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Scary Good

Ghost Ridge Farms compiles a top group of stallions in Pennsylvania

BY TERRY CONWAY

Terry Bratton is standing outside the stallion barn on a sun-splashed late October morning when his cell phone trills. Scanning the caller ID, his eyebrows arch. After a brief conversation a huge smile bursts across Bratton's face.

"We got him."

"Him" would be Smarty Jones, the legendary chestnut racehorse that captured the imagination of the nation back in 2004 with his run at the Triple Crown. After a couple of months of negotiations with Three Chimneys Farm, Bratton was bringing the Pennsylvania-bred back home to Ghost Ridge Farms near York, Pa.

"Smarty will be great for us and great for the breeding industry in Pennsylvania," Bratton related. "He fits right in with the solid group of stallions we've acquired."

Have they ever.

Established in 2006, Ghost Ridge in the past year has brought in one impressive stallion after another. The farm currently stands the top three leading stallions of 2010 by progeny earnings in the Keystone State—E Dubai, Jump Start, and Smarty Jones as well as Grand Reward (No. 5) and Greatness (No. 11).

E Dubai arrived last September. The top sire in Pennsylvania by 2010 earnings and winners, E Dubai



BARBIE B. REICHTLER



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Ghost Ridge Farms stallion barn; owner Terry Bratton (above)

Decades of Dominance

#1 NY stud farm, #10 in U.S., by percentage of graded stakes winners from 100 or more starters.

-Thoroughbred Times, February 13, 2010

-Standing-



CONGAREE | \$7,500
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Sired the #1 Yearling by a 2010 NY Sire, \$95,000 filly KeeSept



COSMONAUT | \$5,000
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KEY CONTENDER | Private
Fit to Fight - Key Witness
NY's leading active sire by percentage of 2010 stakes winners from starters



STONESIDER | \$3,000
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A leading sales sire with both crops
First 2YO's are already getting rave reviews



WESTERN EXPRESSION | \$5,000
Gone West - Tricky Game
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2010 Leading Sires in Pennsylvania

State sire lists updated daily online. Go to <http://www.bloodhorse.com/horse-racing/thoroughbred-breeding/sire-lists>

For stallions that stand, will stand, or stood (deceased) in Pennsylvania (exported stallions are excluded), and have runners in North America. Listed below are all available statistics for the Northern Hemisphere through December 31, 2010. As supplied to The Blood-Horse by The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc., earnings exclude monies from Japan and Hong Kong. Current year stakes winners include all N.H.-foaled stakes winners worldwide and any S.H.-foaled horses that won a N.H. stakes. *Foal counts include Southern Hemisphere. Cumulative stakes winners includes all countries. (A #) indicates a sire represented by his first crop to race.

Rank	Stallion (Foaling Year, Sire), Farm Standing	2011 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2010 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	E DUBAI (98, Mr. Prospector), Ghost Ridge Farms	\$10,000	189/108	6/8	0/6	(Skysurfers, \$203,937)	\$3,996,568	*533	19	1.31	1.24
2	JUMP START (99, A.P. Indy), Ghost Ridge Farms	\$10,000	162/95	8/10	2/8	(Rail Trip, \$302,500)	\$3,420,439	*363	20	1.46	1.40
3	SMARTY JONES (01, Elusive Quality), Ghost Ridge Farms	\$10,000	125/77	5/7	1/5	(Rogue Romance, \$291,150)	\$3,331,190	*233	7	1.69	2.69
4	TOCCET (00, Awesome Again), Dana Point Farm	\$3,500	120/62	3/3	0/3	(Ventana, \$163,485)	\$2,339,393	*195	7	1.25	1.34
5	GRAND REWARD (01, Storm Cat), Ghost Ridge Farms	\$4,000	123/68	1/3	0/1	(Grand Rapport, \$224,000)	\$2,330,481	*339	1	1.04	1.42
6	WISEMAN'S FERRY (99, Hennessy), Dana Point Farm	\$3,500	125/67	1/1	0/1	(Wise Dan, \$187,910)	\$2,311,627	*217	5	1.22	1.06
7	EUROSILVER (01, Unbridled's Song), Penn Ridge Farms	\$3,500	122/67	3/3	1/3	(Euro Platinum, \$171,792)	\$2,026,458	*219	3	0.93	1.46
8	CAT THIEF (96, Storm Cat), Penn Ridge Farms	\$4,000	111/62	4/4	2/4	(Dr. W, \$151,150)	\$1,925,540	*381	18	1.26	1.72
9	SNOW RIDGE (98, Tabasco Cat), Star Barn Thoroughbreds	\$5,000	84/53	1/1	0/1	(A Unique Treasure, \$157,009)	\$1,763,568	*224	7	1.12	1.23
10	GREATNESS (99, Mr. Prospector), Ghost Ridge Farms	\$5,000	72/41	3/3	1/3	(Jenny's So Great, \$226,726)	\$1,709,196	*135	5	1.38	1.09
11	PARTNER'S HERO (94, Danzig), Northview PA	\$2,000	86/37	1/1	1/1	(Two Notch Road, \$186,447)	\$1,471,833	358	18	1.30	1.39
12	DELAWARE TOWNSHIP (96, Notebook), Maui Meadow Farm	\$2,000	94/53	1/1	1/1	(Mannington, \$143,060)	\$1,430,861	225	7	1.16	1.33
13	PURE PRECISION (99, Montbrook), Blackstone Farm	\$2,000	51/31	2/2	1/2	(Tight Precision, \$201,600)	\$1,305,360	109	2	1.22	1.12
14	ALBERT THE GREAT (97, Go for Gin), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$3,500	82/41	0/0	0/0	(Great Lookinblonde, \$91,020)	\$1,201,160	*269	5	1.23	1.21
15	MEDALLIST (01, Touch Gold), Northview PA	\$4,000	51/27	4/5	1/4	(Ibboeye, \$261,010)	\$1,147,465	83	4	1.43	1.59
16	TRUST N LUCK (00, Montbrook), Penn Ridge Farms	\$2,000	72/33	1/1	1/1	(Spanish Luck, \$90,640)	\$1,057,362	*160	5	1.05	1.22
17	REAL QUIET (95, Quiet American), Penn Ridge Farms	N/A	65/31	2/4	1/2	(Quiet Again, \$163,200)	\$987,406	*479	12	1.21	1.27
18	FORMAL DINNER (88, Well Decorated), Mountain Springs Racing Stable	\$2,500	76/42	2/2	2/2	(Poppa's Pick, \$94,140)	\$969,013	*593	24	1.12	1.13
19	EAVESDROPPER (00, Kingmambo), Walmac PA. at Regal Heir Farm	\$4,000	75/38	1/1	1/1	(Hear No Angel, \$57,110)	\$915,130	*130	1	0.68	1.08
20	LITE THE FUSE (91, Buckaroo), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$3,500	66/25	0/0	0/0	(Going Ballistic, \$85,800)	\$880,122	469	22	1.28	1.23
21	LIDO PALACE (CHI) (97, Rich Man's Gold), Northview PA	\$3,000	68/28	2/2	0/2	(Guarded Entrance, \$78,154)	\$875,688	140	3	0.96	1.36
22	WHEATON (90, Alydar)	Died, 2006	42/20	2/3	1/2	(Russell Road, \$129,560)	\$844,520	328	15	1.31	1.06
23	ALEX'S PAL (99, Valid Expectations), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$2,000	39/20	0/0	0/0	(C C's Pal, \$185,136)	\$701,352	65	0	1.03	0.96
24	WILL'S WAY (93, Easy Goer)	N/A	27/14	0/0	0/0	(Reflected Way, \$162,446)	\$548,419	200	5	1.18	1.09
25	SIPHON (BRZ) (91, Itajara), Pin Oak Lane Farm	N/A	53/16	1/3	1/1	(Love Ridge, \$105,490)	\$504,366	*618	15	0.96	1.55
26	FREEFOURINTERNET (98, Tabasco Cat), Regal Heir Farm	\$4,000	29/14	1/1	0/1	(Tanzana, \$85,191)	\$433,467	60	1	0.97	1.03
27	CHANGEIN THEWEATHER (99, Gone West), Xanthus Farms	\$3,000	46/17	0/0	0/0	(Changing Vista, \$53,287)	\$412,016	99	1	0.84	1.15
28	ACTIVIST (94, Wild Again), Godstone Farm	\$2,000	21/11	0/0	0/0	(Speechifying, \$115,294)	\$383,524	85	3	1.16	0.76
29	POWER BY FAR (95, Power of Mind), Castle Rock Farm	\$2,000	18/7	0/0	0/0	(Shezoutahere, \$84,558)	\$316,090	83	1	1.31	1.23
30	FLYING CHEVRON (92, Carson City)	Died, 2007	22/13	0/0	0/0	(Fix You, \$87,510)	\$304,857	162	7	1.20	1.15

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has sired progeny whose earnings top \$16 million, more than \$3.9 million of that in 2010 alone.

Shortly after Smarty Jones took up residence at Ghost Ridge, hundreds of fans showed up Nov. 20 for an open house to

welcome the people's champion home. Bred in Chester County, Pa., Smarty Jones is often credited with paving the way for slots in Pennsylvania thanks to the rock star-like status he attained nationally and the attention he brought to the state's rac-

ing plight in the spring of 2004. Counting his runners in Japan, the son of Elusive Quality's worldwide earnings were nearly \$4,486,910 in 2010.

Jump Start had been Ghost Ridge's reigning stallion star. By A.P. Indy, Jump



Jump Start was one of Pennsylvania's leading sires in 2010

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Smarty Jones.....	47.....	10
E Dubai.....	57.....	8
Grand Reward.....	42.....	8
Toccet.....	40.....	8
Eurosilver.....	42.....	6
Jump Start.....	39.....	6
Albert the Great.....	23.....	5
Real Quiet.....	23.....	5
Cat Thief.....	24.....	4
Delaware Township.....	21.....	4
Wiseman's Ferry.....	35.....	3
Snow Ridge.....	27.....	3
Partner's Hero.....	26.....	3
Greatness.....	22.....	3
Formal Dinner.....	20.....	3
Lido Palace (CHI).....	20.....	2
Siphon (BRZ).....	17.....	2
Pure Precision.....	15.....	2
Medallist.....	13.....	2
Will's Way.....	11.....	2
Wheaton.....	10.....	2
Lite the Fuse.....	15.....	1

Standing **THREE** Top 10 Pennsylvania Sires!

The Winning Choices in Pennsylvania ...

Wiseman's Ferry

HENNESSY – EMMAUS, BY SILVER DEPUTY

PERENNIALY THE LEADING PENNSYLVANIA SIRE OF HIS GENERATION

#1 second-crop sire of 2008; #1 third-crop sire of 2009, #1 fourth-crop sire of 2010

Top runners include 2010 Phoenix S. (G3) winner **WISE DAN**, Aqueduct SW **FORT DRUM**, multiple blacktype winner **KICK ON**, juvenile SW **LISTEN IN**, Panamanian champion **WISEMANS CURE**, and **WISE AWAKE** — a winner of 6 consecutive NY races in 2010 by a combined 30 lengths

Sire of 87% starters from named foals in first two crops

Fee: \$3,500*



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Toccet

AWESOME AGAIN – COZZENE'S ANGEL, BY COZZENE

Among the nation's leading 3rd-crop sires of 2010
by lifetime progeny earnings (\$5.6 million) and stakes winners (7)
11% stakes horses/starters

More stakes winners than Birdstone, Even the Score, Chapel Royal, etc.

More progeny earnings than Friends Lake, Johar, etc.

Sire of 16 stakes horses, including graded winners **VENTANA (G2)**, **WINNING MACHINE (G3)**
and multiple stakes winners **AWESOME RHYTHM**, **LA ROCCA** and **TOCCEC TO ME**

Fee: \$3,500*



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Sir Shackleton

MISWAKI – NASKRA COLORS, BY STAR DE NASKRA

Number 2 freshman sire in PA • Multiple Graded-Winning Millionaire

Sire of **Enduring Star**, 3rd in Woodbine's \$250,000 Coronation Futurity,
and msw winners Sir Fox and Knock Out Princess in his first crop.

Won from distances of 7 fur. to 1½ miles.

Track Record Setter at Gulfstream Park going 7f in 1:21.64

First yearlings sold for up to 23x his stud fee!

Fee: \$2,500*



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Southern Success

DIXIELAND BAND – MY SUCCESS, BY A.P. INDY

Precocious SW by Dixieland Band

Debut winner to stakes winner – back-to-back!

Out of a half-sister to G1 **AFFIRMED SUCCESS** (\$2,285,314), from the immediate
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1	POSSE (00, Silver Deputy), Vinery New York	\$10,000	65/15	1/1	0/1	(Caleb's Posse, \$60,000)	\$283,196	349	14	1.49	1.40
2	TOUCH GOLD (94, Deputy Minister), Adena Springs at McMahon of Saratoga Tbreeds	\$10,000	60/10	0/0	0/0	(Power Bid, \$28,800)	\$155,551	*727	30	1.39	2.12
3	GOLD TOKEN (93, Mr. Prospector)	Died, 2006	16/3	1/1	1/1	(Inherit the Gold, \$63,000)	\$122,460	*281	10	1.35	1.14
4	FREUD (98, Storm Cat), Sequel Stallions at Keane Stud	\$8,500	31/4	0/0	0/0	(Pete's Parley, \$24,000)	\$116,972	323	22	1.78	1.31
5	GOLDEN MISSILE (95, A.P. Indy), Milfer Farm	\$7,500	34/6	0/0	0/0	(Stealth Missile, \$27,000)	\$108,588	*529	13	1.09	1.72
6	READ THE FOOTNOTES (01, Smoke Glacken), Sequel Stallions at Keane Stud	\$6,500	19/3	0/0	0/0	(L L Flying Notes, \$27,200)	\$95,538	*149	7	1.49	1.26
7	REPTENT (99, Louis Quatorze), Vinery New York	\$5,000	50/4	0/0	0/0	(Starship Caesar, \$10,400)	\$81,596	*325	13	1.32	1.27
8	CONGAREE (98, Arazi), Highcliff Farm	\$7,500	23/4	0/0	0/0	(Conga Bella, \$17,280)	\$72,775	*202	9	1.45	1.51
9	ROARING FEVER (00, Storm Cat), Dutchess Views Farm/Metropolitan Stud	\$3,500	24/2	0/0	0/0	(Elsaroarain, \$22,200)	\$68,643	134	2	1.25	0.99
10	DISCO RICO (97, Citidancer), Keane Stud Operations	\$5,000	14/3	0/0	0/0	(Dr Disco, \$24,000)	\$67,870	185	7	1.44	1.26
11	PURGE (01, Pulpit), Vinery New York	\$5,000	39/3	0/0	0/0	(Show Trial, \$15,000)	\$63,109	*257	3	0.92	1.77
12	CATIENUS (94, Storm Cat), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	\$5,000	31/3	0/0	0/0	(Rules of Honor, \$13,200)	\$42,192	*423	22	1.35	1.29
13	GREELEY'S GALAXY (02, Mr. Greeley), Sugar Maple Farm	\$3,000	12/2	0/0	0/0	(Local Legacy, \$11,400)	\$40,385	48	0	0.49	1.29
14	ELTISH (92, Cox's Ridge), Keane Stud Operations	\$3,500	15/2	0/0	0/0	(Eltish Star, \$11,050)	\$35,700	277	12	1.22	1.34
15	MAYAKOVSKY (99, Matty G), Mill Creek Farm	N/A	8/1	0/0	0/0	(My Honey Laurie, \$17,650)	\$32,880	85	1	1.22	1.30
16	RAFFIE'S MAJESTY (95, Cormorant), Sugar Maple Farm	\$3,000	11/1	0/0	0/0	(Raffinator, \$24,600)	\$32,496	139	10	1.60	1.11
17	ALPHABET SOUP (91, Cozzene), Adena Springs at McMahon of Saratoga Tbreeds	\$6,000	23/1	0/0	0/0	(Haps Alphabet Soup, \$12,000)	\$31,711	*714	39	1.33	1.40
18	REGAL CLASSIC (85, Vice Regent)	Pnsd	12/0	0/0	0/0	(Joe Corrigan, \$10,400)	\$31,656	*961	44	1.41	1.52
19	SAY FLORIDA SANDY (94, Personal Flag), Buckridge Farm	\$3,000	8/1	0/0	0/0	(Yoko, \$21,840)	\$28,168	*169	1	0.83	1.16
20	WESTERN EXPRESSION (96, Gone West), Highcliff Farm	\$5,000	16/1	0/0	0/0	(Western Decision, \$8,280)	\$24,998	*279	4	1.18	1.29
21	UNCLE CAMIE (00, Abaginone), Dutchess Views Farm/Metropolitan Stud	\$2,500	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Uncle Smokey, \$23,400)	\$23,400	16	0	1.13	0.79
22	A. P. JET (89, Fappiano)	Died, 2010	7/1	0/0	0/0	(Good to Be Me, \$12,100)	\$21,962	448	15	1.15	1.30
23	SMOKIN MEL (94, Phone Order)	Died, 2008	3/2	0/0	0/0	(Smokin Hero, \$16,800)	\$20,520	45	1	1.44	1.06
24	PERFORMING MAGIC (97, Gone West), Sugar Maple Farm	\$3,500	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Sezzana, \$10,800)	\$16,744	73	4	1.23	1.15
25	HERE'S ZEALOUS (97, Dehere), Kaz Hill Farm	\$3,000	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Pretty Zealous, \$6,600)	\$13,404	56	0	0.72	0.99

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Start was bred to 116 mares last year, the largest number ever in Pennsylvania. He was represented by millionaire and grade I winner Rail Trip and 10 stakes winners overall in 2010, when he ranked as the second-leading stallion in the state.

Grand Reward also has joined the roster at Ghost Ridge. By Storm Cat out of champion Serena's Song, Grand Reward is represented by 11 stakes horses from his first crop. His runners earned more than \$2.3 million in 2010. Dixie's Prodigy, a son of Dixie Union, is also a stallion at the farm.

Ghost Ridge is leading the stallion charge in Pennsylvania. The quality of the state's stallion population has increased dramatically due to the expansion of breeders' awards funded by gaming in recent years.

"It's very exciting for us and for everyone involved in Pennsylvania breeding," said Carl McEntee, the general manager of Ghost Ridge. "From when I first came here from Kentucky in March 2009, our goal was to elevate the state's breeding program and give breeders the opportunity to succeed in both the sales ring and at the racetrack. We think we've done that now with our roster of top-ranked sires in Pennsylvania."

Big Vision

Located in the horse and buggy country of the Pennsylvania-Dutch farmlands in southeast Pennsylvania, Ghost Ridge is Bratton's bold venture. His grandfather, Merlin Myers, witnessed the legend-

McMahon of Saratoga

Standing the Richest Stallion Roster in New York

New to NY

ALPHABET SOUP

\$6,000

Champion Sire of 12 Graded stakes winners,
\$32-million in progeny earnings.
2010 stakes winners include 3YO
Graded stakes winner **FUGITIVE ANGEL**.

New to NY

SILENT NAME

\$5,000

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.
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Enters stud 2011

COAL PLAY

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five times, plus a game second behind Big Brown
in the 2008 **G1** Haskell Invitational S.

New to NY

TIAGO

\$5,000

Classic-placed multiple **G1** stakes winner of \$2.3 million
with a 110 Beyer Speed Figure. Wins include Santa Anita
Derby-**G1** (dirt) and the Goodwood S.-**G1**(synthetic).

Enters stud 2011

HARLEM ROCKER

\$3,500

Classic winner and NY Graded stakes winner
of over \$600,000. Won the
Withers S.-**G3** by 2 lengths, and the
Prince of Wales S., 2nd Cigar Mile-**G1**.

New to NY

TOUCH GOLD

\$10,000

Sire of four **G1** stakes winners,
double digit stakes horses in 2010,
including four 2YO stakes horses.
Sired a \$320,000 2YO filly sales topper.
Limited seasons available.

CATIENUS

\$5,000

Sire of **G1** stakes performers on all surfaces,
including **G1** winners **PRECIOUS KITTEN**
and **DAWN OF WAR** at 2.

UTOPIA

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2010 than any other sire in NY.
First foals are 2YO of 2011.

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ary Seabiscuit-War Admiral match race in 1938. Merlin and son Robert Myers (Tarry Bratton's father) were involved in the horse business, owning broodmares and racing some Thoroughbreds over the years. Prior to buying Ghost Ridge, Bratton teamed up with his father to purchase a few broodmares and several racehorses at the claiming level, then took over the stable in 2006 when Robert decided to sell his horses.

A 40-year-old native of the area, Bratton purchased 100 acres near Brogue, Pa., which became the core of Ghost Ridge Farm in 2006. As the operation and its client base grew, Bratton in 2008 acquired Two Ponds Farm near Freysville, a short distance from the main farm, site of the new stallion operation.

Bratton is the owner of BC, Inc. (Bratton Contractors), a commercial roofing company in Windsor, Pa. As his business has prospered in recent years, it has freed Bratton to develop and execute a comprehensive business plan for Ghost Ridge.

With his connections in the local contracting business (his father owns a masonry contracting business), Bratton was able to design and build structures on his properties that include the farm's showpiece—a bright, airy stallion complex modified from an existing structure. It houses a breeding shed with wood chip flooring and eight stalls, plus accommodations for mares being shipped in to breed. A crushed stone driveway wraps around the barn, with a series of paddocks on the perimeter.

New stallion manager Daniel Suttle arrived from Cambridge Stud in New Zealand this year. The broodmare manager is Ra-



General manager Carl McEntee

chael Bull, while the bloodstock services manager is Tracy Wessner.

"To be successful in business, you need to surround yourself with good, talented people," Bratton said. "You can't do everything yourself. I take that same approach with the farm. The staff here is smart, hard-working, and cares a great deal about the horses."

A full-service operation, Ghost Ridge offers breaking and training of client horses, sales preparation, and mare care and boarding. The farm is a short drive from Interstate 83, making trips to Maryland's racetracks and to the Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course, near Harrisburg, Pa., convenient. The surrounding rolling hills are a deer hunter's paradise, and hunting inspired the name Ghost Ridge.

"When hunters catch a glimpse of the white tail of deer at night it's referred to as seeing 'ghosts,'" explained Bratton, an avid hunter. "I think it is a good fit."

McEntee came aboard as the farm's general manager in March 2009. A fifth-generation horseman, McEntee as a teenager rode jump horses and raced on the flat in Ireland. McEntee has his own racing pedigree: Two brothers manage farms in Kentucky, while another brother, Phillip, is a trainer in England. His late father, Phillip Sr., was a champion jockey in England in 1966-67, and later became a trainer.

A graduate of Cambridge College in England, McEntee earned an associate's degree in equine biology and breeding management from the British National Stud. He was an assistant at Darley's White Lodge Farm in Newmarket before becoming a manager at Idle Hour Farm near Paris, Ky., where he worked four years. He moved on to Paragon Farms as manager for three years before coming to Ghost Ridge. McEntee, his wife, Rachel, and daughter, Amelia, live close to the Two Ponds property.

"Pennsylvania's thriving breeders' program brought me here," McEntee related. "Mr. Bratton is a successful entrepreneur. He is very ambitious, but his goal is to do something good for the state."

"Our plan is to elevate the caliber of stallions here. People are looking to breed in state programs and take advantage of those incentives. When you elevate the quality of stallions, you also elevate the quality of mares. The state-bred horses need to be able to compete in open company races. That will filter down to the sales ring so you have a very marketable product."

Stallion Stars

The kingpin of Ghost Ridge's stallion business has been Jump Start. Through McEntee's connections to David Hager, the owner of Idle Hour Farm, Bratton was able to acquire a majority ownership in the graded stakes-winning juvenile by sire of sires A.P. Indy.

With progeny earnings in excess of \$4.4 million, Jump Start was Pennsylvania's premier sire in 2009 and runner-up to Maryland's Not For Love in the Mid-Atlantic region. Last year Jump Start, now 12, was Pennsylvania's top sire of stakes winners and was sixth among fourth-crop sires nationally by 2010 progeny earnings.

Jump Start has sired 19 stakes winners from his first four crops—including Rail Trip, Assessment, Gulfstream Park Handicap (gr. II) winner Sir Whimsey, classic-placed Icabad Crane, and track-record-breaking multiple graded stakes winner Bold Start. He began 2011 with two winners in the first few days: Start Time and Wahoo Babe. His son Pants On Fire was beaten by a head in the Lecomte Stakes (gr. III) for 3-year-olds Jan. 22 at Fair Grounds.

Ghost Ridge and 18 shareholders acquired a 75% percent interest in Jump Start for the Northern Hemisphere portion of his

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For stallions that stand, will stand, or stood (deceased) in Maryland (exported stallions are excluded), and have runners in North America. Listed below are all available statistics for the Northern Hemisphere through January 26, 2011. As supplied to The Blood-Horse by The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc., earnings exclude monies from Japan and Hong Kong. Current year stakes winners include all N.H.-foaled stakes winners worldwide and any S.H.-foaled horses that won a N.H. stakes. *Foal counts include Southern Hemisphere. Cumulative stakes winners includes all countries. (A ♯ indicates a sire represented by his first crop to race).

Rank	Stallion (Foaling Year, Sire), Farm Standing	2011 Stud Fee	Rnrs/Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2011 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	NOT FOR LOVE (90, Mr. Prospector), Northview Stallion Station	\$20,000	56/12	0/0	0/0	(Heather, \$39,400)	\$276,511	756	67	1.82	1.47
2	LION HEARTED (96, Storm Cat), Northview Stallion Station	\$3,000	57/9	1/1	0/1	(Aspenglow, \$30,000)	\$197,816	*457	15	1.29	1.33
3	LOUIS QUATORZE (93, Sovereign Dancer), Murmur Farm	\$5,000	47/6	0/0	0/0	(Peter's Creek, \$18,240)	\$145,633	*862	23	1.18	1.42
4	ORATORY (02, Pulpit), Country Life Farm	\$4,000	27/5	0/0	0/0	(Oratoria, \$14,720)	\$103,100	*119	0	1.22	1.20
5	ROCK SLIDE (98, A.P. Indy), Shamrock Farms	\$2,500	26/5	0/0	0/0	(North Slide Dancer, \$15,600)	\$78,698	180	5	1.13	1.31
6	DANCE WITH RAVENS (02, A.P. Indy), Northview Stallion Station	\$2,000	35/3	0/0	0/0	(Arctic Raven, \$11,400)	\$75,811	203	0	0.96	1.52
7	GREAT NOTION (00, Elusive Quality), Northview Stallion Station	\$2,000	7/3	0/0	0/0	(Great Intuition, \$28,200)	\$65,820	89	3	1.50	1.23
8	TWO PUNCH (83, Mr. Prospector), Northview Stallion Station	N/A	17/3	0/0	0/0	(Pewter Punch, \$18,600)	\$43,080	*1007	53	1.46	1.43
9	GATORS N BEARS (00, Stormy Atlantic), Maryland Stallion Station	\$4,000	11/3	0/0	0/0	(Action Andy, \$10,320)	\$42,160	100	0	0.98	1.24
10	DEPUTY STORM (01, Forestry), Northview Stallion Station	\$3,500	7/3	0/0	0/0	(Delta Donya, \$17,100)	\$41,588	34	1	1.93	1.43
11	OUTFLANKER (94, Danzig), Maryland Stallion Station	\$5,000	16/1	0/0	0/0	(Oopers Here, \$20,610)	\$36,794	416	19	1.43	1.18
12	SEEKING DAYLIGHT (98, Seeking the Gold)	Died, 2009	9/2	0/0	0/0	(Ginormus, \$24,600)	\$32,950	*170	1	1.32	1.37
13	ST AVERIL (01, Saint Ballado), Maryland Stallion Station	\$4,000	11/1	0/0	0/0	(\$6,312)	\$25,052	78	1	0.60	1.07
14	NO ARMISTICE (97, Unbridled), Country Life Farm	N/A	10/1	0/0	0/0	(Yes Oui Si, \$16,120)	\$24,100	106	1	0.67	0.98
15	GO FOR GIN (91, Cormorant), Bonita Farm	N/A	15/2	0/0	0/0	(Gin Sweep, \$9,120)	\$20,300	*375	13	1.37	1.48

*A-E and COMPARABLE INDEX: The lifetime Average-Earnings Index indicates how much purse money the progeny of one sire has earned, on the average, in relation to the average earnings of all runners in the same years; average earnings of all runners in any year is represented by an index of 1.00. The Comparable Index indicates the average earnings of progeny produced from mares bred to one sire, when these same mares were bred to other sires. Only 32% of all sires have a lifetime AEI higher than their mares Comparable Index.

stud career. He also stands at Haras La Esperanza in Argentina. Southern Hemisphere partners own the other 25%.

"Pennsylvania needed a big horse, a relevant sire," McEntee said. "You know, everyone told us you can't stand him for \$10,000. He's dispelled that totally. He was booked to 116 mares in very tough times for the Thoroughbred industry, and he's done it in a state that never saw a horse stand for that amount. That's pretty impressive. He's brought us clients from all over the country and helped establish the name Ghost Ridge. We couldn't be more pleased."

E Dubai, the sire of 2008 Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint winner Desert Code, was a multiple graded stakes winner by Mr. Prospector out of multiple stakes winner Words of War, by Lord At War. Now 13, he stood his first eight seasons at Darley in Lexington. His son Aggie Engineer scored an impressive victory in the \$150,000 San Pasqual Stakes (gr. II) at Santa Anita in January. It was Aggie Engineer's third consecutive win. E Dubai stands for \$10,000.

"He is the last of a long line of successful sons of the most successful sire line in modern history, Mr. Prospector," McEntee noted. "We hope to build on Darley's success as E Dubai continues his career as one of the best stallions in Pennsylvania."

Grand Reward, who previously stood at Hill 'n' Dale Farms near Lexington, had more than \$2.5 million in progeny earnings in 2010.

Smarty Jones will likely benefit from the change of scenery. Now 10, he lost his luster with Kentucky breeders, and his stud fee had dropped from \$100,000 to \$10,000. Still, he attracted a stream of fans that visited him at Three Chimneys Farm.


Pat and the late Roy Chapman campaigned the 2004 Kentucky Derby and Preakness-winning (both gr. I) colt who was the champion 3-year-old male that year. Hoping to polish the stallion's image, Chapman decided it was time to bring Smarty Jones home. A resident of Bucks County, Pa., Chapman bought the half-interest she had sold to Three Chimneys and relocated Smarty, arguably the greatest Pennsylvania-bred racehorse, to Ghost Ridge.

"If it wasn't for Smarty, I'm not sure there would be the slots and casinos in Pennsylvania that has fueled both the resurgence in the racing and breeding pro-

grams," Bratton related. "As for me, if that didn't occur, I'm not sure I would be the owner of Ghost Ridge today."

Smarty's trainer, John Servis, thinks the move will play out well.

"Smarty just needs some big runners here instead of Japan," he said. "I believe he will be very well-received by breeders here."

"Look, the stallion business is very tough. If you don't get a hell of a start they can get down on you pretty quickly. I've seen other horses where a move like this has turned them around. Smarty had some nice runners last year. They just need to take it a year at a time." 



Smarty Jones makes his way into the Pennsylvania stallion market