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- **Yearling registration:**
Dec. 31 of yearling year
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Feb. 15 of year breeding
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Fiddler's Green: A Pennsylvania utopia for new PA breeders

by Nikki Sherman



Jon and Colleen Fabriziani (right), with their first broodmare purchase, Sweet Saturday, are expanding their operation at Fiddler's Green in Chester Springs.

Sometimes relationships are meant to be about more than just love. Sometimes relationships are also about history and the future too. Jon and Colleen Fabriziani more than personify this. Jon's father was an exercise rider as a youngster, and he passed his love of the sport to his twin sons, Jon and Josh. Their mother owned horses and had farms in Vermont and Florida. Colleen's extended family immigrated from Ireland—where horses are a way of life—to Canada and they owned racehorses. So it goes without saying that the young couple would join forces in the horse racing world as well.

"We started getting more interested in horse ownership when we met Claudia Dollinger, who rented our barn last year for her four broodmares," Jon remembered. "We absolutely loved having the horses on the farm and seeing the foals grow up over the summer."

The Fabrizianis are both extremely well-educated, with Jon an optometrist for the family practice Fab Eye Care and Colleen a chemical engineer for the Navy. They sought out advice from Don and Marie Morrison and then smartly, they

took a careful route into the industry by joining Kathleen and Greg DeMasi's Pewter Stable.

"We really liked that it was a family business," said Jon. "I was lucky enough to talk to Greg about getting started in horse ownership and how he went through the ups and downs of the industry. I think communication and trust is really important and the DeMasis do a great job with the owners."

While they still have connections with Pewter Stable, their goal was always to learn about the industry so that they could be successful on their own.

"The plan was always to branch out on our own once we learned a little bit more about the game," Jon noted. "For me, breeding provides owners so many options in the sport. It doesn't limit you to one area of horse racing. There is no other facet of the game that allows you to pick a stallion and mare, raise a foal, race the filly or colt, and then breed them after their racing career is done!"

To get rolling with their breeding farm, Claudia Dollinger introduced the Fabrizianis to Justine Howell of Whysper Wynd Farm. Justine was more

than happy to help the “newbies” and has been mentoring the couple as they enter this new phase of racehorse ownership. She even has one of her own mares at their farm to keep their new Keeneland purchase company since she lives just five minutes away.

The experience of being at the prestigious Keeneland November Sale blew the Fabrizianis away, with the energy and hopes of everyone that one of the mares being offered would be in foal to the next Kentucky Derby winner. Justine helped them narrow down their search and the group finally found their mare, Sweet Saturday, a half-sister to Exaggerator in foal to Tiz the Law.

“She took the time to sit with us and review hundreds of pedigrees and coached us through our first trip to Lexington,” Jon said. “Having someone like Justine, who brings years of experience and knowledge, is invaluable. She knows the steps to avoid and what’s worth taking a risk on. I’m sure we will make a few mistakes down the road but it’ll be a whole lot less than we would’ve made without her expertise.”

Sweet Saturday has the Fabrizianis excited and ready to go back again for their second mare soon. The daughter of Any Given Saturday had been circled in the catalog but they had not been able to examine her until she was in the sales pavilion. Colleen ran out to take a video for Jon to see her conformation and then re-

turned to join her husband as the mare entered the ring. They had previously been outbid on ten horses but were determined to find the perfect mare. When the gavel finally fell, the Fabrizianis had purchased Sweet Saturday for \$20,000.

“I think conformation and pedigree are important, but there is one trait that I think is most important, winning,” said Jon. “The goal for me is to not only breed physical athletes, but to also breed a desire to win and I think this strategy gives you the best shot at getting a well-rounded, hungry runner. As the old adage goes in Thoroughbred breeding, ‘Breed the best to the best and hope for the best!’”

Back in Pennsylvania, Sweet Saturday arrived at her new home in Chester Springs, a farm that the Fabrizianis had purchased in June 2021. They are excited to foal their first PA-Bred this spring, especially after meeting “PA legend” Glenn Brok at the November Sale, who told them about the bright future of Pennsylvania racing.

“The reason we got into horse racing is because of the PA-Bred program,” Jon noted. “It represents everything that Colleen and I stand for; keeping Pennsylvania’s open spaces and horse farms going. This program gives PA breeders a chance to be rewarded for all the hard work and money that goes into breeding Thoroughbreds. There is no other state that rewards their breeders like Pennsylvania.”

Of course, with the purchase of a farm comes the job of deciding on a perfect name. After much thought, the Fabrizianis landed on Fiddler’s Green. Jon told the story and it comes across like a fairytale.

“The name stems back to Colleen’s family in Ireland. Her grandfather’s farm in Port Loaise, Ireland, was named Fiddler’s Green. The name comes from an old Irish song by the same name. In the song, during the potato famine, farmers had to become fishermen to make a living. They dreamt of being buried on Fiddler’s Green, which represents a utopia, an afterlife, a dreamland.

“When he immigrated here in the 1950s and met Colleen’s grandmother [also an Irish immigrant] they settled in Massachusetts... and bought a small cottage in Cape Cod which they named Fiddler’s Green, their own utopia.

“When we found our farm and were considering names, we couldn’t help but see the similarities between our utopia in Chester Springs and those of our grandparents before us. With me being a violin player, along with the vast greenery of pasture, the name fit both literally and metaphorically. In our living room hangs a painting of the original Fiddler’s Green painted by Colleen’s grandfather. It reminds us of the hard work and sacrifice that went into our own Fiddler’s Green and we are grateful for it every day.”

A few words from the Executive Secretary

I hope you took advantage of our January Stallion Season Auction and booked your 2027 Derby winner! If not, take a look at the PA Stallions eligible for the PA-Bred PA-Sired Stallion Series and double the breeder awards! You can view the available seasons on our website.

You should also have received a hard copy of the new Stallion Directory to help with your selections or you can view it online at pabred.com. If you didn’t receive a directory, please call our office and we’ll send a copy. Thank you for making our breeding program the best in the country!

The PA-Bred PA-Sired 2yo Series is

expanding this year and will be run in three legs, SIX STAKES, at 5½ furlongs for \$100,000, 6½ furlongs for \$150,000, and a flat mile for \$200,000. Each leg will consist of a 2yo race and a 2yo filly race. Don’t forget about the \$50,000 trainer bonus for the top three point-earning horses. Nominations for the 2023 series are \$500 for 2yo’s if paid by March 31. You can go to pabred.com under ‘Forms’ or ‘Featured’ and print the nomination form.

Broodmares that were not in the state by Dec. 1, 2022, or within 14 days of a public sale (within 60 days of a sale outside the U.S.) must be bred back to a PA-Sire. The new



2023 Stallion & Boarding Farm Directory is now available online at pabred.com. We ask that you submit all broodmare domicile forms online. The new form is available for use by going to pabred.com under ‘Forms’ and is now mandatory for registration.

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PA-Bred Fund Statistics: Top Earners

January 1 through November 30, 2022

LEADING EARNERS - TOTAL AWARDS

Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total	Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total
Northview Stallion Station Inc.	0	478,503	478,503	Warriors Reward	167,799	13,983	181,782
Blackstone Farm LLC	427,062	0	427,062	Maria M. Haire	144,870	13,949	158,819
William J. Solomon VMD	278,587	122,872	401,460	Donald L. Brown Jr.	124,624	22,491	147,115
Glenn E. Brok LLC	288,772	105,922	394,694	St. Omer's Farm	139,055	0	139,055
Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	272,805	104,490	377,296	Chuck Russo	94,712	33,290	128,002
Joseph Imbesi	294,620	0	294,620	Michael Raymond Anspach	123,597	0	123,597
A1A Racing	194,530	79,249	273,779	Peter Giangiulio	100,711	6,296	107,007
Richard N. Miller	221,504	46,869	268,373	Godstone Farm LLC	106,901	0	106,901
Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	76,481	184,584	261,065	W M T Stables Inc.	99,506	0	99,506
Arrowwood Farm Inc.	253,229	0	253,229	Michael M. Moore	99,321	0	99,321
Sylmar Farm Inc.	243,628	0	243,628	LC Racing LLC	95,820	0	95,820
Pewter Stable	181,607	29,497	211,104	Vicky Schowe	94,789	0	94,789

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	302	184,584	Hoppertunity	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	30	31,350
Jump Start	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	415	173,211	Winchill	Pewter Stable	32	29,497
Uncle Lino	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	245	146,726	Well Spelled	Godstone Farm LP	74	28,627
Uptowncharlybrown	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	318	108,500	Bullsbay	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	76	27,229
Peace and Justice	A1A Racing	197	79,249	Lord Shanakill	William J. Solomon VMD	98	25,007
Social Inclusion	Social Inclusion Partners LLC	38	78,041	Messner	Donald L. Brown Jr.	18	22,491
Talent Search	Glenn E. Brok LLC	154	72,057	Mad Flatter	Glenn E. Brok LLC	57	19,446
El Padrino	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	178	70,207	Albert the Great	William J. Solomon VMD	66	16,680
Last Gunfighter	William J. Solomon VMD	140	58,377	Fairbanks	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	32	16,255
Emperor Tiberius	Richard N. Miller	84	40,760	Silver Train	Henry R. Nothhaft	59	15,822
Red Vine	DB Dojo LLC	68	35,143	Warrior's Reward	Warriors Reward	40	13,983
Il Villano	Chuck Russo	62	33,290	Eclipticalspraline	Maria M. Haire	44	13,949

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
Flor de Sombra *	Social Inclusion - On a Star	Joseph Imbesi	5	254,000	137,200	33,790	0	424,990
Gordian Knot *	Social Inclusion - Mia	Joseph Imbesi	4	187,400	111,700	27,025	0	326,125
Love in the Air	Constitution - Lovely Syn	Blackstone Farm LLC	4	189,800	42,360	0	0	232,160
Buy Land and See	Cairo Prince - Twiggles	Joseph Imbesi	3	168,600	45,720	0	0	214,320
Fortheluvofbourbon	Bourbon Courage - Nosubstituteforluv	Hidden Acres 4D Farm LLC	7	112,200	61,656	0	38,880	212,736
Midnight Parade *	Hoppertunity - Bank'n On Gold	Sylmar Farm Inc.	2	112,800	66,969	16,214	4,878	200,861
Winning Time *	Winchill - Merry's Pegasus	Pewter Stable	2	105,600	67,800	16,200	0	189,600
Smooth B *	Weigelia - Katarica Disco	St. Omer's Farm	7	68,400	66,008	16,502	22,720	173,630
Beren *	Weigelia - Silmaril	Susan C. Quick	6	95,000	58,800	14,700	0	168,500
Ninetypercentmaddie *	Weigelia - Amblin Easy	LC Racing LLC	4	64,560	60,096	14,142	21,120	159,918
Ruby Bleu *	Messner - Ruby Soul	Donald L. Brown Jr.	10	9,200	70,926	17,732	47,376	145,234
Far Mo Power *	Uncle Lino - J. D. Safari	Peter Giangiulio	9	22,200	76,960	19,240	22,800	141,200
Keithsendshellooooo *	Uptowncharlybrown - Be Bop a Lula	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	9	62,640	52,311	11,852	12,162	138,965
Too Boss *	El Padrino - Bossy Posse	Michael Joseph Cascio	3	55,200	49,328	12,332	15,520	132,380
Tactical Pajamas *	Uncle Lino - Salishan	Vicky Schowe	5	59,400	44,676	11,169	8,640	123,885
Nice Ace	Noble Mission - A Lady With an Ace	Blackstone Farm LLC	7	58,800	37,996	0	17,580	114,376
Nimitz Class	Munnings - Five Diamonds	Arrowwood Farm Inc.	6	57,000	28,610	0	11,814	97,424
Bazinga C	Exaggerator - Bazinga B	Joseph Besecker	5	60,000	25,626	0	11,208	96,834
Veeson *	Il Villano - Springingintherein	Chuck Russo	5	54,000	31,235	7,597	2,420	95,252
Chub Wagon	Hey Chub - Takin the Plunge	Joe-Dan Farm Inc.	2	78,800	15,760	0	0	94,560
Risque Rebel *	Fairbanks - Rebel Creek	Connie L. Nesteruk	10	0	47,093	11,773	33,352	92,218
Vine Jet *	Red Vine - Our Girl Friday	E. Marie Morrison	7	3,920	50,448	12,612	25,200	92,180
My Train *	Silver Train - Echo Company	Robert G. Rutherford	14	0	46,491	11,623	33,208	91,322
Roses For Debra	Liam's Map - Essential Rose	Blackstone Farm LLC	4	58,200	24,046	0	6,930	89,176

*Denotes PA-sired