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Feb. 15 of year breeding
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PA-Breds Prove “It Pays to be a PA-Bred” Even After Racing at Thoroughbred Makeover

By Nikki Sherman

Over the last decade, the Thoroughbred horse racing industry has actively worked to provide new careers for its equine athletes when they are ready for retirement from racing.

The Retired Racehorse Project's Thoroughbred Makeover has become one of the most prestigious competitions in the world, and Pennsylvania-Breds have represented the Keystone State with vigor.

Since 2018, the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association (PHBA) has sponsored a Special Award for the Top PA-Bred in the competition, with the prize doubling from \$2,500 at its onset to the current \$5,000. Past winners of the Highest-Scoring PA-Bred Award are B K's Angus (2018), Fairly Obvious (2019), Aiken Prep (2021), Sapphire Surprise (2022), as well as three horses that tied for the win representing the 2020 class: Barwin, Monba Number Five and Poised for Action. As many as 35 PA-Breds have competed in one year, when that number was second only to Kentucky-Breds in 2017.

This year, 13 PA-Breds went up against 320 individual competitors and

proved their mettle by competing in nine of the 10 divisions. Two were even crowned Champion, including the 2023 Top PA-Bred, Phlox.

Three-year-old Phlox (Dolphus) was a homebred runner for Dede McGehee, but while the maiden showed little talent on the track, she is now a star for Buck Schott in Polo. Phlox was the runaway Preliminary Leader going into the Finale and the duo continued their dominance during the Polo division showcase, winning by an easy 8 points. For comparison, the point differential between second and fourth was 4 points. Phlox competed in her very first chukker during the Finale.

“She’s just so willing to be here and do what we want,” Schott told the Retired Racehorse Project. “She’s just so peaceful and happy in life and I’m happy for her. I’m going to keep playing this filly; she’s going to go into my string.”

Also victorious were Balboa’s Smile (Buffum) and Kaitlyn Aitken, who pulled off an upset over 17 others in Barrel Racing. The 4-year-old filly went into the Finale in fourth place but blew her



PA-bred Balboa's Smile, left, won the Barrel Racing division for Kaitlyn Aitken. Above, Buck Schott rode PA-bred Phlox to victory in the Polo Division. Averie Levanti photos.

competition away with a run of 19.452 seconds to capture the Barrel Racing division. Balboa's Smile was bred by Silvio Luis Martin and won \$33,671 with one career win in 18 starts. Aitken and Balboa's Smile also contested Competitive Trail where they finished 28th of 51 entrants.

"She's been so good all season," said Aitken, "She started barrel racing in June and won her first futurity. She worked quite hard all season, kept on placing and ended with a futurity year-end award. We are so lucky to be here, and I can't even believe this is real!"

One more PA-Bred competed in the Finale, which allowed the top five preliminary finishers a chance to showcase their talents. Comfortably Cool (Winchill) and amateur Mike Leverett placed fifth overall of those 51 entries from the Competitive Trail division and they also competed in Ranch Work. As a racehorse,

Comfortably Cool won two races from 22 starts for earnings of \$45,197. The 7-year-old gelding was bred by Pewter Stable.

Pewter Stable was also represented by 9-year-old Prized Merry (Pure Prize), whose dam is multiple stakes winner Merry Princess. Prized Merry earned \$83,917 with five wins in 16 starts and was owned during his entire racing career by Pewter Stable. In the Thoroughbred Makeover while matched with rider Hannah Schofield, he finished 10th of 82 in Dressage and also competed in Eventing.

The best racehorse of the group was stakes winner Dreams Untold (Smarty Jones), whose last race was less than seven months before the Makeover. Ridden by Erica Eggert Rossner, Dreams Untold competed in both Eventing and Show Hunter. He was bred and raced by Patricia Chapman's Someday Farm, winning six of 22 starts,

including the 2021 Blitzen Stakes, and earning \$281,600.

Owin I Am (Jump Start), bred by Lydee Shea, won 10 of 40 career races, garnering \$220,548. In the Thoroughbred Makeover, the 8-year-old gelding emphasized that age and a long racing career should not be a factor in a new discipline. Ridden by Kelly Lasher, the duo finished seventh of 72 entrants in Show Hunter and 25th of 69 in Show Jumping.

Blackstone Farm LLC-bred Secret Cargo (Gun Runner) sold for \$300,000 at the 2020 Keeneland September Yearling Sale. Luckily for junior rider Macie Lyons, she was able to pick up Secret Cargo when he finished unplaced in two career starts. They competed in Show Hunter, placing 25th.

Kimberly Wojcik was named Top Amateur in Freestyle aboard Lucky Hero (Partner's Hero) with a seventh-place finish. The gelding was a homebred

Thoroughbred Makeover continued

for Barbara Geraghty and earned \$100,752 in 33 starts, with three wins, including a 3 1/2-length score in a 2020 allowance at Parx Racing. Wojcik and Lucky Hero also competed in Dressage.

Similarly, Talented T J (Talent Search) and Midtown (Orientate) were also owned as racehorses by their respective breeders. IBB Thoroughbred's Talented T J had one win at Penn National before finding his way to Alexandra Gilbertson, who rode the 4-year-old gelding in Show Hunter, finishing a solid 12th. Midtown was bred by Tom Coulter's Arrowwood Farm and earned \$41,478 with one victory during his 14-start racing career. Midtown was part of the Team

competition for Silver Dollar Stables and contested both Freestyle and Show Jumping.

Six-year-old Jozani R V F (Artie Schiller) was also a member of the Team Competition and showed in Freestyle (16th) and Dressage. The one-time winner was bred by Wendi Starritt-Graham and his female family traces directly back to multiple graded stakes winner Biogio's Rose.

Danzafied (Danza) was bred by Fox Tale Stud and won two of 26 starts for career earnings of \$86,024. The 6-year-old paired with Coti Hausman Yandle to compete in Eventing (14th of 66) and Barrel Racing (15th).

The final PA-Bred competitor of 2023 was The Little Sprout (Well

Spelled). The 4-year-old gray gelding earned \$28,941 with two wins and was bred by Godstone Farm LLC. Junior rider Josie Frickman rode him in Dressage (finishing 33 of 82).

The Thoroughbred Makeover is both fun and inspiring for competitors and attendees alike. But what makes it even more lucrative now is that there are monetary bonuses and prizes. The PHBA's \$5,000 Award ranks third of all prizes offered at the Makeover, behind only the \$10,000 overall Champion and one other state. This is just one more reason why it pays to breed in Pennsylvania.

A few words from the Executive Secretary

Fantastic news for 2024! You'll see FIVE new stallions standing in Pa. You can find more information in our new 2024 Stallion & Domicile Farm Directory on our website, so take a look for this upcoming breeding season. All breeders will receive a copy in the mail by mid-December. Breed to a PA stallion and receive double the breeder awards.

The PA-Sired PA-Bred Stallion Series is being expanded to include 3yos. You should have received a letter in the mail. If you were nominated for the 2023 2yo series, you're automatically eligible as a 3yo. If you did not nominate as a 2yo, the fee will be \$100 if paid before April 30, 2024 for the

3yo race in 2024. For foals of 2022, the \$200 fee due by January 31st will include races for 2 and 3yos. Please refer to your letter as the earlier you nominate, the cheaper the fee.

Wanamaker's digital sale will again be offered to any PHBA current members. The sale will run from January 7 to January 11. For more information, please go to wanamakers.com.

By now you should be familiar with the online registration system on our website. We will be transitioning to that in 2024. If you are still using a paper registration, please make sure you forward a signed copy of the Code of Ethics, which is attached to the regis-

tration form.

All broodmare domicile forms should have already been entered online for the 2024 foaling season except for public sales and breed backs. Please submit your form when your mare enters the state. These domicile reports are MANDATORY and if not completed, your foal could be denied PA-Bred registration. As usual, please contact our office with any questions you may have. Have a great finish in 2023 and a Happy and Healthy 2024! Pennsylvania is the only place to Breed & Race!



PA-Bred Fund Statistics: Top Earners

January 1 through October 31, 2023

LEADING EARNERS - TOTAL AWARDS

Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total	Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total
Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	\$461,288	\$174,439	\$635,727	Maria M Haire	\$160,481	\$6,000	\$166,481
Warriors Reward	\$443,807	\$131,969	\$575,776	Richard N Miller	\$128,679	\$20,563	\$149,242
Glenn E Brok LLC	\$331,475	\$121,650	\$453,126	Michael Raymond Anspach	\$128,376	\$0	\$128,376
Northview StallionStation Inc	\$0	\$344,814	\$344,814	Richard Molineaux	\$118,321	\$0	\$118,321
Steven W Young Racing LLC	\$244,185	\$93,289	\$337,474	Chuck Russo	\$93,372	\$21,580	\$114,952
Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	\$78,220	\$177,586	\$255,806	Sylmar Farm Inc	\$110,274	\$0	\$110,274
Blackstone Farm LLC	\$241,171	\$0	\$241,171	Social Inclusion Partners LLC	\$0	\$106,567	\$106,567
William J Solomon VMD	\$133,373	\$88,260	\$221,633	W M T Stables Inc	\$105,433	\$0	\$105,433
Arrowwood Farm Inc	\$221,391	\$0	\$221,391	Bryan B Minnich	\$100,009	\$0	\$100,009
Joseph Imbesi	\$192,890	\$0	\$192,890	Godstone Farm LLC	\$98,619	\$0	\$98,619
St. Omer's Farm	\$179,600	\$0	\$179,600	Michael M Moore	\$98,605	\$0	\$98,605
Pewter Stable	\$146,583	\$28,406	\$174,989	Barbara A Rickline	\$84,500	\$11,894	\$96,394

LEADING STALLIONS

Fund Money includes Stallion Awards only

Stallion Name	Stallion Owner / Manager	No. of Races	Award Total	Stallion Name	Stallion Owner / Manager	No. of Races	Award Total
Weigelia	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	282	\$177,586	Well Spelled	Godstone Farm LP	94	\$26,363
Uptowncharlybrown	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	430	\$174,439	El Padrino	Northview StallionStation Inc	81	\$25,624
Warrior's Reward	Warriors Reward	259	\$131,969	Albert The Great	William J Solomon VMD	40	\$23,451
Jump Start	Northview StallionStation Inc	357	\$117,313	Il Villano	Chuck Russo	34	\$21,580
Social Inclusion	Social Inclusion Partners LLC	131	\$106,567	Red Vine	DB Dojo LLC	78	\$20,905
Uncle Lino	Northview StallionStation Inc	254	\$105,508	Smarty Jones	Patricia L Chapman	48	\$20,562
Peace And Justice	Steven W Young Racing LLC	230	\$93,289	Emperor Tiberius	Richard N Miller	52	\$18,211
Talent Search	Glenn E Brok LLC	103	\$79,290	Flashback	Gary & Mary West Stables Inc	61	\$17,301
Hoppertunity	Northview StallionStation Inc	170	\$70,696	Golddigger's Boy	Luana J Johnson	58	\$13,250
Eastwood	Glenn E Brok LLC	59	\$32,903	Last Gunfighter	William J Solomon VMD	62	\$12,623
Lord Shanakill	William J Solomon VMD	95	\$31,905	Medallist	Northview StallionStation Inc	43	\$12,128
Winchill	Pewter Stable	54	\$28,406	Xixixi	Barbara A Rickline	32	\$11,894

LEADING HORSES

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

Horse	Pedigree	Breeder	Races	Stakes	Breeder Award	Stallion Award	Bonus	Total
Twisted Ride	Great Notion - Diva's Gold	Kasey K Racing Stable Tuffy LLC	6	\$116,400	\$48,624	\$0	\$13,920	\$178,944
Notice Of Action *	Hoppertunity - Be A Gem	Bryan B Minnich	3	\$82,800	\$67,920	\$16,080	\$12,000	\$178,800
Disco Ebo *	Weigelia - Katarica Disco	St. Omer's Farm	5	\$20,000	\$86,464	\$21,616	\$41,760	\$169,840
Gordian Knot *	Social Inclusion - Mia	Joseph Imbesi	4	\$60,000	\$77,584	\$19,396	\$10,560	\$167,540
Talented Man *	Talent Search - Musket Mary	Michael M Moore	4	\$60,000	\$66,304	\$16,576	\$17,360	\$160,240
Buy Land And See	Cairo Prince - Twiggles	Joseph Imbesi	4	\$134,120	\$25,720	\$0	\$0	\$159,840
Veeson *	Il Villano - Springingintherein	Chuck Russo	5	\$51,600	\$64,108	\$14,492	\$13,520	\$143,720
Warrior's Ransom *	Warrior's Reward - Ransom Past Due	Warriors Reward	10	\$8,800	\$75,973	\$18,993	\$38,852	\$142,618
Aoife's Magic *	Smarty Jones - Polarized	Mohns Hill Farm LLC	2	\$82,800	\$45,120	\$10,680	\$0	\$138,600
Beren *	Weigelia - Silmaril	Susan C Quick	5	\$29,400	\$54,684	\$13,671	\$28,560	\$126,315
Movisitor	Uncle Mo - Ristretto	Forgotten Land Investments Inc	4	\$60,000	\$29,976	\$0	\$25,680	\$115,656
Necie Marie	Cross Traffic - Lode Lady	Jon A Marshall	5	\$50,400	\$30,408	\$0	\$27,360	\$108,168
Geebert *	Albert The Great - Gee Pari	Richard Molineaux	10	\$0	\$51,742	\$12,936	\$33,816	\$98,494
Johnny Ritt *	Weigelia - C J's Little Girl	Barbara Wheeler	9	\$0	\$52,945	\$13,236	\$31,162	\$97,343
Midnight In Alaska *	Almasty - Working At Night	Maria M Haire	6	\$9,720	\$50,678	\$11,782	\$23,520	\$95,700
Hey Mamaluke *	Jump Start - Pu Dew	Joseph T Capriglione	3	\$58,800	\$29,400	\$7,350	\$0	\$95,550
Jody's Ruby *	Talent Search - Mary Cole	Gilman Hallenbeck	3	\$55,200	\$29,010	\$6,906	\$3,960	\$95,076
Nice Ace	Noble Mission - A Lady With An Ace	Blackstone Farm LLC	4	\$60,000	\$27,840	\$0	\$7,200	\$95,040
Morning Matcha	Central Banker - Home Ice	Crane Thoroughbred Services LLC	2	\$77,600	\$15,520	\$0	\$0	\$93,120
Gamboling Ghost *	Weigelia - Dancingwithdebbie	Cynthia M. Bartkowski	3	\$54,000	\$30,600	\$7,200	\$0	\$91,800
One More Scoop *	Uncle Lino - Single Scoop	Michael Raymond Anspach	7	\$8,600	\$54,320	\$13,580	\$13,440	\$89,940
Mia Tosca	Animal Kingdom - Queen Scheherazade	Blackstone Farm LLC	7	\$57,600	\$24,651	\$0	\$7,216	\$89,467
King Kumbalay	Shanghai Bobby - Lovely Stay	Ashwell Stables Inc	4	\$65,000	\$19,192	\$0	\$4,560	\$88,752
Captain Courtney	Army Mule - Mareana	Wesley R Bennett	4	\$60,000	\$25,458	\$0	\$2,420	\$87,878

*Denotes PA-sired

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