

# PAThoroughbred NEWSLETTER

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#### **PA-BRED REMINDERS**

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

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# A plethora of firsts for Royal Breeze Thoroughbreds

By Nikki Sherman

You've seen it before in countless books and films: the uplifting journey of a little girl from a non-horsey family living in an urban community who loves horses and dreams of the winner's circle. Well, this fairy tale for Carol Casella is no longer fictional. The Boston native remembered begging her father to take her to the racetrack until getting her driver's license opened up a wide open world of riding horses. She showed Arabians and participated in barrel racing but the racetrack still beckoned.

"I loved the adrenaline rush of riding fast horses but did not know how to get started," Casella said. "I had no contacts at the track. I followed racing and went to the (Kentucky) Derby for many years; it's a bucket list for many to go only once but I went every year. I had no idea I would end up breeding to some of those horses as stallions today!"

In 2018, she discovered a mare in a Texas kill pen, and that changed everything. There was no doubt in her mind that she would rescue the mare, especially since her appreciation for the great Thoroughbreds of the past was piqued when she researched the mare's pedigree. The bay named Ravin in the Heat was a granddaughter of Alleged, a great-granddaughter of Lyphard and a great-granddaughter of Bold Reasoning.

"Alleged went down in history in Europe (when winning) the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe twice," Casella noted. "(Ravin in the Heat) is sweet as anything, talented and a great ride."

Her discovery of Ravin in the Heat solidified the importance of not only racehorse aftercare but also sharing the facts of its many myths. She actively rehomes her own horses when they are ready for a new career and makes sure to track them.

While she is grateful to have found the Alleged descendant, she explained, "Her original owners that I tracked down loved these horses and had a buy-back guarantee, so they would have taken them back. We need to get the word out to people selling about checking references, information and how people are posing as homes and taking them right to the kill pen."

After her purchase of Ravin in the Heat, Casella traveled to Texas so she could watch one of the mare's foals race at Sam Houston in person, just as he was getting started on a racing career that would see him earn six figures. While on the backstretch she fell in love with a gorgeous, silvery-gray mare in their barn named Rockin Royalty who was at the tail end of her career. Shortly thereafter, the mare became Casella's first broodmare. She also gave inspiration for a stable name, Royal Breeze Thoroughbreds.

"I wanted to give homage to a Thoroughbred breezing and Rockin Royalty is a nicely built, old style horse with old bloodlines," Casella noted. "So in that way, Rockin Royalty helped me decide on a stable name."

Rockin Royalty's first foal was bred

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in Texas and when the sire of that filly, Airoforce, moved to Pennsylvania, Casella was introduced to the benefits for Pennsylvania-Breds. The mare has been in the Keystone State ever since. Her 3-yearold son, Rockinhot Amadeaus (by Latent Heat), is currently in training at Parx Racing.

Though she lives in Massachusetts, Casella drives down for every race and has nothing but praise for her time in Pennsylvania. "It has the best breeders awards, a great offering of Kentucky-quality stallions, many stakes and races for all levels, and so much more! We have foaled, run and done business in four other states and love it here. The people are enjoyable and everyone is supportive of each other. I've made many friends here who I value."

In slowly building her broodmare band, Casella focuses on quality commercial and solid regional mares and is proud to own black-type daughters of Tapit, as well as others by Unbridled's Song, Nyquist, War Front and Oxbow.

One of those mares is a daughter of Tale of the Cat named Miss Antonella.

Casella chose to focus on the PA-Sired/PA-Bred races when utilizing Pennsylvania stallion Tight Ten, a son of Tapit from the female family of multiple Grade 1 winner Fleet Renee. Tight Ten stands for \$2,500 at Rich Miller's Mountain Springs Stables in Palmyra. The resulting foal was a flashy chestnut filly with a feisty streak, earning her the moniker "Baby Shark".

On May 28 of this year, that filly left her mark after just three career starts. Officially named Miss Casella, she went right to the lead from the start, begrudgingly gave way, and then found another gear while professionally surging back to win by a length and a half. It was a plethora of firsts, including the first winner for Tight Ten.

"To breed a foal and win is amazing," Carol Casella raved. "Not only was she the first Pennsylvania-Bred of ours to make it to a race, she was the first to win. There is no feeling like seeing them at your own farm, caring for them every day since birth, and exceeding our expectations all the way to the winner's circle! I have purchased

young horses before and had a claiming horse, but there's no feeling like this.

"Miss Casella is the first foal out of Miss Antonella and the first foal by Tight Ten to win. He's a well-bred Tapit who competed in the Breeders' Cup and I know Rich has high hopes for him. I'm excited that Miss Casella is contributing to his success and career at stud."

The future is bright for Casella and her Royal Breeze Thoroughbreds. She has several partners from her home state joining her, thanks to the enticing Pennsylvania incentives. Her PA-Breds are sired by a "who's who" of stallions nationally and locally, including Catholic Boy, Jimmy Creed, Smarty Jones, Gift Box, Frosted, Mystic Guide and Keen Ice.

She is most excited about several by Preakness Stakes winner Cloud Computing, who moved to Dr. Bill Solomon's Pin Oak Lane Farm at the start of the 2024 season and stands for \$3,500. Casella credits Dr. Solomon for being a valued mentor in

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### A few words from the Executive Secretary

Fasig Tipton Saratoga was home to a Smarty Party as he was inducted into the Thoroughbred Racing Hall of Fame. Even though there were seven inductees, half the pavilion was filled with Smarty supporters. Pat Chapman, John Servis and Stu Elliott addressed the crowd and it was a fantastic ceremony. August 1st was a great day for Pennsylvania as Smarty was the fourth PA-Bred to enter the Hall of Fame.

Our first PA-Bred Yearling Show took place on June 21 and we've already been contacted by other breeders who said they would be there next year. This years' Champion was a filly by McKinzie out of Emerald Bracelet, bred and owned by Tom Coulter's Arrowwood Farm. Remember, all participants are eligible for a

share of \$40,000 at the end of their 2yo and 3yo careers, according to highest earnings. That's \$20,000 awarded for each year, and not limited to Pennsylvania earnings. Hope to see your future yearlings.

I'm happy to announce that there will be no registration fee for the PA-Sired PA-Bred Stallion Series in 2025. If your 2yo is a PA-Sired PA-Bred you will be automatically registered to run. The only exception will be the third and final leg of the 2024 Stallion Series which will be run on Sept. 19 on PA Day at the Races, with stakes purses of \$100,000 for 3yos and 3yo fillies. These horses were already registered as 2yos in 2024. Any 3yos you wish to enter in these races that were not nominated in

2024 will have to be nominated by paying the

\$5,000 stated late fee to the PHBA before the nomination date of Tuesday, Sept. 2. A \$50,000 breeder bonus for horses that finish first, second and third in total points for the 2024 series will be paid after those races — \$25,000 for first, \$15,000 for second and \$10,000 for third.

If you are still using paper registrations, please make sure you forward a signed copy of the Code of Ethics, which is attached to the registration form. We will be transitioning to paperless this year. Wishing you good luck for the balance of 2025, and remember, PA is the only place to Breed and Race!!



## **LAST YEAR'S STAKES WINNERS**



MILLIONAIRE SMOOTH B



**GORDIAN KNOT** 



**RISH CORK** 



**MILLIONAIRE MORNING MATCHA** 

# FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

## THE PA HORSE BREEDERS

INVITES OUR 2025 MEMBERS & GUESTS TO JOIN US AT PARX FOR A FULL DAY OF #PABRED RACING

## **FEATURING THREE** \$100,000 STAKES RACES

All members and guests must RSVP by Monday, September 15th to Lauren Paoli at 610.444.1050, ext. 1 or laurenp@pabred.com. Maximum 5 guests per member.



**DAY AT** 

THE RACES

INCLUDES LUNCH. **GIVEAWAYS & RAFFLES** 

Must be a registered

2025 member

Parx Racing 3rd floor grandstand Check in begins at 12:00 p.m.

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the move to Pennsylvania. To honor his legacy, she chose to name their first Cloud Computing colt of the season "Sulayman," which is Arabic for Solomon.

And then there's one filly in particular

who is forever recorded by Miss Casella's winner's circle photo. "A huge Cloud Computing filly we had in February is the size of a yearling," recounted Casella. "She has temper tantrums at times and strikes

out. Well, the week Miss Casella won, she struck out and hit me in the eye, so I have a black eye in the winner's circle. We named her Punch N Judy. It's just the life of a breeder!"

# **PA-Bred Fund Statistics:** Top Earners

January 1 through May 31, 2025

### **LEADING EARNERS - TOTAL AWARDS**

Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total	Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total
Warriors Reward	220,245	58,391	278,636	St. Omer's Farm	58,952	0	58,952
Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	181,266	89,737	271,003	Sylmar Farm Inc.	57,820	0	57,820
Northview Stallion Station Inc.	0	119,285	119,285	Cavanaugh Breen Farm LLC	53,155	0	53,155
Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	48,489	60,932	109,421	Kathleen Brady	53,051	0	53,051
Blackstone Farm LLC	98,370	0	98,370	Chuck Russo	41,958	10,489	52,447
A1A Racing	67,684	26,082	93,766	Pewter Stable	36,613	14,923	51,536
Glenn E Brok LLC	62,331	23,823	86,155	Arrowwood Farm Inc.	50,157	0	50,157
Richard N. Miller	69,972	14,471	84,443	Social Inclusion Partners LLC	0	46,258	46,258
Equivine Farm LLC	75,243	0	75,243	Town & Country Farms Management LI	_C 45,683	0	45,683
Peter Giangiulio	68,081	0	68,081	Joseph Imbesi	45,242	0	45,242

### **LEADING STALLIONS**

Fund Money includes Stallion Awards only

Stallion Name	No. of Races	Award Total	Stallion Name	No. of Races	Award Total
Uptowncharlybrown	181	89,737	Eastwood	28	14,221
Warrior's Reward	154	58,391	Red Vine	27	12,522
Weigelia	106	57,978	Medallist	17	12,508
Hoppertunity	143	53,475	Emperor Tiberius	22	12,343
Social Inclusion	51	46,258	II Villano	28	10,489
Uncle Lino	61	29,780	Golddigger's Boy	27	10,425
Peace and Justice	66	26,082	Pat On the Back	16	9,337
Jump Start	53	19,878	Well Spelled	40	9,187
Rowayton	27	19,858	Boisterous	31	8,103
Winchill	70	14,923	Talent Search	19	7,181

### **LEADING HORSES**

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

Horse	Pedigree	Breeder	Races	Breeder Award	Stallion Award	Owner Bonus	Total
BIG BOYS ANSWER*	Uptowncharlybrown-Empires Answer	Cavanaugh Breen Farm LLC	5	53,155	13,289	30,768	97,212
HARP'S HOT CORNER*	Weigelia-Katarica Disco	St. Omer's Farm	5	56,040	14,010	24,480	94,530
SON OF THOR*	Rowayton-Charlybrown's Rose	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	4	42,336	10,584	30,240	83,160
PACHELBEL*	Hoppertunity-Brilliant Sunshine	Newell Thoroughbreds Ltd	7	39,883	9,971	28,488	78,342
SOCIALLY AWKWARD*	Social Inclusion-Bluegrass Smile	Blackstone Farm LLC	6	41,748	10,437	16,080	68,265
ET'S MOON MAIDEN*	Emperor Tiberius-Andrea's Moon	Richard N Miller	7	29,803	7,451	21,288	58,542
JUMP A FOX*	Jump Start-Foxy A. G.	Peter Giangiulio	8	29,439	7,360	21,028	57,827
HI HEELED WARRIOR*	Warrior's Reward-Four Inch Heels	Warriors Reward	8	26,880	6,720	19,200	52,800
OKIE DEN DEN*	Uptowncharlybrown-Baetykaty	Equivine Farm LLC	7	28,976	7,244	13,840	50,060
BEAUTIFULCRAZYGIRL*	Social Inclusion-Socially Driven	Richard A Malouf	3	30,000	7,500	12,000	49,500
WINDSOR GOLD	Golden Lad-English Mum	Shooting Star Stable	4	20,174	0	28,820	48,994
NINJA PRIZE*	Warrior's Reward-Lemon Strudel	Kathleen Brady	5	24,080	6,020	17,200	47,300
TARA'S TALENT*	Talent Search-Graemy	Glenn E Brok LLC	3	22,131	5,533	15,808	43,472
FAR MO POWER*	Uncle Lino-J. D. Safari	Peter Giangiulio	3	21,868	5,467	15,620	42,955
IMPERIO AZTECA*	Weigelia-Petrezza	Jaime Guerrero	4	20,496	5,124	14,640	40,260
LADY ANNABELLE*	Golddigger's Boy-Cartier Lady	Luana J Johnson	7	20,031	5,008	14,308	39,347
IN SPADES*	Peace and Justice-Lady Kierkegaard	A1A Racing	5	20,003	5,001	14,288	39,292
RENARD*	Social Inclusion-Abets Abet	Joseph Imbesi	2	19,880	4,970	14,200	39,050
COMMINGLING*	Social Inclusion-Rhyme N Rhythm	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	7	19,488	4,872	13,920	38,280
HOUGHTON SHUFFLE*	Medallist-Runs Like L	Melissa Houghton	3	20,560	5,140	11,600	37,300
Denotes PA-sired							