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Cedar Creek Takes Root

Richard and Connie Snyder bring quality bloodlines to the Southwest

BY LENNY SHULMAN

Cedar Creek Ranch near Grenville, N. Mex., is pretty much in the middle of nowhere, and Richard and Connie Snyder seem to like it that way. Nestled in the northeast corner of the Land of Enchantment, the 30,000-acre Thoroughbred, cattle, and tourist operation is 40 miles from the nearest grocery store in Clayton and farther from the bigger town of Raton. But the Snyders are luring visitors to their breeding shed by standing some well-bred stud horses such as Aeneas, a son of Capote; Banbury Cross, by Storm Cat; and Irish Road, by Unbridled's Song. A fourth stallion, Star Cat (by Storm Cat), stands in Indiana.

Hundreds of years ago Comanche, Apache, and Ute tribes roamed the area, followed by Mexican settlers in the 18th century. The Gallegos and Cedros creeks made the land attractive for raising livestock, and Richard's father, Fred, purchased the ranch in 1940.

In addition to running 800 head of cattle over the property, the Snyders rent out a guest house to visitors who come to enjoy the rock formations, canyons, winding creeks, and 15-acre lake, where they can hike, fish, hunt, trail ride, or just relax, away from the daily pressures of their lives. They began operating the ranch 20 years ago, and when New Mexico approved expanded gaming to help fund purses at racetracks in the late 1990s, the Snyders figured there was viable business to be done in the world of Thoroughbreds.

"We started out with a horse named Bemomoney, and he really got us started thinking about making it a commercial enterprise," said Richard Snyder.

Racing in the Snyders' name, Bemomoney gamely ran up \$127,974 in earnings, win-

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Connie and Richard Snyder at their Cedar Creek Ranch

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								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	YANKEE GENTLEMAN (99, Storm Cat), Le Mesa Stallions	N/A	121/66	5/7	0/5	(E Z's Gentleman, \$315,380)	\$2,976,766	*230	12	1.53	1.35
2	BRAHMS (97, Danzig), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$3,500	135/72	5/8	2/5	(Sea Rescue, \$274,456)	\$2,496,146	*500	13	1.12	1.09
3	LEESTOWN (94, Seattle Slew)	Died, 2008	186/73	2/4	1/2	(Vickies in Town, \$150,450)	\$2,181,621	507	16	0.90	1.00
4	TENPINS (98, Smart Strike), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$3,500	105/53	2/3	1/2	(Big Red Mike, \$740,640)	\$2,156,876	*191	5	1.17	1.14
5	IDE (93, Forty Niner), Clear Creek Stud	\$2,500	103/39	2/4	1/2	(Shezacrazygirl, \$134,000)	\$1,504,907	426	15	1.25	1.12
6	GOLD TRIBUTE (94, Mr. Prospector), Red River Farms	\$2,000	97/34	5/5	4/5	(Nana Knows, \$142,680)	\$1,431,369	*389	9	1.04	1.16
7	GOOD AND TOUGH (95, Carson City), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$3,000	79/33	4/5	4/4	(Jemilyn, \$209,120)	\$1,408,345	*330	15	1.28	1.19
8	SNUCK IN (97, Montbrook), Matthews Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,000	101/46	2/3	1/2	(Sneaking Uponyou, \$180,703)	\$1,338,338	*257	5	0.92	1.00
9	SEFAPIANO (89, Fappiano), Landlock Equine Center	Died, 2010	62/29	2/4	1/2	(Way With Words, \$196,910)	\$1,151,053	308	22	1.37	0.96
10	TETON FOREST (01, Forestry), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	71/39	0/0	0/0	(Lone Cypress, \$115,700)	\$1,067,845	*136	1	0.93	1.06
11	RICHTER SCALE (94, Habitoyn), Chad & Pat White Farms	\$2,500	89/44	0/0	0/0	(Sir Galahad, \$81,200)	\$1,029,285	309	7	0.81	1.36
12	SCRIMSHAW (00, Gulch), Millennium Farms at Moon Lake	\$2,500	57/37	1/1	1/1	(Nomorewineforeddie, \$74,135)	\$1,007,429	*117	2	1.01	0.96
13	RUN PRODUCTION (00, Saint Ballado), Circle H Farms	\$3,500	32/21	3/4	3/3	(Foreign Production, \$148,200)	\$959,698	57	4	1.73	1.11
14	AFTERNOON DEELITES (92, Private Terms), Clear Creek Stud	\$2,500	81/29	1/1	1/1	(Missy's Deelite, \$109,078)	\$857,099	*529	23	1.20	1.45
15	ROSSINI (97, Miswaki), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	96/34	3/3	1/3	(Sakakawea, \$126,178)	\$830,796	*414	9	0.69	0.87
16	LYDGATE (00, Pulpit), Red River Farms	\$2,000	35/15	2/3	2/2	(Do Dat Blues, \$119,300)	\$780,820	*59	2	1.12	1.19
17	ZARBYEV (84, Nureyev), Chad & Pat White Farms	\$3,500	45/20	1/2	1/1	(Ladyzarbridge, \$121,200)	\$641,893	*294	15	1.14	0.90
18	EASYFROMTHEGITGO (99, Dehere), Ryder River Ridge Farm	\$2,000	55/27	0/0	0/0	(Gittiupgo, \$41,628)	\$639,996	111	1	0.77	1.04
19	ROBYN DANCER (87, Crafty Prospector), Shady Lane Farm	Died, 2009	54/22	1/2	1/1	(Smash Dancer, \$210,750)	\$582,376	632	23	1.12	1.34
20	HONOR GLIDE (94, Honor Grades), Fanlew Farms	\$2,500	55/24	0/0	0/0	(Euroglide, \$46,120)	\$557,590	138	2	0.71	1.12
21	SMOOTH JAZZ (99, Storm Boot), Ryder River Ridge Farm	N/A	45/14	1/1	0/1	(Mean Sax, \$101,491)	\$549,598	92	2	1.35	1.12
22	SULTRY SONG (88, Cox's Ridge), Whispering Oaks Farm	\$1,000	56/29	0/0	0/0	(Smalltownman, \$76,558)	\$540,193	*715	23	1.28	1.35
23	LONE STAR SKY (00, Conquistador Cielo), Le Mesa Stallions	\$1,500	19/10	1/2	1/1	(Fort Hood, \$248,989)	\$532,490	36	1	1.47	0.97
24	WILDCAT SHOES (01, Forest Wildcat)	Died, 2009	30/17	0/0	0/0	(Lady Wildlee, \$67,920)	\$530,907	62	0	1.12	1.06
25	TIME BANDIT (96, Time for a Change), Heritage Stud	\$1,000	70/18	0/0	0/0	(Latch Lighting, \$41,485)	\$528,432	196	3	0.93	0.98
26	NATIVE REGENT (92, Vice Regent), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$1,500	45/16	0/0	0/0	(Hefferman, \$75,860)	\$524,581	178	2	0.90	0.97
27	MILLENNIUM WIND (98, Cryptoclearance), Fallen Oaks Farm	\$1,000	74/25	1/1	0/1	(Sentimental, \$40,548)	\$517,810	*227	3	0.56	1.34
28	WOKE UP DREAMIN (00, Holy Bull), Millennium Farms at Moon Lake	\$2,500	50/26	2/4	0/2	(Cashinin Ona Dream, \$69,339)	\$497,715	86	3	0.61	1.11
29	PROUD AND TRUE (94, Mr. Prospector), 519 Thoroughbreds	N/A	33/15	0/0	0/0	(Not too Proud, \$53,670)	\$491,861	205	4	1.09	0.94
30	FINEST HOUR (94, Forty Niner), Camelot Farm	\$2,000	47/13	0/0	0/0	(The Pipster, \$82,332)	\$469,516	273	4	0.70	0.79

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ning the Viva El Paso Handicap and Governor's Handicap in 1999, and the Silverado Handicap in 1998. He placed in five additional added-money events and was a New Mexico Horsemen's Association champion.

"Both Connie and I have always loved horses," said Snyder. "I was born and raised on this ranch, and I've always been told I could ride before I could walk. You learn the ways of ranch life growing up here, and usually everything I've done has involved cows and horses. I worked at a commercial breeding operation for a couple of years, and that's where I met Connie. She's always cherished the thought of being involved with animals also, and it's been a blessing for both of us."

Once New Mexico looked like it was going to become a viable place to breed horses commercially, the Snyders began making the trip to the Keeneland sales to begin building a broodmare band. Their initial mares, however, were ones they bred themselves. The Oklahoma-bred Marshmellowfudge, a daughter of Garthorn, ran second in the 1998 Oklahoma Thoroughbred Association Futurity at Remington Park, second in the Aspen Stakes at Ruidoso Downs, and second in the 1998 Clovis Classic Thoroughbred Futurity at Sunland Park before being brought to the ranch to

2010 Louisiana Sires By Winners

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Leestown.....	186.....	73
Brahms.....	135.....	72
Yankee Gentleman.....	121.....	66
Tenpins.....	105.....	53
Snuck In.....	101.....	46
Richter Scale.....	89.....	44
Ide.....	103.....	39
Teton Forest.....	71.....	39
Scrimshaw.....	57.....	37
Gold Tribute.....	97.....	34
Rossini.....	96.....	34
Good and Tough.....	79.....	33
Afternoon Deelites.....	81.....	29
Sefapiano.....	62.....	29
Sultry Song.....	56.....	29
Easyfromthegitgo.....	55.....	27
Woke Up Dreamin.....	50.....	26
Millennium Wind.....	74.....	25
Honor Glide.....	55.....	24
Robyn Dancer.....	54.....	22
Run Production.....	32.....	21
Zarbyev.....	45.....	20
Mr. Livingston.....	48.....	19
Ford Every Stream.....	45.....	19
Time Bandit.....	70.....	18
Littleexpectations.....	48.....	18
Seattle Sleet.....	29.....	18

2010 Louisiana Sires By 2-Year-Old Winners

Sires	2yos	2yo Rnrs	2yo Wnrs
Yankee Gentleman.....	53.....	20.....	10
Tenpins.....	69.....	25.....	8
Shaniko.....	58.....	23.....	7
Leestown.....	63.....	37.....	7
Woke Up Dreamin.....	34.....	17.....	6
Intimidator.....	16.....	9.....	6
Osidy.....	31.....	12.....	6
Teton Forest.....	48.....	18.....	5
Lydgate.....	27.....	14.....	4
Ruler's Court.....	25.....	7.....	4
Big Top Cat.....	19.....	11.....	4
Littleexpectations.....	22.....	9.....	4
Brahms.....	31.....	13.....	4
Macabe.....	28.....	9.....	4

2010 Louisiana Sires By Stakes Winners

Sire	Stks Wnrs	Stks Wins
Brahms.....	5.....	7
Yankee Gentleman.....	5.....	7
Gold Tribute.....	5.....	5
Good and Tough.....	4.....	5
Run Production.....	3.....	4
Rossini.....	3.....	3



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1	DESERT GOD (91, Fappiano), A & A Horse Ranch	\$6,000	57/31	5/9	4/5	(Train Rider Blues, \$231,200)	\$1,642,039	202	16	1.34	0.69
2	DOUBLE HONOR (95, Gone West), McCallum View Farm	\$4,500	111/50	1/1	1/1	(Jet Propulsion, \$194,330)	\$1,353,210	*475	18	1.16	1.25
3	SUAVE PROSPECT (92, Fortunate Prospect), Doubletree Farm	\$4,000	88/48	2/3	1/2	(Awintersdream, \$97,747)	\$1,148,904	363	17	1.16	1.06
4	GOLD CASE (94, Forty Niner), Mesa Vista Stud	\$5,000	86/44	1/2	1/1	(Verny, \$117,621)	\$942,439	*493	21	1.15	1.14
5	FAVORITE TRICK (95, Phone Trick)	Died, 2006	61/32	2/3	1/2	(Zoeling, \$123,477)	\$916,003	*481	23	1.05	1.65
6	DEVON LANE (93, Storm Cat), TNL Farm	\$2,500	77/21	3/5	2/3	(Chuchuloco, \$185,970)	\$910,082	355	16	0.84	0.78
7	THATSUSINTHEOLBEAN (94, El Prado)	Died, 2006	35/22	1/4	1/1	(Cali Baby, \$280,850)	\$810,490	60	4	1.04	0.70
8	GHOSTLY MOVES (92, Silver Ghost), Callaway Farm	\$4,000	67/28	0/0	0/0	(Smarty Ghost, \$50,345)	\$676,672	179	18	1.20	1.08
9	DOME (98, Storm Cat), Double LL Farm	\$2,000	55/17	1/2	1/1	(Glory Be Mine, \$202,800)	\$567,737	165	5	0.86	0.77
10	AVENUE OF FLAGS (88, Seattle Slew), Winners Circle Bloodstock	Died, 2010	32/12	2/2	1/2	(California Flag, \$161,908)	\$555,099	464	25	1.45	1.28
11	LESTERS BOY (96, Cee's Tizzy), Gallegos del Norte	\$3,000	17/11	3/4	3/3	(Happy Me, \$205,956)	\$538,339	43	4	1.15	0.57
12	YOUR EMINENCE (01, Saint Ballado), Weatherly Horse Farms	\$2,500	34/20	2/2	1/2	(Red Rock Springs, \$81,860)	\$522,127	73	3	0.86	0.84
13	CHIMES BAND (91, Dixieland Band)	Died, 2005	39/21	3/3	3/3	(Key's Band, \$72,300)	\$511,115	311	25	1.18	1.35
14	PRECOCITY (94, Aferd), Mesa Vista Stud	\$4,000	38/18	0/0	0/0	(Wild N Precocius, \$36,250)	\$457,681	166	6	0.97	0.95
15	SQUALL (97, Summer Squall), SW Cattle Company	N/A	7/6	2/3	2/2	(Squall Wilbud, \$214,808)	\$456,885	18	2	2.24	1.50

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begin her career as a broodmare. Marshmellowfudge's second foal, Da Candy Man, a Chimes Band gelding, won the 2006 Pepsi Cola Handicap at Sunland and was second in that year's New Mexico Cup Championship Colts & Geldings Stakes and the 2005 Copper Top Futurity. He earned \$208,920. Her third foal, One Good Reisen, a gelding by the Snyders' stallion Deep Gold, finished third in the Ruidoso Thoroughbred Sale Futurity in 2006 and banked \$123,433 in his career.

Another homebred in the broodmare band is She's Long Gone,

by Deep Gold out of a Grindstone mare, who ran third in the 2007 New Mexico State Fair Thoroughbred Breeders' Derby at Albuquerque. Racing for the Snyders and their partners under the Fast Forward Racing banner, she earned nearly \$50,000 and in 2010 produced her first foal, an Aeneas colt. She was bred back to that stallion.

The most accomplished member of the Snyders' broodmare band is Midwife, whom they purchased at auction. Midwife, a Florida-bred by Family Calling out of a Dynaformer mare, raced primarily in California and won the Palo Alto Handicap at Bay Meadows in 2004. She also ran third in the following year's Yerba Buena Breeders' Cup Handicap (gr. IIIT) at Golden Gate Fields and third in a pair of Southern California stakes, the American Beauty Handicap and the Redondo Beach Stakes. Midwife made \$152,458. The Snyders bred Midwife to Candy Ride and sold the resultant colt for \$150,000 at Fasig-Tipton's fall yearling sale.

Gus Bell has aided the Snyders with their transactions in Kentucky and helped purchase Midwife.

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2	OMEGA CODE (00, Elusive Quality), Rockin Z Ranch	\$2,000	128/51	2/2	1/2	(Red Spartan, \$105,203)	\$1,445,301	224	4	0.74	1.32
3	SERVICE STRIPE (91, Deputy Minister), Rockin Z Ranch	\$2,000	85/47	2/2	2/2	(Field Commission, \$208,088)	\$1,200,071	324	17	1.25	1.09
4	EVANSVILLE SLEW (92, Slew City Slew), Diamond G Ranch	\$1,000	86/40	2/2	1/2	(L D's Shes Special, \$82,994)	\$1,117,105	*423	31	1.17	0.94
5	DANCE MASTER (97, Gone West), JEH Stallion Station-Oklahoma Division	\$1,500	95/48	0/0	0/0	(Look At Me Dance, \$90,200)	\$1,013,012	197	7	0.91	1.11
6	MALABAR GOLD (97, Unbridled), Winner's Circle Farms	N/A	78/36	1/1	0/1	(Gallant Son, \$105,546)	\$806,389	*225	4	0.69	1.12
7	LUCKY LIONEL (93, Mt. Livermore), Diamond G Ranch	\$1,000	53/27	1/1	1/1	(Lucky Daz, \$80,630)	\$722,890	282	12	1.24	1.29
8	DIAMOND (95, Mr. Prospector), Oklahoma Equine	\$2,500	50/17	1/1	1/1	(Movin' Out, \$120,490)	\$563,104	252	6	1.16	1.10
9	BURBANK (93, Wild Again), Boyd Caster	\$1,000	31/18	1/3	0/1	(Smiles Ahead, \$165,417)	\$556,010	93	3	0.96	0.72
10	KING OF SCAT (96, Eastern Echo), Raywood Farm	\$1,500	47/22	2/2	2/2	(Scat Dancer, \$83,019)	\$543,454	168	10	0.76	0.76
11	FAST PLAY (86, Seattle Slew), Rockin Z Ranch	\$2,000	32/13	0/0	0/0	(Perfectly Played, \$60,510)	\$278,760	*412	19	1.18	1.40
12	BARKERVILLE (88, Mr. Prospector)	N/A	24/9	1/1	0/1	(Diocleziano, \$79,475)	\$257,499	*491	9	1.23	1.13
13	SASHA'S PROSPECT (96, Mr. Prospector), Charlton Ranch	\$1,200	16/8	0/0	0/0	(Jetabilityprospect, \$51,922)	\$247,014	60	1	0.97	0.85
14	BOLD ANTHONY (90, Bold Ruckus), Pendergraft Farm	N/A	29/12	0/0	0/0	(Miss Daisy Do, \$39,714)	\$244,927	197	3	0.58	0.96
15	CONCERN (91, Broad Brush), Oklahoma Equine	\$2,500	25/8	0/0	0/0	(Concerned Okie, \$58,804)	\$231,380	255	10	1.02	1.57

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"I had been doing business with a number of people in New Mexico, and one of my clients recommended that the Snyders contact me," said Bell. "They are the kind of people you want in the horse business. They are very game. They have a racing stable; they have stallions and broodmares; they sell yearlings and weanlings. They're into all aspects, and they're enthusiastic. They're top of the line, first-class folks who know horses and livestock and understand the ups and downs of dealing with it."

Today the Snyders own about 25 mares. In addition to the majority that are kept at Cedar Creek, they have a few in Kentucky at Columbiana Farm and some in Indiana at Breakway Farm.

"We have some mares for other people that we board at the ranch," said Snyder. "We do sales prep and sell most of our horses as yearlings. If we are going to keep a horse and put it in training, we get it rideable here so we can send it to the racetrack and have it go forward right into training."

The land at Cedar Creek Ranch is a mile above sea level, and the horses roam a large valley buffered by mesas on each side and rolling hills. There are irrigated pastures, and the horses are divided up on eight- or 10-acre fields.

"The babies go up and down the hills and over rocks and through creeks and brush and they learn to be horses," said Snyder, "and we're proud of that. We don't feel the horses should be confined."

The Snyders have gradually built up their equine population.

"We had a mare or two before the expanded gaming in New Mexico, but after that we would buy one or two or three a year at Keeneland," Snyder noted. "As we've grown, we've kept some of the fillies we raced and put them into the broodmare band. I have a good eye for a horse, but Connie might have a better conformation eye than I do, and that's a great asset."

"We study the pedigrees. It's important that you have bloodlines that work toward your matings, and you also have to consider marketability and where you're going to sell the babies. In 2010 we sold yearlings here in the New Mexico sale at Ruidoso; we took some colts to Fasig-Tipton Texas; we sold some in Arizona; and we had weanlings in the November sale at Keeneland. We have about 15-20 we sell each year. If we can consign them ourselves, we do it, but back in Kentucky we sell with Hunter Valley."

The Snyders are doing their best to bring stallion power to the Southwest. Their first stud was Deep Gold, a son of Olympio who stood three seasons at Cedar Creek before his death. Then they brought in Aeneas through a private purchase. Aeneas butted heads with the best horses of his time, running second to Perfect Drift in the 2003 Washington Park Handicap (gr. II) at Arling-

ton Park, second to Tenpins in the Philip H. Iselin Breeders' Cup Handicap (gr. III) at Monmouth Park, and third behind that aforementioned pair in the Hawthorne Gold Cup Handicap (gr. II). Aeneas made \$434,485.

"His 2-year-olds came on good in 2010," said Snyder. "He's had a couple of nice winners and some others that have placed, and they look like they have some talent. We don't start our colts early like a lot of folks out here, but they're doing well."

Banbury Cross, out of the Nureyev mare Mythomania, came

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1	OLIVER'S TWIST (92, Horatius), Menoken Farms	\$1,000	37/20	3/3	3/3	(Twistthenightaway, \$51,580)	\$326,132	205	11	0.58	0.79
2	MAJORBIGTIMESHEET (95, Carson City), Wafer Thoroughbred Ranch	Died, 2009	17/6	1/1	1/1	(Major Billy, \$48,245)	\$130,755	37	2	0.53	0.59
3	CRYSTAL CLASS (00, Mr. Prospector)	N/A	18/6	2/3	1/2	(Class Favorite, \$50,692)	\$123,710	28	2	0.36	0.57
4	KENNEDY FACTOR (88, Meadowlake), W. Monk Hall & Bob Baney	N/A	9/5	0/0	0/0	(Big Mission, \$20,808)	\$60,550	58	4	0.39	0.37
5	SILVER SAINT (96, Silver Deputy), Owl Canyon Thoroughbreds	\$1,000	8/3	0/0	0/0	(Concordes Saint, \$24,455)	\$53,667	21	1	0.43	0.40
6	PROSPECTORS GAMBLE (85, Crafty Prospector)	Died, 2003	6/4	0/0	0/0	(Campo, \$19,845)	\$51,021	460	16	1.29	1.22
7	CASH DEPOSIT (94, Deposit Ticket)	Died, 2009	17/6	0/0	0/0	(My Johnny Cash, \$13,945)	\$50,409	110	4	0.26	0.51
8	COVERALLBASES (89, Capote), Menoken Farms	\$750	11/2	0/0	0/0	(Mile High Honey, \$16,479)	\$42,297	116	4	0.39	0.40
9	A MAN OF CLASS (95, Carson City), Wafer Thoroughbred Ranch	N/A	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Classy Breeze, \$8,824)	\$15,468	37	0	0.23	0.45
10	MY MEMOIRS (GB) (89, Don't Forget Me)	Died, 2006	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Bee a Gem, \$9,037)	\$9,551	67	0	0.25	0.52

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The Snyders have a broodmare band of 25

from Overbrook Farm. The son of Storm Cat set a track record of 1:03.30 for 5½ furlongs at Turfway Park in 2008. He won or placed in seven of eight races and stood his first year at Cedar Creek in 2010.

Irish Road will be standing his first season at Cedar Creek in 2011. Out of a Known Fact mare, Irish Road won five of his nine starts and made \$128,910.

"We got interested in him because his second dam, Ahpo Hel, is the dam of Jack Wilson, winner of the 1992 Ruidoso Sprint Handicap, who was a very successful colt here in New Mexico for years," Snyder said. "We're excited to stand him here."

It's a challenge rounding up a large book of mares anywhere these days but especially so in regional markets. The Snyders are plugging away at it.

"An average book for one of our horses is 15-20," said Snyder. "It's certainly difficult to get a big book of mares out here—there's almost more stallions than mares around.

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1	VALID EXPECTATIONS (93, Valid Appeal), Lane's End Texas	\$7,500	114/57	2/6	0/2	(Fastation, \$259,768)	\$1,599,128	518	40	1.35	1.25
2	EARLY FLYER (98, Gilded Time), Valor Farm	\$2,500	64/35	3/3	3/3	(Soaring Native, \$72,600)	\$818,562	114	6	0.96	0.91
3	PINE BLUFF (89, Danzig), Duncan 21 and Change Farm	N/A	48/21	1/1	1/1	(Kathleen L, \$135,167)	\$679,049	*574	35	1.55	1.66
4	WIMBLEDON (01, Wild Rush), Valor Farm	\$1,750	38/21	2/3	1/2	(Daphne Angela, \$116,000)	\$584,072	62	2	0.80	0.81
5	TRULUCK (95, Conquistador Cielo), Lane's End Texas	\$2,000	44/23	0/0	0/0	(General Charley, \$82,800)	\$565,494	156	2	0.75	0.73
6	MAGIC CAT (95, Storm Cat), Valor Farm	\$1,250	51/17	0/0	0/0	(Pacific Tsunami, \$79,933)	\$499,000	193	11	0.74	0.99
7	MIDWAY ROAD (00, Jade Hunter), Lane's End Texas	\$4,000	31/21	0/0	0/0	(Midway Tap, \$48,500)	\$448,197	53	0	0.70	1.14
8	CITY STREET (99, Carson City), Bullard Farms	\$1,500	44/26	0/0	0/0	(Sand Plum, \$51,190)	\$430,493	117	3	0.56	0.89
9	SUPREME CAT (00, Hennessy), Bullard Farms	\$1,000	12/11	2/4	2/2	(Tin Top Cat, \$184,000)	\$400,314	37	2	1.95	0.94
10	SWAMP (96, Slew City Slew), Collier Vet Clinic	\$1,000	15/8	1/2	1/1	(Snug, \$253,020)	\$341,424	27	1	1.32	1.16

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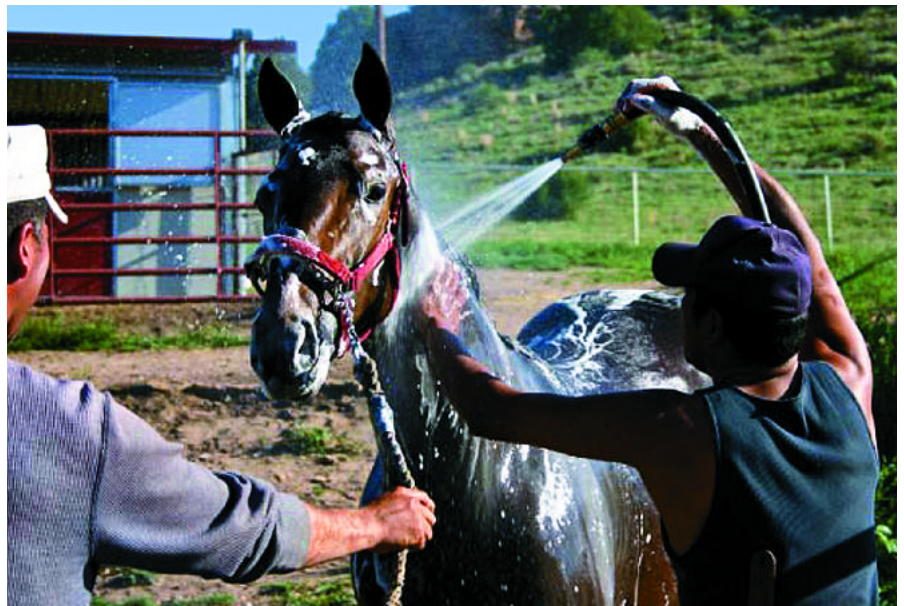
"The New Mexico program is excellent for breeders and owners. It has grown and developed and hopefully will continue to do so. It's pretty easy for a horse to run out his conditions and make \$100,000 if he has some talent at the allowance level. When the program first started, there were a lot of people from Florida, Pennsylvania, and California that kept mares in New Mexico. But the decline in the market value of horses and the economic conditions have put stress on everybody, and fewer people are able to leave their horses out here full-time, so it makes things difficult."

One factor helping a bit in the state is the Mine That Bird effect. The 2009 Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (gr. I) winner hailed from the state and was conditioned by local trainer Chip Woolley, who also trains some of the Snyders' runners.

"Mine That Bird has had a positive effect," said Snyder, "and so has Chip. He's an excellent ambassador for New Mexico racing because he's so good with people and takes the time to talk with them and answer questions and sign autographs. Chip was born close to where we live, and we've known him and his family a long time."

So as not to put their eggs in one basket, the Snyders are also investing in the Indiana state program. After they had made the deal for Banbury Cross, the Snyders were offered another son of Storm Cat, which they purchased privately. Although Star Cat is unraced, he is the first foal out of multiple champion Ashado and stood his first season at Breakway Farm in Indiana in 2010.

"We didn't really need two Storm Cats here at Cedar Creek, so we looked for a place to stand him and researched Florida, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, and some other viable state programs," said Snyder. "We finally hit on Indiana. It's exciting; their program is huge and it's just getting started and we're very excited to see his first



Under majestic mesas, Cedar Creek horses are prepped

babies. He's a beautiful horse."

Both Marshmellowfudge and Midwife are in foal to Star Cat and will foal in Indiana, as will Jennasietta, a mare the Snyders purchased in foal to Afleet Alex.

"It's exciting to have Star Cat here with his bloodlines," noted Janice Jordan, Breakway's farm manager. "He's a nice, good-looking colt and well-mannered, and you love the ones that handle well. There are so many Storm Cats already in Indiana that we weren't interested at first, but when they said Ashado, that was a different story."

Although it's not their major emphasis, the Snyders maintain a small racing stable, especially in a challenging sales environment. They have had terrific success with Stormy Express, an In Excess filly purchased for them by Gus Bell at the 2007 Keeneland yearling sale for \$37,000. Stormy Express has won four stakes races and \$157,625 and was named champion 3-year-old filly by the NMHA for 2009. The Snyders are also committed to getting more

people involved in racehorse ownership.

"We have several racing partnerships for people who are interested in getting into the business," said Snyder. "We feel it's good for our business and good for racing in general, the more people we can get involved. In addition to She's Long Gone, we now have a stakes winner named High Ridge Runner who races under the Fast Forward partnership. Chip trains him."

Whatever the thrills derived by the Snyders at the races, it is their lifestyle on the ranch that makes their chosen way of life rewarding. Snyder called working as a husband-and-wife team "a labor of love."

"Being in the country and being able to get up in the morning—whether you're palpating a mare or breeding one or saddling up a horse and riding 10 miles—just being here to enjoy this beautiful land is the best thing. Connie and I feel blessed for being in this position. We take great pride in being good caretakers of our animals and good stewards of the land. That's our life and that's what we love." 🐾