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Howard Belvoir wows them in Washington

BY JACK SHINAR

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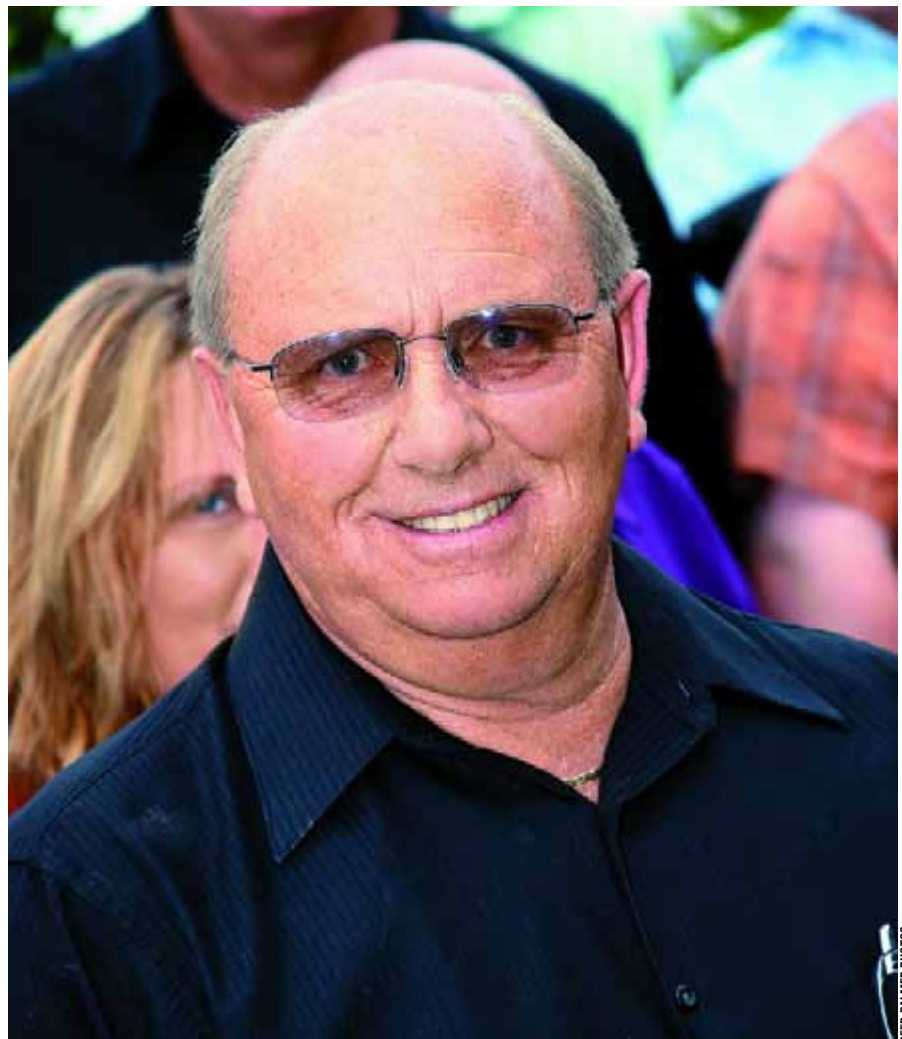
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Recognition in the Thoroughbred industry comes slowly, if at all, for a horseman who plies his trade in the great Northwest. But for Howard Belvoir—a trainer, owner, and breeder who got his start in the business as a kid in Vancouver, B.C., more than 50 years ago—2009 was a very good year, and the accolades have followed.

Belvoir received a “Special Achievement Award” from the Washington Thoroughbred Breeders’ Association after winning Washington’s most prestigious race, the grade III Longacres Mile, for the first time in 2008 with Wasserman, a horse he bred, owns, and trains.

The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders’ Association followed suit, naming him its national Small Breeder of the Year.

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Howard Belvoir is the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders' Association's national small breeder of 2008

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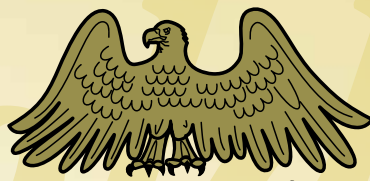
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Rank	Stallion (Foaling Year, Sire), Farm Standing	2010 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2009 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	UNUSUAL HEAT (90, Nureyev), Old English Rancho	N/A	141/75	9/12	6/9	(The Usual Q. T., \$498,670)	\$5,184,194	*419	24	2.17	1.06
2	SILIG (FR) (95, Sillery), Getaway Thoroughbred Farm	\$3,500	40/16	1/3	0/1	(Gladiatorus, \$3,297,720)	\$3,729,857	*116	1	1.07	0.96
3	BENCHMARK (91, Alydar), River Edge Farm	\$4,000	174/92	5/7	2/5	(Grazen, \$245,000)	\$3,006,436	499	26	1.33	1.20
4	STORMIN FEVER (94, Storm Cat), Golden Eagle Farm	\$5,000	160/72	3/4	0/3	(Biofuel, \$305,436)	\$2,612,483	*537	24	1.23	1.51
5	IN EXCESS (IRE) (87, Siberian Express), Vessels Stallion Farm	\$12,500	131/69	7/14	0/7	(Ez Dreamer, \$217,900)	\$2,484,901	841	60	1.80	1.47
6	SALT LAKE (89, Deputy Minister), Golden Eagle Farm	\$5,000	134/86	2/6	1/2	(Nicks, \$130,742)	\$2,476,786	*1116	48	1.46	1.43
7	KAFWAIN (00, Cherokee Run), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds	\$5,000	120/66	4/7	0/4	(Don't Forget Gil, \$240,972)	\$2,465,203	241	9	1.16	1.36
8	DEPUTY COMMANDER (94, Deputy Minister), Ballena Vista Farm	Died, 2009	160/73	2/5	0/2	(Shawanaga, \$148,275)	\$2,307,708	*540	23	1.27	1.67
9	BERTRANDO (89, Skywalker), River Edge Farm	\$8,000	134/60	3/4	2/3	(Liberian Freighter, \$191,000)	\$2,253,244	844	50	1.44	1.60
10	OLD TOPPER (95, Gilded Time), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds	\$3,000	141/85	3/5	1/3	(Shifty Time, \$92,877)	\$1,860,691	351	13	1.07	0.92
11	SEA OF SECRETS (95, Storm Cat), Ballena Vista Farm	\$3,000	143/76	2/2	1/2	(Hermosillo, \$150,420)	\$1,841,792	*309	17	1.01	1.11
12	SWISS YOVELER (94, Eastern Echo), Harris Farms	\$6,000	159/80	1/1	0/1	(Yodelen Dan, \$116,320)	\$1,827,098	542	20	1.13	1.07
13	TRIBAL RULE (96, Storm Cat), River Edge Farm	\$6,000	67/39	4/5	2/4	(George Boy, \$255,000)	\$1,718,952	155	12	1.61	1.11
14	LIT DE JUSTICE (90, El Gran Senor), Magali Farms	N/A	94/44	4/5	2/4	(Bestdressed, \$167,528)	\$1,511,585	375	21	1.32	1.19
15	HIGH BRITE (84, Best Turn), Harris Farms	\$5,000	102/54	0/0	0/0	(Enriched, \$186,160)	\$1,327,642	*870	44	1.07	1.20
16	LORD CARSON (92, Carson City)	Died, 2005	76/41	3/3	3/3	(You Lift Me Up, \$160,537)	\$1,269,280	464	27	1.17	1.31
17	BIRDONTHEWIRE (89, Proud Birdie), Madera Thoroughbreds	\$3,500	32/15	1/2	0/1	(It's a Bird, \$911,100)	\$1,219,608	*235	9	1.32	1.42
18	CEE'S TIZZY (87, Relaunch), Harris Farms	\$6,000	86/48	2/2	1/2	(Cost of Freedom, \$222,953)	\$1,210,591	673	38	1.74	1.18
19	VALID WAGER (92, Valid Appeal)	Died, 2007	106/58	2/3	1/2	(U R All That I Am, \$134,810)	\$1,204,581	490	18	1.08	1.25
20	ATTICUS (92, Nureyev), Magali Farms	\$4,000	83/30	2/3	0/2	(Strawberry Tart, \$181,745)	\$1,202,233	375	11	1.15	1.59
21	FORMAL GOLD (93, Black Tie Affair), Rancho San Miguel	\$2,500	93/45	1/1	0/1	(Semaphore Man, \$136,394)	\$1,170,994	383	19	1.26	1.47
22	DECARCHY (97, Distant View), Magali Farms	\$4,000	69/39	1/1	0/1	(Sourdough Sam, \$95,000)	\$1,142,209	133	3	1.04	1.05
23	TEN MOST WANTED (00, Deputy Commander), Magali Farms	\$4,000	67/36	0/0	0/0	(Karakorum Fugitive, \$142,190)	\$1,003,800	110	0	0.65	1.29
24	SIBERIAN SUMMER (89, Siberian Express), Victory Rose Thoroughbreds	\$3,500	78/38	1/1	0/1	(Surf Town, \$96,100)	\$948,896	338	11	1.05	0.90
25	BEAU GENIUS (85, Bold Ruckus), Ballena Vista Farm	N/A	80/34	2/3	1/2	(Niner Genius, \$95,824)	\$789,131	*727	39	1.22	1.19
26	ONE MAN ARMY (94, Roman Diplomat), KingsWay Farm	N/A	24/12	3/4	1/3	(M One Rifle, \$378,572)	\$783,973	62	4	1.50	0.91
27	COMIC STRIP (95, Red Ransom), Rancho San Miguel	\$1,500	76/38	1/1	0/1	(Monstrip, \$72,260)	\$754,505	258	9	0.80	1.21
28	MUQTARIB (96, Gone West), Victory Rose Thoroughbreds	N/A	63/25	2/4	0/2	(Devoted Magic, \$175,540)	\$741,773	*256	4	0.61	0.94
29	ROAR (93, Forty Niner)	Died, 2008	71/32	1/1	0/1	(Orphan Brigade, \$94,249)	\$732,832	*613	17	1.53	1.40
30	PERFECT MANDATE (96, Gone West), Old English Rancho	\$7,500	49/30	1/1	1/1	(Run Brother Ron, \$88,100)	\$697,170	198	10	1.06	1.29
31	MARINO MARINI (00, Storm Cat), Rancho San Miguel	\$3,500	47/20	2/2	0/2	(Shudacadawudya, \$79,136)	\$669,554	98	2	0.86	1.11
32	REDATTORE (BRZ) (95, Roi Normand), Harris Farms	\$2,500	33/18	1/6	1/1	(Compani, \$212,640)	\$666,646	*198	1	1.05	1.22
33	HIGH DEMAND (97, Danzig)	N/A	31/16	1/2	0/1	(Tommy Danziger, \$221,858)	\$660,891	98	1	1.00	1.29
34	FLAME THROWER (98, Saint Ballado), Oak Hill Farm	\$3,500	51/24	0/0	0/0	(Hickory Gray, \$53,340)	\$635,127	144	1	0.86	1.11
35	GAME PLAN (93, Danzig), E. A. Ranches	N/A	67/33	1/2	0/1	(Highland Games, \$69,696)	\$634,831	330	22	0.89	0.84
36	CRAFTY C. T. (98, Crafty Prospector), Windfall Farms	\$5,000	31/19	0/0	0/0	(Dapper Devil, \$71,490)	\$612,113	*74	1	0.91	0.95
37	BEHRENS (94, Pleasant Colony), Victory Rose Thoroughbreds	\$4,000	61/22	0/0	0/0	(Weggie, \$81,405)	\$576,187	182	0	0.61	1.53
38	POTEEEN (94, Irish River), Old English Rancho	\$1,500	27/12	1/1	0/1	(Star Nicholas, \$186,366)	\$564,014	71	3	0.88	0.80
39	RIO VERDE (92, Nureyev), Lovacres Ranch	N/A	65/31	0/0	0/0	(Grace Upon Grace, \$77,170)	\$560,744	215	3	0.61	0.85
40	FREESPOOL (96, Geiger Counter), Special T Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	62/28	0/0	0/0	(Reel Danger, \$52,225)	\$557,438	128	1	0.50	0.83
41	KELLY KIP (94, Kipper Kelly), Vinewood Farms	\$4,000	27/13	1/1	1/1	(Olde Glamour, \$154,299)	\$517,714	104	2	1.15	1.03
42	GENERAL MEETING (88, Seattle Slew)	Died, 2006	33/16	2/4	0/2	(Century Park, \$177,296)	\$494,850	*471	34	1.89	1.60
43	BARTOK (IRE) (91, Fairy King)	N/A	46/16	0/0	0/0	(Warren's Appeal, \$80,520)	\$480,868	201	7	1.10	0.93
44	MUD ROUTE (94, Strawberry Road), Special T Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	44/20	0/0	0/0	(Our Road Scholar, \$53,910)	\$470,574	235	6	0.85	0.96
45	RICHLI BLENDED (98, Rizzi)	Died, 2006	41/20	1/1	0/1	(Ultra Blend, \$119,922)	\$436,254	117	2	0.76	0.81
46	DIXIE DOT COM (95, Dixie Brass)	Died, 2007	48/27	0/0	0/0	(Dixie Magic, \$61,620)	\$428,684	111	1	0.64	1.14
47	FREE HOUSE (94, Smokester)	Died, 2004	30/14	0/0	0/0	(Spinning Yarns, \$111,284)	\$408,438	181	5	0.99	1.56
48	GOTHAM CITY (98, Saint Ballado), Applebite Farms	\$2,000	34/20	0/0	0/0	(The Bat Signal, \$71,480)	\$402,632	87	0	0.86	1.01
49	GLOBALIZE (97, Summer Squall), Victory Rose Thoroughbreds	\$4,000	41/24	0/0	0/0	(Karmalize, \$33,508)	\$402,534	97	1	0.79	0.80
50	WESTERN FAME (92, Gone West), Applebite Farms	\$2,500	42/20	0/0	0/0	(Western Act, \$37,519)	\$384,788	254	13	0.96	0.83
51	♯ SOUTHERN IMAGE (00, Halo's Image), Rancho San Miguel	\$5,000	39/15	0/0	0/0	(Privileged, \$53,838)	\$378,927	*121	0	0.61	1.60
52	MOMENTUM (98, Nureyev), Vessels Stallion Farm	\$5,000	41/14	0/0	0/0	(Catsalot, \$134,720)	\$376,635	79	0	0.57	1.10
53	ILLINOIS STORM (93, Storm Cat), Ponzo Equine Center	N/A	42/14	0/0	0/0	(Shadow of Illinois, \$184,760)	\$373,578	184	3	0.68	1.01
54	SMOKESTER (88, Never Tabled)	Died, 2005	32/15	0/0	0/0	(Angus, \$92,964)	\$373,190	403	12	1.39	1.26
55	ALYMAGIC (86, Alydar), Daehling Ranch	\$1,000	21/6	0/0	0/0	(Phantom Ali, \$91,840)	\$371,535	84	0	0.71	0.80
56	ROYAL CAT (96, Storm Cat), Old English Rancho	\$2,000	38/17	0/0	0/0	(Sidepocket Cat, \$41,360)	\$355,039	123	0	0.60	1.07
57	IRON CAT (95, Storm Cat), Oak Hill Farm	\$2,500	29/16	0/0	0/0	(Newport Lulu, \$63,329)	\$337,489	106	3	1.01	0.94
58	CAPSIZED (96, Summer Squall), Oak Hill Farm	N/A	43/16	0/0	0/0	(Nitro Active, \$88,808)	\$331,452	77	0	0.60	0.82
59	FLYING CONTINENTAL (86, Flying Paster)	Died, 2004	43/13	0/0	0/0	(Lupita'sluckyangel, \$96,072)	\$312,244	493	23	0.93	1.09
60	ROMAN DANCER (99, Polish Numbers), Cottonwood Creek Ranch	N/A	17/9	1/1	1/1	(Camille C, \$154,021)	\$305,519	37	2	0.86	1.06
61	OLYMPIO (88, Naskra), Victory Rose Thoroughbreds	\$4,000	32/14	2/2	0/2	(Kalookan Dancer, \$75,462)	\$280,559	*480	30	1.14	1.35
62	RHYTHM (87, Mr. Prospector)	Died, 2007	28/14	0/0	0/0	(Bad Sneakers, \$40,941)	\$258,051	*820	11	1.27	1.17
63	POPULAR (99, Saint Ballado), Cottonwood Creek Ranch	N/A	17/7	0/0	0/0	(Adonia, \$53,560)	\$255,339	27	0	0.89	1.04
64	NINELEVEN (93, Phone Trick), Lovacres Ranch	N/A	31/13	1/1	0/1	(Call Aly, \$25,860)	\$225,595	116	5	0.65	0.76
65	SNOWBOUND (95, Meadowlake), Burns Ranch	N/A	51/25	1/3	0/1	(Sun City, \$35,328)	\$223,419	292	14	0.40	0.45
66	TRUCKEE (92, Danzig), Oak Hill Farm	\$1,500	25/7	1/2	0/1	(Napili Point, \$75,708)	\$222,093	142	5	0.71	0.78
67	SUANCES (GB) (97, Most Welcome), Rancho Temescal	\$3,500	9/4	1/1	1/1	(Feisty Suances, \$123,908)	\$221,258	34	1	1.61	1.67
68	RAINBOW BLUES (IRE) (93, Bluebird), Applebite Farms	N/A	22/11	0/0	0/0	(Tudor Blue, \$93,780)	\$217,032	74	1	0.72	1.16
69	STORMY JACK (97, Bertrando), Harris Farms	\$2,500	29/11	0/0	0/0	(Daylight Storm, \$72,400)	\$203,403	60	1	1.05	0.68
70	TANNERSMYMAN (98, Lord Carson), Woodbridge Farm	\$2,500	15/4	1/1	0/1	(Autism Awareness, \$145,078)	\$200,081	40	1	1.19	0.78

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- *Sire of 17 stakes horses in 2009, including Graded SW WHIRLIE BERTIE (\$205,449), and CA Stakes Winner SHEM (\$260,086), posted his 3rd straight win on 1/2/10 at Golden Gate.*
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1	MATTY G (93, Capote), El Dorado Farms	\$3,500	129/57	1/3	0/1	(Greenspirit, \$102,100)	\$1,366,582	*365	11	0.94	1.06
2	TRIBUNAL (97, Deputy Minister)	Died, 2008	81/50	4/9	0/4	(Tribal Belle, \$329,358)	\$1,283,475	153	8	0.87	0.81
3	PARKER'S STORM CAT (00, Storm Cat), Gibson Thoroughbred Farm	\$1,700	71/38	0/0	0/0	(Pagan Cat, \$65,819)	\$922,571	*147	1	0.77	1.27
4	SLEWDLEDO (81, Seattle Slew)	Died, 2006	95/46	1/4	0/1	(Ladyledue, \$97,010)	\$870,893	705	42	0.72	0.62
5	HE'S TOPS (93, Seattle Slew), Woodstead Farm	\$2,500	73/35	2/2	1/2	(Reba Is Tops, \$136,352)	\$710,153	236	10	0.58	0.67
6	YOU AND I (91, Kris S.), Woodstead Farm	\$2,500	71/33	0/0	0/0	(Talkin to Mom Roo, \$128,786)	\$662,430	*450	16	1.20	1.45
7	CAHILL ROAD (88, Fappiano), El Dorado Farms	\$3,500	87/32	2/1	1/2	(Wasserman, \$76,400)	\$600,898	*543	29	1.08	1.22
8	PETERSBURG (86, Danzig)	Died, 2006	45/26	2/2	1/2	(Midwesterner, \$66,840)	\$413,304	333	22	0.68	0.58
9	MATRICULE (94, A.P. Indy), Allaire Farms	\$1,500	44/23	2/3	1/2	(Quinalt, \$59,131)	\$367,205	159	3	0.36	0.51
10	FREE AT LAST (89, Wild Again), El Dorado Farms	\$1,500	60/23	1/1	1/1	(Have'n a Wild Time, \$41,190)	\$365,052	387	23	0.59	0.78
11	KATOWICE (87, Danzig), Woodstead Farm	\$1,250	35/16	2/3	0/2	(Dandy Dora, \$59,292)	\$356,538	366	18	0.85	1.05
12	TRAIL CITY (93, Red Ransom)	Died, 2008	32/14	0/0	0/0	(Trail Mix, \$72,040)	\$312,548	124	4	0.79	1.02
13	LIBERTY GOLD (94, Crafty Prospector), El Dorado Farms	\$2,000	48/30	2/3	1/2	(Peaceful Reign, \$64,025)	\$309,237	132	4	0.39	0.67
14	DELINEATOR (91, Storm Cat), Woodstead Farm	\$2,000	35/18	0/0	0/0	(Chickasaw Park, \$45,373)	\$304,309	254	15	0.70	0.91
15	FLYING WITH EAGLES (94, Skywalker), Lucky Acres Farm	\$1,500	16/7	3/4	0/3	(Gadget Queen, \$131,834)	\$283,211	69	5	0.55	0.90

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"I'd prefer to have my own if I could," he said, "because I don't have nobody to answer to but myself."

Oh, yeah, and he took his first vacation in decades. That, too, was courtesy of the Washington breeders' group.

Appreciative of the honors and gratified to become the first trainer to capture back-to-back Longacres Miles since Laurie Anderson in 1982-83, the 65-year-old Belvoir

doesn't make a big deal out of it.

"It's been a lucky year for me," he said.

He'd just as soon talk about the vacation—actually two of them—that he won at the WTBA meeting in February.

"They had three drawings for trips," he recalled of the gathering that he attended with his partner in life, Vicki Potter, who works part-time at Emerald Downs. They bought 20-25 tickets at \$5 apiece and amazingly won both a Breeders' Cup trip to Santa Anita and a week in Cabo San Lucas.

Just lucky? Well, maybe, he said with a laugh. "My nephew (general manager Duane Belvoir) is the head of the (WTBA), and his daughter was drawing the tickets, too. So it was quite a deal."

There was sadness as well during the year for Belvoir. In February he lost older brother Clarence, who died of heart failure

at age 67. Clarence, like Howard, spent his life in racing—as a groom, starting gate attendant, trainer, and jockey's agent—before finding his calling in the horse transportation business. Then, while Howard was vacationing in Mexico in December, his mother, Evelyn, 89, died in the family's hometown of Payette, Idaho.

His father, Bob, a former car salesman now in his 90s, was responsible for getting his son involved with Thoroughbreds.

He bought a racehorse through a local horseman, Herb Taylor, and sent it to Taylor's sons to train in Vancouver, and 13-year-old Howard Belvoir soon followed. It was the Taylor boys—twins Troy and Roy and brother J.D.—who taught him to train and care for horses as they made the racing circuit of Portland, Seattle, Spokane, and Vancouver.

Belvoir still considers the Taylor broth-



Wasserman's victory in the 2008 Longacres Mile was the first for Belvoir, right, who bred, owns, and trains the winner





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1	POLISH MINER (97, Danzig), Bar C Racing Stables	\$1,000	59/32	0/0	0/0	(Polish Smile, \$113,754)	\$1,130,844	116	0	0.98	1.08
2	GRINDSTONE (93, Unbridled), Oakhurst Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	64/24	1/1	1/1	(Allsarott, \$74,630)	\$588,906	*417	16	1.24	1.65
3	HARBOR THE GOLD (01, Seeking the Gold), Bar C Racing Stables	\$3,000	22/13	3/7	0/3	(Koala Beach, \$92,843)	\$366,669	39	5	0.89	0.54
4	SOFT GOLD (BRZ) (92, Fast Gold), Bar C Racing Stables	\$1,000	38/20	0/0	0/0	(Otisisgold, \$31,854)	\$298,049	120	7	0.97	0.96
5	BAQUERO (95, Forty Niner), Oakhurst Thoroughbreds	\$1,000	34/17	3/5	1/3	(Jimbos Fire Ant, \$28,134)	\$181,322	173	14	0.33	0.51
6	SEATTLE SHAMUS (99, Seattle Slew)	Died, 2007	39/17	3/4	1/3	(Smoken Sham, \$26,042)	\$173,648	74	3	0.29	0.76
7	I'MADRIFTER (98, Slewledo)	Died, 2006	13/6	0/0	0/0	(Griffinstown, \$44,376)	\$121,724	16	0	0.56	0.52
8	CASCADIAN (96, Seattle Slew), Bar C Racing Stables	\$1,000	23/12	0/0	0/0	(Seven Torrents, \$18,196)	\$116,811	104	5	0.36	0.68
9	MAKALEHA (87, Never Tabled), Cal Palm Thoroughbreds	\$650	20/7	0/0	0/0	(In Transit, \$15,782)	\$114,554	117	1	0.58	0.60
10	EX MARKS THE COP (95, In Excess), Beckner Farm	\$1,500	27/16	2/2	1/2	(My Date Rayann, \$19,173)	\$104,864	80	2	0.25	0.29

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ers the biggest influences on his life, and he married their sister, Mary. (They later divorced.) Troy Taylor is the top trainer at Hastings Park in Vancouver.

"I was a groom, hot walker, whatever," Belvoir recalled. "I worked with them in the summer, then came back to school each September. I'd never had a horse before and I'd always wanted one."

Born May 13, 1944, in Iola, Kansas, Belvoir moved with his family to Idaho and graduated from Payette High School in 1962. He spent one semester at what was

then Boise Junior College, "but I decided I didn't like that," he said.

Instead, Belvoir headed to Exhibition Park in Vancouver, where he took out his first training license.

One year later, in 1964, he relocated to Longacres, where he remained based until the track was shuttered in 1992. He has maintained his year-round residence in the Seattle area, making seasonal racing forays to the San Francisco Bay Area over the years, and lives with Potter in Auburn, about three miles from Emerald Downs.

2009 California Sires By Winners

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Benchmark.....	174.....	92
Salt Lake.....	134.....	86
Old Topper.....	141.....	85
Swiss Yodeler.....	159.....	80
Sea of Secrets.....	143.....	76
Unusual Heat.....	141.....	75
Deputy Commander.....	160.....	73
Stormin Fever.....	160.....	72
In Excess (IRE).....	131.....	69
Kafwain.....	120.....	66
Bertrando.....	134.....	60
Valid Wager.....	106.....	58
High Brite.....	102.....	54
Cee's Tizzy.....	86.....	48
Formal Gold.....	93.....	45
Lit de Justice.....	94.....	44
Lord Carson.....	76.....	41
Decarchy.....	69.....	39
Tribal Rule.....	67.....	39
Siberian Summer.....	78.....	38
Comic Strip.....	76.....	38
Ten Most Wanted.....	67.....	36
Beau Genius.....	80.....	34
Game Plan.....	67.....	33
Roar.....	71.....	32
Rio Verde.....	65.....	31
Atticus.....	83.....	30
Perfect Mandate.....	49.....	30
Freespool.....	62.....	28
Dixie Dot Com.....	48.....	27
Muqtarib.....	63.....	25
Snowbound.....	51.....	25

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- #3 By 2009 West-Region Bred Earnings
- #5 By 2009 Earnings, with \$2,484,901

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1	#1 CAUSEUR MINE (02, Giant's Causeway), Outback Stallion Station/Tree Top Ranches	\$750	6/2	1/2	0/1	(Our Minesweeper, \$97,249)	\$107,408	31	1	1.12	0.38
2	TAVASCO (97, Tabasco Cat), Lawson Ranch	\$2,000	7/6	0/0	0/0	(Salsa Express, \$31,380)	\$91,472	32	2	0.82	0.58
3	FABULOUS FROLIC (91, Green Dancer), Cliff Schvaneveldt Farm	\$1,200	16/6	0/0	0/0	(Smooth Tango, \$25,064)	\$87,538	172	2	0.46	0.93
4	KINGS BLOOD (IRE) (95, Fairy King), Sutherland Farm	\$1,000	17/5	1/2	0/1	(Northern Blood, \$19,801)	\$64,361	88	1	0.31	0.51
5	REVERSAL (97, Gone West), Treasure Ranch	\$2,000	13/6	0/0	0/0	(Goinvest, \$14,290)	\$55,668	46	2	0.52	1.30

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Potter works part-time in group sales at the track when she isn't teaching at a West Seattle High School.

The Belvoir family is in its third genera-

tion of racing. Eldest son Heath calls charts for *Daily Racing Form*, Belvoir said. Vann was the leading jockey at Emerald Downs when the track opened in 1996 and con-

tinued to ride in Northern California and elsewhere before becoming a trainer and eventually returning to Emerald Downs in 2008. Last year he finished third in the standings with 54 wins and a 26% win rate. Youngest son Clay, who works for Boeing Co., has owned horses.

"You have to love it," Belvoir said. "You see trainers and the people who are in the racehorse business; it's like a circus, I always say, because you see circus families, and they've been in it forever. Once it gets into your blood, it's very hard to get out."

That would also apply to his extended family around the barn. His chief assistant, Jennifer Whitaker, is also his main rider, both in the mornings and during the race programs. It's an unusual arrangement, but one that has worked to the barn's benefit. Whitaker, who ranks ninth in all-time wins at Emerald Downs with 353, became the first female to take the Longacres Mile when she guided Wasserman to his come-



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Old Topper	3	5
Bertrando	3	4
One Man Army	3	4
Lord Carson	3	3
Stormin Fever	3	3
Deputy Commander	2	5
General Meeting	2	4
Salt Lake	2	4
Atticus	2	3
Beau Genius	2	3
Valid Wager	2	3
Cee's Tizzy	2	2
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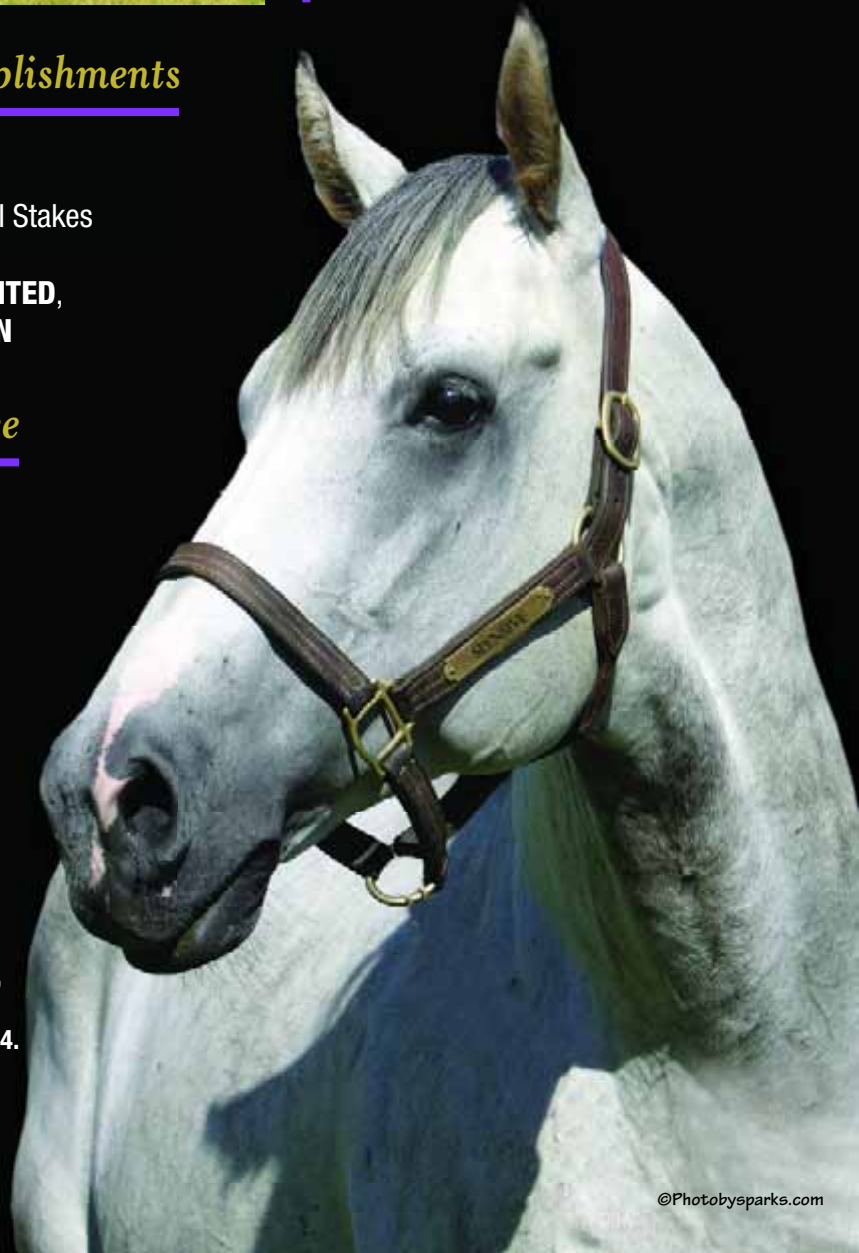
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1	WILD ESCAPADE (92, Wild Again)	N/A	20/9	0/0	0/0	(Melodic Escapade, \$50,170)	\$192,885	170	1	0.86	0.92
2	MI SELECTO (85, Explodent)	N/A	24/5	0/0	0/0	(Some Quick, \$57,524)	\$118,231	*427	7	0.80	1.02
3	HOLY MOUNTAIN (91, Devil's Bag)	N/A	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Holy Elegance, \$26,950)	\$60,476	109	2	0.59	0.93
4	VIA LOMBARDA (IRE) (92, Shardari), Burch Farm	\$800	14/2	0/0	0/0	(Via Tahoe, \$8,932)	\$46,571	85	1	0.50	0.71
5	PISTOLS AND ROSES (89, Darn That Alarm), W.R. Thoroughbreds	\$1,000	11/2	0/0	0/0	(Havpistolwiltravel, \$7,983)	\$24,903	154	4	0.62	0.93

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from-behind 2008 triumph.

Whitaker has been with Belvoir for 20 years, staying on even after a nine-year relationship with Vann ended.

"I can't replace her," Belvoir said. "She's there every morning, and she works hard. We have a few different opinions but that's all right. She works all my horses, and she's very knowledgeable. If she says there's something wrong somewhere (with a horse) and you can't find it, you'd better look a little harder. She's kind of like a daughter to me."

Intimidated by him initially, Whitaker said she now regards Howard as a father figure. "I was 20 or so and I spent a lot of time with him while Vann was riding horses. I felt like I could talk to him, and he would give me advice."

So even after she and Vann broke up, she never considered leaving the barn. "We argue like family, but we both know we are there for each other. We have each other's back."

Whitaker said she knows Howard was thrilled when she won the Longacres Mile with Wasserman, "but he doesn't show a lot of emotion. I can't explain what win-

"Every day I go to a job I love for somebody that I love."

JENNIFER WHITAKER

ning something like that meant to me, especially to win it for Howard."

Afterward, they kidded each other about winning the race. "If he teases you, it's because he really likes you," she said. "We're kind of the same in that sense. The next day we were back to work like any other day. But it was so exciting."

Whitaker, who will be 39 this year, has some back problems. She can't do as much as she once did, though she still enjoys riding in the mornings. In March 2007, she had a bad fall when a horse she was on broke a shoulder. She tore three tendons in her wrist. So now she and Belvoir often consult about which horses she'll ride and which ones she won't.

Of working for Belvoir, she added, "Every day I go to a job I love for somebody that I love."

Redemption in the Longacres Mile was a long time coming before Wasserman won it. Belvoir's first horse in the race, top sprinter Red Eye Express, finished second in 1974, and victory had eluded him since. A nine-time stakes winner owned by his longtime clients, Teresa and Harley Hoppe, Red Eye Express won 22 of 68 starts between 1971-76 and earned \$160,356. The first good horse he conditioned, Red Eye Express remains Belvoir's favorite.

"He's a fine man and an excellent trainer," said Harley Hoppe, who also co-owned multiple stakes winner Seattles Best Joe and, more recently, 2007 Emerald Downs Derby winner Mulcahy. "We've had a lot of fun over the years."

Software developer Ray Loftis, with a small group of friends, began as a novice, but has claimed and raced horses trained by Belvoir as a one-horse outfit for 20 years. "Barely knew what a trainer was," he said.

What he appreciates is Belvoir's patience with horses. "His favorite thing is working with young horses. It doesn't matter the level, he spends as much time with the cheaper horses as he will with the top ones in his barn."

Wasserman, who just turned 8, is a sturdy bay gelding by Cahill Road out of Belvoir's 18-year-old mare Share the Knight, by Knight's Choice. Share the Knight, one of nine mares he has at various locations (he sold his small farm in Enumclaw as part of his divorce), has been a solid producer with seven winners from eight to race. Belvoir will roll out a 2-year-old full brother to Wasserman named Wazzy later this year, and he has a yearling full brother waiting in the wings.

"Wazzy looks just like (Wasserman)," Belvoir noted. "If you were cloning horses, he would be a clone. The other's a chestnut. I don't know where he come out of. But he's a chestnut with a lot of white on him."

A six-time stakes winner, Wasserman has raced 47 times in his five seasons so far with 10 victories and earnings of



Jennifer Whitaker, also Belvoir's assistant, is the first female jockey to win the Longacres Mile

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Progeny earnings are over \$9.4 million, \$1.8 million in 2009 of which 2-year-olds are responsible for \$513,000.

\$518,549. He's named for Dr. Peter Wasserman, a now-retired Seattle oncologist who successfully treated Potter for breast cancer several years ago.

"She just fell in love with him," Belvoir said. "So she says, 'can we name a horse after Dr. Wasserman' and I said 'sure.' The only argument that we had was that I wanted to name him 'Doctor' and she didn't. She likes one-word names because you always see those horses win the Breeders' Cup. If you think about it, it's probably right, too.

"He's a very popular horse," Belvoir added. "We call him a payroll horse or a ditch digger. He'll keep running until he can't go no more."

Belvoir said he spent most of the \$137,500 earned for the Longacres Mile victory buying Washington-bred colts "trying to help the breeding business here.

"I'm all for keeping the money home and building up our own industry," he added. His complaint about the \$300,000 purse for the race is that it usually goes to a California trainer and, therefore, does nothing for the local horse economy.

Although the Longacres Mile win qualified Wasserman for the \$1-million Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile, he didn't go because of the high nomination fees. Assessment, though, was headed for Santa Anita after his Mile win in August. But he chipped an ankle bone slightly in a workout and had to be removed from consideration.

Owned by Diane and Lou Tice, the 6-year-old Assessment is expected to return to action this season.

"It was just the tiniest chip," said Lou Tice, who, along with his wife, is the founder and director of the Pacific Institute, which specializes in the development of the human mind for helping people reach their potential. "Howard knew there was something wrong, but you couldn't tell. There was no heat in there, no swelling. It didn't even show up on the X-rays the first time. Most guys would have just



Belvoir is the patriarch of a family immersed in racing in the Northwest

pushed on, but not Howard. Eventually they found it. Loyalty, I'd say, is what I admire most about Howard. You've got to go with his judgment on things."

Loyalty around the barn has been a Belvoir tradition, said Vann Belvoir, who was 5 or 6 when he began coming to the track with his father. He added that his father has also lightened up in his later years.

"Dad was a lot more serious (before)," Vann Belvoir said. "I think as you get older you realize life is too short to get too cranked up about things. Loyalty is a really big thing with him. He's really good to his crew, and he's got guys who have worked for him for many, many years. He's always been good about finding jobs for grooms. If it meant buying a horse in order to keep a groom's job, I believe he'd do it."

Belvoir has also been a racing office's delight over the years, according to Em-

erald Downs' publicist Vince Bruun. He led the meet in 2009 with 331 starters at the 90-day stand and can help fill a card in just about every classification. He ranks third at Emerald Downs in victories with 465 from 3,288 starts, and his \$4,818,542 in purse earnings ranks fourth all-time. He has won 26 stakes there.

According to Equibase statistics from 1976 through 2009, Belvoir won 1,551 races from 12,397 starters with total purse earnings of more than \$15.5 million.

One of Belvoir's major concerns is keeping enough good help around. Since 9/11, the crackdown on employing illegal immigrants makes it more difficult to get people who are willing to do the job, especially as it is seasonal. Workers who return home often have a difficult time getting back, he said. Keeping help is one of the reasons he doesn't take winters off.

"I guess I'm a job maker 'cause I try to keep my help going all the time," he noted.

The worker situation and costs in general forced Belvoir to cut back his fall/winter operation this year in the Bay Area, where he has operated for decades. He expects to pull out completely soon in favor of making occasional trips south for the right spot.

Belvoir returned to Portland Meadows this season with 14 horses for the first time in quite a while, he said. He ranked fourth behind runaway leader Jerry Hollendorfer in the trainer standings as of Jan. 4.

But when Emerald Downs resumes racing in April, Belvoir will be there. "I don't miss any races here," he said. "Every race, no matter whether I've got a horse in it or not, the first to last. They have to about kick me out." 🐾

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Strive.....	23	4	1	1	\$109,870
Singletary.....	32	12	3	0	\$87,521
Our New Recruit.....	13	5	2	0	\$72,627
Terrell.....	27	9	3	0	\$47,207
Calkins Road.....	5	3	2	0	\$45,354
Supah Blitz.....	13	5	1	0	\$44,345
Trapper.....	8	3	3	0	\$37,025
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