



PENNSYLVANIA HORSE BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

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Dedicated to Thoroughbred breeders

Newsletter

PENNSYLVANIA-BRED HISTORY IN BRIEF

- 1878:** Foundation PA-Bred Iroquois is foaled at Samuel Riddle's farm in Delaware County. Three years later, Iroquois becomes the first American-bred winner of England's Epsom Derby, the world's premier horse race.
- 1948:** PA Horse Breeders Association incorporates to organize breeding interests of horse people in the state.
- 1967:** Thoroughbred pari-mutuel racing statute is enacted.
- 1969:** PHBA is appointed by the state horse racing commission as official custodian and arbiter for PA-Bred registrations and determining PA-Bred eligibility criteria.
- 1969:** First Thoroughbred race is run at Liberty Bell Park. Racing soon follows at Pocono Downs and Pitt Park; Keystone and Penn National are built and opened shortly thereafter.
- 1970:** Maui Meadow Farm in Chester County syndicates the state's first Thoroughbred stallion, Bold Effort, and stands him for \$1,500.
- 1971:** PA-bred Pistol Packer completes a championship season in France and retires as the country's all-time leading female money earner.
- 1974:** Legislation establishing the PA Breeding Fund program is enacted.
- 1975:** Leading breeder award recipient gets \$14,000. For the year, fund disbursements total \$67,409.
- 1976:** Inaugural running of Pennsylvania Futurity at Keystone, first race ever restricted to PA-Breds.
- 1976:** Pennsylvania is 'racingest' state in the union, with 576 programs at four tracks.
- 1979:** Statute amended to allow for races that prefer PA-Breds as starters. Races close to open company when eight or more PA-Breds are entered.
- 1979:** Steeplechaser Martie's Anger becomes first PA-Bred Eclipse award winner.
- 1980:** Legislation enacted to increase breeder award percentages; total annual Fund award disbursements grow to \$420,000.
- 1980:** Mrs. Henry D. Paxson, a Pennsylvanian, receives Eclipse Award as North America's leading breeder.
- 1981:** Race Horse Industry Reform Act provides 40 percent boost to Fund revenues, including a \$250,000 PA-Bred stakes program.
- 1982:** WCAU-TV in Philadelphia receives Eclipse Award for local racing coverage – a live, one-hour special on the Pennsylvania Futurity.
- 1983:** PA-Breds compete in 10 Grade 1 races. Two win Eclipse Awards; another is second-best mare in Europe.
- 1985:** Ten-year review of Breeding Fund program shows disbursements of nearly \$6.5 million, and an additional \$10 million in PA-Bred purses. PA-Breds account for 17 percent of all starts at state tracks.
- 1986:** Shares boosted to 30 percent for PA-sired breeder awards; PA-Bred race purses carry up to a 50 percent premium over those of corresponding open races. Interstate simulcasting authorized, increasing pari-mutuel pools.
- 1987:** PHBA offices begin phasing in technological advances to aid in Breeding Fund administration.

- 1988:** PA racing and breeding industries lead successful effort in overriding governor's veto of legislation to allow for off-track betting.
- 1990:** PA-Bred owner-bonus concept implemented to provide across-the-board Fund participation of all PA-Breds racing in the state, and to move state-breds into open company.
- 1993:** Legislation allowing full card intrastate and interstate simulcasting is enacted.
- 1996:** Off-track betting networks maturing and full-card simulcasting implemented, state's Thoroughbred pari-mutuel handle reaches \$782 million.
- 1997:** Legislation for slot machines at race tracks fails in the House of Representatives after passing in the Senate. Governor Ridge promises a statewide referendum for any future consideration.
- 1997:** Breeding of race horses included in statutory definition of agriculture, thereby establishing a state sales tax exemption on all breeding activities.
- 1997:** Breeding Fund grows to \$8.26 million; PA-Breds account for nearly 35 percent of all starts in the state.

- 1999:** Legislation enacted to allow Pennsylvania to lead nationally in the telephone account betting arena. State handle continues its growth.
- 2003:** With racing-friendly Governor Ed Rendell in office, the push for slots legislation becomes very serious.
- 2004:** In the shadow of Smarty Jones' quest for the Triple Crown, legislation allowing for slots at racetracks and a limited number of non-track locations is enacted.
- 2006:** Philadelphia Park opens its temporary slots facility in the existing grandstand.
- 2007:** Presque Isle Downs conducts its inaugural 25-day race meet.
- 2008:** Penn National opens its permanent facility.
- 2008:** Mt. Airy opens as the state's first Category II casino.
- 2009:** Category II casinos are scheduled to open in Allentown and Pittsburgh. Revenues will be generated for horsemen and prorated to each operating track.

Changes to Program Parameters

PA-Bred Eligibility

- Through 1999: Foal had to be born in Pennsylvania.
- 2000-2006: Foal had to be born in Pennsylvania; mare must have spent minimum 90 days in state during the year of foaling.
- 2007 to present: Foal has to be born in PA.
- 1) Mare in state by October 1 of year previous to foaling, or
 - 2) Sale mare must be in state within 15 days of sale, do minimum 90 days in state during year of foaling, or
 - 3) Mare must remain in state for 90 consecutive days after foaling, and during that period be covered by a registered Pennsylvania stallion.

Changes to Award Criteria

- 1974-1977: Breeder awards – 15 percent of purse money earned for first-, second- and third-place finishes. Stallion awards – 5 percent of purse money earned for first-place finishes.
- 1978: Breeder awards – 20 percent of purse money earned for top three finishes. Stallion awards – 5 percent of purse money earned for top three finishes.
- 1981: Owner award – 10 percent of purse money earned for first-place finishes in open company.
- 1986: Breeder awards, PA-sired – 30 percent of purse money earned for top three finishes.

PA-Bred Hall of Fame

Ambassador of Luck: 1983 Eclipse Award as champion older female

Bessarabian: Canada's 1986 champion older mare

Danzig: North America's leading sire, 1991-1993

Devil's Honor: Winner of 1996 Pennsylvania Derby

Flatterer: Eclipse Award-winning steeplechaser four years, 1983-1986

Go for Wand: Eclipse Award-winning 2YO and 3YO filly in 1989 and 1990

Iroquois: Winner of 1881 Epsom Derby

Lil E. Tee: Winner of 1992 Kentucky Derby

Lyphard: North America's leading sire, 1986; leading sire in France, 1978 and 1979

Martie's Anger: Eclipse Award-winning steeplechaser, 1979

Mrs. Penny: English champion 2YO filly, 1979; English and Irish champion 3YO filly, 1980

Pistol Packer: Champion 3YO filly in France, 1971

Russian Rhythm: Champion 3YO filly in England, 2003

Selkirk: Champion 3YO colt in England, 1991; champion older horse in England and France, 1992

Smarty Jones: Eclipse Award-winning 3YO male, 2004; near Triple Crown winner

Storm Cat: North America's leading stallion, 1999 and 2000; sire of more than 160 stakes winners

Tikkanen: Breeders' Cup Turf winner, 1994

Treizieme: Co-champion 2YO filly in France, 1983

Fund award leading recipients

1975: \$11,700

1986: \$78,514

1997: \$106,499

2008: \$260,000

Number of foal crops

1971: 382

1981: 844

1991: 876

2001: 910

2008: 1,510

PA Thoroughbred Pari-Mutuel Handle

1969: \$95M

1974: \$298M

1979: \$340M

1984: \$344M

1989: \$480M

1994: \$508M

1999: \$622M

2004: \$787M

2008: \$657M

PA Breeding Fund Revenues

1975: \$1.25M

1980: \$1.7M

1985: \$2.28M

1990: \$2.46M

1995: \$4.86M

2000: \$7.9M

2005: \$7.98M

2008: \$21.3M

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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