Farm	1989	Turf Classic	Princess of Sylmar	Ed Stanco	2013	TVG Coaching Club American Oaks
Yankee Affair	Derry Meeting Farm	1989	United Nations H.	Princess of Sylmar	Ed Stanco	2013	Arlington Million S.
Go for Wand	Christiana Stables	1990	Alabama S.	Real Solution	Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey	2013	Knob Creek Manhattan S.
Go for Wand	Christiana Stables	1990	Ashland S.	Real Solution	Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey	2014	Humana Distaff S.
Go for Wand	Christiana Stables	1990	Beldame S.	Dame Dorothy	Derry Meeting Farm	2015	Los Alamitos Futurity
Go for Wand	Christiana Stables	1990	Maskette S.	Mor Spirit	Elkstone Group, LLC	2015	E. P. Taylor S.
Go for Wand	Christiana Stables	1990	Mother Goose S.	Al's Gal	Malone Racing LLC	2016	Presented by HPIBet
Go for Wand	Christiana Stables	1990	Test S.	Finest City	HnR Nothhaft	2016	Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint
Selkirk	George Strawbridge, Jr.	1991	Queen Elizabeth II S.	Illuminant	Sycamore Hall Farm LLC	2016	Gamely S.
Turgeon	George Strawbridge, Jr.	1991	Jefferson Smurfit Memorial Irish St. Leger	Mor Spirit	Elkstone Group, LLC	2017	Mohegan Sun Metropolitan H.
Turgeon	George Strawbridge, Jr.	1991	Prix Royal-Oak-French St. Leger	Unique Bella	Brushwood Stable	2017	La Brea S.
Lil E. Tee	Larry Littman	1992	Kentucky Derby	Army Mule	Hope Hill Farm	2018	Carter H.
Tikkanen	George Strawbridge Jr.	1994	Breeders' Cup Turf	Shamrock Rose	Best A Luck Farm LLC	2018	Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint
Tikkanen	George Strawbridge Jr.	1994	Turf Classic Invitational S.	Spring Quality	George Strawbridge Jr.	2018	Woodford Reserve Manhattan S.
Unaccounted For	Derry Meeting Farm & Brushwood Stable	1995	Whitney H.	Unique Bella	Brushwood Stable	2018	Beholder Mile S.
Alphabet Soup	Southeast Associates	1996	Breeders' Cup Classic	Unique Bella	Brushwood Stable	2018	Clement L. Hirsch S.
Cara Regina	Frances A. H. Leidy	1996	Grande Premio Diana	Mirth	Barlar, LLC	2019	Rodeo Drive S.
Cara Regina	Frances A. H. Leidy	1996	Grande Premio Zelia Gonzaga Peixoto de Castro-Taca de Ouro	Caravel	Elizabeth M. Merryman	2022	Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint
High Yield	Brushwood Stable	1999	Hopeful S.	Just One Time	Warrior's Reward LLC	2022	Madison S.
High Yield	Brushwood Stable	2000	Fountain of Youth S.	Angel of Empire	Forgotten Land	2023	Arkansas Derby
High Yield	Brushwood Stable	2000	Toyota Blue Grass S.	Caravel	Investment Inc & Black Diamond Equine Corp	2023	Jaipur S.
With Anticipation	George Strawbridge, Jr.	2001	Man o' War S.				
With Anticipation	George Strawbridge, Jr.	2001	Sword Dancer Invitational H.				
With Anticipation	George Strawbridge, Jr.	2002	Man o' War S.				
With Anticipation	George Strawbridge, Jr.	2002	Sword Dancer Invitational H.				
With Anticipation	George Strawbridge, Jr.	2002	United Nations H.				

# Leading Breeders Fund Recipients since 1975

1975	J.C. Giangiulio	\$11,745	1999	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Cuprill	\$140,477
1976	J.C. Giangiulio	\$15,363	2000	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Cuprill	\$203,299
1977	Paul D. Mills	\$27,221	2001	Tea Party Stable	\$130,608
1978	Paul D. Mills	\$14,996	2002	Our Farm Inc.	\$171,458
1979	Paul D. Mills	\$28,126	2003	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Cuprill	\$136,058
1980	Paul D. Mills	\$34,134	2004	Sylmar Farm	\$129,192
1981	Paul D. Mills	\$43,531	2005	Thomas N. Reigle	\$130,257
1982	Paul D. Mills	\$57,953	2006	Thomas N. Reigle	\$139,206
1983	Keystone Stable	\$91,019	2007	Judith Barrett	\$198,292
1984	Paul D. Mills	\$102,228	2008	Sylmar Farm Inc	\$259,464
1985	Paul D. Mills	\$90,162	2009	Sylmar Farm Inc	\$223,540
1986	Paul D. Mills	\$78,514	2010	Judith M Barrett	\$177,650
1987	Paul D. Mills	\$81,964	2011	George Strawbridge Jr.	\$268,488
1988	Paul D. Mills	\$58,278	2012	George Strawbridge Jr.	\$327,075
1989	Paul D. Mills	\$46,452	2013	William J. Solomon VMD	\$309,298
1990	Pennfield Farms Inc.	\$86,194	2014	Michael W. Jester	\$351,738
1991	Pennfield Farms Inc.	\$94,676	2015	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	\$354,500
1992	Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Cuprill	\$80,109	2016	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	\$374,048
1993	Pennfield Farms Inc.	\$52,174	2017	Glenn E. Brok LLC	\$449,842
1994	Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Cuprill	\$80,533	2018	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	\$457,341
1995	Stud Aire Farms	\$79,826	2019	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	\$434,751
1996	Mr. and Mrs. Charles A Cuprill	\$95,436	2020	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	\$306,970
1997	Our Farm Inc.	\$106,499	2021	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	\$438,108
1998	Our Farm Inc.	\$108,011	2022	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	\$502,000



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