

Big Numbers

Florida breeders have a lot of new stallions to choose from in 2016

BY EVAN HAMMONDS



COURTESY STROUD'S LANE FARM

Stroud's Lane Farm will offer stallions for the first time in 2016

ONE SIGN OF an improving economy is when fresh product enters the marketplace to meet potential demand. In the case of the Florida Thoroughbred market, things are on the upswing, as indicated by the number of new stallions coming to the Sunshine state, not only to established stud farms but to new operations as well.

The calendar for 2016 had hardly been placed on the wall when Murray Stroud's Stroud's Lane Farm announced it would launch a commercial stallion operation with three new sires. These three join seven other young stallions entering the Florida market this year at established Bridlewood Farm, Double Diamond Farm, Journeyman Stallions, Ocala Stud, and Pleasant Acres.

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2015 LEADING SIRES IN FLORIDA



Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB, Sire), Where Stands	2016 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	Cumulative				
							2015 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	WILDCAT HEIR (00, Forest Wildcat)	Died, 2015	233/143	5/11	1/5	(Wild Dude, \$634,667)	\$6,951,185	*544	26	1.45	1.43
2	WITH DISTINCTION (01, Storm Cat), Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds	\$7,500	168/93	2/3	1/2	(Distinctiv Passion, \$146,220)	\$3,116,744	*429	10	1.12	1.21
3	EXCLUSIVE QUALITY (03, Elusive Quality), Journeyman Stud	\$2,500	120/62	2/2	2/2	(Sr. Quisqueyano, \$187,770)	\$2,215,941	241	7	1.06	1.12
4	HIGH COTTON (03, Dixie Union), Ocala Stud Farm	\$5,000	124/62	1/1	1/1	(Dream of Me, \$168,440)	\$2,078,575	*259	5	0.98	1.29
5	IN SUMMATION (03, Put It Back), Ocala Stud Farm	\$2,500	92/60	2/2	0/2	(Summation Time, \$110,858)	\$1,995,924	155	3	0.96	1.43
6	BURNING ROMA (98, Rubiano)	N/A	45/27	1/3	0/1	(Sheer Drama, \$1,234,720)	\$1,945,301	*177	5	0.97	1.16
7	KANTHAROS (08, Lion Heart), Ocala Stud Farm	\$5,000	46/30	5/5	2/5	(Katie's Kiss, \$198,195)	\$1,780,874	73	5	1.73	1.28
8	AWESOME OF COURSE (00, Awesome Again), Journeyman Stud	\$5,000	60/30	3/4	2/3	(Fellowship, \$391,150)	\$1,682,250	133	8	2.11	1.44
9	TWO STEP SALSA (05, Petionville), Get Away Farm	\$7,500	79/41	2/2	1/2	(Classic Salsa, \$191,810)	\$1,678,103	117	3	1.29	1.00
10	MONTBROOK (90, Buckaroo)	Died	87/44	0/0	0/0	(Score One, \$90,820)	\$1,434,993	*892	47	1.48	1.52
11	VALUE PLUS (01, Unbridled's Song), HallMarc Stallions at Stonewall Farm Ocala	\$4,500	79/42	1/1	0/1	(Long On Value, \$142,560)	\$1,253,346	*348	3	0.96	1.14
12	HEAR NO EVIL (00, Carson City), Journeyman Stud	\$2,500	33/18	1/3	0/1	(Ballet Diva, \$339,675)	\$1,082,803	95	7	1.82	1.50
13	BENNY THE BULL (03, Lucky Lionel), Bridlewood Farm	\$2,500	49/25	1/1	1/1	(Benny's Bullet, \$106,100)	\$1,042,675	*145	2	1.00	1.01
14	¶ FIRST DUDE (07, Stephen Got Even), Double Diamond Farm	\$7,500	42/16	1/1	1/1	(Flora Dora, \$355,332)	\$997,148	89	1	1.12	1.44
15	WEST ACRE (95, Forty Niner)	Died, 2012	24/17	1/1	0/1	(Always Sunshine, \$151,550)	\$925,258	335	14	1.39	1.19
16	GREATNESS (99, Mr. Prospector), Prestige Stallions	\$6,000	58/33	0/0	0/0	(Great Attack, \$74,447)	\$881,843	*233	7	1.38	1.02
17	COOL COAL MAN (05, Mineshaft), Journeyman Stud	\$3,500	43/25	0/0	0/0	(Competitive Player, \$86,620)	\$837,019	57	1	0.79	1.09
18	¶ BIG DRAMA (06, Montbrook), Bridlewood Farm	\$15,000	35/13	1/1	1/1	(Tribal Drama, \$209,000)	\$797,010	65	1	1.05	1.35
19	INDY WIND (02, A.P. Indy)	N/A	30/14	0/0	0/0	(A. P. Cino, \$110,430)	\$692,853	59	1	1.12	1.08
20	FLASHSTORM (04, Storm Cat), Northwest Stud	\$2,500	25/18	1/1	0/1	(Abounding Legacy, \$105,520)	\$658,725	37	1	1.12	1.00
21	¶ GONE ASTRAY (06, Dixie Union), Northwest Stud	\$4,500	40/10	2/2	1/2	(It's High Time, \$224,200)	\$632,781	*65	2	0.78	1.20
22	CONCORDE'S TUNE (89, Concorde Bound)	Died, 2011	34/21	0/0	0/0	(Tune Me In, \$95,385)	\$498,804	487	25	1.24	1.11
23	WAGON LIMIT (94, Conquistador Cielo), Bridlewood Farm	\$2,000	16/6	1/1	1/1	(Delta Bluesman, \$138,405)	\$445,264	190	6	1.31	1.11
24	¶ BROOKS 'N DOWN (05, Montbrook), Ocala Stud Farm	\$2,500	3/3	0/0	0/0	(Silent Prayer, \$220,300)	\$430,940	8	0	6.80	2.99
25	SILVER TREE (00, Hennessy), Vegso Racing Stable	\$2,500	23/9	1/1	0/1	(Rizwan, \$162,725)	\$408,285	36	1	0.73	1.15
26	ROCK HAMPTON (04, Storm Cat)	N/A	19/9	0/0	0/0	(Condestable, \$64,995)	\$357,752	33	0	0.71	1.08
27	THE GREEN MONKEY (04, Forestry), Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds	\$5,000	14/9	1/2	0/1	(Green Doctor, \$66,006)	\$334,580	37	4	1.18	0.98
28	KISS THE KID (03, Lemon Drop Kid)	N/A	15/8	0/0	0/0	(Just Kidding, \$105,380)	\$305,256	29	0	0.83	1.91
29	HELLO BROADWAY (06, Broken Vow), Ups and Downs Farm	\$3,000	16/9	0/0	0/0	(My Sweet Dove, \$62,050)	\$304,975	19	1	0.98	1.00
30	¶ CROWN OF THORNS (05, Repent), Woodford Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	16/4	1/1	0/1	(I'm Already There, \$116,400)	\$293,145	21	1	0.87	1.40
31	ADMIRAL'S CRUISE (02, A.P. Indy)	Died, 2011	10/5	1/1	0/1	(Crucero, \$142,690)	\$274,322	*77	1	0.94	0.78
32	SPELLBINDER (01, Tale of the Cat)	N/A	16/7	0/0	0/0	(Gryvon, \$79,700)	\$257,302	33	1	1.03	1.15
33	SCORPION (98, Seattle Slew)	N/A	13/7	0/0	0/0	(Scorpion Aly, \$87,225)	\$238,556	*126	0	0.80	1.06
34	MACH RIDE (03, Pentelicus), Bridlewood Farm	\$2,000	7/5	1/1	0/1	(Ackeret, \$75,000)	\$238,272	11	1	1.39	1.12
35	SARAVA (99, Wild Again)	Pnsd	21/9	1/0	0/1	(Torniquette, \$47,200)	\$233,947	195	2	0.66	1.14
36	SENIOR SWINGER (00, El Prado), La Mancha Farm	\$5,000	30/7	0/0	0/0	(Swing Dixie, \$44,915)	\$212,993	85	0	0.42	0.97
37	UNITED STATES (06, A.P. Indy), Northwest Stud	\$2,500	16/7	1/1	0/1	(La Irunesa, \$62,648)	\$202,378	21	1	0.70	1.04
38	SPENSIVE (00, Ponche), Y-Lo Racing Stables	\$1,500	10/2	0/0	0/0	(Aces for John, \$125,957)	\$169,130	39	0	0.59	0.78
39	INDIAN EXPRESS (00, Indian Charlie)	N/A	10/3	0/0	0/0	(Chica Fabulosa, \$63,910)	\$159,468	35	1	0.85	0.65
40	DARK KESTREL (03, Stormy Atlantic)	N/A	4/3	0/0	0/0	(Stormofthecentury, \$80,473)	\$153,323	18	1	1.67	1.36
41	¶ ADIOS CHARLIE (08, Indian Charlie), Ocala Stud Farm	\$3,000	10/3	0/0	0/0	(Elfin Cove, \$52,509)	\$152,355	23	0	0.84	1.34
42	LIFESTYLE (00, Indian Charlie)	N/A	6/5	0/0	0/0	(Right Now Richie, \$75,216)	\$150,151	10	1	1.37	1.11
43	FORTY GRAMS (04, Distorted Humor), Valdes Farm	\$2,500	9/3	0/0	0/0	(Chief Attraction, \$51,205)	\$148,901	17	0	0.95	1.07
44	¶ J P'S GUSTO (08, Successful Appeal), Journeyman Stud	\$2,000	13/4	0/0	0/0	(Exactamente, \$29,074)	\$139,056	23	0	0.51	1.16
45	BOASTFUL (98, Cozzene), Covington Oaks Farm	\$1,000	12/3	0/0	0/0	(Bonnie Breeze, \$41,980)	\$112,892	35	0	0.59	0.89
46	THE KAISER (95, Tasso)	N/A	4/3	0/0	0/0	(Kaiser's d'Light, \$40,765)	\$96,557	34	0	0.78	0.90
47	AMERICAN SPIRIT (96, Storm Boot)	Pnsd	7/4	0/0	0/0	(Hereshecomesagain, \$59,854)	\$95,207	62	2	0.74	0.84
48	SKIP TO THE STONE (98, Skip Trial)	Died, 2015	3/3	0/0	0/0	(Single Malt Female, \$42,852)	\$91,594	81	0	0.58	0.90
49	¶ IQBAAL (06, Medaglia d'Oro)	N/A	4/3	0/0	0/0	(Revolver Sessions, \$42,100)	\$87,350	5	0	1.03	0.97
50	UNTUTTABLE (96, Unbridled)	Pnsd	6/3	0/0	0/0	(I'm a Good Looker, \$55,985)	\$86,719	197	9	1.05	1.25
51	WEEKEND CRUISE (97, A.P. Indy)	N/A	10/5	0/0	0/0	(Weekend Appeal, \$24,510)	\$81,952	148	0	0.56	0.78
52	CONSCIENCE CLEAR (97, Relaunch)	N/A	4/3	0/0	0/0	(Lucy's Finale, \$46,325)	\$67,623	51	0	0.82	0.68
53	¶ RODMAN (05, Malibu Moon)	Died, 2012	4/3	0/0	0/0	(Isofass, \$23,040)	\$67,487	5	0	0.80	0.43
54	COLONY LIGHT (89, Pleasant Colony)	N/A	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Destiny Joy, \$25,210)	\$59,675	412	11	1.00	1.03
55	DON RIGO (04, Straight Man)	N/A	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Flying Nurse, \$27,425)	\$54,381	14	0	0.42	0.58
56	SEVENTYSEVENSTREET (02, Storm Cat)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Seventyseven Ilene, \$54,140)	\$54,140	23	0	0.54	0.72
57	UNBRIDLED TIME (98, Unbridled's Song)	Died, 2012	10/2	0/0	0/0	(Lulu's Pride, \$13,002)	\$52,801	202	1	0.76	1.00
58	¶ VINEYARD HAVEN (06, Lido Palace), Woodford Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Williamette Valley, \$16,000)	\$46,167	8	0	0.36	0.75
59	SENIOR EDUARDO (05, Holy Bull)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Ghost of Anapa, \$19,170)	\$33,317	8	0	0.35	0.66
60	ORCHARD PARK (99, Hennessy)	Pnsd	3/2	0/0	0/0	(Moonlit Park, \$19,919)	\$30,464	24	0	0.55	2.00
61	¶ BACKTALK (07, Smarty Jones), Bridlewood Farm	\$3,000	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Sasstalk, \$20,500)	\$25,500	11	0	0.60	0.82
62	WEKIVA SPRINGS (91, Runaway Groom)	Died, 2014	7/0	0/0	0/0	(Classic Speed, \$10,694)	\$25,025	408	13	0.86	1.19
63	¶ TELLING (04, A.P. Indy), Prestige Stallions	\$10,000	6/1	0/0	0/0	(Kisskiss Telltell, \$9,810)	\$23,555	15	0	0.19	1.38
64	BLOWING ROCK (98, Kris S.)	N/A	6/1	0/0	0/0	(Flightriskcowgirl, \$14,514)	\$20,436	23	0	0.33	0.76
65	¶ FACTUM (08, Storm Cat), Stonehedge Farm South	\$10,000	6/1	0/0	0/0	(It's a Factum, \$8,594)	\$20,154	17	0	0.18	1.48

Special Note For Sire Lists:

For stallions that stand, will stand, or stood (deceased) in the states featured in this section (stallions that are dead or exported prior to 2011 are excluded), and have runners in North America. Listed below are all available statistics for the Northern Hemisphere through December 31, 2015. As supplied to Blood-Horse by The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc., include adjusted money from Japan, Hong Kong, and Singapore. Adjusted earnings are put on par with average North American earnings from the previous year. For example, the average North American purse in 2014 is \$21,617 or 45% of the 2014 average purse in Japan. To put earnings on par, all Japanese progeny earnings are multiplied by 45% before being credited to a sire's progeny earnings. Hong Kong earnings are adjusted by 19%; Singapore by 54%. 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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The stallion ranks in the Ocala area have beefed up quickly in a matter of months. However, a market turnaround is not as easy as flicking the “on” switch.

The size of the state’s foal crop, number of mares bred, and number of stallions standing has fallen dramatically since the turn of the century. The foal crop, which came in at 4,551 in 2000, fell to 2,142 for 2013; the number of mares bred from 2000 to 2014 decreased from 7,141 to 2,937; and the sire power in the state that had 293 stallions in 2000 was less than half that figure in 2014 with 134.

Along with a lot of markets affected by the Great Recession, the numbers have leveled off over the last few years. An improving general economy, a steadied yearling market in the Thoroughbred industry, and stability in the racing product in South Florida have helped stem the tide.

“Things are starting to improve,” said George Isaacs, general manager of John and Leslie Malone’s Bridlewood Farm. “Racing in South Florida, with the consolidation of racetracks and Mr. Stronach’s taking that over, was a positive consideration the way it was.”

Bridlewood has added Chitu, a son of Henny Hughes, to its stallion roster for 2016.

“There are a lot of positive things going on in Florida now,” said Brent Fernung, who owns Journeyman Stallions with his wife, Crystal. “Gulfstream Park runs year ’round now. It has given us a real solid base for racing here. It might be one of the best racing states in the country now if you look at the year ’round meet. There have been

FLORIDA MARES BRED

Year	Mares Bred	Stallions
2015	2,890	112
2014	2,937	134
2013	2,943	157
2012	3,155	154
2011	3,036	156
2010	3,233	170
2009	4,187	187
2008	5,430	246
2007	6,383	253
2006	7,073	260
2005	7,191	263
2004	6,883	259
2003	6,670	261
2002	7,161	289
2001	7,172	295
2000	7,141	293

FLORIDA-BRED FOAL CROP

Year	Foals
2013	2,142
2012	2,065
2011	2,101
2010	2,444
2009	2,934
2008	3,536
2007	4,378
2006	4,495
2005	4,499
2004	4,497
2003	4,513
2002	4,425
2001	4,396
2000	4,551

Statistics from The Jockey Club Fact Book

some new stallion operations down here that have brought in a lot of stallions.

“The best way I can describe my experience since we opened the new Journeyman Stud breeding facility in 2008 was that, for about five years I was the only guy bringing horses to town. I guess I was the only one dumb enough to do it.

“In the last few years I’ve slowed down,” he continued. “I’m really concentrating on quality horses. I no longer have a 14-stall stud barn filled. I’ve gotten rid of some horses that perhaps would be better served standing somewhere else and we’ve decided to go back in and increase

the quality.”

Journeyman Stallions offers a pair of new stallions for 2016: grade I-placed sprinter Fury Kapcori and the well-bred and brilliant Khozan, whose racing career was limited to two starts due to injury.

Two new stallions are at the O’Farrell family’s Ocala Stud: I Spent It and The Big Beast, both of whom were raced by Alex and JoAnn Lieblong.

“The traffic has been good at the barn,” said David O’Farrell, son of Michael O’Farrell Jr., with breeders looking at the new stallions. “Breeders wait and see what their mares are going to produce; they kind of book throughout breeding season. That’s the way it’s always been around here, but the response has been good. The people like what they are seeing.”

Roger Brand, vice president and general manager at Donald Disney’s Double Diamond Farm, notes, “Things are picking up” with their new stallion, the homebred Bahamian Squall. “The market as a whole is coming back. Florida is just kind of ramping up.”

Straight off the launch pad is Stroud’s Lane Farm, which is opening its doors to the breeding season for the first time. The farm, located on a land that was once Marablu Farm near Reddick, offers Seek Again, Admiral Kitten, and Daddy Long Legs. The trio hails from some of the global leaders in the sport, bringing fresh pedigrees to central Florida.

Seek Again, a 6-year-old son of Speightstown—Light Jig, by Danehill, was bred and



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Seek Again, by Speightstown, stands at Stroud’s Lane Farm for \$8,500

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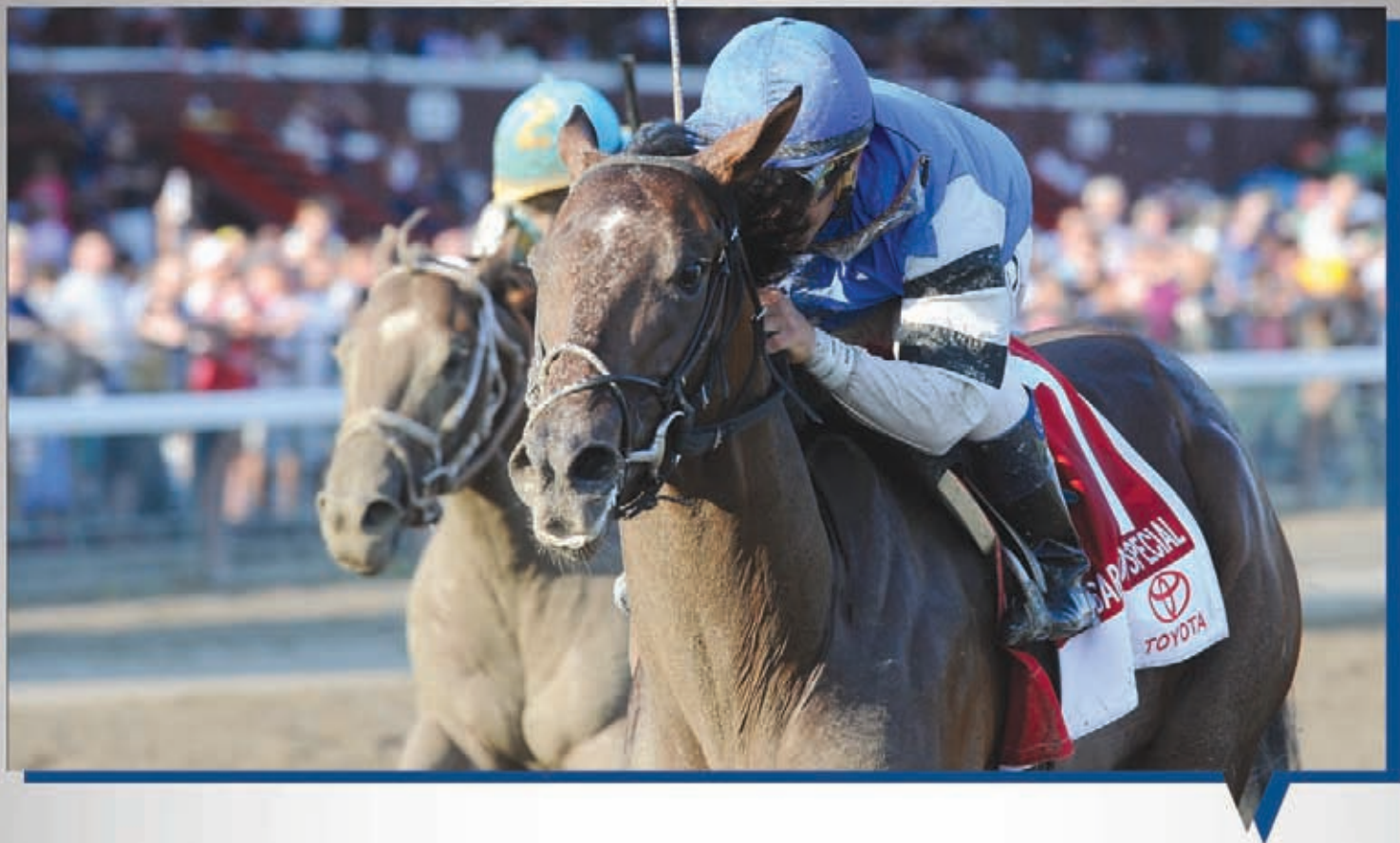
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Bob Baffert-trained Chitu, by Henny Hughes, enters stud at Bridlewood Farm

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raced by Khalid Abdullah's Juddmonte Farms operation. A grade I winner at 3 when he took the 10-furlong Hollywood Derby on the turf, the chestnut proved he was adept at a mile by taking the Fourstar-dave Handicap (gr. IIT) the following year at Saratoga.

A five-time winner from 18 starts, Seek Again won \$942,926. In his racing career came four grade I placings, once when he took two-time Horse of the Year Wise Dan to a head decision in the 2014 Woodford Reserve Turf Classic Stakes (gr. IT) on Derby Day at Churchill Downs.

Seek Again, who will stand for \$8,500, is one of just two sons of top sire Speightstown to stand in Florida. The

other is Pleasant Acres Stallions' Poseidon's Warrior.

Ken and Sarah Ramsey have had monstrous success with homebred Kitten's Joy, the leading sire in North America in 2013. His sons are starting to find their way to breeding sheds, and Stroud's Lane offers Admiral Kitten, a grade I winner who has a female family steeped in Florida breeding history. Admiral Kitten joins Csaba in Florida as sons of Kitten's Joy standing at stud.

Admiral Kitten, who is offered at \$5,000, is out of Reachinforthestars, by Grand Slam. While she did not have the best of luck in her racing career, she's the granddaughter of Mesabi, a mul-

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Tiznow's Fury Kapcori joins the stallion ranks at Journeyman Stallions

2015 FLORIDA SIRES BY WINNERS

Sire	.Rnrs	Wnrs
Wildcat Heir	233	143
With Distinction	168	93
High Cotton	124	62
Exclusive Quality	120	62
In Summation	92	60
Montbrook	87	44
Value Plus	79	42
Two Step Salsa	79	41
Greatness	58	33
Awesome of Course	60	30
Kantharos	46	30
Burning Roma	45	27
Benny the Bull	49	25
Cool Coal Man	43	25
Concorde's Tune	34	21
Hear No Evil	33	18
Flashstorm	25	18
West Acre	24	17
First Dude	42	16
Indy Wind	30	14
Big Drama	35	13
Gone Astray	40	10
Silver Tree	23	9
Sarava	21	9
Rock Hampton	19	9
Hello Broadway	16	9
The Green Monkey	14	9
Kiss the Kid	15	8
Senor Swinger	30	7
Spellbinder	16	7
United States	16	7
Scorpion	13	7
Wagon Limit	16	6
Admiral's Cruise	10	5
Weekend Cruise	10	5
Mach Ride	7	5
Lifestyle	6	5
Crown of Thorns	16	4
J P's Gusto	13	4
American Spirit	7	4
Boastful	12	3
Adios Charlie	10	3
Indian Express	10	3
Forty Grams	9	3
Untutable	6	3
Conscience Clear	4	3
Dark Kestrel	4	3
Iqbaal	4	3
Rodman	4	3
The Kaiser	4	3
Brooks 'n Down	3	3
Skip to the Stone	3	3
Spensive	10	2
Unbridled Time	10	2
Colony Light	6	2
Vineyard Haven	6	2
Don Rigo	5	2
Orchard Park	3	2

2016 Stallions at Northwest Stud



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GONE ASTRAY

Dixie Union - Illicit, by Mr. Prospector

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TURBO COMPRESSOR

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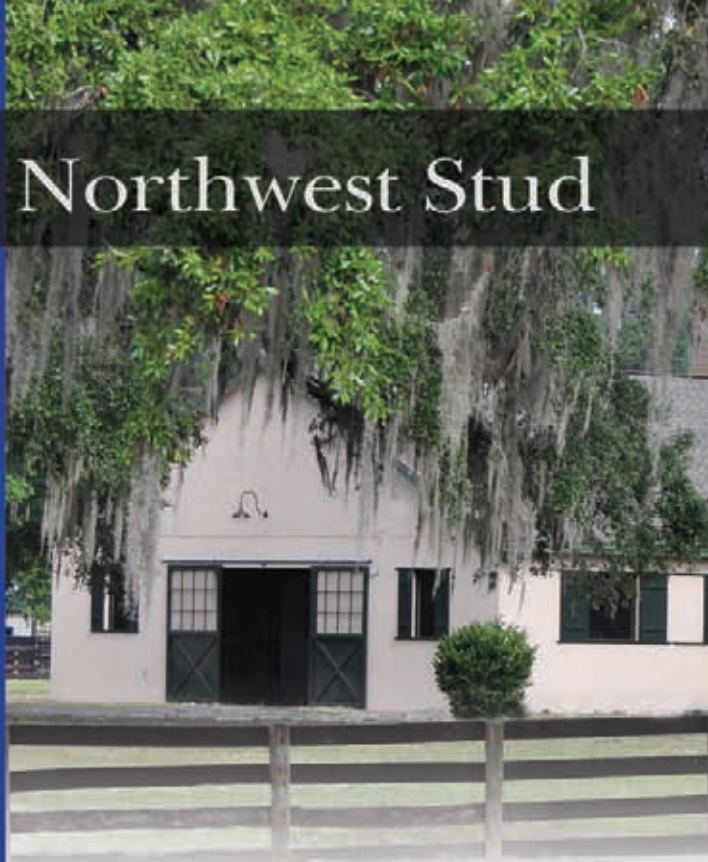
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Tom Caruso of Whisper Hill Farm was honored as the 2015 Farm Manager of the Year by the Florida Thoroughbred Farm Managers at its annual awards dinner Jan. 9 in Ocala, Fla. The event took place at Jumbolair Aviation Estate, the home of actors John Travolta and Kelly Preston.

Also honored at the event was Marcos Arenas, stallion manager of Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds, as the 2015 Employee of the Year; and writer Bernie Dickman was given the 2015 Carry Back award for lifetime achievement.

Five Florida equine organizations were invited for a roundtable discussion on the topic of de-coupling. Among the featured panelists were George Russell, president of the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' & Owners' Association; Tom Ventura, president of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Co.; Bill White, president of the Florida Horsemen's Benevolent and Protection Association; George Birkhold, treasurer of the Florida Standardbred Breeders and Owners' Association, and Ron Smith, newly-appointed president of the Florida Quarter Horse Racing Association.



COURTESY FTFM

Kinsman Farm's Jim Scott presents the hardware to Farm Manager of the Year Tom Caruso (left) and Employee of the Year Marcos Arenas Jan. 9 in Ocala

As a group, the speakers were united in their objections to de-coupling, citing the unmitigated harm it would bring not only to the various pari-mutuels involved, but to all those associated with the industries in an ancillary capacity, and ultimately, to the economy of the state.

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tiple stakes producer and a half sister to champion and top sire Cozzene. Winner of the 1985 Breeders' Cup Mile (gr. IT), Cozzene was bred and owned by the late John Nerud, who developed W.L. McKnight's Tartan Farm into a national player in the 1960s. The son of French import Caro brought miler brilliance and turf racing success to a myriad of pedigrees in the 1980s and '90s, siring 93 stakes winners while standing at Gainesway in Kentucky.

Mesabi is also the dam of grade II-winning Funistrada, the dam of Conte Di Savoya; and Ministrada, who is responsible for graded winners Rahystrada, Lone

Star Sky, and Ahh Chocolate, winner of Churchill Downs' Falls City Handicap (gr. II) two months ago.

Admiral Kitten won four of 16 starts, winning the 2013 Secretariat Stakes (gr. IT) at Arlington International, and running second to Seek Again in the Hollywood Derby.

Daddy Long Legs, from the Coolmore team of Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith, and Susan Magnier along with Hands On Syndicate, was an impressive winner of the U.A.E. Derby Sponsored by The Saeed & Mohammed Al Naboodah Group (UAE-II) in 2012. While he didn't break through in three separate trips to the U.S., he did compete against the best, racing in the

Breeders' Cup, the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (gr. I), and the Secretariat Stakes (gr. IT).

A three-time winner and earner of more than \$1.3 million, Daddy Long Legs is by the late Scat Daddy, who died prematurely in 2015 while in the midst of his progeny's best season on the track. Daddy Long Legs is out of Dreamy Maiden, by Meadowlake, and will stand at Stroud's Lane for \$5,000.

Chitu, winner of the 2014 Sunland Derby (gr. III), makes his way to Bridlewood Farm for his first season at stud. The son of the quick Henny Hughes (sire of multiple champion Beholder) is out of the *(continued on page 54)*



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Brilliant Khozan was two-for-two last year at Gulfstream

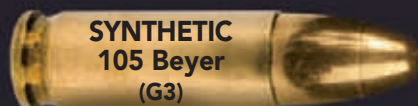
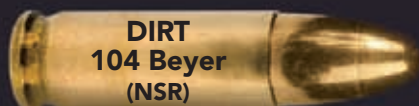
2015 FLORIDA SIRES BY STAKES WINNERS

Sire	SWnrs	SWns
Wildcat Heir	5	11
Kantharos	5	5
Awesome of Course	3	4
With Distinction	2	3
Exclusive Quality	2	2
Gone Astray	2	2
In Summation	2	2
Two Step Salsa	2	2
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Hear No Evil	1	3
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Bahamian Squall is the only son of Gone West standing in Florida for 2016

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A.P. Indy mare Sea Gift. Trained by Hall of Famer Bob Baffert, Chitu went 4-1-1 in seven starts and also won the seven-furlong Damascus Stakes and placed in the Robert B. Lewis Stakes (gr. II) and Malibu Stakes (gr. I).

"Seeing is believing," said Isaacs. "The horse is just a tremendous physical. When I saw the horse, I knew he was the right type for any market, and especially the Florida market. He demonstrated racing class and he's got plenty of foundation in his pedigree to make a stallion."

"Because he's free of Mr. Prospector in his pedigree, he crosses very well over Mr. Prospector," Isaacs continued. "He's actually a pretty dynamic outcross for a lot of mares in the Florida population."

Chitu will stand for \$3,000 and the horse is part of a "Share the Upside" program with the farm.

Donald Disney's Bahamian Squall, a grade II-winning sprinter, begins his stud career at Disney's Double Diamond Farm near Ocala. He'll be the only son of Gone West standing in Florida for 2016.

At 4 Bahamian Squall won the Smile Sprint Handicap (gr. II) at Calder Casino & Race Course, topping an outstanding field that included sprint champion Triniberg, Jackson Bend, Justin Phillip, and his half brother, Apriority. He also ran second in the Alfred G. Vanderbilt Handicap (gr. I) and Sunshine Millions Sprint Stakes.

Bahamian Squall is out of Midway Squall, by Storm Bird.

"He's got a typical sprinter-style body," said Brand. "He's by a sire of sires, and his bottom side is full of multiple stakes horses. As far as pedigree, he's got everything you'd want."

He'll be offered at \$5,000, and the farm also has a "Share the Upside"-type program called the Gold Cup Pass with 20 breeding rights available for potential investors.

Journeyman Stallions is optimistic about Fury Kapcori and the brilliant, well-bred Khozan.

Fury Kapcori, by Tiznow—Gin Run-

ning, by Go for Gin, was a stakes winner at 2, ran second to Violence in the 2012 CashCall Futurity (gr. I), and later won the Precisionist Stakes (gr. III) at 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles at Santa Anita.

He's by a two-time Breeders' Cup Classic (gr. I) winner, and his third dam is Evil Elaine, the dam of Favorite Trick, who is the only 2-year-old colt other than Secretariat to earn the Eclipse Award as Horse of the Year.

"He might be the best-looking horse that I've ever brought in here," Fernung said. "He's a big fella, 16.3 hands. When you look at him, you wouldn't have thought of him as being precocious. But he broke his maiden going 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ furlongs, and he won a stakes at 2."

"You don't have to look very far in his pedigree and you find an undefeated champion 2-year-old in Favorite Trick, so he ticks a lot of boxes for me."

Fury Kapcori will stand for 5,000.

In Khozan, who stands for \$6,500, Florida gets one of the most talked-about horses in South Florida during the winter of 2015. By Distorted Humor, Khozan is out of Delta Princess and is a half brother to three-time champion Royal Delta. A \$1 million 2-year-old purchase by Al Shaqab Racing, Khozan turned heads while breaking his maiden by 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ lengths Jan. 24, 2015, and won a mile allowance optional claiming race by 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ lengths. An injury while prepping for the Besilu Stables Florida Derby (gr. I) took him off the track.

"He has the best pedigree in Florida," (continued on page 56)



I Spent It, by Super Saver, is available for breeders at Ocala Stud

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The Big Beast, by Yes It's True, won Saratoga's King's Bishop Stakes

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without question," Fernung said. "When I saw his second race, I thought he'd probably win the Florida Derby. Everybody was talking about him.

"When I found out the horse was available, I picked up the phone and called Bradley Weisbord (U.S. racing manager for Al Shaqab)," he said. "They wanted to be able to get him to a place where he'd have a chance and they wanted someone who was going to participate. I went to Gilbert Campbell from Stonehedge Farm, who probably owns as big a broodmare band as anybody here, and he got real enthusiastic and took a large piece of the horse. He's going to get a lot of good mares."

Ocala Stud's two new stallions had their best success racing at Saratoga.

"There is no better advertisement for a stallion than having a successful career in New York," said O'Farrell. "New York is what drives our business. Saratoga is the toughest place to win. We like horses that have shown quality at the races and there is no better quality than success at Saratoga."

I Spent It, by Super Saver—Rateeba, by Sky Mesa, won the Toyota Saratoga Special Stakes (gr. II) in 2014 and ran second to another son of Super Saver, Competitive Edge, in the Hopeful Stakes (gr. I) at the Spa. He later raced in partnership with Three Chimneys Farm.

"He's by the right young sire in Super Saver, who is off to a tremendous start at stud," O'Farrell said. "They (his off-

spring) win early, and they can carry their speed a route of ground. He gets good-looking horses on top of that, and they sell well. He's (I Spent It) the perfect horse for Florida.

"He has a lot of Mr. Prospector and (is relatively) free of Northern Dancer," he said. "There is real quality down in the pedigree with Dixie Union being in there, and he's a nice option for breeders here in Florida. He's a good-looking horse who was a good 2-year-old. That's the formula for making a successful stallion in Florida."



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Amira's Prince, a grandson of Galileo, starts his stud career at Pleasant Acres

I Spent It's fee is \$3,000.

Ocala Stud also will stand The Big Beast, a son of the quick Yes It's True, out of VVS Flawless, by Deputy Minister. The Big Beast won Saratoga's Ketel One King's Bishop Stakes (gr. I) at 3 and was second to Private Zone in 2015 in the Priority One Jets Forego Stakes (gr. I) and second to Rock Fall in the Vanderbilt, both at the Spa.

Amira's Prince (Teofilo—Twice The Ease, by Green Desert) enters stud at Pleasant Acres. Making eight starts in the U.S. with Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott after a career in Europe, Amira's Prince competed at the highest level in six outings at the grade I and grade II level, winning twice. In February 2013 he won the 11-furlong Mac Diarmida Stakes (gr. IIT) at Gulfstream and followed that with a score at Fair Grounds in the Mervin H. Muniz Jr. Handicap (gr. IIT). In 2014 he missed by a neck in a repeat run in New Orleans at about nine furlongs.

Teofilo is by Galileo, the international sensation who is the sire of 224 stakes winners and had 45 stakes winners in 2015. Teofilo was unbeaten in five starts as a 2-year-old in 2006, earning highweight honors in England and Ireland. Teofilo stands at Kildangan Stud in Ireland for €50,000 (\$54,500). Amira's Prince will stand for \$5,000.

With six stallion farms bringing in fresh, young sires to the state for the first time in quite awhile, it appears the sun might be a little brighter in Florida for breeders in 2016. **BH**