

EXTENDED FAMILY



Roger Heitzmann III
working the
backstretch at Fair
Grounds Race Course
& Slots

Roger Heitzmann III uses his pedigree well in Louisiana

BY GARY McMILLEN

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GIVEN THE DNA imprint of Roger Heitzmann III, the chances of him becoming a post-office clerk were 400,000-1. Every generational branch in Heitzmann's family tree pointed to a lineage of horsemen. With those deep roots, Heitzmann's evolution into his present position as secretary-treasurer of the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association is not a longshot surprise.

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Heitzmann serves as the secretary-treasurer for the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association

At the tender age of 6 Heitzmann remembers running around in the shed-row on the Fair Grounds backstretch and feeding horses trained by his father.

“My mother’s parents and her grandparents owned racehorses,” Heitzmann said. “I went to the track every Satur-

day and Sunday with my Dad. I literally learned how to walk on the end of a lead shank.”

Maybe it was the luck of the draw but Heitzmann’s childhood exposure to racetrack life was blessed with being in the company of class acts. Heitzmann’s

father worked with legendary trainer Henry Forrest. In New Orleans or traveling with his father’s stable during the summer, a collection of “hardboots” took Heitzmann under their wing.

“I got to be friends with Larry Robideaux and J.E. ‘Spanky’ Broussard. Those guys were like uncles to me.”

From playing knee deep in the barn straw as a child to an administrator/executive as an adult, the 58-year-old Heitzmann has witnessed a lot of changes on the racetrack.

“It’s a different world now,” he said. “Back then the trainers would sit around together, have coffee at 4:30 in the morning, and shoot the breeze. In the afternoon some barn would be having a crawfish boil, fish fry, or a BBQ. Everybody was more relaxed and let down their guard.

“Today, it seems, everybody just does their job then jumps in their car and goes away. The business has made things a bit chillier but I don’t let that dampen the enthusiasm for what I do.”

Heitzmann has three brothers and guess what? All three are active in horse

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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2018 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2018 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	MORNING LINE (07, Tiznow), A & A Ranch	\$3,500	72/30	1/1	1/1	(Seven Trumpets, \$326,545)	\$1,748,804	*119	2	0.96	1.26
2	ATTILA'S STORM (02, Forest Wildcat), A & A Ranch	\$4,000	92/49	1/1	1/1	(Go for a Stroll, \$121,380)	\$1,578,441	242	17	1.08	0.82
3	DIABOLICAL (03, Artax), A & A Ranch	\$4,000	71/40	2/2	2/2	(Diabolical Gator, \$132,140)	\$1,372,417	167	12	0.95	0.92
4	SOUTHWESTERN HEAT (04, Gone West)	Died, 2017	52/32	2/2	2/2	(Sunscreens, \$141,225)	\$1,116,385	*112	5	0.74	0.95
5	ROLL HENNESSY ROLL (00, Hennessy), A & A Ranch	\$2,500	47/25	1/1	1/1	(Hennessy Express, \$190,606)	\$1,016,653	182	11	0.94	0.96
6	QUINTON'S GOLD (97, Carson City), Doubletree Farm	\$5,000	47/23	0/0	0/0	(Orogrande, \$102,665)	\$880,577	149	10	1.18	0.85
7	READ THE FOOTNOTES (01, Smoke Glacken), Creekside Farm	\$2,000	41/21	0/0	0/0	(Proletariat, \$69,318)	\$658,614	*336	19	1.27	1.15
8	INDIAN FIREWATER (07, Indian Charlie)	Died, 2017	45/18	0/0	0/0	(Movin On, \$160,160)	\$608,512	65	2	0.65	1.12
9	DOME (98, Storm Cat), Double LL Farm	\$2,500	33/14	0/0	0/0	(Thunder Dome, \$308,580)	\$479,781	255	7	0.72	0.79
10	ABSTRACTION (10, Pulpit), Doubletree Farm	\$3,500	17/5	1/3	1/1	(Hustle Up, \$252,143)	\$470,613	32	1	1.19	1.03
11	FUSAICHI ZENON (JPN) (97, Sunday Silence), Weatherly Horse Farms	\$2,000	34/17	0/0	0/0	(Mike and Trixie, \$62,570)	\$468,097	118	4	0.66	0.83
12	THE WAY HOME (04, Giant's Causeway), Doubletree Farm	\$2,500	29/16	0/0	0/0	(Westa, \$58,645)	\$424,384	125	5	0.80	0.96
13	SONG OF NAVARONE (04, Sultry Song)	N/A	18/10	1/1	1/1	(Blazing Navarone, \$215,250)	\$376,440	33	1	0.81	0.82
14	MR. GOLD MOVER (08, Mr. Greeley)	N/A	22/10	0/0	0/0	(M G Ms Victory Run, \$43,752)	\$330,046	49	2	0.75	0.89
15	WEATHER WARNING (04, Storm Cat)	N/A	27/8	0/0	0/0	(Western Warning, \$86,340)	\$295,410	*144	4	0.93	1.00
16	MCKENNA'S JUSTICE (07, Medaglia d'Oro)	Died, 2017	16/9	0/0	0/0	(McGlorious, \$72,807)	\$286,708	22	0	0.69	0.63
17	PRO PRADO (01, El Prado), Hourigan Horse Farm	\$2,000	28/10	0/0	0/0	(Citizen Geller, \$54,285)	\$244,522	95	2	0.66	0.80
18	STELLAR RAIN (08, Storm Cat), TNL Farm, Inc.	\$1,200	8/1	1/1	1/1	(Susans Violette, \$184,480)	\$206,056	25	1	0.92	0.97
19	DOMINIQUE'S CAT (97, Storm Cat), McKenna Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	11/6	0/0	0/0	(Dom Strait, \$36,833)	\$201,818	111	2	0.80	0.61
20	SILVER WAGON (01, Wagon Limit), Hunter Creek Farms	\$2,500	25/10	0/0	0/0	(Tonni Gwen, \$23,761)	\$172,283	94	1	0.77	1.15
21	ROMAN EMPEROR (05, Empire Maker)	N/A	13/6	0/0	0/0	(Solid Convictions, \$38,309)	\$170,004	27	1	0.52	0.79
22	SOURCE (98, Montbrook)	N/A	2/2	0/0	0/0	(Shining Source, \$147,800)	\$162,185	51	0	0.68	0.68
23	LAUGH TRACK (09, Distorted Humor), Double LL Farm	\$2,500	16/6	0/0	0/0	(Bashful Bob, \$33,924)	\$156,153	30	0	0.42	0.81
24	RIGHT RIGGER (06, Unbridled's Song), Hunter Creek Farms	\$3,500	7/4	1/1	1/1	(Rig Time, \$96,650)	\$142,510	12	4	1.62	0.67
25	INDY EXPRESS (06, A.P. Indy), Double Eagle Ranch	\$2,000	17/6	0/0	0/0	(O Four Express, \$44,290)	\$142,173	48	0	0.41	0.88

racing and breeding. His brother Mike is the stallion manager of Stone Bridge Farm near Lexington. David is director of racing at Harrah's Louisiana Downs, and trainer Eric Heitzmann has 18 head in his stable at Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots.

Mike, David, and Eric were quarterbacks of their respective high school football teams. Roger was a boxer at Archbishop Rummel High School with a reputation for training and a work ethic so fierce that the athletic director gave him a free pass to the field house to work out.

"It wasn't that I was such a skilled boxer," Heitzmann remembered, "but there was nobody fitter in the ring. There was a lot of cold morning runs.



Six year-old Roger Heitzmann III feeds his horse, Roger's Joy, in 1967

I trained hard. Maybe too hard."

There was a chemistry in the Heitzmann household that instilled pride and independence in the boys.

"Mother used to buy our school clothes at Sears and Roebuck," Heitzmann remembered of his teenage years. "I did not want to wear those clothes. I wanted to be in style so I got a job cutting grass at a playground. I pushed that lawn mower all day in the heat. My paycheck was \$22 every two weeks, but I bought my own clothes."

The "Gang of Four" that once competed in baseball, football, basketball, track, and boxing throughout high school now support each other in the sport of Thoroughbred racing. Heitzmann will leave his office and

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 2014 are excluded), and have runners in North America. Listed below are all available statistics for the Northern Hemisphere through December 30, 2018. As supplied to BloodHorse by The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc., lists 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 2017 is \$22,593 or 47% of the 2017 average purse in Japan. To put earnings on par, all Japanese progeny earnings are multiplied by 47% before being credited to a sire's progeny earnings. Hong Kong earnings are adjusted by 15%; Singapore by 68%. Current year stakes winners include all Northern Hemisphere black-type stakes results from all available countries. *Foal counts include Southern Hemisphere. Cumulative stakes winners include all countries.

*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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- Ranks among North America's Leading First Crop Sires in 2017 and Second Crop Sires in 2018
- Sire of 10% Stakes Horses, including: 8-length \$100,000 Landaulce SW **SURRENDER NOW**; \$100,000 Damon Runyon SW **EMPIRE LINE**; **Grade 1**-performer **Seven Trumpets** (\$400,945), placed to **PROMISES FULLFILLED** in **Grade 1** H. Allen Jerkens and placed to **FIRENZE FIRE** in **Grade 3** Dwyer S.; 5-time \$100,000-placed SH **Morning Breez**; etc.
- 2018 yearlings sold for up to \$205,000 and 2018 2-year-olds sold for up to \$300,000
- Out of **A.P. INDY** daughter of multiple **Grade 1** winner **NOVEMBER SNOW**

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**CONCLUDED HIS RACING CAREER
SETTING A NEW TRACK RECORD AT GULFSTREAM PARK**

WON EVERY YEAR FROM AGES 2 THROUGH 7

AT 2 Allowance Winner, Placed 3rd in the **Display Stakes** at Woodbine

AT 3 **WON G3 Bold Ruler Handicap** at Belmont Park, **G3 Swale Stakes** at Gulfstream Park; 2nd **G3 Gallant Bob Stakes** at Parx Racing, **G3 Bay Shore Stakes** at Aqueduct, **Charlie Barley Stakes** at Woodbine; 3rd **G2 Woody Stephens Stakes** at Belmont, **G3 Holy Bull Stakes** at Gulfstream Park

AT 4 **WON G3 Belmont Sprint Championship Stakes** at Belmont; 3rd **G1 Carter Handicap** at Aqueduct, **G2 Churchill Downs Stakes** at Churchill Downs.

AT 5 2nd **G3 Belmont Sprint Championship Stakes** at Belmont, **Diablo Stakes** at Belmont; 3rd **Thanksgiving Handicap** at Fair Grounds; **WON Allowance** at Saratoga

AT 6 2nd **Thanksgiving Handicap** at Fair Grounds; **WON Allowance** at Fair Grounds

AT 7 **WON Allowance** at Gulfstream Park **SETTING A NEW TRACK RECORD** (7 furlongs in 1:20) while carrying top weight, in the final start of his racing career.

Fee: \$2,000 Live Foal, 9-1 or \$2,500 LFSN • Nominated to Breeders' Cup • Enrolled in eNicks, G1 Goldmine Stallion Match and TrueNicks

**Set NTR
at GP at age 7 in final
start or his career**



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18% stakes horses

Sire of GIVEMEAMINIT 3rd in the **G1 HOPEFUL STAKES** (SAR) at two.

10 STAKES HORSES IN 2018

GIVEMEAMINIT, 1st Louisiana Champions Day Sprint S., 3rd **G3 Pat Day Mile Stakes** (CD); **DOUBLE STAR**, **WON Louisiana Legends Cheval S.**, Equine Sales Derby; 3rd Pelican S., Big Drama S.; **TESTING ONE TWO**, **WON Treasure Chest S.**, Louisiana Legends Soiree S., Crescent City Oaks, Take Charge Brandi S.;

BERMUDA STAR, **WON River Cities S.**, Louisiana Cup Distaff S. 3rd Tom Benson

Mem. S.; **MINIT TO STARDOM**, 2nd Louisiana Champions Day Ladies Sprint S., (WON '17 Louisiana Champions Day Juvenile at two), **Jimi's A Star**, 2nd Louisiana Legacy S., Louisiana Champions Day Juvenile at 2; **Shamrock Star**, 3rd Louisiana Premier Night Matron; **Tap Dance Star**, 3rd Louisiana Cup Sprint S.; **Divine Bean**, 2nd Louisiana Champions Day Sprint S., Heitai Overnight S., 3rd Louisiana Cup Sprint S.; **Blue Suade Guitar**, 3rd Acadiana S.

2YO Maiden Special Weight Winners Asongforyou, Jimi's A Star, Iona Guitar, etc.

FOUR-TIME LOUISIANA BRED HORSE OF THE YEAR • ALL TIME LEADING LOUISIANA-BRED MONEY EARNER

EARNED \$1.75 MILLION • 24 WINS FROM 30 STARTS

Concluded his racing career with a Track Record Setting win in the Louisiana Legends Classic

1st Yearlings sold for \$95K, \$40K, etc

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**FIVE
Louisiana Champions Day!
Runners on the board**



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Custom for Carlos

More Than Ready-Meadow Oaks, by Meadowlake

Sire of '17 G1 LaTroienne Winner **BIG WORLD**

2017 Louisiana Horse of the Year and Champion Older Female, 2016 Louisiana Champion 3-year-old Filly (\$629,190) Winner of the '17 **\$300K G1 La Troienne S.**, At two, she won the **\$200K G3 Tempted Stakes**. **BIG WORLD** was a \$98,000 OBS Select Yearling.

10 Stakes Horses in 2018

Including **MONTE MAN 5 stakes wins in 2018!** 1st Louisiana Premier Night Sprint, Costa Rising S., Louisiana Legends Sprint S., Louisiana Cup Sprint S., Heitai Overnight S., 3rd Louisiana Champions Day Sprint S. Lifetime record 29-10-4-4, \$384,745, **SEASIDE AMOUR**, 1st Acadiana S. Won 1st out in a MSW at FG. On the board in 5 of 5 starts!; **READY PROSPECTOR** 2nd '18 Louisiana Premier Night Prince S.; **Beto**, 2YO stakes placed winner! 2nd Louisiana Cup Juvenile, 3rd D.S. Shine Young F., on the board in 5 of 6 starts; **Frolic**, stakes placed winner, 3rd Louisiana Cup Filly and Mare Sprint, Louisiana Legends Mademoiselle; **Tensas Secret** 3rd G3 Clasico Jorge Washington S.; **Gracida** 3rd Crescent City Derby; **Bionic Butterfly**, 3rd Elge Rasberry S.; 2YO **Whodatwhodat**, 3rd Louisiana Cup Juvenile; 2YO **Brother Richie**, 3rd Jean Lafitte S. etc.

BIG WORLD SOLD FOR \$725,000 AT FTNOV20172YO FULL BROTHER TO GSW BIG WORLD SOLD FOR \$400,000 FTFEB2017

2yos have sold for \$400K, \$160K, \$125K, \$80K, \$75K, \$55K, \$50K, etc.

Yearlings have sold for \$98K, \$80K, \$70K, \$55K, \$44K, etc.

Fee: \$3,000 Live Foal, 9-1 or \$3,500 LFSN • Nominated to Breeders' Cup • Enrolled in eNicks, G1 Goldmine Stallion Match and TrueNicks

Sire of
MONTE MAN
5x SW in 2018



Half Ours

Unbridled's Song-Zing, by Storm Cat

LOUISIANA STALLION of the YEAR

4 YEARS RUNNING! 2014, 2015, 2016 & 2017!

71% WINNERS/STARTERS

12% BLACKTYPE RUNNERS

42% JUVENILE WINNERS/STARTERS

2018 Stakes Horses

OURS TO RUN 4 stakes wins in 2018! 1st Louisiana Champions Day Ladies Sprint S., Happy Ticket Overnight S., Louisiana Premier Night Matron S., Louisiana Legends Mademoiselle S.; **ROCK N SAKE** 2nd Costa Rising S.; **INVENIAM VIAM** 3rd Marie G. Krantz Memorial S.; **Safari Calimari** 2nd Magnolia S.

Sire of: GENTLEMEN'S BET (\$744,155) G1 Xpressbet Breeders' Cup Sprint placed. Stakes Winner. *Now standing stud*; **OUR QUISTA** (11-5-3-1, \$266,380) Louisiana Bred Champion. **2018 winners:** 2YO MSW winner **GLADEE'S GRAY LADY**; 3YO MSW winners **HALF SEXY, AW SHUCKS, C'MON VE**; ALW winners **HALFFLATT, OUR VALOR, Smiley Briley, TOR CON SIX, AFRO BLUE, HALF A MILLION, JOCKAMO'S SONG, OUR SMITTY**, etc.

Fee: \$4,500 Live Foal, 9-1 or \$5,000 LFSN • Nominated to Breeders' Cup • Enrolled in eNicks, G1 Goldmine Stallion Match and TrueNicks

Also Standing:

G. W.'S D'ORO, by Medaglia d'Oro - Sarah Lane's Oates, by Sunshine Forever, \$1,500 9-1 or \$2,000 LFSN

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Sire of
OURS TO RUN
4x SW in 2018



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1	GEMOLOGIST (09, Tiznow), Acadiana Equine@Copper Crowne	\$4,500	163/89	1/1	0/1	(Diamondcoat, \$132,240)	\$4,043,982	*342	6	1.10	1.34
2	COURT VISION (05, Gulch), Acadiana Equine@Copper Crowne	\$3,500	130/65	2/4	1/2	(Mr Havercamp, \$395,080)	\$2,786,846	*277	6	1.12	1.43
3	ASTROLOGY (08, A.P. Indy), Acadiana Equine@Copper Crowne	\$4,000	114/60	2/3	2/2	(Amy Farah Fowler, \$154,900)	\$2,456,508	*202	4	0.92	1.24
4	STAR GUITAR (05, Quiet American), Clear Creek Stud	\$7,500	75/41	4/9	2/4	(Givemeaminit, \$185,714)	\$2,143,693	104	7	1.20	1.11
5	CUSTOM FOR CARLOS (06, More Than Ready), Clear Creek Stud	\$3,500	93/42	2/6	2/2	(Monte Man, \$257,690)	\$1,788,268	178	6	0.90	1.02
6	HALF OURS (03, Unbridled's Song), Clear Creek Stud	\$5,000	107/48	1/4	1/1	(Ours to Run, \$235,196)	\$1,761,996	*420	20	0.98	1.14
7	DAAHER (04, Awesome Again), Circle H Farms	\$3,000	61/32	2/2	2/2	(Gypsy Janie, \$153,235)	\$1,571,497	133	9	1.32	1.25
8	D'WILDCAT (98, Forest Wildcat), Whispering Oaks Farm	\$2,500	85/40	0/0	0/0	(Cougar Country, \$93,434)	\$1,449,041	*471	16	1.26	1.21
9	COUNTRY DAY (06, Speightstown), Peach Lane Farms	\$2,000	46/25	1/1	0/1	(Will Call, \$263,687)	\$1,218,393	89	1	0.99	1.00
10	LINE OF DAVID (07, Lion Heart)	Died, 2017	91/36	0/0	0/0	(Fear No Evil, \$150,650)	\$1,175,259	*253	3	0.88	1.09
11	MASS MEDIA (01, Touch Gold)	N/A	63/33	1/1	1/1	(Yes Gorgeous, \$139,325)	\$1,016,695	*234	5	1.02	1.02
12	GREELEY'S GALAXY (02, Mr. Greeley)	Died	57/22	1/1	1/1	(Mariah's Galaxy, \$117,620)	\$963,540	169	3	1.00	1.00
13	REDDING COLLIERY (06, Mineshaft), Red River Farms	\$2,000	53/23	0/0	0/0	(Reddy to Bet, \$59,950)	\$896,852	75	1	0.71	1.35
14	MY PAL CHARLIE (05, Indian Charlie), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	69/27	0/0	0/0	(Lovely Charlie, \$82,090)	\$896,120	168	2	0.70	1.04
15	CLOSING ARGUMENT (02, Successful Appeal), Whispering Oaks Farm	\$3,000	55/29	1/1	0/1	(Fillupcohensapiker, \$79,130)	\$856,002	*471	19	1.18	1.13
16	FOREFATHERS (04, Gone West)	N/A	72/27	0/0	0/0	(Overthegardengate, \$82,960)	\$832,838	181	1	0.57	1.04
17	YANKEE GENTLEMAN (99, Storm Cat)	N/A	70/26	0/0	0/0	(Snapper Bite, \$69,500)	\$822,891	*526	21	1.05	1.16
18	RUN PRODUCTION (00, Saint Ballado), Whispering Oaks Farm	\$1,500	53/22	0/0	0/0	(Arctic Peace, \$53,302)	\$689,213	231	8	0.99	0.92
19	LION TAMER (00, Will's Way)	Pnsd	39/15	0/0	0/0	(A We Bit Flirty, \$85,970)	\$600,933	149	2	0.73	1.02
20	TIZ THE ONE (07, Tiznow)	N/A	49/17	0/0	0/0	(Suzie's Dream, \$63,055)	\$593,677	84	1	0.61	0.93
21	BIND (08, Pulpit), Red River Farms	\$1,500	35/14	1/1	1/1	(La Mistake, \$101,850)	\$537,323	53	1	0.66	1.00
22	INTERACTIF (07, Broken Vow), Red River Farms	\$2,000	36/16	0/0	0/0	(So Sorry Ruston, \$54,170)	\$536,113	73	1	0.71	1.04
23	TENPINS (98, Smart Strike), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	39/18	0/0	0/0	(Queeten, \$50,540)	\$527,670	*381	8	0.85	1.02
24	DUE DATE (05, El Prado), Peach Lane Farms	\$2,000	36/16	1/1	1/1	(Gladyoussawme, \$77,560)	\$463,170	83	1	0.56	0.75
25	FLASHPOINT (08, Pomeroy), Le Mesa Stallions	\$1,500	38/17	0/0	0/0	(Nebulas, \$36,065)	\$434,389	59	0	0.51	0.80
26	LEWIS MICHAEL (03, Rahy), Circle H Farms	\$2,500	28/14	0/0	0/0	(About Our Time, \$105,279)	\$426,427	129	3	0.77	1.08
27	TIME BANDIT (96, Time for a Change), Averett Farm	\$1,000	28/13	0/0	0/0	(Wild Bert, \$62,450)	\$416,861	287	4	0.84	0.88
28	MAUK FOUR (00, Boston Harbor)	N/A	21/12	0/0	0/0	(Doc's Rocket, \$74,880)	\$403,741	76	0	0.66	0.81
29	SUN KING (02, Charismatic)	N/A	32/15	0/0	0/0	(King Sniper, \$56,470)	\$386,194	277	2	0.69	0.98
30	CALIBRACHOA (07, Southern Image), Red River Farms	\$2,000	25/12	0/0	0/0	(Calimor, \$61,950)	\$367,036	38	0	0.61	1.33
31	RULER'S COURT (01, Doneraile Court), Holly Hill Farm	\$1,000	20/11	0/0	0/0	(Mr. Graceful, \$67,215)	\$352,546	134	0	0.59	0.71
32	HONEST MAN (04, Unbridled's Song)	N/A	28/14	0/0	0/0	(Honest Tina, \$80,420)	\$341,532	68	0	0.39	1.21
33	SMOOTH AIR (05, Smooth Jazz)	N/A	26/13	0/0	0/0	(Freda's Smooth Air, \$30,150)	\$315,683	66	0	0.51	0.71
34	PROUDINSKY (GER) (03, Silvano), All Star Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	20/11	0/0	0/0	(Proud Italian, \$51,898)	\$313,679	42	0	0.50	0.78
35	LONE STAR SPECIAL (05, Malabar Gold), Horse of Course	\$2,500	21/5	1/2	1/1	(Mobile Bay, \$150,000)	\$284,295	59	3	1.33	1.08
36	SAINT AFLEET (01, Northern Afleet), Landlock Equine	\$1,500	25/8	0/0	0/0	(Bending Saint, \$65,254)	\$259,633	105	3	0.65	0.86
37	ORTHODOX (06, Pulpit)	N/A	21/10	0/0	0/0	(Dyso, \$41,785)	\$253,985	83	0	0.39	0.62
38	ZONG (05, Unbridled's Song), Indian Creek Thoroughbred Farm	\$1,500	6/5	0/0	0/0	(Zyanara, \$106,885)	\$253,830	35	0	1.07	0.99
39	IDE (93, Forty Niner)	Pnsd	29/10	0/0	0/0	(Ide Stang You, \$55,045)	\$252,644	589	15	1.04	1.04
40	TETON FOREST (01, Forestry)	Died, 2017	11/8	0/0	0/0	(Green Lakes, \$49,060)	\$233,054	*236	3	0.78	1.00
41	GOLD TRIBUTE (94, Mr. Prospector), Red River Farms	\$2,000	19/6	0/0	0/0	(Mila's Gold, \$37,830)	\$232,935	*492	14	0.95	1.05
42	¶ GUILT TRIP (09, Pulpit), Red River Farms	\$2,500	15/5	1/1	1/1	(Goodprofit, \$91,151)	\$222,317	30	1	0.64	1.26
43	¶ REAL SOLUTION (09, Kitten's Joy), Blue Star Racing	\$5,000	19/7	0/0	0/0	(Speedy Solution, \$56,790)	\$207,177	34	0	0.67	1.21
44	BEHINDATTHEBAR (05, Forest Wildcat), Le Mesa Stallions	\$2,000	25/6	0/0	0/0	(River Bobcat, \$68,550)	\$197,688	103	0	0.53	0.80
45	SILENT PLEASURE (03, Real Quiet)	N/A	13/5	0/0	0/0	(Toomuch, \$62,860)	\$157,931	39	0	0.41	0.53
46	ROYAL STRAND (IRE) (94, Royal Academy)	N/A	15/3	0/0	0/0	(Lurey An, \$71,200)	\$152,650	108	2	0.78	0.79
47	¶ APRIORITY (07, Grand Slam), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	10/3	1/1	1/1	(Atchata, \$101,800)	\$152,100	23	1	0.65	0.74
48	CHOOSING CHOICE (93, Unreal Zeal)	N/A	10/3	0/0	0/0	(Vastjesus, \$98,120)	\$151,665	153	0	0.55	0.53
49	CLEVER CRY (06, Street Cry)	Died	20/4	0/0	0/0	(Amazon Cry, \$44,890)	\$143,410	53	1	0.39	0.75
50	ETBAUER (96, Silver Deputy)	Died, 2018	8/3	0/0	0/0	(Believeinsomething, \$33,055)	\$136,058	135	4	0.70	0.75
51	OLE REBEL (99, Carson City), Clear Creek Stud	\$1,500	13/5	0/0	0/0	(Ole Skip Rope, \$41,840)	\$132,668	97	2	0.65	0.81
52	HARBORAGE (03, Monarchos), Kraft Farm	\$1,000	14/5	0/0	0/0	(Off Cycle, \$25,865)	\$118,632	72	1	0.61	0.85
53	CROWNED KING (00, Barkerville)	N/A	14/5	0/0	0/0	(Robert's Prince, \$33,860)	\$117,020	49	1	1.10	0.64
54	FLASHY WISE CAT (05, Catastrophe), Le Mesa Stallions	Private	6/3	0/0	0/0	(My Wise Cat, \$51,000)	\$110,345	14	0	0.55	0.73
55	GIGAWATT (00, Wild Again)	N/A	8/3	0/0	0/0	(Shea's Lil Shug, \$69,615)	\$107,412	44	0	0.44	0.64

walk over to watch his brother Eric's horses run.

"I absolutely love my brothers," Heitzmann said with pride. "There is nothing I wouldn't do for any of them. We talk all the time and bounce ideas off each other. We are all in different as-

pects of the game so if I have a question about breeding I can talk to Mike. If I have a question about race conditions I can bounce it off David."

MODEST BEGINNINGS

Heitzmann's first task with the Loui-

siana Thoroughbred Breeders Association was posting race results. Tom Early (secretary-treasurer of the LTBA at the time) recalled his hiring decision.

"Roger was young, energetic, and a quick study," Early said. "I had him post race results so he could become familiar

with the names of the horsemen.”

Early’s watchful and methodical style of leadership laid a solid foundation for Heitzmann. Today (as only the third secretary-treasurer of the LTBA in 55 years) Heitzmann’s job description is a complex combination of paying attention to detail and dealing with people.

“Everything I know about this job, Tom Early taught me,” Heitzmann declared. “But I am not trying to fill his shoes. Hopefully I can do it my way with my personal signature. Tom did a lot for the industry in Louisiana. I went back and read the minutes of the board and legislative bills that passed and Tom had his hand in almost all of them. The biggest thing he taught me was how to deal with the board of directors.”

Navigating through the turbulence of the various personalities and agendas of the board members was Heitzmann’s first serious challenge.

“I was pulling my hair out,” Heitzmann admitted. “As much as you want to try to make all 13 board members happy, you are never going to get there. Everybody has their own opinions. The key is to listen and work with all the positions and ideas whether you believe in them or not. Because, in the end, I work for them.

“Technically I work for all the one



Clockwise from top left: Eric Heitzmann, David Heitzmann, Mike Heitzman, and Roger Heitzmann III

thousand-plus members but I report directly to the board. Just like a politician is supposed to work for his constituents, I have to work for mine. The longer you

do this job, the clearer the path becomes.”

Heitzmann points out that he is under a different level of scrutiny.

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								Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	TOO MUCH BLING (03, Rubiano), Valor Farm	\$6,500	78/50	3/4	2/3	(Direct Dial, \$113,350)	\$1,483,542	242	27	1.09	1.06
2	MY GOLDEN SONG (03, Unbridled's Song), Valor Farm	\$5,000	47/25	4/7	3/4	(Cowgirls Like Us, \$151,185)	\$842,675	149	13	0.97	1.04
3	CONGAREE (98, Arazi), Valor Farm	\$3,000	34/16	0/0	0/0	(Jersey Joe B, \$67,325)	\$477,705	*387	13	1.22	1.39
4	GRASSHOPPER (04, Dixie Union), Valor Farm	\$3,500	46/18	2/3	1/2	(Supermason, \$76,140)	\$449,863	116	3	0.76	0.91
5	EARLY FLYER (98, Gilded Time), Valor Farm	\$2,500	38/17	0/0	0/0	(At It Early, \$47,051)	\$403,536	288	16	0.75	0.91
6	REVOLVING (09, A.P. Indy), Double S Thoroughbreds	\$1,000	18/12	0/0	0/0	(High Flying Guy, \$55,760)	\$398,044	32	0	0.72	1.42
7	LUNARPAL (02, Successful Appeal)	N/A	16/7	0/0	0/0	(Mygirlfriday, \$60,647)	\$340,274	112	2	0.81	0.91
8	STONESIDER (03, Giant's Causeway), Valor Farm	\$2,000	21/9	0/0	0/0	(My Last Million, \$106,460)	\$335,566	*208	4	1.03	1.18
9	INTIMIDATOR (01, Gone West)	N/A	29/11	0/0	0/0	(Estrickator, \$36,356)	\$237,759	204	6	0.55	0.74
10	UNCLE ABBIE (97, Kingmambo)	N/A	17/6	1/1	0/1	(Ibaka, \$68,535)	\$229,433	250	7	0.65	0.63
11	LITTLEEXPECTATIONS (97, Valid Appeal)	N/A	19/9	0/0	0/0	(Darylslittleengine, \$52,778)	\$205,028	217	5	0.74	0.97
12	CROSSBOW (08, Bernardini), Valor Farm	\$2,000	17/10	0/0	0/0	(Texas Long Bow, \$26,082)	\$163,474	33	1	0.51	1.07
13	GAFF (02, Maria's Mon)	N/A	14/5	0/0	0/0	(Hook, \$47,090)	\$154,506	96	0	0.58	0.99
14	¶ MORO TAP (10, Tapit), Double Infinity Ranch	\$3,500	13/5	0/0	0/0	(Stormieis Blue, \$35,651)	\$138,141	33	0	0.46	0.85
15	UNBRIDLED'S HEART (05, Unbridled's Song)	Died, 2015	12/7	0/0	0/0	(Heartsetsmeonfire, \$25,076)	\$132,409	30	0	0.48	0.53
16	DRUMS OF THUNDER (04, Concerto)	N/A	11/4	1/1	1/1	(Witt's Town, \$38,808)	\$124,424	38	2	0.53	0.32
17	JOE'S SON JOEY (98, Fast Play), Averett Farm	\$1,000	5/3	0/0	0/0	(Why Joey Why, \$70,080)	\$120,500	31	0	0.98	0.96
18	WIMBLEDON (01, Wild Rush), Key Ranch	\$2,000	11/5	0/0	0/0	(Fred's Lucky Boy, \$48,310)	\$120,293	135	4	0.73	0.76
19	EATON'S GIFT (05, Johannesburg)	N/A	23/7	0/0	0/0	(Ramblin Fever, \$17,147)	\$113,390	58	0	0.37	0.58
20	FEARLESS EAGLE (04, Invisible Ink)	N/A	6/4	0/0	0/0	(Fearless Alex, \$33,110)	\$108,046	19	0	0.61	0.27
21	SPELLBINDER (01, Tale of the Cat), Ivy Rose Equestrian Center	\$1,200	7/3	0/0	0/0	(Hy Rapid Lady, \$38,430)	\$91,481	37	1	0.96	1.14
22	STREET MOVE (06, Street Cry)	N/A	5/3	0/0	0/0	(Lodi Street, \$23,769)	\$83,690	9	0	0.77	1.34
23	RIVER SQUALL (94, Summer Squall)	N/A	4/2	0/0	0/0	(River Miss, \$38,175)	\$82,178	90	3	0.58	0.72
24	GOT THE GOODS (01, Pulpit)	N/A	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Whenthe dovescry, \$78,650)	\$78,716	52	1	0.47	0.71
25	JET PHONE (01, Phone Trick)	Died, 2016	6/6	0/0	0/0	(Cow Poke, \$24,134)	\$78,120	42	3	0.88	1.03

"I have 13 board members that are experienced and knowledgeable horsemen or involved in breeding," he explained. "They are in the business. They know how it works. If this was the New Orleans Symphony or some non-profit, the board members would be from all types of professions and walks of life and offer their specific expertise. They would not play first clarinet or make suggestions on musical arrangements.

My board members know all the ins and outs."

Much of Heitzmann's time in the office involves answering questions and explaining rules and regulations to breeders and board members. He acknowledges the dilemmas they often face.

"Members of the board have the tough task of sometimes putting aside what is best for them and doing what

is best for the industry as a whole," he said. "That's not easy. It's complex. You got farms in this state worth millions of dollars. People's entire lives and family are tied up in their business. So a decision that is best for the industry might not be best for their farm. Tough calls have to be made."

The umbilical cord between Heitzmann and previous secretary-treasurer Early has not been severed. Early continues to be a ready and available lifeline. The two have breakfast nearly every Saturday morning at Early's farm house for updates and conversation.

"Look, Tom is a walking encyclopedia when it comes to the history of the LTBA," Heitzmann said. "He is an unselfish and invaluable resource."

Each of the four (Fair Grounds, Delta Downs, Evangeline Downs, and Louisiana Downs) racetracks in the state schedule designated stakes days for Louisiana-breds. Champions Day in December at Fair Grounds is run by legislative mandate and always includes a military presence as part of the ceremony. Representatives of the U.S. Army, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, and Navy take part in the awarding of trophies to the breeders.

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Heitzmann points out he has 13 board members to work for

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									Stks	A-E	Comp
									Wnrs	Index	Index
1	SUCCESSFUL APPEAL (96, Valid Appeal), Noble Equine Veterinary Services	Pnsd	118/70	4/5	1/4	(Limousine Liberal, \$804,600)	\$3,770,991	*773	54	1.67	1.44
2	WILBURN (08, Bernardini), River Oaks Farms	\$2,500	150/80	3/4	0/3	(Afleet Willy, \$187,750)	\$2,647,862	*294	7	0.81	1.09
3	LIAISON (09, Indian Charlie), Mighty Acres	\$2,500	91/38	2/3	0/2	(Moonlight Romance, \$359,600)	\$1,833,419	153	3	0.89	1.23
4	POLLARD'S VISION (01, Carson City), Mighty Acres	\$2,500	61/29	2/5	1/2	(Vision Perfect, \$339,905)	\$1,521,650	*713	20	1.19	1.18
5	CALEB'S POSSE (08, Posse), River Oaks Farms	\$2,000	62/30	1/3	0/1	(Girls Know Best, \$342,445)	\$1,428,384	*90	2	1.11	1.20
6	AMERICAN LION (07, Tiznow)	N/A	80/42	0/0	0/0	(Lion in Wait, \$171,798)	\$1,356,708	*183	1	0.73	1.05
7	LATENT HEAT (03, Maria's Mon), River Oaks Farms	\$2,000	63/34	2/2	1/2	(Rocket Heat, \$200,112)	\$1,098,372	*341	7	0.87	1.08
8	MAGNA GRADUATE (02, Honor Grades), Brewster Ranch	\$2,500	53/29	1/1	1/1	(Bellarmine, \$127,164)	\$1,064,952	*224	7	0.95	1.01
9	EUROEARS (04, Langfuhr), Dunn Ranch	\$1,500	56/29	1/2	1/1	(Three Chords, \$163,381)	\$906,022	109	4	0.87	0.93
10	CACTUS RIDGE (01, Hennessy)	Pnsd	39/25	1/1	0/1	(Lovely Loyree, \$87,352)	\$804,485	*457	23	1.23	1.02
11	KIPLING (96, Gulch)	Pnsd	49/22	0/0	0/0	(Goddess of Kip, \$106,128)	\$788,751	358	9	0.97	0.88
12	MR. NIGHTLINGER (04, Indian Charlie)	Died	57/29	0/0	0/0	(Sunday Night Miss, \$56,955)	\$749,944	175	4	0.62	0.86
13	DIXIE CHATTER (05, Dixie Union), Silver Star Breeding Center	Private	52/23	0/0	0/0	(Blow the Whistle, \$137,452)	\$627,375	209	3	0.58	0.97
14	ORATORY (02, Pulpit)	Died, 2016	32/18	1/1	0/1	(Shes Our Fastest, \$81,600)	\$598,566	*224	6	1.12	1.14
15	CHITZO (05, Forest Wildcat), River Oaks Farms	\$1,500	20/11	1/1	1/1	(Okie Diva, \$105,127)	\$513,826	48	2	0.81	0.96
16	SPECIAL RATE (00, Pulpit), River Oaks Farm	\$2,000	24/13	1/1	1/1	(No Deal, \$82,530)	\$458,373	175	4	0.59	0.64
17	MAIMONIDES (05, Vindication), Silver Star Breeding Center	\$1,500	23/16	0/0	0/0	(Maimo, \$115,820)	\$443,501	*106	1	0.74	1.94
18	THE VISUALISER (03, Giant's Causeway), Mighty Acres	\$1,500	16/6	1/4	0/1	(Welder, \$329,550)	\$433,523	68	2	0.77	0.87
19	SAVE BIG MONEY (03, Storm Cat), Mighty Acres	\$1,500	45/13	2/2	2/2	(Inagoodway, \$79,326)	\$430,177	118	3	0.66	0.96
20	LIQUOR CABINET (IRE) (01, Hennessy)	N/A	25/12	0/0	0/0	(Only Liquor, \$72,067)	\$334,708	91	1	0.57	0.85
21	TACTICAL CAT (96, Storm Cat), Raywood Farm	\$1,000	32/12	0/0	0/0	(Dazzling Okie, \$66,072)	\$266,132	615	24	0.98	1.17
22	FOREIGN POLICY (02, Danzig), River Oaks Farms	\$1,250	10/6	0/0	0/0	(Master's Bouquet, \$83,152)	\$257,634	40	1	1.01	0.83
23	CALIMONCO (06, Storm Cat), Silver Star Breeding Center	\$1,500	26/15	0/0	0/0	(My Ebony Star, \$29,370)	\$238,283	52	0	0.46	0.98
24	DA STOOPS (03, Distorted Humor), Rockin BB Ranch	\$1,000	16/8	0/0	0/0	(Da Wildcat Girl, \$56,640)	\$209,072	*89	1	1.02	1.05
25	BURBANK (93, Wild Again)	N/A	23/7	0/0	0/0	(Frankalee Fun, \$55,084)	\$202,491	183	3	0.66	0.73
26	AFFIRMATIF (06, Unbridled's Song)	N/A	24/8	0/0	0/0	(Affirming, \$46,416)	\$199,075	73	1	0.47	0.77
27	DOCTOR CHIT (09, War Front), Royal Vista Ranches	\$2,500	13/7	0/0	0/0	(Dance Doctor, \$78,660)	\$182,465	25	0	0.45	0.70
28	KING OF SCAT (96, Eastern Echo)	N/A	16/5	0/0	0/0	(Countess of Scat, \$30,210)	\$125,711	229	6	0.68	0.74
29	WESTERN EXPRESSION (96, Gone West), Kirton Farms	\$1,500	15/6	0/0	0/0	(Co Co Kid, \$33,536)	\$124,273	*374	4	1.05	1.26
30	STATE CITY (99, Carson City)	N/A	19/5	0/0	0/0	(Wajna Surprise, \$35,718)	\$118,131	*265	1	0.67	0.94

form," Heitzmann said.

The LTBA website is a source of pride for Heitzmann.

"The whole office as a team has pitched in to improve the content, quality, and functionality," he said. "The goal is to keep it informative and as up to date as possible. The recent monthly calendar of events has proven useful. We are branching out to get more viewers and tech savvy users on the website."

Louisiana Horse magazine is a quarterly publication of the LTBA. Edited by Linda McLellan, the magazine provides feature stories on breeders and horsemen, recaps of stakes races, an editorial page, sire statistics, and sales information. Will the website replace the magazine?

"I hope not. I'm a magazine person and so are a lot of people in this sport. I like the photos and the feel of holding and reading a magazine," said Heitzmann.

One of his best-kept secrets is that he

sends e-mail messages from his computer to his printer.

Interfacing with the tracks' racing secretaries is another facet of Heitzmann's job. By law there are three Louisiana-bred races every day. If they are not the kinds of races the horsemen want to see it is Heitzmann's job to have dialogue with

the racing secretary.

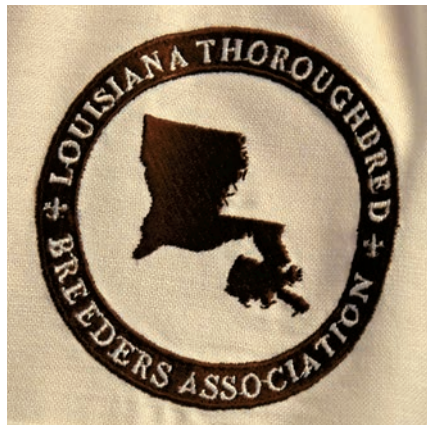
"We are all here to do what's best for racing and primarily what's best for racing in Louisiana," Heitzmann explained. "For instance, we need more turf races for state-bred horses right now. We have several farms that have brought in turf sires."

Every administrator or executive needs time to chill. Heitzmann's mental and emotional refreshers are narrowed to three options.

He loves going on cruises with his wife, Kelly. He is a big fan of the New Orleans Saints football team, and watching the games on Sunday with a core group of neighbors has become an enjoyable ritual.

"That's our day," Heitzmann said. "Everybody cooks a dish. We meet at one central house, have a few drinks, and watch the game."

A devout Catholic, Heitzmann commits to a yearly retreat. Held on the



The LTBA has been around for 55 years; Heitzmann is the organization's third secretary-treasurer

banks of the Mississippi River and hosted by Jesuit priests, the retreat (except for prayer) is silent.

“It’s a time for self-reflection, resting, and getting away from the noise and distractions of electrical devices. You are unplugged. No television. You learn about your faith in a deeper sense. It’s my favorite four days of the year.”

Following the success of the New Orleans Saints, Heitzmann sees parallel lessons that can be applied in management.

“Never be overconfident and get the most out of every dollar,” Heitzmann offered. “And find ways to have fun. You have to live for today but keep in mind that there is a tomorrow.”

Jake Delhomme is first vice president of the LTBA. From his 13 years as a quarterback in the National Football League, Delhomme can assess the qualities of leadership.

“What helps us in working with Roger is that he has been a jock’s agent, a trainer, a track announcer, a groom, and a hot walker,” Delhomme noted. “He has experience in every facet of the racing side. Those are huge credentials.

“Roger can explain things to our members in depth and clarity because of his background. Knowledge is power and can only make him better at his job. Everybody is going to have ideas on how to improve the breed and improve numbers. Roger has to hear it from all angles, and I think Roger does a fantastic job in relation to grasping the entire industry and not some single part.”

Heitzmann has mellowed in his position as secretary-treasurer and gained confidence in his ability. His daily routine is to find a table in the track kitchen every morning, have a cup of coffee, and converse with the horsemen.

“It’s my way to get the lay of the land,” he said. “To me it is all about the horsemen. My family were all horsemen. Breeding and racing is all under one umbrella. So technically all the people on these farms and on the backside are my extended family.” **BH**

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Outside of racing Heitzmann is a big fan of the New Orleans Saints football team



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