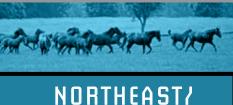
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# Dealing In Delaware

## Bessie Gruwell earns the respect of horsemen nationwide

BY LINDA DOUGHERTY

lifetime of hard work, dedication, and sacrifice has all come together to make Bessie Gruwell one of the most respected women in racing, not only at her home base of Delaware Park but in the Mid-Atlantic region and beyond. Gruwell, the executive director of the Delaware Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, has earned her stripes. The daughter of a Maryland trainer, she grew up following reluctantly in her father's footsteps, filling his shoes upon his early death. An inner strength and iron constitution helped her survive many lean years once she secured her own trainer's license, years that saw her juggle a barn full of horses at the Stanton oval when purses were barely \$35,000 per day and a full-time job with a local company in order to make ends meet.

Gruwell's spirit and resolve were also tested with the untimely death of her husband, Richard, a partner in life and an integral part of her racing stable, but she was able to pull through.



Bessie Gruwell, executive director of the Delaware Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association

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state where no stallions stand. Her ability to communicate and negotiate effectively has earned the respect of Delaware Park management.

For 2010 leading sires' lists by progeny earnings from Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia, see pages 111-113

Gruwell was born and raised in Port Deposit, Md. Her father, Tom Lovelace, was an owner and trainer based at the now-defunct Sun View Training Center in Glasgow, Del., a short distance from Delaware Park. By her own admission she had no interest in Thoroughbred racing—although she helped her dad walk hots and do barn chores. Gruwell instead wanted to pursue a career either in the Air Force or in business administration.

But racing soon got in her blood. After spending one year at college, she took a job as a groom and in 1983 found herself at Churchill Downs grooming horses for trainer Jimmy Kirk, a job that she anticipated would take her to racetracks across the country. The day before the first Kentucky Derby (gr. I) she would see in person, her mother called to inform her that her father had suffered a heart attack, but he did not want her to know as he wanted her to enjoy the Derby.

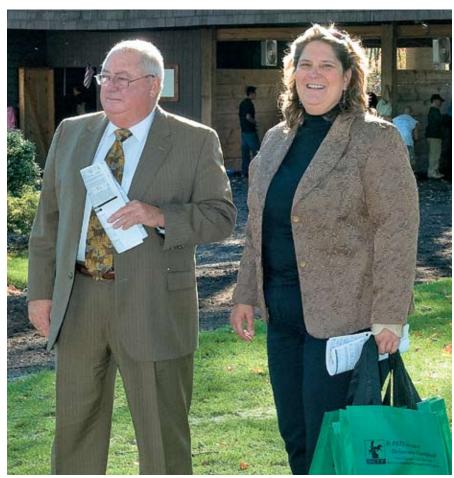
"After the race," she said, "I came home, and two weeks later he passed away."

Her father's death thrust 20-year-old Gruwell into a role she could not afford and did not want to accept.

"I was taking care of his whole opera-

tion," she said. "I just figured I'd get rid of all his horses—he had about a dozen at the time. In the process one of his owners told me, 'We want you to continue training.' I didn't have the money to train horses, and I didn't want to. I wanted to go back to work in Kentucky, as Kirk's outfit was about to leave for California. It was like a free trip to see the world for me, with these really nice horses. My dad's horses were more from the claiming ranks. But his owners worked with me and said they would pay me."

With a small string of horses, Gruwell



Delaware Park executive director John Mooney and Gruwell in the paddock

#### 2010 New York Sires By Winners Touch Gold......212......97 Freud ...... 141 ...... 81 Alphabet Soup ...... 164...... 78 Purge.......140............75 Eltish......51......24 Phone Trick......22......11 Take Me Out......21......10

2010 New York Sires By 2-Year-Old Winners			
Sires	2yos	2yo Rnrs	2yo Wnrs
Purge	101	46	17
Posse			
Freud	49	24	13
Touch Gold	76	45	12
Golden Missile	50	25	8
Greeley's Galaxy	40	23	6
Roaring Fever	32	7	5
Disco Rico			
Repent	42	21	4
One Nice Cat	18	7	3
Alphabet Soup	65	21	3
Catienus	39	17	3
Raffie's Majesty			
Congaree			

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2010 New York Sires By Stakes Winners			
Sire	Stks Wnrs	Stks Wins	
Freud	9	16	
Posse	6	10	
Repent	5	10	
Congaree	5	7	
Touch Gold	5	5	
Alphabet Soup	4	6	
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### Freud

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#### Noonmark

Unbridled's Song / In the Storm, by Storm Cat 2011 Fee: \$6,000

Brilliant, sound & grand-looking first-year stallion of 2010. A \$1,050,000 RNA at the Keeneland 2YO sale, Noonmark was a precocious juvenile before going on to join Even the Score as the only sons of Unbridled's Song at stud to win a graded stakes beyond their 4yo season.

# Read the Footnotes

Smoke Glacken / Baydon Belle, by Al Nasr (Fr) 2011 Fee: \$6,500

A Leading First-, Second- and Third-Crop Sire in New York each of the last 3 years, with such top performers as 2010 Female Sprinter Eclipse Award Finalist RIGHTLY SO, dynamic winner of the Ballerina S. (G1) at Saratoga.





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began working out of the Sun View Training Center. In 1988 Sun View closed, and she moved to the Delaware Park backstretch, where she worked hand in hand with her late husband who was her exercise rider and assistant. But purses were low, and it was hard to make ends meet, so in 1987 she took on a second full-time job at the DuPont Aerospace Division, located near the racetrack. The division made solar and heat panels for satellites and shuttles for re-entry into the earth's atmosphere, as well as heat shields for the military, and Gruwell's job was on the manufacturing floor.

For the next 12 years Gruwell kept a grueling schedule that saw her working from before sunrise to long after dark.

"Richard and I would get here as soon as the track opened and start training," she recalled. "Most of the time we were done by the break, and I could leave and go to work. So I already had done a full day's work by the time I left for DuPont. My day started at 3:30 a.m., and I was usually home by 7 p.m. because after I got done at DuPont, I would come back to the track and run feed."

In the early 1990s Gruwell's stable grew to nearly 40 horses, and she was the second-leading trainer for three consecutive years.

But in 1995 Gruwell's world was turned upside down, not only by the news that DuPont had sold its aerospace division to Swales Aerospace, which announced it would be moving to a new location in Beltsville, Md., but by her husband's death

"I was only 33 years old," said Gruwell.
"To wake up and be a 33-year-old widow and not know where you're going to go, what you're going to do...it was hard. He

2010 West Virginia Sires By 2-Year-Old Winners			
Sires	2yos	2yo Rnrs	2yo Wnrs
Peak Dancer	8	6	5
Windsor Castle	22	5	4
Classy E.T	7	4	3
During	22	10	2
My Boy Adam	6	4	2
Meadow Monster	22	4	2
Luftikus	21	7	2
Ghostly Minister	3	2	2

2010 West Virginia Sires By Stakes Winners			
Sire	Stks Wnrs	Stks Wins	
Prized	4	7	
Windsor Castle	3	6	
Luftikus	3	3	
Bop	2	2	

died in August, and the meet had only a couple of months to go, and I said, 'I'll get through this.' I was working like a crazy person, and at some point in those last few months Swales Aerospace decided all employees had to work a mandatory 60-hour week. So not only was I doing all this stuff with my own horses, I had a 60-hour work week on top of that. And I did it all; I managed everything, with the help of friends and loyal employees at the barn."

When the 1995 Delaware Park meet ended, Gruwell wanted to quit training, but she had a young homebred named Mattie's Memories that was close to making her career debut. Named after Gruwell's mother, Mattie's Memories was out

#### 2010 West Virginia Sires By Winners Bop......45......24 Meadow Monster ...... 36...... 17 Kokand ...... 12 Reparations......24......10 Peak Dancer ...... 11 ...... 8 My Boy Adam...... 15...... 5 Classy E. T...... 5

2010 Massachusetts Sires By Winners			
Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs	
Drewman	85	43	
Lightnin N Thunder	75	35	
Safe in the USA	31	20	
Lycius	35	18	
Dream Run	19	7	
Senor Conquistador	16	3	
Silk Broker	7	3	
Sociano	3	3	

2010 Maryland Sires By Winners			
Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs	
Not For Love	192	108	
Lion Hearted	167	89	
Louis Quatorze	161	74	
Domestic Dispute	113	54	
Outflanker	93	54	
Dance With Ravens	89	42	
Two Punch	84	41	
Oratory	59	34	
Rock Slide	77	32	
Great Notion	43	25	
Go for Gin	52	22	
Mojave Moon	47	22	
Gators N Bears	38	20	
Seeking Daylight	25	17	
Crowd Pleaser	20	15	
Fantasticat	31	13	
Waquoit	22	10	
No Armistice	34	8	
Purple Passion	15	8	
Wayne County (IRE)	13	8	
St Averil	27	7	
Allen's Prospect	20	7	
Citidancer	11	7	
Deputy Storm	11	6	
Eastern Echo	16	4	
Who's Your Daddy	9	4	

2010 Maryland Sires By 2-Year-Old Winners			
Sires	2yos	2yo Rnrs	2yo Wnrs
Domestic Dispute	79	23	6
Deputy Storm	25	11	6
Dance With Ravens	74	31	6
Not For Love	52	20	5
Louis Quatorze	31	16	5
Oratory	45	14	4
Lion Hearted	36	13	4
Gators N Bears	30	6	3
Cherokee's Boy	22	7	3

2010 Maryland Sires By Stakes Winners		
Sire	Stks Wnrs	Stks Wins
Not For Love	5	8
Lion Hearted	3	5
Louis Quatorze	3	5
Rock Slide	2	3
Outflanker	2	2

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Multiple Graded stakes winner is the most accomplished American runner by the legendary Sunday Silence to ever stand in North America. Won the Commonwealth Breeders' Cup-**G2** in 1:21 1/5, just 1/5 off the track record. First foals are 2YO of 2011.

#### New to NY

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\$5,000

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#### New to NY

#### **TOUCH GOLD**

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McMAHON of Saratoga THOROUGHERIOS of the mare C.I.S. Express, whom Gruwell had trained and won 20 races with, despite the mare's having bowed tendons in both front legs.

"I didn't want to walk away knowing here she is, about to go to the races next year," said Gruwell of Mattie's Memories. "And a lot of times, that's what keeps you in this business, knowing you've got this young horse."

Gruwell returned for the 1996 meet, but it was "the absolutely worst meet I'd ever had in my life," she said. Mattie's Memories broke her maiden in her first start by nearly eight lengths in early November, but it was Gruwell's first win of the season. Buoyed by the 2-year-old filly's smashing debut, she made the decision to return again in 1997, and not only did her racing fortunes improve—she scored her first stakes win at Laurel Park with Absolutely Queenie—but her new career as an advocate for Delaware Park's horsemen was launched.

At first, Gruwell became a meet director, which gave her voting rights on the Delaware Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association board, but only for the duration of the meet. When the meet was drawing to a close she was encouraged to run for president, and she won, serving in that capacity until 2005, when she was hired for the paid position of executive director. Upon taking the job, Gruwell—who by then was the mother of a young daughter, KaylaBelle, from a previous relationship—decided to simplify her life and de-

vote more time to her daughter and to the DTHA, giving up both training and the job at Swales Aerospace, which required her to commute more than 90 miles each way from Delaware Park. Along with breeder/owner Barbara Brown, Gruwell created and implemented the Delaware Certified Thoroughbred Program, which by all accounts has been a rousing success since it debuted in 2003.

Brown and Gruwell put their heads together and crafted a plan whereby weanlings and yearlings, regardless of the state in which they were foaled, would become eligible for additional money if they spent 90 consecutive days at a registered Delaware farm prior to March 31 of their 2-year-old year. Upon the owner's paying a nominal fee, they would become "certified" for added bonuses at Delaware Park if they finished first, second, or third. The DCTP program was designed not only to boost future Delaware Park entries but to give farm owners extra income and, in the process, preserve jobs and open space.

"When slots were legalized in Delaware (in 1994), the Standardbred industry put together a good breeding program," said Brown. "I'd always say to Bessie how it wasn't fair for Thoroughbreds. I was aware the Standardbred program had legislative support. We needed the DTHA, the racing commission, and politicians to get on board with the idea, and she was invaluable in helping to do that."

In the beginning the DCTP offered a 10% bonus for owner and certifier (a syn-

	sylvania Sire: Vinners	S
Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
E Dubai	189	108
Jump Start	162	95
Honour and Glory	168	85
Smarty Jones		
Grand Reward	123	68
Wiseman's Ferry	125	67
Eurosilver	122	67
Toccet	120	62
Cat Thief	111	62
Delaware Township	94	53
Snow Ridge	84	53
Formal Dinner	76	42
Albert the Great	82	41
Greatness	72	41
Eavesdropper	75	38
Partner's Hero	86	37
Trust N Luck	72	33
Real Quiet	65	31
Pure Precision	51	31
Lido Palace (CHI)	68	28
Medallist	51	27
Lite the Fuse	66	25
Wheaton	42	20
Alex's Pal	39	20
Changeintheweather	46	17
Siphon (BRZ)	53	16
Freefourinternet	29	14
Will's Way	27	14
Flying Chevron	22	13
Activist	21	11

2010 Pennsylvania Sires By 2-Year-Old Winners			
Sires	2yos	2yo Rnrs	2yo Wnrs
E Dubai	98	41	20
Smarty Jones	71	27	13
Jump Start	69	30	11
Grand Reward	149	30	9
Medallist	29	14	9
Eurosilver	86	33	8
Greatness	32	17	8
Formal Dinner	22	13	6
Wiseman's Ferry	40	12	6
Eavesdropper	34	12	5
Albert the Great	43	18	4

2010 Pennsylvania Sires By Stakes Winners			
Sire	Stks Wnrs	Stks Wins	
Jump Start	8	10	
E Dubai	6	7	
Smarty Jones	5	7	
Medallist	4	5	
Cat Thief	4	4	
Eurosilver	3	3	
Greatness	3	3	
Toccet	3	3	



Gruwell serves as an advocate for Delaware horsemen

onym for breeder), with \$500,000 coming from the DTHA's purse account. The first 64 DCTP Thoroughbreds hit the track in 2003, and the program has expanded this year to include more than 2,100 Thoroughbreds, 74 participating farms, and bonuses of more than \$1 million.

In 2007 the DTHA was able to establish an innovative workmen's compensation captive insurance program, the first of its kind on the East Coast, for trainers stabled at Delaware Park. Five years ago the DTHA spearheaded an effort to allow Delaware Park horsemen to stable there during the winter rather than having to ship their horses out. Gruwell worked with management to create a plan whereby horsemen would pay stall rent from December through April, when the track was closed, with the DTHA paying a portion of that rent. When the track opened for live racing, management would rebate the stall rent if a horse made three or more starts.

2010 New Jersey Sires By Winners		
Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Defrere	90	30
Crafty Friend	52	20
Don Six	22	13
Unbridled Jet	36	11
Mo Mon	31	8
Private Interview	31	7
Close Up	20	6
Mr. Sinatra	19	6
Deputy Warlock	14	5
Iron Deputy	13	5
Evening Kris	11	5
Honor Defend		
Mr. Nugget	19	3
Gerosa		
Capture the Gold	13	3
Believe in Saints	9	3
Hit the Trail	8	3
My Prince Charming		
Funny Frolic	12	2
Perfect	11	2
Green Gaitor	5	2
Sailor's Warning	5	2

2010 Virginia Sires By Winners		
Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Hansel	27	12
Magic Prospect	12	5
Captain Red	11	5
Hay Halo	14	3
Silver Music	6	3
Mr. Executioner	4	3
Rarified	6	2
Sinful Persuasion	5	2
Fred Astaire	3	2
Star Trace	3	2

Gruwell also found she needed to become more visible to state legislators by becoming involved in the legislative process on issues affecting Thoroughbred racing in order to represent Delaware's horsemen more effectively. That became especially clear when sports betting and table games legislation came up for consideration in the state capital of Dover in the last year. Horsemen initially were not going to receive a percentage of that additional play, as they did from slots. However, through a dedicated effort, the DTHA was able to get horsemen 9.6% of sports betting revenue and 4.5% from table games.

Gruwell has earned the respect of the Thoroughbred industry's horsemen and leaders beyond the Delaware Park stable gate.

"Bessie is a credit to our industry," said Alan Foreman, the chairman and chief executive officer of Thoroughbred Horsemen's Associations, based in Columbia, Md., a group that represents more than 20,000 owners and trainers throughout the United States, and of which Gruwell is secretary. "Her opinion is sought after on many different issues, everything from workmen's compensation to medication issues. She is a tremendous advocate for the Delaware Park horsemen, and she single-handedly, in my opinion, built that

organization to where it is today."

"Bessie is great to work with," said Alex Waldrop, chief executive officer of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association. "She is passionate, knowledgeable, and always looking out for Delaware horsemen. I would have to say that she is one of the most effective executive directors in the country."

True to her nature, Gruwell is not content to rest on her laurels and already has her sights on tackling the next big issue that could potentially affect Delaware horse racing.

"Our main interest right now is to oppose the expansion of gaming in the state," she said. "There is talk about opening freestanding casinos, not racinos, which could put our industry back on life support. We don't want to go there."

In reflecting upon her years of service to Delaware's horsemen, Gruwell added: "I couldn't have done any of this without a strong board of directors and their support. I have been very fortunate that our association's board members have been so active, engaged, and committed to our mission...it's been a real team effort. I was fortunate to have been given the opportunity to be elected to the board at the beginning of the Thoroughbred development period in Delaware."

