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Dr. Scott Palmer, equine medical director for the New York State Gaming Commission

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Live and Learn

New York launches continuing education for trainers

BY FRANK ANGST

IN THE INTERNET WORLD where every story, press release, or new idea seems to warrant opinions from all, New York State Gaming Commission equine medical director Dr. Scott Palmer couldn't help but chuckle at one criticism when the regulator announced plans late last year to launch required continuing education for Thoroughbred trainers.

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2017 LEADING SIRES IN NEW YORK



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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2017 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstret SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2017 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	BELLAMY ROAD (02, Concerto), Dutchess Views Farm	\$7,500	93/25	0/0	0/0	(Ike Walker, \$63,960)	\$818,390	*539	26	1.18	1.28
2	FREUD (98, Storm Cat), Sequel Stallions New York	\$10,000	68/14	1/1	0/1	(Sharp Azteca, \$210,490)	\$614,957	*1144	44	1.58	1.27
3	BIG BROWN (05, Boundary), Dutchess Views Farm	\$7,500	81/26	1/1	1/1	(Send It In, \$72,500)	\$520,707	*588	17	1.22	1.64
4	BUSTIN STONES (04, City Zip), Waldorf Farm	\$5,000	24/15	0/0	0/0	(Bustin It, \$45,067)	\$428,427	156	4	1.37	1.41
5	HOLD ME BACK (06, Giant's Causeway), Irish Hill Century Farm	\$5,000	66/17	0/0	0/0	(Hold On Momma, \$44,410)	\$414,755	240	6	1.13	1.21
6	DUBLIN (07, Afleet Alex), Keane Stud	\$2,500	34/10	1/1	1/1	(Dublin Girl, \$93,000)	\$390,785	137	1	1.02	1.20
7	HERE'S ZEALOUS (97, Dehere)	N/A	18/11	1/1	0/1	(Green Gratto, \$76,334)	\$287,290	191	1	1.01	0.99
8	FROST GIANT (03, Giant's Causeway), Keane Stud	\$5,000	48/7	0/0	0/0	(Katie Ice, \$39,500)	\$265,804	*322	7	1.33	1.19
9	DESERT PARTY (06, Street Cry), Irish Hill Century Farm	\$2,500	36/9	0/0	0/0	(Top of the Game, \$34,800)	\$208,648	176	3	1.01	1.43
10	GIANT SURPRISE (09, Giant's Causeway), Rockridge Stud	\$5,000	10/6	1/1	1/1	(Super Surprise, \$60,000)	\$204,193	38	2	2.23	1.20
11	MISSION IMPAZIBLE (07, Unbridled's Song), Sequel Stallions New York	\$7,500	17/3	0/0	0/0	(Mission Leader, \$41,300)	\$135,303	75	1	1.33	1.16
12	NOBLE CAUSEWAY (02, Giant's Causeway)	Died, 2014	29/5	0/0	0/0	(Altissimo, \$42,510)	\$126,428	240	8	0.81	1.07
13	HERE COMES BEN (06, Street Cry), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	Private	25/4	0/0	0/0	(Wrong Ben, \$33,000)	\$121,164	84	0	0.64	1.12
14	MR. SEKIGUCHI (03, Storm Cat)	N/A	13/5	0/0	0/0	(Yourdreamsormine, \$40,470)	\$106,262	*93	2	1.01	1.22
15	TEUFLESBERG (04, Johannesburg), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	\$3,500	10/6	0/0	0/0	(Crystal's Cantata, \$27,520)	\$104,143	96	4	1.47	1.16
16	D' FUNNYBONE (07, D'wildcat), Rockridge Stud	\$2,500	9/1	0/0	0/0	(Play Me a Memory, \$70,267)	\$98,744	*54	2	1.14	1.23
17	DISCO RICO (97, Citidancer)	Died, 2014	10/2	0/0	0/0	(Playthatfunnymusic, \$40,950)	\$95,417	267	12	1.35	1.21
18	COURAGEOUS CAT (06, Storm Cat), Questroyal North	\$6,000	16/6	0/0	0/0	(Unbridledadventure, \$39,110)	\$78,808	109	1	1.02	1.17
19	BANK HEIST (07, Maria's Mon), Kaz Hill Farm	\$5,000	9/3	0/0	0/0	(Salori's Bank, \$28,690)	\$76,827	26	1	1.26	1.32
20	BOYS AT TOSCONOVA (08, Officer), Questroyal North	\$2,500	6/1	0/0	0/0	(Bertranda, \$30,400)	\$73,897	31	0	0.73	1.27
21	COSMONAUT (02, Lemon Drop Kid)	N/A	12/1	0/0	0/0	(Dream On, \$36,200)	\$71,848	89	2	1.09	1.02
22	SOARING EMPIRE (07, Empire Maker), Rockridge Stud	\$3,500	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Ten Twenty Nine, \$23,800)	\$63,426	34	0	0.61	1.16
23	MARSH SIDE (03, Gone West), Dutchess Views Farm	\$2,500	8/4	0/0	0/0	(Dr Luber's Kiss, \$17,958)	\$56,747	*141	0	0.34	1.21
24	GOLDEN MISSILE (95, A.P. Indy), Milfer Farm, Inc.	\$3,500	8/2	0/0	0/0	(Papa's Missile, \$23,860)	\$45,244	*649	14	1.02	1.48
25	THE CLIFF'S EDGE (01, Gulch)	Pnsd	16/2	0/0	0/0	(Gabb'i's Amor, \$8,704)	\$35,740	244	4	0.80	1.15
26	CONGRESSIONALHONOR (01, Forestry)	N/A	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Superling, \$21,080)	\$28,410	161	1	0.73	0.94
27	MIRACLE MAN (02, Yankee Victor)	Died, 2015	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Quiet Miracle, \$12,600)	\$24,240	10	1	2.04	1.57
28	ALEX'S PAL (99, Valid Expectations)	Died, 2015	8/1	0/0	0/0	(Gypsy Fire, \$13,050)	\$20,615	106	2	1.22	0.92
29	GRIFFINITE (98, Unbridled's Song), Monhill Farm	\$2,000	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Drive At Nite, \$12,750)	\$12,982	68	1	0.61	0.88
30	WICKED RICH (06, Yes It's True), Buckridge Farm	\$2,500	4/0	0/0	0/0	(Jersey Rich, \$4,576)	\$9,066	12	0	0.47	1.46

"I tend to read the comments at BloodHorse.com and on our commission site. I can remember one comment that really resonated with me in that this guy didn't have a clue," Palmer said with a laugh. "It said, 'I bet Charlie Whittingham or someone like Allen Jerkens would just laugh at this idea of continuing education.' But I don't think so.

"I think Allen Jerkens and Charlie Whittingham would say, 'If I can learn

something from this deal, I'm all over it.' I just think they were smart people who never thought that they knew everything or thought that they couldn't possibly learn something new.

"I think progressive trainers are going to be all over this, and I think it's going to be very exciting as time goes on."

The continuing education (C.E.) initiative in New York will require trainers and assistant trainers receive four hours

2017 NEW YORK SIRES BY WINNERS

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Big Brown	81	26
Bellamy Road	93	25
Hold Me Back	66	17
Bustin Stones	24	15
Freud	68	14
Here's Zealous	18	11
Dublin	34	10
Desert Party	36	9
Frost Giant	48	7
Courageous Cat	16	6
Giant Surprise	10	6
Teuflesberg	10	6
Noble Causeway	29	5
Mr. Sekiguchi	13	5
Here Comes Ben	25	4
Marsh Side	8	4
Mission Impazible	17	3
Bank Heist	9	3
The Cliff's Edge	16	2
Disco Rico	10	2
Golden Missile	8	2
Soaring Empire	5	2



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It's always good to inform the trainers about how (regulatory vets) want to do things and why things are being done."

— JOE PARKER

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- NY's Leading Sire of 2017 Winners - 26
- Third leading sire by earnings \$520,707
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FROST GIANT

- New York's Leading Sire of 2-Year-Olds in 2016, 18 winners, 5 Black Type Horses
- 50 NY bred juveniles hit the track this year
- 3-year-olds **KATIE ICE** (by 5), **BIG SLICK** (by 2) and **IT'S COLD OUT** (by 3 3/4) all won their first starts of 2017
- Lifetime leading stakes winners include **WEST HILLS GIANT** (\$617,863) **COMANDANTE** (\$503,555), **LOKI'S VENGEANCE** (\$495,868), **FROSTY MARGARITA** (\$438,384), etc.

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1	JUMP START (99, A.P. Indy), Northview PA	\$10,000	93/26	0/0	0/0	(Prayer for Relief, \$250,000)	\$1,229,598	*1295	41	1.46	1.32
2	ROCKPORT HARBOR (02, Unbridled's Song)	Died, 2013	75/19	0/0	0/0	(Weast Hill, \$110,000)	\$573,860	470	25	1.33	1.41
3	SILVER TRAIN (02, Old Trieste)	Died, 2013	59/12	0/0	0/0	(Devine Dental, \$37,060)	\$346,082	*517	11	0.97	1.27
4	WEIGELIA (01, Safely's Mark), WynOaks Farm	\$3,500	17/9	1/1	0/1	(Storm Advisory, \$75,833)	\$269,283	*83	5	1.40	1.03
5	FAIRBANKS (03, Giant's Causeway), Northview PA	\$2,500	38/7	0/0	0/0	(Brother Slick Nick, \$32,786)	\$228,985	219	3	1.08	1.26
6	TALENT SEARCH (03, Catienus), Diamond B Farm	\$2,500	30/8	0/0	0/0	(On a Star, \$24,200)	\$173,367	*124	2	0.96	1.24
7	CORINTHIAN (03, Pulpit), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$2,500	33/5	0/0	0/0	(Coop N Nugget, \$25,680)	\$134,982	*505	11	0.75	1.41
8	GOT THE LAST LAUGH (04, Distorted Humor), Diamond B Farm	\$2,500	10/4	0/0	0/0	(Kelly and Kiley, \$36,250)	\$125,687	48	0	1.16	1.18
9	BULLSBAY (04, Tiznow), Northview PA	\$3,000	12/4	0/0	0/0	(Bullheaded Boy, \$44,610)	\$117,892	53	3	1.58	1.29
10	CAL NATION (08, Distorted Humor), Kingfisher Lane Farm	\$5,000	8/2	0/0	0/0	(Faze the Nation, \$74,040)	\$117,861	31	0	0.70	1.19
11	LORD SHANAKILL (06, Speightstown), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$4,000	27/5	0/0	0/0	(Time Shanakill, \$36,638)	\$116,679	146	1	1.24	0.93
12	MESSNER (08, Bernardini)	N/A	8/3	0/0	0/0	(Wildcat Cartridge, \$33,720)	\$89,685	25	0	0.78	0.66
13	ALBERT THE GREAT (97, Go for Gin)	Pnsd	14/3	0/0	0/0	(Ginner, \$38,300)	\$82,115	*387	8	1.13	1.13
14	RIMROD (00, Danzig), Castle Rock Farm	\$1,500	14/2	0/0	0/0	(Checkbouncin Billy, \$26,520)	\$73,351	104	2	1.31	1.16
15	MEDALLIST (01, Touch Gold), Northview PA	\$2,000	17/3	0/0	0/0	(Bailey's Island, \$13,227)	\$67,189	194	7	1.27	1.38
16	ANDIRON (06, A.P. Indy), Xanthus Farms	\$2,000	9/2	0/0	0/0	(I Am So Jealous, \$20,115)	\$61,961	43	1	0.95	0.56
17	POWER BY FAR (95, Power of Mind)	N/A	4/0	0/0	0/0	(Power of Snunner, \$47,500)	\$58,031	111	2	1.21	1.16
18	PARTNER'S HERO (94, Danzig)	N/A	8/1	0/0	0/0	(Zipper's Hero, \$18,228)	\$41,403	454	15	1.19	1.31
19	UPTOWNCHARLYBROWN (07, Limehouse), Diamond B Farm	\$1,500	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Midtowncharlybrown, \$31,740)	\$38,663	15	0	0.93	0.72
20	GIMMEAWINK (00, Elusive Quality)	N/A	10/2	0/0	0/0	(Gimmeadrink, \$12,660)	\$36,804	*223	1	0.77	1.04
21	SNOW RIDGE (98, Tabasco Cat)	Died, 2012	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Overland Park, \$35,340)	\$35,740	*288	5	0.99	1.14
22	STONECOLD BROKE (98, Unbridled)	N/A	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Ice Cold Cash, \$17,890)	\$32,610	50	0	0.61	1.15
23	WISEMAN'S FERRY (99, Hennessy)	Died, 2015	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Wisembossy, \$10,975)	\$32,500	*303	6	1.63	1.06
24	FORMAL DINNER (88, Well Decorated)	N/A	3/2	0/0	0/0	(Formal Class, \$26,640)	\$31,680	*639	23	1.07	1.09
25	MAD FLATTER (05, Flatter), Diamond B Farm	Died, 2016	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Go Placidly, \$18,414)	\$31,528	30	0	0.88	1.16
26	ACTIVIST (94, Wild Again), Godstone Farm	\$1,000	8/2	0/0	0/0	(Fields of Gold, \$16,642)	\$30,534	187	3	0.92	0.88
27	REFLECT TIMES (JPN) (05, French Deputy)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Hopeful Times, \$23,976)	\$28,812	24	0	1.28	0.31
28	KENTUCKY PRIDE (00, A.P. Indy), Victoria Stables	\$1,500	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Mi Gal Fren, \$28,380)	\$28,380	14	0	0.57	0.78
29	CITY SHARPSTER (99, Carson City), Woodvale Farm	\$1,000	8/1	0/0	0/0	(Diadema, \$16,018)	\$25,787	63	0	0.71	0.70
30	WILDCAT BRIEF (06, Forest Wildcat), Foxfield Farm	\$1,500	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Bubba's Will, \$25,510)	\$25,760	6	0	0.51	0.61
31	TRAJECTORY (97, Gone West)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Brokencall, \$21,978)	\$24,388	377	14	1.08	1.33
32	LITE THE FUSE (91, Buckaroo)	N/A	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Haversack, \$11,187)	\$23,663	549	22	1.21	1.17
33	AISLE (99, Pulpit)	N/A	6/2	0/0	0/0	(I Love My Bicycle, \$9,983)	\$22,847	86	0	0.80	0.77
34	WHEELS OF FAITH (05, Officer)	N/A	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Trudys Lucky, \$18,690)	\$20,130	5	0	0.95	0.00
35	IN THE WOODS (04, Forest Wildcat), Xanthus Farms	\$1,500	4/0	0/0	0/0	(Saratoga Shiner, \$6,886)	\$15,896	24	0	0.66	1.25

of credit a year (although this year technically began with a December session at Aqueduct that counted toward that credit count). Any trainer who has at least 12 starts in the state will be required to complete the C.E.

Palmer said it's important to note that no one should envision trainers gathering at desks to read textbooks and be lectured. He sees the continuing education program as an opportunity to share ideas on a variety of topics that can be tailored to any issues going on during the New York racing season. He said full four-hour credit classes will be offered at each meeting this season.

"We plan to have four hours in one day so that if somebody can make it—we're going to do it on a dark day—they can get the whole requirement done in one sitting

if they choose to do that," Palmer said. "We're going to do that for every meet. We're going to do it for Belmont Park, Saratoga, once at Finger Lakes, and back at Aqueduct toward the end of the year."

Those "classes" can be timely, informational updates with give and take. The December Aqueduct meeting talked about everyone's role from regulator, track vet, regulatory vet, steward, and trainer in reducing equine fatalities. It also outlined New York's equine necropsy program. Palmer said it makes sense to address timely issues before or early in a meeting.

"Years ago we had so many problems at Aqueduct and we'd have a meeting at the end of the year and ask, 'What just happened here?' So why not have that meeting up front?" Palmer said, noting that

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Jump Start	93	26
Rockport Harbor	75	19
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Weigelia	17	9
Talent Search	30	8
Fairbanks	38	7
Corinthian	33	5
Lord Shanakill	27	5
Bullsbay	12	4
Got the Last Laugh	10	4
Medallist	17	3
Albert the Great	14	3
Messner	8	3

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 2013 are excluded), and have runners in North America. Listed below are all available statistics for the Northern Hemisphere through March 19, 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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1	NOT FOR LOVE (90, Mr. Prospector)	Died, 2016	46/16	0/0	0/0	(Stolen Love, \$76,230)	\$490,731	971	80	1.68	1.45
2	FRIESAN FIRE (06, A.P. Indy), Country Life Farm	\$4,000	48/15	0/0	0/0	(Shoe Loves Shoe, \$41,000)	\$433,705	133	1	1.09	1.27
3	GREAT NOTION (00, Elusive Quality), Northview Stallion Station	\$3,500	34/14	0/0	0/0	(Moonspell, \$46,475)	\$411,369	269	15	1.51	1.24
4	STREET MAGICIAN (04, Street Cry)	N/A	25/7	0/0	0/0	(My Magician, \$52,065)	\$266,984	97	2	1.08	1.31
5	PETIONVILLE (92, Seeking the Gold), Murmur Farm	\$5,000	31/8	0/0	0/0	(Indominus Rex, \$41,220)	\$222,668	*726	42	1.29	1.26
6	LION HEARTED (96, Storm Cat)	Died, 2015	32/12	0/0	0/0	(Katie's Caddie, \$32,801)	\$203,693	*613	18	1.19	1.27
7	ROCK SLIDE (98, A.P. Indy)	N/A	22/6	1/1	0/1	(Ten Carat Rock, \$50,220)	\$202,218	276	10	1.02	1.18
8	ORIENTATE (98, Mt. Livermore), Northview Stallion Station	\$5,000	34/6	0/0	0/0	(The Great Provider, \$34,029)	\$180,518	*805	32	1.25	1.64
9	LOUIS QUATORZE (93, Sovereign Dancer), Murmur Farm	\$2,500	20/3	0/0	0/0	(Just a Taste, \$36,960)	\$145,824	*982	21	1.14	1.31
10	SCIPION (02, A.P. Indy), Murmur Farm	\$2,500	21/2	0/0	0/0	(Senor Quicke, \$29,237)	\$121,302	135	3	1.06	1.06
11	CUBA (01, Not For Love), Royal Wux Farm	\$1,500	4/1	1/1	1/1	(Laki, \$96,870)	\$111,752	13	1	0.98	0.52
12	OUTFLANKER (94, Danzig), Shamrock Farm	\$3,000	15/3	0/0	0/0	(Outbacker, \$18,050)	\$107,717	*543	21	1.36	1.13
13	REDEEMED (08, Include), Northview Stallion Station	\$3,000	11/2	0/0	0/0	(Wolfinbarger, \$20,892)	\$101,672	56	0	0.67	1.00
14	BALTIMORE BOB (05, Malibu Moon), Shamrock Farm	\$2,500	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Baltimore Street, \$30,283)	\$49,380	13	0	0.52	1.10
15	M EIGHTY (99, Lite the Fuse), Shamrock Farm	Private	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Star Eighty, \$39,312)	\$49,114	15	0	1.36	0.91
16	ADMIRAL ALEX (07, Afleet Alex), Shamrock Farm	\$1,500	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Get Rid Of, \$18,858)	\$37,548	13	0	0.72	0.89
17	CHEROKEE'S BOY (00, Citidancer)	Pnsd	11/1	0/0	0/0	(Dr Bolt, \$14,160)	\$32,341	100	1	1.05	1.00
18	ETCHED (05, Forestry), Bonita Farm	\$2,000	7/1	0/0	0/0	(My Sistersledge, \$8,340)	\$23,640	37	0	0.53	1.03
19	NICANOR (06, Dynaformer), Shamrock Farm	\$2,000	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Nicomore, \$20,722)	\$22,582	21	0	0.33	0.90
20	SIR SHACKLETON (01, Miswaki), November Hill	To Be Announced	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Ameridue, \$16,450)	\$19,302	*100	1	0.72	1.02

the New York classes figure to be timely for horsemen on that circuit. "These are obviously tailored for that sort of thing. We certainly want to make it applicable for our horse trainers."

In October the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association raised concerns that there wouldn't be enough opportunities to complete the classes and that Thoroughbred trainers were being singled out as the state is not requiring Standardbred trainers to complete the credit hours. The commission deferred a vote on C.E. in October before moving forward with the new requirements Dec. 13.

"Creating a continuing education requirement for trainers will bring knowledge and evidence-based research to an audience that would otherwise generally not be exposed to it," said commission executive director Robert Williams. "Continuing education for trainers should improve the quality of horsemanship at New York racetracks and enhance equine welfare."

Palmer said with classes being offered at each race meeting, classes being offered by the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, and an online class offered by The Jockey Club, plenty

of opportunities will be available for trainers to complete the four hours. He added that eventual plans call for Standardbred trainers to be required to complete C.E. as well.

"Initially there were some fears about this," Palmer said. "Some of the fears were, why are you only picking on the Thoroughbred guys? The answer is this is not a punitive thing. This is a benefit. This is a really great thing. We're looking to partner with the horsemen in putting together programs because trainers can tell us best what they want to know; what they need to know."



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The need for a continuing education program was identified in 2006

2017 MARYLAND SIRES BY WINNERS		
Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Not For Love	46	16
Friesan Fire	48	15
Great Notion	34	14
Lion Hearted	32	12
Petionville	31	8
Street Magician	25	7
Orientate	34	6
Rock Slide	22	6
Louis Quatorze	20	3
Outflanker	15	3
Scipion	21	2
Redeemed	11	2



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2017 LEADING SIRES IN WEST VIRGINIA



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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB, Sire), Where Stands	2017 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstret SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2017 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	WINDSOR CASTLE (98, Lord Carson), Taylor Mountain Farm	\$2,000	59/27	0/0	0/0	(Royal Blue, \$21,570)	\$397,085	313	10	1.04	1.02
2	LIMEHOUSE (01, Grand Slam), O'Sullivan Farms	\$3,500	46/15	0/0	0/0	(Lime and Tequila, \$33,520)	\$297,010	*412	21	1.22	1.19
3	CHARITABLE MAN (06, Lemon Drop Kid)	Died, 2016	45/13	0/0	0/0	(Charitable Harlow, \$29,950)	\$282,275	133	2	1.09	1.09
4	FIBER SONDE (05, Unbridled's Song), Beau Ridge Farm	\$1,000	29/11	0/0	0/0	(Moonlit Song, \$19,060)	\$177,701	166	7	1.27	0.83
5	DENIS OF CORK (05, Harlan's Holiday), Taylor Mountain Farm	\$500	29/7	0/0	0/0	(Romantic Cork, \$14,400)	\$127,612	114	4	0.74	1.12
6	SWISS YODELER (94, Eastern Echo), O'Sullivan Farms	\$2,000	28/5	0/0	0/0	(Snowmass Village, \$10,280)	\$78,073	769	15	1.00	1.04
7	PEAK DANCER (97, Mt. Livermore)	N/A	17/4	0/0	0/0	(Chute Boss, \$12,704)	\$57,064	91	4	0.89	0.84
8	LUFTIKUS (96, Meadowlake), Taylor Mountain Farm	\$750	12/4	0/0	0/0	(Lucky Candy, \$16,315)	\$55,876	286	8	0.96	1.07
9	OFFICER ROCKET (GB) (04, Officer), Bybee Road Farm	\$2,500	13/3	0/0	0/0	(Rocket Bid, \$19,255)	\$52,534	20	0	0.98	0.64
10	XCHANGER (04, Exchange Rate)	N/A	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Shes Not Nice, \$18,360)	\$40,958	56	0	0.37	1.11
11	REPARATIONS (96, Forty Niner)	N/A	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Roche, \$20,306)	\$40,791	145	3	0.91	0.80
12	COPELAN TOO (95, Copelan), Mullins Farm	Private	4/3	0/0	0/0	(Right On the Money, \$14,140)	\$34,238	31	0	0.71	0.89
13	HUNT CROSSING (09, Corinthian), O'Sullivan Farms	\$1,500	14/0	0/0	0/0	(Crossing the Blues, \$9,160)	\$31,186	90	0	0.39	0.68
14	SIENTE EL TRUENO (07, City Zip), Stehr's Farm	\$500	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Siente El Viento, \$7,985)	\$24,845	11	0	0.85	0.67
15	GARNERED (98, Holy Bull), Naylee Farm	\$1,000	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Nay's Back, \$18,600)	\$23,992	100	0	0.64	0.73
16	PROSPECT BAY (92, Crafty Prospector), Naylee Farm	\$1,000	7/1	0/0	0/0	(Totethenote, \$6,234)	\$20,970	286	7	0.93	1.44
17	DURING (00, Cherokee Run), O'Sullivan Farms	\$1,500	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Minnie Ball, \$8,076)	\$20,095	203	4	0.83	1.09
18	REAL ESTATE (04, High Yield)	N/A	7/1	0/0	0/0	(Maurice, \$8,640)	\$17,729	39	0	0.67	0.82
19	MEDFORD (95, Meadowlake)	Pnsd	6/1	0/0	0/0	(Furaha, \$6,380)	\$16,235	96	1	0.60	0.80
20	GATTOPARDO (05, Johannesburg), O'Sullivan Farms	\$1,500	5/0	0/0	0/0	(Via Leone, \$5,210)	\$15,605	18	1	1.17	0.90
21	YARROW BRAE (95, Deputy Minister), O'Sullivan Farms	\$750	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Yar Mitzvah, \$9,201)	\$15,587	300	6	1.08	0.99
22	ON EAGLES WINGS (04, Gone West)	N/A	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Eagles Zone, \$12,680)	\$12,680	17	0	0.42	1.19
23	MESOPOTAMIA (93, Deputy Minister), Matilda Bay Farm	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Spring Ahead, \$11,580)	\$11,680	110	2	0.70	0.98
24	GLOBAL FORCE (07, Giant's Causeway), Naylee Farm	\$2,000	5/0	0/0	0/0	(Gone Global, \$8,690)	\$11,509	21	0	0.19	0.83

Palmer doesn't know of any other states currently requiring C.E., but New York thought it an important enough issue to take the lead. He said that online classes currently are not available for Standardbred horsemen, but as they are added, New York plans to add the requirement for them as well.

"We're putting our foot in the water here," Palmer said of starting with the Thoroughbred horsemen. "I'm not aware of any other states that provide continuing education in a (required) sustainable fashion. We strongly feel that if we put a program like this in place, we want to get

it right. So we weren't so sure we wanted to take a full bite of the apple from the start."

Trainer Danny Gargan hopes the sessions can update trainers on medication rules and on improving the everyday well-being of horses, helping them feel well under the stresses of training and stabling. While he has those hopes, he also has problems with mandating the classes. He said trainers already pursue available information, and he noted that catastrophic injuries have been reduced in recent years.

"It's a little bit of a slap in the face for horsemen," Gargan said. "The New York

equine medical director shouldn't be getting involved in our business. If I have a problem with a horse, I'm not going to call him for advice. I'm going to ask Nick Zito or Bill Mott or probably the best horse trainer in the world, Jimmy Jerkens. If you have questions, you can bounce ideas off other trainers like Mike Hushion or Bruce Levine. This is information gathering we're already doing."

He also said the classes could be a burden for some trainers, especially those who are not in New York all year.

"What about those trainers like Mark Casse and Dale Romans who come up

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—DANNY GARGAN



COURTESY DANNY GARGAN

2017 WEST VIRGINIA SIRES BY WINNERS

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Windsor Castle	59	27
Limehouse	46	15
Charitable Man	45	13
Fiber Sonde	29	11
Denis of Cork	29	7
Swiss Yodeler	28	5
Peak Dancer	17	4
Luftikus	12	4
Officer Rocket (GB)	13	3
Reparations	6	3
Copelan Too	4	3
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1	DON SIX (00, Wild Escapade), Greenfields Farm	Private	5/3	0/0	0/0	(Royal Six Shooter, \$24,780)	\$61,235	80	3	1.20	1.25
2	HEY CHUB (00, Carson City), Joe-Dan Farm	\$2,000	10/2	0/0	0/0	(Chublicious, \$15,000)	\$45,791	31	2	1.67	1.53
3	DEFERRE (92, Deputy Minister)	N/A	8/1	0/0	0/0	(Montrico, \$10,260)	\$26,649	*590	22	1.21	1.18
4	KING PUMA (06, Forest Wildcat), Sleeter Farm	Private	3/0	0/0	0/0	(Shot Gun Red, \$17,460)	\$19,460	18	0	0.81	1.57
5	CABLE BOY (04, Jump Start), Colonial Farms	\$1,000	2/0	0/0	0/0	(Liz's Cable Girl, \$5,800)	\$8,560	19	1	1.24	0.92

2017 LEADING SIRES IN VIRGINIA

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	FRIEND OR FOE (07, Friends Lake), Smallwood Farm	\$1,000	3/1	0/0	0/0	(On the Fringe, \$24,600)	\$51,700	7	0	2.81	2.13
2	COSA VERA (05, Dynaformer), North Cliff Farms	\$2,500	5/0	0/0	0/0	(Wing Fighter, \$5,940)	\$10,390	28	0	0.46	1.44
3	REBELLION (GB) (03, Mozart)	N/A	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Just Keep Driving, \$4,962)	\$6,277	*42	1	1.18	1.24

2017 LEADING SIRES IN MASSACHUSETTS

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	WILD DESERT (02, Wild Rush)	N/A	7/1	0/0	0/0	(Dr. Fager's Gal, \$12,000)	\$18,539	107	2	1.10	1.02
2	INDIAN OCEAN (02, Stormy Atlantic), Briar Hill Farm	\$1,000	8/2	0/0	0/0	(Bronx City Boy, \$5,880)	\$12,658	*253	6	0.80	1.28

to New York for the Saratoga meeting and make more than 12 starts? They're phenomenal horse trainers, future Hall of Famers. When are they going to have time to do this?" Gargan asked. "Saratoga is a few weeks and the racing is six days a week, and now they're being asked to squeeze in these classes."

Other trainers have been more receptive to the continuing education classes. Trainer Joe Parker sees continuing education as an opportunity to improve communications.

"It's always good to inform the trainers about how (regulatory vets) want to do things and why things are being done," Parker said. "I think it's a good thing for horsemen. I think it will be very good for most trainers. Any program that enlightens your head about improving the game for the horses, I'm for that."

There have been efforts in recent years to find ways to make sure information is readily available for trainers. In 2015 the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation launched three modules of its advanced horsemanship program. Titled, "Understanding and Managing EHV-1," "The Hoof: Inside & Out," and "Understanding the National Uniform Medication Program," the three modules are

available as free, online courses to interested individuals.

"The need for a continuing education program for licensed trainers was identified at the first Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summit in 2006," said Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation president Ed Bowen when those initial modules were made available. "Many professions, ranging from hairdressers to attorneys, require continuing education. We certainly feel like this, at least in part, fills a void in the horse racing business."

The Association of Racing Commissioners International has developed a model rule requiring at least four hours of continuing education per year for licensed trainers and encourages racing commissions to adopt that rule. The Jockey Club's Thoroughbred Safety Committee urges all North American racing authorities to adopt the model rule.

Palmer hopes that trainers who attend the New York sessions realize that the classes will provide important updates on horse care from leading vets and studies. He thinks the information will be useful and might not currently be getting to trainers through the word-of-mouth method.

"I'm really excited about bringing in-

formation to horse trainers where they otherwise would never get it. I just don't think it's likely they're going to receive the kind of information we can give them about pathology, exercise, risk factors, and managing horses," Palmer said.

He noted that classes will even cover business issues such as law, and setting up a good accounting program, a good accounts receivable program, and ways to manage the business and employees.

Palmer said if trainers can improve efficiencies in those business areas, it would provide more time for them to tend to their horses.

"It ties together so well because the business model has so many challenges in it that it puts real tough pressures on people to be successful. When you have all of that pressure on you, it puts you in situations where you might make a decision about how you're going to manage your horses in a way that is less ethical than it might be otherwise," Palmer said. "We're looking at this from a holistic standpoint to try to include education on as many of those pressures as we can. If we can reduce those pressures, it could reduce pressures on the horses. What it will do is raise the level of risk aversion, which I'm excited about." **BH**

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