

WEST COAST



TRACY GANTZ

Nadine Anderson with a weanling by Brazeau's Stormy Jack out of Local Law

Labor of Love

Brazeau Farms caters to each individual horse

BY TRACY GANTZ

SHIVAREEN SKY, AN 18-year-old stakes-winning broodmare, can't get the food she needs when pastured with other mares because she lets them bully her. Yet when housed by herself, she becomes upset and lonely. Either way, she doesn't eat.

Nadine Anderson, co-owner and manager of Brazeau Thoroughbred Farms near Hemet, Calif., has the admittedly labor-intensive solution. Several times a day Anderson or one of her employees goes into the pasture of mares and feeds Shivareen Sky by hand.

"The key is immediately addressing an issue," Anderson said. "If a horse is unhappy and walking up and down his stall, let's move him and find a place where he's happy. If you have a horse who's not eating, let's figure out why."

Anderson not only knows that it's good business to keep horses healthy but loves taking care of them. She grew up in Canada showing Arabians, galloped millionaire King Glorious when she worked at the racetrack, and tries to give each horse in her care the best chance to succeed.

It's why another mare gets Guinness ale daily.

"She can't have a lot of protein," explained Anderson. "So the only way to get food values into her is to give her something that's fattening, like beer. Since we started her on the beer, she's gained about 50 pounds."

Anderson has partnered with Paul and Aileen Brazeau to operate 90-acre Brazeau Farms. The Brazeaus bought the property in 2012, not only to house their horses but also to turn it into a boarding, lay-up, training, and breeding facility. Brazeau Farms stands such stallions as stakes-winning Make Music for Me and Stormy Jack, as well as the A.P. Indy stallion World Renowned.

In addition to the breeding operation, Anderson is completing work on the farm's seven-furlong training track with the help of Rich Fontana, who developed a track safety rail, and Dennis Moore, Santa Anita's track superintendent. One of Anderson's long-term goals is to put a turf training track inside the existing track.

Paul Brazeau built an electrical contracting business in Southern California, as well as several shopping centers. He

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2014 LEADING SIRES BY AVERAGE-EARNINGS INDEX

Updated through Nov. 30, 2014 courtesy of the Blood-Horse

#	Stallion	'15 Stud Fee	AEI	CI
1	War Front	\$150,000	2.50	2.06
2	Ghostzapper	\$60,000	2.32	2.17
3	Tapit	\$300,000	2.29	2.02
4	Smart Strike	\$100,000	2.27	2.08
5	Lucky Pulpit	\$10,000	2.26	1.24
6	Awesome Again	\$75,000	2.22	1.95
7	Empire Maker	JPY350	2.16	2.32
8	Distorted Humor	\$100,000	2.15	2.23
9	Speightstown	\$80,000	2.13	2.09
10	Curlin	\$35,000	2.09	2.41

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Ranked in the Top Six Active Sires by 2014 Cal-Bred Earnings

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

- Outstanding 2014 season with EIGHT Stakes performers including 2014 SW **MARINO'S WILD CAT** (\$170,410), 5 wins incl. \$100,000 Harris Farm S. by 5¼ lengths, never off-the-board in ten starts, incl. \$55,000 Oakland S.; 2014 SW **MAHOGANY RUN**, 3 wins by 15¼ combined lengths; etc.
- Sire of **12% Stakes Horses**, including 2013 star **SWEET MARINI** (\$296,538), 1-2-3 in 4 of 5 starts as a 3YO incl. 1st \$200,000 Fleet Treat S. by 4¼ lengths, 2nd \$250,000 Melair S., 3rd **Grade 3** Rancho Bernardo H.); **STARLIGHT MAGIC** (\$334,900), \$200,000 Fleet Treat S., etc.); **SHUDA-CUDAWUDYA** (\$329,629); **MONEY LOVER** (\$159,706); **GREGOR**; etc.

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 **Group 1** Winner **THE HANGMAN**.
- **First crop yearlings sold for up to 14-times his fee.**



California's #6 Active Sire by Average Earnings Index (AEI)

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

- First two California-sired crops are off to the races with SW **BETTER BET** (\$261,620), on-the-board to **CALIFORNIA CHROME** 4-times, winner of the \$200,000 Golden State Juvenile S. besting **Grade 1** SW **TAMARANDO**; **ABETS ABET**, current 2YO 4th in \$100,000 Cinderella S.; etc.
- His first crop, now matured to six, has average earnings over \$76,100 and has produced 11% \$100K+ earners, like **Grade 1** SW **SOUTHERN SPEED** (\$2.9 Million); **G1**-placed **CALIBRACHOA** (\$666,040); 2014 SW **WINNING IMAGE** (\$729,237), now with TEN wins in East Coast Stakes and 14 career wins by nearly 43 combined lengths; Hollywood Park SW & NTR winner **SOUTHERN FIREBALL** (\$171,789); etc.

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Among California's Leading Third-Crop Sires

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.
- 2013 juvenile sold for **\$95,000** at the Barretts March sale.
- Solid 63% winners/runners in first two crops incl. 2014 SPW **Swayze Road** (by 4), **MYSTERIOUS STORM** (by 6½), **VEGAS BOUND** (by 6¼), **I'LL RUN THE SHOW** (by 6¼), **SEVEN STORMS** (by 5), etc.



Ranked Among the Top Two 2015 California Sires by 2014 Third-Crop Earnings

New for 2015

STREET HERO Street Cry – Squall Linda, by Summer Squall/ **\$3,500 LF**

- **California's first opportunity to breed to a son of Champion and Leading Sire STREET CRY, sire of ZENYATTA.**
- Proven sire of Derby-winners, incl. Horse of the Year **AZARENKA**, filly who won prestigious **G1** Peruvian Derby over colts, and **GABRIEL CHARLES** (\$319,800), commanding winner of the **G2** Del Mar Derby as well as the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint Preview.
- Greatly improves his mares with a 1.40 AEI compared to a 0.99 CI.

Top TEN National Freshman Yearling Sire in 2013!

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

- Sire of **\$160,000 BARRETTS SALES TOPPING YEARLING** in his First Crop!
- The #1 Freshman Sire outside of Kentucky in 2013, ranked among the Top Ten nationally with a seven yearling average over \$53,000.
- First 2YOs sold for up to \$105,000, and his first runner **BIG SWAG**, won first time out in maiden special company at Santa Anita by 3¼ lengths.
- Santa Anita Graded stakes-winning miler by Top 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 **G2 Del Mar Derby SW MY BEST BROTHER** (\$346,090).



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Farm owners Paul and Aileen Brazeau

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and Aileen also own San Clemente Villas by the Sea, a senior retirement community in San Clemente. Their racehorses include multiple stakes-placed Wild in the Saddle, an earner of \$180,958.

The Brazeaus met Anderson at the races in Southern California. She was leasing the Hemet property, and they came out to see her operation.

“They fell in love with the stallion I had at the time, Best Minister,” Anderson said. “They wanted to buy him, and then they bought a couple of racehorses.”

During the 1980s Paul Brazeau owned Delta Haven Farm in Kentucky and owned a few racehorses. He and Aileen had recently begun racing a few horses in California.



Grade I-placed Make Music for Me earned more than \$560,000

“Nadine was having a dispersal sale, and we came out and bought a few horses,” said Paul. “Nadine is honest, and she understands horses. She’s a horse whisperer—she loves the horses and takes very good care of them.”

Now 14, Best Minister is by Deputy Minister—Best of Memories, by Halo. He won the 2003 Sir Barton Stakes at Pimlico and earned \$254,220 during five years of racing. Best Minister continues to breed some mares and will have a home at the farm for life as the one who started it all.

The farm also owns Stormy Jack, a Bob Baffert trainee who earned \$596,673 racing for his breeders, Jack and Florence Arnold. By Eclipse Award winner Bertrando, Stormy Jack is out of the Steelinctive mare Tiny Kristin.

In addition to winning several stakes, Stormy Jack finished second in the 2001 Los Angeles Handicap (gr. III). His foals include Malibu Stakes (gr. I) winner Bob Black Jack, the 2008 California-bred horse of the year and an earner of \$704,925.

Though Brazeau doesn’t own Make Music for Me or World Renowned, Anderson is excited about both stallions’ first foals, scheduled to arrive in 2015. The farm, which owns about 35 mares, bred several of them to each of those stallions.

“Make Music for Me is so sound and such an amazing athlete,” said Anderson. “And the Storm Cat sire line seems to work in California. He’s got distance too—the whole package.”

Make Music for Me is a grandson of Storm Cat, being by Bernstein, and he is out of the Carson City mare Miss Cheers. He earned \$564,650 on the racetrack, won the 2010 Pasadena Stakes, and placed

2014 CALIFORNIA SIRES BY WINNERS

Sire	.Rnrs	Wnrs
Bluegrass Cat	247	123
Tribal Rule	184	109
Eddington	105	62
Ministers Wild Cat	111	60
Unusual Heat	125	56
Benchmark	96	55
Kafwain	88	48
Bertrando	93	47
Decarchy	92	46
Swiss Yodeler	85	46
Southern Image	79	45
Marino Marini	82	41
Good Journey	73	40
Old Topper	72	39
Stormin Fever	79	34
Lucky Pulpit	69	32
Salute the Sarge	63	32
Heatseeker (IRE)	62	31
Terrell	50	31
In Excess (IRE)	53	29
Rocky Bar	54	28
Sea of Secrets	58	27
Papa Clem	49	26
Vronsky	48	25
Tannersmyman	47	25
Street Hero	50	23
McCann's Mojave	42	23
Tizbud	46	21
Cindago	41	21
Stormy Jack	43	19
Dixie Chatter	39	19
Salt Lake	41	18
Don'tsellmeshort	38	18
Globalize	32	18
Perfect Mandate	28	18
Square Eddie	35	17
Game Plan	33	17
Surf Cat	35	16
Affirmative	34	14
Lucky J. H.	34	14
Atticus	33	14
Bushwacker	30	14
Capsized	22	14
Comic Strip	21	14
Grey Memo	27	12
Flame Thrower	24	12
Time to Get Even	20	12
Siberian Summer	32	11
Desert Code	27	11
Silic (FR)	26	11
Momentum	25	11
Singleitary	19	11
Trapper	17	11
Awesome Gambler	40	10
High Brite	23	10
Peppered Cat	23	10
Storm Wolf	20	9
Cyclotron	18	9
Gotham City	16	9
Popular	16	9
Thisnearlywasmine	16	9
Iron Cat	15	9
Lone Star Special	15	9
Fullbridled	12	9
Souvenir Copy	34	8
Suances (GB)	28	8
Cee's Tizzy	25	8
Sought After	25	8
Anziyan Royalty	18	8
Bedford Falls	17	8

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The foaling stalls at Brazeau Thoroughbred Farms

in six other stakes, including the Del Mar Futurity (gr. I) and CashCall Futurity (gr. I). Owned by Peter and Ellen Johnson and trained by Alexis Barba, he finished fourth in Super Saver's Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (gr. I).

"World Renowned is by A.P. Indy," said Anderson, "and he's out of a phenomenal mare, Splendid Blended, who's by Unbridled's Song."

Splendid Blended won the 2004 Hollywood Starlet Stakes (gr. I) and 2005 Vanity Invitational Handicap (gr. I). Anderson said that an injury as a 2-year-old kept World Renowned from his full potential, though he won two races at Santa Anita. Niles Dickey owns World Renowned.

After the Brazeaus bought Best Minister, they looked for a farm to buy. Ultimately, they decided that the property Anderson was already leasing was the best location.

Hemet is east of Temecula, with Santa Anita and Los Alamitos to the northwest and Del Mar to the southwest. Before a couple of Southern California's housing booms, horse farms made up most of Hemet and Temecula. Though today housing developments and wineries appear to have taken over, some pockets of horse properties remain.

Brazeau is located not far from Dr. Steve Burns' farm near Menifee, Calif. Burns is one of the top reproductive veterinarians in the Quarter Horse business. Anderson has Burns do all of the initial stallion evaluation, such as sperm counts. Dr. Hugh Gibbs does all of the veterinary work at Brazeau.

"He's a broodmare vet supreme," Anderson said of Gibbs.

Southern California offers a temperate

climate, though summers can get hot. Anderson likes her location because a nearby dam has created Diamond Valley Lake, one of California's largest reservoirs.

"That's a huge body of water," said Anderson. "The wind every afternoon goes from west to east, and we get a cool breeze. It creates a micro-climate—eight miles up the road in Hemet can be 15 degrees hotter."

The drought currently plaguing California impacts all farming operations. However, one of the advantages to the Brazeau property is plenty of water. When the Brazeaus purchased the farm, it had an existing well. They have rebuilt that one and added another.

The water allows Anderson to grow alfalfa for the horses. The racetrack surrounds a field of alfalfa. As Anderson and the Brazeaus continue renovations, they are planting grass in the larger pastures.

Having plenty of water allows Anderson to water down hay and other feed when necessary to reduce dust. She also

2014 CALIFORNIA SIRE BY STAKES WINNERS

Sire	SWrs.	SWs
Tribal Rule	7	14
Bertrando	6	8
Bluegrass Cat	5	7
Heatseeker (IRE)	5	6
Rocky Bar	4	5
Unusual Heat	4	4
Salt Lake	3	5

has a hot-weather policy.

"We put sprinklers on in all the pastures," she said. "From 2-4 every afternoon we empty the automatic waterers and let them refill so that the horses have fresh, cold water. When water gets too hot, horses won't drink it."

When Anderson first leased the acreage, the existing barns and fencing needed repair and, in some cases, replacement. That program is underway now.

The new training barn has 30 stalls, and the lay-up barn has 15 stalls. The stallion barn has four stalls and sits adjacent to large individual paddocks where the stallions are turned out daily for exercise, something Make Music for Me especially enjoys.

Anderson oversaw construction of 12 covered foaling pens, each 24' x 24'. She didn't opt for a traditional inside barn because with the temperate climate, it isn't necessary. Plus, that allows for better airflow and for horses to see each other, something Anderson considers essential.

"Everything we have here is designed for a herd mentality so they all can see everybody," she said. "It's also open for air flow and for in the summer when it's hot."

Horses do better together, Anderson believes, and she said it lowers their stress levels, which reduces the incidence of ulcers.



Weanlings graze at the farm, which is near Hemet, Calif.



Anderson with retiree Wild in the Saddle

Anderson has designed her feed program to lower stress and increase health. She feeds five times a day.

“They are grazing animals, and they have to have food all the time,” said Anderson. “They also eat off the ground, as they were designed to do. None of our horses have hay nets or mangers. If they don’t get their heads down, their nasal passages don’t drain properly.”

In addition to the alfalfa grown on the farm, Anderson feeds orchard hay and four-way hay, a mixture of several different hays. She also mixes her own grain.

“Then we can mix it differently for different horses,” Anderson said. “For example, the babies get lower protein. I don’t like anything pre-mixed. Some horses will get sick if they eat molasses. We have one mare who will have a seizure if she gets any sugar at all. When I have all the raw ingredients, I can make anything I need to make for each individual horse.”

Feed for the horses in training, currently numbering about 45, includes beet pulp, soybean meal, oats, and barley. Anderson also uses a mineral supplement.

Anderson oversees a staff of about 15. The work includes the entire breeding operation, foaling out about 100 mares a year, as well as the training and lay-up facilities.

Not only do the lay-ups benefit from turnout but Anderson also has a Eurocizer and a stall with a vibrating floor to promote healing. She plans to add a cold-water spa as well.

Anderson takes pride in sending horses to trainers ready to go.

“Her horses come in looking fantastic, and their feet are in excellent shape,” said trainer Kathy Walsh. “They’re not fat. They’re physically fit. They have a good coat on them. I never have to worry about doing their teeth. I don’t have to worry about if they’ve been wormed lately.”

The Brazeaus and Anderson are getting their first homebreds ready for the races. Anderson bred a filly by Silic named Chaulk O Lattey who is ready to start for trainer Richard Baltas. The yearling crop includes First Stone, a colt by Unusual Heat out of Molly’s Prospector, making him a half brother to Bob Black Jack; and Lucky Patrick, a son of Lucky Pulpit—Brandi Freeze, by Hennessy.

“I love to look at nicking and see what works,” said Anderson. “I’ve learned over the years that I have to breed to please myself. You can’t breed a horse for a fad. I really look at them structurally. We’ve tried to get the most-correct stallions. I want the horses to be appealing to the eye, but then they have to be sound, correct, and fast.” **BH**

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