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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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# Weigelia: Top PA stallion award sire in 2022

by Nikki Sherman



Weigelia at Wyn Oaks Farm

The last time Jump Start was not the leading sire in Pennsylvania by total stallion awards for a year was 2014. By 2015, with his oldest Pennsylvania-sired runners 4-year-olds, he leaped over Fairbanks on his way to becoming a Pennsylvania legend.

After seven years of Jump Start domination, 2022 marked a major change as Weigelia upended the famed son of A.P. Indy for the top spot. Weigelia's offspring garnered \$186,200.56 in 319 races. Jump Start was less than \$10,000 behind, with his runners making 123 more starts.

Weigelia is an intriguing stallion, especially for breeders looking to race their own foals. He raced until the age of 7 and, while his pedigree is excellent, it took the full support of owners Chip and Barbara Wheeler for his offspring to be born and raced. They were looking for a stallion to stand and

breed to their own mares at their WynOaks Farm in Delta, Pa., and Weigelia fit their needs perfectly.

As a racehorse, Weigelia earned \$1,007,708 while capturing eight stakes, won races on both turf and dirt, and competed from 5½ furlongs to 1 mile. He set two turf course records, 6 furlongs in 1:07 at Belmont Park and 5 furlongs in :55 at Monmouth Park. But his finest win was in the 6-furlong Grade 3 Carry Back Stakes at Calder Race Course at 3 when he earned a 108 Beyer Speed Figure. A solid citizen who won races every year from ages 2 to 6, the son of Safely's Mark is a grandson of Eclipse Champion Safely Kept as well as from the female family of the legendary champion and Hall of Famer Davona Dale.

Weigelia's offspring finally hit the track in 2012, but it was the following year when horsemen began to take notice. Isabella Swift (who

ultimately raced 81 times with over \$450,000 in earnings) topped his progeny earners that year at \$96,153. His 2-year-old son Barracuda Wayne became his first stakes winner with a victory in Delaware Park's Strike Your Colors Stakes; Chippewawhitechief was his second when taking the Mark McDermott Stakes at Presque Isle Downs. Hitting the board in nine of 13 starts that year was Pink Princess, who eventually retired as a stakes-placed runner of 66 starts, 16 wins and earnings of \$572,135. Interestingly, the latter two horses and Isabella Swift now reside in retirement at WynOaks Farm, where the two fillies are current members of the farm's broodmare band.

"It is rewarding to see recognition for Weigelia," said Barbara Wheeler. "He is consistent, for the most part, with putting runners on the ground. His best value is his consistency — good conformation, durable, useful on any surface/distance.

"Due to his own long racing career, he got a late start at stud. Even with his small crops each year he continues to play in the top rankings when you really look at his progeny performance, continued APEX ratings and the like. Everyone wants a racehorse that can run – that's great fun but it's an investment when it comes down to it – and we could all use the return on our investments like this one!"

One of the farm's star broodmares is the dam of Pink Princess, Katarica Disco (by Disco

Rico). The match with Weigelia has yielded nine winners from as many starters, and also produced multiple stakes winner Disco Ebo (\$374,164), stakes winner Fat Kat (\$423,318), graded stakes-placed Disco Rose (\$449,280), multiple allowance winner Fore Harp (\$206,392) and allowance winner Disco Deja Vu (\$135,114). But by far their best offspring is multiple stakes winner Smooth B, who has 10 wins from 50 starts. Now 8, he finished a strong second behind Beren in a Parx Racing allowance on Jan. 31, bringing his lifetime earnings to \$732,398.

Another remarkable pairing is with the Private Interview mare Amblin Easy, whose first two foals are six-figure earners and stakes performers Ninetypercentbrynn and Ninetyprcentmaddie. Ninetypercentbrynn, now 5, has an allowance win already in her 2023 debut. She is multiple stakes-placed and has career earnings thus far of \$277,496. Fresh 3-year-old Ninetyprcentmaddie looks to have an even brighter future. The colt was undefeated in his first three starts, including a runaway victory in the Whistle Pig Stakes at Parx Racing. With that win, Ninetyprcentmaddie finished fourth in the first annual PA-Bred, PA-Sired stakes series for 2-year-olds, earning \$138,480 and \$54,696 in breeder awards. In his first start at 3 he ran second in the open Parx Juvenile Stakes at Parx to boost his career earnings total to \$152,880.

Weigelia's leading earner is Beren, who contributed \$233,990 in 2022, including victories in the Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash Stakes at Laurel Park and Jump Start Stakes at Parx Racing. Beren has total career earnings of \$770,040, with 10 wins in 24 starts, and eight placings. His best season in 2021 at age 3 when winning seven of 12 starts, five in stakes, and topping \$460,000 in earnings. Beren is out of multiple graded stakeswinning millionaire Silmaril.

At WynOaks Farm where he stands for a private fee, Weigelia is beloved by his owners and farm staff who affectionately call him "Wiggy". He may not be a flashy stallion upon first glance, but he has a regal presence about him.

Longtime farm manager Allison Innella has nothing but praise for the stallion. "Weigelia is a boss... THE boss! He is unwavering in attitude and opinions. He is very active, always alert and likes to go, go, go. He is a professional in the breeding shed.

"I believe he really passes on his heart and true grit to his offspring in their racing as well as their second careers. He is one classy guy. I'm lucky to have the opportunity to work with him."

Weigelia was late to the stallion game simply because he raced successfully for so many years. Now at 22 years old, he finally has the chance to shine again through his offspring.

# A few words from the Executive Secretary

Congratulations to Weigelia for topping the leading stallion list for PA stallion awards for the first time in 2022! The late Jump Start held this title each year from 2015 through 2021. Weigelia topped the list with \$186,200.86 in stallion awards earned across 312 races. In addition, he led the charge with four individual stakes winners (Beren, Smooth B, Disco Ebo, and Ninetyprcentmaddie) in 2022. Weigelia stands at WynOaks Farm in Delta, PA.

The PA-Bred PA-Sired 2yo Stallion 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 mile and 70 yards 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 2yos 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. 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.

As usual, please contact our office with any questions you may have. Pennsylvania is the only place to Breed & Race! Have a great 2023 and Go PA!

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**ELIGIBLE FOR 2YO** PA-SIRED PA-BRED STALLION SERIES

The Series is being expanded in 2023 and will be run in three legs, six stakes, 5½f for \$100,000, 6½f for \$150,000 and a flat mile for \$200,000. Each leg will consist of a 2yo race and a 2yo filly race.

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Please contact our office with any questions. Brian Sanfratello at **610,444,1050** 

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

January 1 through December 31, 2022

# **LEADING EARNERS - TOTAL AWARDS**

Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total	Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total
Northview Stallion Station Inc.	0	502,000	502,000	Warriors Reward	187,255	16,041	203,296
William J. Solomon VMD	312,163	138,718	450,881	Maria M. Haire	166,347	16,337	182,683
Blackstone Farm LLC	432,292	0	432,292	Donald L. Brown Jr.	125,565	22,491	148,056
Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	309,165	115,866	425,030	Michael Raymond Anspach	146,571	0	146,571
Glenn E. Brok LLC	298,511	113,376	411,887	St. Omer's Farm	141,796	0	141,796
A1A Racing	212,297	86,955	299,252	Chuck Russo	97,848	34,074	131,922
Richard N. Miller	243,339	52,328	295,666	Godstone Farm LLC	126,843	0	126,843
Joseph Imbesi	294,620	0	294,620	W M T Stables Inc.	108,625	0	108,625
Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	76,481	186,201	262,682	Peter Giangiulio	100,711	6,296	107,007
Arrowwood Farm Inc.	258,942	0	258,942	Vicky Schowe	99,605	0	99,605
Sylmar Farm Inc.	254,026	0	254,026	Michael M. Moore	99,321	0	99,321
Pewter Stable	189,252	30,225	219,477	LC Racing LLC	95,820	0	95,820

# **LEADING STALLIONS**

Fund Money includes Stallion Awards only

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Stallion Name	Stallion Owner / Manager	No. of Races	<b>Award Total</b>	Stallion Name	Stallion Owner / Manager	No. of Races	<b>Award Total</b>		
Weigelia	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	319	186,201	Well Spelled	Godstone Farm LP	82	32,907		
Jump Start	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	442	178,938	Hoppertunity	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	41	32,158		
Uncle Lino	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	266	158,726	Winchill	Pewter Stable	34	30,225		
Uptowncharlybrown	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	347	119,876	Lord Shanakill	William J. Solomon VMD	106	29,543		
Peace and Justice	Steven W. Young Racing LLC dba A	A1A Racing 215	86,955	Bullsbay	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	80	27,229		
Social Inclusion	Social Inclusion Partners LLC	41	78,512	Messner	Donald L. Brown Jr.	19	22,491		
Talent Search	Glenn E. Brok LLC	161	75,511	Albert the Great	William J. Solomon VMD	68	22,200		
El Padrino	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	190	73,236	Mad Flatter	Glenn E. Brok LLC	58	19,446		
Last Gunfighter	William J. Solomon VMD	149	63,289	Silver Train	Henry R. Nothhaft	61	16,664		
Emperor Tiberius	Richard N. Miller	89	44,455	Eclipticalspraline	Maria M. Haire	48	16,337		
Red Vine	DB Dojo LLC	75	35,613	Fairbanks	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	34	16,255		
II Villano	Chuck Russo	64	34,074	Warrior's Reward	Warriors Reward	50	16,041		

# **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
Ninetyprcentmaddie	* 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
Keithsendshelloooo *	* 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	\$-	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	\$-	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
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