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COLIC SURGERY SUCCESSFUL FOR CHAMPION NYQUIST

By Alicia Wincze-Hughes

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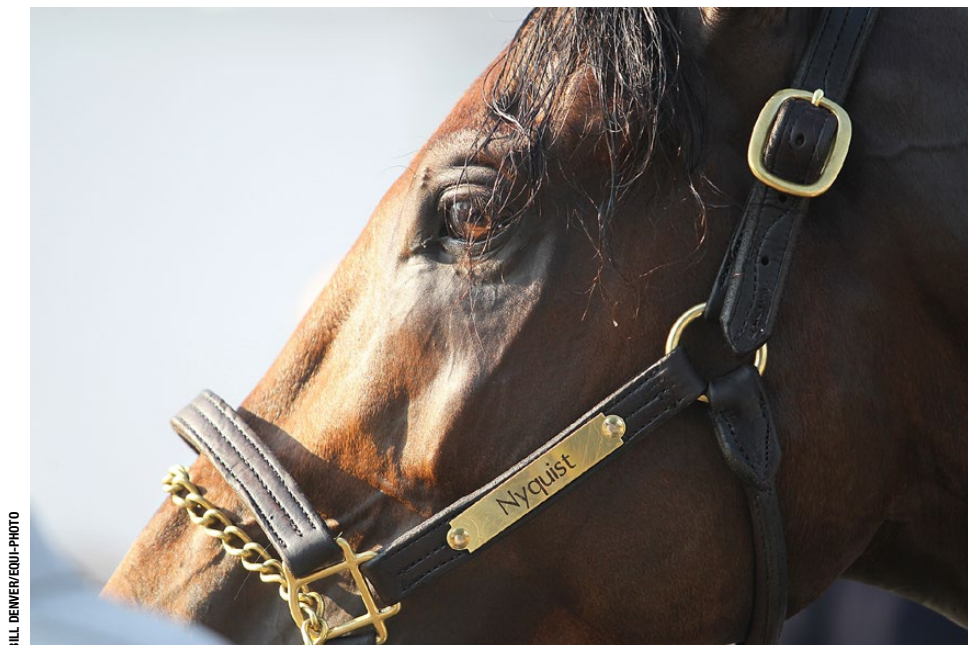
Champion and classic winner Nyquist, set to stand his first season at Darley in 2017, is currently recovering at Hagyard Equine Medical Institute after undergoing successful colic surgery Dec. 22.

According to Darley chief operating officer Dan Pride, Nyquist began showing signs of discomfort in his stall two nights ago and underwent the operation early Thursday morning. Barring any further setbacks in his recovery, the son of Uncle Mo is expected to be able to begin the breeding season on schedule in February. He will stand for \$40,000 in his initial season.

"He was just uncomfortable in the stall and our night watch contacted our stallion manager, Graham Lovatt and (director of farm operations) Michael Banahan, and they made the decision to take him to Hagyard," Pride said of Nyquist. "The team there did a great job. They quickly diagnosed him and got it taken care of."

Pride said Nyquist's surgery was "about as straightforward as you could have, given the situation" and credited both the Darley staff and Hagyard team for catching the colt's ailment early.

"There was a little twist that they had to undo, but it was very straightforward," Pride



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Nyquist will stand the 2017 breeding season for \$40,000 at Darley

said. "Assuming he has a normal recovery, and there is no reason he shouldn't, he'll be available to start the breeding season in February on schedule."

Nyquist, the 2015 champion 2-year-old male, was officially retired to Darley after he was declared out of the Nov. 5 Breeders' Cup Classic (gr. I) a week before that race, due to what trainer Doug O'Neill deemed a puffy ankle. The ailment brought an anti-climatic close to what had been a season of peaks and valleys for the 3-year-old bay runner, who spent the first half of the year as the pro-tem leader of the sophomore male division.

Campaigned by Reddam Racing, Nyquist was unbeaten in his first eight career starts including victories in the 2015 Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile (gr. I) and his 1 1/4-length triumph in the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum!

Brands (gr. I) May 7. His third-place run in the Preakness Stakes (gr. I) marked his first defeat and he also suffered off-the-board runs in the betfair.com Haskell Invitational (gr. I) and Pennsylvania Derby (gr. II).

Bred by Summerhill Farm, out of the Forestry mare Seeking Gabrielle, Nyquist retired with eight wins from 11 starts—including five grade I scores over five different tracks—and earned \$5,189,200. Darley secured breeding rights to Nyquist in November 2015, shortly after his Breeders' Cup triumph.

"We're very optimistic," said Darley president Jimmy Bell. "In most of these cases, when you catch them early enough, your chances improve greatly over something else getting to be more problematic. We have a very alert crew and had a very good response from the Hagyard team." **BH**

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GAGLIANO CALLS FOR INDUSTRY ACTION

By James L. Gagliano

It has been called "racing's latest medication scandal" and that is probably an understatement when one fully considers the consequences to participants who abided by rules and to bettors who assumed that all horses were competing on a level playing field.

On Monday, Dec. 19, 2016, the California Horse Racing Board announced that it had filed a complaint asking the Santa Anita Park stewards to disqualify Masochistic from his second-place finish in the TwinSpires Breeders' Cup Sprint (gr. I) and redistribute his share of the purse (\$255,000) based on positive test findings for the anabolic steroid stanozolol.

Masochistic, trained by Ron Ellis, finished second in the sixth race at Santa Anita Park (the Breeders' Cup Sprint) Nov. 5, 2016. Post-race blood and urine samples taken from the horse were analyzed by the Maddy Laboratory at U.C. Davis and found to contain the Class 3 drug stanozolol and its metabolite 16-hydroxy stanozolol. A hearing on the matter is scheduled for Dec. 30, 2016.

Regardless of the outcome of the proceedings, it seems clear that the celebration and self-congratulation by the racing industry when numerous jurisdictions banned steroids in the wake of public admissions by the trainer of Big Brown in 2008 that the colt was regularly treated with steroids, were indeed premature.

This case illustrates that, even in our major championships, trainers and veterinarians have conveniently found a means to avoid the goal the industry promised it would meet several years ago: the elimination of the use of steroids in and around competition.

As we have noted in the past, the industry's general lack of acceptance of out-of-competition testing has been troubling, as well.

Virtually every other sport, and virtually all major racing jurisdictions around the world, use vigorous out-of-competition testing to ensure integrity. Athletic governing bodies now fully recognize that the muscle development and weight gain effects of steroids extend well beyond the period of administration and the limits of detection through blood or urine tests.

According to the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium website, only 19 of 38 U.S. jurisdictions that have pari-mutuel horse racing have even published



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The Jockey Club President James Gagliano

regulatory guidelines for out-of-competition testing. Among those states, wide variation exists in the breadth and depth of out-of-competition testing rules and protocols.

In 2013, The Jockey Club announced the creation of a Graded Stakes Out-of-Competition Testing Grant Fund program to encourage more out-of-competition testing for the presence of blood-doping agents and Association of Racing Commissioners International Class 1 substances.

Racetracks in California, Florida, Kentucky, New York, West Virginia, and the province of Ontario (Woodbine) have taken part in the program.

The Jockey Club's board of stewards has once again earmarked funds for out-of-competition testing in 2017. We can only hope that, in light of this high-profile case, more parties will seek our funding.

The Jockey Club is today calling for all regulators in North America to take emergency measures to immediately adopt RMTC's new model rule for out-of-competition testing that was recently passed by the RCI. That rule mandates that horses treated with any anabolic steroid spend at least six months on a vet's list, therefore making them ineligible to race.

In addition, The Jockey Club, through the Coalition for Horse Racing Integrity, will continue to advocate for federal legislation to unify horse racing medication regulation and elevate our sport to the highest standards.

This issue is much more than racing's latest medication scandal.

The real scandal would be if we, as an industry, fail again to take prompt, necessary, and comprehensive action. **BH**

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MIND YOUR BISCUITS BREAKOUT HORSE FOR TRAINER FALCONE

By Alicia Wincze-Hughes

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The vocabulary trainer Robert Falcone Jr. possesses could pass for that of a conditioner decades deep into a been-there, seen-that career.

Like many of his Belmont Park brethren who literally had barns on the backstretch longer than he has been alive, the 22-year-old Brooklyn native speaks in a second-nature manner of reconciling Thoroughbred racing's peaks and declines. He talks of being grateful for the good horses in his care, of being all too mindful of the fact it could be hours, days, years, or never, before another prime career opportunity manifests.

His has a decidedly non wide-eyed perspective that flies in the face of what his age and experience says he should own. It is a seasoned stance shaped by the fact Falcone's formative years were spent preparing for what has transpired the past three seasons. One that has been enhanced the last several months as he has knocked off feats some of his backstretch neighbors spent their entire careers chasing.

And he's not done yet. Five months after Mind Your Biscuits became Falcone's first graded stakes winner, and less than two months after the New York-bred son of Posse gave his conditioner the distinction of saddling a top-three finisher in a Breeders' Cup race, the chestnut colt will attempt to cross the velvet rope to become a grade I winner as he heads a field of nine, the 5-2 morning-line favorite, in the \$300,000 Malibu Stakes (gr. I) at Santa Anita Park Dec. 26.

Such achievements make it tempting to slap the meteoric rise label on the Falcone shedrow. And assured as he is in his own ability, Falcone is properly humbled by the heights Mind Your Biscuits has carried his fledging operation while it is still in the dues-paying portion of development.

A former assistant to Dominick Schettino and son of longtime Thoroughbred owner Robert Falcone Sr., Falcone has been training on his own since 2014 and has saddled 24 winners while seeing his runners amass more than \$1.4 million in total earnings.



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Trainer Robert Falcone Jr. is chasing his first grade I in the Dec. 26 Malibu Stakes with Mind Your Biscuits

When Mind Your Biscuits hit the wire 1 3/4 lengths in front in the July 30 Amsterdam Stakes (gr. II) at Saratoga Race Course, it validated Falcone's belief in the colt.

"From my first year going into my second year, I doubled my win column, I doubled the purse money I earned. So I was hoping to kind of—in my third year—to just keep progressing with each year that I trained," said Falcone, who currently has 17 horses in his care. "And really, I got lucky I got the opportunity to work with a horse like (Mind Your Biscuits). He helped me prove myself a lot and prove my barn could work with the big stakes horses as well.

"Even to get an opportunity is very hard in this game especially at a young age. You just don't get that many opportunities, of course, as the guys who have been in the game a lot longer. So I just feel lucky and fortunate."

A good part of luck is often the byproduct of one's

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own diligence. In that respect, Falcone has been working on his path of good fortune since about the time he could walk.

Falcone's classroom education repeatedly took a backseat to what he was soaking in while trailing his father around Aqueduct Racetrack and the like. His initial aspirations were to become a jockey. When the reality of those physical demands set in, the younger Falcone knew he was still going to make his love of racing his life's vocation.

"I wasn't a good school kid, to say the least," Falcone said. "I always ended up at the racetrack or the barn most of the time. That was what I wanted to do. After I graduated middle school and moved on to high school and they started to talk colleges and this and that, I was always set on going to the track. I think (my father) kind of just accepted it from that moment on that I wasn't going to do anything else. I was at least going to give this a shot and didn't really want to do anything else."

With some help from his father, who gave him a few of his own horses to train once Schettino endorsed his assistant's desire to break out on his own, Falcone began taking baby steps toward success.

He won four races from 39 starts in 2014, totals he improved to nine wins from 86 starts the following year. He also had a long-standing friendship with bloodstock agent Chad Summers, racing manager for J. Stables who, along with Summers' family, owned part of a son of Posse that showed promise—but no victories—in his first four starts.

"I was good friends with Chad and after (Mind Your Biscuits) came off the bench, he gave me a call and asked about taking a few horses for him," Falcone said. "And so far it's all worked out well."

In his first start for Falcone after previously being trained by Roderick Rodriguez, Mind Your Biscuits broke his maiden in take-notice fashion, winning by 7 1/2 lengths against state-breds at Aqueduct April 9. Three starts later, he won an allowance test for New York-breds at Belmont by 9 1/4 lengths to earn his way into the Amsterdam field.

Even though his fifth-place finish in the Ketel One King's Bishop (gr. I) Aug. 27 represents his worst finish in 12 career starts, Mind Your Biscuits was only beaten four lengths by eventual TwinSpires Breeders' Cup Sprint (gr. I) winner Drefong that day. Dismissed at 15-1 odds in the \$1.5 million Breeders' Cup Sprint (gr. I) Nov. 5 at Santa Anita, Mind Your Biscuits crossed the wire third, beaten just a nose for a second, a position he will soon be elevated to as runner-up Masochistic will be disqualified for failing a post-race drug test.

"It's like everything else. They doubt you when you aren't successful and then still they doubt you after you are successful. We always felt like (Mind Your Biscuits) was a nice horse," Falcone said. "The way he ran in the Breeders' Cup hopefully put an ease on all the doubters. Even though he is a New York-bred, he showed New York-breds can run just as well."

Falcone laughs when the very real possibility of heading into the new year as a grade I-winning trainer is mentioned and he keeps talk of forward progress in general terms. He wants to grow his stable. He wants to take whatever transpires next with a day-by-day attitude.

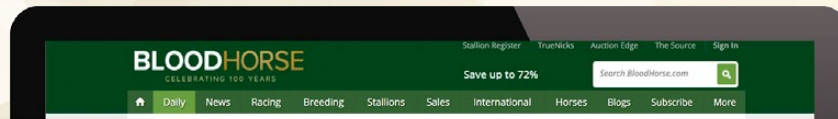
And like any seasoned pro, he has learned that chance is the most valuable commodity on the backside.

"You don't know when you're going to get a good opportunity again. It could be tomorrow, it could be a week, it could be a far time from now," he said. "Hopefully I just get more opportunities." **BH**

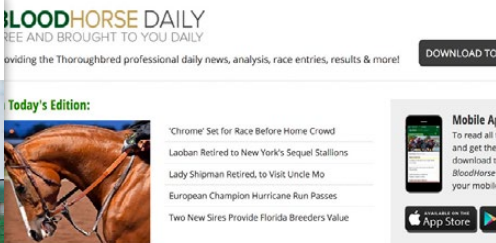
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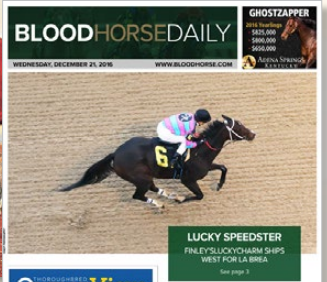


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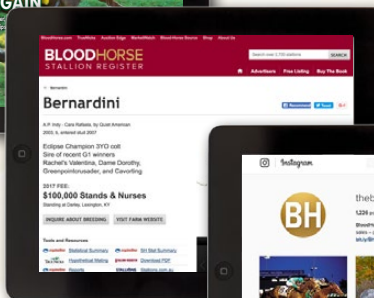


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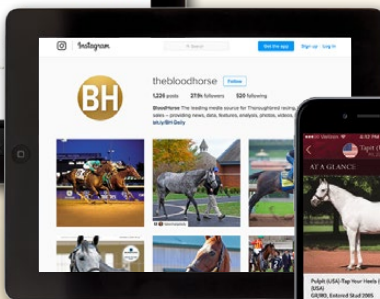
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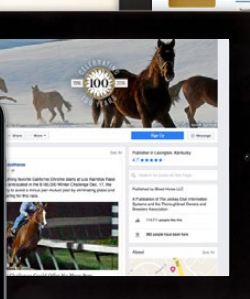
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STICKSSTATELYDUDE SIDELINED

By Ron Mitchell

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Discovery Stakes (gr. III) winner Sticksstatelydude has been sidelined, with plans for the colt to return in spring or summer 2017, trainer Kiaran McLaughlin said.

The 3-year-old son of First Dude—Placerita (by Gilded Time) had been working at Palm Meadows Training Center toward a possible start in the \$12 million Pegasus World Cup Invitational (gr. I) or the \$400,000 Poseidon Stakes, both Jan. 28 at Gulfstream Park.

"We just needed to stop and give him a break," said McLaughlin, who trains the colt alternately with Greg Burchell. "He really is OK, but Greg and I decided it just was not working out the way we wanted for the near future. Hopefully, he will be back in the spring and summer."

Owned by the Estate of Alvin Haynes, John Ferris, Brad Ward, and Pack Pride Racing, Virginia-bred Sticksstatelydude has won three of eight starts with three runner-up efforts, and earned \$326,400. He notched his first graded score when he captured the Nov. 12 Discovery at Aqueduct Racetrack.



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Grade III winner Sticksstatelydude will be sidelined until spring or summer of 2017

Although Sticksstatelydude's connections did not have a slot in the gate for the inaugural running of the Pegasus, McLaughlin had said he was approached by connections with confirmed berths who inquired about leasing the horse for the 1 1/8-mile race prior to the decision to give him a break. **BH**

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WILD DUDE TO MAKE NEXT START IN DUBAI

By Erin Shea

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Dual grade I winner Wild Dude, now under the care of Irish conditioner Michael Halford, could start next at Meydan Racecourse in the Dubai World Cup Carnival meet, according to *The National*.

The 6-year-old son of Wildcat Heir raced in the United States for owners Green Smith and Jerry Hollendorfer, where he won eight of his 22 starts and finished in the money in nine others, accumulating more than \$1 million in earnings.

Wild Dude's last start was a one-length victory in the May 12 Kona Gold Stakes (gr. II) at Santa Anita Park. One month later, he was purchased by Zhang Yuesheng for his YuLong Farm and Team Cheval and was sent to Ireland to train with Halford. From there, he shipped to South Korea and ran ninth in the Keeneland Korea Sprint (Kor-I) at Seoul Racecourse.

Bred in Florida by Versatile Thoroughbreds, Wild Dude



BEWITT PHOTO

Wild Dude and jockey Rafeal Bejarano after winning the May 12 Kona Gold

was purchased by Hollendorfer and Smith for \$42,000 at the 2012 Ocala Breeders' Sale 2-year-olds in training sale.

He made his first of 15 graded starts a winning one, taking the 2014 Palos Verdes Stakes (gr. II) at Santa Anita by a neck over Secret Circle. The next year, he defeated Masochistic by 1 1/4 lengths in the Bing Crosby (gr. I) and won the Santa Anita Sprint Championship (gr. I) by a neck over Kobe's Back. **BH**

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HOLIDAY HORSE NAMES SPREAD CHRISTMAS CHEER

By Evan Hammonds

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As Santa's sleigh plows headlong into the holiday weekend and with the new year soon to be rung in, it's fun to recall a few of the horses that are forever tied to Christmas and the season by their name.

No breeder spread more Christmas cheer with the name registry at The Jockey Club than Cynthia Phipps.

Phipps' homebred Christmas Past is the most notable gift horse of the season with a name that recalls Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol."

Well named, as she is out of the Bold Ruler mare Yule Log, Christmas Past was the champion 3-year-old filly of 1982 based off five stakes wins that included a run of Belmont Park's Coaching Club American Oaks (gr. I) in late June, the grade II Monmouth Oaks in July, and the Ruffian Handicap at Belmont in late September.

None of the 15 starts came in December, however she did win Hialeah Park's Poinsettia Stakes (gr. III) in March of her sophomore campaign.

As for Yule Log, she produced other Christmas-themed foals such as Saint Nicholas, Present, Buche de Noel, Kriss Kringle, Christmastide, Yulefire, and Festive Touch, but none could hang their stocking as high on the mantle as Christmas Past.

As a broodmare Christmas Past delivered offspring for Phipps that were named Be Bright, Myrrh, Christmas List, Boxing Day, and Wrapped.

Phipps also bred the stakes-winning Christmas Bonus (Key to the Mint—Sugar Plum Time, by Bold Ruler).

Christmas Bonus produced Christmas Gift (Green Desert), who was purchased by the late Edward P. Evans for \$230,000 as a yearling at the 1993 Keeneland September sale. Evans' had plenty of fun with his "gift," winning a pair of grade III stakes, and was so enamored that he spent \$500,000 to buy Christmas Bonus at the 1994 Keeneland November sale.

Prior to the purchase, Christmas Bonus also produced the stakes-winning Bright Candles and Bonus Money, winners Holiday Spirit and Iron County Xmas, and unraced Checking It Twice; and Evans kept the season bright by naming foals Christmas Storm, Seattle Christmas, Christmas Pageant, and Christmas Card.

The best present Christmas Gift left under the tree for Evans was Christmas Kid, a daughter of Lemon Drop Kid



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Christmas Kid, with Rene Douglas riding, wins the 2007 Davona Dale Stakes at Gulfstream Park

who won Gulfstream Park's Davona Dale Stakes (gr. II) and Keeneland's Ashland Stakes (gr. I) in early 2007.

Sadly, Evans died on New Year's Eve (2010). As part of Evans' dispersal in 2011, agent Aisling Duignan signed a ticket for \$4.2 million for Christmas Kid at the Keeneland November sale. Christmas Kid's Father Christmas (Bernardini) is group II stakes-placed.

In Europe, John Ismay and Mrs. Darby Rogers' definitely got in the spirit with their Santa Claus (Chamossaire—Precipitation, by Aunt Clara) who delivered presents to all in 1964, winning the Irish Two Thousand Guineas, the Epsom Derby, and Irish Derby.

Retired to stud in 1965, Santa Claus had a brief career as a stallion as he died in 1970, however he did sire Irish classic winner (St. Leger) Reindeer.

In keeping with the seasonal theme, we'd be remiss without recalling Arthur I. Appleton's Frosty the Snowman, trained by the outgoing Happy Alter.

A Florida-bred son of His Majesty—Frosty Skater, by Diplomat Way, Frosty the Snowman made 13 of his 22 starts in the Sunshine State, and was a two-time graded stakes winner in 1989, taking Woodbine's King Edward Gold Cup Handicap (gr. IIIT) and Arlington Park's Swoon Son's Stakes (gr. IIIT). He finished second twice that year in grade I company at Hialeah and Arlington, but his racing career melted in September of 1989 when sixth behind Steinlen in the Arlington Million (gr. IT).

Frosty the Snowman stood at Appleton's Bridlewood Farm and sired 12 stakes winners.

And of course, there's Gary and Mary West's New Year's Day, winner of the 2013 Breeders' Cup Juvenile (gr. I) in a brief racing career. The son of Street Cry stands at John Sikura's Hill 'n' Dale Farms near Lexington. His first crop of yearlings will be 2-year-olds come ... New Year's Day. **BH**

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LEX MAYOR, KY SENATE HONOR TURF WRITER MOONEY

By BloodHorse Staff

Bill Mooney, the award-winning turf writer who ranks among Thoroughbred racing's premier historians, has been recognized by Lexington Mayor Jim Gray and the Kentucky Senate for his contributions to the horse industry and courage in the face of a devastating two-year battle with cancer.

The Senate proclamation on the motion of Sen. Reggie Thomas read in part that Mooney "has worked tirelessly to preserve for posterity horse racing's illustrious history, using details and descriptions which, for the reader, bring to life the colorful world of horse racing, both today and throughout history."

Mayor Gray in his commemoration declared December "Bill Mooney Month in Lexington," in part stating that the Lexington writer "is a kind, loving person who goes out of his way to help others in need; who has been a role model for journalists; and who has taught us all how to face overwhelming adversity with great strength, courage, grit, and class; and has made incredible contributions to horse racing that will last in perpetuity."

The full text of both commendations can be found at NTWAB.org, the website of the National Turf Writers and Broadcasters. Mooney last year was the inaugural winner of the NTWAB's Bill Mooney Award for



COURTESY MARY SIMON

Bill Mooney (center) with Mark Simon (left) and Michael Blowen (right)

the racing participant displaying courage in the face of tremendous adversity.

Mooney is a two-time Eclipse Award winner, in 1985 for the quintessential story about Ellis Park that ran in *Thoroughbred Record* and in 2007 for a poignant story about the euthanization of champion Precisionist at Old Friends Thoroughbred Retirement Farm in Georgetown, Ky., that ran in *Post Time USA*.

The New England native was awarded the 2012 Walter Haight Award by the NTWAB for career excellence, co-authored multiple editions of "The Complete Encyclopedia of Horse Racing: The Illustrated Guide to the World of the Thoroughbred" and is author of the Tony Ryan Book Award-winning "Keeneland's Ted Bassett: My Life." He also has been a racetrack

publicist of note.

Mooney's greatest legacy could be his painstaking research and colorful descriptions of long-forgotten subjects such as the end of racing in Texas in 1938 before being banned for 50 years, and short-lived Tri-State Fair Grounds in Huntington as the site of the first West Virginia Derby in 1923. The latter story was published in the *Paulick Report* in August when Mooney was critically ill but still drove the six hours each way between his home in Lexington to Mountaineer Casino, Racetrack, & Resort to handle publicity for the West Virginia Derby.

"One of the things that bothers me about the illness is that there are so many other stories that I wanted to write about," Mooney said. "There was a great racetrack in Charleston, S.C., back in those

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LEX MAYOR, KY SENATE HONOR TURF WRITER MOONEY

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days where something like four Kentucky Derby winners raced there. I so much wanted to write about that racetrack. There are a lot of lost racetracks out there that people don't know about. It's our history and our heritage."

Mooney—whose magnificent and voluminous history and story-telling have been typed with one finger (a byproduct of being in a horrific auto crash at age 15)—sounds befuddled by the tributes, saying, "I'm an ordinary guy."

That might be the one fact that Mooney has gotten wrong.

"I've never met a more diligent reporter," said Michael Blowen, president and founder of Old Friends after being a critic for the Boston Globe. "I never met anyone, regardless of what their beat is, who is as good

a fact-checker as Bill Mooney. On top of all that, we just owe him everything at Old Friends. Because he was one of the first people who had a reputation at stake who thought this was a good idea. He's just been a tremendous friend. We're going to name a street after him. There's nobody I've met more courageous than Bill."

"Bill Mooney has been a mentor and, most importantly, an invaluable friend to the Thoroughbred racing industry and the Bluegrass community as a whole," said NTWAB president Alicia Wincze Hughes. "The courage he has shown in his battle with cancer and the perspective he has maintained have further solidified his status as an inspiration to all."

Tributes to Mooney from his colleagues can be found at NTWAB.org. Also on the website: The definitive story *about* rather than *by* Mooney, the son of two circus performers, including a world-class aerialist, and his distinction with the [Walter Haight Award for Career Excellence In Turf Writing](#). **BH**

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Kentucky-bred Bluff winning Dec. 23 in Dubai

BLUFF EYES JEBEL ALI STAKES AFTER DUBAI WIN

By BloodHorse Staff

Bluff, a gelded son of Tapit who finished sixth in the 2015 Risen Star Stakes (gr. II) for former owner Fox Hill Farm, could be bound for the Feb. 17 Jebel Ali Stakes after winning a test over 1,950 meters (about 1 3/16 miles) at Jebel Ali Racecourse in Dubai Dec. 23.

Bluff won for the first time in seven starts in Dubai and was also the first winner of the season for both trainer Dhruba Selvaratnam and stable jockey Chris Hayes, who has missed most of the campaign due to injury.

Bluff needed rousing along very early in proceedings, before running on well down the outside throughout the final 500 meters (1/4-mile). The duo also provided Selvaratnam with his 200th winner at Jebel Ali.

"It has been a long time coming, our first winner this season," said Selvaratnam. "Hopefully this horse can build on it as he is very good, but lazy. The Jebel Ali Stakes could be his next race."

Hayes added: "He was gelded over the summer and is now very relaxed, which he was not last season."

Out of the El Prado mare Ermine Slippers, Kentucky-bred Bluff won two of eight starts stateside while under Larry Jones' care, including his 5 3/4-length maiden victory at Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots in January 2015. He is now owned by Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid al Maktoum. **BH**

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TODD BEATTIE BENEFITS FROM PA DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Pennsylvania Race Horse Development Fund has written features on people who have benefited from fund dollars invested into local economic development, farm expansion, and job creation. The following is the second feature in the series.

Todd Beattie, trainer

Todd Beattie grew up in Antigo, Wisc., the same town as Racing Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas. Influenced by Lukas, Beattie knew that horse racing was his calling.



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Pennsylvania trainer Todd Beattie started eventual grade I winner Taris at Penn National

Due to the harsh winters, Beattie followed his siblings to Pennsylvania.

He quickly fell in love with Central Pennsylvania, with its bucolic landscape and quality of life. He settled as a trainer at Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course, where he raised his son while training horses year round.

Beattie was able to add two Equicisers to his training facility; expand his barn to 40 talented horses, attract clients from across the country, and continue to race at Penn National because of the changes in purse structure.

"Pennsylvania invested in us, and we turned right around and invested in Central Pennsylvania," Beattie said. "We pay local farms a great deal to buy the goods we need to care for our horses. We invest in high-performing horses with impressive pedigrees, and we race here in Pennsylvania."

Beattie found success with Pennsylvania-bred Fabulous Strike, a Tea Party Stable homebred who won 15 of 28 starts and placed six other times. Grade I winner Taris got her start with Beattie at Penn National. **BH**

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ONE HORSE, TWO RACING SCANDALS

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Not that the horse had a choice, but Masochistic now holds the dubious distinction of being the center of not one, but two racing scandals.

BloodHorse headlines this week documented the recommendation by the California Horse Racing Board Dec. 19 that Santa Anita Park stewards disqualify Masochistic from his runner-up finish in the TwinSpires Breeders' Cup Sprint (gr. I) Nov. 5, following a positive post-race test for the anabolic steroid stanozolol (or its metabolite).

The action would result in forfeiture of the \$255,000 purse for owners William Shamlian's Los Pollos Hermanos Racing and Samantha Siegel's Jay Em Ess Stable and likely sanctions for trainer Ron Ellis.

Ellis said the final pre-race test indicated the stanozolol had not cleared Masochistic's system but he still opted to start him, hoping it would clear. Besides scrutiny of the trainer's actions, attention should be paid to the CHRB policy, which is not in agreement with the current model rule for horses on a vet's list for medication reasons.

California policy requires horses to be on the list for 60 days if they are administered an anabolic steroid. That 60 days does not seem like enough time to accomplish the desired goal of keeping anabolic steroids out of racing. Also, the current model rule, not in place in California, is a better standard, as it requires a horse to test below the threshold level before allowing race entry. The threshold level for stanozolol is 0.

Beyond that, California privacy rules didn't allow its equine medical director, Dr. Rick Arthur, to communicate to anyone but the trainer of the horse that tested positive for stanozolol in its final pre-race test. To ensure integrity, the equine medical director should have the ability to raise any medication concerns to stewards, the track, and Breeders' Cup officials as necessary.

The Association of Racing Commissioners International board approved new out-of-



ANNE M. EBERHARDT

Masochistic works over the track at Santa Anita prior to his start in the Nov. 5 Breeders' Cup Sprint

competition testing rules that would require a horse be out six months following an anabolic steroid administration. That change would more effectively keep anabolic steroids out of racing.

Before this black eye, Masochistic was previously involved in what at least one Kentucky Horse Racing Commissioner believed was a betting coup on Kentucky Derby day 2014.

Then owned by Los Pollos Hermanos Racing and A.C. Avila's Santa Ines Stable and trained by Avila, Masochistic finished fifth in his March 2014 debut at Santa Anita, where he tested positive for the sedative acepromazine and his jockey, Omar Berrio, was investigated for stiffing.

In his next start, Masochistic rolled to a 14-length maiden victory on the Derby day undercard. Then Kentucky commissioner Ned Bonnie thought the connections may have purposely thrown the first race then—taking advantage of the larger Derby day pools—executed a betting coup.

Listed at long morning-line odds Derby day, Masochistic went off at 2-1 and returned \$6.20 to win. To Bonnie's thinking, if large wagers had been made on Masochistic to win on a routine race day in Southern California, he may have gone off at 3-5. Running on the Derby undercard allowed for a bigger score.

Ultimately, Kentucky decided the problem fell in California's lap. The CHRB suspended Avila 60 days and fined him \$10,000. Berrio was not sanctioned. **BH**

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RACE RESULTS

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS

Charles Town, Race 8, ALW

12/22, \$24,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 4.5f (dirt), :53.28, track fast.
1—**Party Song**, 118, dk b/br f, 3, **Fiber Sode**—Ladies Party, by Seattle Slew, \$14,400, 0—Gary W. Myers, B—John McKee (WV), T—Douglas S. Adams, J—Antonio Lopez
Margin: neck, 7 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Delta Downs, Race 8, ALW

12/22, \$40,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6.5f (dirt), 1:20.44, track fast.
1—**Night Parade**, 117, dk b/br f, 3, Parading—Huckie, by Fast Play, \$24,000, 0—Mathew Holloway, B—Stacey Moak (LA), T—Alex De Beauville, J—Larry Taylor
Sale History: 2014 BSCSEP, (\$4,000 RNA).
Margin: 2¾, 9 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Fair Grounds, Race 2, AOC

12/23, \$42,000, 3yo/up, f/m, a7.5f (turf), 1:33.96, course firm.
1—**Inveniam Viam**, 120, b f, 4, **Half Ours**—Haliburton Honey, by Regal Classic, \$25,200, 0—Snow, Tresa and Turner, Marlissa, B—Paul E Mullen (LA), T—Emile Schwandt, J—Mitchell Murrill

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Fair Grounds, Race 7, AOC

12/23, \$43,000, 2yo, f, 8.32f (dirt), 1:44.40, track fast.
1—**Untapped**, 119, ch f, 2, **Tapit**—Fun House, by Prized, \$25,800, 0—Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC, B—Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY), T—Steven M. Asmussen, J—Florent Geroux
Margin: 3¼, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Gulfstream Park, Race 8, AOC

12/23, \$43,000, 3yo/up, 7f (dirt), 1:23.76, track fast.
1—**He's Got Talent**, 121, b g, 5, **Talent Search**—Honeymoon Baby, by **Lemon Drop Kid**, \$22,800, 0—Surick, Nicholas and Miller, Julie, B—Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey (PA), T—Jorge Navarro, J—Eddie Castro
Margin: ¾, 8 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Hawthorne, Race 3, AOC

12/23, \$21,400, 3yo/up, 8.5f (dirt), 1:44.10, track fast.
1—**Y Ya Gottabadatway**, 121, b g, 4, **Fusaichi Pegasus**—Indy Cate, by **Cat Thief**, \$17,976, 0—In His Favor Stable, B—Carent Stables, LLC (IL), T—Manny Perez, J—Edgar Perez
Margin: 1½, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Hawthorne, Race 5, AOC

12/23, \$21,400, 3yo/up, 6.5f (dirt), 1:17.26, track fast.
1—**Purely Given**, 121, ch g, 5, Pure Prize—C K Given, by **Point Given**, \$12,840, 0—Carmen Tirillii, B—John Reinhart (IL), T—Anthony J. Granitz, J—Santo Sanjour
Margin: ½, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Hawthorne, Race 7, ALW

12/23, \$20,700, 3yo/up, 6.5f (dirt), 1:17.06, track fast.
1—**Hothalfone**, 121, dk b/br g, 6, **Shore Breeze**—Shuko, by Defensive Play, \$12,420, 0—In His Favor Stable, B—John F. Haran (IL), T—Manny Perez, J—Carlos Montalvo
Margin: 1¼, 8 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Laurel Park, Race 8, ALW

12/23, \$42,000, 3yo/up, a8.5f (dirt), 1:45.24, track fast.
1—**Jeezum Jim**, 123, ch g, 3, **Fairbanks**—Sparkling Number, by Polish Numbers, \$31,122, 0—Rose Petal Stable LLC, B—Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds, LLC (MD), T—Gary Capuano, J—Victor R. Carrasco
Sale History: 2014 FTMSEP, \$6,000.
Margin: head, 9 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Penn National, Race 4, AOC

12/22, \$30,400, 3yo/up, 6f (dirt), 1:09.98, track fast.
1—**Edzactly**, 119, dk b/br g, 4, **Midnight Lute**—Subsidized, by **Ghostzapper**, \$18,240, 0—Joseph E. Besecker, B—Michael E. Pegram, Karl Watson & Paul Weitman (KY), T—Timothy C. Kreiser, J—Angel R. Rodriguez
Margin: 2, 7 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Tampa Bay Downs, Race 8, ALW

12/23, \$22,500, 3yo/up, 8f (turf), 1:35.77, course firm.
1—**Itsnotezbeinbreezy**, 122, dk b/br g, 3, Kitalpha—Race the Breeze, by Theatrical (IRE), \$11,800, 0—Aschinger Bloodstock, LLC, B—Aschinger Bloodstock, LLC (KY), T—Gerald Russel Aschinger, J—Ademar Santos
Margin: 1¾, 9 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

MAIDEN RESULTS

Charles Town, Race 6, MSW

12/22, \$23,000, 2yo, f, 4.5f (dirt), :52.40, track fast.
1—**Party N the Palace**, 120, b f, 2, **Windsor Castle**—Justtencentsadance, by Disco Rico, \$13,560, 0—Anthony K. Grigsby, B—Anthony Grigsby (WV), T—Anthony K. Grigsby, J—Guillermo Rodriguez
Margin: 6¼, 10 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Delta Downs, Race 7, MSW

12/22, \$28,000, 2yo, 5f (dirt), :59.61, track fast.
1—**Hunter's Humor**, 120, b g, 2, **Maclean's Music**—Forever Brilliant, by Straight Man, \$16,800, 0—Keene Thoroughbreds LLC, B—Eureka Thoroughbred Farm (OK), T—J. R. Caldwell, J—Chris R. Rosier
Sale History: 2015 HERDEC, \$10,000.
Margin: 1½, 10 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Fair Grounds, Race 6, MSW

12/23, \$38,000, 3yo/up, a8.5f (turf), 1:45.44, course firm.
1—**Sixty Five (FR)**, 121, b c, 3, **King's Best**—Accusation (IRE), by Barathea (IRE), \$22,800, 0—Abdullah Saeed Al-maddah, B—Haras d'Haspel (FR), T—Brad H. Cox, J—Florent Geroux
Sale History: 2014 ARQAUG, \$100,500.
Margin: 1¾, 11 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Gulfstream Park, Race 5, MSW

12/23, \$42,000, 2yo, f, 9f (turf), 1:51.06, course firm.
1—**Grateful**, 120, b f, 2, **Hard Spun**—Generosity, by Unbridled's Song, \$21,600, 0—Frankel, Gerald and Frankel, Ronald, B—Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY), T—Todd A. Pletcher, J—Luis Saez
Sale History: 2016 OBSAPR, \$250,000, 2015 KEESep, \$57,000.
Margin: neck, 11 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Gulfstream Park, Race 7, MSW

12/23, \$42,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 8f (turf), 1:38.22, course firm.
1—**Assembly**, 122, b f, 3, **Candy Ride (ARG)**—Conference Call (GB), by Anabaa, \$21,600, 0—Juddmonte Farms, Inc., B—Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY), T—William I. Mott, J—Jose Lezcano
Margin: 4¾, 12 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Laurel Park, Race 1, MSW

12/23, \$40,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (dirt), 1:10.80, track fast.
1—**Set to Dance**, 123, ch f, 3, **Distorted Humor**—Calais, by A.P. Indy, \$22,800, 0—Stronach Stables, B—Adena Springs (KY), T—Christophe Clement, J—Trevor McCarthy
Margin: 4, 7 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Penn National, Race 3, MSW

12/22, \$33,300, 2yo, 6f (dirt), 1:12.05, track fast.
1—**Sepicato**, 120, dk b/br c, 2, **Got the Last Laugh**—Candy Buttons, by **Candy Ride (ARG)**, \$19,980, 0—John J. Wames, B—John Joesph Wames (PA), T—John J. Wames, J—Robert M. Hastie
Margin: neck, 10 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Tampa Bay Downs, Race 9, MSW

12/23, \$22,500, 2yo, 7f (dirt), 1:23.75, track fast.
1—**Action Everyday**, 120, dk b/br c, 2, **The Factor**—Tina's Goal, by **El Corredor**, \$11,400, 0—St. Elias Stable, B—Mr & Mrs M Banahan, R Gray & Dr D & Dr T Varner (KY), T—Todd A. Pletcher, J—Jesus Lopez Castanon
Sale History: 2016 FTMMAy, \$400,000, 2015 KEESep, \$425,000.
Margin: 4, 11 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

UPCOMING ENTRIES

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Delta Downs, Saturday, December 31, Race 8
8f (dirt), \$65,000, 3yo/up, 8:52 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Zendelphian	Big Top Cat	3/c	Alfredo Contreras	120	-	Rowell Enterprises, Inc. (Frank & Barbara Rowell)
2		So Sorry Ruston	Interactif	3/g	Timothy Thornton	120	-	Terrell Jarrett Jr. and Lara Racing Stables, LLC (Jorge H Lara)
3		Fort Pulaski	Any Given Saturday	3/c	Diego Saenz	120	-	Tigertail Ranch (Irwin Olian)
4		Arkansas Martini	Alyzig	7/g	Kerwin D. Clark	118	-	Carlton J. Foster and Dale R. White, Sr.
5		Southern Argument	Closing Argument	3/g	Roberto Morales	120	-	Virginia Lazenby Racing Stable LLC (Virginia Lazenby)
6		Mageez	Musket Man	3/c	Ashley Broussard	117	-	Double Dam Farm LLC (Delmar R. Caldwell)
7		Zarb's Gift	Zarbyev	4/g	Garrett Steinberg	123	-	Chad White
8		Aaron's Bluff	Eugene's Third Son	6/g	Steve J. Bourque	120	-	Richard Tate
9		Hook	Gaff	4/g	Luis Negron	123	-	James David Richardson and Sandra New
10		Just Kissing Buck	Limehouse	4/g	Gerard Melancon	118	-	Suzette Necaize
11		All About Interest	Interest Rate	7/g	Jorge Guzman	123	-	Gregory M. Hoffman and Timothy R. Riley

Breeders: 1–Circle H Farms & Carrol J. Castille; 2–Neal McFadden; 3–Tigertail Ranch; 4–Jerry Hardin; 5–DocAtty Stables, LLC; 6–James A. Mcgehee Jr.; 7–Chad White; 8–Richard Tate; 9–Dr. J. David Richardson & Sandra New; 10–Forrest Lanning, Kelly Turner & Tresa Snow; 11–Ackel Thoroughbred Farm.

Trainers: 1–Patricia G. West; 2–Jorge Lara; 3–Danny Pish; 4–Eduardo Ramirez; 5–Oscar Modica; 6–Delmar R. Caldwell; 7–Ray Spencer; 8–Thomas W. Sam; 9–Brett A. Brinkman; 10–Eduardo Ramirez; 11–Henry B. Johnson, Jr.



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2016 LEADING SIRES

Listed below are the top 10 leading sires by 2016 Northern Hemisphere earnings through December 22, 2016. Only stallions that stand, will stand, or stood in North America (excluding stallions that died or were exported prior to the 2011 breeding season), and have runners in North America are included. Racing statistics are 2016 Northern Hemisphere only.

Rank	Stallion	Sire, YOB	'17 Stud Fee	Farm	Chief Earner (Earnings)	'16 Earnings
1	Tapit	Pulpit, '01	\$300,000	Gainesway, KY	Frosted (\$1,910,000)	\$19,108,559
2	Curlin	Smart Strike, '04	\$150,000	Hill 'n' Dale Farms, KY	Exaggerator (\$2,598,000)	\$12,563,873
3	Uncle Mo	Indian Charlie, '08	\$150,000	Ashford Stud, KY	Nyquist (\$3,575,600)	\$12,107,339
4	Candy Ride (ARG)	Ride the Rails, '99	\$60,000	Lane's End, KY	Gun Runner (\$1,970,880)	\$11,130,327
5	Lucky Pulpit	Pulpit, '01	\$7,500	Harris Farms, CA	California Chrome (\$8,180,000)	\$10,717,126
6	Kitten's Joy	El Prado, '01	\$100,000	Ramsey Farm, Inc., KY	Camelot Kitten (\$868,865)	\$10,679,316
7	Medaglia d'Oro	El Prado, '99	\$150,000	Darley, KY	Songbird (\$2,210,000)	\$10,606,271
8	Unbridled's Song	Unbridled, '93	Died	N/A	Arrogate (\$4,084,600)	\$10,292,265
9	Bernardini	A.P. Indy, '03	\$100,000	Darley, KY	Cavorting (\$1,125,000)	\$10,189,656
10	Giant's Causeway	Storm Cat, '97	\$75,000	Ashford Stud, KY	Destin (\$678,000)	\$10,111,889

2016 BROODMARE SIRES

Listed below are the top 10 leading broodmare sires by 2016 Northern Hemisphere earnings through December 22, 2016. All stallions whose daughters are represented by at least one Northern Hemisphere runner in 2016 are included. Cumulative stakes winners includes lifetime worldwide statistics; all other statistics are 2016 Northern Hemisphere only.

Rank	Stallion	Sire, YOB	Dams	Rnrs	SWrs (% Rnrs)	Cum. SWrs	Chief Earner (Earnings)	'16 Earnings
1	Sunday Silence	Halo, '86	551	1249	18 (1.4%)	157	Duramente (\$1,779,157)	\$35,451,923
2	Storm Cat	Storm Bird, '83	382	663	27 (4.1%)	233	Real Steel (\$4,098,460)	\$24,892,577
3	A.P. Indy	Seattle Slew, '89	344	629	22 (3.5%)	145	A. P. Indian (\$1,135,000)	\$17,191,947
4	Distorted Humor	Forty Niner, '93	236	400	15 (3.8%)	51	Arrogate (\$4,084,600)	\$17,052,475
5	Danehill	Danzig, '86	349	557	31 (5.6%)	175	Highland Reel (\$5,109,391)	\$16,640,983
6	Unbridled's Song	Unbridled, '93	349	620	25 (4.0%)	101	Tourist (\$1,633,750)	\$16,476,541
7	French Deputy	Deputy Minister, '92	264	518	11 (2.1%)	68	Makahiki (\$1,690,216)	\$16,269,274
8	Not For Love	Mr. Prospector, '90	138	247	12 (4.9%)	28	California Chrome (\$8,180,000)	\$14,856,950
9	Giant's Causeway	Storm Cat, '97	314	509	15 (2.9%)	49	Gun Runner (\$1,970,880)	\$13,949,210
10	Sadler's Wells	Northern Dancer, '81	486	752	22 (2.9%)	331	Flintshire (\$2,000,000)	\$13,077,809

2016 SECOND-CROP SIRES

Listed below are the top 10 leading second-crop sires by 2016 Northern Hemisphere earnings through December 22, 2016. Only stallions that stand, will stand, or stood in North America, and have runners in North America are included. Racing statistics are 2016 Northern Hemisphere only.

Rank	Stallion	Sire, YOB	'17 Stud Fee	Farm	Chief Earner (Earnings)	'16 Earnings
1	Uncle Mo	Indian Charlie, '08	\$150,000	Ashford Stud, KY	Nyquist (\$3,575,600)	\$12,107,339
2	Gio Ponti	Tale of the Cat, '05	\$7,500	Castleton Lyons, KY	Drefong (\$1,170,800)	\$3,496,325
3	Twirling Candy	Candy Ride, '07	\$20,000	Lane's End, KY	Danzing Candy (\$344,800)	\$3,396,715
4	First Dude	Stephen Got Even, '07	\$10,000	Double Diamond Farm, FL	Dude Fantasy (\$335,000)	\$3,179,381
5	Trappe Shot	Tapit, '07	\$7,500	Claiborne Farm, KY	Fish Trappe Road (\$465,920)	\$2,964,980
6	Paddy O'Prado	El Prado, '07	\$3,500	Spendthrift Farm, KY	Cherry Wine (\$512,754)	\$2,798,640
7	Archarcharch	Arch, '08	\$6,000	Spendthrift Farm, KY	Ivy Bell (\$123,660)	\$2,702,840
8	Tizway	Tiznow, '05	\$7,500	Spendthrift Farm, KY	Coasted (\$302,050)	\$2,517,777
9	Girolamo	A.P. Indy, '06	\$10,000	Darley, KY	Highway Star (\$369,000)	\$2,410,543
10	Gone Astray	Dixie Union, '06	\$5,000	Northwest Stud, FL	Three Rules (\$700,640)	\$2,306,938