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HORSE BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

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Dedicated to Thoroughbred breeders

Newsletter

PHBA Foal Registration Procedures, Timing and Notification

Due to an inordinately high volume of PA-Bred registered foal applications, increased memberships and a requirement by the state comptroller to refresh W-9s, the PHBA office is inundated with paperwork. On top of this, it is the end of our accounting year, necessitating additional work to close out 2008 calendar-year accounts and set up 2009 accounts. We are operating with the same staff, and everyone is very busy. Many members and breeders have been calling to inquire about the status of memberships and foal registration applications, time-consuming developments that further impact our workload.

Our primary office task is to process and mail monthly award notices to recipients and to the PA SHRC and to facilitate the payment of breeder, stallion and owner awards. We have concentrated on getting the awards processed first, thus expediting payments to recipients to the extent possible. The Commonwealth has been delaying payments from treasury, which, except for our pleas to facilitate, is beyond our control.

Here is the typical cycle for processing foal registrations, stallion registrations and membership applications:

1 – Mail is opened, time-stamped and checked against our membership list, The Jockey Club foal certificate copy and W-9 to assure consistency and accuracy and to confirm domicile dates, names, fees, signatures, etc.

2 – After all documents are confirmed and requirements deemed satisfied, the checks are batched and deposited electronically into our operating account. Your canceled check confirms this point in the registration process.

3 – After at least a two-week waiting period to assure all batched checks have cleared the bank, the batch is then queued to be entered into the Breeder

Registration System (BRS) and posted to the Web site, pabred.com, as "pending."

4 – During peak registration periods, delays are exacerbated by the sheer volume of data entry. Due to errors the past few years caused by inaccurate data (missing The Jockey Club foal certificates, misspelled dams or sires, etc.), problems have arisen in matching PA-Sired foals, appropriate breeders, etc., potentially producing erroneous award amounts. We make every effort throughout the process to prevent such errors.

5 – After foal registrations have been entered into the BRS, PA-Bred foal certificates are printed, and the processed batch of new registrations can be updated to the pabred.com Web site under the foal registration pages.

6 – Finally, the certificates are proofed, corrected in the BRS as necessary and mailed to the breeder. PHBA does not provide duplicate certificates nor does it permit an expedited certification process.

This entire cycle encompasses at least 120 days and can be compounded by the immediate requests for late registrations (\$500) and the expediting of particular applications in advance of a public sale. We are planning a Web site foal registration pending page that will indicate the completion of step 3 above with aims to eliminating breeders' telephone inquiries about status. When the pending status page is completed, we will post this note on the Web site and include it in all breeder mailings.

Please bear with us and keep this timing cycle in mind; in these challenging economic times, we do not have the budget to increase staff. We remain intent on protecting the privacy of members' and breeders' information, on ensuring the accuracy of all data and especially on getting awards paid promptly.

2008 PENNSYLVANIA-BRED CHAMPIONS ANNOUNCED

The Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association has named its champions and leaders for 2008, based upon the unanimous recommendations of its Awards Committee of Dr. Dale Schilling (chairman), Elizabeth Merryman and James McGreevy.

2-YEAR-OLD MALE JUKE JOINT

Ch.c., 2006, Jazz Club—To the Chapel,
by Runaway Groom
Bred by David DiPietro

Winner in three of four starts in 2008, including a seven-length score in the Send More Money Stakes at Presque Isle Downs. Juke Joint also posted a four-length victory in the Maryland Million Nursery Stakes, earning \$165,750.

2-YEAR-OLD FILLY GLORIOUS SMILE

B.f., 2006, Honour and Glory—Contagious Smile,
by Halo
Bred by Pandora Farms

Winner of the Blue Mountain Juvenile at Penn National and Eavesdrop Stakes at Philadelphia Park. Glorious Smile finished second in her two other starts, earning \$113,165.

3-YEAR-OLD MALE DEAL MAKING

Dk.b./br.g., 2005, Empire Maker—Recording,
by Danzig
Bred by Augustin Stable (George Strawbridge Jr.)

Began his season with three consecutive wins, including the Stanton Stakes at Delaware Park. Deal Making finished third, beaten a half-length, in the National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame Stakes-G2 at Saratoga and third in the Bryan Station Stakes-G3 at Keeneland. He started seven times, all on turf, winning three races and \$121,500.

3-YEAR-OLD FILLY EXTRA SEXY PSYCHIC

Dk.b./br.f., 2005, Freud – She's Pretty Too,
by Housebuster
Bred by Toni Kirwan & Ed Hipps

The champion 2-year-old filly of 2007 continued her winning ways in 2008. Extra Sexy Psychic produced a six-length victory in the Cozy Lace Stakes at Presque Isle Downs and won four of eight starts overall; she also finished second in the Wonders Delight Stakes and third in the Dear Janes Stakes at Penn National. Her three other victories came in open allowance races. She earned \$201,690.

OLDER MALE WHISTLE PIG

Dk.b./br.g., 2004, Patton—Yanni's Girl,
by Commadore C.

Bred by Sylmar Farms (Betsy & Ronnie Houghton)

Whistle Pig won four stakes in 2008: the Presidentialaffair Handicap (in new track record time) and Leematt Stakes at Presque Isle Downs, and the Lyman Sprint Handicap and Yankee Affair Stakes at Philadelphia Park. "The Pig" won six of 14 starts, finished second twice and third twice, earning \$296,160.

OLDER FEMALE JET AWAY JANE

B. m., 2003, Unbridled Jet—Mints First Star,
by Beyond the Mint
Bred by Ted & Robin Stepanoff

Winner of four of seven starts in 2008, all stakes. Jet Away Jane took the Foxy J.G. and Langhorne Stakes

and Ambassador of Luck Handicap, all at Philadelphia Park. She also won the Day Lilly Stakes at Penn National and finished third in the \$250,000 My Juliet Stakes and two other stakes, earning \$240,340.

TURF HORSE

LORD ADMIRAL

B. h., 2001, El Prado (Ire)—Lady Ilsley,
by Trempolino

Bred by London Thoroughbred Services & Derry
Meeting Farm (Bettina Jenney)

Lord Admiral made 10 starts and won two overseas stakes: the Jebel Hatta-G2 and Al Rashidiya-G3 at Nad Al Sheba Racecourse in Dubai. He also finished second in the Amethyst Stakes-G3 and Meld Stakes-G3 at Leopardstown Racecourse in Ireland. He added a third-place finish in the Al Fahidi Fort-G2 in Dubai. His 2008 earnings of \$411,341 was tops among state-breds for the year.

SPRINTER

FABULOUS STRIKE

Dk.b./br.g., 2003, Smart Strike—Fabulous Find,
by Lost Code

Bred by Tea Party Stables (Walter Downey)

Champion sprinter the second year in a row, Fabulous Strike won the Gravesend Handicap-G3 and Fall Highweight Handicap at Aqueduct and kicked off his season with a victory in the Vincent A. Moscarelli Memorial at Delaware Park. He was second, beaten a head, in the Vosburgh-G1 and fifth in the Breeders' Cup Sprint-G1 on the Pro-Ride surface at Santa Anita. Fabulous Strike earned \$306,580 from those five starts.

CLAIMING HORSE

BANK'N ON GOLD

Ch. f., 2005, Banker's Gold—Bank'n On Dixie,
by Water Bank

Bred by Sylmar Farm (Betsy & Ronnie Houghton)

Winner of seven of 14 starts in 2008, Bank'n On Gold broke her maiden for \$25,000 in May by 15¼ lengths. She won two starter allowance races and later produced four consecutive allowance victories, one against state-breds and three in open company, all at Philadelphia Park. She earned \$223,520.

STEEPLECHASE HORSE

DARK EQUATION

B. g., 2001, Polish Numbers—Night Risk,
by Wild Again

Bred by London Thoroughbred Services & Derry
Meeting Farm (Bettina Jenney)

Dark Equation won one race in 2008, but he made it a big one: the New York Turf Writers Handicap-G1 at Saratoga. He also finished a close second in Saratoga's A.P. Smithwick Memorial-G2. Adding a third-place finish from six starts, Dark Equation earned \$124,356.

LEADING PENNSYLVANIA BREEDING FUND RECIPIENT

SYLMAR FARM (BETSY & RONNIE HOUGHTON)

Sylmar Farm topped award recipients with a remarkable \$259,464, solely in breeders' incentives. The Houghtons had enormous success with horses they bred, chiefly Whistle Pig (champion older male), Bank'n On Gold (champion claiming horse) and Banjo Picker.

REMINDERS

The 2009 membership payments must be received in the PHBA office by March 31, 2009 for members to be eligible to vote for the BOD and receive magazine subscriptions and member cards.

The PHBA Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 in Kennett Square. Notifications and ballots will be mailed near the end of April.

The Annual Iroquois Awards Banquet will be held Friday, May 29, 2009 at the Hollywood Casino at Penn National the same location as last year. Invitation RSVPs and ticket requests will be mailed near the end of April.

PHBA 2009 Dates of Interest

Tuesday, March 31	2009 Membership Deadline for BOD Voting and Subscriptions
Wednesday, May 20	PHBA Annual Meeting - Kennett Square
Friday, May 29	Annual Iroquois Banquet - Hollywood Casino at Penn National
Friday, July 31	Yearling Registration Deadline for 2008 PA-Bred Foals
Thursday, December 31	Early Deadline for Scheduled Registration of 2009 PA-Bred Foals
Thursday, December 31	Registration Deadline for PA Stallions for 2009 breeding season

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