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# Steady Hand

*Mapleville Farms and Sherry McLean  
stay stable in changing times*

BY LENNY SHULMAN  
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**IN THE MIDST** of the instability that has befallen the Thoroughbred industry in Ontario over the past two years, at least one thing has remained constant. For 25 years Sherry McLean has been the glue holding together the historic property that is now Mapleville Farms in the hills of Caledon.

Started in the 1950s by George Gardiner, the farm, known until two years ago as Gardiner Farms, turned out champions such as St. Vincent and Ice Water and stars Two Violins and Carney's Point in the 1960s and '70s, and regularly topped all Canadian owners and breeders during its heyday. McLean signed on to Gardiner some 25 years ago and took over running the day-to-day operations of the thriving enterprise. Today Mapleville is a smaller concern, owned by Chinese/Canadian businessman Na Lui, but still benefits from the expertise, loyalty, and vast experience that McLean brings to every facet of Thoroughbred care.

Growing up on a cattle farm in northern Ontario, McLean was raised riding backyard horses to work the farm. When she went to university (eventually gaining a degree in agriculture), she earned money on the side



Sherry McLean has worked on the property that is now Mapleville Farms for 25 years

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							2013 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	<b>BADGE OF SILVER</b> (00, Silver Deputy), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	\$7,500	125/74	4/9	1/4	(Silver Max, \$909,193)	<b>\$3,523,368</b>	*253	9	1.28	1.44
2	<b>SILENT NAME (JPN)</b> (02, Sunday Silence), Adena Springs	\$7,500	78/43	6/7	2/6	(Silentio, \$461,000)	<b>\$3,469,341</b>	*202	8	1.47	1.24
3	<b>SLIGO BAY (IRE)</b> (98, Sadler's Wells), Adena Springs	\$5,000	101/48	4/7	2/4	(Paladin Bay, \$361,888)	<b>\$2,833,820</b>	*324	10	1.15	1.48
4	<b>MILWAUKEE BREW</b> (97, Wild Again), Adena Springs	\$7,500	136/68	7/9	3/7	(Procurement, \$204,819)	<b>\$2,466,458</b>	*453	21	1.18	1.60
5	<b>BOLD EXECUTIVE</b> (84, Bold Ruckus)	Died, 2011	88/52	3/4	3/3	(On Rainbow Bridge, \$215,686)	<b>\$2,224,830</b>	779	48	1.64	1.29
6	<b>NIIGON</b> (01, Unbridled)	Died, 2012	58/32	2/2	1/2	(Nipissing, \$340,344)	<b>\$2,203,552</b>	142	7	2.03	1.17
7	<b>OLD FORESTER</b> (01, Forestry), T. C. Westmeath Stud Farm	\$5,000	75/37	0/0	0/0	(Urban Forester, \$126,863)	<b>\$1,680,351</b>	177	7	1.59	1.62
8	<b>WHERE'S THE RING</b> (99, Seeking the Gold), Mapleville Farms	\$4,000	83/37	2/3	1/2	(Spadina Road, \$138,483)	<b>\$1,581,018</b>	233	9	1.45	1.43
9	<b>WILKO</b> (02, Awesome Again), Highfield Stock Farm	\$2,000	64/35	1/2	1/1	(Qiaona, \$383,234)	<b>\$1,564,308</b>	*134	2	0.98	1.27
10	<b>OLMODAVOR</b> (99, A.P. Indy), Dunroven Farm	\$1,250	72/42	1/1	0/1	(Persuasive Paul, \$97,210)	<b>\$1,095,857</b>	*233	9	0.86	1.34
11	<b>BEST OF THE BESTS (IRE)</b> (97, Machiavellian), Peaceful Valley Farms	\$2,000	50/18	2/2	1/2	(Amico Mio, \$245,436)	<b>\$971,074</b>	287	3	0.74	0.96
12	<b>BOLD N' FLASHY</b> (89, Bold Ruckus), T. C. Westmeath Stud Farm	\$2,500	28/14	2/4	2/2	(Paso Doble, \$190,559)	<b>\$957,746</b>	316	16	1.32	1.24
13	<b>FINALITY</b> (99, Dehere), Red Rock Farm	\$2,500	75/39	4/5	1/4	(Ruby Pumps, \$93,890)	<b>\$892,058</b>	195	15	0.65	0.77
14	<b>WANDO</b> (00, Langfuhr), Schonberg Farm	\$3,500	52/26	0/0	0/0	(Run to the Bank, \$69,113)	<b>\$854,458</b>	*128	2	1.22	1.18
15	<b>SAFFIR</b> (02, Unbridled), Spring Farm	N/A	20/13	1/1	1/1	(Langstaff, \$215,873)	<b>\$759,412</b>	39	1	1.67	1.22
16	<b>GOTTCHA GOLD</b> (03, Coronado's Quest), Strideaway Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	39/17	0/0	0/0	(Mucho Mans Gold, \$60,000)	<b>\$690,910</b>	*58	0	0.92	1.56
17	<b>GILDED TIME</b> (90, Timeless Moment)	N/A	61/30	3/3	0/3	(Lookinforchange, \$79,099)	<b>\$674,594</b>	*1245	54	1.34	1.51
18	<b>PEAKS AND VALLEYS</b> (92, Mt. Livermore)	Died, 2012	39/20	1/1	1/1	(Bear's Gem, \$112,288)	<b>\$666,893</b>	554	35	1.25	1.41
19	<b>STRUT THE STAGE</b> (98, Theatrical), Sam-Son Farm	\$2,500	26/11	1/1	1/1	(Strut the Course, \$159,661)	<b>\$648,414</b>	65	3	1.49	1.24
20	<b>FOREST GROVE</b> (01, Forestry), Canmor Farms	\$1,700	36/20	0/0	0/0	(Zulbaby, \$74,788)	<b>\$601,131</b>	88	2	0.94	1.29
21	<b>GIANT GIZMO</b> (04, Giant's Causeway), Adena Springs	\$5,000	23/6	1/1	1/1	(Spin the King, \$171,400)	<b>\$575,147</b>	38	1	1.44	1.46
22	<b>CAPE CANAVERAL</b> (96, Mr. Prospector), Highfield Stock Farm	\$3,000	45/23	2/4	1/2	(Canaveral Leader, \$136,673)	<b>\$561,117</b>	375	22	1.06	1.26
23	<b>STEPHANOTIS</b> (93, Regal Classic), Canmor Farms	\$1,700	48/21	2/2	2/2	(Wild Crush, \$63,382)	<b>\$522,862</b>	280	14	0.70	0.83
24	<b>FORMAL GOLD</b> (93, Black Tie Affair), Esquirol Farms	\$2,500	57/26	0/0	0/0	(Gotta Go Gold, \$56,790)	<b>\$519,267</b>	478	19	1.09	1.31
25	<b>SECOND IN COMMAND</b> (00, Silver Deputy), Road's End Farm	\$2,000	30/19	3/4	0/3	(Goldstryke Glory, \$171,580)	<b>\$509,196</b>	52	3	0.88	0.76
26	<b>SKIMMING</b> (96, Nureyev), Pacific Stud	\$2,000	49/25	1/1	0/1	(Mah Gellin, \$113,118)	<b>\$503,749</b>	317	15	0.77	1.03
27	<b>MARCAVELLY</b> (04, Johannesburg), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	\$2,000	36/16	0/0	0/0	(Lia's Miracle, \$54,542)	<b>\$498,864</b>	54	0	0.59	1.12
28	<b>ROSBERG</b> (01, A.P. Indy), Canmor Farms	\$3,000	27/19	2/3	1/2	(Go for Guinness, \$54,619)	<b>\$470,507</b>	33	2	0.63	0.94
29	<b>ONE WAY LOVE</b> (95, Regal Classic), T. C. Westmeath Stud Farm	\$1,000	34/16	0/0	0/0	(Love to Battle, \$50,987)	<b>\$462,336</b>	323	3	0.94	1.32
30	<b>STORM VICTORY</b> (00, Storm Cat), Klimes Farm	\$2,000	42/21	2/2	0/2	(Proud Victor, \$51,435)	<b>\$451,865</b>	144	9	0.60	0.63

doing the thing she knew best—working with horses. She had jobs with a Standardbred operation, a Thoroughbred farm, and a Thoroughbred trainer.

“I worked at the tracks in the summer and did breeding work in the winter,” McLean said. “I love to break and ride and love horses, period, so I did it all. Gardiner

stood seven or eight stallions at the time and needed someone in the shed who could handle them. I had worked with stallions, so I started with that and eventually did a bit of everything. I moved into managing the farm overall; at that point we had a large volume of horses and there was lots of work.”



Mapleville Farms is now down to about 200 acres in size

While giants such as Kinghaven and Sam-Son Farms eclipsed Gardiner as Canadian leaders at the end of last century, the farm staged a comeback under Gardiner's widow, Helen, and farm president Dr. Mike Colterjohn, transitioning from a private farm back into a public one. Gardiner was nominated for a Sovereign Award in 2006 as Canada's leading breeder. Gardiner-bred 2-year-old Midnight Shadow was likewise nominated for a juvenile filly Sovereign, and Bold Executive, standing at Gardiner, was Canada's leading sire by progeny earnings.

With the advent of the lucrative slots-

### 2013 Canada Sires by Stakes Winners

Sire	Stks Wnrs	Stks Wins
Milwaukee Brew	7	9
Silent Name (JPN)	6	6
Badge of Silver	4	9
Cause to Believe	4	8
Gold Legend	4	7
Sligo Bay (IRE)	4	7
Finality	4	5
Bold Executive	3	4
Second in Command	3	4
Tempered Appeal	3	4
Gilded Time	3	3

#### Special Note For Sire Lists:

For stallions that stand, will stand, or stood (deceased) in North America (stallions exported prior to the 2009 breeding season are excluded), and have runners in North America. All available statistics listed for the Northern Hemisphere through December 31, 2013. 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.

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## 2013 Leading Sires in Iowa



Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOBI,Sire), Where Stands	2014 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	Cumulative				
							2013 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	<b>SHORE BREEZE</b> (98, Danzig), Iowa State University Horse Farm	\$1,000	66/45	0/0	0/0	(The Elevator, \$58,665)	<b>\$976,722</b>	157	1	0.88	0.77
2	<b>ADDED EDGE</b> (00, Smart Strike), Special K Stables	\$2,000	59/24	3/3	2/3	(Rudy's Edge, \$97,981)	<b>\$949,616</b>	109	5	0.91	0.86
3	<b>WOKE UP DREAMIN</b> (00, Holy Bull), Madison County Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	35/19	1/1	0/1	(Dreaming of Jazz, \$75,535)	<b>\$551,380</b>	121	6	0.75	0.95
4	<b>WILD GOLD</b> (90, Wild Again)	N/A	29/15	0/0	0/0	(Wild for Glory, \$85,042)	<b>\$360,299</b>	234	4	0.78	0.86
5	<b>COLORFUL TOUR</b> (99, Tour d'Or)	N/A	7/5	0/0	0/0	(I Tour, \$58,104)	<b>\$174,676</b>	14	0	0.70	1.04

## 2013 Leading Sires in Indiana

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOBI,Sire), Where Stands	2014 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	Cumulative				
							2013 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	<b>STRONG HOPE</b> (00, Grand Slam), Midwest Equine & Veterinary Hospital	\$1,800	81/47	0/0	0/0	(Hattaash, \$103,088)	<b>\$1,166,832</b>	295	5	0.97	1.76
2	<b>DOMESTIC DISPUTE</b> (00, Unbridled's Song), Indiana Stallion Station	\$2,000	68/31	3/3	2/3	(Daydreamin Gracie, \$110,112)	<b>\$1,155,842</b>	*306	4	0.91	1.22
3	<b>DESERT WARRIOR</b> (00, Deputy Minister)	N/A	56/28	0/0	0/0	(Thnxtomyuncle, \$116,100)	<b>\$1,098,009</b>	*239	0	0.88	1.00
4	<b>PASS RUSH</b> (99, Crown Ambassador), Swifty Farms	\$2,500	27/17	2/2	2/2	(Facey's Spirit, \$112,699)	<b>\$662,845</b>	50	4	1.47	1.12
5	<b>CHIEF SEATTLE</b> (97, Seattle Slew)	Died, 2011	43/19	1/1	0/1	(Boston Chief, \$48,900)	<b>\$580,615</b>	*416	12	1.15	1.32
6	<b>ARTICLE OF FAITH</b> (04, Storm Cat), R Star Stallions at RichWine Farm	\$1,000	28/15	1/1	1/1	(Joint Tenant, \$125,411)	<b>\$505,888</b>	53	2	0.91	0.90
7	<b>SAINTLY LOOK</b> (00, Saint Ballado), R Star Stallions at RichWine Farm	\$1,000	17/14	2/2	2/2	(Needmore Cash, \$96,398)	<b>\$440,542</b>	22	2	1.56	0.95
8	<b>WILD ZONE</b> (90, Wild Again)	Pnsd	24/8	1/1	1/1	(Te Rapa, \$134,320)	<b>\$420,938</b>	*479	14	0.80	1.07
9	<b>VIBANK</b> (03, Silver Deputy), Hidden Springs	\$1,000	31/18	0/0	0/0	(Virreina, \$46,834)	<b>\$418,793</b>	61	0	0.98	1.31
10	<b>CITY WEEKEND</b> (02, Carson City), Equine Vet Hospital of Northern Indiana	\$2,500	35/17	0/0	0/0	(Pretty Cityweekend, \$42,455)	<b>\$403,472</b>	64	1	0.59	1.03

at-racetracks program fueling purses at Woodbine and at several other racetracks in the province, stallions from the U.S. began making their way north to stand in Canada. Broodmares also arrived in numbers as breeders looked to take advantage of increasing purses and awards. Gardiner swelled to accommodate 11 stallions, including Adena Springs studs such as Silent Name, Sligo Bay, Milwaukee Brew, Alphabet Soup, Olmodavor, and Giant Gizmo, as Adena tested the waters before bringing its sires to its own facility in Ontario.

"The boom times were happening with the slots agreement," said McLean. "You had a secure income that was supporting

racing and the breeding farms. According to a university study the industry was supporting 50,000 jobs and was worth \$2-\$4 billion. Money was trickling down to taxes that paid for roads and buildings; people were buying trucks, feed. It was having a huge effect. Everybody wanted to come in on our stallion program to take advantage of its strength. We had increasing mare herds and an improving stallion herd, numbers and quality-wise. And then the government yanked it out from under us."

That was February 2012, when Ontario's provincial government abruptly announced it was canceling the lucrative slots-at-racetracks program, throwing the area's horse industry into a tailspin. After

negotiations, a two-year transitional funding agreement was announced that would keep Woodbine and Mohawk racetracks going with reduced support from slots. Race dates were cut by 15%, jobs were slashed, and a sense of panic took root where shortly before confidence ruled.

"The government recognized that it sent us a wrecking ball," said McLean. "They had no clue what they'd actually done at the time. Now they're coming around the circle a little bit.

"Even though the purse money didn't change much through all of that, there was a lack of confidence; the stability wasn't there. Now we're looking at other ways to support the race industry in Ontario, and we're managing to maintain our purses and hope to continue doing that."

While those changes were brewing, there were significant shifts occurring at Gardiner Farms as well. Dr. Colterjohn passed away barely a month before Lui purchased the property. The one constant has been McLean, who has overseen a reduction in the operation from 300 to 200 acres. Mapleville has about 45 head of horses that call it home year 'round. The farm handles all aspects of raising horses, from foaling to breaking, training, and sales prep. Its facilities help guard against any weather-related setbacks. Mapleville has a half-mile outdoor dirt track as well as an indoor quarter-mile track so that training can occur no matter what the Canadian winter brings.

"We start back up the first week in January, and I don't think they can do much better than that in Florida," said McLean.



About 45 horses call Mapleville Farms home year 'round

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1	<b>MOBIL</b> (00, Langfuhr), Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,500	61/28	3/3	2/3	(Hobnobsnob, \$138,298)	<b>\$1,583,548</b>	*141	5	1.39	1.42
2	<b>LUNARPAL</b> (02, Successful Appeal), Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,000	40/27	0/0	0/0	(Mars Curiosity, \$92,050)	<b>\$876,877</b>	97	2	0.91	1.03
3	<b>THE CLIFF'S EDGE</b> (01, Gulch), Fair Winds Farm	\$2,500	59/28	0/0	0/0	(Taste the Fortune, \$78,452)	<b>\$813,233</b>	215	4	0.86	1.20
4	<b>WESTERN PRIDE</b> (98, Way West), R.C. Ciine Farm	N/A	37/20	0/0	0/0	(Miss Dayna Lee, \$75,207)	<b>\$534,950</b>	95	1	0.57	0.95
5	<b>KILLENAULE</b> (02, Fusaichi Pegasus)	N/A	40/17	0/0	0/0	(Secondhand Justice, \$72,237)	<b>\$446,420</b>	66	0	0.57	0.92

“We don’t lose a lot of time because of weather. Horses go back under tack; older horses headed for the races will start gal-

loping and then work starts. Best, horses get turned out every day and they’re allowed to be horses and have down time.

Even in training they get their time out. It’s a good place to be for a horse.”

Four stallions are residing at Mapleville for the 2014 breeding season. The group veteran is Where’s the Ring, a 15-year-old son of Seeking the Gold—Wedding Picture, by Blushing Groom, bred by Pin Oak Stud and from a longtime Pin Oak female family. A stakes winner himself, Where’s the Ring is the sire of Spadina Road, winner of the Kingarvie Stakes, and A Lasting Peace, who took the Similkameen Cup Stakes and the Starter Stakes. Where’s the Ring notched a dozen 2-year-old winners in 2013.

“I’ve known Sherry for a long time, and I have the utmost respect for her,” noted Clifford Barry, farm manager of Pin Oak Stud, which also co-owns Where’s The Ring. “She’s done a great job for us through the years and has outstanding horsemanship skills. She always does the right thing for the horse.”

Mapleville also stands stakes-placed Spaniard, by Candy Ride, out of the Flying Chevron mare Shameful, who is a half to champion filly Indian Blessing. His first crop just turned yearlings. Sky Conqueror, Canada’s champion grass horse of 2006 and a grade I winner of more than \$1.7 million, also calls Mapleville home. Sky Conqueror is by Sky Classic—Heavenly Ballerina, by Conquistador Cielo, and is the sire of Regal Conqueror, who won the 2013 Victoria Queen Stakes at 2 in his first crop. Mapleville is excited to be standing Town Prize, a son of hot sire Speightstown. Speightstown finished a close second to Kitten’s Joy on the North American general sires list for 2013. Out of the Prized mare Prized Stamp, Town Prize is standing his first season. He won the 2012 Woodstock Stakes at 3.

The demise of the slots-at-racetracks program has had a chilling effect on Canadian breeders. It stopped the flow of U.S.-based runners that were being exported north to stand stud, and with that, the numbers of mares followed suit.

“The mare numbers have dropped off so much it’s scary,” McLean said. “Hopefully, there is some confidence coming back now, and I think you’re seeing Cana-

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dians concentrating more now on buying quality mares than quantity. We'd all like to be up in the 100s as far as books for our stallions, but realistically 60-plus would be a very good book and 40 would be OK."

McLean maintains a financial interest in some stallions and owns some 20 head of weanlings, broodmares, and racehorses, part of her lifelong commitment to the Thoroughbred industry.

"I believe in what we are doing here," she said. "You can't do this and not believe in it. It's too much work and self-investment not to believe in the program. We've worked hard to improve the mares and stallions by trying to bring better horses here that fit the market.

"Personally, I've invested in mares that are about to drop their first weanlings, which will go to sale; I have a couple of racehorses. I have to do a little bit of everything to figure out how to go into the future. It's about surviving, period, more than being commercial right now. It's about paying each bill that comes and hopefully have the horses to help pay them. I want to make a living for both the farm and for myself."

One philosophy passed on through Dr. Colterjohn to the current Mapleville is paying attention to keeping horses as healthy and disease-free as possible. Colterjohn believed it was counterproductive to have even the farm help touching mares and foals because of the problems Canada has had with superbugs that have become major health risks for horses. McLean has continued a policy of practicing biosecurity on the farm. Workers wear masks, gloves, and special suits and boots when they work around the mares and foals. Workers don't go from dealing with training horses back to the broodmares without donning these physical barriers to help prevent diseases.

"It's expensive to treat a sick horse," said McLean. "We'd rather practice these things and give them the best chance to succeed. Having these physical barriers stops disease at the door instead of having the whole barn coughing and hacking. People can't come from the racetrack and start touching horses here. We also don't mix outside mares with our own. It's simple stuff: masks, gloves, washing hands; but you reduce the chances of disease and we practice that stringently."

Mapleville's large broodmare barn has separate wings. Early in the year it holds a lot of training horses, and when they begin shipping to the racetrack, it is time for the broodmares to start coming in for breeding season. A staff of eight or nine

handles the work, and McLean gives particular credit to Art Manning, who oversees maintenance and accounting and the dozens of other details that need attention day-to-day. The farm has a list of top-flight clients including trainers Scott Fairlie and Steve Attard, and that longtime alliance with Josephine Abercrombie's Pin Oak Stud near Versailles, Ky.

Most of all, it has the expertise of McLean, a horsewoman through and through.

"I'm proud of what I do," she said. "It's been a lot of work and with the new ownership it was like staring over again, but we've had support from good clients that have been here long-term. I'm here to stay in this industry. I dug in a long time ago.

"The thing that makes us get up in the morning is waiting for the next baby; looking at the yearlings and thinking you have a nice one."

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