

WELCOMING OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

By Allan Mason

The votes are in, and we have 3 new board members looking excited and ready to join the rest of the directors in serving their fellow horsemen. The newly elected members are Kate DeMasi, Mary Kernan, and Scott Lake. Three parting members, Joseph J. Sena Jr., Ralph J. Delaney Jr., and Robert J. Seeger, also deserve our thanks for their hard work and service. We wish them the best in their future endeavors.



New Members: Scott Lake, Kate DeMasi & Mary Kernan

meeting the various people involved in this industry; the grooms, trainers, owners, and others.

"I want to talk to people to see what we need to do first. It is important for me to hear what everyone has to say. I am an active owner who wants things to be done right. People can trust that I am very serious about this. I have the time to invest. The safety here is paramount to me", Mary tells me.

"I am a good messenger, who is very approachable. I am here a lot in the morning to talk to owners and to talk to trainers. I am a genuine listener and can be trusted to carry messages well", she says. An owner who's had a lot of horses, and being licensed in a number of states, allows her to see many comparisons. These things help provide a broader view than she would otherwise have, and possibly insight on how certain issues might be resolved. Having had horses all her life, and being a part of the horse racing industry, she can relate to the ups and downs that we all feel.

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2005 PTHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION RESULTS (Alphabetized)

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Salvatore DeBunda

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Trainer Directors

Kathleen DeMasi

Scott Lake

Guadalupe Preciado

Donald Reeder

Ralph Riviezzo

Kate DeMasi

Philosophy: Focus on your strengths, both for horses and people.

Kate is an idea person, good as well as listening to those ideas started. She would bring to the table people's thoughts and concerns.

Kate sees a horse race as a show, one which involves a lot of people and elements. She is itching to help see things improved for the backside, especially

for the people who live and breathe the work on this part of the show. She would like to see some computers made available to everyone involved in training and taking care of the horses. Knowledge is power. If someone wanted to expand their knowledge, one way they could do so is by having access to computers. Better people training the horses, will produce better horses.

Kate mentioned that before Philadelphia Park was year round, each time one would arrive at the next meet, and the next track, there was a fresh feeling. She wants to try to bring back some of that freshness. To break out of the current factory production line atmosphere.

Final Thoughts: Philadelphia Park has a lot of assets. It is year round, and it has a great location. The Mid-Atlantic region provides a good variety.

Mary Kernan

Philosophy: We're here on the board because we want to be, because we want to help.

Mary enjoys the competitive nature of horse racing combined with the feeling of camaraderie one feels here. She likes

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LARRY RIVIELLO
President

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE . . .

On Monday December 13, 2004, it was my privilege and honor to sign a seven year contract with Philadelphia Park management. One of the items in the contract is a training track for our horses. The training track construction is scheduled to begin this spring. It will be a 3/8 mile track. There will be outriders and ambulance service, and the safety rails will be of the same type as the main track. The importance of the training track is that it will ease the overcrowded conditions we currently face on the main track.

Joe King Enterprises of New York and Passaro Associates will bid for the project.

We had a terrific winter until Saturday, January 22nd and Sunday, the 23rd when we were hit with a double snowstorm forcing the cancellation of three racing days; but we got up and running again. We all look forward to spring and summer racing.

When the tsunami hit the islands at Christmas time, people lost their families and loved ones. What does the future hold for them?

January 5th the 2005 Board of Directors election was tallied. Congratulations to new board members, owner Mary Kernan and trainers Kathleen DeMasi and Scott Lake. The board and I thank Joseph Sena, Jr., Ralph Delaney, Jr. and Robert Seeger for all the time and effort they contributed to our organization during previous terms.

I thank the membership for giving me 92% vote of confidence. As president I will continue as always, to look out for the health and welfare of my membership and keep a strong, united and aggressive organization.

Beverly Hills, California, the Eclipse

Awards ceremony for the horse of the year went to Ghostzapper 174 to Smarty Jones' 95.

Smarty Jones won the best three year old male of the year with 265 votes to 7 for Kittens Joy and 2 for Birdstone.

Congratulations to John Servis for winning the prestigious "Big Sport of Turfdom Award" from the Turf Publicists of America for the way he helped promote the sport during the Triple Crown run.

Watch out for John Servis and Fox Hill Farms' Rockport Harbor, the three year old colt is undefeated in 4 starts after winning the Grade II Remsen Stakes at Aqueduct on November 27, 2004. We all wish you the best.

Our Eagles lost to New England 24-21. In my opinion Smarty Jones and the Eagles are champions.

On January 10th Michael Ballezzi, Connie Youmans and I met with Lorna Michelson, executive director of the YMCA of Bucks County and her staff. The YMCA wants to help the PTHA establish more activities and social services for the members of our backstretch and our association. After the meeting, Connie gave them a tour of the backstretch.

On behalf of my horsemen and horsewomen I want to thank Philadelphia Park management for the purse increases. There has been a \$20,000 daily increase since 9/1/04. Management has advanced this money, interest free until the slots are active to help horsemen. Thanks again.

After his hospitalization, I called Chaplain Jack Cordell at his home. Chaplain is doing well and is back to work on a part time basis ■

Thought for the Day:

It's amazing what we can accomplish if no one worries about who is getting the credit.

REMINDER

PENNSYLVANIA AWARDS BANQUET

Celebrations

March 30th

COCKTAILS at 6:30 pm

DINNER at 7:30 p.m

**Tickets will be available
in the PTHA Office**

*A fun night, please come out
and honor your fellow
horsemen and horsewomen.*

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Final Thoughts: Mary was insistent on expressing her gratitude to everyone who voted for her. "You won't be disappointed", she says with a smile. "I'm not going to let you down. Thanks for the support and voting me on the board."

Scott Lake

Philosophy: I can't accept failure. I want to win. Second best is just the first loser. So I work hard, and surround myself with hard workers. Believing in a team approach.

I'm open minded. If I don't think something is right I am going to stand up for my beliefs. You don't have people protecting you in here like there are outside the track. I'm going to do everything I can to protect the horsemen.

He's been in horse racing since he was about 12 years old. Leading trainer in the country 4 of the last 5 years in races won. Over the last 3 or 4 years, he figures he trains on average about 200 horses a year. What does he feel makes him good as a trainer? "That competitive edge is what makes me good, and I try to instill that in the guys around me."

At the same time, he tries to keep his head about him. He's not an arrogant person who thinks he's better than anyone else because of the success they've had. While Scott may win his share of races, he feels it is important to be humble.

Final Thoughts: He may be new to the board of directors, but he is going to do it like he trains horses. He is going to give his best. He is looking forward to helping protect the horsemen ■

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PHENOMENAL RACING BLOODLINES

10 Champions/sires of Champions, 2 Horses of the Year, and 6 Leading National Sires in first four generations

	Round Table	Princequillo	Prince Rose by Rose Prince Cosquilla by Papyrus
Upper Case		Knight's Daughter	Sir Cosmo by The Boss Feola by Friar Marcus
	Bold Experience	Bold Ruler	Nasrullah by Nearco Miss Disco by Discovery
Flying Pidgeon		First Flush	Flushing II by Mahmoud Hildene by Bubbling Over
	Minnesota Mac	Rough'n Tumble	Free For All by Questionnaire Roused by Bull Dog
Miss Minnesota		Cow Girl II	Mustang by Mieuxce Ate by Phideas
	Miss Jeanie	Gallant Man	Migoli by Bois Roussel Majideh by Mahmoud
		Lignee	Bull Lea by Bull Dog Near Miss by Chance Shot



Champion Flying Pidgeon winning the G-2 W.L. McNight Handicap, ncr, 1 1/2 mi, turf, in 2:25 4/5. He won or placed in 23 stakes, 18 of them graded, in 56 starts at 2-6. He defeated Strawberry Road, Creme Fraiche, Dahar, Darn That Alarm, Gate Dancer, Theatrical, etc. Calder Hall of Fame inductee May, 2000.

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CHAPLAIN, JACK CORDELL

LIFE AND THE WINNER'S CIRCLE

by Chaplain Jack Cordell

The most coveted spot for all horsemen is the winner's circle. Owners, trainers and jockeys love standing in that place! My good friend, Chaplain Sam Spence of Lone Star Park, recently published a book entitled, *Living in the Winner's Circle*, and wrote the following in the Preface: "Everyone is happy in the winner's circle, a place of joy, fulfillment, accomplishment, a place where past disappointments, defeats, and shortfalls are forgotten. Everyone seems to love everyone else there. Hard feelings, past strife, resentment, bitterness ... all seem to dissipate in the winner's circle. It's the goal, the apex,

the crowning glory of the sport."

For instance, who will ever forget the thrill of watching Smarty Jones, Stew Elliott, the Chapmans, John Servis and others stand in the winner's circle at the Kentucky Derby last May? What a wonderful memory!

But the words in the Preface, "For a few short minutes euphoria reigns," strike to the core of the matter. The winner's circle is only **temporary**, because the next race is set to go. Winners are not allowed to stay in the winner's circle. Life goes on. Other races must be run.

Life works that way, and the Bible expresses it for us. The apostle Paul wrote, "But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Even with his victories on earth, Paul lived for something beyond this life. In short, he lived with eternity in focus.

The next time you have a "winner's

circle" experience, let it remind you that there are more important things than a fleeting victory in this life. God wants us to stand in his winner's circle to receive his eternal reward. Consider it.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS AVAILABLE

The "Race for Education" will award \$300,000 in college scholarships to children of racing industry workers. If you know of a child of a track worker who needs help to pay for college, call (859) 252-8648, or go online to www.racingscholarships.com for information and an application. **NOTE:** Deadline is February 28, 2005. Hurry!

Also, the Granny Youmans Scholarship Fund for Philadelphia Park grooms, hotwalkers and assistant trainers has some funds available for those who wish to further their education. Contact Chaplain Cordell or Connie Youmans for information ■

Semi-Annual Medical Services Report

(July 27th through Dec 28th)

FROM THE LA SALLE NEIGHBORHOOD NURSING CENTER

During this period the nurses at the clinic provided 435 individual encounters and enrolled 9 new clients. Weekly screening for hypertension reveals a continuous problem. A constant 12% of the clients screened have high blood pressure. Twelve clients were referred to Dr. Rizen for medication to control their hypertension. An additional client was referred to primary care for specific hypertension needs. Flu shots were not available from the health department this year. Education specific to avoiding the transmission of upper respiratory illnesses was promoted throughout the fall and early winter. Additionally, five clients were counseled on health appropriate measures to reduce infection and referred to an appropriate medical

provider. Vulnerable populations of the backstretch include the Spanish-speaking clients. Selina Doncevic, MSN, PHN, who is fluent in Spanish, addresses some of the needs of the Latino workers. Other risks for your workers include tetanus infection and undiagnosed diabetes. The La Salle Neighborhood Nursing Center will incorporate these needs in planning for future interventions. This unique model of prevention and wellness continues to assist your workers to be fit and productive.

Accomplishments

Total enrolled: 258 (153 Caucasian, 10 Black, 95 Hispanic)

Total encounters: 435

Referrals for additional health care: 18

New enrollees: 9

Identified needs: Immunization up-dates for tetanus, and Glucose screening for diabetes.

Barriers:

Unfortunately, due to federal and state limitations, influenza vaccine was unavailable for use at the backstretch of the

racetrack. Those with highest risks were sent to private doctors or to public venues for immunization. By individual report, those without access to private health care did not receive vaccination. La Salle nurses continued to call area vendors to procure access to flu vaccine for racetrack workers. The La Salle Neighborhood Nursing Center plans to offer influenza vaccinations to the racetrack staff in the fall of 2005.

Financial Report

Expenditures

Staff	\$2046
Mileage	\$660
Supplies	\$365
Total	\$3071

In Kind Contributions

Administrative	\$4000
Student oversight	\$3000
Total	\$7000

EMPLOYEE OR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR?

By *Mike Colucci, CPA*

If you enjoy confusion and controversy, then you will really love reading IRS Regulations and Interpretations of "Independent Contractor".

The determination of whether an individual is an employee or independent contractor is very much dependent on the facts and circumstances of each case.

What's at stake? Well, a lot really.

The tip of the iceberg is the withholding and reporting of employee taxes. Then there is the cost of the employer matching of Social Security and Medicare. Below the surface are considerations related to who is included in employer sponsored retirement plans and other employer fringe benefit offerings not to mention (but extremely important) workmen's and unemployment compensation liability and a host of legal issues that can only be addressed by an attorney who has expertise in the employer-employee arena.

In simple terms, IRS Regulations distinguishes between employee and independent contractor by applying this standard:

Employer-Employee:

Employer says this is what you need to do and this is how you are to do it. The employer does not have to directly supervise the work but has the right to do so.

- a. The employer has the right to fire the individual
- b. The employer provides a place to work
- c. The employer provides tools and supplies necessary to do the job.

Congress stepped in and provided

some relief to all the confusion involved in interpreting the IRS Rules and Regulations. So understand and apply these "safe harbors" to your particular situation.

A taxpayer has a reasonable basis for not treating an individual as an employee if the taxpayer relied on any one of the following:

- A Court Case or IRS Ruling
- A past IRS audit that, under similar circumstances, the IRS did not raise the issue with you.
- A long standing recognized practice of a significant segment of the industry in which the taxpayer is involved treats the individual in the same manner (pay close attention to this one!)

Now to take advantage of these "safe harbors" you must:

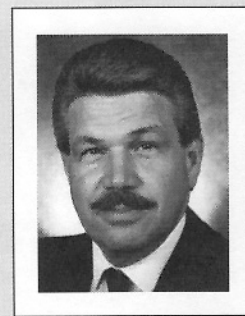
1. File all 1099's (information returns) required
2. Treat all individuals consistently

IRS ADVICE:

Ask IRS to determine the proper treatment. They have a Form SS-8, "Information for use in determining whether a worker is an Employee for Federal Employment Taxes and Income Tax", for this purpose.

MY ADVICE:

Consult with your tax advisor before requesting such a determination **and, file all required 1099 Forms complete with social security numbers and addresses.** Without 1099 forms, you are fighting this duel with an unloaded weapon. Get the social security number and address right up front ■



FUTURE LOOKS GOOD FOR RACING IN PENNSYLVANIA

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Imagine two years from now when Philadelphia Park racing is competitive with that in New Jersey, Delaware, and even New York, when the fields are full and often classy and when \$400,000 is a daily purse average.

Mike Ballezzi, executive director of the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, believes the revenue that slots inject into purses will ensure Philadelphia Park's lofty status. He can't wait.

Purses already have been raised several times in the last year in anticipation of slots revenue and are about \$145,000 daily, including bonuses. Ballezzi said that if the track receives a conditional gaming license this spring, which would boost purses by an additional \$30,000 daily, slots could be active in Bensalem by March 2006.

Plans call for the first floor to be restricted to casino play, with the second and third floors available for watching live racing and simulcasting. When construction begins, the paddock will be moved to the present location of the picnic area.

The improved quality of racing would seem likely to force some marginal stables to move to other locales, but Ballezzi is an optimist on this issue. "I'd predict we don't lose one trained horse," Ballezzi said. "The people who have supported us all along should continue to make a decent living."

A CHAT ON THE BENCH

STORY BEHIND THE FEBRUARY 6TH,

"TONY GALETTO 1ST ANNUAL REUNION CLASSIC"

By Allan Mason

It is probably safe to say that February 6th of this year was one of the best days of Tony Galetto's life. He got to see his son Anthony James who he hadn't seen in roughly 21 years, and for the first time he met his 5 grandchildren, and their mother, Anthony's wife, Katherine. There's even more, but I'm getting ahead of myself. Tony and I had a chat, and here's what he told me.

After Tony and his ex-wife parted company, he was unable to find his son for about 21 years. Tony was heartbroken, but had never given up.

Since Tony never stopping looking, he recently came across someone who had an address that was a possibility. Tony followed up on it, and it turned out to be good. He called his son, but it seems he may have been mis-



Tony Galetto, his son Anthony, some of his grandchildren, and daughter-in-law Katherine

led as well, so the first phone call was quick and bitter. Eventually, Katherine (Anthony's wife) contacted Tony without anyone knowing, saying that she thought he should be in their lives. She went to work on it. That was the start of the healing.

Sooner or later Anthony called his father back, and asked if he had a few minutes to talk. Tony replied that he had all day. The first few minutes were mainly questions. A few things were cleared up right away, with some questions and answers. That phone call lasted from noon until 10:30 PM. Tony invited his son to come see a horse he was running the next day, and Anthony agreed. So Tony had the race renamed to be the "Tony Galetto 1st Annual Reunion Classic". This would be the horse's first race, and he won. So this is in addition to Tony getting to see his son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren. Tony it seemed couldn't thank his jockey, Josiah Hampshire, Jr., enough on his winning the race, feeling that he had helped play a hand in Tony's dreams coming true that day. The horse was trained by Edward Co-

letti, and his name is "Two By Ten", from the names of his sire and dam.

Now that they are reunited, they seem inseparable. As Tony tells me all the details, it is obvious he loves his son immensely. It sounds like they are always on the phone now. His grandchildren even call him to say good night, and tell him they love him. With a tear in his eye Tony Galetto tells me he is hoping for a long life to spend as much time as possible with his son, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren ■

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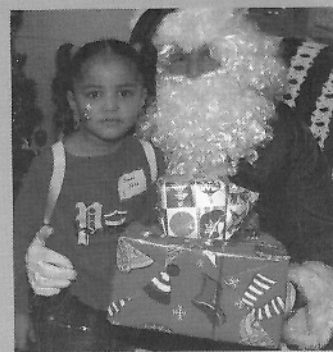
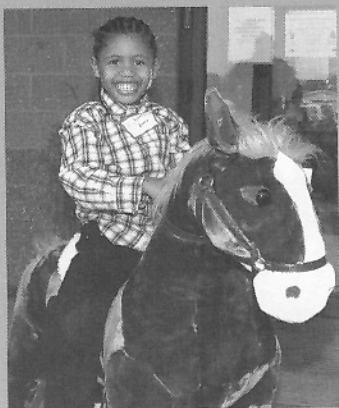
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for details.



Two By Ten crosses the finish line to break his maiden in his first start

2004 CHRISTMAS PARTY



TROPHY LIST

DATE	OWNER	HORSE	TRAINER
2/12/2005	Meadow Echo Farm	Indy Reign	Francis Meares
2/12/2005	William Pape	Seducing	Jonathan Sheppard
2/5/2005	Clifford Sise	Mr Smeadleysmearch	Clifford Sise
1/29/2005	Sharon Banford	Frisky Devil	Sharon Banford
1/15/2005	R. Moretti & R. Monichetti	Good and Crafty	Robert Reid
1/8/2005	Plumstead Stables	Lily Vanilly	Robert Seeger
1/1/2005	Debra Kachel	Gatto Selvaggio	Richard Hendriks
12/18/2004	Robert Losey	Quiet Sting	David Geist
12/10/2004	Bryce Taylor	Rotten Row	Robert Taylor
12/4/2004	Stretch Run Racing Stable	Dingo Ringo	Martin Ciresa
11/27/2004	Porter Racing Stable	Glacier Gal	Randy Nunley
11/20/2004	Coffee Pot Stable	Wildstella	John Servis
11/13/2005	Stephen Lebarron	Flintville	Keith LeBarron
11/6/2004	Michael Gramiak	Jefe De Jefes	Mark Fusco
10/30/2004	Francis Meares	Monica's Halo	Francis Meares
10/23/2004	Michael Mascarelli	Webers Drive In	Philip Aristone
10/16/2004	Thomas Baker	Flying Valor	Guadalupe Preciado
10/9/2004	Paul Conrad	Integer	Paul Conrad
10/2/2004	SG Jet Farm	Rakish Ryan	Pam Shavelson
9/25/2004	Daniel Lopez	Dahlia's Diamond	Daniel Lopez
9/18/2004	Gilbert Campbell	What a Lady	Edward Allard
9/11/2004	Chickridge LLC	Grand Legend	Jayne Vaders
9/4/2004	Mark Rosen & Ron Glorioso	Muttface Brad	Ron Glorioso
8/27/2004	Golconda Farms	Singapore Deputy	Steven Krebs
8/21/2004	Lloyd Loxkhart	Pleaser	Lori Lockhart
8/14/2004	John Scanlan	Olivers Success	John Scanlan
8/7/2004	Casino Royale Farm	Casino Raider	Guadalupe Preciado
7/31/2004	Two C Stables & Labet Inc.	Siphon Our Money	Anthony Correnti
7/24/2004	Art Turchi	Little Polish Wolf	Frank Turchi jr.
7/17/2004	Robert Caporella	Luck Alarm	Floyd Snyder
7/10/2004	J. Carlos Guerrero	Quiet Master	J. Carlos Guerrero
7/3/2004	Hack Stable	In the Pocket	Andy Carter
6/26/2004	Hugo Trinidad	Polish Desire	Victor Collazo
6/19/2004	Lynch Racing LLC	Miner's Double	Cal Lynch
6/12/2004	Chickridge LLC	Grand Legend	Jayne Vaders
6/5/2004	F & S Stables	Residual	Mark Fusco
5/29/2004	Joseph Giorgio	Frosty Valentine	Ron Houghton
5/15/2004	Michael Marceda	Venganza Dulce	Kathleen DeMasi
5/8/2004	Three R. Stable	Nothing Fancy	Pam Shavelson
5/1/2004	Donald Guerrazzi	Pappa's Luck	Darren Silvers
4/24/2004	Joanne Patten	Our Little Lucy	Robert J. Seeger
4/17/2004	Victory Thoroughbreds	Good Campagner	Ramon Preciado
4/10/2004	JLG Racing	Summer Charm	Janis Gerace
4/3/2004	Joe Williams	Wooglin	Joe Williams
3/20/2004	John Candlin	Kissin Angie	John Candlin

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RECENT EVENTS

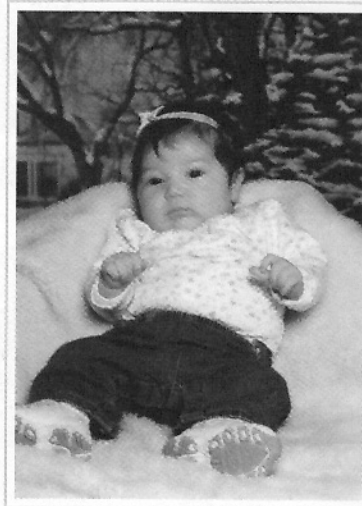
Good News: Word came in that **Mr. George Goodman**, beloved gentleman of the race track, has finally gone home to finish recuperating after his terrible auto accident.

Chaplain Jack Cordell is back at work, not exactly hale and hearty yet, but looking good.

Bad News: We lost three long time race trackers in January, loveable **Charles "Goat" Smith**, fiesty **Alan "AJ" Thomas** and dependable **Scott Cornell**. Deepest sympathy goes out to their respective families, they are missed in our family.

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welcome

baby **Kayla Robert**
to the family on 10/6/04



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Anne Peters, Pedigree Specialist of Three Chimneys Farm, Midway, Kentucky says:

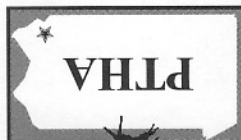
"LUCKY CLONE is by leading sire BROAD BRUSH, and is a full brother to BROAD BRUSH'S leading earner, Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) winner CONCERN. His dam is G1 winner FARA'S TEAM, far and away the best runner by her sire, TUNERUP. With this background of genetic upgrading, LUCKY CLONE has tremendous potential as a stallion."

- Lucky Clone won or placed in 21 of 30 starts.
- Out of TEST STAKES (G1) winner FARA'S TEAM (\$360,515).
- Full brother to Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) winner CONCERN (\$3,079,350) sire of 14 stakes horses and the earners of over \$5.1-million.
- Full brother to Martha Washington S. (G3) winner TENNIS LADY (\$283,047) and stakes-placed BROAD EXPECTATIONS.
- By leading sire BROAD BRUSH, second only to DANZIG in percentage of stakes winners from foals (15.2).
- Family of leading California sire STRIKE GOLD.



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