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John Carey at his T.C. Westmeath Stud near Shelburne, Ontario

Carrying On

John and Doris Carey Optimistic at T.C. Westmeath Stud

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WHEN JOHN CAREY visited Ontario for the first time from his homeland in Ireland, he was in his 20s and planned to stay only a few months and have some fun.

Forty years later Carey is still here and loving what he does.

An eighth-generation horseman, Carey and his wife, Doris, have built up T.C. Westmeath Stud into one of the most successful stallion stations and breeding farms in Canada. His greatest successes

have come with his stallions; Carey has a shrewd eye for selecting attractive stallions for Ontario breeders, and their success and longevity are second to none.

The star of the show these days is Old Forester, who wrapped up his fifth leading sire title in Canada in a gallop as his runners topped \$4 million (Can) in earnings in 2016, almost \$1 million more than runner-up Giant Gizmo. Old Forester's 71 winners were also tops in Canada, 20 more than Where's the Ring.

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“He has meant a lot to me,” said Carey on a recent, cold January day in Shelburne, Ontario. “To have a horse of that caliber, you dream about it. He has kept me in business.”

The 2017 crop of foals by Old Forester, a flashy and powerful chestnut 16-year-old by Forestry, will be his 10th to arrive, and his 2-year-olds this year are his eighth crop to race.

It has not been an easy ride for any breeder in Ontario since the industry was rocked by the cancellation of the slots-at-racetracks partnership program with the provincial government three years ago. But Carey, who says many breeders, including himself, are currently in survival mode, believes there are better days coming.

“I do feel there is some hope in the industry,” said Carey. “The province has stepped in with funding. I just hope our organizations can stabilize the business.”

“(Losing the slots money) cost us dearly. A lot of people got out of the business right off the bat. We don’t get our prices for our horses at the sales anymore, and the number of mares has diminished by 60%.”

Carey has half the broodmares he used to have—18 are expecting foals this spring—but his client base has remained steady and he expects to foal out more than 50 mares this season.



Signage at T.C. Westmeath

Carey came to Canada in 1977, having grown up surrounded by horses, cattle, and sheep. There is a century of horse breeding in his lineage, too, from jumpers, heavy horses, and steeplechasers. His trip to Ontario was to visit stud farms and further his horsemanship, but when he got an offer to work at Gardiner Farms, one of the top breeding operations in Ontario, he

found his new home.

“There was so much prosperity in Ontario,” said Carey. “There was a chance to do what I wanted to do with a chance for growth.”

Carey quickly moved up to farm manager, and he guided the stallion career of multiple stakes winner Great Gladiator, a son of Timeless Moment who was, fit-

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1	BENNY THE BULL (03, Lucky Lionel), Swifty Farms	\$3,000	58/35	0/0	0/0	(Tormenta de Oro, \$104,240)	\$1,071,087	*197	2	0.87	1.00
2	FORT PRADO (01, El Prado), Swifty Farms	\$2,000	69/34	1/1	0/1	(Big Tom Prado, \$86,654)	\$1,051,154	138	2	0.85	1.45
3	VICTOR'S CRY (05, Street Cry), Holden Farm	\$10,000	38/19	1/1	1/1	(Raglan Road, \$127,690)	\$826,250	59	1	1.12	1.22
4	MONBA (05, Maria's Mon), Nicks Farm	\$2,000	31/18	0/0	0/0	(Rally Gal, \$75,884)	\$658,894	68	0	0.71	1.32
5	PASS RUSH (99, Crown Ambassador), Swifty Farms	\$2,500	45/16	0/0	0/0	(Peyton's Pass, \$107,096)	\$606,344	105	5	1.02	1.06
6	STRONG HOPE (00, Grand Slam), Midwest Equine & Veterinary Hospital	\$2,000	27/14	1/2	1/1	(Defining Hope, \$159,729)	\$550,041	328	5	0.93	1.68
7	LANTANA MOB (05, Posse), Southern Indiana Equine	\$2,500	26/11	0/0	0/0	(Operation Stevie, \$105,055)	\$516,533	38	3	1.04	1.10
8	SWEET RETURN (GB) (00, Elmamul), Nicks Farm	\$2,000	31/12	0/0	0/0	(Daddy's Boo, \$174,834)	\$494,026	103	0	0.66	0.85
9	MANCINI (98, Mr. Prospector)	Died, 2012	23/13	0/0	0/0	(Strong Composition, \$110,173)	\$478,648	*161	3	0.69	0.90
10	DEPUTY STORM (01, Forestry), R Star Stallions	\$1,500	22/14	0/0	0/0	(Jrock, \$134,383)	\$466,228	88	2	0.99	1.22
11	STAR CAT (07, Storm Cat), Breakway Farm	\$2,500	26/16	1/1	1/1	(I Came to Praise, \$80,309)	\$405,558	41	1	0.78	0.92
12	CHIEF SEATTLE (97, Seattle Slew)	Died, 2011	21/13	0/0	0/0	(Still Chief, \$76,483)	\$374,226	*431	9	1.11	1.27
13	DESERT WARRIOR (00, Deputy Minister)	Died, 2015	33/11	0/0	0/0	(Frisky Warrior, \$52,504)	\$339,724	*286	1	0.82	0.96
14	CASH EL CASTLE (99, Silver Ghost), Swifty Farms	\$1,000	23/7	2/2	1/2	(Cashel Rock, \$108,400)	\$325,236	108	4	0.88	1.02
15	UNBRIDLED EXPRESS (04, Unbridled's Song), Swifty Farms	\$2,000	11/7	1/1	1/1	(Derby Express, \$122,082)	\$322,523	19	3	1.73	1.21
16	STRONG CONTENDER (03, Maria's Mon), R Star Stallions	\$3,000	31/10	0/0	0/0	(Bold Contender, \$70,600)	\$295,687	*146	4	0.97	1.16
17	VIBANK (03, Silver Deputy), Hidden Springs	\$1,000	26/13	0/0	0/0	(Villageofvibank, \$48,531)	\$281,967	100	0	0.85	1.23
18	ELITE SQUADRON (04, Officer), Midwest Equine & Veterinary Hospital	\$2,000	23/11	0/0	0/0	(Quiet Elite, \$46,318)	\$262,652	56	0	0.61	1.06
19	MONDAVI (03, Maria's Mon), Breakway Farm	\$1,500	7/4	1/1	1/1	(Ron, \$125,037)	\$212,089	30	1	0.84	0.61
20	SKYLORD (08, Sky Mesa), Breakway Farm	Private	9/5	0/0	0/0	(Check Or a Wreck, \$54,580)	\$198,874	15	0	0.94	0.88
21	SILVER MOUNTAIN (05, Victory Gallop), Nicks Farm	\$2,000	16/7	0/0	0/0	(She's Going Strong, \$49,230)	\$186,982	23	0	0.51	0.97
22	MAJOR SUCCESS (01, Mazel Trick)	N/A	8/2	0/0	0/0	(Sucess Is Racing, \$172,490)	\$183,551	23	1	0.82	0.25
23	DOMESTIC DISPUTE (00, Unbridled's Song), Indiana Stallion Station	\$2,000	17/7	0/0	0/0	(Vim, \$42,237)	\$167,108	*327	2	0.85	1.16
24	CHARGING INDIAN (02, Indian Charlie)	N/A	10/6	0/0	0/0	(Picaboo Rose, \$45,720)	\$160,609	18	0	0.59	0.85
25	ELUSIVE BLUFF (06, Elusive Quality), Southern Indiana Equine	\$1,500	12/4	1/1	1/1	(A M Milky Way, \$87,697)	\$157,180	36	2	1.20	0.87

tingly, born the year Carey arrived in Canada.

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Carey purchased his first 100 acres near Shelburne (about 90 minutes northwest of Woodbine Racetrack), Great Gladiator went with him. Carey named his farm T.C. Westmeath Stud; the T.C. for his father, Timothy Carey, and for Tom Campbell; and Westmeath for the Irish county in which he grew up. Great Gladiator lived until he was 30 and is buried under a tree at the farm.

Carey added more property in 1998, located on the other side of



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1	OLD FORESTER (01, Forestry), T. C. Westmeath Stud Farm	\$4,000	138/71	3/3	3/3	(Thor's Rocket, \$150,079)	\$3,534,074	349	13	1.44	1.54
2	GIANT GIZMO (04, Giant's Causeway), Adena Springs North	\$7,500	65/38	5/9	3/5	(Amis Gizmo, \$539,789)	\$2,571,642	107	7	1.99	1.55
3	WHERE'S THE RING (99, Seeking the Gold), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	\$3,000	89/51	1/2	0/1	(River Maid, \$286,790)	\$2,146,371	319	9	1.34	1.39
4	MILWAUKEE BREW (97, Wild Again), Adena Springs North	\$5,000	89/45	3/4	2/3	(Sweater Weather, \$165,326)	\$2,065,434	*532	24	1.21	1.47
5	SILENT NAME (JPN) (02, Sunday Silence), Adena Springs North	\$10,000	72/31	3/4	2/3	(Lokinforpursemonee, \$202,920)	\$1,685,604	*293	15	1.43	1.25
6	SLIGO BAY (IRE) (98, Sadler's Wells), Adena Springs North	\$5,000	73/31	4/6	1/4	(Lexie Lou, \$293,824)	\$1,678,484	*378	12	1.21	1.39
7	NIIGON (01, Unbridled)	Died, 2012	45/23	0/0	0/0	(Nipigon, \$151,392)	\$1,299,969	178	6	1.81	1.17
8	WILKO (02, Awesome Again), Paulee Thoroughbreds	Private	54/30	2/3	0/2	(Melnich, \$239,594)	\$1,037,163	*202	5	1.09	1.14
9	IMPERIALISM (01, Langfuhr), Esquiroil Farms	\$2,500	63/27	1/1	1/1	(Imperial Hint, \$154,805)	\$983,484	223	5	0.78	1.00
10	ROSBERG (01, A.P. Indy)	Died, 2014	51/30	1/5	0/1	(Snuggles, \$153,974)	\$901,316	81	8	0.87	0.86
11	WANDO (00, Langfuhr)	Died, 2014	35/20	2/2	2/2	(Shake Down Baby, \$143,213)	\$856,569	*158	4	1.23	1.12
12	GOTCHA GOLD (03, Coronado's Quest), Peaceful Valley Farms	\$2,500	46/25	1/3	0/1	(Deland, \$111,397)	\$833,048	*111	1	0.85	1.05
13	SOCIETY'S CHAIRMAN (03, Not Impossible), Shannondoe Farm	\$5,000	12/8	1/4	0/1	(Caren, \$469,378)	\$731,372	21	3	3.87	1.38
14	NOT BOURBON (05, Not Impossible), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	\$3,500	38/14	1/1	1/1	(Internal Bourbon, \$122,599)	\$704,979	59	2	1.12	1.29
15	SAFFIR (02, Unbridled)	Died, 2014	37/20	0/0	0/0	(Galina Point, \$138,100)	\$676,073	87	2	1.35	1.23
16	STRUT THE STAGE (98, Theatrical)	N/A	41/19	1/1	1/1	(Strut the Course, \$118,470)	\$662,512	*118	4	1.39	1.19
17	FINALITY (99, Dehere), Red Rock Farm	\$2,500	58/26	2/3	0/2	(Arabella's Muse, \$76,484)	\$646,502	261	14	0.64	0.76
18	CAPE CANAVERAL (96, Mr. Prospector), Highfield	\$3,000	42/26	0/0	0/0	(Onestaratime, \$144,562)	\$567,117	426	20	1.00	1.19
19	SECOND IN COMMAND (00, Silver Deputy), Road's End Farm	\$2,000	43/21	1/1	0/1	(Stanz in Command, \$88,486)	\$556,218	94	5	0.76	0.76
20	LEONNATUS ANTEAS (04, Stormy Atlantic), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	\$3,500	35/12	0/0	0/0	(Athdara, \$56,293)	\$543,834	77	2	1.03	1.16
21	SINGING SAINT (04, El Prado), Adena Springs North	Private	29/14	1/1	1/1	(Songs and Laughter, \$117,427)	\$524,427	*54	2	1.09	0.95
22	KENTUCKY BEAR (05, Mr. Greeley), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	Private	29/12	1/1	1/1	(Classyshadesofgrey, \$89,266)	\$502,626	52	2	1.33	1.29
23	STORM VICTORY (00, Storm Cat)	N/A	58/29	0/0	0/0	(Too Much Johnson, \$33,236)	\$463,753	211	6	0.53	0.63
24	OMEGA CODE (00, Elusive Quality), Peaceful Valley Farms	\$2,000	41/17	1/1	0/1	(Penguini, \$80,749)	\$453,033	315	10	0.70	1.21
25	WAR CRY (02, Unbridled)	N/A	33/19	0/0	0/0	(Frosty Vixen, \$65,867)	\$418,711	76	0	0.74	1.25
26	SKIMMING (96, Nureyev)	N/A	22/11	1/2	0/1	(Avadiva, \$82,478)	\$418,026	334	7	0.74	0.98
27	CAUSE TO BELIEVE (03, Maria's Mon), Road's End Farm	\$2,500	44/23	1/1	1/1	(Kermode, \$64,047)	\$392,146	109	5	0.53	0.83
28	SKY CONQUEROR (02, Sky Classic)	N/A	17/10	0/0	0/0	(Conquer the Sky, \$77,341)	\$367,083	41	1	1.21	1.58
29	BOLD N' FLASHY (89, Bold Ruckus)	N/A	26/15	0/0	0/0	(Azimut, \$58,953)	\$363,990	347	16	1.29	1.21
30	QUEST (99, Seeking the Gold)	N/A	31/14	1/1	0/1	(Greengrassofyoming, \$185,875)	\$350,686	131	2	0.76	1.29
31	MR. SCOTTY (02, Mr. Greeley)	N/A	10/6	1/1	1/1	(Touch of Disney, \$140,697)	\$298,402	38	1	1.18	0.83
32	SMOOTH BID (02, Rubiano)	N/A	19/9	0/0	0/0	(Gran Bid, \$67,358)	\$277,307	41	0	1.10	0.90
33	EXHI (07, Maria's Mon), Highfield	\$3,000	18/11	0/0	0/0	(Norm's Big Bucks, \$53,201)	\$273,413	33	1	0.76	1.48
34	STEPHANOTIS (93, Regal Classic), Canmor Farms	\$1,500	31/13	0/0	0/0	(Hey Didjanotis, \$67,284)	\$272,222	317	12	0.67	0.84
35	SUNGOLD (02, A.P. Indy), Flying Horse Farm	Private	22/10	1/2	0/1	(Strate Remark, \$77,410)	\$256,009	46	5	0.68	0.95
36	KISSIN KRIS (90, Kris S.)	Pnsd	34/17	0/0	0/0	(Smart Fix, \$64,379)	\$250,332	534	15	1.02	1.16
37	PEAKS AND VALLEYS (92, Mt. Livermore)	Died, 2012	18/11	0/0	0/0	(Mauna Kea, \$36,443)	\$243,178	559	30	1.24	1.38
38	SPANIARD (06, Candy Ride)	N/A	15/6	0/0	0/0	(Spanish Hombre, \$60,870)	\$225,050	30	0	0.95	1.61
39	FORMAL GOLD (03, Black Tie Affair), Esquiroil Farms	\$1,500	37/13	0/0	0/0	(Formal Joker, \$36,003)	\$222,457	518	17	1.01	1.25
40	† SIGNATURE RED (06, Bernstein), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	\$2,500	7/3	1/1	0/1	(Signature Spring, \$108,755)	\$189,658	20	1	1.72	1.31
41	VALID N BOLD (96, Valid Appeal)	N/A	5/2	1/1	1/1	(Pachi Cruze, \$152,704)	\$187,469	55	1	0.96	0.93
42	ACCEPTABLE (94, Capote), Maybin Farm	Private	20/11	0/0	0/0	(My Eye Candy, \$25,249)	\$186,747	*486	3	0.90	1.21

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2	CITY WEEKEND (02, Carson City), Meadow Springs	\$2,000	45/24	0/0	0/0	(Cantico, \$65,525)	\$712,848	100	1	0.75	0.89
3	MOBIL (00, Langfuhr), Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,500	33/16	0/0	0/0	(Mobil Sky, \$123,300)	\$683,499	*163	4	1.31	1.29
4	INDY WIND (02, A.P. Indy), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$2,000	33/17	0/0	0/0	(Pleiadian, \$114,334)	\$642,896	67	1	1.11	1.08
5	ADDED EDGE (00, Smart Strike), Raimonde Farms	\$1,500	53/27	1/1	1/1	(Foxy Flea, \$72,613)	\$569,517	159	7	0.69	0.78
6	MR. MABEE (01, Storm Cat)	N/A	25/10	0/0	0/0	(She Mabee Wild, \$165,007)	\$474,101	69	0	0.70	0.83
7	PARENTS' REWARD (98, Mr. Prospector), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$1,000	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Eightthehardway, \$176,828)	\$363,840	55	3	0.96	0.80
8	KISS THE KID (03, Lemon Drop Kid), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$2,500	13/7	0/0	0/0	(Extravagant Kid, \$73,875)	\$350,101	37	0	1.00	1.68
9	MERCER MILL (94, Forty Niner), Fair Winds Farm	Private	15/6	0/0	0/0	(Pyrite Mill, \$43,925)	\$283,010	223	15	0.70	0.89
10	LIGHTNIN N THUNDER (01, Storm Cat), Ben Mears Farm	\$2,000	15/9	0/0	0/0	(What's Up J P, \$36,529)	\$230,599	197	6	0.87	1.06
11	KENTUCKY DANE (00, Danehill), JHL Performance Horses	Private	7/3	0/0	0/0	(Hope's Frog Song, \$75,062)	\$215,190	22	2	1.34	0.47
12	KILLENAULE (02, Fusaichi Pegasus)	N/A	24/7	0/0	0/0	(Bahnke, \$60,894)	\$199,491	89	0	0.49	0.84
13	HOSTILE TAKEOVER (04, Dixie Union), Raimonde Farms	\$1,500	7/6	0/0	0/0	(He's Taken, \$56,310)	\$168,873	11	0	0.71	1.08
14	FLAGSHIP (07, El Prado)	N/A	8/5	0/0	0/0	(Orbital Flag, \$49,422)	\$158,143	9	0	0.69	1.05
15	SAINTS N' SINNERS (00, Saint Ballado)	N/A	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Deniro's Saint, \$112,420)	\$152,297	23	1	1.12	0.21
16	ALCINDOR (07, Unbridled's Song)	N/A	6/2	0/0	0/0	(True Cinder, \$98,650)	\$147,280	9	0	1.16	1.34
17	WESTERN PRIDE (98, Way West), R.C. Cline Thoroughbred Farm	\$1,500	12/5	0/0	0/0	(Sweet Butterfly, \$55,220)	\$140,649	99	0	0.62	0.94
18	BIG ATLANTIC (02, Stormy Atlantic), Win Row Farm	\$1,200	11/4	0/0	0/0	(Jacksontown, \$45,514)	\$128,599	20	1	0.79	0.25
19	MR. SILVER (03, Concorde's Tune)	Died	3/3	0/0	0/0	(Kerfluffle, \$64,441)	\$123,563	5	0	1.65	1.18
20	PACIFIC WAVES (93, Seattle Slew)	N/A	4/3	0/0	0/0	(Plain Ol' Willard, \$67,245)	\$117,912	76	4	0.77	0.88

the road, and made that location the place for the mares. He built a house for himself and Doris on that land in 2012.

Old Forester was purchased by a syndicate of Canadians that included Carey. The son of the stakes-winning Irish River mare Halo River was a talented grass miler with wins in the Cliff Hanger Stakes (G3T) at Meadowlands and Gulfstream Park's Canadian Turf Handicap (G3T), the latter in a course-record 1:38.20 for 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles.

He was greeted with enthusiasm by Ontario mare owners to the tune of 122 bookings in his first season.

The stallion's first crop of runners made him the leading freshman sire in Canada with \$1 million in earnings, the first time any Canadian stallion has had earnings in the seven-digits with his initial crop.

"Never had a stallion in Canada gone past \$600,000 in earnings," said Carey. "It was remarkable."

Old Forester's three black-type winners in 2016, Ultraflame, Thor's Rocket, and Jacks Escarpment, brought his total to 13.

"He does his job smartly, with no delays," said Carey about Old Forester's prowess in the breeding shed. "He is all horse, but he aims to please and he is very playful. He's quite the character when you turn him out

in the paddock."

With Old Forester established, Carey has two younger stallions set to show off their offspring in the coming seasons. Pool Play, winner of the 2011 Stephen Foster Handicap (G1) at Churchill Downs as a 6-year-old and a stakes-caliber runner from ages 4 to 8, will have his first crop at the races this year. The son of Silver Deputy from the Cox's Ridge mare Zuri Ridge had a handful of yearlings go through the sales ring in 2016, including one colt that brought \$30,000.

"His young horses are very nice, but he came in at the worst time and his mare numbers dropped drastically," said Carey.

Across from Pool Play in the stallion barn is the physically imposing Souper Speedy, a son of Indian Charlie from the rich female family of Canadian Broodmare of the Year Passing Mood (dam of Canadian Triple Crown winner With Approval and Belmont Stakes, G1, winner Touch Gold). The 8-year-old won the Jaipur Stakes at Belmont Park as a 4-year-old (via disqualification) and finished second in



Pool Play, by Silver Deputy, stands at T.C. Westmeath

the Remsen Stakes (G2) as a juvenile. His first crop are yearlings.

“I have never been as confident in a stallion in my life as I am with Souper Speedy,” said Carey. “His yearlings are fantastic.”

Carey has a couple of older stallions on his farm: the 22-year-old One Way Love and 24-year-old Crown Attorney, both of whom have paid their dues as multiple stakes winners and blue-collar studs.

“The biggest thing with keeping the stallions healthy is nutrition; that is number one,” said Carey. “If you look after them well, make sure they have exercise, they will be with you for a long time.”

Carey is helped at the farm by his twin sons, Trevor and Tyler, who manage the weanlings, yearlings, and horses of racing age. Carey and Doris are at the ready in the winter and spring for foaling time and by summer are prepping yearlings for the sales.

Carey is most proud of his 100% live foal production record in each of the last three years, and his home is graced by photos of many top-class Carey-breds, including Queen’s Plate runner-up Hippolytus (a son of Gardiner Farms’ former stallion Philanthropist) and Asserting Bear (by Bear’s Kid), winner of the Coronation Futurity in 2013 and third in the 2014 Queen’s Plate.

Carey’s yearling consignment is annually one of the top sellers at the Ontario sale. Last year Carey sold 34 yearlings for more than \$176,000, fifth among Canadian consignors.

Asserting Bear’s juvenile season helped Carey land in 10th place on the leading breeders’ list of Canadian-bred runners in 2013, when Carey-breds banked more than \$1 million. In 2014 Carey’s runners earned more than \$600,000, with Asserting Bear again leading the way.

In the past two seasons, given the uncertainty in the breeding industry due to the end of the slots program, the number of Carey-breds has been smaller, but their



Farm manager Tyler Carey is one of two sons of John and Doris

quality remains at the top level in the Ontario-sired and -bred program.

One of the top runners is Pink Lloyd, a 5-year-old son of Old Forester owned by Frank DiGiulio Jr. Purchased at the 2013 Canadian Thoroughbred Horse Society yearling sale for \$30,000, Pink Lloyd didn’t debut until the summer of 2016,



Carey notes the farm has had 100% live foal production the last three years

when he won his first three races. He ended the season with a superb run in the Kennedy Road Stakes (G2), when he finished second to champion Stacked Deck.

Carey has bred 417 winners for purses totaling more than \$12 million and that is not including the dozens of partnerships he has been involved in over the years.

And at the end of a long day on the farm, the Careys cozy up with their menagerie of pets, including three dogs and three Himalayan cats.

“There’s nothing like landing on the couch in the evening covered by your animals,” Carey noted.

Looking ahead, Carey, who has collected so many breeders’ awards for his home-breds that he has maxed out on several occasions, hopes the industry members will continue to work with one another to bring back the mare population.

“We are like a lot of breeders: When we get some earnings, we put it right back into the business. I built this house on the broodmare farm with breeders’ awards. We are at a point of survival right now, but breeding horses is in my blood and if I didn’t love it, I would have got out of it five years ago.” **BH**

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 2012 are excluded), and have runners in North America. Listed below are all available statistics for the Northern Hemisphere through December 31, 2016. As supplied to BloodHorse 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 2015 is \$21,782 or 50% of the 2015 average purse in Japan. To put earnings on par, all Japanese progeny earnings are multiplied by 50% before being credited to a sire’s progeny earnings. Hong Kong earnings are adjusted by 17%; Singapore by 57%. 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.