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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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## Castle Rock Farm is now preserved forever

By Nikki Sherman



Joe Giangliullo with his first stable star Mr. First. Aerial view of Castle Rock Farm in Unionville.



When Italian immigrant Joe Giangliullo arrived in America over a century ago, he was an enthusiastic kid ready for a new adventure. As he grew up, he worked at several construction companies, sometimes more than one at a time. He was honing his craft, learning on the job. He essentially became a full-time, self-taught student in everything he was involved with. When the time was right, Giangliullo created his own construction company. He used the profits to access a dream: a life with horses.

Joe Giangliullo started with show horses but quickly was introduced to Thoroughbred horse racing. He was immediately hooked and soon enough bought land in Havertown, Pa., which he named Castle Rock Farm. He bought about 20 horses, including some broodmares who became foundation mares on the farm. By the 1950s, his horses were competitive on the highest stage. His first horse was a half-brother to major juvenile winner Uncle Miltie. Named Mr. First, he was second to Bardstown in the 1957 Widener Handicap at Hialeah, second to Nashua in the 1956 Monmouth Handicap (which would become the Haskell Invitational), and third behind Helioscope and champion Hasty Road in the 1954 Benjamin Franklin Handicap at Garden State Park.

"My father had the ultimate bad fortune in that he was successful right away," Joe's son Peter Giangliullo said with a laugh. "He was a grassroots horseman who really worked hard at research, so from meager mares, he produced horses that could run on a national level. He was a student of Federico Tesio with his breeding tactics.

"He also didn't like other people racing his horses and he was not one to quit. That's why he bought the farm and training center; he decided he was going to do it his way. He also used to say that when a horse broke his maiden, he lost his best friend: the 'M' in the win column. With no state-bred programs at the time, you just ran and competed, or you didn't."

Peter and his sister Barbara Geraghty spent the earliest years of their lives at the original Castle Rock Farm. Peter remembers cooling out his first horse at six years old and has been active in the industry ever since. Barbara loved the horses too. In 1957 Joe purchased Indian Rock Farm on the current Castle Rock property and moved his family across the county.

"He decided to sell the original Castle Rock because the whole town had so many houses on it; all that was left was a little postage stamp-sized piece of land," Peter said. "He wanted to stand stallions, so he was smart commercially. He changed the name from Indian Rock to Castle Rock Farm because his horses were nationally recognized, and made sure to keep the same traditional silks."

After Joe and his wife Julia passed away, the farm was left to their children. Barbara had not taken an active role in the racetrack when she was younger but she was more than prepared for the business side.

"We have a lot of faith and trust in each other," noted Peter. "Of course, we argued as cats and dogs as kids but we clung to each other too. As adults, we have

never had a cross word. She's brilliant. Now she has as many horses on the farm as I do."

Barbara owns multiple Pennsylvania champion Power by Far, who still stands at Castle Rock at age 29. Power by Far was a brilliant racehorse, winning 15 of 32 races including 10 stakes races. During his career, the Mid-Atlantic racetracks joined together to participate in a unique series of stakes races for local horses, with races offered at each participating track, titled Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred Championships. Power by Far dominated the MATCH Series' 3-year-old Sprint-Dirt division in 1998.

"When he won the MATCH Series, I made a collage for Barbara of winning pictures," Peter said proudly. "Power by Far was in the center with his mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great grandmother, all in our colors. Power by Far has sired the next generation, who in turn produced another generation. All in all, it's been seven generations. It's extremely gratifying."

Peter credits the success of Castle Rock Farm to many family members and longtime employees. He especially appreciates longevity in relationships. He has been on the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association Board for 47 years. Barbara and her husband Bill Geraghty have been married for 64 years, while Peter and his wife Stephanie are approaching 40 years.

"I have the most amazing crew. In addition to our family, my Farm Manager June Hillman has been with us 29 years and our right hand man Fernando Carranco for almost 20 years. There are six of us: June, Fernando, Barbara, Bill, Stephanie and me. We're all better together. Take one person out of the team and everything else would fall apart."

When Peter and Stephanie met, she did not have much interest in horses, but he says that she "osmotically grew interested in the horses through

his appreciation and dedication to the farm." He firmly believes that they would not have been able to have success without his wife. "Stephanie is the glue that holds things together for me with running the business. She does work so she's not able to be there every day at home, but she's a tremendous asset and very savvy."

Inevitably, as with most businesses these days, the Castle Rock Farm team found themselves searching for a way to continue without giving up their land to developers, like so many other farmers have been forced to do over the last decade. That was when the National Lands, a non-profit organization that saves open space in eastern Pennsylvania and southern New Jersey, approached them with some ideas. The answer was creative and sustainable: the Giangiulio family placed a permanent conservation easement on 170 acres of the property with Natural Lands. In a press release, Natural Lands said that it received funding to underwrite the preservation of the farm from Chester County's Preservation Partnership Program; Mars Foundation; the Marshallton Conservation Trust; the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program; West Bradford Township; and the Giangiulio family.

Peter was happy with the decision. "I got no resistance from my wife or sister. We were able to come up with an agreement that allowed us to preserve this legacy because once you sell it, you lose control of what happens to it. The idea of having this place turn into a development and ruin my neighbors' lives... it would destroy the land forever; once it's gone, it's gone. It was our refusal to be pushed out."

Ironically, Castle Rock Farm holds a fascinating piece of horticultural history. It was the home of Quaker Humphry Marshall, who is considered a

founding father of American botany. His original house, built just before America declared its independence, still stands today. The house itself is still in use, showcased by a stone designating it as a National Historic Landmark in 1987. It was also recorded in 1958 by the Historic American Buildings Survey and placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1971. In 1785 Marshall famously penned *Arbustrum Americanum*, the very first botanical treatise about the trees and shrubs of North America. Marshall also built one of the first botanical gardens in the newly-formed United States around his home.

This fall at the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (TOBA) National Awards Dinner, the members of Castle Rock Farm will be honored for their efforts in land conservation in the Thoroughbred industry. They will receive the 2024 Robert N. Clay Conservation Award, presented by the Equine Land Conservation Resource (ELCR).

"It's a national award so we appreciate the recognition," said Peter. "It's great that the industry has a new idea of what to do with the green space we've basically been given stewardship of. I've never been to Kentucky so it will be a nice little trip."

"But our world is Pennsylvania and it's been awfully good to us over the years. Now, when you come down from Marshallton and hit the break of the hill approaching Northbrook, there is such satisfaction in the half-mile of river frontage on the Brandywine. Knowing it's going to be this way for everyone to enjoy – kayaking, canoeing, fishing – it means the world to us. I'm so happy that we can continue to raise our horses, enjoying the beauty of our land, and it'll be here forever."

## A few words from the Executive Secretary

I'd like to thank PARX Racing, the PTHA, the PHBA Board, our staff and all the breeders and guests in attendance who made PA Day at the Races another huge success. The food was great, the racing was spectacular, and \$1 million in purses were paid out to horses that were all bred in Pennsylvania! Our industry supports PA farms, 23,000 jobs, hundreds of thousands of acres of open space, hundreds of small businesses and \$1.6 billion in economic impact. Thanks also goes out to the NTRA who donated the John Deere Zero Turn Mower. Congrats to the winner.

The first leg in the 2yo PA-Sired PA-Bred Stallion Series, which has been expanded for 3yos,

will kick off on PA Derby Day, Saturday, Sept. 21 at PARX. Those two races for 2yos and 2yo fillies will carry a purse of \$100,000 and a \$50,000 breeder bonus for horses that finish first, second and third in total points for the series: \$25,000 for first, \$15,000 for second and \$10,000 for third. This bonus will be paid after the 3yo races in 2025. Free nominations for those already registered for the series close Sept. 3. The \$100,000 Alphabet Soup Handicap for 3&up at 1 $\frac{1}{16}$  miles on the turf and the \$100,000 Plum Pretty Stakes for 3&up at a mile and 70 yards will round out the day for PA-Breds.

You should be familiar with the online registration system on our website. 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 the beginning of 2025. As usual, please contact our office with any questions you may have.

Wishing you a fantastic finish to 2024, and remember, PA is the only place to Breed and Race! Over 30 million paid out to PA-Bred owners and breeders in Breeder Awards, Owner Bonuses and Restricted Races. Go PA!!



# 2024 2YO PA-SIRED PA-BRED STALLION SERIES

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 AT PARX

**\$100,000**

**WHISTLE PIG STAKES**

2YO PA-Sired PA-Breds, 6 furlongs

**\$100,000**

**MISS BLUE TYE DYE STAKES**

2YO fillies, PA-Sired PA-Breds, 6 furlongs

\*Free nominations for horses registered to series, close Sept. 3

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30 AT PARX

**\$100,000**

**WAIT FOR IT STAKES**

2YO PA-Sired PA-Breds, 7 furlongs

**\$100,000**

**MISS BEHAVIOUR STAKES**

2YO fillies, PA-Sired PA-Breds, 7 furlongs

\*Free nominations for horses registered to series, close Dec. 16



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# PA-Bred Fund Statistics: Top Earners

January 1 through May 31, 2024

## LEADING EARNERS - TOTAL AWARDS

Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total	Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total
Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	188,740	91,289	280,028	Maria M. Haire	49,189	2,585	51,774
Warriors Reward	166,426	55,396	221,822	Sylmar Farm Inc.	49,678	0	49,678
Northview Stallion Station Inc.	0	163,081	163,081	Barbara A. Rickline	39,586	8,567	48,153
Steven W. Young Racing LLC	113,100	44,633	157,733	William P. Brady Estate	48,110	0	48,110
Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	47,780	62,846	110,626	William J. Solomon VMD	23,130	23,815	46,944
Glenn E. Brok LLC	81,378	17,743	99,121	Fox Tale	40,281	4,284	44,565
Blackstone Farm LLC	98,004	0	98,004	Richard Molineaux	41,770	0	41,770
Pewter Stable	61,803	21,303	83,106	Smart Angle LLP	39,449	0	39,449
Arrowwood Farm Inc.	76,210	0	76,210	St. Omer's Farm	38,590	0	38,590
Godstone Farm LLC	65,212	0	65,212	Dennis Johnson	38,416	0	38,416
Richard N. Miller	46,430	9,759	56,189	Y. Jerry Kolybabiuk	38,412	0	38,412
Peter Giangiulio	52,154	2,043	54,196	Luana J. Johnson	27,945	9,439	37,384

## 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
Uptowncharlybrown	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	214	91,289	Emperor Tiberius	Richard N. Miller	15	9,759
Weigelia	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	113	62,530	Talent Search	Glenn E. Brok LLC	20	9,492
Hoppertunity	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	131	57,189	Golddigger's Boy	Luana J. Johnson	36	9,439
Uncle Lino	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	122	55,876	Boisterous	Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC	48	9,379
Warrior's Reward	Warriors Reward	144	55,396	Xixixi	Barbara A. Rickline	20	8,567
Peace and Justice	Steven W. Young Racing LLC	95	44,633	Lord Shanakill	William J. Solomon VMD	40	7,610
Social Inclusion	Social Inclusion Partners LLC	57	31,309	Eastwood	Glenn E. Brok LLC	24	7,368
Jump Start	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	100	26,426	Albert The Great	William J. Solomon VMD	12	7,182
Winchill	Pewter Stable	64	21,303	Bullsbay	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	19	6,808
Well Spelled	Godstone Farm LP	54	19,035	Rimrod	George Strawbridge Jr.	11	6,044
Red Vine	DB Dojo LLC	26	14,122	Il Villano	Chuck Russo	16	5,027
Medallist	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	22	13,878	Almasty	William J. Solomon VMD	2	4,560

## LEADING HORSES

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

Horse	Pedigree	Breeder	Races	Stakes	Breeder Award	Stallion Award	Bonus	Total
Fierce and Strong *	Hoppertunity - Doubleclickdamouse	Ultra Championship Racing LLC	2	56,400	31,860	7,965	4,650	100,875
Far Mo Power *	Uncle Lino - J. D. Safari	Peter Giangiulio	1	52,800	21,120	5,280	0	79,200
Social Lady *	Social Inclusion - Graemy	Glenn E. Brok LLC	6	0	43,200	10,800	24,000	78,000
Stern Chaser	Astern - Mysterious Ways	Caroline Bentley	1	57,600	11,520	0	0	69,120
Respirator *	Peace and Justice - La Padrina	Dennis Johnson	7	0	33,936	8,484	24,240	66,660
Morning Matcha	Central Banker - Home Ice	Crane Thoroughbred Services LLC	1	55,200	11,040	0	0	66,240
Powwa of Love *	Uptowncharlybrown - Joyce's Angel	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	6	0	33,600	8,400	24,000	66,000
Empress Deona *	Emperor Tiberius - Deona	Richard N. Miller	2	0	28,560	7,140	20,400	56,100
Confirmed Star *	Uptowncharlybrown - Its My Town	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	4	0	32,760	8,190	14,200	55,150
Bunny Bonus *	Xixixi - Easter Bonus	Barbara A. Rickline	7	0	25,866	6,467	18,476	50,809
Ron Don Scorese	Normandy Invasion - Siege	Hope Hill Farm	7	0	20,272	0	28,960	49,232
Jewels in the Bay *	Bullsbay - Tiara	Howard Roger Brown Jr.	5	0	24,707	6,177	17,648	48,532
Uncle Ernie *	Talent Search - Mary Cole	Gilman Hallenbeck	3	8,800	21,328	5,332	12,720	48,180
Gray Lightning *	Social Inclusion - Fairy Gray	Desmond C. Wynter	2	0	26,640	6,660	12,000	45,300
Keithsendshellooooo *	Uptowncharlybrown - Be Bop a Lula	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	3	0	22,400	5,600	16,000	44,000
Party At Sam's *	Weigelia - More Party Girl	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	6	0	21,928	5,482	15,380	42,790
Johnny Ritt *	Weigelia - C J's Little Girl	Barbara Wheeler	4	0	21,056	5,264	15,040	41,360
Traders Luck *	Weigelia - Deanies Dancer	Sylmar Farm Inc.	4	0	19,768	4,942	14,120	38,830
Matty Bo *	Eastwood - Matinee Babe	Designated Hitters Racing LLC	7	0	19,376	4,844	13,840	38,060
Snappy Ride *	Uptowncharlybrown - Primo Via	Michael P. Ballezzi Sr. Estate	3	0	18,536	4,634	13,240	36,410
Disco Ebo *	Weigelia - Katarica Disco	St. Omer's Farm	1	0	18,480	4,620	13,200	36,300
Keeping It Country	Freud - Lemon Drop's Love	Blackstone Farm LLC	7	0	20,450	0	15,650	36,100
Fairy Dreams *	Well Spelled - Queen Mab	Godstone Farm LLC	4	0	18,368	4,592	13,120	36,080
Eddie W *	Peace and Justice - Back Stop	Steven W. Young Racing LLC	4	0	21,662	5,416	8,616	35,694