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EVERY WAY OUT NAMED NJSS HORSE OF THE YEAR

Every Way Out has been selected as the New Jersey Sire Stakes Horse of the Year for 2016.

The award, which is voted annually by the New Jersey Sire Stakes Board of Trustees, is based solely on performances in races for New Jersey-sired horses, including NJSS races and other major stakes for New Jersey-sired horses.

Every Way Out, a 2-year-old pacing colt, won six of the seven New Jersey-restricted races that he entered, including the finals of the Sire Stakes Premier Division at the Meadowlands and the Standardbred Development Fund at Freehold Raceway. Along the way, the colt by If I Can Dream out of Every Play was also victorious in the Lou Babic Memorial Pace and the New Jersey Futurity.

Regular driver Tim Tetrick handled Every Way Out in all of his victories with the exception of the Standardbred Development Fund final where he was steered by Joe Bongiorno, and his initial Sire Stakes victory where Aaron Lambert was in the sulky.



Every Way Out and Tim Tetrick, World Wide Racing Photo

Among his other wins on the season were the Arden Down Stakes at The Meadows and the Tompkins-Geers Stake, where he took his seasonal mark of 1:51.1f, and Reynolds Stakes, both at Tioga Downs.

A winner of \$181,805 on the year, Every Way Out was purchased just prior to his win in the Premier Division final by Howard A. Taylor, Abraham N. Basen, Edwin J. Gold and Thomas A. Lazzaro. After the purchase, Dylan Davis assumed the training duties from Aaron Lambert. The colt was bred by Bulletproof Enterprises of Oley, Pa.

Every Way Out's connections will be honored at the 60th annual Breeder Awards Luncheon on Jan. 29, 2017 at O'Connor's Restaurant in Eastampton, N.J.



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2016 NEW JERSEY STANDARDBRED OF THE YEAR MARION MARAUDER

Harness racing's trotting colt Marion Marauder has been named the winner of the Secretary of Agriculture's Trophy as New Jersey Standardbred of the year for 2016.

Marion Marauder was honored on January 29, 2017 at the 60th Annual New Jersey Breeders Awards Luncheon at O'Connor's Restaurant in Eastampton, New Jersey.

Marion Marauder is one of only nine trotters in the history of harness racing to win the coveted Triple Crown.

The son of Muscle Hill - Spellbound Hanover finished his three-year-old campaign with a lifetime mark of 1:51.3. Capturing 10 wins, and three seconds out of 15 starts, banking more than \$1.4 million toward a career total of \$1,766,518 for the ownership of Marion Jean Wellwood

and Devin W Keeling. The Paula Wellwood trainee was regularly driven by Scott Zeron.



In addition to his Triple Crown feats of the \$1 million Hambletonian at the Meadowlands, the \$500,000 Yonkers Trot at Yonkers and the \$431,000 Kentucky Futurity at the Red Mile; he also won the \$209,040 Goodtimes at Mohawk and the \$153,250 Stanley Dancer at the Meadowlands.

Bred by William G Mulligan he sold for \$37,000 at the Lexington Selected Sale

At two he raced 13 times with one win, and earning over \$200,000.

His sire, Muscle Hill was the 2009 New Jersey Standardbred of the Year.

SOUTHWIND FARMS 2016 NEW JERSEY BREEDER OF THE YEAR

Southwind Farms has been selected as the New Jersey Breeder of the year for 2016. The Breeders Committee of the SBOANJ made the announcement this December.



This years Southwind standout was once again Southwind Frank, one of the top three year old trotting colts in 2016.

The Son of Muscle Hill, out of Flawless Lindy, Southwind Frank won 6 out of 14 starts in 2016, earning \$1,164,468 for the Southwind Frank partners. A \$100,000 purchase at the Lexington Selected Yearling Sale, he was trained by Ron Burke and driven by Yannick Gingras.

Beginning with a New Jersey Sire Stakes win on May 20th he accumulated his 6 wins for the rest of the year, including the \$500,000 Earl Beal at Pocono Downs, the \$153,250 Stanley

Dancer at the Meadowlands and the \$500,000 Colonial Trot at Pocono Downs.

He also lowered his lifetime mark to 1:52.1 at the Meadowlands with his win in the Reynolds Memorial.

Southwind Farms is also home of the champion stallion Muscle Hill, who will be returning to New Jersey to stand stud in 2017. This years New Jersey Standardbred of the Year as well as Triple Crown winner Marion Marauder was sired by Muscle Hill.

"All of us at Southwind Farms are very proud to be named New Jersey Breeder of the Year for the second consecutive year," said Southwind Farms Syndicate Manager Mike Klau. "We are committed to the New Jersey program and hope that it is able to grow in the coming years."

This is the third Breeders Award for the 235 acre farm near the Village of Pennington, NJ. Southwind Farms was founded by Connie & Allen Skolnick in 1986, both Skolnicks passed away in 2013, and the farm is currently owned by their son, Barry.

Previous New Jersey Breeder of the Year winners include three-time winner White Birch Farm, two-time winner Perretti Farms, Deo Volente Farms, Valley High Stables, Kentuckiana Farms, Fair Winds Farm, Walnridge Farm and Heritage Hill Farms.

Photo courtesy of Southwind Farms.

SBOANJ'S INVOLVEMENT WITH THE NJ CLASSIC AND MISS NJ STAKE RACES

The Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of New Jersey (SBOANJ) would like to clarify its involvement with the New Jersey Classic and Miss New Jersey stakes races, which the Meadowlands previously announced as being cancelled for 2017.

At one time purses for the New Jersey Classic and Miss New Jersey were supported in part by the New Jersey Sires Stakes (NJSS). In a Nov. 20, 2009, letter to the SBOANJ, the NJSS advised that it was withdrawing its guaranteed support of the races. In 2009, the NJSS contributed \$50,000 to the Classic and Miss New Jersey, but between 2010 and 2015 no payments were made to the races.

The SBOANJ has been collecting nominating and sustaining payments for both the New Jersey Classic and Miss New Jersey to be put in the purses of the races, but have not contributed any additional funding to them.

“The New Jersey Classic and Miss New Jersey were raced with short fields in 2016, with just five in the Classic and only four in the Miss New Jersey, which prompted the filly stake to be raced as a non-betting event. It appears that there would be fewer entries for this year’s editions,” said SBOANJ president Mark Ford.

IMPORTANT STAKES INFORMATION

Every effort is being made by the SBOANJ to race the Anthony Abbatiello Classic and the Thomas D’Altrui Miss New Jersey Filly Division events for 2017. However, due to circumstances beyond the control of the SBOANJ, changes to the Sustaining Payments, Starting Fees, and Purses may have to be made and are pending at this time. If it becomes necessary to cancel these events, due to circumstances beyond the SBOANJ’s control, all payments will be prorated and disbursed to the owners of all eligible horses at the time of cancellation.

Keep an eye out for upcoming announcements that will affect the status of the races. If you have any questions about this matter please feel free to call the SBOANJ office at 732-462-2357.

However, at this time the Anthony Abbatiello Classic and the Thomas D’Altrui Miss New Jersey Filly Division have both been cancelled for 2018. The reason for cancellation is due to lack of nominations and circumstances beyond control of the SBOANJ. All nominations and sustaining payments will be refunded to the owner of the eligible horse(s).

NEW COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR THE SBOANJ

The new year has brought about many changes, especially here at the SBOANJ. The new committee appointments are listed below. The directors have already begun working on your behalf within their respective committees.

The breeders committee has been reviewing pay outs for the 2015 pacing stallion incentive program and the New Jersey bred Renaissance Incentive program rebates which have been paid in 2016. They also reviewed the non-New Jersey sired resident mare rebates and Renaissance program part two. In addition the committee agreed to offer a stallion rebate and a rebate for resident mares in 2017.

The finance committee adopted a new budget for 2017 that reduced expenses by 9%.

The insurance committee is glad to report that the end of the year closed on a positive note with 13 new participants joined through open enrollment.

The benevolent committee is happy to report that recently a donation was made to a horseman who had fallen on hard times and was so ill that work was not an option. Thank you to all members for your donations in support of the benevolent fund. With your support benevolent donations have been able to be made to help fellow horsemen in time of need.

Owner	Breeder	Driver/Trainer	Pension	Benevolent	PR/Website/Special Events
Anthony Perretti ¹ Tom Pontone ² Robert Boni Dennis Lane Anthony Romano	Michael Gulotta ¹ Richard Meirs ² Stephen Dey Mark Mullen Michael Klau	Chris Ryder ¹ Paul Wojtowicz ² Yannick Gingras Tom Luchento Mark Ford	Tom Pontone ¹ Michael Gulotta ² Anthony Perretti Paul Wojtowicz Dennis Lane	Anthony Romano ¹ Paul Wojtowicz ² Dennis Lane Michael Klau	Mark Mullen ¹ Anthony Perretti ² Michael Klau Yannick Gingras Tom Pontone
Building & Grounds	Equine Advisory/Sire Stakes	Finance/Employee	Insurance	Specialized Wagering/Slots	Constitution/By Laws
Anthony Romano ¹ Richard Meirs ² Steve Dey	Mark Mullen ¹ Richard Meirs ² Chris Ryder Steve Dey Bob Boni	Tom Pontone ¹ Michael Gulotta ² Anthony Perretti Chris Ryder Dennis Lane	Anthony Romano ¹ Paul Wojtowicz ² Anthony Perretti Chris Ryder Mark Mullen	Anthony Perretti ¹ Bob Boni ² Michael Gulotta Yannick Gingras Michael Klau	Anthony Romano ¹ Mark Mullen ² Chris Ryder Bob Boni ¹ Chairman ² Vice Chairman



TrotPAC Trustees:

Anthony Perretti (chairman), Sue Agopian, Robert Boni, Richard Meirs, Mark Mullen (treasurer), Alfred Ochsner, Tom Pontone, Chris Ryder and Polly Hartzell (administrator)

Renaissance Rebate Update

2017



Mares bred to non-New Jersey sires have been made eligible to the New Jersey Sire Stakes Standardbred Development Fund by the Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of New Jersey. The \$100 registration fee has been paid on your behalf. The \$400 rebate will be issued once the SBOANJ receives a copy of the USTA foaling registration.

ABBATIELLO AND FUSCO TAKE FREEHOLD 2016 DRIVER AND TRAINER TITLES

Freehold Raceway closed out the 2016 racing season honoring the leading driver and trainer.

The winning driver title was awarded to Eric Abbatiello with 174 wins for the year. Abbatiello, a native of Colts Neck, N.J. and son of Hall of Famer Carmine Abbatiello, has claimed six driving titles at his home track.



Freehold General Manager Howard Bruno and Director of Racing Karen Fagliarone present end of meet award to Eric Abbatiello
Photos courtesy of Helene Gregory, WWRP.



Freehold General Manager Howard Bruno and Director of Racing Karen Fagliarone present end of meet award to Vincent Fusco, while surrounded by friends and family

The leading trainer award was presented to Vincent

(Vinny) Fusco Jr. This is Fusco's second consecutive title with a total of 82 wins on the year.

Freehold live racing resumes on Thursday, Fridays and Saturdays with a post time 12:30 p.m.

Reminders

SMITH TROT PAYMENTS DUE

**2017 3 YO SMITH TROT
SUSTAINING PAYMENTS
DUE FEBRUARY 15TH**

PAYMENT AMOUNT \$200

A 2017 PAYMENT
SCHEDULE IS NOW
AVAILABLE @SBOANJ.COM

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FIRST SUSTAINING
PAYMENT DUE
FEBRUARY 15, 2017

\$300 PREMIER DIVISION

\$100 STANDARD BRED
DEVELOPMENT FUND

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Director's Spotlight

At the age of two, Mark Mullen and his family moved to New Jersey from Tarrytown, New York. They lived in Westfield for many years before moving to the shore. He attended Point Pleasant Beach High School for his sophomore and junior years before finally moving to Cream Ridge, graduating from Allentown High School in 1974. Mark worked around a newly developing Fair Winds Farm for a year before attending the University of New Hampshire where he met his wife, Laura. They have two grown children, Erin and Ryan.

Mark and Laura currently live in Cranbury where they own a historic home that was built in 1794. Mark states, "It has been both a pleasure and a challenge to restore and live in. One of the first owners of our house was Commodore Thomas Truxton, who was friendly with Aaron Burr. Aaron Burr famously shot Alexander Hamilton in the duel at Weehawken. Burr sought refuge with Truxton after the duel and there is evidence that they traveled through Cranbury days afterwards."

Mark's father bought Fair Winds Farm in 1970 with aspirations for it to become the well known and successful facility that it is today. The move from North Jersey to Monmouth county stimulated the family's interest in Standardbred racing and breeding. Other than riding lessons that Mark took while living in Westfield, Mark and his father were novices in the Standardbred horse world. Through some mutual acquaintances, Mark's parents got to know the Meirs and Dey families who helped introduce the Mullens to racing and breeding. While in school, Mark spent summers working at Fair Winds or with local trainers Jack Smith Jr. and Stanley



Mark Mullen

Dancer. Mark said, "I spent some time with Les Funk who was training at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck, New York. I raced some on the New York fair circuit where I learned I was not much of a driver, but I could tell you where to find the best food at the fair."

Years later, back in Jersey, Mark's trained horses for Fair Winds, stabling at Showplace and White Birch. One notable moment early in his career was winning a division of the Glen Garnsey Memorial at the Red Mile. Ron Waples was down to drive Refreshing Touch for Mark. Ron had just won the prior race, which was the Kentucky Futurity, so things were pretty chaotic. Mark remembers, "I had to score my horse in the post parade because Ronnie was busy with interviews. I was in a panic, convinced I was going to have to race this horse myself. Fortunately, Ronnie caught up and away he went." Mark raced Refreshing Touch and another filly in the Jugette earlier in the month with no luck. The Glen Garnsey was another tough field and the Fair Winds Stable was hoping for a

better performance. It was one of those beautiful blue sky days at the Red Mile and everything just fell into place. Mark remembers, "The Garnsey win was so unexpected, it was a great moment."

As a breeder, Mark takes pride in how well the horses that are bred and raised at Fair Winds do on the track. Betting Line was the stand out for the farm this past season. His outstanding performances helped push Fair Winds Farm to be ranked 8th nationally among breeders in total offspring's earnings. Once again, Fair Winds had a very good sale in 2016, with yearling sales averaging second among all consignors at Harrisburg. Mark said, "We're hoping this year's two and three year olds go on to perform well."

Mark has been serving on the SBOA board for ten years. He also is a New Jersey Sire Stakes trustee. According to Mark, "I think the representation on the board today is better than at any time in my memory. The board members are more active and more involved than ever before."

One change Mark would like to see for New Jersey is a level playing field with its neighboring states. "We need legislative change to make this happen whether it's slots, historic racing or sports wagering. The need for additional revenue to be competitive with New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio is a necessity. We need everyone to be organized and determined to push our state legislators in the right direction. We have seen the success that horsemen have had in Canada, recovering from the loss of the on-track slots program. That is the kind of regional work and cooperation we should aspire to."

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From the Desk of President Mark Ford

Dear Members

This past November, our industry suffered a major setback, as the Casino Expansion Referendum was defeated by New Jersey voters. It was apparent that New Jersey's surrounding states were funding the campaign against us. Since the defeat the SBOANJ board members have been diligently working on an alternative plan that would generate another source of revenue for our racing industry to survive.

The idea of Historic Racing was brought to our attention. Most recently, the state of Kentucky has successfully implemented Historic Racing machines into both thoroughbred and standardbred racetracks.

A Historic Racing Bill was introduced to the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey on January 9, 2017. The bill is being sponsored by Senators Richard J Codey and Christopher "Kip" Bateman. It has also gained co-sponsorship from Senator Oroho. The bill will

permit wagering at racetracks and off track wagering facilities in the State of New Jersey on previously recorded live thoroughbred or standardbred horse races that do not identify the actual race. To see the details of the bill go to " State of New Jersey 217th Legislature Senate # 2886 "

After the bill was introduced to the Senate and General Assembly, a copy was sent to us for our review. Currently we are evaluating the bill and its content. In the meantime, we will continue to work on an alternative plan to help generate revenue that our New Jersey racetracks need to compete with neighboring states that have casino revenue to support their purse accounts.

We continue to ask for your help and cooperation during these trying times. Also, continue to show your support to both the Meadowlands and Freehold racetracks.

Mark Ford



TrotPAC is aware that the future of NJ horse racing and breeding contin-

ues to be threatened by lack of proper funding. Casinos in Pennsylvania and New York have helped support higher purses which have negatively affected our over all business. Since the defeat of the referendum,

TrotPAC trustees continue to meet with Legislators and Senators to ask

for their help and support. Hopefully a new plan of action can be developed to help us through these hard times. Any financial aid you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

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