

### BREEDING NEWS

#### Whence Sires First Winner in Louisiana

Averett Farm's Whence, a multiple-winning sprinter by Scat Daddy, sired his first winner Feb. 28 when his 3-year-old son All of Us won a five-furlong maiden claimer at Delta Downs by three-quarters of a length in his second start.

All of Us is the first foal out of the winning Half Ours mare Mine Yours an Ours and was bred in Louisiana by Gerald Averett Jr. The mare has a 2-year-old by Ocean Knight and is in foal this year to a full sibling to All of Us.

Trainer Juan Larrosa also owns All of Us in the name of his LJ Racing Stables. The colt made his racing debut Jan. 27 at Delta Downs where he grabbed the lead early but stopped when challenged. He stalked the pace early in his second start and took control of the race three-eighths from the wire.

Whence was bred in Kentucky by Brandywine Farm out of the unraced Any Given Saturday daughter St. Croix, who is out of the stakes-placed winner Tiny Decision. The immediate family produced Street Boss, a multiple grade 1 winner, multiple track record-setter (six furlongs in 1:07.55 at Hollywood Park and 1:08.67 at Del Mar) and sire; and multiple grade 1 winner Jack Christopher.

Whence stands for a \$1,000 fee at Averett Farm, near Loranger, La.



The Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association held drawings for two \$1,000 scholarships were held in conjunction with Louisiana Premier Night, Saturday, February 4, 2023. Pictured in the Delta Downs winners circle are (l-r) LTBA Board Member, Tom Early; scholarship winners; Brayden Broussard, South Louisiana Community College; Conner Harper, OWELA Technical Community College; LTBA Accountant, Blake Lorio.

#### Luminous Flight, 1st winner for Requite

Louisiana stallion Requite has his first winner to his credit. Three-year-old filly Luminous Flight (Requite-My Queen Olivia, by Half Ours) broke her maiden on March 9, 2023 at Fair Grounds in her second start. After a bumpy start, the Edward L. Cox trainee set the pace in the 6 furlong maiden special weight. Under the guidance of C.J. McMahon, the filly kept rivals at bay to win by 1 ½ lengths.

Luminous Flight was bred in

Louisiana by Brandon Adcock. Her sire Requite is a 2012 son of G1 Carter Stakes winner, Warrior's Reward. A multiple stakes winner who won every year while racing from ages 2 to 5, Requite placed in the G2 Amsterdam Stakes at 3. Requite won 5 races (2 stakes), with one stakes second and one stakes third from nine starts and earned \$252,510.

Requite entered stud in 2019 and stands at Red River Farms in Coushatta, Louisiana for a 2023 fee of \$1,500 live foal.

**OBITUARIES****Doris Hebert**

Doris Romaine Hebert, age 82, passed away peacefully at his residence on Sunday, February 5, 2023, in Carencro.

Doris Romaine Hebert was born on November 17, 1940, in Abbeville and he was a longtime resident of Acadiana. Horses were his life. Doris started as a jockey and raced all over Louisiana, Texas, and Alabama. He later became a horse trainer. Over the course of 60 years, horses he trained won a total of 1,906 races with total lifetime earnings of \$16,336,427 and included Louisiana Champions, Bet Me Best, Hail To Bag and Early Goer. Doris was a friendly man who never met a stranger. He will be dearly missed.

Doris is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Alice Hebert; his son, Chris Hebert; his step-daughter, Allison Cranney; his eight grandchildren; as well as his four great-grandchildren.

**RACING NEWS****Evangeline Downs Racing Calendar For 2023 Season Amended**

The Louisiana Racing Commission recently approved an amended dates schedule for the 2023 Thoroughbred season at Evangeline Downs. The meet will now consist of 61 days of racing, with opening night Friday, April 7.

The racing schedule will feature racing on Wednesday through Saturday for the first five full weeks of the meet. Beginning the week of May 18, racing will switch to a Thursday through Saturday schedule, with closing weekend now set for August 12. First post each night will be at the new time of 5:30pm Central time.

Director of Racing Chris Warren stated, "I feel the amended race schedule will enhance the overall purse structure and make for a stronger, more appealing race meet for both horsemen and fans alike."

The 2023 stakes action begins on opening night with the \$60,000

Acadiana for 3-year-old fillies at six furlongs and the \$60,000 Spotted Horse for 4-year-old and up fillies and mares at one mile. The first Saturday of the meet will feature the \$100,000 Evangeline Mile for 4-year-olds and up, along with the \$60,000 Lafayette for 3-year-olds sprinting six furlongs. The Evangeline Downs track maintenance crew has been working diligently for the past few weeks to get the track prepared for the opening night, including having races scheduled for the turf course.

Racing fans should also mark their calendars for April 22 as the "Exotic Animal Racing" makes a return. The Saturday card will include races featuring camels and zebras that are sure to entertain and delight the crowd.

For more information on Evangeline Downs, visit the track's website at [www.evdracing.com](http://www.evdracing.com). Evangeline Downs information can also be found on Twitter @EVD Racing and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/EvangelineDownsRacing](http://www.facebook.com/EvangelineDownsRacing).

**Lone Star Park Announces 2023 Thoroughbred Season**

After coming off of a successful Thoroughbred racing season in 2022, Lone Star Park is looking forward to 2023.

The Thoroughbred racing season will begin April 13, 2023, with 44 live racing days and will conclude July 4. The calendar features live racing on Thursdays and Fridays at 6:35 p.m., Saturdays, Sundays, and Memorial Day at 1:35 p.m., and special twilight post times of 5:00 p.m. on July 3 and July 4.

The 2023 Thoroughbred racing season stakes schedule will have a total of 21 stakes worth a combined total of \$2,925,000. The highlight of the schedule is Lone Star Million Day on Memorial Day, and the marquee race is the \$400,000 guaranteed Steve Sexton Mile (G3), for 3-year-olds and up at one mile. The Summer Turf Festival will be returning June 24.

Other than the \$75,000 Bluebonnet Stakes, which kicks off the season on opening night, all other stakes will be held on one of four dates.

Lone Star Million Day, will run May 29 with six stakes worth a total of \$1,200,000

Lone Star Showcase Day, will run June 3 with five stakes worth a total of \$375,000

Summer Turf Festival, is June 24 with four stakes worth a total of \$750,000

Stars of Texas Day, July 1, will have five stakes worth a total of \$525,000.

The 2023 Thoroughbred racing season stakes schedule can be found at: <https://www.lonestarpark.com/stakes-schedule/>.

Total purses will average an esti-

mated \$260,000 per day for the 44-day meet.

### **Del Cid, Broberg And End Zone Athletics Take Leading Horsemen Titles For '22-23 Thoroughbred Season At Delta Downs**

The 2022-23 Thoroughbred season at Delta Downs wrapped up on Tuesday, February 28, with a couple of familiar names and one new one at the top of the horsemen's standings. Karl Broberg and End Zone Athletics, Inc. once again led all trainers and owners respectively while emerging superstar Vicente Del Cid topped the jockey standings for the first time in Vinton.

Del Cid came into the season at Delta Downs as an apprentice rider and left as a journeyman. He lost his apprentice allowance midway through the meeting, but the added weight did not slow him down as he topped the standings from start to finish and ended the season with 121 wins and \$2,789,565 in mount earnings to lead both categories. He also scored three stakes wins this year, each worth \$100,000 in total purse money.

Del Cid's accomplishment at Delta Downs followed a breakout season at Boyd Gaming's other Louisiana racetrack, Evangeline Downs. During the 2022 meet in Opelousas, Del Cid won his first riding title by notching 125 wins. His riding prowess in 2022 garnered enough votes nationally to see him finish second in the voting for the Eclipse Award for Champion Apprentice Jockey, which was announced in late January.

Following Del Cid in the jockey standings were C. J. McMahon (85 wins), Jose Guerrero (59), Joe

Stokes (52), Alex Birzer (49), Joel Dominguez (40), Tim Thornton (40), Thomas Pompell (39), Elio Berrera (33), and Juan Vargas (33).

Broberg continued his dominance at Delta Downs in 2022-23 by sending out 72 winners and totaling \$1,473,510 in barn earnings to lead each category. It was the 12th straight time the Broberg barn has led the standings dating back to the 2011-12 season. During the 2018-19 season his horses set the current records for Thoroughbred trainers with 107 wins and earnings of \$2,017,120.

Rounding out the list of leading trainers for the Delta Downs meetings were Brett Brinkman (39), Juan Larrosa (38), Isai V. Gonzalez (32), Allen Landry (26), Eduardo Ramirez (26), Greg Tracy (21), Edith Mojica (16), Sam Breaux (16), and Lee M. Thomas (16).

End Zone Athletics, Inc. saw 59 of their runners win and earn a total of \$1,158,650 during the meeting to lead both categories for owners. It was the eighth consecutive title and 11th overall for End Zone Athletics, which includes partners Karl Broberg and Matt Johanson.

Rounding out the top owners for the season were GSH Stables, LLC (23), Mojica Stables, Inc. (14), Mark Hibdon (11), Noman Stables, LLC (11), Brandon Hebert (9), Elite Thoroughbred Racing, LLC (8), Spooky Business Stable, LLC (7), L and G Racing Stables (7), and Jason S. Guidry (7).

Delta Downs now looks forward to its upcoming American Quarter Horse season which gets underway on April 28 and runs through July 15. The 46-day meeting will feature live racing each Wednesday through Saturday night with first post time set for 6:15 pm CT.

### **Brad Cox Scores 2,000th Career Win at Fair Grounds**

Trainer Brad Cox sent out his 2,000th career North American winner Saturday, February 18, 2023 at Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots, saddling Spendthrift Farm, Steve Landers Racing, Martin Schwartz, Michael Dubb, Ten Strike Racing, Jim Bakke, Titledown Racing, Kueber Racing, Big Easy Racing, Winners Win, Michael Caruso, and WinStar Farm's Bishops Bay (1-2 favorite) to a three-quarters of a length victory over stablemate First Mission in Race 5.

"I want to thank the team, the owners, and the horses," Cox said. "It's been a great run and it's been a

#### **EVANGELINE DOWNS 2023 THOROUGHBRED STAKES SCHEDULE.**

4-7	\$60,000 <b>Acadiana S.</b> \$60,000 <b>Spotted Horse S.</b>
4-8	\$60,000 <b>Lafayette S.</b> \$100,000 <b>Evangeline Mile</b>
5-5	\$60,000 <b>Creole Lady S.</b> \$60,000 <b>Cajun Miss S.</b> \$60,000 <b>EVD Distaff S.</b> \$60,000 <b>King Creole S.</b> \$60,000 <b>Ragin Cajun S.</b> \$60,000 <b>EVD Classic S.</b>
6-3	<b>Louisiana Legends Night</b> \$100,000 <b>Louisiana Legends Turf Distaff</b> \$100,000 <b>Louisiana Legends Turf</b> \$100,000 <b>Louisiana Legends Sprint</b> \$100,000 <b>Louisiana Legends Mademoiselle</b> \$100,000 <b>Louisiana Legends Cheval</b> \$100,000 <b>Louisiana Legends Soiree</b>
7-1	\$60,000 <b>Opelousas S.</b> \$60,000 <b>John Henry S.</b>
7-7	\$70,000 <b>D.S."Shine" Young S. (F)</b> \$75,000 added * <b>Louisiana Stallion Stakes presented by Coteau Grove Farms (F&amp;M)</b>
7-8	\$70,000 <b>D.S."Shine" Young S. (C&amp;G)</b> \$75,000 added * <b>Louisiana Stallion Stakes presented by Coteau Grove Farms</b>

long road. I'm glad to have two colts who showed up here and ran well, I'm proud of both. I think they have bright futures."

The 42-year-old native of Louisville, Ky. closed to within three victories of the milestone entering Saturday. Beginning with Comparative in Race 2, then Merlazza in Race 4, the Cox barn quickly won with their first two entries on the card. Having two entries in Race 5, there was no doubt in the homestretch that Cox was about to hit 2,000—the only question was which horse would be the one to do it for him as his other entry First Mission headed Bishops Bay with one-sixteenth to go. With Florent Geroux aboard, the Uncle Mo Colt Bishops Bay battled back against his workmate, beating him to the wire.

Cox started working in racing under trainers Burk Kessinger, and Jimmy Baker. Later he became the assistant trainer under Dallas Stewart. Brad started his first horse in 2004, and has since gone on to win each leg of the Triple Crown and the Longines Kentucky Oaks twice. He has racked up nine Breeders Cup victories, including the Classic with Knicks Go (2021) and the Distaff twice with Monomoy Girl (2018 and 2020).

"I knew we were getting close a couple of races back," Cox. "Honestly, I just wanted to get it over with. We've got some live shots later in the day so we're hopeful to keep it rolling."

### **Trainer Chris Richard Reflects on Winning His 1,000th Career Race**

Major milestones in Thoroughbred racing represent so much more than a number. Whether

it be 1,000, 2,500, 3,000, 5,000 or the remarkable 10,000th win by Hall of Fame conditioner Steve Asmussen, each recipient has worked tirelessly for the achievement.

Trainer Chris Richard has paid his dues competing in Kentucky, Arkansas, Minnesota, Oklahoma and his home state of Louisiana over the past three decades.

Richard grew up in Lake Charles and had friends who raced Quarter Horses at Delta Downs. He loved the action and was inspired by the powerful athletes. Education came first with Richard attending Texas A&M in College Station and earning a BA in Animal/Equine Science followed by his Masters in Equine Nutrition and Exercise Physiology.

When he graduated, he moved to Kentucky and took on the role of private trainer for James McIngvale. The Houston-based furniture salesman, known as "Mattress Mack" is a nationally recognized supporter of breeding and racing and has played an important role in Richard's career. The long awaited 1,000th win took place at Delta Downs on Friday, February 24 with Freebritney, a 3-year-old filly by Klimt, purchased by McIngvale at the 2021 Keeneland September Yearling Sale for \$27,000.

Richard began 2023 just four wins short of the milestone. He had 32 starts this year at Fair Grounds, Oaklawn and Delta before finally winning his 1,000th race.

"It took a while," acknowledged Richard. "Trying to get a milestone is like pulling teeth; you run second and third and wonder if it will ever happen!"

Richard shared his full circle path training for McIngvale.

"My first official win came in 1998 with Albadar for Mack who also owns the filly who gave me my 1,000th win!"

McIngvale was also the breeder of Richard's top earner, Underpressure, a Louisiana-bred son of Birdstone, out of the Charismatic mare Charming Colleen. Richard had an immediate connection with the gelding and purchased him. He became a multi-places winner for the Richard barn, earning \$870,992 in 45 starts.

Richard, who turned 50 last year, was an assistant to top trainer Tom Amoss for five years. He is grateful to Amoss and a number of owners for their support.

Richard's seven-year tenure at Prairie Meadows was a solid building block for his stable as well as his personal life. That is where he met his future wife, Mallory Greiner, who was attending Iowa State University and had a job working in the Prairie Meadows racing office. They married in 2019 and make their home in Vinton. She devotes countless hours to re-homing the Richard-trainees as their racing careers wind down.

"I vet each prospective owner very carefully," explained Mallory. "It's never an easy process, but we believe in making sure our horses have a good home away from the racetrack."

There's never much time for celebration for horsemen and Richard was on the road from Delta Downs to Oaklawn Park the morning after winning his 1,000th career race.

"It's an amazing feeling," he stated. "I've been very fortunate to have some real nice horses, loyal owners, a great crew and the support of Mallory. I am very appreciative of this!"

## Asmussen Makes History With 10,000 North American Wins

Steve Asmussen became the first trainer to win 10,000 Thoroughbred races in North America when Bet He's Ready won the fifth race at Oaklawn Park Feb. 20.

Asmussen also has two additional wins overseas, including Curlin's victory in the 2008 Dubai World Cup (G1).

A Hall of Famer, Asmussen became the winningest trainer in North American history on Aug. 7, 2021, when Stellar Tap won a maiden race at Saratoga Race Course, giving him his 9,446th win and pushing the late Dale Baird

into second. Since then, Asmussen has continued to win races at a high rate, drawing ever closer to the latest milestone.

A 57-year-old resident of Arlington, Texas, Asmussen recorded his first victory in 1986 at Ruidoso Downs in New Mexico with Victory's Halo. That was the trainer's only victory in 1986 from 15 starts, and his horses' earnings on the year totaled a mere \$2,324.

But those numbers would rise, and 10 years later, he scored his initial graded stakes victory when Valid Expectations won the Derby Trial Stakes (G3) at Churchill Downs. He now has 305 graded stakes wins through racing Feb. 20.

The trainer has twice won Eclipse Awards as outstanding trainer, doing so in 2008-09, when his stable won more than 600 races each year.

Asmussen has long credited his staff—among them longtime assistants Darren Fleming and Scott Blasi—for contributing to his success, as well the support of his family. He learned about the racing business from his parents, Keith and Marilyn, who breed, own, train, and still operate Asmussen Horse Center and El Primero Training Center in Laredo, Texas. Under the tutelage of Keith, a former jockey, and Marilyn, he and his older brother Cash became horse-

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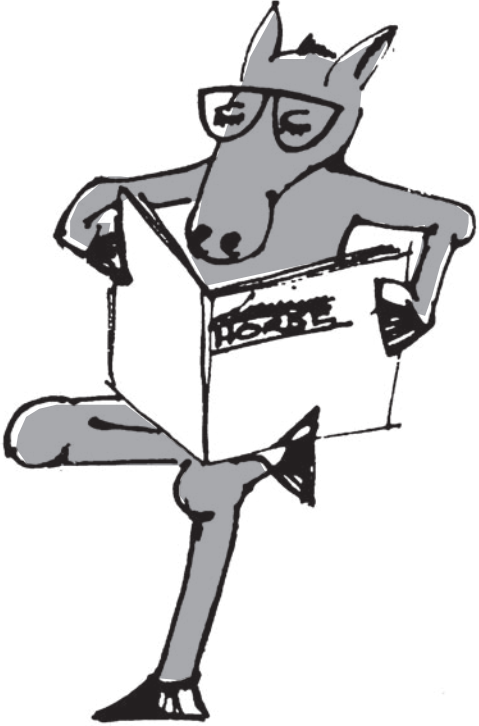
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men at a young age.

His wife, Julie, and sons, Keith, Darren, and Erik, have also consistently supported him through his many days away from home while he attended to his many divisions of horses across the country. His wife and boys were in attendance when Asmussen passed Baird in the record books with on Aug. 7, 2021. Keith, his eldest son, is currently a jockey.

Asmussen's horses have made in excess of \$405 million in North America, trailing only eight-time Eclipse Award winner and Hall of Famer Todd Pletcher with \$452 million.

He holds multiple training titles at Ellis Park, Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots, Keeneland, Lone Star Park, Monmouth Park, Oaklawn Park, Remington Park, Retama Park, Sunland Park, and Churchill Downs, where he is the track's all-time winningest trainer.

In honor of Asmussen's achievement Oaklawn said it would donate \$10,000 to charity in his name, with \$5,000 going to the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund and \$5,000 to the Arkansas Thoroughbred Retirement and Rehabilitation Fund.

In addition to his personal accomplishments, other career highlights for Asmussen include winning the 2007 and 2009 Preakness Stakes (G1) with Curlin and Rachel Alexandra, respectively, and the 2016 Belmont Stakes Presented by NYRA Bets (G1) with Creator. Asmussen has won eight Breeders' Cup races, including the Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) in 2007 with Curlin and again in 2017 with Gun Runner.

The Kentucky Derby is one of

the few races that has eluded him. He came close to winning the Run for the Roses in 2022 when Epicenter led until being caught in the closing strides by late-running longshot Rich Strike.

#### SALE NEWS

### Record Setting Catalog Released for the 2023 Texas Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale

The 2023 Texas Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale features the most horses cataloged for a two-year-old sale in Texas Thoroughbred Association Sales history. One-hundred-eighty-six horses are featured in the catalog ahead of the April 5th sale at Lone Star Park, making it the largest two-year-old sale since TTA Sales took over management of the spring sale.

The book features national stallions including Bernardini, Bolt d'Oro, City of Light, Classic Empire, Good Magic, Justify, Kantharos, Malibu Moon, Midshipman, Munnings, and Practical Joke. First crop stallions are well represented through Catalina Cruiser, Catholic Boy, Copper Bullet, Maximus Mischief, Mitole, Vino Roso, and Yoshida. As always, Texas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma stallions are represented in the catalog including leading Texas stallion Bradester and Louisiana's El Deal, among others.

"This is an impressive catalog for our 2023 two-year-old sale," TTA Sales Director Foster Bridewell said. "It's deep, it's full of pedigree and stallion power, and we're proud to offer the depth and quality come April that hasn't been seen around here in a decade."

"The commitment of our consignors, breeders, and owners to bring such quality athletes and pedigrees to our sale is unmatched," Bridewell said. "We are looking forward to the breeze show and sale in April and we are so appreciative to those behind the horses cataloged for the continued support and belief in our sales."

The sale is April 5th at Lone Star Park's Sales Pavilion. The breeze show is April 3rd at Lone Star Park.

Paper catalogs will be in the mail soon. The interactive catalog is available now at [www.ttasales.com](http://www.ttasales.com). A full downloadable catalog is available at [www.ttasales.com](http://www.ttasales.com). Supplements to the catalog are expected and will be posted at [www.ttasales.com](http://www.ttasales.com).

#### OF INTEREST

### Clear Creek Stud Offers Scholarship for Students from Within the Louisiana Horse Industry

With an eye toward the future of our industry, Clear Creek Stud will once again be making a \$5000 Scholarship Donation in the name of their clients to a college student with Louisiana based connections to the Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse Breeding and Racing Industry.

Clear Creek Stud recognizes that for many of the people who perform the hard work of this industry day in and day out, the rewards are often not financial. "We want to help the children who come from these families who put in the long hours and hard work that are essential to keep our industry in operation," says Val Murrell, general

manager of Clear Creek Stud.

The scholarship recipient will be chosen by the Louisiana Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (LaHBPA) and based on their opinion and evaluation of need and merit.

Interested students should send a letter and resume to Eddie Fenasci at the La.H.B.P.A. office by end of business day, Friday, May 12, 2023. Letters can be mailed to La.H.B.P.A. attention to Eddie Fenasci 1535 Gentilly Blvd. New Orleans, La. 70119 or email to efenasci@lahbpa.org.

The recipient will be named on Saturday, June 3, 2023 at the LTBA Awards Banquet at Evangeline Downs.

### Afternoon Deelites Dies at Old Friends

Just six days after the passing of his owner Burt Bacharach, Afternoon Deelites, a six-time graded-stakes winner, was euthanized Feb. 14 at Old Friends, the Kentucky-based thoroughbred retirement farm, due to complications from colic. He was 31.

Bred by Blue Seas Music Inc., the son of Private Terms-Intimate Girl, by Medaille d'Or, was foaled in West Virginia on Feb. 28, 1992. For his entire racing career he was owned by Bacharach, trained by Richard Mandella, and ridden by Kent Desormeaux.

Afternoon Deelites opened his racing career in spectacular fash-

ion, winning his first five races between 1994 and 1995, four of them stakes races. After winning a Santa Anita maiden special weight as a 2-year old in 1994, he won the GIII Hollywood Prevue Breeders' Cup Stakes to earn his first graded stakes win, and followed that up with a win in the GI Hollywood Futurity, defeating future Kentucky Derby winner Thunder Gulch.

In 1995 as a 3-year old, Afternoon Deelites continued his winning streak with victories in the GIII San Vicente Breeders' Cup S. and the GII San Felipe S. His final win in 1995 was in the GI Malibu S. He was second in the GI Santa Anita Derby, and eighth in the GI Kentucky Derby.



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At four, Afternoon Deelites won one of his four races, the GII Commonwealth Breeders' Cup S. at Keeneland. In his final career start, he finished second in the GI Metropolitan H. at Belmont Park on May 27. Afternoon Deelites retired with seven wins (including six of the 11 graded stakes in which he ran) three seconds, and \$1,061,193 in earnings in 12 career starts.

Afternoon Deelites began his stud career in 1997 at Brereton Jones's Airdrie Stud in Midway, KY, and stood there through 2003. He then moved to Clear Creek Stud, LLC, in Folsom, LA, where he stood the rest of his career. He was pensioned in 2011, and sent to Old Friends courtesy of Val Murrell of Clear Creek Stud. "We were honored to have Afternoon Deelites at Clear Creek Stud," said Murrell. "We are blessed to see him live on through his many daughters."

"Afternoon Deelites was a beautiful friend," said Old Friends President and Founder Michael Blowen. "I remember Kent Desormeaux standing in front of his stall a few years ago saying 'Michael, I won the Kentucky Derby on Real Quiet, Fusaichi Pegasus, and Big Brown, and this is the fastest horse I ever rode.' And he was one of the best retirees who ever called Old Friends home."

"Thanks to Burt, his ex-wife, Angie Dickinson, and his widow, Jane, for loving Afternoon Deelites as much as we did."

### **OwnerView Thoroughbred Owner Conference Virtual Series Begins with Accounting and Tax Considerations**

The 2023 Thoroughbred Owner Conference streamed its first panel Tuesday, March 7, with a dive into accounting and tax considerations for Thoroughbred owners. The conference is hosted by The Jockey Club and the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association and presented by Bessemer Trust, Stoll Keenon Ogden, and The Green Group. The panel was sponsored by Mersant International.

The panel was moderated by Gary Falter, project manager for OwnerView, and the panelists were Len Green, founder and chairman of The Green Group; Jonathan Green, a certified financial planner and manager of D.J. Stable; and Aron Yagoda, Thoroughbred owner and a board member of the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association.

The panel covered a broad range of topics, including understanding the cost of ownership, principles of accounting, tracking revenues and expenses, tax considerations, sales, and giving back to the industry.

Attendees were able to ask questions through the Q&A link toward the beginning of the discussion and again at the end of the panel.

The panel began with a discussion on the general costs of owning racehorses and how to budget.

According to Yagoda, to begin you must hire a trainer and under-

stand training costs, which can be about three-quarters to 80% of your monthly bill.

"You are talking about another anywhere from \$1,000 to \$3,000 a month that constitutes veterinary bills, vanning, blacksmith, travel, and race expenses," Jon Green said.

"There is really not much price difference between campaigning a \$5,000 claiming horse or campaigning a graded stakes winner," he continued. "The expenses are all almost the same. The fixed costs are almost the same. The only difference is if you have a better horse you are going to spend a little more on investing in stakes nominations and maybe a little bit less in vet fees."

With regard to tax considerations, Len Green explained some of the differences between owning racehorses and other assets, and some of the different types of deductions and expenses associated with horse ownership.

"People who specialize in the business really know how to save your taxes and maximize your deductions," Len Green said. "The key to having a chance to make money is to be active and keep records and see where you are and if necessary, pivot and change the way you are doing things."

The session concluded with a discussion about how owners can give back to the industry.

"The way that we look at it and try to promote it to our clients is that when you buy a horse, you are buying a horse for that horse's life-



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time. You are not just buying it for that horse's racing career," Jon Green said. "If you have an opportunity to repurpose that horse and retrain it to have a second career, we really feel like that's what you should be doing."

The replay of Tuesday's panel and previous Thoroughbred Owner Conference panels is available at [bit.ly/OVVideos](http://bit.ly/OVVideos).

Nine additional Thoroughbred Owner Conference virtual panels are scheduled for 2023.

The next session will be held April 4 at 2 p.m. ET and will feature expert handicappers discussing the details of a variety of betting options and handicapping your horse's race. A full schedule can be found here: [bit.ly/OVSchedule](http://bit.ly/OVSchedule).

There is no registration fee for

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