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Trainer/advocate  
Rick Schosberg

**Trainer Rick Schosberg  
is always working  
to improve  
New York racing**

BY BOB EHALT  
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**RICK SCHOSBERG**, by trade, is a trainer of Thoroughbred racehorses.

Yet that's merely the tip of the iceberg in trying to describe all of the tireless work Schosberg puts in to help his fellow horsemen and care for the sport's equine athletes.

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| Rank | Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB, Sire), Where Stands                             | 2021 Stud Fee | Rnrs/ Wnrs | BT SWnrs/ Wns | Rstrct SW/ BT SW | (Chief Earner, Earnings)        | 2020 Earnings      | Foals | Cumulative Stks Wnrs | A-E Index | Comp Index |
|------|--|---------------|------------|---------------|------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|-------|----------------------|-----------|------------|
| 1    | <b>BIG BROWN</b> (05, Boundary), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions           | \$5,000       | 129/55     | 2/5           | 1/2              | (Somelikeithotbrown, \$275,860) | <b>\$2,604,377</b> | *816  | 26                   | 1.04      | 1.44       |
| 2    | <b>CENTRAL BANKER</b> (10, Speightstown), McMahon of Saratoga Tbreeds            | \$6,000       | 103/42     | 2/2           | 2/2              | (Bankit, \$223,850)             | <b>\$2,315,091</b> | 174   | 5                    | 1.31      | 1.18       |
| 3    | <b>FREUD</b> (98, Storm Cat), Sequel Stallions New York                          | \$5,000       | 100/33     | 5/6           | 3/5              | (Dot Matrix, \$180,500)         | <b>\$1,952,249</b> | *1337 | 54                   | 1.48      | 1.22       |
| 4    | <b>MISSION IMPAZIBLE</b> (07, Unbridled's Song), Sequel Stallions New York       | \$2,500       | 93/43      | 3/3           | 3/3              | (Dream Bigger, \$106,350)       | <b>\$1,627,085</b> | 237   | 7                    | 1.11      | 1.17       |
| 5    | <b>BELLAMY ROAD</b> (02, Concerto), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions        | \$5,000       | 114/45     | 0/0           | 0/0              | (Hell N Wild, \$138,945)        | <b>\$1,495,115</b> | *706  | 32                   | 1.14      | 1.23       |
| 6    | <b>BUSTIN STONES</b> (04, City Zip), Waldorf Farm                                | \$2,500       | 58/27      | 2/2           | 1/2              | (Jakarta, \$245,727)            | <b>\$1,437,995</b> | 233   | 10                   | 1.33      | 1.29       |
| 7    | <b>COURAGEOUS CAT</b> (06, Storm Cat), Questroyal North                          | \$2,500       | 73/24      | 0/0           | 0/0              | (Our Last Buck, \$118,980)      | <b>\$873,667</b>   | 219   | 7                    | 0.89      | 1.06       |
| 8    | <b>FROST GIANT</b> (03, Giant's Causeway), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions | \$2,500       | 61/21      | 0/0           | 0/0              | (Smithwick's Spice, \$62,375)   | <b>\$737,567</b>   | *440  | 15                   | 1.13      | 1.13       |
| 9    | <b>GIANT SURPRISE</b> (09, Giant's Causeway), Rockridge Stud                     | \$2,500       | 37/20      | 0/0           | 0/0              | (Groovy Surprise, \$78,125)     | <b>\$650,643</b>   | 115   | 2                    | 1.31      | 1.24       |
| 10   | <b>MICROMANAGE</b> (10, Medaglia d'Oro), Rockridge Stud                          | \$2,500       | 32/13      | 0/0           | 0/0              | (Microsecond, \$120,940)        | <b>\$506,649</b>   | 55    | 0                    | 0.75      | 1.30       |
| 11   | <b>TEUFLESBERG</b> (04, Johannesburg), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds         | \$2,000       | 35/15      | 0/0           | 0/0              | (The Great Johanna, \$95,219)   | <b>\$476,785</b>   | 163   | 4                    | 1.16      | 1.05       |
| 12   | <b>WAR DANCER</b> (10, War Front), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions         | \$7,500       | 27/5       | 1/1           | 0/1              | (Step Dancer, \$96,100)         | <b>\$425,500</b>   | 68    | 1                    | 0.83      | 1.25       |
| 13   | <b>HONORABLE DILLON</b> (10, Tapit)  | N/A           | 50/10      | 0/0           | 0/0              | (Disciplanarian, \$51,198)      | <b>\$416,157</b>   | 104   | 0                    | 0.54      | 1.07       |
| 14   | <b>BANK HEIST</b> (07, Maria's Mon), Kaz Hill Farm                               | \$1,000       | 27/9       | 0/0           | 0/0              | (Robber Bob, \$50,870)          | <b>\$361,652</b>   | 91    | 1                    | 0.80      | 1.28       |
| 15   | <b>SOARING EMPIRE</b> (07, Empire Maker)   | Died, 2018    | 23/12      | 0/0           | 0/0              | (Reason to Soar, \$57,542)      | <b>\$330,627</b>   | 73    | 0                    | 0.86      | 1.08       |
| 16   | <b>MAJESTIC CITY</b> (09, City Zip), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions       | \$2,500       | 30/4       | 0/0           | 0/0              | (The Important One, \$75,515)   | <b>\$292,241</b>   | 55    | 0                    | 0.56      | 1.06       |
| 17   | <b>A SHIN FORWARD</b> (05, Forest Wildcat), Rockridge Stud                       | \$2,500       | 16/6       | 0/0           | 0/0              | (Ryuno Center, \$102,970)       | <b>\$273,748</b>   | 34    | 0                    | 0.55      | 0.81       |
| 18   | <b>SLUMBER (GB)</b> (08, Cacique), Rockridge Stud                                | Private       | 6/1        | 1/2           | 0/1              | (Fluffy Socks, \$226,880)       | <b>\$247,850</b>   | 16    | 1                    | 2.20      | 0.78       |
| 19   | <b>GOLDEN TICKET</b> (09, Speightstown)  | Pnsd          | 23/8       | 0/0           | 0/0              | (Bayou Bougie, \$26,600)        | <b>\$169,300</b>   | 44    | 0                    | 0.35      | 0.80       |
| 20   | <b>ENCAUSTIC</b> (04, Broad Brush), Foggy Bottom Farm                            | Private       | 19/4       | 0/0           | 0/0              | (It's Your Call, \$45,563)      | <b>\$154,697</b>   | 51    | 0                    | 0.44      | 0.88       |
| 21   | <b>COSMONAUT</b> (02, Lemon Drop Kid)  | Pnsd          | 18/5       | 0/0           | 0/0              | (Goodbye Brockley, \$27,880)    | <b>\$126,371</b>   | 101   | 4                    | 0.95      | 1.04       |
| 22   | <b>EFFINEX</b> (11, Mineshaft)   | Died, 2017    | 14/3       | 0/0           | 0/0              | (Effinity, \$46,950)            | <b>\$124,408</b>   | 50    | 0                    | 0.47      | 0.95       |
| 23   | <b>STEPHANQATSEE</b> (09, A.P. Indy), Sequel Stallions New York                  | Private       | 9/2        | 0/0           | 0/0              | (Beg to Differ, \$49,690)       | <b>\$115,644</b>   | 14    | 0                    | 0.62      | 1.13       |
| 24   | <b>ZIVO</b> (09, True Direction)   | Pnsd          | 10/2       | 0/0           | 0/0              | (Mani Pedi, \$26,120)           | <b>\$69,237</b>    | 22    | 0                    | 0.33      | 0.84       |

Then consider all of the jobs, roles, and positions Schosberg holds down while he works around the clock to help improve New York racing. To mount all of those placards, the entrance to his office would need double doors—at the very least.

“Rick is a rock in the backstretch for everyone. He’s an amazing advocate for the horses and is involved from four in the morning until God knows when in the afternoon,” New York Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association president Joe Appelbaum said. “There are not many people like him. We’re very lucky to have him.

He’s an amazing advocate for the horses.”

Like every other trainer on the New York Racing Association circuit, Schosberg has a string of horses he and his staff care for on a daily basis. Yet what places him in a special category is the countless hours he spends running aftercare programs and his willingness to jump into action whenever there’s a backstretch crisis, such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Rick has had quite a lot of success in racing. He’s had a lot of good horses. But when you talk about putting your money where your mouth is, he wanted to give

back to the industry that’s given him so much, and he does that every minute of every day,” said Andy Belfiore, who worked as NYTHA’s executive director from 2011-19. It’s at the heart of who he is as a person. He’s always there when you need him.”

Horses have enjoyed a special place in the 58-year-old Schosberg’s heart since he began riding as a youth at the farm owned by his mother, Jane, and his father, Paul, who served eight years as the president of the New York Thoroughbred Breeders and 12 years as a director. It brought him to Cornell University, where he graduated in 1984 with a degree in applied economics, concentrating on animal science and equine studies.

That degree could have opened many doors for the native of White Plains, N.Y., but he opted for the racetrack and worked as an assistant for Walter Kelley, Sid Waters Jr., and Tom Skiffington before taking out his trainer’s license in 1988.

He has indeed enjoyed a good measure of success, training Maria’s Mon, the champion 2-year-old male of 1995; and Affirmed Success, who earned \$2,285,315 from 1997-2003 and who was a grade 1 winner at 8. In his career Schosberg has won 854 races and recorded earnings of \$36,613,195, though of late his stable has dwindled to less than 12 horses, and he has not won more than eight races in a



Schosberg is involved with several backstretch and aftercare organizations in New York

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| 1    | <b>JUMP START</b> (99, A.P. Indy)  | Died, 2019    | 153/66     | 1/1           | 1/1              | (Galerio, \$229,425)           | <b>\$3,064,320</b> | *1456 | 52        | 1.39      | 1.26       |
| 2    | <b>WARRIOR'S REWARD</b> (06, Medaglia d'Oro), WynOaks Farm                   | \$5,000       | 154/76     | 5/6           | 4/5              | (Night Ops, \$334,000)         | <b>\$2,866,809</b> | *610  | 20        | 1.03      | 1.32       |
| 3    | <b>WICKED STRONG</b> (11, Hard Spun), Pin Oak Lane Farm                      | \$3,500       | 138/59     | 3/4           | 0/3              | (Brooklyn Strong, \$195,000)   | <b>\$2,290,996</b> | *222  | 3         | 0.91      | 1.30       |
| 4    | <b>EL PADRINO</b> (09, Pulpit)   | Died, 2017    | 84/38      | 3/3           | 1/3              | (Introduced, \$118,272)        | <b>\$1,949,843</b> | 187   | 4         | 1.30      | 1.25       |
| 5    | <b>FLASHBACK</b> (10, Tapit), Diamond B Farm                                 | \$3,500       | 116/52     | 0/0           | 0/0              | (All West, \$94,250)           | <b>\$1,939,923</b> | 227   | 1         | 1.01      | 1.52       |
| 6    | <b>POSEIDON'S WARRIOR</b> (08, Speightstown), Equistar Training and Breeding | \$5,000       | 95/44      | 1/3           | 0/1              | (Firenze Fire, \$526,500)      | <b>\$1,900,807</b> | *219  | 2         | 0.98      | 1.09       |
| 7    | <b>BOISTEROUS</b> (07, Distorted Humor), Diamond B Farm                      | \$3,000       | 58/26      | 1/1           | 1/1              | (California Kook, \$163,360)   | <b>\$1,106,078</b> | 115   | 2         | 0.88      | 1.06       |
| 8    | <b>SMARTY JONES</b> (01, Elusive Quality), Equistar Training and Breeding    | \$3,500       | 56/18      | 0/0           | 0/0              | (Dreams Untold, \$146,400)     | <b>\$848,341</b>   | *814  | 27        | 1.35      | 1.66       |
| 9    | <b>DUBLIN</b> (07, Afleet Alex)  | N/A           | 43/21      | 0/0           | 0/0              | (Shamrock Kid, \$88,020)       | <b>\$835,087</b>   | 177   | 3         | 1.08      | 1.12       |
| 10   | <b>TALENT SEARCH</b> (03, Catienus), Diamond B Farm                          | \$2,500       | 42/18      | 0/0           | 0/0              | (Final Shot, \$93,319)         | <b>\$734,147</b>   | *168  | 3         | 1.02      | 1.17       |
| 11   | <b>WEIGELIA</b> (01, Safely's Mark), WynOaks Farm                            | Private       | 43/21      | 0/0           | 0/0              | (Smooth B, \$69,110)           | <b>\$718,715</b>   | *155  | 7         | 1.39      | 1.06       |
| 12   | <b>UPTOWNCHARLYBROWN</b> (07, Limehouse), Diamond B Farm                     | \$7,500       | 28/9       | 2/3           | 2/2              | (Wait for It, \$208,610)       | <b>\$682,587</b>   | 61    | 4         | 1.79      | 0.97       |
| 13   | <b>ICE BOX</b> (07, Pulpit)  | N/A           | 70/32      | 0/0           | 0/0              | (Its Cold in Dehere, \$78,469) | <b>\$681,558</b>   | 298   | 2         | 0.62      | 0.97       |
| 14   | <b>DESERT PARTY</b> (06, Street Cry), Godstone Farm                          | \$2,500       | 45/18      | 0/0           | 0/0              | (Desert Lights, \$39,466)      | <b>\$544,880</b>   | 248   | 6         | 0.94      | 1.29       |
| 15   | <b>ALBERT THE GREAT</b> (97, Go for Gin)                                     | Pnsd          | 21/9       | 0/0           | 0/0              | (Geebert, \$82,725)            | <b>\$405,788</b>   | *413  | 9         | 1.09      | 1.09       |
| 16   | <b>NORMANDY INVASION</b> (10, Tapit), Pin Oak Lane Farm                      | \$2,500       | 37/10      | 0/0           | 0/0              | (Bella Invasion, \$42,198)     | <b>\$366,327</b>   | 70    | 0         | 0.45      | 1.18       |
| 17   | <b>LORD SHANAKILL</b> (06, Speightstown), Pin Oak Lane Farm                  | \$2,500       | 48/15      | 0/0           | 0/0              | (Time Shanakill, \$47,458)     | <b>\$360,854</b>   | 217   | 3         | 1.08      | 0.90       |
| 18   | <b>CAL NATION</b> (08, Distorted Humor)                                      | N/A           | 19/6       | 0/0           | 0/0              | (Judi Blue Eyes, \$71,141)     | <b>\$323,852</b>   | 54    | 1         | 0.97      | 1.10       |
| 19   | <b>RIMROD</b> (00, Danzig), Castle Rock Farm                                 | \$1,500       | 12/6       | 0/0           | 0/0              | (Checkbouncin Billy, \$81,210) | <b>\$267,646</b>   | 112   | 2         | 1.24      | 1.14       |
| 20   | <b>MAD FLATTER</b> (05, Flatter)   | Died, 2016    | 22/11      | 0/0           | 0/0              | (Captain Mad Jack, \$44,210)   | <b>\$260,048</b>   | 48    | 0         | 0.86      | 1.24       |

year since 2015.

"Bring back the 1990s, please," Schosberg said with a laugh.

Yet from the beginning, Schosberg was ahead of his time in understanding the need to care for racehorses after their days at the track came to an end.

"Rick is not a Johnny-come-lately to aftercare," Appelbaum said. "He cares a

great deal about the equine athletes. Before retirement and retraining got fashionable, Rick was doing it because it was the right thing to do."

Schosberg's first starter, Three Chopt Road, was victorious and about eight years later, when the gelding was retired after a 99-race career, he brought him to his farm in Muttontown, N.Y., to live out

the remainder of his life. As Indicated, a gelding who won the 1994 Pimlico Special Handicap (G1) and earned \$802,212 for Heatherwood Farm and Schosberg, joined Three Chopt Road at Schosberg's Long Island farm not that long afterward.

Schosberg said the two geldings became "paddock buddies" for years at his farm and, long before the term "aftercare" became a staple in racetrack vocabularies, the experience only reinforced Schosberg's passionate belief that caring for Thoroughbreds once their racing careers are over is of paramount importance to the industry and all horsemen.

"One of the few parts of the racing industry that crosses jurisdictional lines but everyone agrees on is that the proper and safe retirement of Thoroughbred racehorses is everybody's responsibility," said Schosberg, who now serves as head of NYTHA's aftercare committee. "As long as there's a demand for these retired horses, it's up to us to maintain a supply and make sure they are retired safely."

Schosberg was elected to the NYTHA board in 2011, and a year later NYTHA president Rick Violette, who passed away in 2018, and Belfiore reached out to him to become involved in their fledgling TAKE2 Second Career Thoroughbred Program,



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**Schosberg-trained Affirmed Success earned more than \$2.2 million and was a grade 1 winner as an 8-year-old**

**Special Note For Sire Lists:**

For stallions that stand, will stand, or stood (deceased) in the selected region (stallions that have died or been exported prior to the 2015 breeding season are excluded), and have runners in North America. Listed below are all available Northern Hemisphere statistics through December 6, 2020. As supplied to *The Blood-Horse* by The Jockey Club Information Systems, Inc., earnings 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 2019 is \$25,300 or 53% of the 2019 average purse in Japan. To put earnings on par, all Japanese progeny earnings are multiplied by 53% before being credited to a sire's progeny earnings. Hong Kong earnings are adjusted by 17%; Singapore by 85%. Current year stakes winners include all N.H.-foaled black-type stakes winners worldwide. \*Foal counts include Southern Hemisphere. Cumulative stakes winners include all countries. (A ¶ indicates a sire represented by his first crop to race).

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| 1    | <b>GREAT NOTION</b> (00, Elusive Quality), Northview Stallion Station              | \$7,500       | 92/41     | 6/7          | 6/6             | (Karan's Notion, \$160,846)    | <b>\$2,245,418</b> | 389   | 26         | 1.48      | 1.21       |
| 2    | <b>GOLDEN LAD</b> (10, Medaglia d'Oro), Northview Stallion Station                 | \$5,000       | 51/23     | 2/3          | 0/2             | (Hello Beautiful, \$150,552)   | <b>\$1,516,356</b> | 112   | 3          | 1.54      | 1.31       |
| 3    | <b>FRIESAN FIRE</b> (06, A.P. Indy), Country Life Farm                             | \$3,000       | 75/27     | 2/2          | 2/2             | (Fiya, \$171,526)              | <b>\$1,360,438</b> | 232   | 8          | 1.16      | 1.24       |
| 4    | <b>BANDBOX</b> (08, Tapit), Northview Stallion Station                             | \$2,500       | 44/25     | 1/1          | 1/1             | (Artful Splatter, \$188,717)   | <b>\$1,315,165</b> | 85    | 2          | 1.36      | 1.27       |
| 5    | <b>BOURBON COURAGE</b> (09, Lion Heart), Anchor & Hope Farm                        | \$2,000       | 45/21     | 1/2          | 0/1             | (Double Crown, \$150,625)      | <b>\$1,106,297</b> | 88    | 2          | 1.20      | 1.11       |
| 6    | <b>SEVILLE (GER)</b> (08, Galileo)   | Died, 2017    | 82/23     | 0/0          | 0/0             | (O K Game On, \$99,727)        | <b>\$1,023,908</b> | *205  | 2          | 0.58      | 1.24       |
| 7    | <b>SUPER NINETY NINE</b> (10, Pulpit), Country Life Farm                           | \$2,000       | 53/24     | 0/0          | 0/0             | (Breviary, \$95,194)           | <b>\$998,943</b>   | 88    | 0          | 1.01      | 1.34       |
| 8    | <b>STREET MAGICIAN</b> (04, Street Cry), Legacy Farm Stallions Stgd at Roland Farm | \$2,000       | 43/15     | 2/3          | 0/2             | (Street Lute, \$230,220)       | <b>\$949,717</b>   | 143   | 6          | 1.11      | 1.27       |
| 9    | <b>ORIENTATE</b> (98, Mt. Livermore)   | Pnsd          | 52/25     | 0/0          | 0/0             | (Cannon's Roar, \$105,353)     | <b>\$896,128</b>   | *863  | 32         | 1.22      | 1.54       |
| 10   | <b>IMAGINING</b> (08, Giant's Causeway), Anchor & Hope Farm                        | \$2,000       | 46/12     | 1/1          | 1/1             | (Monday Morning Qb, \$140,155) | <b>\$831,211</b>   | 94    | 1          | 0.96      | 1.36       |
| 11   | <b>REDEEMED</b> (08, Include)  | Pnsd          | 37/11     | 0/0          | 0/0             | (Our Man Luke, \$102,413)      | <b>\$464,568</b>   | 103   | 0          | 0.94      | 1.07       |
| 12   | <b>NICANOR</b> (06, Dynaformer)  | Pnsd          | 19/8      | 0/0          | 0/0             | (Seany P, \$115,075)           | <b>\$368,427</b>   | 44    | 0          | 0.76      | 1.04       |
| 13   | <b>PETIONVILLE</b> (92, Seeking the Gold)  | Pnsd          | 24/12     | 0/0          | 0/0             | (Graves Island, \$67,679)      | <b>\$368,199</b>   | *762  | 42         | 1.25      | 1.28       |
| 14   | <b>TRITAP</b> (09, Tapit)  | Died, 2016    | 17/8      | 0/0          | 0/0             | (Tap the Mark, \$83,865)       | <b>\$360,555</b>   | 41    | 1          | 1.21      | 1.35       |
| 15   | <b>OUTFLANKER</b> (94, Danzig), Shamrock Farm                                      | \$2,500       | 18/6      | 0/0          | 0/0             | (Nick Papagiorgio, \$126,377)  | <b>\$357,852</b>   | *572  | 21         | 1.32      | 1.11       |
| 16   | <b>¶ MOSLER</b> (11, War Front), Country Life Farm                                 | \$4,000       | 25/8      | 1/1          | 1/1             | (Miss Nondescript, \$84,090)   | <b>\$354,348</b>   | 70    | 1          | 0.74      | 1.32       |
| 17   | <b>BUFFUM</b> (08, Bernardini)   | Died, 2019    | 21/6      | 0/0          | 0/0             | (Starting Tour, \$60,459)      | <b>\$348,028</b>   | 32    | 2          | 1.41      | 1.22       |
| 18   | <b>CUBA</b> (01, Not For Love)   | Died, 2020    | 8/4       | 1/2          | 0/1             | (Laki, \$235,030)              | <b>\$320,345</b>   | 25    | 1          | 1.26      | 1.00       |
| 19   | <b>¶ UNCLE LINO</b> (13, Uncle Mo), Northview Stallion Station                     | \$4,000       | 13/6      | 0/0          | 0/0             | (Singlino, \$105,625)          | <b>\$291,213</b>   | 54    | 0          | 1.17      | 1.44       |
| 20   | <b>MEDALLIST</b> (01, Touch Gold), Northview Stallion Station                      | \$2,000       | 15/9      | 0/0          | 0/0             | (Flashy Kyem, \$67,540)        | <b>\$285,061</b>   | 206   | 7          | 1.27      | 1.30       |

which was created to promote second careers for retired Thoroughbred racehorses as hunters and jumpers.

In 2013 Schosberg was asked to play a lead role in an off-shoot program created by NYTHA called Take The Lead, which partners with Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance-accredited organizations and strives to find homes for Thoroughbreds after their NYRA racing careers.

"The Take The Lead initiative was a perfect fit because I've always had ex-racehorses in the backyard," he said. "Rick Violette and Andy were the architects of

Take The Lead, and when I came in, the blueprint was there. People were working with the show horses, and I became the boots on the ground at the racetrack for Take The Lead. We lost Rick way too soon, but one of his legacies is the Take The Lead program, which was a success from the very beginning."

Schosberg says that since its inception, Take The Lead has worked with after-care organizations to find new homes for roughly 675 Thoroughbreds. Reflective of its growing popularity and support, during the fiscal year that ended in June, a

record 135 horses entered the program, and so far in 2020, the program is on track to take in between 160 and 200 horses by next June.

He labels Take The Lead as a facilitator in a process that begins when owners or trainers send along word that one of their horses has been or will be retired.

"It's our goal to get horses retired one race or maybe two races too soon," said Schosberg, who is president of Take The Lead. "They deserve to be retired before they are forced to be retired."

From there, Take The Lead takes over.

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## 2020 LEADING SIRES IN NEW JERSEY

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|------|---|---------------|---------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|-------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
|      |   |               |               |                     |                        |                                | 2020 Earnings    | Foals | Stks<br>Wnrs | A-E<br>Index | Comp<br>Index |
| 1    | <b>HEY CHUB</b> (00, Carson City), Joe-Dan Farm         | \$1,000       | 18/10         | 0/0                 | 0/0                    | (Windixiewin, \$61,963)        | <b>\$444,813</b> | 50    | 3            | 1.62         | 1.46          |
| 2    | <b>IL POSTINO</b> (06, Distorted Humor), Colonial Farms | \$1,000       | 10/5          | 0/0                 | 0/0                    | (Postino's Vow, \$71,000)      | <b>\$284,761</b> | 18    | 0            | 1.16         | 0.82          |
| 3    | <b>DON SIX</b> (00, Wild Escapade)                      | N/A           | 11/4          | 0/0                 | 0/0                    | (Crafty Don, \$61,125)         | <b>\$238,019</b> | 94    | 3            | 1.14         | 1.29          |
| 4    | <b>KING PUMA</b> (06, Forest Wildcat)                   | N/A           | 6/3           | 0/0                 | 0/0                    | (Love Is Your Name, \$102,225) | <b>\$211,345</b> | 28    | 0            | 1.13         | 1.46          |
| 5    | <b>CABLE BOY</b> (04, Jump Start)                       | Died, 2017    | 3/1           | 1/1                 | 1/1                    | (Liz's Cable Girl, \$79,535)   | <b>\$146,296</b> | 23    | 2            | 1.55         | 1.06          |

"We take the pressure off the trainers, so they don't have to do it," Schosberg said. "I'm a trainer; I know how busy they are."

Someone from the program will go to that horse's barn to get forms filled out and make sure wellness and lameness exams will be scheduled. Ultrasounds and x-rays

where their horse is sent. Take The Lead also makes a donation to help defray the cost of caring for the horse until he's placed.

"We want to make sure the horse has a bank account large enough to handle the time between him getting (to the af-

lion fees that can guarantee there's a fund there for these horses, like a giant pension fund," Schosberg said. "It's not as giant as we'd like it to be, but it's getting there."

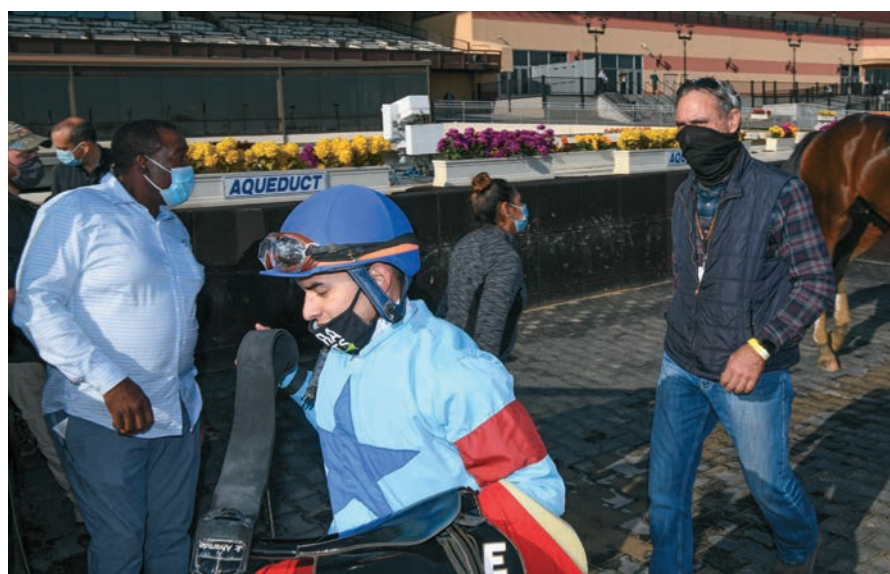
Given his eagerness to help with aftercare, it should not be surprising that earlier in the year, when COVID-19 hit New York City full bore and closed NYRA tracks for 80 days, one of the first and most reliable volunteers to line up to help combat the spread of coronavirus in the Belmont Park backstretch was Schosberg.

"He was handing out masks and thermometers and doing everything he could to help," Appelbaum said. "He was there the whole time."

Schosberg accepted the responsibility of being a godfather to the cluster of about four barns adjacent to his, making sure the necessary supplies were available and distributed to combat the spread of the disease.

"From mid-February, I was very involved in dealing with COVID-19, but it has been a huge team effort. I was so impressed that so many organizations from within and outside the industry were working together. There was a task force that met twice a day via conference call," Schosberg said. "Everybody worked together, and everybody had a job to do and they did it. They distributed masks, gloves, personal protective equipment, sanitizers, whatever was needed. The NYRA safety stewards have taken over distribution since we got back from Saratoga, but I was part of that process early on."

Through the help of organizations such as NYTHA, the New York Race Track Chaplaincy, and the Backstretch Employee Service Team, NYRA has been able to maintain an incredibly safe environment for its employees, horsemen, and backstretch community. Even with the recent spike in COVID-19 cases nationwide, as of Nov. 24 no backstretch workers were in quarantine due to the dreaded disease.



Schosberg, shown at Aqueduct, started on the NYTHA board in 2011

will be gathered. Then Take The Lead will contact a Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance approved facility, such as New Vocations and ReRun, to take the horse, retrain or rehabilitate him, and eventually place him in a safe home.

If you're wondering who does the bulk of all that work, just remember all those name plates on the door.

"There's a lot of work involved in retiring horses," Appelbaum said, "and if you know Rick, he doesn't do things as an executive. He does it hands-on. He's the one going to the barns, making sure horses are sound, getting them on a van at 4 a.m., and all the paperwork gets done."

Schosberg said Take The Lead is a free program, though owners are asked to make a donation to the aftercare facility

(tercare facility) and when he's adopted," said Schosberg, who relies on help from Belfiore, the organization's executive director, and Kristen Mason to handle all of the work Take The Lead entails. "A lot of the time it's more or less than they need, but we pick the numbers based on our knowledge of the horse and his physical condition."

A large portion of revenue for Take The Lead comes from a 1.5% assessment on all claims at NYRA tracks and per start fees, yet there's also a need for other creative revenue streams to keep the program afloat.

"We need a self-funded way to take care of these horses with a constant stream of funding, and we've come up with creative ways to do it through per-start fees, claiming assessments, registration fees, stal-

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|------|---|---------------|------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|-------|----------------------|-----------|------------|
| 1    | MR. SIDNEY (04, Storm Cat)                          | N/A           | 22/11      | 0/0           | 0/0              | (Mr. Alec, \$68,520)          | \$368,634     | *133  | 1                    | 1.08      | 1.61       |
| 2    | FRIEND OR FOE (07, Friends Lake), Smallwood Farm    | \$1,000       | 7/4        | 1/3           | 0/1              | (Mr. Buff, \$287,500)         | \$326,381     | 28    | 1                    | 2.35      | 1.56       |
| 3    | FIERCE WIND (05, Dixie Union)                       | N/A           | 8/4        | 0/0           | 0/0              | (Itsknownasthebern, \$34,713) | \$116,413     | 31    | 0                    | 0.60      | 0.36       |

## 2020 LEADING SIRES IN WEST VIRGINIA



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| Rank | Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands               | 2021 Stud Fee | Rnrs/ Wnrs | BT SWnrs/ Wns | Rstrct SW/ BT SW | (Chief Earner, Earnings)      | 2020 Earnings | Foals | Cumulative Stks Wnrs | A-E Index | Comp Index |
|------|---|---------------|------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|-------|----------------------|-----------|------------|
| 1    | FIBER SONDE (05, Unbridled's Song), Beau Ridge Farm               | \$1,000       | 94/51      | 8/12          | 8/8              | (Chief Randel, \$184,836)     | \$2,308,794   | 278   | 18                   | 1.34      | 0.80       |
| 2    | WINDSOR CASTLE (98, Lord Carson)                                  | N/A           | 74/34      | 0/0           | 0/0              | (Coach Rube, \$84,532)        | \$1,346,418   | 388   | 15                   | 1.00      | 1.00       |
| 3    | CHARITABLE MAN (06, Lemon Drop Kid)                               | Died, 2016    | 66/33      | 0/0           | 0/0              | (Charitable Spenny, \$66,820) | \$1,074,428   | 190   | 2                    | 0.84      | 1.03       |
| 4    | DESPITE THE ODDS (06, Speightsstown), Bybee Road Farm on Avonwood | \$1,500       | 48/25      | 0/0           | 0/0              | (Odd Gal, \$120,844)          | \$1,062,795   | 79    | 0                    | 1.05      | 1.20       |
| 5    | LIMEHOUSE (01, Grand Slam), O'Sullivan Farms                      | \$2,500       | 60/25      | 0/0           | 0/0              | (Lymebyrd, \$37,056)          | \$648,204     | *477  | 23                   | 1.11      | 1.12       |
| 6    | EXCLUSIVE QUALITY (03, Elusive Quality)                           | Died          | 44/24      | 0/0           | 0/0              | (Tomarie, \$74,692)           | \$575,459     | 352   | 7                    | 0.88      | 1.05       |
| 7    | MACHEN (08, Distorted Humor)                                      | N/A           | 34/18      | 0/0           | 0/0              | (Soul Machen, \$55,384)       | \$494,858     | 81    | 0                    | 0.65      | 0.76       |
| 8    | DENIS OF CORK (05, Harlan's Holiday), Taylor Mountain Farm        | \$750         | 29/14      | 0/0           | 0/0              | (Cameron Street, \$38,566)    | \$325,211     | *141  | 6                    | 0.70      | 1.01       |
| 9    | BULLSBAY (04, Tiznow), Pellinor Lane                              | \$1,500       | 26/4       | 0/0           | 0/0              | (Maythehorsewithu, \$52,275)  | \$240,136     | 110   | 3                    | 1.04      | 1.17       |
| 10   | SWISS YODELER (94, Eastern Echo)                                  | N/A           | 18/10      | 0/0           | 0/0              | (Alpine Moon, \$49,290)       | \$237,184     | 788   | 15                   | 0.96      | 1.02       |
| 11   | OFFICER ROCKET (GB) (04, Officer)                                 | Died, 2019    | 19/10      | 0/0           | 0/0              | (Officer Appeal, \$36,998)    | \$229,314     | 43    | 0                    | 0.71      | 0.63       |
| 12   | CAPO BASTONE (10, Street Boss), O'Sullivan Farms                  | \$2,000       | 19/9       | 0/0           | 0/0              | (Katzarelli, \$41,930)        | \$215,623     | 35    | 0                    | 0.85      | 1.26       |
| 13   | MASTER RICK (09, Master Command)                                  | N/A           | 10/7       | 0/0           | 0/0              | (J J Wedgit Man, \$52,968)    | \$205,669     | 26    | 0                    | 0.53      | 0.83       |
| 14   | GATTOPARDO (05, Johannesburg), O'Sullivan Farms                   | \$1,500       | 12/4       | 0/0           | 0/0              | (Unaquoi, \$65,672)           | \$178,625     | 38    | 1                    | 1.06      | 0.75       |
| 15   | JUBA (11, Tapit), Taylor Mountain Farm                            | \$1,500       | 10/4       | 1/1           | 1/1              | (Hopping Henry, \$52,570)     | \$169,351     | 24    | 1                    | 0.89      | 1.28       |

"It's been a tremendous effort battling COVID-19," Schosberg said. "If you look at our community, we have 1,600 people living and working here at Belmont Park, and it's like college dorm living. It took a lot of communication, a lot of testing to keep the number of COVID-19 cases so low, and I'm not taking any credit for it. It took a lot of hard work and cooperation from everyone and leadership from people like Dave O'Rourke (NYRA president and CEO) and Martin Panza (NYRA senior

vice president of racing operations) and Joe Appelbaum to keep people alive and safe. We prepared for hundreds to get sick, and we never got close to that."

Helping out with the COVID-19 battle only added to Schosberg's busy schedule that seems to stretch beyond the 24 hours in a day. He's also a member of the TAA board, and whenever NYTHA sends a team to Albany to lobby politicians and regulators, you can expect to find Schosberg there, exerting some of the political

expertise he learned from his late father, who was chief of staff for congressmen Richard Ottinger and Herman Badillo decades ago.

"He is involved in so much of what NYTHA does," said Belfiore, who works as project manager for the Mid-Atlantic Strategic Plan to Reduce Equine Fatalities.

Add in the long hours a trainer spends caring for his racehorses, and it raises some curiosity about the way Schosberg handles a vital part of human life that typically takes up about seven or eight hours per day.

"I don't think he has much time for sleeping," Belfiore said.

Oh, and if you believe Schosberg's plate is already filled to capacity, it should be pointed out that he also agreed to help his alma mater—and the racing industry—by joining the board of Cornell University's Harry M. Zweig Memorial Fund for Equine Research.

"When Rick told me he was joining the Cornell board, I told him, 'There goes the 20 minutes of sleep you get each night,'" Belfiore said. "But it's all a labor of love for him." **BH**

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Schosberg has also played a lead role in assisting during the COVID-19 pandemic