

# SOUTHEAST



## Ultimate Teamwork

*Chris and Lynne Boutte's Eagle's View Farm soars*

BY MICHAEL COMPTON / JOSEPH DIORIO PHOTOS

**CHRIS AND LYNNE** Boutte come by their trade honestly. The owners of Eagle's View Farm near Ocala, Fla., would be hard-pressed to recall a time in their lives not filled with horses or thoughts of them. Their appreciation of the youngsters they break and train—some for sales, others for the racetrack—is surpassed only by the role horses played in bringing them together.

While they are from different parts of the equine world—Chris hails from a racing family in Louisiana and Lynn was raised in New York, close to Belmont Park—the horse business beckoned to both of them early in life.

Growing up on Long Island and raised in the same neighborhood as Hall of Fame trainer H. Allen Jerkens, Lynn gravitated to the Thoroughbred set early in life. It was Jerkens who gave Lynn her first job at the racetrack walking hots.

"I always loved horses," Lynn said. "Some people are born with it in the genes, except my parents couldn't even spell 'horse.' We got some riding horses when I was 12 or 13, and we started in the show horse scene. My parents kind of grew along with me.

"After my first job walking hots for Allen Jerkens, I went back to the show horses but always continued loving the Thoroughbreds," Lynn added. "As I matured, I just shifted to the Thoroughbreds completely."

Lynn found her way to the Sunshine State thanks to a grandfather who lived in Jacksonville.

"New York was a tough, tough spot for a young lady in the late 1970s," Lynn said. "I had heard about Ocala. I came to Florida to visit my grandfather, and I kept going."

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28Oct12-40CD	fst	1	:22 1/4	:46 1/4	1:12 1/4	1:37 1/4	Iroquois-G3	91	8	7 1/2	5 1/2	3 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	Mena M	L120	4:70	84-22	Uncaptured <sup>1</sup> Positively <sup>2</sup> Overanalyze <sup>3</sup>	Steadied 7/16 pl	10
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30Jun12-8WO	fst	5 1/2	:21 1/4	:44 1/4	:56 1/4	1:03	@Clarendon150k	96	6	2	3 1/2	3 1/2	7 1/2	1 1/2	Husbands P	L119	*1:30	98-13	Uncaptured <sup>1</sup> Jocosity <sup>2</sup> River Seven <sup>3</sup>	Swept by furlong out	7
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								Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	WILDCAT HEIR (00, Forest Wildcat), Journeyman Stud	\$10,000	221/134	8/12	0/8	(Daring Kathy, \$356,366)	<b>\$5,834,003</b>	*499	27	1.44	1.49
2	WITH DISTINCTION (01, Storm Cat), Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds	\$7,500	189/111	3/3	0/3	(Decisive Moment, \$170,727)	<b>\$4,177,443</b>	*404	10	1.15	1.20
3	EXCLUSIVE QUALITY (03, Elusive Quality), Journeyman Stud	\$2,500	104/49	2/4	1/2	(Holywell, \$415,025)	<b>\$2,259,646</b>	207	6	1.12	1.14
4	POLLARD'S VISION (01, Carson City), Pleasant Acres Stallions	\$6,500	106/53	3/5	2/3	(Mister Pollard, \$246,603)	<b>\$2,112,927</b>	*511	17	1.41	1.28
5	REPENT (99, Louis Quatorze)	N/A	99/52	1/3	0/1	(Saythreehailmary's, \$123,300)	<b>\$2,007,343</b>	*474	25	1.13	1.18
6	MAGNA GRADUATE (02, Honor Grades), Woodford Thoroughbreds	\$3,000	78/43	5/6	4/5	(Jessica's Star, \$347,600)	<b>\$1,886,907</b>	*140	6	1.00	1.15
7	A. P. WARRIOR (03, A.P. Indy), HallMarc Stallions at Stonewall Farm Ocala	\$4,500	70/36	2/2	0/2	(Moment of Delight, \$174,850)	<b>\$1,605,899</b>	*159	6	1.04	1.01
8	VALUE PLUS (01, Unbridled's Song), HallMarc Stallions at Stonewall Farm Ocala	\$4,500	90/48	1/2	0/1	(Long On Value, \$333,088)	<b>\$1,545,043</b>	*331	3	0.98	1.17
9	TWO STEP SALSA (05, Peticionville), Get Away Farm	\$7,500	48/28	1/1	0/1	(Dance With Fate, \$524,800)	<b>\$1,497,350</b>	82	1	1.47	1.06
10	MONTBROOK (90, Buckaroo)	Died	84/38	0/0	0/0	(Schivarelli, \$156,900)	<b>\$1,377,249</b>	*870	49	1.52	1.53
11	COWTOWN CAT (04, Distorted Humor)	N/A	62/30	2/5	0/2	(Calgary Cat, \$315,000)	<b>\$1,356,009</b>	105	2	1.16	1.29
12	CIRCULAR QUAY (04, Thunder Gulch)	N/A	69/42	1/1	0/1	(Reporting Star, \$202,031)	<b>\$1,341,224</b>	110	2	1.01	1.37
13	HIGH COTTON (03, Dixie Union), Ocala Stud Farm	\$5,000	77/39	0/0	0/0	(Tarp's Goal, \$97,430)	<b>\$1,196,894</b>	*165	4	1.09	1.34
14	IMPERIALISM (01, Langfuhr)	N/A	84/34	1/2	0/1	(Mr. Baker, \$150,037)	<b>\$1,179,372</b>	191	4	0.80	0.98
15	HEAR NO EVIL (00, Carson City), Journeyman Stud	\$2,500	38/19	3/7	1/3	(Sing Praises, \$408,370)	<b>\$1,125,641</b>	78	6	1.91	1.50
16	IN SUMMATION (03, Put It Back), Ocala Stud Farm	\$2,500	63/29	1/1	0/1	(Puntrooskie, \$134,400)	<b>\$1,098,990</b>	100	1	0.85	1.52
17	SAINT ANDDAN (02, A.P. Indy)	N/A	53/28	1/1	1/1	(Happy to Go, \$92,550)	<b>\$978,827</b>	*122	6	0.99	1.25
18	IT'S NO JOKE (02, Distorted Humor), HallMarc Stallions at Stonewall Farm Ocala	\$3,000	29/18	1/1	1/1	(Amulay, \$141,700)	<b>\$798,943</b>	68	4	1.32	1.07
19	¶ KANTHAROS (08, Lion Heart), Ocala Stud Farm	\$5,000	25/15	1/2	1/1	(Mr. Jordan, \$139,215)	<b>\$795,448</b>	46	1	1.52	1.27
20	CONCORDE'S TUNE (89, Concorde Bound)	Died, 2011	46/28	1/1	0/1	(Wicked Tune, \$94,350)	<b>\$779,791</b>	486	29	1.26	1.12
21	SWEET RETURN (GB) (00, Elmaamul), Ocala Stud Farm	\$3,500	41/16	0/0	0/0	(Sweet Abandon, \$150,380)	<b>\$664,891</b>	81	0	0.69	0.87
22	AWESOME OF COURSE (00, Awesome Again), Journeyman Stud	\$5,000	25/11	1/1	1/1	(Twotwentyfive A, \$203,038)	<b>\$662,060</b>	74	6	2.57	1.41
23	BENNY THE BULL (03, Lucky Lionel), Bridlewood Farm	TBA	36/22	1/1	0/1	(Joe Pike, \$48,741)	<b>\$612,302</b>	54	1	0.94	1.00
24	ROAR OF THE TIGER (99, Storm Cat)	Died, 2010	38/19	0/0	0/0	(Voodoo Spell, \$56,120)	<b>\$593,452</b>	*307	7	0.85	1.17
25	LEADING THE PARADE (01, A.P. Indy)	N/A	36/18	0/0	0/0	(Clever Royal, \$53,846)	<b>\$555,497</b>	92	0	0.68	0.97
26	DOUBLE HONOR (95, Gone West)	N/A	60/26	1/1	1/1	(Double Secret, \$78,898)	<b>\$535,654</b>	*592	21	1.04	1.16
27	HALO'S IMAGE (91, Halo)	Died, 2010	33/18	0/0	0/0	(Blonde On Blonde, \$63,297)	<b>\$535,130</b>	*554	22	1.30	1.29
28	THE GREEN MONKEY (04, Forestry), Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds	\$5,000	19/13	2/2	1/2	(Green Doctor, \$171,024)	<b>\$493,283</b>	33	3	1.19	1.04
29	WEST ACRE (95, Forty Niner)	Died, 2012	33/17	1/1	1/1	(Fifty Acres, \$50,300)	<b>\$491,254</b>	331	14	1.38	1.20
30	INDY WIND (02, A.P. Indy), Journeyman Stud	\$2,000	27/15	0/0	0/0	(Perfect Wind, \$57,445)	<b>\$481,037</b>	44	1	1.07	1.13
31	YESBYJIMMINY (04, Yes It's True), Bridlewood Farm	\$2,500	34/18	1/1	0/1	(Yes That's Me, \$42,589)	<b>\$477,673</b>	47	2	0.78	1.41
32	BLACK MAMBO (99, Kingmambo)	Died, 2009	21/12	1/1	0/1	(Dad'z Laugh, \$149,120)	<b>\$464,764</b>	*185	3	0.94	1.28
33	WAGON LIMIT (94, Conquistador Cielo), Bridlewood Farm	\$2,000	15/9	1/1	1/1	(Delta Bluesman, \$62,892)	<b>\$431,704</b>	188	6	1.30	1.12
34	UNBRIDLED TIME (98, Unbridled's Song)	Died, 2012	18/12	0/0	0/0	(Valley King, \$59,875)	<b>\$321,052</b>	200	1	0.77	1.01
35	SARAVA (99, Wild Again)	Pnsd	31/13	0/0	0/0	(One Fast Sarava, \$78,466)	<b>\$318,242</b>	184	1	0.67	1.16
36	STRAIGHT MAN (96, Saint Ballado)	N/A	25/14	0/0	0/0	(Hengist, \$35,193)	<b>\$297,915</b>	348	11	1.05	1.14
37	SCORPION (98, Seattle Slew)	N/A	23/8	0/0	0/0	(Tryer, \$81,999)	<b>\$293,283</b>	*123	1	0.80	1.08
38	MARQUETRY (87, Conquistador Cielo)	Died, 2013	22/8	0/0	0/0	(Uncle Jeep, \$63,310)	<b>\$247,346</b>	*892	34	1.11	1.41
39	¶ COOL COAL MAN (05, Mineshaft), Journeyman Stud	\$3,500	25/5	1/1	0/1	(Scindia, \$60,232)	<b>\$241,284</b>	39	1	0.62	1.08
40	HELLO BROADWAY (06, Broken Vow), Ups and Downs Farm	\$3,000	12/6	0/0	0/0	(Tiz Showbiz, \$55,402)	<b>\$219,105</b>	16	1	1.08	1.08
41	SPELLBINDER (01, Tale of the Cat), HallMarc Stallions at Stonewall Farm Ocala	\$2,000	18/6	0/0	0/0	(Out of Spells, \$29,345)	<b>\$197,459</b>	29	1	1.15	1.12
42	FLASHSTORM (04, Storm Cat), Northwest Stud	\$2,500	11/5	0/0	0/0	(Flash Glory, \$47,619)	<b>\$194,438</b>	17	0	0.88	0.98
43	BOASTFUL (98, Cozzene), Covington Oaks Farm	\$1,000	12/6	0/0	0/0	(Bold Tango, \$49,246)	<b>\$175,535</b>	31	0	0.62	0.94
44	LIFESTYLE (00, Indian Charlie)	N/A	7/5	0/0	0/0	(Right Now Richie, \$86,884)	<b>\$151,506</b>	9	1	1.45	1.15
45	SILVER TREE (00, Hennessy), Ocala Stud Farm	\$2,500	13/8	0/0	0/0	(Notably Silver, \$26,525)	<b>\$150,822</b>	22	0	0.49	1.15
46	INDIAN EXPRESS (00, Indian Charlie)	N/A	11/5	0/0	0/0	(Strongbaksteeltoes, \$38,250)	<b>\$126,855</b>	33	2	0.87	0.65
47	ROCK HAMPTON (04, Storm Cat), Ric Deg Farm	Private	11/2	0/0	0/0	(Condestable, \$56,851)	<b>\$118,530</b>	22	0	0.48	1.06
48	COLONY LIGHT (89, Pleasant Colony), Rising Hill Farm	Private	10/5	0/0	0/0	(Hugo Light, \$30,059)	<b>\$112,743</b>	410	13	1.00	1.04
49	MARCO BAY (90, Copelan)	N/A	7/4	0/0	0/0	(True Marco, \$53,490)	<b>\$109,777</b>	96	2	1.44	0.76
50	SPENSIVE (00, Ponche), Y-Lo Racing Stables	\$1,500	8/3	0/0	0/0	(Vanuatu, \$56,900)	<b>\$107,365</b>	36	0	0.50	0.72
51	THE KAISER (95, Tasso)	N/A	8/4	0/0	0/0	(Push Kaiser, \$31,850)	<b>\$99,235</b>	34	0	0.74	0.90
52	WEKIVA SPRINGS (91, Runaway Groom)	Died, 2014	11/5	0/0	0/0	(Classic Speed, \$27,400)	<b>\$92,526</b>	405	15	0.87	1.20
53	FORTY GRAMS (04, Distorted Humor)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(World Gone Wright, \$90,920)	<b>\$91,995</b>	9	0	2.29	1.16
54	UNTUTTABLE (96, Unbridled)	Pnsd	13/2	0/0	0/0	(Time for Tutt, \$38,168)	<b>\$86,616</b>	195	11	1.06	1.26
55	WEEKEND CRUISE (97, A.P. Indy)	N/A	10/4	0/0	0/0	(Cruisenforlove, \$33,726)	<b>\$83,463</b>	144	0	0.56	0.78
56	SKIP TRIAL (82, Bailjumper)	Died, 2012	6/4	0/0	0/0	(Skiptogethergold, \$40,401)	<b>\$77,622</b>	*460	28	1.93	1.56
57	SUCCESSFUL WAYS (04, Successful Appeal)	N/A	4/3	0/0	0/0	(Whateverworks, \$42,170)	<b>\$69,719</b>	14	0	0.57	0.74
58	AWESOME SWORD (00, Awesome Again)	N/A	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Awesome Eclipse, \$62,399)	<b>\$67,199</b>	50	1	0.82	0.98
59	ORCHARD PARK (99, Hennessy)	Pnsd	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Sweeping Victory, \$46,196)	<b>\$66,777</b>	24	0	0.52	2.06
60	CONSCIENCE CLEAR (97, Relaunch)	N/A	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Lucy's Finale, \$21,470)	<b>\$64,728</b>	51	0	0.82	0.68
61	DARK KESTREL (03, Stormy Atlantic), University of Florida Vet. Medical Center	\$1,500	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Stormofthecentury, \$49,776)	<b>\$58,101</b>	16	1	1.66	1.37
62	DOWN THE AISLE (93, Runaway Groom)	N/A	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Virginia Cavalier, \$30,344)	<b>\$49,977</b>	144	0	0.51	0.80
63	TOO SHY WILL FLY (04, Wild Event)	N/A	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Shy's Aly, \$46,279)	<b>\$46,279</b>	1	0	1.68	1.60
64	DON RIGO (04, Straight Man)	N/A	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Exclusive Moon, \$15,763)	<b>\$43,654</b>	12	0	0.40	0.51
65	DILIGENCE (93, Miswaki)	Pnsd	4/3	0/0	0/0	(Samson Road, \$22,900)	<b>\$39,706</b>	194	8	0.92	1.13
66	¶ MACH RIDE (03, Pentelicus), Bridlewood Farm	\$2,000	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Ackeret, \$33,600)	<b>\$37,900</b>	7	0	0.63	1.13
67	¶ PLEASANT STRIKE (04, Smart Strike)	N/A	3/2	1/2	0/1	(Graciela Mia, \$24,618)	<b>\$35,008</b>	9	1	0.26	0.94
68	SKIP TO THE STONE (98, Skip Trial)	N/A	8/2	0/0	0/0	(Lo Gin and Tonic, \$9,269)	<b>\$31,214</b>	81	1	0.56	0.91
69	J TOWN (01, Jules)	N/A	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Mining Town, \$18,579)	<b>\$30,294</b>	8	0	1.09	1.18
70	AMERICAN SPIRIT (96, Storm Boot), Double Diamond Farm	Private	11/3	0/0	0/0	(Cashel Back, \$13,035)	<b>\$29,851</b>	60	2	0.75	0.85

## Special Note For Sire Lists:

For stallions that stand, will stand, or stood (deceased) in North America (stallions exported prior to the 2010 breeding season are excluded), and have runners in North America. All available statistics listed for the Northern Hemisphere through November 30, 2014. 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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Chris and Lynne Boutte have 42 horses in their training program

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Once in Ocala, Lynn continued her education in the Thoroughbred business, working for Irish Acres Farm and the legendary Tartan Farms. She got her start in pinhooking at age 23 in 1983.

“Working for Irish Acres gave me my first taste of selling horses at OBS (Ocala Breeders’ Sales Co.),” Lynn said. “My first auction experience was a 10-day October sale. We had 40 head in that sale the first year I was here. That was a big introduction to the business.

“Working at Tartan was just incredible,” she added. “I worked under Tony Barnard and John Nerud. There was an aura around Tartan Farm. In Reality and Fappiano were there. You rode horses by Mr. Prospector. You knew you were privileged to be there. As time goes on, I think, unfortunately, people lose some of it (the history). While we know the fabric of Marion County and Florida, some of it is being lost over time.”

While he spends each and every day working with Thoroughbreds, Chris received his start in the Quarter Horse business with his father, Roland, and brothers Galen and Harlan. Galen was a leading Quarter Horse jockey and today is a steward in Louisiana, and Harlan is a trainer who counts country music star Toby Keith among his clients. Chris gave riding a whirl for a time before his weight became an insurmountable issue.

“I had to fight weight too much, so I went into training,” Chris said. “I galloped a lot and broke a lot of babies for my father and brothers. I thought I was riding fast horses back then, but then I met Lynn and started getting on Carson Citys and fast Thoroughbreds.”

While his riding days are but a memory, Chris has a treasured souvenir from a memorable race adorning a wall in their home—a win picture of him barefoot in the saddle.

“I rode at the bush tracks in the 1970s, and for one particular race I rode without boots just to make weight,” Chris shared. “I won the race but lost a toenail that has yet to grow back. I wanted to ride that horse so badly that I told the trainer I would take my boots off to make weight. He said, ‘If you want to ride him that bad, I’ll let you ride him.’”

Chris credits his father and brothers for much of his early education, but is also quick to acknowledge the late trainer Ataway Darbonne, a legend in the heart of Cajun Country, for influencing much of his training philosophy.

“He taught me so much,” Chris said of Darbonne. “He would go through the barn at night to see how a horse was resting so he could tell if he was sore. That is the type of thing I picked up from him. I learned from everyone, though, especially my father and my brothers.”

The Bouttes are so focused on the horses they are entrusted to teach and care for that things such as personal milestones can slip by unrecognized (as a recent wedding anniversary did). They are not sure if they were married in 1999 or 2000. But they do remember meeting in Florida.

“Chris came to Ocala to work for his brother, who was working for Jimmy Gladwell,” recalled Lynn. “I was between farms and rented stalls there, and one day I saw Chris on a horse. I will never forget he was riding a gray horse, and I asked Jimmy, ‘Who is that?’ We became friends and pretty much saw each other constantly after that.”

Chris has a slightly different take on their early courtship.

“I would wake up at four in the morning and make her a breakfast biscuit and drive it to her,” he explained. “I did that for a while until I found out she was giving them to one of her grooms. She finally ate one and told me she liked it, but that entire time she was giving the biscuits to someone else.”

In her defense, Lynn said with a laugh, “I was trying to hook them up. We were friends, and I didn’t realize he was making them just for me. I finally caught on. The funny thing is he hasn’t made biscuits since.”

With seven children and 10 grandchildren between them (second marriage for both), the Bouttes are dedicated to their



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family and their horses. The life they've chosen doesn't leave room for much else, except for an occasional daycation to clear their minds.

"My most enjoyable moment in a given day is when it's quiet, and the day is done and I go outside and watch the babies run around in the fields," Lynn said. "The unadulterated naturalness of the horses is everything to me."

The Bouttes' 35-acre facility is nestled in The Gallops equine complex, a short drive north of Ocala near Reddick. The property features a five-eighths-mile training track and a half-mile grass gallop. The Bouttes currently have 42 head enrolled in their training program, and on a recent crisp fall day, optimism reigned around Eagle's View.

"Everything is rosy right now," said Lynn. "We're having a spectacular breaking season. They are all sound and healthy; they are breaking cleanly and staying in their feed buckets. Most of them have gone 60 days now, and we're galloping two easy rounds. They are just now starting to grab the bit. This is the time we are seeing the ones that are saying, 'I want to be a racehorse,' and then others that are saying, 'I don't know what I'm doing' or 'I need more time.' They talk to you at this stage, and they help you to help them."

As the Bouttes' operation has evolved, just 15-18 of the youngsters are being pointed to a 2-year-old auction next spring; the rest are being readied for the racetrack.

"We backed down from the sales significantly when everyone else was stepping up," Lynn explained of their decision not to expand a few years back. "We are very comfortable where we're at. When the banks were loaning money to everyone,

something didn't smell right. We went in for a line of credit, and the bank said, 'We'll approve you up to \$250,000; that's what we're doing for all the aggressive buyers this year.' Chris and I talked about it, and it scared us to death. We were worried that if the banks were giving everyone that kind of money, it was going to create a false market."

The Bouttes credit that single decision as a key to their longevity and surviving the economic downturn of 2008.

"You can win a lot of games with base hits," Lynn said. "You don't always need home runs."

True to their philosophy of patience in life and work, the Bouttes don't rush their babies.

"We do a lot of equitation with them," Lynn said. "We want a real good handle; (we concentrate on) bending, turning, stopping, backing, and balance. We're slow and sure with our babies. If we get a nervous filly, let's say, we'll take her and, instead of riding her with a group of horses, we'll take her and just hack her, let her walk, and stop and see things. We figure we save time by spending time.

"We've trained as many as 75, 80 head, so 45 is what I call the ceiling of our comfort level," she added. "That's the level where we can put a hand on each horse every day. A lot of people can't work like Chris and I do. We live together, sleep together, and work together. It's the ultimate teamwork."

Predictably, the Bouttes are big on teamwork and run a tight and peaceful shedrow.

"We try to keep things quiet," said Lynn. "Most of the time you don't even hear our help, and that's what we like. We want a quiet attitude in the barn."

## 2014 FLORIDA SIRES BY WINNERS

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Wildcat Heir	221	134
With Distinction	189	111
Pollard's Vision	106	53
Repent	99	52
Exclusive Quality	104	49
Value Plus	90	48
Magna Graduate	78	43
Circular Quay	69	42
High Cotton	77	39
Montbrook	84	38
A. P. Warrior	70	36
Imperialism	84	34
Cowtown Cat	62	30
In Summation	63	29
Saint Anddan	53	28
Two Step Salsa	48	28
Concorde's Tune	46	28
Double Honor	60	26
Benny the Bull	36	22
Hear No Evil	38	19
Roar of the Tiger	38	19
Leading the Parade	36	18
Yesbyjimmy	34	18
Halo's Image	33	18
It's No Joke	29	18
West Acre	33	17
Sweet Return (GB)	41	16
Indy Wind	27	15
Kantharos	25	15
Straight Man	25	14
Sarava	31	13
The Green Monkey	19	13
Black Mambo	21	12
Unbridled Time	18	12
Awesome of Course	25	11
Wagon Limit	15	9
Scorpion	23	8
Marquetry	22	8
Silver Tree	13	8
Spellbinder	18	6
Boastful	12	6
Hello Broadway	12	6
Cool Coal Man	25	5
Flashstorm	11	5
Indian Express	11	5
Wekiva Springs	11	5
Colony Light	10	5
Lifestyle	7	5
Weekend Cruise	10	4
The Kaiser	8	4
Marco Bay	7	4
Skip Trial	6	4
American Spirit	11	3
Spensive	8	3
Don Rigo	6	3
Diligence	4	3
Successful Ways	4	3

2014 FLORIDA SIRES BY STAKES WINNERS

Sire	Rnrs.	StksWnrs
Wildcat Heir	8	12
Magna Graduate	5	6
Hear No Evil	3	7
Pollard's Vision	3	5
With Distinction	3	3
Cowtown Cat	2	5
Exclusive Quality	2	4
A. P. Warrior	2	2
The Green Monkey	2	2
Pleasant Strike	1	3
Repent	1	3
Imperialism	1	2
Kantharos	1	2
Value Plus	1	2
Awesome of Course	1	1
Benny the Bull	1	1
Black Mambo	1	1
Circular Quay	1	1
Concorde's Tune	1	1
Cool Coal Man	1	1
Double Honor	1	1
In Summation	1	1
It's No Joke	1	1
Saint Anddan	1	1
Two Step Salsa	1	1
Wagon Limit	1	1
West Acre	1	1
Yesbyjimmy	1	1

A testament to their sense of team is the fact that longtime employees Margarita Escareno and Eduardo Murillo have worked for the couple for 13 years.

"Our lead people are more like family, and they are very committed," said Lynn. "We've watched their children grow up. Chris and I have had wonderful people in our lives who have given us opportunities along the way, offering us ownership stakes in horses and bonuses, so we try to do the same. We've been blessed."

The Bouttes have attracted prominent clients through the years. They once trained horses for Florida pioneers John Franks and Fred Hooper, as well as Dr. Dan Frazier, and more recently Barry Schwartz, the former chairman and CEO



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of Calvin Klein; and John DeStefano Jr. of Black Swan Stable.

"It's been great to train for horse people, as opposed to just owners," Lynn said. "And we've trained for some incredible legends. We've never been an operation to try a shortcut to get a job done, and we've gotten a lot of run out of horses. I think a lot of it has to do with reputation. All we know is every year the Lord fills our barns again."

The Bouttes' training graduates include Sean Avery, winner of the 2011 Alfred G. Vanderbilt Handicap (gr. I); The Lumber Guy, winner of the 2012 Vosburgh Invitational Stakes (gr. I); Gantry, a graded stakes-winning sprinter with 10 victories to his credit and earnings approaching the \$900,000 mark; Showmeitall, winner of the 2002 Hutcheson Stakes (gr. III); and Bernie Blue, a multiple stakes winner for Frazier's Pyrite Stables who earned \$946,948, racking up 23 wins in 63 starts. The Bouttes also gave early training to Kid Cruz, winner of this year's Dwyer Stakes (gr. III).

Accustomed to their graduates making news on the racetrack, the Bouttes made headlines of their own in 2012 when they sold a \$180,000 pinhook on behalf of Schwartz for \$1.2 million to Sheikh Mohammed at that year's Fasig-Tipton Florida sale at Palm Meadows Training Center. Named Price Is Truth, the handsome chestnut son of Distorted Humor is based in Dubai with trainer Satish Seemar and has won his last two races, most recently a handicap race Nov. 20 at Meydan.

"He was a precocious colt," Lynn remembered of the auction's second-highest-priced horse. "We knew we were very live. He wasn't big, but he showed big. Everything about him was bigger than life."

When it comes to scouting prospects at the sales, Chris and Lynn each have certain qualities they look for in young horses.

"We look for athletes," Lynn said. "I don't look at the book when I'm shopping. I mark a card, but I don't look at the family until they walk back and forth. Some people say I'm a little short looking at a horse, but I'm opinionated, and either the horse hits me or it doesn't."

Chris added, "I like a big walk on a horse. I like a horse that has a good, keen eye. They have to have that look, and they have to have good feet."

Another reason for the Bouttes' success is that they treat each horse in their care like the next big horse, fancy pedigree or not.

"A lot of our horses, Barry's aside, are blue-collar horses," said Lynn. "But we treat them all a little more special, and they assume they are a little more special, so they act a little more special."

For many involved in the Thoroughbred industry, the ultimate reward for a job well done is measured in visits to the winner's circle. For the Bouttes, however, success resides in the basic foundation of teaching racehorses how to carry themselves and perform to the best of their natural ability.

"We always wonder what tomorrow is going to bring," Lynn said. "We don't have side jobs and neither one of us has a rich aunt. We don't normally own the big horse, but it is thoroughly satisfying to sell the big horse. We live the dream, but then we sell the dream."

"We make our living by the horse," she added. "Everything we have is because the horses brought it here, and we see a future with a lot of promise." **BH**