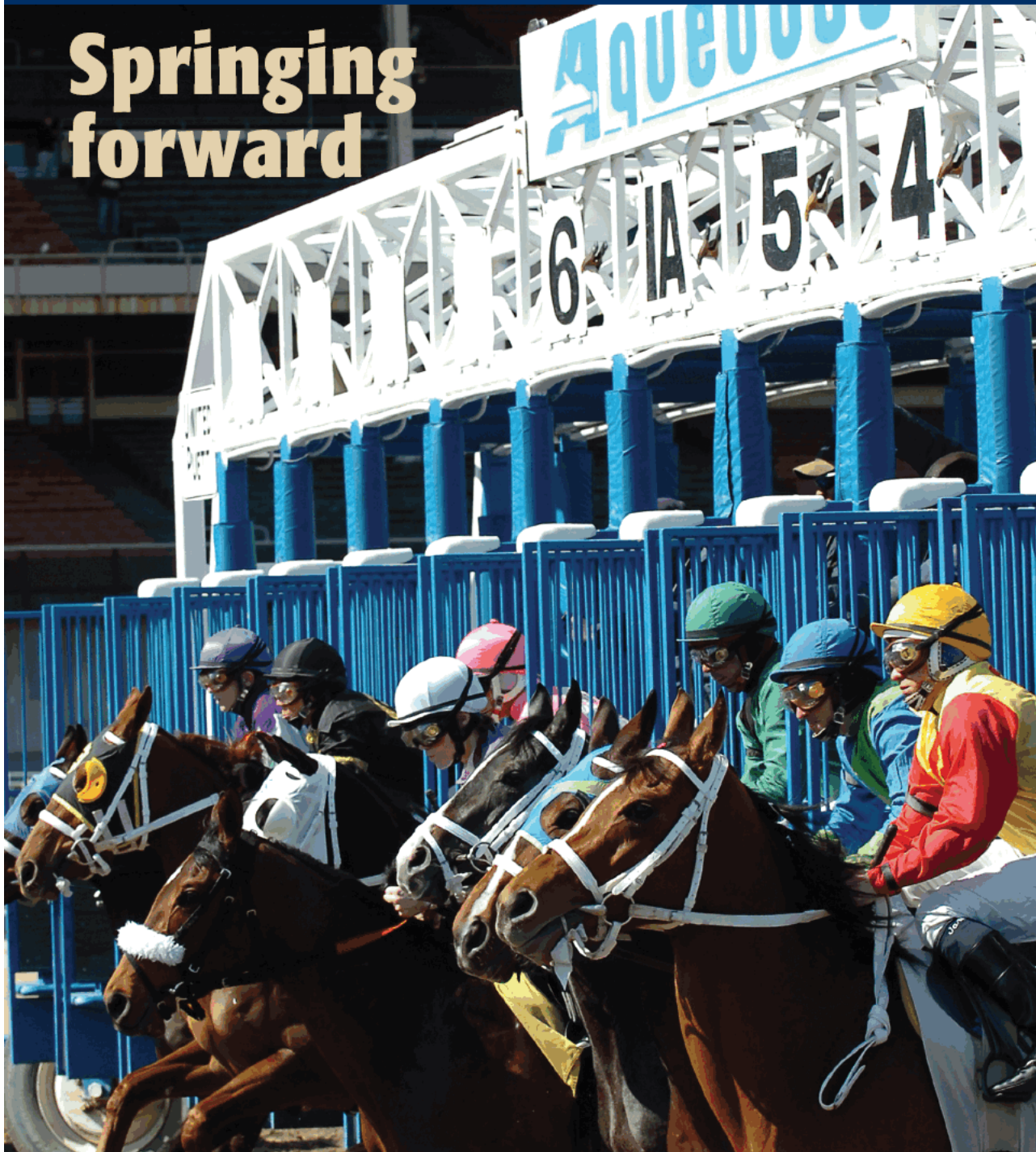


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# Delay in VLT revenue crippling New York industry

by Jeffrey A. Cannizzo, Executive Director  
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*Following is my testimony at the New York state Senate hearing on February 3 on the viability of Thoroughbred racing in New York State and how racing in the state compares to the performance of racing enterprises in other states.*

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today about the importance of the New York Racing Association to the Thoroughbred breeding industry in New York. Many have written on the topic but few understand its actual business model and why it is central to New York's economy north of New York City.

Most breeders breed to sell. The value of their horses in the marketplace is the key element of their business. There are two main factors that enhance the market value of New York-breds: the New York Breeding and Development Fund, which gives cash awards to breeders and owners of New York-breds, and NYRA racing, which offers tremendous opportunities for New York-breds to race.

It is neither hyperbole or boastful to say that NYRA's racing is the best in the country, with the largest purses and highest caliber of competition. It is a simple statement of fact. Key to New York's




JEFFREY A. CANNIZZO

breeders is that one-third of all NYRA races are restricted to New York-breds. This percentage is unparalleled for state-bred programs and is one of the reasons that buyers seek out New York-breds. Buyers know that whether they purchase a New York-bred for racing or resale, the strength of NYRA racing stands behind the product.

The New York horse industry has thrived over the decades and has become the largest agribusiness for New York state. A snapshot of success comes from a study done by Deloitte [Consulting] in 2005 for the American Horse Council on the economic impact of the horse industry in New York:

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**EXECUTIVE LETTER** from page 6

My testimony today is not meant to offer a partisan point of view but to provide you with an accurate, unbiased report on whether this industry can survive in the year 2010. The once-thriving New York breeding industry is in crisis. In the down U.S. economy, Thoroughbred sales took a serious hit nationwide. Also, last year saw an approximately 10% decrease in wagering handle, which has put serious stress on the fund's ability to pay breeder and owner awards. New York-breds stay viable in the marketplace, however, because, while the racing industry is struggling in other states, the valuable racing opportunities at NYRA tracks continue uninterrupted. But one cannot take comfort in reporting that fact.

You are all aware, I am sure, how seriously the VLT [video lottery terminals] delay has hurt our industry. The good news, the nine-year awaited announcement last week is a step in the right direction and we thank those officials involved. The bad news, the damage created by the nine-year delay, has been, and continues to be, devastating, to say the least.

Two of the largest farms in the state built up their businesses in New York on the promise of VLTs. Between them, they have been the leading New York breeders for four out of the past five years. The VLTs never came and they both closed in 2009. (Their departure represents a loss of approximately 200 mares to the program, or 10% of the total number of mares in the state.)

Other indicators are down in recent years.

The total number of mares bred in the state is down 34% since its peak in 2004. The number had peaked in 2004 because people were bringing their mares to New York on the promise of VLTs. These breeders were tired of the nonsense and took their business to Pennsylvania, whose industry has been sparked from VLTs.

The total number of farms in the state involved with Thoroughbreds has stayed steady at 400 for the past three years, but now only 326 are active; 74 are closed or are waiting before doing any more breeding until the VLTs arrive.

Still, there is a core of breeders who have continued to cope. As long as NYRA racing is still in place, their horses still have value and they can still do business.

Finally, we come to the most recent crisis: the insolvency of New York City OTB [Off-Track Betting Corp.], the last element in a perfect storm of adversity for breeders. Let me speak plainly and for the record. If New York City OTB does not continue its statutory payments to the industry, breeding and racing in New York will become a thing of the past.

Breeders make long-term plans. Between conception and the time a yearling sells at auction is about 2½ years. All that the breeders have to rely on when making those plans today is confidence that NYRA racing will continue to be there, creating value and a marketplace for their horses. If NYRA falters now, even for a short period, I can't imagine many of our surviving breeders willing to make those long-term plans anymore. Even a temporary interruption in racing would so devalue our New York product that the result would be flight to other states. Not down the road, but now. It would be a catastrophe to the industry. It would end careers and livelihoods in New York state and it would seriously damage an economy struggling to recover from the recession.

Call it a cliché if you must, but this would be the last nail in the coffin for the once-thriving vibrant breeding industry in the state of New York. And it doesn't need to happen.

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# New York News

## AEG wins VLT franchise

Company agrees to increase its upfront payment to \$300-million

by Don Clippinger

After a year of uncertainty and more than a little political intrigue, Gov. David Paterson announced on January 29 that he and legislative leaders had selected Aqueduct Entertainment Group LLC (AEG) to receive a 30-year franchise to operate 4,500 video lottery terminals (VLTs) at Aqueduct racetrack.

A diverse alliance of companies, AEG includes a gaming operator, construction companies, a Canadian investment banker, and a community-development concern headed by a highly influential Queens political figure, the Rev. Floyd Flake.

"We know we will be a great partner with the state and the residents of Queens for years to come," said Jeffrey Levine, chairman of Levine Builders, an AEG partner. "We look forward to completing the memorandum of understanding and beginning construction."

Paterson, in announcing the designation of AEG as the winning bidder, said the company had the financial viability to undertake the project.

"All of the groups have valid proposals, but AEG presented a comprehensive bid that enjoys community support and also offers strong marketing appeal," Paterson said.

The selection of AEG was not without controversy. Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver (D-Manhattan), one of the two legislative leaders who had to sign off on the governor's choice, insisted that AEG match the upfront money proposed by the high bidder, Penn National Gaming Inc. Penn National's chairman and chief operating officer criticized the bidding process, and a New York *Times* editorial on the deal bore the headline, "Looks Sleazy to Us."

AEG officials said they agreed to the \$300-million upfront payment and all other conditions imposed by the state. After the memorandum is signed, possibly as soon as late February or early March, the first VLTs could be operating within six months, company officials have said.

AEG was one of five remaining bidders for the franchise, which is expected to generate \$1-million a day in tax revenue for the state and provide new revenues for the racing industry, including the New York Racing Association, horse owners, and breeders.

In addition to Penn National Gaming, the other bidders were Delaware North Cos. partnered with Saratoga Gaming and Raceway; the Peebles Group and MGM Mirage; and SL Green Realty



AQUEDUCT ENTERTAINMENT GROUP ILLUSTRATION

Corp. and Hard Rock Entertainment. Another bidder, gaming mogul Steve Wynn's operating company, dropped out to protest the bidding process.

The long road to a potential VLT operator extended over almost a year. Delaware North had been designated in 2008 as the gaming franchisee at the Queens track, but it was unable to raise the money for its promised \$370-million upfront payment by a March 31, 2009, deadline, and Paterson reopened the bidding.

The process stretched into the fall, when Paterson established a minimum \$200-million upfront franchise fee. In the first round, Penn National had bid \$250-million and raised its bid to \$300-million in the second round. Silver insisted that AEG match the money offered by Penn National.

Peter Carlino, Penn National's chief executive officer, lambasted the bidding process in a February 3 conference call after the company announced its quarterly earnings.

"We were the winning bidder. Twice we were the winning bidder," Carlino said when asked by a stock analyst about the Aqueduct deal. "But some people didn't like the result. We were the best qualified. I'll leave it up to New York to investigate. We're frustrated and discouraged by what happened."

Carlino said he wrote to Paterson seeking an explanation of the criteria that were applied in selecting the VLT operator. Among other properties, the company owns Penn National Race Course in Pennsylvania and Charles Town Races in West Virginia, both of which have slots operations.

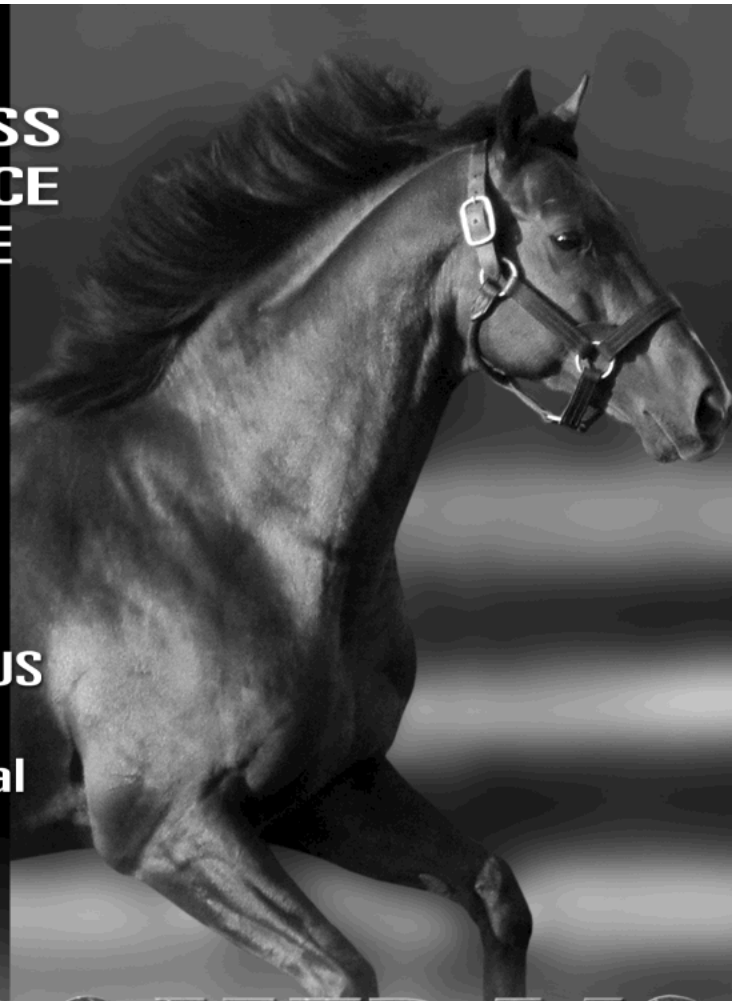
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VLTs from page 10

In its editorial, the *Times* called for an investigation of the franchise award.

AEG brings together several companies whose areas of expertise are meant to work together in building and operating a VLT casino in the cavernous racetrack.

The gaming operation falls under the Navegante Group, which is led by Larry J. Woolf, former CEO of MGM Grand Hotels in Las Vegas. The Navegante Group currently operates five casinos in the U.S. and three casinos internationally. The company developed the \$180-million Casino Niagara in Ontario.

Several construction companies are involved as partners, including Turner Construction Co., an internationally known commercial builder; Green-Star Services Corp., which specializes in general and electrical contracting; and Levine Builders, a Queens-based residential and commercial builder. Paulus, Sokolowski, and Sartor will provide architectural, engineering, and environmental consulting services. Siemens AG specializes in electronics and electrical engineering.

Another partner is Empowerment Development Corp., a community-development company created by Flake, a former congressman who has been the senior pastor of the Greater Allen Cathedral of New York in Jamaica for more than 30 years.

Empowerment Development had been allied with the Darman Group, a minority-owned real estate developer owned by Darryl Greene. On February 8, Greene removed Darman from the

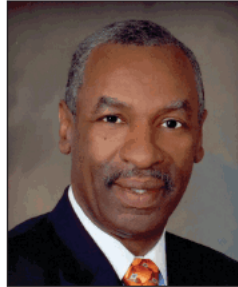
AEG partnership. One of Assembly Speaker Silver's conditions was that no person associated with AEG had had a felony conviction within 15 years. In 1999, Greene had been convicted of misappropriating funds from New York City agencies.

Levine said Darman's 0.6% share of AEG would be assumed by the remaining partners. "Neither the Darman Group nor any of its principals will receive any compensation now or in the future for its interest," he said.

Levine also said that Senate President Malcolm Smith (D-Queens), the other state official to sign off on AEG's franchise and a former business partner with Greene, would never be employed by AEG, its partners, or its affiliates. "Aqueduct Entertainment Group was selected by Gov. Paterson, Sen. Smith, and Assembly Speaker Silver because our bid represents the best value for the taxpayers of New York and the best plan for the residents of Queens," he said. "We will pay the \$300-million upfront licensing fee by March 31, 2010, and are working

toward signing the [memorandum of understanding] and breaking ground as soon as possible."

Financing is the expertise of Clairvest Group Inc., a Toronto-based merchant bank with investments in the gaming industry. Starting in 2000, Clairvest invested in western Canada casinos, and it owns 40% of the prospective casino near Chicago's O'Hare International Airport.



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## Edition Farm's first millionaire

With his 1¼-length victory in the 1,600-meter (7.95-furlong) Final Stakes at Japan's Hashin racecourse on December 27, A Shin Forward became the 21st New York-bred racetrack millionaire, the late Forest Wildcat's leading earner, the top-earning New York-bred for 2009, and the first millionaire bred by Edition Farm.

The Final Stakes was A Shin Forward's second stakes victory in December, two weeks after he won the Rokko Island Stakes by two lengths at Hanshin. His record now stands at four wins, three seconds, and two third-place finishes from 17 lifetime starts, with earnings of \$1,238,518. A foal of 2005, he has raced exclusively in Japan.

A Shin Forward's 2009 earnings totaled \$531,007, easily exceeding his nearest competitor, Cannonball, whose earnings were \$368,944. The Catienuis gelding, now five, ran second in Royal Ascot's Golden Jubilee Stakes (Eng-G1) and third in the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint at Santa Anita Park.

A Shin Forward moved into the new year with two stakes placings, a second in the New Year Stakes at Nakayama and a third in the Tokyo Shimbun Hai (Jpn-G3) at Tokyo racecourse.

After winning his first two starts late in his two-year-old season, A Shin Forward garnered two consecutive stakes placings at three, finishing second in the Arlington Cup at Hanshin and New Zealand Trophy at Nakayama. He found his

best form late in his four-year-old season, with a close-up third in the Dotombori Stakes at Hanshin and then a fifth-place finish, beaten only one length, in the Katsuragawa Stakes at Kyoto before his two stakes victories.

His best performances for his trainer, Masato Nishizono, all have come over firm turf, but the distances have ranged from the equivalent of six furlongs to a mile.

Bred and foaled at Vivien G. Malloy's Edition Farm, A Shin Forward was the first foal of Wake Up Kiss, a New York-bred who won the 2001 New York Stallion Perfect Arc Stakes and '03 Yaddo Handicap. By Cure the Blues and out of Good Morning Smile, by Morning Bob, she was voted New York Thoroughbred Breeders champion turf female in 2003.

Wake Up Kiss retired with a record of five wins and a third from ten starts, with earnings of \$248,997. Edition Farm purchased the mare in 2004 for \$380,000 at the Keeneland November breeding stock sale when she was carrying A Shin Forward. She also has produced 2009 winner Golly Day, a Lion Heart gelding, and Malloy reported that Wake Up Kiss' 2009 foal by Any Given Saturday "is by far my nicest yearling of this Edition Farm crop."

Edition Farm sold A Shin Forward for \$125,000 at the 2006 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale of selected yearlings, and he was purchased by Hirotsugu Hirai for \$290,000 at the '07 Fasig-Tipton Calder sale of selected two-year-olds in training.—Sarah Mace

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**CLASS KRIS** (f. by Kris S.). 10 wins at 3 and 4, \$582,129, Black Helen H.-G2, Nijana S.-G3, Buckram Oak H.-G3, Boiling Springs H.-G3, Suwannee River H.-G3, etc. Dam of—

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**PATRIOT ACT** (c. by A.P. Indy). Subject stallion. **Class On Class** (f. by Jolie's Halo). 5 wins, 2 to 4, \$189,526, 2nd Chip H.-L, Insight to Cope H., 3rd Chaposa Springs H.-G3, etc. Dam of—

**DON'T GET MAD** (c. by Stephen Got Even). 5 wins at 2 and 3, \$793,835, Indiana Derby-G2, Northern Dancer Breeders' Cup S.-G3, Derby Trial S.-L, 2nd San Vicente S.-G2, etc.

**BARKLEY SOUND** (c. by Dixieland Band). 3 wins at 2 and 3, \$79,696, Pasco S. **Classic Approval** (f. by With Approval). 3 wins, \$109,430, 2nd Staten Island S.-L, Bal Harbour S., 3rd Herecomesthebride S.-L. Dam of—

**GULCH APPROVAL** (g. by Gulch). 8 wins, \$593,004, Oceanport H.-G3, Appleton H.-G3, Elkwood S., 2nd Maker's Mark Mile S.-G2, etc.

**APPROVAL RATING** (c. by Lemon Drop Kid). 4 wins, 2 to 5, 2009, \$302,772, Victoria Park S.-L, 2nd Dominion Day H.-G3, etc.

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## News

# Bleak future looms for OTB, racing

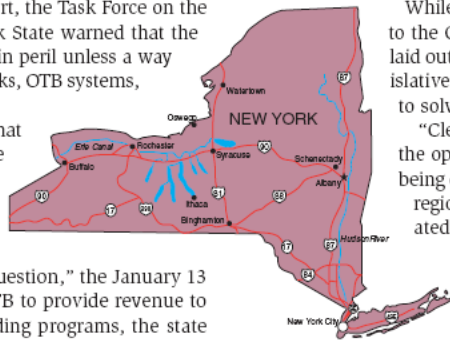
Task Force on the Future of Off-Track Betting issues a pointed report and suggests changes

In a blunt but politically realistic report, the Task Force on the Future of Off-Track Betting in New York State warned that the very existence of racing in New York is in peril unless a way is found to balance the needs of racetracks, OTB systems, and government bodies.

In its conclusion, the report noted that previous task forces had addressed the relationships of the OTB systems' stakes holders in 1973, '79, and '93, and fundamentally nothing happened.

"Now, the continued viability of racing and the breeding programs are in question," the January 13 report said. "Since the state created OTB to provide revenue to support government, racing, and breeding programs, the state must now ensure this goal can be met.

"Should no action be taken to properly align all of these interests, then horse racing in the state of New York will end," the committee headed by former Racing and Wagering Board Chairman John Van Lindt concluded in the report.



While accepting that major structural changes to the OTB system are unlikely, the task force laid out a series of proposed changes, both legislative and operational, to return the system to solvency.

"Clearly, the New York OTB structure is not the optimal situation. If off-track betting was being created now, the present structure of six regional corporations, independently operated tracks, with racing regulated by one state agency and [video lottery terminals] by another, would not be the ideal plan. However, the political reality is that this likely will not change," the report said. "Regional off-track betting is here to stay; so the question becomes how to optimize its operations."

The report noted the diminishing returns to the 52 governmental units that originally signed up as OTB partners—with one exception. The Western region stays in the black because it owns a harness racetrack that offers VLTs.

The legislative proposals centered on expense reductions, regulating out-of-state advance-deposit wagering (ADW) systems, and eliminating the legislatively sanctioned payments to harness tracks that were intended to protect those tracks from the effects of full-card wagering on Thoroughbred racing at the OTBs.

For example, the task force suggested a legislative mandate to combine marketing, simulcasting, account wagering, and totalizator operations of the OTBs to eliminate duplication and waste. The report noted that, while revenues have been declining, administrative expenses have increased.

The task force recommended that ADW companies accepting bets from New York state residents be required to pay the same regulatory fee, breeders' contribution fee, and host fee paid by the OTBs. "Such a change would bring New York state in line with other racing jurisdictions regarding this matter and level the playing field for the New York entities," the report said.

The task force also suggested, among other proposals:

- Legislatively standardized fees that tracks charge for exporting simulcast signals and what OTBs pay for simulcast signals;
- Eliminate restrictions on in-home simulcasting;
- Eliminate protectionist payments to harness tracks that have VLTs, which is all of them; and
- Eliminate 0.5% takeout for track capital improvements at all tracks with VLTs.

If those proposals are not adopted, the task force said in its report, "then privatizing the off-track betting corporations' branch operations should be seriously considered. Revenues from the sale [or] franchise agreements should be allocated to the participating municipalities, and the private operator will be required to continue payments to the participating municipalities."

### First reported foal for Frost Giant

Grade 1 winner Frost Giant was represented by his first foal on January 31 when the 12-year-old Hickman Creek mare Apocalyptic produced a chestnut colt at Empire Stud in Hudson.

Frost Giant, a seven-year-old by Giant's Causeway out of Takesmybreathaway, by Gone West, won four of 15 career starts and earned \$454,630. He won the 2005 Killavullan Stakes (Ire-G3) and the '06 Bruce Betting Kilterman Stakes (Ire-G3) before he was imported and scored a victory in the '08 Suburban Handicap (G1). He stands for an advertised fee of \$7,500 at Empire Stud. The colt is the fifth foal produced by Apocalyptic.

### Court stays out-of-competition testing

Shortly after the New York State Racing and Wagering Board instituted its new out-of-competition testing rule, a New York State Supreme Court justice issued a temporary restraining order against enforcing the rule. In a January 12 ruling, Justice Eileen Rakower affirmed her earlier restraining order in the case of Mark Ford et al. v. New York State Racing and Wagering Board and ordered that the case be transferred to Schenectady, where the Racing and Wagering Board is based.

Although Thoroughbred horsemen had expressed some displeasure with the out-of-competition testing, harness interests challenged it in New York's trial-level court. The new rule would have permitted the Racing and Wagering Board to conduct drug tests on any horse anticipated to race in New York within 180 days. The jurisdiction encompassed a 100-mile radius of a New York track, including private farms in other states.

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Sport Page H.-G3, 2nd Vosburgh S.-G1 twice, Philip H. Iselin  
H.-G2, etc. Sire.

**ROARING FEVER** (c. by Storm Cat). Subject stallion.

## SECOND DAM

**Letty's Pennant**, by Bold Forbes. 3 wins at 3, \$48,100, 2nd Peach  
Blossom S. Half-sister to **SACAHUISTA**, **FAR FLYING**. Dam of  
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**R. ASSOCIATE** (g. by Crafty Prospector). 9 wins, \$293,711,  
Lieutenant Governors' H.-G3, etc.

**Pennant Fever** (f. by Seattle Slew). See above.

**Pennant Winner**. Dam of 2 winners, including—

**SECRET LIAISON** (f. by Housebuster). 7 wins, \$342,719,  
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**Hollywood Heidi**. Dam of Drink a Toast (g. by Darn That Alarm).  
Grandam of **NOBLE GUERRERO** (Chi) (c. by Doneraile Court).

## THIRD DAM

**NALEES FLYING FLAG**, by Hoist the Flag. Unraced. Half-sister to  
**MENEVAL**, **NALEES MAN**, **NALEES FOLLY**. Dam of 11 foals,  
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**SACAHUISTA**. 6 wins at 2 and 3, \$1,298,842, **champion 3-year-old  
female**. Breeders' Cup Distaff-G1, Oak Leaf S.-G1, etc. Dam of—

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# News

## NYTB re-elects officers

At its first meeting of 2010, the New York Thoroughbred Breeders Inc. re-elected its incumbent officers, with Barry R. Ostrager continuing to serve as the organization's president, Thomas J. Gallo III continuing as vice president, and Vivien G. Malloy re-elected as secretary-treasurer.

Ostrager discussed the challenges facing NYTB in the coming months.

"In 2010, NYTB will continue to be extremely active concerning major challenges facing the racing and breeding industries, specifically the inaction by the state in implementing the [video lottery terminals] at Aqueduct and the crisis caused by the recent bankruptcy filing by [New York City Off-Track Betting Corp.]," he said. "The NYTB membership can be assured that they will be hearing a lot about NYTB's growing role in attempting to resolve these industry-threatening problems."

Ostrager, a New York lawyer who is the principal owner of Questroyal Stud, was one of four board members re-elected to two-year terms in December. The others are Chester Broman of West Babylon, who owns Chestertown Farm; Joanne T. Nielsen of Darien, Connecticut, owner of Sunnyfield

Farm; and Suzie O'Cain, co-manager of Highcliff Farm in Delanson.

Joining the board were Jerry Bilinski, D.V.M., owner of Waldorf Farm and Equine Medical Center in North Chatham, and breeder Shirl Penney of Saratoga Springs. Bilinski, former chairman of the New York State Racing and Wagering Board, stands stallions Bustin Stones and Breathless Affair at his North Chatham farm. He also breeds to race and sell and runs a boarding operation. Penney, who breeds both to race and sell, is chief executive officer of an independent wealth-management business in Manhattan and president of a real estate investment company.

Of the 11-member board, five are serving the second year of two-year terms. They are: Lois Engel of Lattingtown, owner of Pucker Ridge Farm in Warrensburg; Gallo, founder and managing owner of Parting Glass Racing and Thomas J. Gallo III Sales Agency, and owner of Blue Stone Farm in Cambridge; Malloy, owner of Edition Farm in Hyde Park; John McMahon, owner and manager of Old Saratoga Thoroughbreds near Saratoga Springs; and Chris Purdy, D.D.S., owner of Ivy League Farm in Ithaca.



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AQUEDUCT WINTER-SPRING MEET PURSES DROPPED 15.2% FROM 2008 LEVELS

## NYRA purses drop sharply in 2009

Declines exceed norm of U.S. tracks; Aqueduct spring dip tops 14%

by Don Clippinger

A deep, tenacious recession cut into Thoroughbred racing's wagering and purses across the U.S. last year, and the decline in purses was especially large at New York Racing Association tracks. The only NYRA track with a purse decline smaller than 6% was the Aqueduct fall meeting, which had experienced a 15% decline in 2008 as the economic crisis took hold.

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Even the prestigious Saratoga Race Course meet sustained a drop in total purses exceeding 7%, and the average purse per race declined 9.3% though remaining the highest in North America.

NYRA officials have said they expect a further decline in wagering this year.

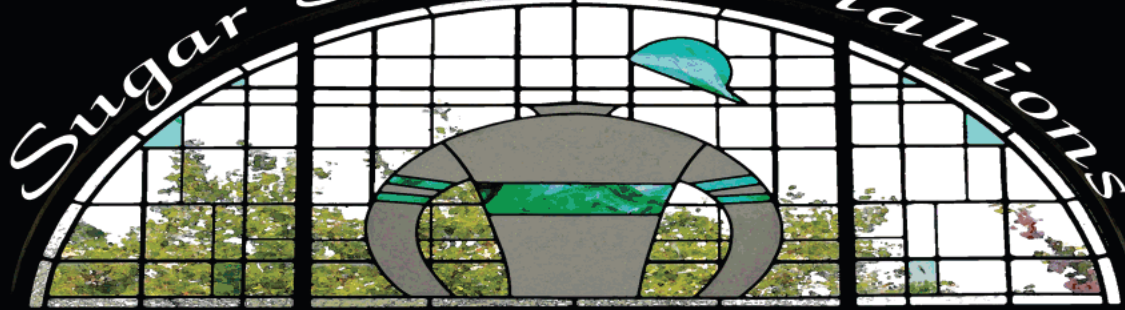
Equibase reported that pari-mutuel wagering declined 9.9% in North America last year, and purses fell by 5.6%. For a growing number of American tracks, revenues from video lottery terminals (VLTs), slot machines, or other forms of gaming support the purse structure, and for that reason the drop in purses was smaller than the decline in wagering.

Finger Lakes Gaming and Race Track, which receives revenues from VLTs, posted a 3% increase in its average purse per race last year even though the track increased the number of races.

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**Aqueduct**

Statistics cover 79 days, from January 1 through April 26, 2009

Class of race	No. races	Avg. no. mrs./race	Pct. total races	Avg. purse/race	Pct. purses
Maiden	80	8.3	11.1%	\$ 42,807	13.5%
Optional claiming	80	6.7	11.1%	46,855	14.8%
Non-claiming/other	49	6.5	6.8%	40,701	7.9%
Allowance	58	7.4	8.1%	44,656	10.2%
Stakes	47	6.2	6.5%	108,446	20.1%
Total non-claiming	314	7.1	43.6%	53,676	66.6%
Claiming	256	7.9	35.6%	22,244	22.5%
\$7,500-\$9,999	42	8.2	5.8%	16,163	2.7%
\$10,000-\$14,999	84	8.1	11.7%	18,353	6.1%
\$15,000-\$24,999	65	7.8	9.0%	23,104	5.9%
\$25,000-\$34,999	54	7.7	7.5%	29,983	6.4%
\$35,000-\$49,999	10	7.3	1.4%	30,914	1.2%
\$50,000-\$74,999	1	8.0	0.1%	44,000	0.2%
Maiden claiming	150	8.5	20.8%	18,441	10.9%
\$10,000-\$14,999	25	8.4	3.5%	14,160	1.4%
\$15,000-\$24,999	54	8.8	7.5%	15,741	3.4%
\$25,000-\$34,999	32	8.5	4.4%	19,750	2.5%
\$35,000-\$49,999	29	8.2	4.0%	22,357	2.6%
\$50,000-\$74,999	10	7.8	1.4%	28,186	1.1%
Total claiming	406	8.1	56.4%	20,839	33.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$ 35,160</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Aqueduct**

Statistics cover 38 days, from Oct. 28 through Dec. 31, 2009

Class of race	No. races	Avg. no. mrs./race	Pct. total races	Avg. purse/race	Pct. purses
Maiden	61	9.0	17.8%	\$ 43,399	19.3%
Optional claiming	29	7.2	8.5%	46,771	9.9%
Non-claiming/other	14	7.4	4.1%	42,729	4.4%
Allowance	35	7.7	10.2%	44,463	11.4%
Stakes	39	7.0	11.4%	104,519	29.8%
Total non-claiming	178	7.9	51.9%	57,496	74.7%
Claiming	110	8.4	32.1%	21,882	17.6%
\$7,500-\$9,999	15	8.8	4.4%	15,180	1.7%
\$10,000-\$14,999	30	8.6	8.7%	17,453	3.8%
\$15,000-\$24,999	31	8.2	9.0%	21,970	5.0%
\$25,000-\$34,999	25	8.5	7.3%	24,840	4.5%
\$35,000-\$49,999	7	7.9	2.0%	38,069	1.9%
\$50,000-\$74,999	2	6.0	0.6%	43,570	0.6%
Maiden claiming	55	8.7	16.0%	19,146	7.7%
\$10,000-\$14,999	10	8.0	2.9%	14,272	1.0%
\$15,000-\$24,999	19	8.9	5.5%	15,774	2.2%
\$25,000-\$34,999	8	9.1	2.3%	20,250	1.2%
\$35,000-\$49,999	10	9.1	2.9%	20,300	1.5%
\$50,000-\$74,999	8	8.1	2.3%	30,700	1.8%
Total claiming	165	8.5	48.1%	20,970	25.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$ 39,925</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**NYRA PURSES** from page 17

Overall, purses at the Western New York track increased 8.9% in 2009. (Purses and New York-bred races at Finger Lakes in 2009 will be analyzed in an upcoming article.)

Despite the declines, NYRA's purses remain some of the best in North America. Saratoga is a perennial leader as measured by average purse per race, and the Belmont Park fall meet ranked fourth, behind Keeneland Race Course's two meets. Belmont's spring season slipped to eighth place last year, behind Del Mar, Woodbine, and Santa Anita Park's winter-spring meet. Aqueduct continued to have the highest wintertime purses east of the Mississippi River—although by a smaller margin than in previous seasons.

**Wintry Aqueduct**

Still, it was a cold winter-spring season in Jamaica last year. The average purse plummeted 15.2% from the previous year. Total purse payments declined a lesser amount, 14.4%, because of seven more races in 2009 than in '08. Purses for NYRA's longest meet totaled \$25.3-million.

Race purses were cut across the board, with maiden special

weight races averaging \$42,807 last year, down 7.9% from \$46,465. The maiden special races also were a smaller part of the overall program, declining from 14.6% of all races to 11.1% of the 720 total races.

Allowance races and stakes races remained a significant part of the racing menu, together exceeding 30% of all race purses in both years. However, the average for allowance races declined 5.6% to \$44,656 per contest from \$47,325 a year earlier. Average stakes purses actually increased to \$108,446 from \$103,717, albeit for ten fewer races.

The claiming ranks accounted for 51 more races in 2009, increasing from 355 races to 406 last year, or 56.4% of all races. Maiden claimers added ten races, and the balance were for open claimers.

Claiming purses were down sharply, with the average purse falling 19.9% to an average of \$20,839 from \$26,005 in the previous winter-spring season. The greater quantity of races raised the percentage of purses going to claimers to 33.4% of all purses last year from 31.2% in 2008.

**Belmont spring**

The biggest decline in average purse per race occurred in the Belmont spring season, down 16% to \$47,613 from \$56,701 in 2008. Mitigating the effects of that sharp decline was an increase in the number of races, by 59 to 607. As a result, overall purses were off a relatively modest 7% to \$28.9-million. Horsemen were running for smaller pots, but they had more opportunities to collect a purse payment.

The cuts were generally across the board; the percentage of purse money going into nonclaiming races remained steady at 78.9%, but the number of claiming races increased by 50 to 266 of all races, or 43.8%. In the 2008 season, claimers accounted for 39.4% of all races.

As a result of the additional races, the average purse for claiming races fell 24.4% to \$22,929. Open claiming races increased by 40 races, and the average purse slipped 26.1% to \$24,473. Maiden claiming races had their average purse cut by 22.4% to \$19,960 from \$25,711 in the 2008 season.

The Belmont spring condition book added two claiming levels that had not been a part of the 2008 meet: open claimers from \$7,500 to \$9,999 (11 races) and maiden claimers from \$10,000 to \$14,999 (two races).

**Highest 2009 average purses per race**

Rank	Track and meet	Races	Average purse
1	Saratoga Race Course	365	\$71,911
2	Keeneland fall	162	63,879
3	Keeneland spring	142	63,586
4	Belmont Park fall	312	58,865
5	Del Mar	344	58,543
6	Woodbine	1,566	52,286
7	Santa Anita Park	720	49,145
8	Belmont spring	607	47,613
9	Hollywood Park spring	486	47,229
10	Churchill Downs spring	458	46,589
11	Hollywood Park fall	226	40,096
12	Aqueduct fall	343	39,925
13	Churchill Downs fall	217	37,951
14	Monmouth Park	894	37,067
15	Aqueduct winter-spring	720	35,160
16	Gulfstream Park	744	34,650
17	Fair Grounds	865	34,071

The spring stakes program, which features the Belmont Stakes (G1), actually posted a modest increase in total expenditures, to \$10.7-million from \$10.6-million in the 2008 spring meet. But five more stakes races were run, so the average purse took a hit. For 69 stakes races, the average purse was \$154,880, down 6.2% from \$165,146 for 64 contests in the year-earlier season.

Optional claiming and allowance races had sizable declines in numbers of races, total outlays, and average purses. In 2008, 72 optional claimers averaged \$55,300 and amounted to 12.8% of all purses. A year later, 60 optional claimers were run, and they averaged \$47,195, or 9.8% of all purses. Allowance races were cut in number, from 71 in 2008 to 66, and in average purse, from \$52,612 to \$45,385, a 13.7% decline last year.



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#### BELMONT'S FALL MEETING RANKED FOURTH NATIONALLY IN AVERAGE PURSE PER RACE

the 2009 average purse was the third highest in Saratoga's history.

Aggregate purses in 2008 were a record \$28.5-million because of more races. In 2009, total purses slipped 7.8% to \$26.3-million, with six more races than in the prior season.

The percentage of Saratoga's purses committed to nonclaiming races remained virtually unchanged in 2009, 87.6% compared with 87.8% in the previous season. Saratoga is hardly a haven for claiming horses, although claimers filled 105 of 365 races. In 2008, 100 claiming races had been run.

Saratoga is best known for its stakes races, and they accounted for more than half (50.9%) of all purses last year. Six more stakes

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#### Saratoga sags

Saratoga again occupied its deserved place as the leading race meet in North America by average purse, and it is likely to maintain that crown for the indefinite future even as it grows to 40 racing dates in 2010. But, in a sagging market, it too sustained significant declines last year. In September, NYRA officials announced declines in attendance, on-track wagering, and total betting on races at the Saratoga Springs track.

Purses also were down, to an average of \$71,911 per race. That average pot was off 9.3% from \$79,271 in 2008, when Saratoga paid the second-highest average purses in its long history. The high-water mark was an average purse of \$80,411 in 2007. Still,

#### Belmont Park Statistics cover 64 days, from April 29 through July 26, 2009

Class of race	No. races	Avg. no. mrs./race	Pct. total races	Avg. purse/race	Pct. purses
Maiden	108	8.3	17.8%	\$ 43,289	16.2%
Optional claiming	60	6.9	9.9%	47,195	9.8%
Non-claiming/other	38	7.0	6.3%	42,439	5.6%
Allowance	66	8.0	10.9%	45,385	10.4%
Stakes	69	6.7	11.4%	154,880	37.0%
Total non-claiming	341	7.5	56.2%	66,867	78.9%
Claiming	175	7.5	28.8%	24,473	14.8%
\$7,500-\$9,999	11	8.2	1.8%	17,727	0.7%
\$10,000-\$14,999	24	7.3	4.0%	19,509	1.6%
\$15,000-\$24,999	54	7.1	8.9%	20,777	3.9%
\$25,000-\$34,999	45	7.9	7.4%	25,257	3.9%
\$35,000-\$49,999	37	7.6	6.1%	31,834	4.1%
\$50,000-\$74,999	4	5.8	0.7%	45,790	0.6%
Maiden claiming	91	8.0	15.0%	19,960	6.3%
\$10,000-\$14,999	2	7.0	0.3%	14,500	0.1%
\$15,000-\$24,999	24	7.8	4.0%	15,654	1.3%
\$25,000-\$34,999	26	8.2	4.3%	19,524	1.8%
\$35,000-\$49,999	27	8.3	4.4%	20,770	1.9%
\$50,000-\$74,999	12	7.1	2.0%	28,607	1.2%
Total claiming	266	7.6	43.8%	22,929	21.1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$ 47,613</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

#### Belmont Park Statistics cover 33 days, from Sept. 11 through Oct. 25, 2009

Class of race	No. races	Avg. no. mrs./race	Pct. total races	Avg. purse/race	Pct. purses
Maiden	71	8.8	22.8%	\$ 43,656	16.9%
Optional claiming	30	7.7	9.6%	47,236	7.7%
Non-claiming/other	12	7.5	3.8%	43,984	2.9%
Allowance	31	8.4	9.9%	45,056	7.6%
Stakes	53	7.0	17.0%	176,073	50.8%
Total non-claiming	197	8.0	63.1%	80,066	85.9%
Claiming	73	8.9	23.4%	23,520	9.3%
\$7,500-\$9,999	3	9.7	1.0%	17,333	0.3%
\$10,000-\$14,999	14	8.7	4.5%	16,714	1.3%
\$15,000-\$24,999	17	8.4	5.4%	21,353	2.0%
\$25,000-\$34,999	34	9.3	10.9%	25,675	4.8%
\$35,000-\$49,999	3	7.7	1.0%	35,000	0.6%
\$50,000-\$74,999	2	9.5	0.6%	45,000	0.5%
Maiden claiming	42	9.0	13.5%	20,852	4.8%
\$10,000-\$14,999	1	8.0	0.3%	15,000	0.1%
\$15,000-\$24,999	11	8.9	3.5%	15,727	0.9%
\$25,000-\$34,999	18	9.1	5.8%	19,844	1.9%
\$35,000-\$49,999	4	9.5	1.3%	22,750	0.5%
\$50,000-\$74,999	7	9.1	2.2%	29,371	1.1%
\$75,000-\$99,999	1	8.0	0.3%	34,000	0.2%
Total claiming	115	9.0	36.9%	22,546	14.1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$ 58,865</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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races were run than in 2008, and that increase diluted the average purse to \$173,528, down 4.1% from \$180,962. But the total expenditures on stakes races increased from \$12.8-million to \$13.4-million.

Saratoga also is well known for its maiden special weight races featuring the stars of tomorrow, and those 100 races totaled three more than in 2008. But the money committed to them was reduced to an average purse of \$50,434, down 18.2% from \$61,627. Total outlays for the maiden races declined by more than \$900,000.

Taking an even larger hit were allowance races, with their purses declining 18.5% to \$54,676 from \$67,081 in the prior meet. Optional claimers also declined, by 16.6% to a \$58,130 average from \$69,670 in 2008. The only categories showing any gain from 2008 were three maiden-claimer tiers: \$25,000 to \$34,999, \$75,000 to \$99,999, and \$100,000 and up.

Added to the Saratoga mix were four maiden claiming races priced from \$15,000 to \$24,999. Open claimers at that level accounted for 20 races, five more than a year earlier; the number of races for open claimers from \$35,000 to \$49,999 was reduced to 33 from 41.

As was noted previously, New York-breds played a significant role in filling Saratoga's races and raising the average field to 8.6 starters from 8.3 in 2008. New York-bred races accounted for nearly one-quarter of all Saratoga races and 18.6% of the total Saratoga purse structure (*New York Breeder*, November 2009).

**Shorter fall meet**

Belmont's fall meeting is as much of a boutique season as Saratoga's is, and reductions in race dates and races limited the decline in average purses to 9%. Total purses over the 33-date meet (down from 37 in 2008) were off 18.2% to \$18.4-million. In all, 312 races were run, down from 347 a year earlier.

As with Saratoga, stakes races dominate the purse structure, accounting from a majority of all purse money last year, 50.8%, which was a larger bite of the pie than in 2008, when stakes races were 44.7% of all purses. NYRA ran 53 stakes races at Bel-



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**DESPITE DECLINES, SARATOGA LED NATION IN AVERAGE PURSE PER RACE**

mont last fall, down from 56 in 2008. The average stakes purse was \$176,073, down less than 2% from a year earlier, although total money committed to stakes races slipped 6.9%.

While the reduction in average stakes purses was minimal, all other nonclaiming categories sustained double-digit declines. Chopped significantly were maiden special weights (average purse off 12.8%), allowance races (down 12.2%), and optional claimers (down 14.2%).

The average purse for all claiming races dropped by almost 30% to \$22,546 from \$32,099 in 2008. Nearly half of all open claimers were for horses priced between \$25,000 and \$34,999, and those 34 races had an average purse of \$25,675, a 29.4% drop from the year-earlier meet.

**Smaller declines**

Each year, the NYRA season ends at Aqueduct, where it also begins. As the national economy finally began to turn around in late 2009, it also appeared that the declines in NYRA purses had slowed.

The average Aqueduct fall race purse declined 3.5% over 38 racing dates to December 31, while aggregate purses were down 5.5% because of seven fewer races in the 2009 season.

Stakes purses averaged \$104,519 last year, up 7% from \$97,704 in late 2008, when Americans and the national economy were shaken by the teetering financial system—centered a few miles from Aqueduct on Wall Street. With two fewer stakes races in 2009, the total outlay for stakes was virtually unchanged.

In all, Aqueduct's average nonclaiming purses increased 3.2%, while average claiming purses declined slightly more than 10%.

In 2008, only three open claiming races were run at the \$7,500-to-\$9,999 level; last year, that tier accounted for 15 races. The average purse at that entry level was \$15,180, up 1.2% from a year earlier. In all, 86 races were run between \$10,000 and \$34,999, up from 73 a year earlier. The \$35,000-to-\$49,000 tier had 20 races in 2008 but only seven last year. The average purse for those claimers was \$38,069, a 20.9% increase over 2008.

**Saratoga Race Course**  
Statistics cover 36 days, from July 29 through September 7, 2009

Class of race	No. races	Avg. no. mrs./race	Pct. total races	Avg. purse/race	Pct. purses
Maiden	100	9.0	27.4%	\$ 50,434	19.2%
Optional claiming	30	7.9	8.2%	58,130	6.6%
Non-claiming/other	14	7.9	3.8%	51,107	2.7%
Allowance	39	9.0	10.7%	54,676	8.1%
Stakes	77	7.8	21.1%	173,528	50.9%
Total non-claiming	260	8.5	71.2%	88,449	87.6%
Claiming	70	9.0	19.2%	32,248	8.6%
\$15,000-\$24,999	20	8.2	5.5%	26,935	2.1%
\$25,000-\$34,999	12	8.7	3.3%	33,275	1.5%
\$35,000-\$49,999	33	9.4	9.0%	32,723	4.1%
\$50,000-\$74,999	4	9.8	1.1%	45,875	0.7%
\$100,000 and up	1	9.0	0.3%	56,000	0.2%
Maiden claiming	35	8.5	9.6%	28,383	3.8%
\$15,000-\$24,999	4	7.8	1.1%	23,050	0.4%
\$25,000-\$34,999	6	9.3	1.6%	23,450	0.5%
\$35,000-\$49,999	12	8.9	3.3%	25,567	1.2%
\$50,000-\$74,999	7	7.9	1.9%	28,943	0.8%
\$75,000-\$99,999	5	8.4	1.4%	41,424	0.8%
\$100,000 and up	1	7.0	0.3%	44,000	0.2%
Total claiming	105	8.8	28.8%	30,960	12.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$ 71,911</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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**MEESE ROCKS BECOMES FIRST STAKES WINNER FOR SIRE ROCK AND ROLL**

## Meese Rocks for the Cure the Blues line

Granddaughter of Cure the Blues wins the Personal Girl Stakes

*by John P. Sparkman*

In the fall of 1985, the author visited Giltown Stud, then owned by Bert and Diana Firestone, for the first time to inspect the stallions Cure the Blues and General Assembly on behalf of Pillar Stud.

General Assembly looked very similar to his sire, Secretariat, but had offset knees. Cure the Blues, on the other hand, was tall, leggy, and lightly made, but perfectly balanced and a beautiful mover. Pillar Stud bought both horses and syndicated them for stud duty in the U.S.

Interestingly enough, both horses appear in the pedigree of Meese Rocks, winner of the Personal Girl Stakes at Aqueduct on February 5. Meese Rocks' sire, Rock and Roll, is a son of Cure the Blues, and her third dam, General Charge (Ire), is a stakes-winning daughter of General Assembly.

Bred in New York by Robert W. Misa Jr., Meese Rocks raced for Misa in her two starts as a three-year-old in 2008 but was sold privately to Henry Terranova before breaking her maiden at Saratoga Race Course as a four-year-old in '09.

Meese Rocks won an allowance race at Aqueduct on October 29, an optional claiming race on December 12, and another allowance race on January 7, 2010. Fourth in another optional

claimer on January 24, she bounced back quickly in the Personal Girl 12 days later.

Meese Rocks is the first stakes winner for her sire, Rock and Roll, a disappointing performance for the son of Cure the Blues, who began his stud career in New York in 2002 at a fee of \$3,500. Rock and Roll had earned his place at Dutchess Views Farm with a solid racing career, winning ten of 38 starts and earning \$708,557.

Bred in Kentucky by Pin Oak Stud in 1995, Rock and Roll began his racing career for Rene Dar Farm in Michigan, winning a 5½-furlong maiden special weight race at Detroit Race Course on October 24, 1997. That was his only win at two, but after running second in the Sam F. Davis Stakes and third in the Tampa Bay Derby at three, Madeleine Paulson and Jenny Craig purchased the colt privately.

Rock and Roll finished 14th in the Kentucky Derby (G1) in his first start for his new owners but won two of his remaining seven starts at three, including a 1¼-length score over Tomorrows Cat in the Pennsylvania Derby (G3). Rock and Roll was a determined front-runner, but Mr. Sinatra ran him down in his final start as a three-year-old, beating him by three-quarters of a length in the Stuyvesant Handicap (G3) at Aqueduct.

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Trainer Bill Mott tried to teach Rock and Roll to rate a bit better at four, and the change in tactics earned him a victory in the Churchill Downs Handicap (G2), where he rallied from fourth to beat Liberty Gold by a half-length in 1:22.81 for the seven furlongs. Rock and Roll finished second to the speedy Truluck, beaten 2¼ lengths, in the Salvator Mile Handicap (G3) at Monmouth Park, and won the 1¼-mile A.P. Indy Stakes at Gulfstream Park at the Breeders' Cup meeting that autumn.

Rock and Roll won an allowance race at five and the Cryptoclearance Stakes at Gulfstream at six, but the Churchill Downs Handicap was the pinnacle of his racing career. A speedy, long-striding horse at his best racing at or near the front end at around a mile, Rock and Roll's pedigree was good enough to merit a chance at stud.

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His sire, Cure the Blues, was top-class but suffered from persistent quarter cracks after his brilliant unbeaten juvenile season, highlighted by an easy victory in the 1980 Laurel Futurity (G1). A natural front-runner, Cure the Blues was a very good sire both in Ireland and the U.S. His six Irish crops included champion Le Glorieux (GB), Irish highweight Prudent Manner (Ire), Italian highweight Lucratif (Fr), and Grade 1 winner Gaily Gaily (Ire). His American crops included Canadian champions Wake At Noon, Saoirse, and Honky Tonk Tune, as well as Grade 1 winners Stop Traffic and Stormy Blues.

Overall, Cure the Blues sired 84 stakes winners from 874 foals (9.6%), and his New York-bred son Incurable Optimist led the Argentine sire list in 2009. Cure the Blues stood the last five

years of his stud career at Milfer Farm in Umadilla, New York, and his successful Grade 2-winning son American Chance also stood the last three years of his stud career in New York.

Rock and Roll's dam, Secret's Halo, by Halo, was a three-quarter sister to Grade 1 winner Irgun, by Sunny's Halo. Inbred 3x3 to Hail to Reason, 4x4 to Bold Ruler, and 4x5 to Imperatrice (through Secretariat and his three-quarter sister Speedwell), Rock and Roll possesses an interesting pedigree, but he was not particularly well-patronized either in New York or in Ontario, where he now stands. Meese Rocks is the best of his 104 foals from six crops.

### Meeses Pieces

Meese Rocks is the third foal of her dam, Meeses Pieces, a cleverly named daughter of 1996 Kentucky Derby winner Grindstone who raced for Misa. Meeses Pieces raced only at two in 2001, winning her last two races: a \$60,000 maiden claimer at one mile at Aqueduct and a \$65,000 claimer at six furlongs at the same track.

Bred in Kentucky by Land of Believe Farm, she is a half sister to stakes-placed North Potomac, by Not For Love, out of the winning Dixieland Band mare Bandral. Bandral was one of five winners from 12 foals out of General Charge (Ire), one of the better daughters of General Assembly.

Bred in Ireland by the late Edmund Gann, General Charge raced in the U.S., winning four of 16 starts, including the 1989 California Oaks. She was better than a stakes listed-caliber filly, however, since she also finished second in the Matriarch Stakes (G1) and third in the Del Mar Oaks (G3) in 1989.

General Charge's dam, Finance Charge, by Pretense, also was a graded-class filly, winning the 1981 Santa Lucia Handicap and running second in the '80 Honeymoon Handicap (G3). Finance Charge also produced minor stakes winner Credit Approved, by Incinerator, and her daughter Wild Drive, by Inverness Drive, is dam of stakes winner Toowildtodrive, by Loyal Double.

Finance Charge and General Charge came by their class honestly since they descended from an excellent family developed primarily by Coldstream Stud and Spendthrift Farm in the 1950s and '60s.

Meese Rocks' eighth dam, Albania, by \*Bull Dog, produced the top-class mare Carolyn A., by Questionnaire, and Albania's daughter Precious Lady, by Requested, was dam of the high-class Never Bend colt Distinctive, as well as Meese Rocks' stakes-winning sixth dam, Tudor Jet, by \*Tudor Minstrel.

Tudor Jet produced three stakes winners for Spendthrift and is second dam of Grade 1 winner and influential sire Well Decorated, by Raja Baba; third dam of 1997 Vodafone Epsom Derby (Eng-G1) winner Benny the Dip, by Silver Hawk; and fourth dam of top Japanese runner Silence Suzuka.

Meese Rocks is inbred to two of the greatest horses ever to race in North America—Secretariat (4x5) and Dr. Fager (4x6). Meese Rocks does not possess that kind of class, but she is an improving filly who is a credit to her pedigree.

Rock and Roll, ch. h., 1995				
Cure the Blues 78 845 fls, 84 SWs SI 1.86 DI=4.43	Stop the Music 70 11 wins, \$448,922, SW 667 fls, 46 SWs SI 1.76 DI=2.23	Hail to Reason 58 308 fls, 43 SWs SI 4.40 DI=3.18	*Turn-to 51	*Royal Charger 42 *Source Sucee 40
		Bebopper 62 15 fls, 3 SWs DI=2.04	Nothirchance 48	Blue Swords 40 Galla Colors 43
		Dr. Fager 64 255 fls, 36 SWs SI 3.40 DI=3.00	Tom Fool 49	Menow 35 Gaga 42
		Speedwell 60 8 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.71	*Bebop II 57	—Prince Bio (Fr) 41 —Cappellina (Fr) 40
Secret's Halo 88 11 fls, 1 SW DI=2.70	Halo 69 9 wins, \$259,553, SW 724 fls, 63 SWs SI 3.40 DI=2.14	Hail to Reason 58 308 fls, 43 SWs SI 4.40 DI=3.18	Rough'n Tumble 48	Free For All 42 Roused 43
		Cosmah 55 15 fls, 4 SWs DI=1.36	Aspidistra 54	Better Self 45 Tilly Rose 48
		Secretariat 70 653 fls, 57 SWs SI 3.46 DI=3.00	Bold Ruler 54	*Nasrullah 40 Miss Disco 44
		Kankam (Arg) 75 10 fls, 1 SW DI=0.56	Imperatrice 38	Caruso 27 Cinguepace 34
	Late From Lunch 83 Unraced 8 fls, 1 SW DI=1.97	Secretariat 70 653 fls, 57 SWs SI 3.46 DI=3.00	*Turn-to 51	*Royal Charger 42 *Source Sucee 40
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			Somethingroyal 52	*Princiquillo 40 Imperatrice 38
			=Minera (GB) 63	—Crepello (GB) 54 —Esquire Cit (GB) 52
			=Sundina (Arg) 59	—Singapur (Arg) 46 —Ckada (Arg) 52

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## Breeder Spotlight

# Horses on her mind

Vivien Malloy and her Edition Farm breed their first millionaire

by Don Clippinger

Vivien G. Malloy suspects that her lifelong affinity for horses may have something to do with how her brain functions. From an early age to now, horses have been a part of her life and her thought processes.

"When you say 'beautiful,' I always thought of a horse running in a pasture. That was way before anything else," she said. Indeed, she was riding at age five, and a few years later she was accompanying her grandfather to the races at Empire City racetrack in Yonkers.

She did not begin breeding New York-breds until much later, in the early 1980s, and the efforts paid off handsomely in 2009. Her small Edition Farm operation, comprising ten broodmares, produced a millionaire, Japan-based A Shin Forward (see story in News), and stakes-placed Vivi's Book, a member of broodmare Vivaling's productive family.

Other winners came from the extended family of the late Mine Tonight, who has been an important part of Edition Farm's development and remains close to Malloy's heart. In all, Edition Farm-breds had 2009 earnings of \$867,315 from only 78 starts. Edition-bred runners won 15 races and had 17 placings.

Malloy said the progression began long ago with her early love for horses. She developed an affection for the racetrack and racehorses through her grandfather, Edwin Goodman, owner of the renowned Manhattan fine-apparel retailer Bergdorf Goodman.

In the early 1940s, Goodman would meet his friends at Empire City, and his young granddaughter spent her time looking at the horses in the paddock.

"I'd come back and tell Grandpa who I thought would be the winner," she said. "I might have been right a couple times."

(Her husband of 53 years, Harry Malloy, suspects she picked winners frequently. He rates her as a crack handicapper and follows her to the betting windows, where he often doubles her wager.)

### Life with horses

After their marriage, Harry and Vivien Malloy settled into life in Purchase, and horses were a part of raising their five children.

"My children and I all rode off-the-track racehorses," she said.

In the early 1980s, with the children off to college or careers, she was wondering what to do next with horses.

"I was just sitting around waiting for the mail one day. I had spent so many years with horses. I wanted to buy a broodmare,



Kathy Landman, courtesy of Edition Farm

VIVIEN G. MALLOY

### Vivien G. Malloy

**Birthplace:** Havana, Cuba  
**Residence:** Edition Farm, Waccabuc  
**Farm:** Edition Farm, Hyde Park  
**Best horses owned:** Mine Tonight, Vivaling  
**Best horses bred:** A Shin Forward, Vivaling  
**Current position:** Secretary-treasurer, New York Thoroughbred Breeders Inc.  
**Family:** Husband, Harry, a retired insurance executive; five children; and nine grandchildren

and I wanted to start breeding," she said.

Malloy called a friend who also was a bloodstock agent and asked for her help. After some searching, the friend found Roberta's Dream, who moved into the converted tractor barn where the Malloys housed their horses.

Roberta's Dream proved to be a dream of a starter broodmare who produced durable winners. Her first foal for Edition, Sprat's Dream, by Jack Sprat, was a modest winner, but her 1982 foal, Dreamy Croissant, by Vencedor, earned \$86,293, much of it after Edition sold her for \$4,000 at the '85 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga horses of racing age sale.

Dreamy Croissant won 14 of 100 starts, and her half sister London Valentine, by London Company, was even more durable. She made 112 starts, won 15 races, and earned \$65,670.

As the breeding operation began to grow, the Malloys relocated to Waccabuc in northern Westchester County. They named the property Edition Farm, after one of their first runners.

In 1986, two major events occurred in the development of the Edition Farm breeding operation. The Malloys bought a farm in Hyde Park that has grown to approximately 180 acres. Also that year, Edition was a partner in the purchase of Mine Tonight, the farm's foundation mare. Malloy had \$25,000 to invest, and trainer Michael Daggart suggested a partnership with Tim Ahern to buy the three-year-old Upper Nile filly at the Fasig-Tipton Belmont sale of horses of racing age. She sold for \$50,000 and went on to become a two-time listed stakes winner with earnings of \$254,844.

Her family improved after her racing career when half sister Purita U. produced 1994 Coaching Club American Oaks (G1) winner Two Altazano. Edition bought out its partner in Mine Tonight at the 1999 Keeneland November breeding stock sale at a hammer price of \$300,000.

### Minetonightsfirst

Mine Tonight's first foal, Minetonightsfirst, by D'Accord, won the 1994 New York Stallion Park Avenue Stakes and earned \$91,225. She became a member of the Edition Farm broodmare band and has produced five winners from five foals of racing age, including steeplechase stakes winner Coal Dust, by Miner's Mark, and multiple stakes-placed Ouchy Night, by Cactus Ridge.

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Another daughter of Mine Tonight in Edition's broodmare band is Miney's Awesome, by Awesome Again, who earned \$69,872 on the racetrack. Her first foal, Awesome Bull, by Holy Bull, sold for \$100,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale of preferred yearlings and won her maiden victory by seven lengths at Aqueduct on January 31.

Two years after buying Mine Tonight at Belmont, Edition launched another important aspect of its broodmare operation, although at the time the initial foray into claiming appeared to be a disaster. Malloy and Daggart went to the claims box to take Legal Streak, a Nodouble filly out of Superfast, by Secretariat, who had been bred by George Steinbrenner. The track came up sloppy, however, and Legal Streak did not finish in the July 21 race at Belmont Park. As it turned out, jockey Chris Antley had felt her slipping on the surface and wrapped up on her.

Malloy sent Legal Streak to aging sire Explodent, and eventually she was declared in foal; the Nearctic stallion was almost immediately pensioned. The result of that 1990 mating was Vivaling, named for her breeder and eventually another key member of the broodmare band after a racing career in which she earned \$61,885.

Vivaling's 2002 foal by A.P. Jet, A Very Young Jet, recently was retired after winning \$180,467 in a 41-race career. Vivaling's 2004 foal, Takmeoutodabgame, by Take Me Out, has earned \$139,372 in 32 starts, and his half sister by Lycius, Vivi's Book, finished second in last year's Yaddo Handicap at Saratoga Race Course.

### Wake Up Kiss

Although Edition had been successful with its homebreds, Malloy sought to upgrade the broodmare band when she purchased New York-bred Wake Up Kiss for \$380,000 at the 2004

Keeneland November breeding stock sale. The Cure the Blues mare was purchased in foal to Forest Wildcat, and the result was A Shin Forward, the 21st New York-bred millionaire.

Consigned by Edition with Craig Bandoroff's Denali Stud as agent, the colt sold for \$125,000 at the 2006 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga selected yearling sale. Pinhooked to the Fasig-Tipton Calder sale of selected two-year-olds in training, he sold for \$290,000 and was sent to Japan. Last year, he won a listed stakes and earned \$531,007, tops for a New York-bred in 2009. A third-place finish in the Tokyo Shimbun Hai (Jpn-G3) on January 30 raised his career earnings to \$1,238,518.


Wake Up Kiss' 2007 foal by Lion Heart, Golly Day, sold for \$125,000 at the Saratoga selected sale and scored a maiden victory for owner Dogwood Stable at Saratoga in August. She also has a flashy yearling colt by Any Given Saturday and is in foal to Elusive Quality.

Raising stakes winners is important to Malloy, but not every horse will be a stakes winner. Just as important to her is how they are raised. To promote practical, hands-on horsemanship, Edition instituted an internship program under the supervision of longtime farm manager Annette Orlando at the Hyde Park property, but it has proven too successful. All the permanent positions now are filled by former interns.

A keystone of the Edition approach is to build trust.

"When our babies go to the sale, they're calm; they're trusting," Malloy said. "It's all about trust. We are teaching these horses how to trust humans forever."

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# New York-bred stakes winners

January 18–February 14, 2010

## MEESE ROCKS

### PERSONAL GIRL S.

Aqueduct, February 5, \$60,000g, purse \$60,000, 4&up, f&m, New York-bred, 6f, fast, 1:11.12 (TR 1:07.93).

**MEESE ROCKS**, 120, b. m. 5, Rock and Roll—Meeses Pieces, by Grindstone. Owners, Henry Joseph, and Jamie Terranova; breeder, Robert W. Misa Jr. (N.Y.); trainer, Edward R. Barker; jockey, Jorge F. Chavez.....\$36,000  
**What a Pear**, 120, ch. f. 4, E Dubai—Perfect Pear, by Pine Bluff. Owner, Tri-Bone Stables.\$36,000  
**Sorority Sister**, 118, b. m. 5, Include—Even the Wind, by Irish Tower. Owner, Sunny Meadow Farm.....\$6,000

Margins: 2¼, ½, neck. Also ran: Afleet Alexandra 120 (\$3,000), Motor City Mama 120 (\$1,800), Silvercup Baby 120 (\$1,200).

### MEESE ROCKS, b. m. 2005

Cure the Blues, b, 78  
 Rock and Roll, ch, 95  
 Secret's Halo, b, 88  
 Grindstone, dkbr, 93  
 Meeses Pieces, b, 99  
 Bandal, b, 91  
 Stop the Music 70  
 Quick Cure 71  
 Halo 69  
 Late From Lunch 93  
 Unbridled 87  
 Buzz My Bell 81  
 Dixieland Band 80  
 General Charge (fr) 86

Age	Sts	1st (SW)	2nd (SP)	3rd (SP)	Earnings
3	2	0	0	0	\$2,960
4	6	3	1	2	96,900
5	3	2 (1)	0	0	63,400
Total	11	5 (1)	1	2	\$163,260

At 5: 1st Personal Girl S. (Aqu \$60,000).

SIRE: **ROCK AND ROLL** (Dead), 10w (2,3,4,5,6) 38sts (2,3,4,5,6), \$708,557 (RI 8.90). SW at 3, 4, 6. Sire of 6 crops, 96 foals, 70 runners (73%), 37 winners (39%), 1 SW (1%), \$2,283,930 (avg/starter \$32,628). SI: 0.74, colts: 0.77, fillies: 0.71; ComSI:

0.82. 2010 SW: **MEESE ROCKS**. Auction record lifetime—25 yr/igs sold, \$9,629 avg.

DAM: **MEESE PIECES**, bred by Land of Believe Farm (Ky.), 2w (2) 6sts (2), \$49,115 (RI 2.68). \$22,000 1999 Keeneland November. Dam of 5 foals, 4 starters, 2 winners, including **MEESE ROCKS**.

### EXPLANATION OF INDEXES

#### Racing Index (RI)

RI is based on the average earnings per start for all runners in the United States, Canada, England, Ireland, France, Italy, Germany, Puerto Rico, and United Arab Emirates. RI is determined by calculating the average earnings per start, divided into males and females, of all starters in each individual country, and the average for each individual year is by definition 1.00. Median RI, however, is much lower. Actual distribution of RI is detailed below.

#### Sire Index (SI)

The Sire Index (SI) is an average of the Racing Index (RI) of all foals by a sire that have started at least three times. For SI to be calculated, a sire must be represented by a minimum of three crops and 25 starters lifetime.

#### AUCTION INFORMATION

Auction information is for North American sales from 1980 to the present and includes the following:

- Subject horse (stakes winner): All auction activity—yearling, yearling, two-year-olds in training, or horses of racing age sales—found after the winner's name under the first dam.

- Sire of stakes winner: The sire's lifetime and current year yearling auction information is reported, with number of crops offered at yearling sales (lifetime), number of yearlings sold (lifetime), and average price (lifetime),

including yearlings sold in current year), followed by information for the current year. (Current year information is reported beginning October 1; current year information from January 1 through September 30 is in the previous year's auction information.)

- Dam of stakes winner: most recent sale, either as weanling, yearling, or two-year-old in training. Also reported is most recent sale as broodmare (including covering sire) or broodmare prospect, plus any sale of the dam while subject horse was in utero (including covering sire).

#### PEDIGREE SYMBOLS

Symbols preceding or following names of horses in pedigrees are used to identify horses that were imported into North America for racing or breeding, and to indicate country of birth. Equal signs preceding a horse's name indicate that a horse was foaled outside the U.S. or Canada and has never been imported to North America; a horse's country of birth appears in parentheses following its name. An asterisk preceding a horse's name indicates the horse was born outside the U.S. or Canada and was imported to North America prior to 1976 (no country codes are included for such horses). Names of horses imported since 1976 include a country code in parentheses following their name and are not preceded by equal signs. Horses that do not have a symbol preceding their name or a country code following their name were foaled in North America.

# New York-bred winners and winners sired by New York sires

January 15-February 15, 2010

City Zip (69/23)—Goomada Byda Sea; CITY BROAD, m. 5, Aqueduct, 2/7, Alw, 6f, \$24,000.  
 Congaree (44/7)—Look Upon; SHINE UPON, f. 3, Aqueduct, 2/4, Alw, 6f, \$24,000.  
 Ecton Park (53/13)—Doyenne; MOST HAPPY FELLA, g. 3, Aqueduct, 1/21, Alw, 8.32f, \$24,600.  
 Freud (44/8)—Modern Toughness; GENERAL MAXIMUS, c. 3, Gulfstream Park, 1/30, Alw, 6f, \$22,200.  
 Freud (44/8)—Solar Song; DRIVEN BY SOLAR, c. 4, Aqueduct, 2/6, Alw, 6f, \$24,000.  
 Freud (44/8)—Halo's Notebook; FREUD'S NOTE-

BOOK, f. 3, Aqueduct, 2/15, Alw, 8.32f, \$24,600.  
 Good and Tough (26/5)—Skirting the Issue; MR. GRIEVANCE, g. 4, Aqueduct, 1/23, Alw, 6f, \$24,000.  
 Johannesburg (101/25)—Serenity's Smile; JOHANNESBURG SMILE, c. 3, Aqueduct, 2/15, Alw, 8.32f, \$24,600.  
 Kafwain (36/8)—All At Once; MANHATTAN MISS, f. 4, Aqueduct, 1/15, Alw, 8.32f, \$24,600.  
 Offlee Wild (23/5)—Cool Ghoul; OFFLEE COOL, f. 3, Aqueduct, 1/22, Alw, 8f, \$24,600.  
 Performing Magic (13/4)—Shot Gun Favorite; SHOT

GUN GAL, f. 4, Aqueduct, 1/24, Alw, 6f, \$24,000.  
 Precise End (47/6)—Since Time Began; BEARURSA, m. 5, Aqueduct, 2/4, Alw, 8.32f, \$24,600.  
 Prime Timber (22/4)—Just a Bullet; PREMIUM WINE, h. 6, Sam Houston Race Park, 1/29, Alw, 8f, \$10,740.  
 Read the Footnotes (28/9)—Re Re Be Be; REREADTHEFOOTNOTES, g. 4, Aqueduct, 1/20, Alw, 6f, \$25,200.  
 Read the Footnotes (28/9)—Val's Diablo; OUT OF RESPECT, g. 3, Aqueduct, 1/18, Alw, 6f, \$24,000.  
 Read the Footnotes (28/9)—Re Re Be Be; REREADTHEFOOTNOTES, g. 4, Aqueduct, 2/15, Stk, Hollie Hughes S., 6f, \$39,000.  
 Rock and Roll (10/2)—Meeses Pieces; **MEESE ROCKS**, m. 5, Aqueduct, 2/5, Stk, Personal Girl S., 6f, \$36,000.  
 Tale of the Cat (108/25)—Goomada Byda Sea; IT-SAGOODTENDOLLARS, c. 4, Aqueduct, 2/13, Alw, 8.32f, \$24,600.  
 Wheelaway (25/5)—Bid O'Powdre; MIGHTY MORRIS, g. 5, Aqueduct, 1/21, Alw, 8.5f, \$24,600.  
 Yonaguska (84/19)—Twist and Pop; YAWANNA TWIST, c. 3, Aqueduct, 2/7, Alw, 6f, \$24,000.

The accompanying list reports sires of New York-bred winners and winners by sires standing in New York in 2010, two-year-olds and upward, of recent allowance, stakes, and overnight handicap races in New York. The lists are presented alphabetically by sire, followed in parentheses by the number of current-year starters in North America for the sire and the sire's total number of individual winners in 2010, regardless of state where bred. Following the sire information is the name of the winner's dam. The name of the winner is in light face capital letters (bold face capital letters if the win came in a stakes race), followed by the winner's sex, age, name of racetrack, and date of race. The class of the race in which the victory took place immediately follows. Abbreviations used for class of race are similar to those used by Equibase: Alw—allowance; Hcp—overnight handicap; names of stakes races are spelled out, with the grade of the race, when applicable, in parentheses. Class of race is followed by the distance of the race, expressed in furlongs and fractions of furlongs, followed by first-place money earned by the winner.

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# Awards standings for 2009

Breeder and owner awards are based on purse money earned while competing in pari-mutuel races run in New York state

## Leading Breeder Awards January 1-December 31, 2009

Breeder	Amount
Sequel, Becky Thomas, Lewis Lakin, et al.	\$296,586
Chester and Mary R. Broman	227,601
Sez Who Thoroughbreds North	220,568
Flying Zee Stable	166,465
Anthony A. Grey	121,273
McMahon's of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, et al.	115,747
Stonewall Farm	99,720
Sugar Maple Farm	88,014
Gallagher's Farm	74,205
Philip S. Birsh	70,594
Gus Schoenborn Jr.	67,167
John and William Hettinger	57,979
Barry R. Ostrager and Questroyal	57,713
Hidden Lake Farm	54,769
Adam Wachtel	54,472
Ken and Sarah Ramsey	54,189
Berkshire Stud and Oak Cliff Breeders	46,390
Est Joseph Parisi	45,478
Patricia Staskowski Purdy	43,261
Paula Ann Hallman	43,201
New Dawn Stud	42,094
Sanford Goldfarb	40,545
Thomas Dushas	40,033

Breeder	Amount
Albert Fried Jr.	\$40,014
Edition Farm	39,223
Susan A. Vitro	38,902

## Leading Open Company Owner Awards January 1-December 31, 2009

Owner	Amount
Charlton Baker	\$32,842
Chevalier Stable	27,793
Flying Zee Stables	24,861
Michael Dubb	23,620
Karakorum Farm	23,264
Francis Paolangelì	21,380
Sigmund Margulies	21,242
Albert Fried Jr.	21,055
Maggie Moss and Karen Murphy	19,012
Blue Star Stable	17,890
West Point Thoroughbreds, et al.	17,742
Turtle Bird Stable	16,972
Repole Stable	16,515
Louis Zito and Donall Fingleton	15,859
Chester and Mary R. Broman	15,641
Daddie's Girl's Stable	15,241
Everything's Cricket Racing	15,096

Source: New York Breeding and Racing Program

## Leading trainers by New York-bred earnings

January 1-January 31, 2010

Trainer	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Total earned	Leading earner	Earnings
Gary Contessa	44	7	4	5	\$202,635	Star of New York	\$26,750
Thomas Bush	24	4	7	2	142,609	Mighty Morris	32,800
Bruce Brown	22	5	2	3	127,938	Pretty Cozzy	24,800
Bruce Levine	17	3	3	4	95,611	Golden Boychick	24,000
						Out of Respect	24,000
Richard Dutrow Jr.	12	4	0	3	91,623	Offlee Cool	24,600
Linda Rice	17	2	3	2	73,346	King David J	26,460
Karl Grusmark	18	1	3	2	70,012	Weathered	46,000
Carlos Martin	14	3	5	1	69,840	Olde Glamour	16,050
Steve Asmussen	8	4	2	0	65,740	Mr. Grievance	24,000
David Duggan	9	4	1	0	63,860	Stud Muffin	24,000

Source: New York Breeding and Racing Program

## Leading jockeys by New York-bred earnings

January 1-January 31, 2010

Jockey	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Total earned	Leading earner	Earnings
Ramon Dominguez	65	18	12	12	\$464,268	Awesome Bull	\$27,300
David Cohen	57	9	9	7	282,128	Diamond District	24,600
						Star of New York	24,600
Charles Lopez	51	9	10	6	220,214	Itsagoodtendollars	32,200
A. R. Napravnik	50	5	10	7	209,804	King David J	26,460
Angel Serpa	55	7	8	8	166,838	Mine Over Matter	22,800
Channing Hill	45	4	5	4	145,711	Mighty Morris	32,800
Michael Luzzi	19	7	1	1	110,197	Weathered	36,000
Richard Migliore	18	3	2	3	93,724	Success Fee	25,800
Jacqueline Davis	42	3	1	5	82,470	Gold Vendetta	33,600
Javier Castellano	10	3	1	1	82,360	Golden Boychick	24,000

Source: New York Breeding and Racing Program

## New York breeders by purse earnings

### Domestic and foreign racing

#### January 1-January 31, 2010

Breeder	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings	Leading earner	Earnings
Edition Farm	7	1	1	2	\$241,712	A Shin Forward	\$209,852
Chester and Mary R. Broman	30	4	2	4	122,962	Success Fee	25,800
Flying Zee Stable	45	5	8	5	113,031	Olde Glamour	16,050
Sez Who Thoroughbreds	43	6	7	2	102,135	King David J	26,460
Sequel (Thomas/Lakin, et al.)	31	4	5	5	94,346	Rereadthefootnotes	25,200
Anthony Grey	5	1	1	1	56,643	Franny Freud	30,000
Edward L. Shapoff	7	1	3	1	54,860	Weathered	46,000
Five Ways Farm	5	1	3	0	44,884	Mighty Morris	32,800
Empire Equines	6	2	1	0	40,150	Manhattan Miss	25,750
JMJ Racing Stables	13	2	1	2	39,067	Ronnies Footnotes	10,880
Barry R. Ostrager	9	3	2	2	37,300	Sweet Bama Breeze	22,200
Tri County Stables	6	2	0	0	36,845	Citifiesta	25,260
Rojan Farms	12	2	2	2	36,101	Sorority Sister	10,550
Thomas-Narlinger and Dennis Repp	8	1	1	0	35,439	Out of Respect	24,000
Barry Weisbord	2	1	1	0	33,600	Gold Vendetta	33,600
John Hettinger	16	2	3	1	33,283	Dreamin of Victory	10,140
Very Un Stable	7	1	3	1	33,045	Afleet Alexandra	25,200
Navesink Thoroughbreds	2	1	1	0	32,200	Itsagoodtendollars	32,200
Daniel P. Hayden	3	1	1	0	32,140	Sweet Venom	23,940
Sugar Maple Farm	14	1	0	4	31,696	Shot Gun Gal	24,000
Lynda S. Hayes	2	1	1	0	30,800	Ezzy	30,800
Robert W. Misa Jr.	4	1	1	0	30,650	Meese Rocks	27,400
Anstu Farm	7	1	2	0	30,393	Irving Rules	12,150
Herb Sherry	7	1	1	0	28,880	Laylaben	24,540
Ted Taylor	5	1	0	1	28,127	Star of New York	26,750
Sequel & Anthony Grey	3	2	1	0	28,000	Spanish Luck	16,200
William B. Wilmot and Joan M. Taylor	4	1	0	1	27,890	Most Happy Fella	24,600
Berkshire Stud	8	1	2	1	27,860	Holy Motion	14,310
Gallagher's Stud	8	1	1	1	27,145	Siete Machos	11,200
Lois Engel	2	1	0	0	26,700	Embrace Change	24,600
Edward C. Behringer and Thomas P. Murray	3	1	0	0	26,480	Strummer	25,340
Past Due Farm	2	1	0	1	26,465	Good Law	25,800
Richard J. Troncone and Richard J. Troncone Jr.	2	1	0	0	25,900	Ampart Ridge	25,800
Patricia Staskowski Purdy	10	1	0	5	25,741	Joaquin Memphis	13,200
John F. Dorrian	2	1	1	0	25,100	Dont Blame the Cat	17,100
Paul P. Smith	2	1	0	0	24,800	Pretty Cozzy	24,800
Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Everard	5	1	0	0	24,798	Freud's Notebook	23,400
Dennis and Deborah Petrisak	1	1	0	0	24,600	Diamond District	24,600
Lansdon Robbins	1	1	0	0	24,600	Offlee Cool	24,600
Seth Gregory	3	1	2	0	24,400	Small Town	12,600
Lynne M. Scace	4	1	0	0	24,267	Golden Boychick	24,000
Majesty Stud	2	1	0	0	24,000	Stud Muffin	24,000
Kieran Bourke and J. P. Delaney	3	1	0	0	23,910	No More Stress	22,800
Francis Paolangeli	1	1	0	0	23,400	Johannesburg Smile	23,400
Paul Rodliff and Stephen Avakian	1	1	0	0	23,400	Crescent's Mon	23,400
Charles E. Festa Jr.	3	1	0	0	23,325	Silver Tax	22,800
Ronald Dean Schmidt	7	1	2	2	23,170	Next Day	10,250
Barbara Brewer	1	1	0	0	22,800	Freudian Storm	22,800
The Ocala Foxtrotter Ranch 401K Plan and Trust	1	1	0	0	22,800	My Forest Baby	22,800
Jill and Dominique Imperio	1	1	0	0	22,200	General Maximus	22,200
Glenmare Farm	7	1	2	0	21,235	Wolfson	17,080

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### Breeding Rules

To qualify for registration as a New York-bred, the mare must foal in New York state and meet the following domicile requirements:

**Resident Mares:** Must be continuously in residence in New York state from within 90 days after last cover in the year of conception and thereafter remain in residence until foaling the following year, with no breed-back required.

**Non-Resident Mares:** Must foal in New York state and be bred back to a registered New York-based stallion and remain for a continuous period of 90 days after foaling.

# New York State Breeding and Development Fund NY-Breds Award Program

**Breeder, owner, and stallion owner awards are based on purse money earned (1st through 3rd) while competing in pari-mutuel races run in New York state.**

## BREEDER AWARDS

In 2009, the New York State Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund paid \$6,300,452 to breeders of registered New York-breds. A breeder is the owner of the mare at the time the mare foals in the state of New York. Breeder awards are determined by covering stallion. If the New York-bred is by a registered New York-based stallion, the award is up to 20% of the purse earned for a first-place finish and up to 10% for a second- or third-place finish.

If the New York-bred is by an out-of-state stallion or non-registered stallion, the award is up to 10% for a first-place finish and up to 5% for a second- or third-place finish. All breeder awards are capped at \$10,000 per horse per race.

## STALLION OWNER AWARDS

In 2009, the New York State Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund distributed \$2,370,035 in stallion owner awards. Stallion owner awards are paid to owners of registered New York-based covering stallions (at time of conception) at up to 7% of earned purses from 1st through 3rd positions. All stallion owner awards are capped at \$10,000 per horse per race.

## OPEN OWNER AWARDS

In 2009, the New York State Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund paid \$1,107,667 to owners of registered New York-breds who earned purse money in open-company races. Owner awards for registered New York-breds sired by a registered New York-based stallion is up to 20% of purses earned from 1st through 3rd positions in races run for a claiming price of \$30,000 and upward, with a cap of \$20,000 per horse per race.

If the New York-bred is by an out-of-state stallion or non-registered stallion, the award is up to 10% of purses earned from 1st through 3rd positions in races run for a claiming price of \$30,000 and upward with a cap of \$20,000 per horse per race.

## NEW YORK-BRED RACES

More than 52 stakes races exclusively for registered New York-breds are run at New York Racing Association racetracks (Aqueduct, Belmont Park, and Saratoga Race Course) and Finger Lakes racetrack with total purses worth nearly \$5-million. In 2009, more than 900 overnight races exclusively for registered New York-breds were held at the four New York racetracks.



# Calendar of events

## FEBRUARY

### 27 February

Stymie Stakes, Aqueduct, \$65,000, 3yo & up, 1 1/4 miles

### 28 February

Broadway Handicap, Aqueduct, \$65,000, New York-bred fillies and mares 3yo & up, 6 furlongs

## MARCH

### 6 March

Gotham Stakes (G3), Aqueduct, \$250,000, 3yo, 1 1/4 miles  
Toboggan Handicap (G3), Aqueduct, \$100,000, 3yo & up, 6 furlongs  
Fred "Cappy" Capossela Stakes, Aqueduct, \$65,000, 3yo, 6 furlongs

### 13 March

Cicada Stakes (G3), Aqueduct, \$100,000, 3yo fillies, 6 furlongs

### 20 March

Kings Point Handicap, Aqueduct, \$65,000, 3yo & up, 1 1/4 miles

### 27 March

Ladies Handicap, Aqueduct, \$100,000, fillies and mares, 3yo & up, 1 1/4 miles

## APRIL

### 3 April

Carter Handicap (G1), Aqueduct, \$250,000, 3yo & up, 7 furlongs  
Wood Memorial Stakes (G1), Aqueduct, \$750,000, 3yo, 1 1/4 miles  
Bay Shore Stakes (G3), Aqueduct, \$200,000, 3yo, 7 furlongs  
Excelsior Handicap (G3), Aqueduct, \$200,000, 3yo & up, 1 1/4 miles

### 10 April

Comely Stakes (G3), Aqueduct, \$100,000 added, 3yo fillies, 1 mile



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## RACING AT AQUEDUCT

### 12 April

New York Thoroughbred Breeders' annual awards banquet at the Gideon Putnam Hotel, Saratoga Springs, New York, which honors the New York-bred divisional champions of 2009. Cocktails at 6:30 p.m.; dinner at 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$75 for members; \$100 for non-members

### 17 April

Distaff Handicap (G2), Aqueduct, \$150,000 added, fillies and mares 3yo & up, 7 furlongs

### 24 April

Withers Stakes (G3), Aqueduct, \$150,000, 3yo, 1 mile

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		Park Avenue Division F-3YO	6 furlongs	\$100,000
May	Belmont Park	Spectacular Bid Division 3YO	7 furlongs turf	\$75,000
		Cupecoy's Joy Division F-3YO	7 furlongs turf	\$75,000
August	Saratoga Race Course	Cab Calloway Division 3YO	1 1/16 miles turf	\$150,000
		Statue of Liberty Division F-3YO	1 1/16 miles turf	\$150,000
November	Aqueduct	Great White Way Division 2YO	6 furlongs	\$100,000
		Fifth Avenue Division F-2YO	6 furlongs	\$100,000

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Month	TRACK	RACE	DISTANCE	PURSE
November	Aqueduct	Cormorant Division 3 & Up	1 1/16 miles turf	\$75,000
		Perfect Arc Division F & M-3 & Up	1 1/16 miles turf	\$75,000
		Thunder Rumble Division 3 & Up	7 furlongs	\$75,000
		Staten Island Division F & M-3 & Up	7 furlongs	\$75,000

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