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Generation Next

Emily Wygod builds on a family tradition

BY LENNY SHULMAN

EMILY WYGOD IS on the right side of the Thoroughbred business. As the daughter of industry giants Pam and Marty Wygod, she has the benefit of their counsel and infrastructure when selecting bloodstock or needing advice. And on her own, she is a teaching instructor at Pegasus Therapeutic Riding, where she helps change the lives of people with disabilities through horseback riding.

Wygod, 27, has been groomed for these roles since the crawling stage. Her first years were spent on a farm in New Jersey, trail riding through the rural countryside. Summers entailed journeying to California, specifically Del Mar, where Emily would make the rounds at the racetrack, drinking in the atmosphere of the backstretch in the morning and the races in the afternoon.

"We had a horse named Halloween Baby who was named after me since I was born on Halloween," said Wygod. "I remember her racing when I was young and I'd get so excited because I thought everyone knew it was my horse. She tried hard and was really cute."

Before she reached 10, the Wygod family moved to the West Coast, first to Los Angeles and then to Rancho Santa Fe a couple of furlongs from Del Mar.

"I was always riding, always surrounded by horses," said Wygod, who competed with hunter/jumpers all the way into her college years.

"After two concussions and a hip surgery I convinced her to stop competing in jumping," said Marty Wygod.

Since then, Emily has changed her focus toward helping others as well as starting her own small breeding and racing operation.

"I'm an animal person," she stated, adding she has two dogs. "I have a special bond with
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Emily Wygod with 'Chip' at Pegasus Therapeutic Riding

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The **Only Grade I Winner and Millionaire** by
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2012 LEADING SIRES IN CALIFORNIA

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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2013 Stud Fee	Rnrs/Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/Wnrs	GrSW/Gr1SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2012 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									A-E	Stks Wnrs	Index
1	UNUSUAL HEAT (90, Nureyev), Harris Farms	\$20,000	118/55	10/13	3/10	(Unusual Heatwave, \$337,374)	\$4,610,915	*571	37	2.16	1.24
2	TRIBAL RULE (96, Storm Cat), Ballena Vista Farm	\$6,500	169/98	7/8	4/7	(Eternal Rule, \$292,350)	\$3,865,413	456	27	1.40	1.19
3	KAFWAIN (00, Cherokee Run), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds	\$5,000	139/75	5/11	3/5	(Daisy Devine, \$412,932)	\$3,159,591	*412	18	1.15	1.28
4	BENCHMARK (91, Alydar), Ballena Vista Farm	\$5,000	125/83	5/6	0/5	(Missdealornodeal, \$187,509)	\$2,565,591	655	34	1.25	1.15
5	MINISTERS WILD CAT (00, Deputy Minister), Tommy Town Tbreeds	\$3,500	119/67	7/12	3/7	(Doinghardtimeagain, \$198,500)	\$2,381,289	222	12	0.98	1.00
6	OLD TOPPER (95, Gilded Time), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	131/73	3/3	0/3	(Ain't No Other, \$145,780)	\$2,354,337	481	21	0.96	0.86
7	SOUTHERN IMAGE (00, Halo's Image), Rancho San Miguel	\$2,500	95/48	3/8	0/3	(Winning Image, \$267,232)	\$1,811,224	*367	5	1.35	1.37
8	MARINO MARINI (00, Storm Cat), Rancho San Miguel	\$2,500	97/47	2/3	1/2	(Starlight Magic, \$238,120)	\$1,621,644	243	5	0.95	1.00
9	UNBRIDLED ENERGY (02, Unbridled's Song), Golden Eagle Farm	\$2,500	93/53	1/1	0/1	(Cosmic Energy, \$159,104)	\$1,619,802	*167	4	1.04	1.21
10	SWISS YOVELER (94, Eastern Echo), Lovacres Ranch	\$3,000	103/50	4/8	1/4	(Tilde, \$344,560)	\$1,591,105	677	27	1.04	1.09
11	DECARCHY (97, Distant View), Magali Farms	\$3,000	100/42	1/1	0/1	(Stoney Fleece, \$146,198)	\$1,366,817	268	7	0.96	0.99
12	GOOD JOURNEY (96, Nureyev), Magali Farms	\$4,000	60/30	1/4	1/1	(Dancingtothestars, \$174,856)	\$1,354,693	*301	2	1.61	1.05
13	AWESOME GAMBLER (04, Coronado's Quest), Lovacres Ranch	\$5,000	41/16	1/3	0/1	(Willia B Awesome, \$457,000)	\$1,225,138	78	1	1.46	0.78
14	LUCKY PULPIT (01, Pulpit), Harris Farms	\$2,500	40/25	1/1	1/1	(Rousing Sermon, \$213,500)	\$1,105,835	67	3	1.75	1.17
15	STORMIN FEVER (94, Storm Cat), Golden Eagle Farm	\$4,500	78/43	0/0	0/0	(Asian Odyssey, \$68,289)	\$982,828	*626	27	1.21	1.41
16	VRONSKY (99, Danzig), Old English Rancho	\$3,500	32/16	2/3	1/2	(Norvsky, \$218,600)	\$927,095	78	3	1.61	0.94
17	POPULAR (99, Saint Ballado), Cottonwood Creek Ranch	N/A	34/19	2/6	0/2	(Halo Dolly, \$428,226)	\$903,993	75	2	1.11	0.96
18	TIZBUD (99, Cee's Tizzy), Harris Farms	\$1,500	50/26	2/2	1/2	(Tiz Flirtatious, \$158,000)	\$896,381	136	4	1.00	0.93
19	SEA OF SECRETS (95, Storm Cat), Victory Rose Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	90/38	0/0	0/0	(Secret Commander, \$66,680)	\$784,543	*433	20	0.93	1.09
20	GLOBALIZE (97, Summer Squall), Victory Rose Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	39/26	1/2	0/1	(Global Stage, \$104,642)	\$703,254	148	4	0.78	0.79
21	ATTICUS (92, Nureyev), Magali Farms	\$2,000	50/22	2/2	2/2	(Lucky Primo, \$153,984)	\$694,016	435	14	1.07	1.47
22	PERFECT MANDATE (96, Gone West)	Died, 2012	54/25	0/0	0/0	(Atta Boy Pete, \$71,918)	\$620,379	297	11	0.92	1.25
23	CINDAGO (03, Indian Charlie)	Died	21/10	1/1	1/1	(Monument, \$217,500)	\$615,853	45	2	1.66	1.43
24	GAME PLAN (93, Danzig), E. A. Ranches	\$2,500	40/23	0/0	0/0	(Greatest Escape, \$83,450)	\$563,882	419	23	0.85	0.81
25	SUANCES (GB) (97, Most Welcome), Rancho Temescal	\$1,500	26/16	0/0	0/0	(A Little Hot Sauce, \$61,550)	\$562,179	87	1	0.96	1.14
26	ROCKY BAR (98, In Excess), E. A. Ranches	\$3,000	37/27	3/4	1/3	(Page Springs, \$49,200)	\$554,508	81	11	1.15	0.77
27	CYCLOTRON (00, Grand Slam), Old English Rancho	N/A	10/8	1/1	1/1	(Cyclometer, \$162,694)	\$545,768	32	1	2.19	1.45
28	COMIC STRIP (95, Red Ransom), Gray's Farm	\$2,500	35/16	1/1	1/1	(Weewinnin, \$125,900)	\$515,586	294	12	0.79	1.19
29	SILIC (FR) (95, Sillery), Pacific Coast Thoroughbreds	N/A	24/10	1/1	1/1	(P D Q Kiddo, \$152,740)	\$504,789	*153	2	1.00	0.93
30	MOMENTUM (98, Nureyev)	N/A	53/22	0/0	0/0	(Bud I Crushed It, \$104,838)	\$482,562	182	1	0.58	1.05
31	CAPIZED (96, Summer Squall), Running C Ranch	N/A	34/17	1/1	1/1	(Chokecherymary, \$108,360)	\$418,042	116	2	0.71	0.88
32	¶ HEATSEEKER (IRE) (03, Giant's Causeway), Harris Farms	\$5,000	30/11	1/1	1/1	(Surtsey, \$126,171)	\$415,412	*55	1	0.84	1.68
33	SOUGHT AFTER (00, Seeking the Gold), Daehling Ranch	\$2,500	21/12	1/2	0/1	(Control Seeker, \$144,359)	\$390,021	76	1	0.87	0.88
34	STORMY JACK (97, Bertrando), Brazeau Thoroughbred Farms	\$1,500	45/19	1/1	0/1	(Attack the Jack, \$49,757)	\$363,227	153	3	0.71	0.74
35	FLAME THROWER (98, Saint Ballado), Oak Hill Farm	\$1,500	42/19	0/0	0/0	(Hot Escapade, \$69,415)	\$342,518	*229	2	0.72	1.04
36	CRAFTY C. T. (98, Crafty Prospector)	N/A	16/11	0/0	0/0	(Road Trip, \$72,110)	\$336,135	*91	1	0.89	0.95
37	GOTHAM CITY (98, Saint Ballado), Daehling Ranch	\$2,000	37/16	1/1	0/1	(Luckyvic, \$86,810)	\$332,063	148	1	0.75	0.85
38	TANNERSMYMAN (98, Lord Carson), Woodbridge Farm	N/A	42/17	0/0	0/0	(Checkoutmyman, \$31,142)	\$330,651	115	2	0.71	0.77
39	SOUVENIR COPY (95, Mr. Prospector)	N/A	46/15	0/0	0/0	(Al N Con, \$38,800)	\$312,666	463	12	1.02	1.19
40	PEPPERED CAT (00, Tabasco Cat), Daehling Ranch	\$1,000	15/7	0/0	0/0	(Sweetly Peppered, \$79,272)	\$305,158	26	0	1.32	0.80
41	AFFIRMATIVE (99, Unbridled)	N/A	19/8	1/1	1/1	(Warren's Jitterbug, \$71,250)	\$278,351	67	1	1.06	0.81
42	RIO VERDE (92, Nureyev)	N/A	32/12	0/0	0/0	(Akiss Forarose, \$78,800)	\$259,558	266	4	0.57	0.83
43	ONEBADSHARK (00, Diligence), Rancho San Miguel	\$1,500	14/10	1/2	0/1	(Jaws n' Paws, \$89,095)	\$258,292	28	1	0.97	1.43
44	SINGLETARY (00, Sultry Song), California Center for Equine	N/A	32/12	0/0	0/0	(Collating Lady, \$38,397)	\$250,432	93	4	0.57	1.18
45	GREY MEMO (97, Memo), Ridgeley Farm	N/A	22/9	0/0	0/0	(Adelicate Miss, \$51,390)	\$239,231	60	0	0.76	0.74
46	TRAPPER (00, Iron Cat), Rivendell Ranch	\$2,000	11/8	0/0	0/0	(Trapper's Bounty, \$108,424)	\$238,158	22	0	1.32	0.78
47	WESTERN FAME (92, Gone West), Paradise Road Ranch	\$2,000	22/9	0/0	0/0	(Lucy Wiggles, \$41,531)	\$224,571	280	13	0.89	0.85
48	BIRDONTHEWIRE (89, Proud Birdie), Madera Thoroughbreds	\$3,500	16/7	0/0	0/0	(Swift Eagle, \$122,060)	\$223,387	*255	10	1.29	1.37
49	DOC GUS (98, Mr. Greeley)	Died, 2009	13/7	0/0	0/0	(Warren's Dr. Yang, \$59,648)	\$222,481	37	0	0.82	0.86
50	UNBRIDLED NATIVE (01, Unbridled)	Died, 2008	14/6	0/0	0/0	(Where's the Remote, \$52,679)	\$204,780	53	0	0.71	0.82
51	STORMED (99, Storm Cat)	N/A	12/4	0/0	0/0	(Warren's Knockout, \$96,695)	\$194,607	74	1	0.60	0.79
52	BROADWAY MOON (98, Theatrical)	Died, 2011	2/1	1/1	1/1	(Warren's Amber, \$181,950)	\$183,615	15	1	1.16	0.38
53	ROYAL CAT (96, Storm Cat)	N/A	14/3	1/1	0/1	(Valley Cat, \$146,722)	\$178,720	131	1	0.57	1.01
54	SOUL OF THE MATTER (91, Private Terms), E. A. Ranches	\$1,000	5/3	1/1	1/1	(Mobilized, \$162,390)	\$177,474	281	1	0.50	0.95
55	BEHRENS (94, Pleasant Colony), Victory Rose Thoroughbreds	\$1,000	19/6	0/0	0/0	(Weggie, \$93,830)	\$170,870	200	0	0.61	1.41
56	JET WEST (01, Western Fame)	Died, 2010	11/8	0/0	0/0	(Arinyes Love, \$67,660)	\$169,783	27	0	0.59	0.94
57	ROMAN DANCER (99, Polish Numbers), Cottonwood Creek Ranch	N/A	12/7	0/0	0/0	(Camille C, \$52,210)	\$163,276	58	2	0.78	1.01
58	ANCIENT ART (01, Storm Cat)	N/A	12/4	0/0	0/0	(Warren's Got Game, \$50,038)	\$160,455	57	0	0.62	0.66
59	MR. BROAD BLADE (96, Broad Brush), Magali Farms	\$1,200	5/5	0/0	0/0	(Affrettando, \$67,630)	\$143,231	44	1	0.82	0.94
60	CAYOKE (FR) (97, Always Fair)	N/A	11/6	0/0	0/0	(Deal' Em, \$39,660)	\$140,836	46	0	0.70	0.46
61	¶ COUNCIL MEMBER (02, Seattle Slew), Special T Thoroughbreds	\$4,000	11/4	0/0	0/0	(He's Not too Shabby, \$36,400)	\$139,410	22	0	0.67	0.89
62	POTEEN (94, Irish River)	N/A	5/4	0/0	0/0	(Baton Roo, \$49,610)	\$129,862	74	3	0.91	0.82
63	ILLINOIS STORM (93, Storm Cat)	N/A	10/5	0/0	0/0	(Mona Storm, \$35,288)	\$124,972	206	3	0.63	0.95
64	UNCLE DENNY (02, In Excess), Oak Hill Farm	\$1,500	18/6	0/0	0/0	(Lite N Lily, \$25,153)	\$120,824	45	0	0.32	0.67
65	DON'TSELLMESHORT (01, Benchmark), Running Luck Ranch	N/A	14/5	0/0	0/0	(Surprise Sale, \$28,800)	\$119,696	46	0	0.58	0.72
66	SNOWBOUND (95, Meadowlake)	N/A	16/7	0/0	0/0	(Sun City, \$31,807)	\$108,983	292	16	0.37	0.43
67	NINEEVEN (93, Phone Trick)	N/A	6/4	0/0	0/0	(Lovmeister, \$86,410)	\$106,245	131	5	0.61	0.75
68	¶ MCCANN'S MOJAVE (00, Memo), Rancho San Miguel	\$3,000	13/6	0/0	0/0	(Go Mojave Go, \$20,280)	\$93,543	31	0	0.38	1.13
69	INDY FILM (97, A.P. Indy), San Lee Ranch	\$1,000	5/2	1/2	0/1	(Hezamazing, \$72,206)	\$93,173	26	1	1.02	0.76
70	ANZIYAN ROYALTY (00, Anziyan), E. A. Ranches	\$2,000	14/3	0/0	0/0	(My Slew, \$47,720)	\$92,624	36	0	0.37	1.05

Special Note For Sire Lists:

For stallions that stand, will stand, or stood (deceased) in North America (stallions exported prior to the 2008 breeding season are excluded), and have runners in North America. All available statistics listed are for the Northern Hemisphere through December 31, 2012. 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.)

*AVERAGE-EARNINGS INDEX AND COMPARABLE INDEX: Lifetime AVERAGE-EARNINGS INDEX indicates how much purse money the progeny of one sire has earned 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; 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 AVERAGE-EARNINGS INDEX higher than their mares' COMPARABLE INDEX.

2012 Graded-Winning January Sale Graduates



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MARINO MARINI Storm Cat – Halo America, by Waquoit/ **\$2,500 LF**

- Combined 2012 progeny earnings of more than \$1.6 million, with 2012 stakes horses including \$200,000 Fleet Treat SW **STARLIGHT MAGIC** (\$334,900), multiple \$50,000+ SW **SHUDACUDAWUDYA** (\$329,629), 5-time Stakes-placed **Bleach Blonde** (\$308,444), etc.
- Sire of 10% Stakes Horses, including **MONEY LOVER** (\$159,706), **HOT FUSION**, **SILVER SENSATION**, **Miguel's Mascot** (NTR), **Queenie Marini**, etc.

#2 California Freshman Sire by Winners

McCANN'S MOJAVE Memo – Joni U. Bar, by Nordic Prince/ **\$3,000 LF**

(consideration to approved mares)

- Record-setting, multiple Graded stakes winner of \$1,513,565.
- All-surface stakes winner with graded scores at 6.5F, 8.5F, and 9F (NTR)
- Defeated 90 SWs including 54 Graded/Group winners and 15 Grade 1 Winners.
- Sire of 6 winners from his first 12 starters!



Grade 2 Winner with Tactical Speed From a Classic Family

SIERRA SUNSET Bertrando – Toot Sweet, by Pirate's Bounty/ **\$2,500 LF**

- Four-time stakes winner with scores in Oaklawn's **G2 Rebel S. (99 Beyer)**, the \$125,000 California Cup Juvenile S., the Alamedan H. at 1 1/16 miles (**101 Beyer**), and the Bay Meadows Juvenile S. by 8 lengths.
- Precocious 2YO, breaking his maiden at 4 1/2 furlongs by 5L second time out!
- One of two Cal-based sons at stud by recently pensioned **BERTRANDO**, California Leading Sire of 56 SWs. Out of a stakes-placed full sister to the dam of **G1 Belmont S.** winner **DA' TARA**.



Record-Setting G1 Performing Multiple Stakes Winner

SLEW'S TIZNOW Tiznow – Hepatica, by Slewpy/ **\$2,500 LF**

- Won on dirt and synthetic, including Del Mar's El Cajon S. at one mile by 3 lengths and Hollywood Park's War Chant S. at 1 1/16 miles in a **record 1:40.34**.
- Saratoga maiden winner and 2nd in Keeneland's **G1 Breeders' Futurity** at two.
- In his final start, posted a **102 Beyer** in Hollywood Park's G2 Californian S.
- Full brother to Multiple Graded stakes winner **SLEW'S TIZZY** and 3/4-brother to the dam of 2012 **Group 1 Winner THE HANGMAN**.



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California's #3 Active Sire by Average Earnings Index (AEI)

SOUTHERN IMAGE Halo's Image – Pleasant Dixie, by Dixieland Band/ **\$2,500 LF**

- Over \$10.7 Million in progeny earnings and sire of returning **Grade 1 SW SOUTHERN SPEED**, winner of the \$2,802,425 BMW Caufield Cup (**Aus-G1**) by 1 1/2 lengths and who has won or placed in **FIVE Grade 1** events.
- Also sire of **G1**-performing, 5-time NYRA Graded SW **CALIBRACHOA** (\$666,040, **G3** Tom Fool H.-twice, **G3** Bold Ruler S., **G3** Toboggan H.-twice, etc.), 2012 \$150,000 SW **WINNING IMAGE** (\$390,837), returning SW **PINK CANDY** (\$149,633), SW **SOUTHERN FIREBALL** (\$171,789, NTR), etc.



Freshman Sire with First Winner from First Starter

STORM WOLF Stormin Fever – Exclusive Rosette, by Ecliptical/ **\$2,000 LF**

- Graded SW full brother to **G1**-performing GSW **MISTY ROSETTE**.
- Won 3 of 5 starts, including the **G2** Lazaro Barrera Memorial S. by 6L in 1:22 1/5.
- Posted a **104 Beyer** breaking his maiden at Santa Anita and a **101 Beyer** winning an allowance there in 1:09 flat.
- Second-crop yearling brings **19-Times** his fee at Barretts October sale.

First Foals Yearlings in 2013

THE PAMPLEMOUSSE Kafwain – Comfort Zone, by Rubiano/ **\$2,500 LF**

- Santa Anita Graded stakes-winning miler by 2012 Top-3 California Sire **KAFWAIN**.
- Won 3 of 5 starts, including the **G3** Sham S. by 6L (**107 Beyer**) and **G3** San Rafael S. at one mile.
- Out of a half-sister to the dam of 2YO **G1 SW STORMELLO** (\$700,100) and **2012 G2 Del Mar Derby SW MY BEST BROTHER** (\$346,090).
- Precocious female family of **G2** Arlington-Washington Lassie S. winner **SPECIAL WARMTH**.



ALSO STANDING **Comic Strip / Onebadshark**

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Wygod retraining a horse at Pegasus Therapeutic Riding

2012 California Sires by Stakes Winners

Sire	Stks Wnrs	Stks Wins
Unusual Heat	10	13
Ministers Wild Cat	7	12
Tribal Rule	7	8
Salt Lake	6	9
Kafwain	5	11
Benchmark	5	6
Bertrando	5	5
Swiss Yodeler	4	8
Southern Image	3	6
Rocky Bar	3	4
Old Topper	3	3
Popular	2	6
Marino Marini	2	3
Vronsky	2	3
Atticus	2	2
Redattore (BRZ)	2	2
Terrell	2	2
Tizbud	2	2

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animals. I was worried I wouldn't have that same feeling with Thoroughbreds because it's not as hands-on. But when I jumped into it, I realized it is just as hands-on even though you're not riding them. You still feel a great connection with the horse, which is important to me.

"The Thoroughbred is the epitome of the horse breeds; they're so smart, and I'm trying to get as many as I can into the therapy world. The racing is exciting and exhilarating, but the Thoroughbred has so many other uses after their racing days if they're not breeding stock, and I feel passionate about that."

After getting a degree from Duke University in 2004, Emily received co-ownership of a racehorse from her father as a graduation present.

She started spending time with trainer John Shirreffs, who has had a longtime association with the Wygod operation, learning about the day-to-day goings-on of a stable. She was sufficiently enthralled to pursue her own breeding, racing, and pinhooking operation "on a small level." In the process she made her father very happy.

"It is extremely important to me to have the next generation continue on," Marty Wygod said. "I love the game and think it's part of the tradition of this country. The sport of Thoroughbred racing and the knowledge of the breeding industry are part of our heritage, and it would be unfortunate if it didn't continue in a meaningful way.

"The racing gods have been so good to me I'd love to see my kids continue with it, especially Emily, because she was with

me at the barn every opportunity she got; she wanted to ride them. She's always been close to horses, and she has a natural eye for conformation."

While she might be a natural, Emily is also bright enough to realize there is much she has to learn about all facets of the Thoroughbred industry. To that end, she has utilized both her own contacts and those of her family. Kate Sheehan, who rode competitively while at the University of North Carolina, where she and Wygod met and became friends despite their college rivalry, serves as Emily's

bloodstock adviser and boards her mares at VinMar Farm near Versailles, Ky., where she serves as director of client relations. Russell Drake, longtime manager of the Wygods' River Edge Farm in California, has helped her pick out horses at auction, and Ric Waldman is another trusted adviser.

"I'm a hands-on person and a control freak, so it's important for me to understand what's going on," Emily noted. "My dad and Russell Drake have taught me a lot, and Kate and I talked so much and finally figured out we could have a working



Emily's parents, Marty and Pam Wygod

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relationship in addition to being friends. She's been so helpful answering my calls 24/7 and also on managing my horses day-to-day at the farm."

The two women phone each other as much as 10 times a day.

"With Emily's background, she understands the care we put into getting and maintaining a nice horse," Sheehan said. "Some people look at this strictly as a business and only see the bills coming in. Emily treats it as a business, but her love for horses plays a role. She understands horses are going to have problems that we need to fix."

Emily dove into the buying end when her parents were dispersing their California stock a few years back. She has resold most of those while buying yearlings at Keeneland September and breeding stock at the November sale.

"I'm building a broodmare band, concentrating on quality more than quantity," she said. "I want to breed to race, but hopefully some will be standout individuals that will also be commercial. The first foals out of the broodmares I've purchased just turned 2, so it's still the beginning. But it's been exciting to see them progress from the time they were foaled until now. It's been a learning process and also a lot of fun."

Emily Wygod owns three racehorses on her own who are with trainer Marty Jones in California. She co-owns another with her parents that Shirreffs trains that came out of the Edward Evans dispersal of 2011. Besides a pair of 2-year-olds she bred, Wygod also has four yearlings by her parents' stallion After Market, three of which she bred. In all, she owns five broodmares, including Trusten, by Mt. Livermore out

of a Private Account mare, and Keep the Feeling, by Kris S. out of a Polish Navy mare, the latter of whom has produced two winners.

Part of her learning process has come from listening to her father.

"I've tried to teach her bloodlines, and that you have to take a long-term perspective as far as developing your own quality broodmare band," Marty Wygod said. "You want to stay at the top end and always watch the trends and directions of racing both domestically and in Europe. Luckily, she can leverage off me a little bit, but it has to be a passion for her to be successful. And I warn her about the sharks

in this business and how important it is to deal with people of integrity and form the right kind of relationships."

On the receiving end of the advice, Emily noted that "my mom is great about teaching patience and understanding the facts before making decisions. She is very rational and calm, which is important because you can get caught up in the excitement. My dad has emphasized understanding conformation and having a long-term vision and goals. And being hands-on with both the horses and the people you rely on. I work hard to have good relationships with everyone who handles my horses; it's important for me to understand and learn from them."

Drake has for years managed River Edge Farm. He took Emily around to auctions for a handful of years sharing his knowledge.

"I tried to impress upon her conformation and what a good horse should look like as far as balance and correctness," said Drake. "In the earlier years I'd ask her what she thought of a horse and she'd say, 'He's so cute.' Well, cute doesn't get it. Now, she's gotten pretty good at it."

Sheehan agreed that her friend's education has paid dividends.

"She is a tremendous judge of conformation who can get in front of a horse and really see it. And she's almost better than that with bloodlines. It kills me to say it, but maybe it's the Duke education."

Emily learned enough to buy into the Dynaformer filly Harmonious when the offer came from her parents after Harmonious had broken her maiden in her second start in 2010. Racing for the



Wygod has worked hard to learn about horses and conformation



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three Wygods, Harmonious next won an allowance event, and then, in her fourth career start, took the American Oaks (gr. IT). Later that season she added the Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup Stakes (gr. IT). When retired after the 2011 season, Harmonious had banked \$625,420.

"We thought she would be talented but not as talented as she turned out to be," noted Emily. "She blew us away."

Next, the lessons passed down from one generation to the next were put to the test. Cold, hard decisions need to be made annually whether to keep or sell bloodstock, and those choices can be particularly difficult when weighing the pros and cons associated with a top-shelf racer.

"One of the things my dad hammered into my head is not to get emotionally attached to the horses, even though I still do," Emily Wygod said. "You have to treat this as a business, and when one like Harmonious comes along, the right thing is to let her go. I would loved to have kept her, but..."

With Emily representing the family this past November at the Keeneland breeding stock sale, Harmonious passed through the ring and brought a top bid of \$2.8 million from Mandore International Agency.

"I thought I was going to pass out," she said of the selling experience. "I was speechless, which is unusual because I can talk forever."

The family still owns Harmonious' dam, Jade Tree, as well as three half siblings to Harmonious, making the decision to sell a bit easier.

As much as she enjoys such successes, Emily is more excited to share her experi-

ences at Pegasus Therapeutic Riding, where she began as a volunteer and has now passed certification tests for teaching. The facility is just north of New York City in Brewster, meaning Emily is now bi-coastal with her folks and racing operation in California, her mares in Kentucky, and her job in New York.

"People know that if you're having a bad day, you feel a lot better when you spend time with a horse," she said. "But it's something more than that. It's clinically proven the interaction helps people. A horse's movement can affect riders with various disabilities, whether physical, emotional, or mental. I work with people from age 4 up to those in their 60s.

"We have a lot of kids coming in that are non-verbal or are unable to ride much because of fatigue and lack of muscle tone. Over the course of these programs, the kids start speaking and talking to the horses; riders build up their muscle tone and start riding without assistance. It's amazing. Parents who come here not necessarily buying into the therapeutic riding thing a couple of months later are so emotional about how well their child is doing, bonding with the horses and improving skills that affect their lives. That's rewarding."

In addition to helping those people, Wygod adds another positive to her position by helping horses at the same time. She has already brought in five Thoroughbreds to Pegasus from various rescue operations to participate as riding horses in the therapy programs.

"We're committed to finding new avenues for these Thoroughbreds when they come off the track," she stated. "They are suitable for this sort of thing, and we're trying to educate people about that."

2012 California Sires by Winners

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Tribal Rule	169	98
Benchmark	125	83
Kafwain	139	75
Old Topper	131	73
Ministers Wild Cat	119	67
In Excess (IRE)	112	56
Bertrando	123	55
Unusual Heat	118	55
Unbridled Energy	93	53
Swiss Yodeler	103	50
Southern Image	95	48
Marino Marini	97	47
Stormin Fever	78	43
Decarchy	100	42
Salt Lake	82	40
Sea of Secrets	90	38
High Brite	62	36
Redattore (BRZ)	80	33
Deputy Commander	58	33
Terrell	57	32
Good Journey	60	30
Freepool	66	29
Roar	46	27
Rocky Bar	37	27
Cee's Tizzy	51	26
Tizbud	50	26
Globalize	39	26
Perfect Mandate	54	25
Lucky Pulpit	40	25
Siberian Summer	44	24
Game Plan	40	23
Momentum	53	22
Atticus	50	22
Stormy Jack	45	19
Flame Thrower	42	19
Popular	34	19
Tannersmyman	42	17
Capsized	34	17
Awesome Gambler	41	16
Gotham City	37	16
Comic Strip	35	16
Vronsky	32	16
Valid Wager	27	16
Suances (GB)	26	16
Souvenir Copy	46	15
High Demand	32	14
Iron Cat	26	14
Our New Recruit	26	14
Rio Verde	32	12
Singletary	32	12
Lit de Justice	28	12
Sought After	21	12
Heatseeker (IRE)	30	11
Crafty C. T.	16	11
Takin It Deep	16	11

By helping both people and horses, Emily has made her parents proud.

"The commitment she's made on the philanthropic side is dynamite," said Marty Wygod, "and tying the horses into it is doubly good."

Asked how many times he calls his daughter to give advice, Wygod turns the question around.

"You mean how often does she call me and give me her opinion? Every other day."

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