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R. Gary Patrick in between his wife, Cindy, and daughter, Cheyanna, at his 2023 induction into the Indiana Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association's Hall of Distinction

A Lifetime of Great Memories

OWNER/BREEDER/TRAINER R. GARY PATRICK REFLECTS ON A FULFILLING CAREER

By **JOE PEREZ**

MOST PEOPLE LOOK FORWARD TO retirement. Maybe it's the idea of travel or time with family.

But for longtime Indiana-based owner/breeder/trainer R. Gary Patrick, retirement doesn't sound like the preferred option.

"I'm going to see what it's like," Patrick said. "I don't know anything about fishing; I might fish a little bit. I'm not going to learn how to golf. I don't know how to do that at all."

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2023 LEADING SIRES IN ILLINOIS



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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2023 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2023 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Ghaaleb (08, Unbridled's Song), Wildwood Farm	Private	33/27	0/0	0/0	(W W Hotshot, \$142,970)	\$975,210	67	2	1.10	1.07
2	Forest Attack (04, Forestry)	N/A	36/15	0/0	0/0	(Man On Attack, \$64,671)	\$578,789	127	1	0.46	0.99
3	Three Hour Nap (02, Afternoon Deelites), Oak Tree Farm	\$1,000	18/10	0/0	0/0	(Tahoe Run, \$130,203)	\$389,361	70	2	0.89	1.29
4	King's Empire (09, Empire Maker)	Died, 2021	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Rainy Mountain, \$66,600)	\$169,902	15	0	0.75	0.53
5	Well Positioned (06, Awesome Again)	N/A	9/4	0/0	0/0	(Positiondumoni, \$48,100)	\$158,143	38	1	0.78	0.93
6	Country Be Gold (97, Summer Squall)	N/A	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Principants, \$116,137)	\$116,901	89	0	0.56	0.91
7	Road Ruler (02, Unbridled's Song), JB Stables	\$1,000	8/4	0/0	0/0	(Jolie Ruler, \$41,618)	\$108,486	135	0	0.74	0.69
8	El Medwar (04, Elusive Quality)	N/A	5/3	0/0	0/0	(The Last Fact, \$38,111)	\$102,085	24	0	0.78	1.13
9	Risk and Return (11, Kitten's Joy)	N/A	3/0	0/0	0/0	(A P Blazing Green, \$49,220)	\$60,519	9	0	0.34	0.24
10	Drill Sergeant (09, Awesome Again), Cahokia Farm(708)	\$1,500	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Miss Mia, \$26,916)	\$40,836	4	0	0.49	0.23
11	Guest Star (08, Storm Cat), Cutsinger Stallion Station	\$500	2/2	0/0	0/0	(Guest in My Heart, \$24,101)	\$31,582	11	0	0.27	0.90
12	Arcade (09, Tale of the Cat), Smokey Creek Farm	\$500	3/1	0/0	0/0	(You're in Corey, \$19,549)	\$30,163	9	0	0.53	0.38
13	Soul of Ekati (07, Perfect Soul), Christopher Fromm	\$1,000	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Thacker Fromm, \$10,238)	\$26,112	9	0	0.22	0.27
14	Ameriheart (06, Lion Heart)	Died, 2018	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Miss Kitty Pie, \$17,900)	\$25,692	5	0	0.38	0.02
15	Alluvial (02, Forestry)	Died, 2022	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Delta Lady, \$17,647)	\$18,561	140	0	0.50	0.90

* includes Southern Hemisphere foals



Patrick accepts the trophy after No More Fake News, whom he bred, owned, and trained, won the 2022 ITOBA Stallion Season Fillies Stakes at Horseshoe Indianapolis

What Patrick knows—and loves—are his horses.

At 76 and having been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease four years ago, it is becoming more difficult to handle his duties on his farms in Indiana and Florida. Plus, he's had difficulty finding people committed to working on the farms. If there was going to be a time to step away, it seems to be at hand.

He used to shoe his horses; now

that's just not possible.

"That's really tough when a guy is as active as I've been. So far I'm still walking and I still talk, but the pain levels are pretty high sometimes in your legs. And your hands don't work like they used to," he acknowledged.

At one time Patrick's operations included more than 100 horses; now his stable numbers 11 plus 11 barrel horses. As he moves toward retirement, Patrick plans to sell those as

early as the January Ocala Breeders' Sales' Winter Mixed Sale and Horses of Racing Age Sale.

"I'm kind of shook up; just thinking about quitting bothers me," Patrick said as his voice trembled, reflecting the gravity of this turning point in his life.

Sitting alongside his wife, Cindy, and daughter Cheyanna, Patrick reminisced about the joys of his career and the challenges that they've overcome along the way. Those include:

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2023 LEADING SIRES IN INDIANA



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							2023 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Mor Spirit (13, Eskendereya), Swifty Farms	To Be Announced	121/46	1/1	1/1	(Velocitor, \$221,936)	\$2,511,634	182	1	0.78	1.01
2	Unbridled Express (04, Unbridled's Song), Swifty Farms	\$1,500	33/18	0/0	0/0	(Corona Grande, \$129,735)	\$808,744	110	10	1.35	0.97
3	Harry's Holiday (11, Harlan's Holiday), Breakway Farm	\$7,500	36/17	0/0	0/0	(Wildcatjustice, \$110,950)	\$775,840	60	2	1.11	0.85
4	Forever d'Oro (13, Medaglia d'Oro), Breakway Farm	\$2,000	19/13	0/0	0/0	(Itzforever, \$244,150)	\$767,240	21	1	1.11	0.86
5	Ready's Image (05, More Than Ready)	Died, 2022	30/14	1/1	0/1	(Shasta Star, \$130,300)	\$742,846	*427	10	0.82	1.04
6	Lantana Mob (05, Posse), Breakway Farm	\$1,500	20/10	0/0	0/0	(Doubledogjustice, \$239,480)	\$645,912	90	5	0.94	1.07
7	Skylord (08, Sky Mesa), Breakway Farm	\$2,500	28/11	0/0	0/0	(Zappinit, \$107,410)	\$596,184	88	3	0.87	0.83
8	Prayer for Relief (08, Jump Start), R Star Stallions	\$3,000	21/11	0/0	0/0	(Berea, \$56,315)	\$406,593	37	0	0.71	1.02
9	Turbo Compressor (08, Halo's Image), Breakway Farm	\$2,500	16/7	0/0	0/0	(Mr Chaos, \$120,980)	\$309,723	65	4	0.84	0.98
10	Ice Box (07, Pulpit), Indiana Stallion Station	\$1,000	11/4	0/0	0/0	(Cool Quartet, \$125,965)	\$297,041	302	2	0.61	0.93
11	Baryshnikov (06, Empire Maker), Davidson Farm	N/A	12/7	0/0	0/0	(Second Exchange, \$52,298)	\$263,337	32	1	0.77	0.73
12	Victor's Cry (05, Street Cry), Holden Farm	\$25,000	19/8	0/0	0/0	(Lilmiss Sassypants, \$39,742)	\$244,419	147	2	0.86	1.10
13	Csaba (09, Kitten's Joy)	N/A	9/4	0/0	0/0	(Riveting Spirit, \$95,160)	\$232,863	50	0	0.40	0.96
14	General a Rod (11, Roman Ruler)	N/A	8/5	0/0	0/0	(Hobnobin General, \$76,560)	\$218,289	10	0	0.87	1.01
15	Pataky Kid (10, Rockport Harbor), Swifty Farms	\$2,000	4/3	1/1	1/1	(The Kid Pataky, \$87,410)	\$216,742	15	2	1.78	1.04
16	Dowsing (JPN) (13, Deep Impact), Holden Farm	\$25,000	10/4	0/0	0/0	(Sargent Hulka, \$76,445)	\$209,077	36	0	0.45	0.57
17	Elnaawi (10, Street Sense), Indiana Stallion Station	\$2,500	13/5	0/0	0/0	(Juancho, \$45,565)	\$203,357	24	0	0.43	0.50
18	Taprise (13, Tapit)	N/A	15/3	1/1	1/1	(Cringe, \$89,005)	\$200,199	35	1	0.30	0.95
19	Santiva (08, Giant's Causeway), Indiana Stallion Station	Private	12/5	0/0	0/0	(Jeopardy Theory, \$69,920)	\$173,351	30	1	0.91	1.15
20	Storm's Eye (06, Storm Cat)	N/A	6/3	0/0	0/0	(C. J's Storm, \$76,542)	\$164,910	21	0	0.78	0.83

* includes Southern Hemisphere foals

• In May 2023, Cindy, who is an avid barrel racer, suffered a stroke at a rodeo in Oklahoma. She spent time at a hospital in Oklahoma City before returning home to Indiana. Struggling to recover, she was sent to the Cleveland Clinic, where she improved. Patrick said, "I thought we were going to lose her."

• In 2003, Cindy broke her back riding one of Patrick's horses when a bandage came off and the horse stepped on the bandage, causing it to flip. He said doctors gave Cindy a 10% chance of walking again. She also had a blood clot in her aorta.

• In 1983, a fire burned down Patrick's barn and he lost all but four horses that he rode out of the burning barn.

"There's been some times that were tough, but it's just been a great career," he said.

No matter what happened, Patrick just kept going. He said it's hard to explain other than that he loves his horses.

Cheyanna, who was a jockey before beginning a career as an attorney, pointed to one of the more intoxicating elements of the sport, something anyone involved with racing can identify with.

"I think you love winning, Dad. You love the feeling when you win," she said.

The ups and downs as well as the health concerns are enough to make



Patrick and his daughter, Cheyanna, who won 74 races during her career as a jockey until her retirement in 2018. She is now an attorney

anyone desire a slower, more relaxed pace. Patrick doesn't have anything else to prove. The accomplishments are there.

As a trainer, he's got nearly 19,000 starters with more than 2,000 firsts, seconds, and thirds. Patrick, the owner, has more than 6,000 starters. And combined, more than \$30 million in earnings.

He doesn't have any classic or Breeders' Cup winners but that's not why he ever got into the business.

MAKING HIS START

Patrick started as a rodeo cowboy until he was approached with an offer to break 28 Thoroughbred horses in 1967. He traded payment in exchange



Patrick, wearing his ubiquitous purple shirt, in the Thistledown winner's circle after reaching a training milestone of 2,000 winners with Sashenka in 2017

2023 LEADING SIRES IN IOWA



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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2023 Stud Fee	Rnrs/Wnrs	BT SWnrs/Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2023 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Anchor Down (11, Tapit), Iowa State University Horse Farm	\$3,000	65/33	1/1	0/1	(Ibn Toulon, \$264,000)	\$2,060,415	122	1	0.99	1.07
2	Free Drop Billy (15, Union Rags), Iowa State University	N/A	62/18	1/1	1/1	(Free and Humble, \$102,880)	\$891,810	97	1	0.57	1.13
3	Stroll (00, Pulpit), Iowa State University Horse Farm	\$2,000	47/19	0/0	0/0	(Inca Stroll, \$57,651)	\$784,475	*397	18	0.97	1.18
4	Native Ruler (04, Elusive Quality)	N/A	20/9	0/0	0/0	(Leapin Ty Man, \$53,089)	\$424,654	85	1	0.87	0.77
5	Woke Up Dreamin (00, Holy Bull)	N/A	22/10	0/0	0/0	(Dot Com Dreamin, \$58,061)	\$356,701	219	5	0.73	0.85
6	Formidable (05, Sky Mesa)	Died, 2020	13/8	0/0	0/0	(Demidanu, \$136,830)	\$332,547	27	1	0.88	0.71
7	Sing Baby Sing (03, Unbridled's Song)	N/A	12/8	0/0	0/0	(Angel's Melody, \$55,253)	\$237,955	121	4	0.59	0.82
8	Spaniard (06, Candy Ride), Bryant Thoroughbreds	\$1,500	6/6	0/0	0/0	(Gimbala, \$32,413)	\$122,260	58	0	0.81	1.31
9	Kirkendahl (02, Menifee)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Nummy Num, \$13,626)	\$17,386	34	0	0.19	0.44
10	D Mac (06, More Than Ready)	N/A	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Two Socks Mac, \$7,191)	\$7,191	3	0	0.20	0.40
11	Launch Commander (09, Master Command)	N/A	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Audibility, \$1,204)	\$1,204	5	0	0.26	0.73

2023 LEADING SIRES IN MICHIGAN

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2023 Stud Fee	Rnrs/Wnrs	BT SWnrs/Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2023 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Unbridled Energy (02, Unbridled's Song), Hubel Farms	Private	27/12	0/0	0/0	(S S Spartan Energy, \$49,485)	\$363,387	*302	5	0.78	1.04
2	Elusive Hour (00, Elusive Quality)	N/A	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Turning Pages, \$63,586)	\$124,562	103	4	0.69	0.72
3	Gun Power (97, Unbridled)	N/A	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Peach Bellini, \$1,409)	\$1,409	60	0	0.45	0.68

2023 LEADING SIRES IN MINNESOTA

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2023 Stud Fee	Rnrs/Wnrs	BT SWnrs/Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2023 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Liaison (09, Indian Charlie), Boehlke Farm	\$1,000	73/31	0/0	0/0	(Alliaceo, \$75,670)	\$1,091,771	368	3	0.68	1.07
2	Kela (98, Numerous)	N/A	14/9	0/0	0/0	(Lila's Lucky Lady, \$47,893)	\$226,662	*298	4	0.90	0.89
3	Sam Lord's Castle (98, Carson City)	Pnsd	2/2	1/1	1/1	(Sir Sterling, \$90,425)	\$117,915	52	1	0.61	0.75
4	Westover Wildcat (07, Forest Wildcat)	N/A	11/3	0/0	0/0	(Westons Wildcat, \$39,765)	\$83,119	27	0	0.43	0.54
5	Eye of the Leopard (06, A.P. Indy)	Pnsd	13/3	0/0	0/0	(Eye of the Panther, \$22,870)	\$71,921	61	1	0.54	1.62
6	Matt's Broken Vow (05, Broken Vow)	N/A	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Broken Promises, \$27,206)	\$53,721	70	0	0.44	0.71
7	Ford Every Stream (99, Seeking the Gold)	N/A	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Sunshine Fever, \$27,740)	\$27,740	159	1	0.53	0.77
8	Timber Legend (99, Storm Cat)	Died, 2023	4/0	0/0	0/0	(Gabriel's Legend, \$8,118)	\$13,798	73	1	0.41	0.45
9	Magic Cat (95, Storm Cat)	N/A	3/1	0/0	0/0	(She Glitters, \$3,477)	\$6,017	282	10	0.60	0.87
10	Classy Gent (01, Gone West)	N/A	3/0	0/0	0/0	(Fly With Class, \$3,050)	\$5,967	11	0	0.06	0.26

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for two of the horses and was given two more. Patrick took those horses to River Downs, which is now called Belterra Park in Cincinnati.

New to being a trainer, he put his horses into claiming races, not knowing what the conditions were, and lost two that were claimed. Back then, he said, horses could be claimed for as little as \$1,500. He took out a loan from a local bank and claimed two horses to

make up for the two that were claimed. His path in life had been established.

Making the lean toward retirement tougher is that Patrick hasn't lost his touch. He has a few horses that he's excited about, and it was just 2022 that one of his trainees, a horse he bred and owned, Indiana-bred No More Fake News, won the biggest purse in Patrick's career. The Lady Fog Horn Stakes carried a \$200,000 purse.

Over the years, some horses brought immeasurable joy. One more than all the others.

There was a John Nerud homebred called Gene that Patrick bought for \$150. According to Patrick, Gene won more races (16) than any other horse in 1988. Gene went 16-3-2 from 24 starts that year. Gene was featured on the television show "That's Incredible" and on the July 1, 1988, edition

“YOU CAN NEVER WIN IF YOU GIVE UP. ... YOU ARE GOING TO GO THROUGH TIMES THAT ARE TOUGH. YOU’RE GONNA GET A FEW TIMES THAT ARE TOUGH, YOU KNOW? AND YOU JUST DON’T GIVE UP. KEEP TRYING. KEEP WORKING AND THINGS USUALLY TURN AROUND.”

—OWNER/BREEDER/TRAINER R. GARY PATRICK

2023 LEADING SIRES IN NEBRASKA



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									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Court Vision (05, Gulch), Pryor Ranch	\$2,500	76/29	0/0	0/0	(Decision Maker, \$77,105)	\$1,195,396	*421	9	1.07	1.22
2	Global Power (08, Pulpit), Morningstar Stables	Private	18/9	0/0	0/0	(Oklahoma Joe, \$109,992)	\$532,350	28	1	0.80	0.88
3	El Caballo (04, El Corredor), Rogers Ranch	Private	8/6	0/0	0/0	(Rainbow Dash, \$66,848)	\$214,746	40	0	0.54	0.61
4	Shadow Hawk (99, Mr. Prospector)	N/A	9/4	0/0	0/0	(R Voo's Taboo, \$38,759)	\$111,324	112	0	0.58	0.62
5	Gold Schleiger (06, Lemon Drop Kid)	N/A	6/5	0/0	0/0	(P R Odds Setter, \$31,665)	\$103,303	50	0	0.29	0.76
6	Loveofthegame (05, Sky Mesa)	N/A	8/4	0/0	0/0	(Yayasgotmoregame, \$22,072)	\$42,876	21	0	0.27	0.43
7	Sports Talk (11, Grand Slam), Cox Livestock	\$1,000	2/1	0/0	0/0	(J Ps Harley Glider, \$20,813)	\$20,813	16	0	0.09	0.26
8	Sexy Cowboy (04, Orientate)	N/A	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Want to Be Cowboy, \$3,641)	\$3,641	14	0	0.31	0.42

2023 LEADING SIRES IN NORTH DAKOTA

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2023 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2023 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Royal Challenger (03, Touch Gold)	N/A	10/3	0/0	0/0	(Liam's Starry Nite, \$23,395)	\$48,443	35	0	0.12	0.26
2	Baseball Card Kid (06, Vindication), DeMontigny Ranch	\$500	6/1	0/0	0/0	(Tricky Kid, \$9,875)	\$12,240	40	0	0.09	0.10
3	Captain Bodgit (94, Saint Ballado)	Died, 2019	3/0	0/0	0/0	(Give Em Shade, \$3,892)	\$4,352	438	11	0.72	1.10

2023 LEADING SIRES IN OHIO

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2023 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2023 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Dominus (08, Smart Strike), Duncan Farms	Private	80/43	4/5	2/4	(Candlelight Hours, \$237,590)	\$2,383,125	282	13	1.16	1.06
2	Sky Kingdom (09, Empire Maker)	N/A	59/37	0/0	0/0	(Doctor Abbie, \$140,706)	\$1,885,523	135	1	0.97	0.86
3	National Flag (15, Speightstown), Blazing Meadows Farm at Meander Creek	\$1,500	28/24	0/0	0/0	(Shadowy, \$110,700)	\$1,170,144	34	0	1.14	1.05
4	Texas Red (12, Afleet Alex), Buckeye Stallion Station	\$3,000	66/24	0/0	0/0	(Red Hot Lass, \$99,046)	\$902,609	128	1	0.61	1.00
5	Mobil (00, Langfuhr), Duncan Farms	\$2,000	37/17	1/1	1/1	(Near Perfect, \$101,460)	\$847,329	*237	8	1.24	1.21
6	Danza (11, Street Boss)	Died, 2021	51/24	0/0	0/0	(Steely Danza, \$90,090)	\$831,990	178	2	0.66	0.88
7	Fort Larned (08, E Dubai), Duncan Farms	\$2,000	48/18	0/0	0/0	(Indy Again, \$77,520)	\$800,063	*221	3	0.80	1.14
8	Itsmyluckyday (10, Lawyer Ron), Maro Veterinary Services	\$2,000	53/27	0/0	0/0	(Lucky Streak, \$58,228)	\$716,912	217	3	0.88	1.02
9	Drill (09, Lawyer Ron), Raimonde Farms	\$2,000	33/15	0/0	0/0	(Dancing On My Own, \$100,214)	\$535,048	132	1	0.77	0.99
10	Corfu (11, Malibu Moon), Duncan Farms	\$2,000	12/8	0/0	0/0	(Flashing Diamond, \$118,190)	\$515,131	57	0	1.05	0.84
11	Tidal Volume (06, Tapit), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$2,000	22/10	0/0	0/0	(Dew It With Style, \$53,242)	\$448,890	97	0	0.65	0.79
12	Twinspired (08, Harlan's Holiday), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$2,500	12/9	0/0	0/0	(Nebulosa, \$61,687)	\$304,878	48	4	1.10	0.71
13	City Weekend (02, Carson City)	Pnsd	13/8	0/0	0/0	(Smoocher, \$54,132)	\$301,118	133	2	0.72	0.94
14	William's Kitten (07, Kitten's Joy), Diamond Eyes Farm	Private	15/6	0/0	0/0	(Perfectingtheview, \$50,718)	\$299,560	33	1	0.82	0.75
15	Dark Kestrel (03, Stormy Atlantic), Dave Treharne Training Center	Private	10/5	0/0	0/0	(Kichi Kitsu, \$149,324)	\$297,848	36	1	1.46	1.46
16	Biondetti (08, Bernardini), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$2,000	15/8	1/1	1/1	(Twisted Justice, \$79,621)	\$288,760	159	3	0.71	1.16
17	Western Pride (98, Way West)	Died, 2020	14/8	0/0	0/0	(Shanghai Prince, \$55,850)	\$285,887	147	0	0.59	0.98
18	Notional (04, In Excess), White Farms	\$1,250	23/7	0/0	0/0	(Smart N Intuitive, \$61,409)	\$270,162	386	7	0.72	1.03
19	Kiss the Kid (03, Lemon Drop Kid)	Died, 2020	8/6	0/0	0/0	(Susie's Kid, \$61,824)	\$226,815	66	1	1.25	1.35
20	Rivers Run Deep (11, Ready's Image), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$2,000	9/5	0/0	0/0	(In Troubled Waters, \$66,798)	\$215,865	18	0	0.74	0.66

* includes Southern Hemisphere foals

of ABC Evening News when National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association's Hall of Famer Dick Schapp interviewed Patrick and Nerud.

Gene, who was by Fappiano and out of the Native Charger mare Sioux City Su, retired in 1991 with a 27-11-7 mark in 61 starts and \$90,672 in earnings, which in today's dollars would be more than \$200,000.

Gene was more than a racehorse; he was family.

"That ol' horse meant so much to me. Even after retiring him, we took him with us," Patrick said. "In the summer, when we'd go to, say, Atlantic City, or any track, I always took him. He just seemed to be so happy to be with us."

Gene is buried at the Patricks' Florida farm.

ROYALTY BY COLOR

Patrick's rodeo roots are still in existence today, making it easy to spot him at the track.

Casey Tibbs, who is one of the greatest bronc riders, became known for more than his nine championships. His trademark purple shirt left an indelible impression on Patrick.

"I don't have another color shirt to wear: purple, long-sleeve shirt, with snaps," Patrick said.

Even when it came time to figure out his racing silks, Patrick initially didn't know what direction to go.

But he asked someone what color silks were used by trainer Hoss Inman, who had more than his fair share of success. The answer should have been obvious: purple.

Making those all the more personal was that Cindy made the silks.

The horses Patrick trained were usually his own; he said if they were someone else's horses that person was a close friend and he would charge little, sometimes nothing, to train.

Ask him what his greatest accomplishment would be, and it isn't the wins or the biggest purse. As anyone who spends 30 seconds speaking with Gary Patrick figures out, it's about family.

In 2015 at Horseshoe Indianapolis,

2023 LEADING SIRES IN CANADA

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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2023 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2023 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Speightster (12, Speightstown)	Died	244/124	4/5	1/4	(Hot and Sultry, \$428,500)	\$7,181,444	406	12	1.09	1.14
2	Point of Entry (08, Dynaformer), Adena Springs North	\$7,500	110/56	1/2	0/1	(Highestdistinction, \$305,340)	\$3,469,456	*376	17	1.25	1.51
3	Fed Biz (09, Giant's Causeway), HIGHFIELD	\$4,500	146/71	2/2	0/2	(Front Run the Fed, \$173,723)	\$3,068,619	*420	13	0.96	1.19
4	Souper Speedy (09, Indian Charlie), T. C. Westmeath Stud Farm	\$5,000	104/57	5/5	4/5	(Rapid Test, \$142,231)	\$3,016,093	243	12	1.59	1.39
5	Mohaymen (13, Tapit), Northern Dawn Stables	\$5,000	96/48	2/4	0/2	(Elm Drive, \$288,500)	\$2,686,031	*139	3	0.98	1.16
6	Silent Name (JPN) (02, Sunday Silence), Adena Springs North	\$10,000	83/41	3/4	3/3	(Silent Reserve, \$162,206)	\$2,429,412	*547	37	1.46	1.23
7	Reload (09, Hard Spun), Northern Dawn Stables	\$4,000	73/43	4/6	2/4	(Patches O'Houlihan, \$301,882)	\$2,343,903	139	5	1.43	1.29
8	Shaman Ghost (12, Ghostzapper), Adena Springs North	\$7,500	87/42	2/2	2/2	(Ghost Hero, \$217,778)	\$1,905,077	132	4	0.93	1.09
9	Society's Chairman (03, Not Impossible)	N/A	57/31	2/3	2/2	(Paramount Prince, \$566,568)	\$1,843,842	177	9	1.51	1.30
10	Old Forester (01, Forestry), T. C. Westmeath Stud Farm	\$4,000	74/37	2/2	2/2	(Rockcrest, \$109,505)	\$1,581,738	558	24	1.37	1.37
11	Tamarkuz (10, Speightstown), Ballycroy Bloodstock	\$4,000	63/25	1/1	0/1	(Two Rivers Over, \$301,950)	\$1,402,354	*114	2	0.77	1.04
12	Frac Daddy (10, Scat Daddy), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	\$3,000	56/23	2/2	2/2	(Daddysruby, \$172,014)	\$1,394,554	132	4	1.19	1.16
13	Big Screen (09, Speightstown), Spring Farm	\$3,000	36/16	0/0	0/0	(Cruden Bay, \$180,352)	\$918,714	83	3	0.97	1.26
14	Ami's Holiday (11, Harlan's Holiday), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	\$4,000	36/20	1/1	1/1	(Lantana Lady, \$138,851)	\$843,162	71	2	1.04	1.13
15	Signature Red (06, Bernstein), Adena Springs North	\$5,000	25/14	0/0	0/0	(Cara Cara, \$97,721)	\$597,348	123	9	1.33	1.05
16	Bakken (10, Distorted Humor), Stoneridge Farm	\$2,500	39/22	1/2	0/1	(Floral, \$57,639)	\$578,449	82	4	0.78	0.91
17	Gamble's Exchange (11, Exchange Rate), Shady Maple Stables	Private	10/7	0/0	0/0	(Mason's Gamble, \$110,443)	\$455,254	16	2	1.90	0.97
18	Sungold (02, A.P. Indy), Flying Horse Farm	\$2,500	22/13	2/5	0/2	(Infinite Patience, \$126,027)	\$442,829	110	11	0.84	1.00
19	Danish Dynaformer (12, Dynaformer), Humber Stables	\$2,500	17/7	1/1	1/1	(War Painter, \$110,689)	\$402,720	34	1	1.14	0.70
20	Not Bourbon (05, Not Impossible), Flying Horse Farm	\$2,500	21/8	0/0	0/0	(Hemlo Gold, \$69,524)	\$394,430	144	2	0.98	1.21
21	Milwaukee Brew (97, Wild Again)	Pnsd	20/10	0/0	0/0	(Lady Moonshine, \$71,044)	\$389,515	*651	25	1.14	1.34
22	Counterforce (13, Smart Strike), Road's End Farm	\$2,000	16/10	1/2	0/1	(Air Force, \$97,921)	\$373,653	24	2	1.08	0.74
23	Lent (10, Pulpit), Emerald Acres	\$2,000	25/10	2/3	1/2	(Lizzie's Rayne, \$92,749)	\$356,698	65	5	0.69	0.69
24	Amis Gizmo (13, Giant Gizmo), T.C. Westmeath Stud Farm	\$4,000	14/9	1/1	1/1	(Zippy Gizmo, \$80,915)	\$353,997	20	1	1.07	1.49
25	Rookie Sensation (10, Unbridled's Song)	Pnsd	12/6	0/0	0/0	(There's No Joe, \$96,917)	\$313,248	42	0	0.90	1.22
26	Perfect Timber (09, Perfect Soul), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	\$2,500	13/4	0/0	0/0	(Fortyfiveseventy, \$73,639)	\$309,739	25	1	1.43	1.62
27	Silver Max (09, Badge of Silver)	Pnsd	18/8	0/0	0/0	(Lois, \$41,425)	\$292,353	64	0	1.09	1.54
28	Where's the Ring (99, Seeking the Gold)	N/A	20/10	0/0	0/0	(One More Ring, \$46,712)	\$279,259	385	9	1.22	1.28
29	Ami's Flatter (12, Flatter), T.C. Westmeath Stud Farm	Private	11/6	0/0	0/0	(Rockin Roller, \$115,058)	\$272,769	15	0	1.21	1.02
30	Nonios (09, Pleasantly Perfect), Dunroven Farm	\$1,250	19/7	0/0	0/0	(Alacritous, \$52,757)	\$247,343	56	0	0.63	0.77

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then Indiana Grand, Gary was the leading trainer, Cindy was the leading owner, and Cheyanna was the top apprentice jockey.

THE HORSES AND COMPETING

Close your eyes and imagine what a mom-and-pop horse racing operation looks like. What your mind's eye envisions is Gary and Cindy Patrick. They are as close to a textbook definition of mom and pop.

As anyone knows, being the little guy comes with pros and cons. But he's never thought about what it would be like if he had more money or if he was on a level playing field as the bigger operations. Patrick isn't one for feeling sorry for himself or for getting caught up in what-ifs.

He only knows one way: forward.

"(He) never worried about what the big operations were doing," said Cheyanna. "(He) said, 'Watch how little money I can spend getting this horse ready and do just as good as these big-timers who are spending all the money.'"



"So far I'm still walking and I still talk, but the pain levels are pretty high sometimes in your legs. And your hands don't work like they used to," Patrick said of living with Parkinson's disease

Early in 2023, Patrick was inducted into the Indiana Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association's Hall of Distinction. In that speech, Patrick drove

home the point of "never give up.

"You can never win if you give up. ... You are going to go through times that are tough. You're gonna get a few times that are tough, you know? And you just don't give up. Keep trying. Keep working and things usually turn around," he said.

Whether the sun is setting on this chapter of his career or if he finds there is more to be written on and around the track, giving up will never be part of Patrick's DNA. Retirement won't mean stopping moving; he plans to emphasize taking care of himself as his battle with Parkinson's continues.

With retirement on the horizon, Patrick has allowed himself to think about what he and Cindy will do with their time. He'd like to attend the Calgary Stampede rodeo in Canada and return to Cheyenne Frontier Days, a rodeo in Wyoming.

But the notion of retirement has also allowed him to reflect on his career.

"It's been fun, it's really been fun," he said. **BH**

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