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Valor Farm is the largest commercial breeding operation in Texas

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Valiant Survivor

Valor Farm breathes life into Texas

BY LENNY SHULMAN

WITH THE SIGNIFICANT challenges experienced recently by the Texas breeding and racing industries, it was a huge lift for Texas when Douglas Scharbauer stepped in and purchased Valor Farm near Pilot Point from the estate of his parents, longtime horsepeople Dorothy and Clarence Scharbauer Jr., after Clarence's death in 2014.

Valor is the largest commercial breeding operation in the state and has actually expanded to stand eight stallions for the current breeding season. In buying Valor, Douglas Scharbauer is continuing a proud family tradition going back to his maternal grandfather, Fred Turner Jr. Both his grandfather

and parents won the Kentucky Derby, and that is another tradition that hopefully will continue.

Fred Turner Jr.'s biggest success grew out of his love for the stallion Tulyar, who stood in Ireland. Turner traveled to a sale there specifically to buy his progeny, and came away with a yearling colt. When he went to the shipping office to make preparations to send the horse across the Atlantic by boat, the shipping agent told Turner that the horses do terribly on that journey if they're by themselves, and suggested he go back to the sale and buy a cheap horse to keep the Tulyar colt company. So Turner returned to the auction, bought

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1	HALF OURS (03, Unbridled's Song), Clear Creek Stud	\$5,000	60/7	1/1	0/1	(Double Ours, \$60,000)	\$287,781	*373	17	1.03	1.21
2	SONGANDAPRAYER (98, Unbridled's Song), The Stallion Station @ Copper Crowne	\$4,500	64/8	1/1	0/1	(Laughingsaintssong, \$52,800)	\$248,725	*959	35	1.14	1.45
3	RUN PRODUCTION (00, Saint Ballado), Whispering Oaks Farm	\$2,500	32/12	1/1	1/1	(Freakonthelead, \$60,000)	\$247,317	211	8	1.08	0.97
4	YANKEE GENTLEMAN (99, Storm Cat), Le Mesa Stallions	\$3,500	43/8	0/0	0/0	(Sir Advent, \$22,800)	\$177,081	*507	20	1.11	1.20
5	CUSTOM FOR CARLOS (06, More Than Ready), Clear Creek Stud	\$3,500	39/6	0/0	0/0	(Fairwell Tax Break, \$28,350)	\$152,846	122	3	0.92	1.09
6	MASS MEDIA (01, Touch Gold), Red River Farms	\$1,500	33/9	0/0	0/0	(Littlemissbusiness, \$34,800)	\$126,135	*212	4	1.08	1.04
7	FOREFATHERS (04, Gone West), Red River Farms	\$2,000	43/5	0/0	0/0	(Over Yonder, \$25,080)	\$120,848	166	1	0.62	1.12
8	GREELEY'S GALAXY (02, Mr. Greeley), Averett Farm	\$3,500	28/4	0/0	0/0	(Greeley's Wish, \$28,200)	\$120,729	140	2	1.11	1.05
9	TIZ THE ONE (07, Tiznow)	N/A	15/3	0/0	0/0	(Tiz Cherry Wine, \$37,800)	\$112,615	71	0	0.59	1.00
10	MY PAL CHARLIE (05, Indian Charlie), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	33/6	0/0	0/0	(Big Maurice, \$22,800)	\$101,227	145	2	0.81	1.13
11	CLOSING ARGUMENT (02, Successful Appeal), Whispering Oaks Farm	\$4,000	26/7	0/0	0/0	(Smack Smack, \$25,000)	\$100,455	*442	17	1.23	1.15
12	D'WILDCAT (98, Forest Wildcat), Whispering Oaks Farm	\$3,500	43/6	0/0	0/0	(D'craziness, \$13,750)	\$96,680	*439	15	1.36	1.24
13	INTERACTIF (07, Broken Vow), Red River Farms	\$2,000	21/4	0/0	0/0	(Active Runner, \$28,500)	\$94,860	60	1	0.63	1.14
14	LION TAMER (00, Will's Way), Jamaica	N/A	22/3	0/0	0/0	(Over Themister, \$25,200)	\$81,672	143	2	0.76	1.06
15	TENPINS (98, Smart Strike), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	29/3	0/0	0/0	(Who Datawaki, \$39,600)	\$81,131	*369	8	0.88	1.06
16	TIME BANDIT (96, Time for a Change), Averett Farm	\$1,000	15/3	0/0	0/0	(Flit N Time, \$30,800)	\$77,520	281	3	0.84	0.90
17	IDE (93, Forty Niner), Clear Creek Stud	Pnsd	17/3	0/0	0/0	(Great Value, \$36,180)	\$76,200	585	15	1.07	1.05
18	REDDING COLLIERY (06, Mineshaft), Red River Farms	\$2,000	13/1	0/0	0/0	(Imindycatbirdseat, \$34,400)	\$73,705	57	0	0.38	1.26
19	STAR GUITAR (05, Quiet American), Clear Creek Stud	\$4,000	11/2	0/0	0/0	(Philly, \$25,800)	\$69,910	59	0	0.38	1.22
20	COURT VISION (05, Gulch), Acadiana Equine@Copper Crowne	\$3,500	17/3	0/0	0/0	(Courtmeewithcarats, \$32,800)	\$69,365	160	3	1.08	1.61

an inexpensive colt, and buddied the two yearlings up for the cruise.

The afterthought colt by Tudor Minstrel, named Tomy Lee, would get up by a nose over Sword Dancer to win the 1959 Kentucky Derby. Tomy Lee, who also won the Del Mar Futurity and the Blue Grass Stakes, earned better than \$400,000 for his career.

And that's how you plan success in the horse business.

Turner bred and owned a string of good

horses, including Weldy, another Del Mar Futurity winner. Tomy Lee's son Jeep Driver won the Sunland Park Derby for Turner, who bred additional stakes winners Figure Five, Belen, Mel C. L., and Ala Ram. He also bred three-time stakes winner Striding Easy, who was raced by his daughter, Dorothy Scharbauer.

According to Valor Farm manager Ken Carson, Turner gave his daughter Figure Five for her 21st birthday, and he ultimately won the Ruidoso Derby.

"She caught the racing bug from her father at a young age, and she loved it for the rest of her life," said Carson. "Every summer she and Clarence would go to Ruidoso for the weekend races and to get up in the mountains and escape the Texas summer."

While Clarence Scharbauer concentrated on Quarter Horses—he raced them for 40 years and became president of the American Quarter Horse Association—Dorothy had a soft spot for Thoroughbreds. At her first Kentucky yearling sale she purchased Ridge Review at Keeneland, who became a stakes winner.

Her second foray to Keeneland yielded four yearlings on the advice of trainer Jack Van Berg. Three of them became stakes winners—Exclusive Enough (purchased at Fasig-Tipton), Stalwart Sal, and a son of Alydar—Bel Sheba whom she named Alysheba. In 1987 Alysheba won the Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes (both G1) before checking in fourth in the Belmont Stakes (G1).

"It was pandemonium at the Derby," remembered Carson, "one of the most surreal experiences I've ever had. We were spread out in four separate boxes and Clarence gathered one or two of us up from

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1	TOO MUCH BLING (03, Rubiano), Valor Farm	\$4,500	40/6	1/1	0/1	(Too Much Tip, \$19,349)	\$113,254	199	22	1.17	1.11	
2	GRASSHOPPER (04, Dixie Union), Valor Farm	\$3,500	26/4	0/0	0/0	(Carradine, \$20,000)	\$79,664	93	2	0.99	0.96	
3	CONGAREE (98, Arazi), Valor Farm	\$3,000	22/2	0/0	0/0	(No Tanx Blue Chip, \$18,600)	\$60,171	*374	13	1.29	1.41	
4	VALID EXPECTATIONS (93, Valid Appeal)	Died, 2015	22/3	0/0	0/0	(Checker Czech, \$15,600)	\$58,434	657	41	1.21	1.14	
5	LUNARPAL (02, Successful Appeal), Lone Star Farms/Rafter S Ranch	Private	10/3	0/0	0/0	(Grizabella, \$20,240)	\$57,605	112	2	0.82	0.94	
6	MY GOLDEN SONG (03, Unbridled's Song), Valor Farm	\$4,000	18/3	0/0	0/0	(Joe T Garcia's, \$11,400)	\$46,509	119	8	1.07	1.01	
7	INTIMIDATOR (01, Gone West), Asmussen Horse Center	\$1,500	20/3	0/0	0/0	(Major Intimidation, \$14,100)	\$45,334	194	6	0.58	0.77	
8	STONESIDER (03, Giant's Causeway), Valor Farm	\$3,000	6/1	0/0	0/0	(Toohottoevenspeak, \$10,800)	\$30,319	*201	4	1.10	1.20	
9	DRUMS OF THUNDER (04, Concerto)	N/A	8/2	0/0	0/0	(Witt's Town, \$18,420)	\$26,673	35	0	0.51	0.37	
10	EARLY FLYER (98, Gilded Time), Valor Farm	\$2,500	22/0	0/0	0/0	(Circustown Flyer, \$6,546)	\$25,470	274	16	0.79	0.92	
11	GAFF (02, Maria's Mon), Seguin Horse Center	\$1,500	9/1	0/0	0/0	(Captain Tyree, \$12,800)	\$23,726	92	0	0.67	1.01	
12	SCRIMSHAW (00, Gulch), R&S Racing	\$1,500	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Sharon's Boy, \$8,575)	\$21,149	*197	3	0.99	0.90	
13	UNBRIDLED'S HEART (05, Unbridled's Song)	Died, 2015	6/0	0/0	0/0	(Long Legged Model, \$7,600)	\$18,906	20	0	0.30	0.51	
14	JET PHONE (01, Phone Trick), Valor Farm	Died, 2016	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Jet Over, \$14,508)	\$16,382	37	3	1.01	1.17	
15	CITY STREET (99, Carson City)	N/A	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Como Se Llama, \$10,000)	\$16,020	132	2	0.65	0.78	

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each box before the race and said he didn't want to jinx the horse, but that we should make a plan to get down to the winner's circle after the race. Churchill Downs is like an old castle; you can go down the wrong hallway and get lost quick. We all made it down there."

The Scharbauers owned Oklahoma Stud for many years, where Clarence kept his Quarter Horse broodmares, and that was a top-shelf facility.

But when it looked as if Texas would finally get pari-mutuel wagering in the late 1980s, the couple began looking for land there. Dr. Barry Wood, who was the veterinarian at Oklahoma Stud, found three contiguous pieces of land and put the

deals together that would be the origin of Valor Farm.

"It's very airy and full of light," said Carson. "Most of the stalls are open on three sides. The land drains well, and they put in several ponds and made a really pretty place. Most people who come here say it feels like Kentucky to them."

The farm has a 24-stall mare barn and a large office/stallion complex. Valor spreads over 393 acres and features several 30-acre wide-open fields where five to seven yearlings romp.

"We like to raise them tough, outside in big fields," Carson said.

The farm is located in proximity to several racetracks, with Lone Star Park



Valor Farm manager Ken Carson

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1	WILBURN (08, Bernardini), River Oaks Farms	\$2,500	59/12	0/0	0/0	(Sorry Erik, \$48,600)	\$303,365	*234	3	0.73	1.15
2	POLLARD'S VISION (01, Carson City), Mighty Acres	\$3,000	32/7	0/0	0/0	(Moon Vision, \$41,382)	\$193,216	*694	18	1.28	1.20
3	MAGNA GRADUATE (02, Honor Grades), Rockin' Z Ranch	\$2,500	33/5	0/0	0/0	(Approvthismessage, \$24,000)	\$118,909	*210	6	0.98	1.07
4	CACTUS RIDGE (01, Hennessy)	Pnsd	28/4	0/0	0/0	(Steel Cut, \$24,000)	\$113,169	*457	23	1.26	1.05
5	EUROEARS (04, Langfuhr), JEH Stallion Station-Oklahoma Division	\$1,500	9/2	0/0	0/0	(Eurodevilwoman, \$89,400)	\$110,764	83	2	1.00	0.88
6	READ THE FOOTNOTES (01, Smoke Glacken), River Oaks Farms	\$2,500	15/2	0/0	0/0	(Legally Bay, \$38,400)	\$105,583	*325	17	1.34	1.18
7	TACTICAL CAT (96, Storm Cat), Raywood Farm	\$1,000	11/2	0/0	0/0	(Checkmate Charlie, \$43,200)	\$62,757	601	24	1.02	1.19
8	LATENT HEAT (03, Maria's Mon), River Oaks Farms	\$2,500	26/3	0/0	0/0	(Colorado Grandslam, \$13,600)	\$61,655	*326	5	0.91	1.10
9	MAIMONIDES (05, Vindication), Silver Star Farm	\$2,000	23/3	0/0	0/0	(Benevolent Gift, \$16,200)	\$58,597	*103	1	0.71	2.18
10	DA STOOPS (03, Distorted Humor), Rockin BB Ranch	\$1,000	13/3	0/0	0/0	(Da Wildcat Girl, \$11,600)	\$41,756	*87	1	1.05	1.07

an hour south and Remington Park 2½ hours north. Sam Houston and Retama Park are four or five hours away. Douglas Scharbauer keeps 14 of his broodmares at Valor and another eight in Kentucky at Hidden Brook Farm outside Paris. There were years when Valor was home to as many as 250 mares at various points, but

those numbers are down significantly with Texas' failure to get expanded gaming.

"Three years ago, when it looked like we might get Instant Racing, the phone was ringing off the wall," Carson said. "There is a sleeping giant of people who would still do this if it made some eco-

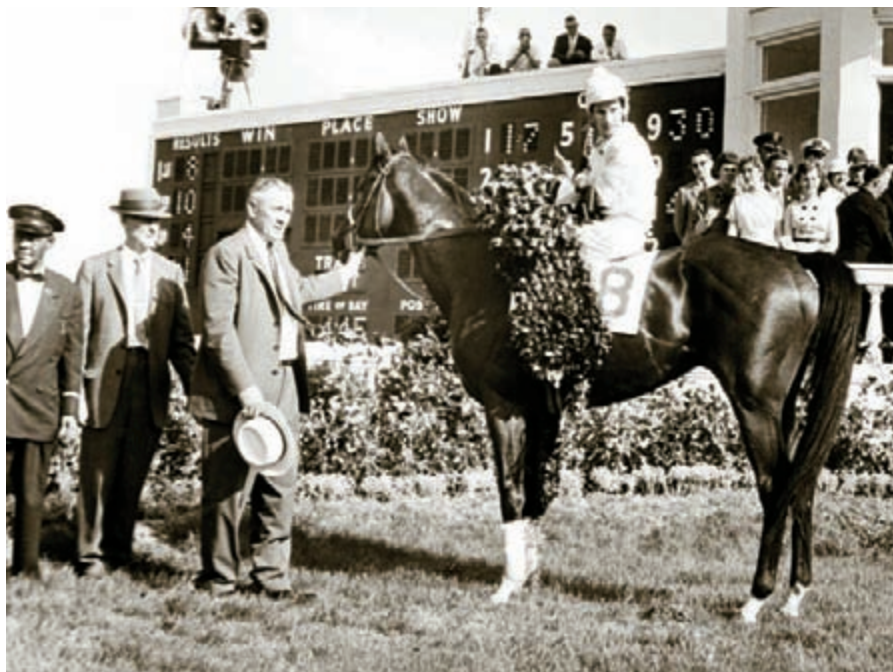
nom sense. But our legislature failed to get it done, and they're letting a whole industry dry up."

Valor is certainly doing its part to keep the horse business alive. When Lane's End Texas closed, stallions Grasshopper, Too Much Bling, and Congaree moved to Valor.

Robert and Janice McNair co-own Too Much Bling, and also brought their stallion Stonesider to Valor from New York. They joined Valor residents Crossbow, My Golden Song, and Early Flyer in the stallion complex. Bradester, the newest Valor import, arrived early in 2017 to begin his stallion career there.

Too Much Bling, the leading sire in the state four years running, is a 14-year-old son of Rubiano who was a multiple grade 2 winner at 3. He is the sire of Bling On the Music, who last year won the Texas Thoroughbred Futurity fillies division and then beat males in the Gold Rush Futurity at Arapahoe Park.

"Too Much Bling has been extremely consistent and at one point had the highest percentage of stakes winners per starter of any stallion in America," said Carson. "He was a very fast horse and has had a bunch of nice runners over the



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Fred Turner Jr.'s Tomy Lee won the 1959 Kentucky Derby

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For stallions that stand, will stand, or stood (deceased) in the states featured in this section (stallions that are dead or exported prior to 2013 are excluded), and have runners in North America. Listed below are all available statistics for the Northern Hemisphere through February 5, 2017. 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 per starter in 2016 is \$22,141 or 45% of the 2016 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 17%; Singapore by 65%. 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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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2017 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2017 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	PRIMARY SUSPECT (01, Hennessy)	N/A	29/5	0/0	0/0	(Fastanista, \$45,000)	\$153,731	159	4	0.74	1.17
2	JONESBORO (02, Sefapiano), Lake Hamilton Equine Associates	\$500	24/4	0/0	0/0	(Nikki's Rose, \$43,200)	\$129,166	72	1	0.73	0.78
3	ZARBYEV (84, Nureyev)	N/A	17/2	0/0	0/0	(I Hope, \$37,200)	\$80,270	*371	13	1.06	0.83
4	HIGHTAIL (10, Mineshaft), Trophy Club Training Center	\$2,500	1/1	1/1	1/1	(Dynatail, \$72,140)	\$72,140	3	1	2.10	0.78
5	PORTOBELLO ROAD (04, Storm Cat), Anderson Farms	\$1,000	20/3	0/0	0/0	(Jeri Bella, \$15,000)	\$59,288	130	1	0.79	0.98
6	A. P. MILLION (00, A.P. Indy), Royal Court Equine Center	\$750	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Easter Indy, \$52,500)	\$52,500	40	1	0.48	0.71
7	STORM AND A HALF (97, Storm Cat), Tommy Ives Thoroughbreds	Private	19/1	0/0	0/0	(Bittersweet, \$13,800)	\$48,547	452	19	0.76	0.94
8	BRAHMS (97, Danzig), Trophy Club Training Center	\$2,000	26/1	0/0	0/0	(Valse, \$8,000)	\$45,987	*664	13	1.07	1.15
9	THE DADDY (02, Valid Expectations), Trophy Club Training Center	\$1,500	19/3	0/0	0/0	(Rodeo Drive Diva, \$8,500)	\$44,811	*155	5	1.04	1.16
10	A. P. DELTA (97, A.P. Indy)	N/A	4/1	0/0	0/0	(U R My Last Chance, \$32,000)	\$37,560	126	3	0.65	0.85

2017 LEADING SIRES IN ARIZONA

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2017 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2017 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	DISTORTED REALITY (04, Distorted Humor), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	Private	18/3	0/0	0/0	(J R Jellybean, \$14,200)	\$37,575	118	0	0.40	0.86
2	TOP HIT (98, Twining), Triple AAA Ranch	Private	14/3	0/0	0/0	(Maid Easy, \$9,942)	\$24,552	106	5	0.88	0.88
3	EZ DREAMER (05, In Excess), Triple AAA Ranch	Private	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Carlson, \$15,050)	\$22,506	35	1	0.72	0.89
4	MARGIE'S WILDCAT (01, Storm Cat), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	Private	12/0	0/0	0/0	(Mintenzed, \$4,320)	\$14,143	126	0	0.68	0.84
5	CHELOKEE (04, Cherokee Run)	Died, 2014	7/1	0/0	0/0	(Chelokee's Legacy, \$6,366)	\$11,595	49	0	0.47	0.80
6	SUPAH BLITZ (00, Mecke)	N/A	8/1	0/0	0/0	(Supah Spirit, \$5,949)	\$10,220	59	0	0.49	0.76

2017 LEADING SIRES IN COLORADO

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2017 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2017 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	BUSHWACKER (02, Outflanker)	N/A	11/1	0/0	0/0	(Storm Wacker, \$4,499)	\$22,189	76	0	0.56	0.92
2	GRAND MINSTREL (05, Grand Slam)	N/A	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Grand and Great, \$6,060)	\$10,804	90	0	0.34	0.64

years down here.”

Grasshopper, by Dixie Union out of a Mr. Prospector mare, was a grade 3 winner at 4. His Texas Chrome won the Oklahoma Derby and Super Derby (both G3) last year and has earned \$842,462. Grasshopper was the Southwest's leading third-crop sire last year.

My Golden Song, a son of Unbridled's Song, also has come up big, siring two Texas-bred graded stakes winners from a crop of 21 foals in 2011. Thegirlinthat song won the La Canada Stakes (G2)



The Scharbauers at the 1988 Belmont: from left, Pamela, Dorothy, and Clarence

and banked nearly \$500,000. Fiftyshadesofgold, a homebred for Clarence Scharbauer, took the Eight Belles Stakes (G3).

Early Flyer, a son of Gilded Time, is the sire of He's Comin in Hot, winner of the 2015 Bashford Manor Stakes (G3) at Churchill Downs.

“He's as solid as a rock,” Carson said of Early Flyer. “His foals are good, kind, sound, and they can all run.”

Stonesider is a good-looking son of Giant's Causeway whose progeny have average earnings per starter of more than \$51,000.

Congaree, a multiple grade 1 winner of more than \$3.2 million, has gotten grade 1 winners Jeranimo, Don't Tell Sophia, and Killer Graces.

Crossbow is a son of Bernardini out of a full sister to Wildcat Heir. He's had several winners out of a limited number of starters and looks to have a lot of upside.

“Bradester just arrived here in January,” said Carson. “He's a pretty horse and was sound, with 26 starts. He ran like his sire, Lion Heart. He could fire out of there, get on the lead, and carry his speed two turns. And down through his pedigree are horses that won 11, 12, 13 times. Every time I've concentrated on soundness, it's turned out positively.”

A couple of key mare purchases by Clarence Scharbauer have moved Valor Farm forward in a big way. One of those was one of Bel Sheba's latter foals, a full sister to Alysheba, who came up for sale at the 1990 Keeneland July auction.

“I've never seen Clarence so keen,” remembered Carson.

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									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	DIABOLICAL (03, Artax), A & A Ranch	\$6,000	40/6	1/1	0/1	(Diabolical Dame, \$39,000)	\$182,639	146	8	0.93	0.93
2	ATTILA'S STORM (02, Forest Wildcat), A & A Ranch	\$4,000	35/6	0/0	0/0	(Hit a Lick, \$41,980)	\$177,388	194	16	1.24	0.78
3	QUINTON'S GOLD (97, Carson City), Doubletree Farm	\$5,000	24/6	0/0	0/0	(He's Another Who, \$59,500)	\$127,714	133	10	1.31	0.87
4	WEATHER WARNING (04, Storm Cat)	N/A	18/3	0/0	0/0	(Weather Dodger, \$51,000)	\$109,624	*140	4	1.00	1.02
5	FUSAICHI ZENON (JPN) (97, Sunday Silence), Weatherly Horse Farms	\$2,000	15/3	0/0	0/0	(Not My Note, \$51,000)	\$97,989	111	4	0.77	0.85
6	SOUTHWESTERN HEAT (04, Gone West), A & A Ranch	\$2,500	17/5	0/0	0/0	(Bryn's Fancy Pants, \$36,516)	\$89,674	*93	2	0.74	0.92
7	THE WAY HOME (04, Giant's Causeway), Doubletree Farm	\$2,500	23/3	0/0	0/0	(Way Nifty, \$20,160)	\$74,865	117	5	0.87	0.97
8	ROLL HENNESSY ROLL (00, Hennessy), A & A Ranch	\$3,500	19/4	0/0	0/0	(Back Seat Kiss, \$14,700)	\$71,887	164	10	0.97	0.99
9	DESERT GOD (91, Fappiano)	Pnsd	12/2	0/0	0/0	(Desert Mystery, \$30,492)	\$63,742	259	25	1.47	0.75
10	WESTERN GAMBLER (04, Storm Cat)	N/A	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Hute, \$51,000)	\$60,448	38	1	0.63	1.49
11	SWISSE STICK (02, Swiss Yodeler)	N/A	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Sippin, \$51,000)	\$52,610	26	1	0.72	0.85
12	DOMINIQUE'S CAT (97, Storm Cat)	N/A	11/1	0/0	0/0	(Dom Strait, \$35,100)	\$48,536	106	2	0.83	0.62
13	TO TERAS (00, Unbridled's Song), New Mexico State University	\$1,500	8/3	0/0	0/0	(Whatakiss, \$19,492)	\$37,598	77	1	0.80	0.58
14	PRO PRADO (01, El Prado), Hourigan Horse Farm	\$2,000	11/1	0/0	0/0	(Wyatt, \$8,500)	\$30,530	89	1	0.72	0.85
15	MCKENNA'S JUSTICE (07, Medaglia d'Oro)	N/A	5/2	0/0	0/0	(McEve, \$17,790)	\$29,136	13	0	0.65	0.67

Scharbauer parted with \$950,000 for the filly, whom he named Alysabelle. She won the 1993 La Canada Stakes and \$355,875, but really stood out in her second career as a broodmare. Her Seattle Slew colt Matikane Kinnohosi ran out \$2.5 million in Japan. She had other useful runners, but Alysabelle's daughters also became big-time producers. Unraced Better Than Most, by Elusive Quality, has issued four-time stakes winner Worldventurer, two-time stakes winner W V Jetsetter, stakes-placed Nothinbettertodo, and 4-year-old More Than Most, a four-time stakes winner of \$242,464 still in training.

Alysabelle's daughter Belle of the Band has produced Thegirlinthat song who, like her granddam, won the (2015) La Canada and has earned \$480,195. Cats Meow, another daughter of Alysabelle, produced stakes winner Screen Pass and his full sister Hadif Cat (by Hadif). Hadif Cat is the dam of Texas champion 2-year-old male Sword Trick and stakes winner Tastefully excessive (both by Early Flyer). Bred to My Golden Song, Hadif Cat got Fiftyshadesofgold, the 2014 Eight Belles Stakes winner who made an important contribution to Clarence Scharbauer.

"By the time she started running Clarence wasn't getting to the track much," said Carson. "She'd won the Debutante at Churchill Downs and then got injured at Saratoga, and after some time off she came back and ran in Texas and won the Two Altazano Stakes. Clarence watched that race from home, and he was ecstatic that she had come back from injury to win that race. He died six days later. But the last horse race he watched, he won with a homebred, and that was very fitting."

Scharbauer's largesse also paid off in 1995 when he bought a Seeking the Gold filly at Keeneland's September yearling auction for \$600,000. Named Coyote Cafe after a popular Santa Fe restaurant, she ran three times with little to show for it and then got sick and was sent home.

Said Carson, "Clarence called me and said, 'Ken, the Lord takes care of us dummies. We'll breed her.'"



Valor stallion Too Much Bling

Coyote Cafe got Gold Coyote, a son of Gold Legend who became a nine-time stakes winner of \$517,294 and a champion 2-year-old in Texas. Sent back to Gold Legend, Coyote Cafe produced Coyote Legend, who won 10 stakes races and \$717,467 and was Horse of the Year in Texas. Valor has retained a couple of Coyote Cafe's daughters, including a 2-year-old filly by Crossbow named Pink Adobe, named after another Santa Fe eatery.

"Clarence didn't realize he was setting us up for years to come when he bought those fillies, but that's exactly what he was doing," noted Carson.

"Those families have been phenomenal for us. Doug has gotten the racing gene from his parents. We want to raise some horses that can run anywhere while also keeping our niche in the local market here in Texas. Doug likes to keep a good filly around, just like his parents did."

And in doing so, the Scharbauer family is continuing to keep racing and breeding alive in Texas. **BH**