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Mike Jester's Penn Ridge Farms is booming

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One of Mike Jester's most vivid memories of an afternoon spent at the racetrack occurred April 14, 1977, a day he decided to visit Garden State Park in Cherry Hill, N.J.

In mid-afternoon, after being invited into the second-story jockeys' room by a friend, Jester noticed a haze in the air and the acrid smell of smoke. He alerted a security guard, and from there word spread that the entire grandstand, which had opened in 1942 during the height of World War II raw material rationing and had been constructed nearly entirely of wood, was on fire.

As flames consumed the grandstand, riders and valets escaped the jockeys' room through the windows, throwing down equipment and hanging on to ladders and fire hoses. Eventually, the Colonial-style racetrack, built by developer Eugene Mori, burned nearly to the ground.



Mike Jester has quickly developed Penn Ridge into a top breeding facility in Pennsylvania

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								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	JUMP START (99, A.P. Indy), Ghost Ridge Farms	\$10,000	166/102	8/12	1/8	(Rail Trip, \$742,790)	\$4,493,326	291	18	1.52	1.44
2	HONOUR AND GLORY (93, Relaunch), Ghost Ridge Farms	\$6,500	210/107	3/8	1/3	(Nadeshiko, \$176,109)	\$2,894,122	*1623	40	1.11	1.52
3	CAT THIEF (96, Storm Cat), Penn Ridge Farms	\$5,000	150/85	4/7	0/4	(Thethiefatmidnight, \$130,752)	\$2,717,211	*353	14	1.26	1.78
4	WISEMAN'S FERRY (99, Hennessy), Dana Point Farm	\$3,500	115/72	1/1	1/1	(Swilly Ferry, \$340,717)	\$2,341,497	*172	4	1.23	1.07
5	PARTNER'S HERO (94, Danzig), Northview PA	\$2,000	111/48	4/5	1/4	(Heros Reward, \$158,530)	\$2,184,318	347	17	1.33	1.42
6	DELAWARE TOWNSHIP (96, Notebook), Penn Ridge Farms	\$2,500	114/67	2/4	0/2	(Victorina, \$151,053)	\$2,129,191	218	6	1.21	1.33
7	GREATNESS (99, Mr. Prospector), Ghost Ridge Farms	\$5,000	67/43	0/0	0/0	(Red Leader, \$130,664)	\$1,763,086	101	1	1.34	1.08
8	TRUST N LUCK (00, Montbrook), Penn Ridge Farms	\$2,000	76/43	2/6	1/2	(Trust Or Bust, \$321,186)	\$1,741,975	*145	4	1.09	1.25
9	ALBERT THE GREAT (97, Go for Gin), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$3,500	79/39	2/2	1/2	(Albertus Maximus, \$420,000)	\$1,503,620	*225	5	1.30	1.20
10	SNOW RIDGE (98, Tabasco Cat), Regal Heir Farm	\$5,000	102/50	1/1	0/1	(Bebob, \$75,898)	\$1,386,607	208	5	1.05	1.27
11	LITE THE FUSE (91, Buckaroo), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$3,500	97/34	2/3	1/2	(Going Ballistic, \$158,330)	\$1,327,739	432	22	1.31	1.24
12	WHEATON (90, Alydar)	Died, 2006	51/25	2/9	1/2	(Russell Road, \$476,295)	\$1,314,135	326	14	1.31	1.07
13	SMOOTH JAZZ (99, Storm Boot), Ghost Ridge Farms	\$3,500	47/26	1/1	0/1	(Smooth Air, \$380,000)	\$1,125,420	82	1	1.57	1.09
14	REAL QUIET (95, Quiet American), Penn Ridge Farms	\$6,000	81/36	0/0	0/0	(Quiet Again, \$124,850)	\$1,107,063	*439	12	1.23	1.27
15	LIDO PALACE (CH) (97, Rich Man's Gold), Northview PA	\$3,000	67/33	1/1	0/1	(Vineyard Haven, \$282,500)	\$982,674	121	2	0.98	1.39
16	ACTION THIS DAY (01, Kris S.), Dana Point Farm	\$3,500	84/39	0/0	0/0	(Jules J, \$48,156)	\$850,916	133	1	0.59	1.45
17	CHANGEIN THEWEATHER (99, Gone West), Xanthus Farms	\$3,000	49/28	0/0	0/0	(Run for Shelter, \$68,925)	\$722,042	88	1	0.93	1.21
18	COASTAL STORM (99, Storm Cat), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$2,500	28/10	1/2	1/1	(Coastal Solace, \$209,470)	\$612,674	102	3	1.20	0.86
19	SIPHON (BRZ) (91, Itajara), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$3,500	66/20	1/1	1/1	(Hurley's Way, \$99,264)	\$610,915	*514	14	1.01	1.61
20	♯ MEDALLIST (01, Touch Gold), Northview PA	\$4,000	25/8	1/3	1/1	(lbboyyee, \$355,048)	\$582,859	54	1	1.52	1.58
21	EAVESDROPPER (00, Kingmambo), Walmac Pennsylvania at Regal Heir Farm	\$5,000	55/20	0/0	0/0	(Hear No Angel, \$63,000)	\$543,670	*95	0	0.58	1.05
22	ALEX'S PAL (99, Valid Expectations), Ghost Ridge Farms	\$2,000	30/18	0/0	0/0	(Koka Kola Kitty, \$67,635)	\$516,979	50	0	0.91	0.97
23	DUCKHORN (97, Not For Love), Xanthus Farms	\$2,000	32/12	0/0	0/0	(Sweet Sugar, \$85,300)	\$444,505	72	0	0.84	0.88
24	WILL'S WAY (93, Easy Goer)	N/A	24/15	0/0	0/0	(Reflected Way, \$95,554)	\$432,992	189	5	1.18	1.09
25	POWER BY FAR (95, Power of Mind), Castle Rock Farm	\$2,000	24/10	0/0	0/0	(Xtra Power, \$72,020)	\$413,107	73	1	1.36	1.24
26	HARRY THE HAT (89, Seattle Slew), Castle Rock Farm	\$1,000	17/6	2/2	2/2	(Neeyo, \$106,320)	\$359,958	131	5	1.12	0.82
27	ACTIVIST (94, Wild Again), Godstone Farm	\$1,500	18/4	1/2	1/1	(St John's Gospel, \$116,385)	\$324,629	78	3	1.17	0.77
28	KNOCKADOON (92, Dixieland Band), Justplain Farm	N/A	18/7	0/0	0/0	(Neatoknock, \$82,020)	\$307,756	73	0	1.15	1.12
29	FLYING CHEVRON (92, Carson City)	Died, 2007	32/12	0/0	0/0	(Eddie C., \$63,896)	\$286,428	158	7	1.21	1.16
30	FASTNESS (IRE) (90, Rousillon), Timber Ridge Farm	\$4,000	26/9	0/0	0/0	(Raiders Fan, \$70,260)	\$280,718	194	3	0.88	1.08

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The then-22-year-old Jester, who left the raging inferno unharmed, was credited in the local Cherry Hill newspaper the next day as having sounded that first alarm that helped save many lives.

Now, many years later, Jester has fired up Pennsylvania's breeding industry with the creation in 2007 of a brand-new facil-

ity, Penn Ridge Farms, near Harrisburg. There, five grade I-winning stallions are set to hold court for the 2010 breeding season, including champion and 2007 leading Pennsylvania sire Real Quiet.

The farm is currently near capacity with broodmares, which have come from across the country to take advantage of Pennsyl-

vania's lucrative breeding program. In just two breeding seasons Penn Ridge has established itself as one of the finest in the state, in many ways an extraordinary accomplishment, considering it was born during one of the most severe economic downturns since the Great Depression.

Jester's life has taken many divergent



Five grade I winners will stand this year at scenic Penn Ridge near Harrisburg

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Honour and Glory	210	107
Jump Start	166	102
Cat Thief	150	85
Wiseman's Ferry	115	72
Delaware Township	114	67
Snow Ridge	102	50
Partner's Hero	111	48
Trust N Luck	76	43
Greatness	67	43
Action This Day	84	39
Albert the Great	79	39
Real Quiet	81	36
Lite the Fuse	97	34
Lido Palace (CH)	67	33
Changeintheweather	49	28
Smooth Jazz	47	26
Wheaton	51	25
Siphon (BRZ)	66	20
Eavesdropper	55	20
Alex's Pal	30	18



Classic Winners From Penn Ridge's Grade 1 Roster

Breeders' Cup Classic-G1 Winner

CAT THIEF



Storm Cat – Train Robbery, by Alydar

2010 FEE: \$5,000 LIVE FOAL
(due when foal stands and nurses;
special consideration to
PA-foaling mares)

- 3YO winner of the sire-determining Breeders' Cup Classic-G1 like leading sires **SUNDAY SILENCE**, **UNBRIDLED**, **A.P. INDY**, and **TIZNOW!**
- Sire of more than 30 Stakes Horses including Champion **THETHIEFATMIDNIGHT** (G1) and **EISHIN BOSTON** (\$1,450,802).
- Over \$3.8 Million in 2009 Progeny Earnings #1 PA Sire in 2008, #3 in 2009.
- \$59,116 Average Earnings per Runner

CAT THIEF

**Classic
Kentucky Derby/
Preakness-G1 Winner**

REAL QUIET



Quiet American – Really Blue, by Believe It

2010 FEE: \$6,000 LIVE FOAL
(due when foal stands and nurses; special consideration to PA-foaling mares)

- Sire of more than 30 Stakes Horses including Champion **MIDNIGHT LUTE**, the only two-time winner of the Breeders' Cup Sprint-G1.
- Already sire of 2010 SW **ANYTHING BUT QUIET** (\$241,811), winner of the \$60,000 Happy Ticket S. on Jan. 16.
- Among Pennsylvania's Leading Sires since 2005 and Co-Leader by SWs in 2010!
- \$50,712 Average Earnings per Runner



Both Stallions Nominated to the Breeders' Cup and Are Registered PA Stallions

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1	DEFRERE (92, Deputy Minister), Wainford Stud	\$6,000	91/41	0/0	0/0	(Emily Allstar, \$154,960)	\$1,535,506	*461	20	1.30	1.23
2	PRIVATE INTERVIEW (92, Nureyev), Colonial Farms	\$2,500	46/19	0/0	0/0	(Nondo, \$89,332)	\$881,097	195	4	1.17	1.29
3	CRAFTY FRIEND (93, Crafty Prospector), Wainford Stud	\$6,000	61/28	1/1	0/1	(Savethebestforlass, \$88,385)	\$744,640	315	10	1.01	1.19
4	UNBRIDLED JET (96, Unbridled), Sleeter Farm	\$2,000	52/17	0/0	0/0	(Scheing E Jet, \$66,875)	\$653,561	*211	7	1.12	1.26
5	MR. NUGGET (96, Mr. Prospector)	N/A	27/8	0/0	0/0	(Balaban, \$76,810)	\$378,851	71	1	0.74	1.28
6	GEROSA (97, Cherokee Run), Wainford Stud	\$1,000	12/7	0/0	0/0	(Little Stitch, \$102,600)	\$306,649	25	0	1.31	1.02
7	EVENING KRIS (85, Kris S.)	N/A	13/7	0/0	0/0	(Evenings End, \$63,208)	\$260,696	141	3	1.36	1.11
8	MO MON (98, Maria's Mon), Four Winds Farm	\$2,500	18/7	0/0	0/0	(Moneigh Lisa, \$101,042)	\$258,694	37	0	0.87	1.22
9	MR. SINATRA (94, Mining), Hidden Acres 4-D Farm	N/A	17/6	0/0	0/0	(Livin Fastforward, \$140,884)	\$258,589	37	0	1.04	1.13
10	IRON DEPUTY (99, Silver Deputy), Wainford Stud	\$3,000	10/4	0/0	0/0	(Justin M, \$62,556)	\$241,352	15	0	1.33	1.39

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paths since that fateful day at Garden State Park, including owning and operating successful manufacturing and brokerage businesses, but the one constant burning in his veins has been his love for, and fascination with, the Sport of Kings.

A native of Dover, Del., Jester originally became interested in harness racing through his best friend, whose father was a veterinarian and owned horses at nearby Dover Downs.

"When I was very young, maybe 10 years old, I would read harness magazines from cover to cover, and studied the pedigrees," said Jester. His fascination with bloodlines soon expanded to include Thoroughbreds, and he and his father would make trips to nearby farms in Maryland and Pennsylvania to visit famous stallions such as Northern Dancer.

It wasn't until Jester was in his 30s, and owned Summit Mortgage in Wilmington, Del., that he invested in his first racehorses. He later sold Summit and bought United Sleep Products, a bedding manufacturer located in Denver, Pa., in 1990. Jester turned the struggling company into a financial success and then sold it in 2006 to a venture capital group.

"I sold United Sleep thinking I'd retire and travel," he said. But by then he had invested in several broodmares, the stallion Caller

I. D., and had become the syndicate manager for Real Quiet, who moved to Pennsylvania from Kentucky in 2006.

With expanded gaming legislation having passed in Pennsylvania in 2004, and with slot machine revenues projected to double or triple the value of both the breeding fund and purses at state racetracks within a short time, Jester began thinking about building his own farm for his horses, which he had previously boarded at nearby farms. It would also serve as a layup facility for his runners at Penn National and Philadelphia Park.

Jester first considered a property in Hershey, Pa. But soon afterward, 115 acres just outside of Harrisburg, in what is technically known as Middletown, came on the market, and he went to inspect it.

"I knew immediately that it was ideal," said Jester. "It had been used to grow corn, soybeans, and alfalfa, and actually was zoned residential, with water and sewer. There were eight old, rundown buildings that had to be taken down because they hadn't been maintained for 20 years and weren't salvageable. One had a corn



Cat Thief won the 1999 Breeders' Cup Classic

Sire	Named Foals	Rnrs	Wnrs	Stks Wnrs	Earnings
Congaree.....	136	98	50	3	\$2,218,495
Read the Footnotes.....	98	58	35	3	\$1,361,216
Roaring Fever.....	93	56	27	1	\$978,362
Anasheed.....	37	22	12	1	\$394,889
Stanislavsky.....	23	11	4	0	\$174,625

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Action This Day.....	133	84	39	0	\$850,916
Eavesdropper.....	95	55	20	0	\$543,670
Alex's Pal.....	50	30	18	0	\$516,979
Certain Storm.....	19	4	3	0	\$92,757
Cetewayo.....	29	7	1	0	\$63,785

Sire	Named Foals	Rnrs	Wnrs	Stks Wnrs	Earnings
During.....	100	61	33	0	\$933,536
Garnered.....	33	9	6	0	\$127,541
Inner Harbour.....	26	10	3	0	\$49,444
Stored.....	21	6	2	0	\$45,986

First Runner VIANELLO Wins Twice at Deauville!

Group-Performing,
Multiple Stakes Winner

RIMROD

Danzig–Annie Edge (Ire), by Nebbiolo



- Sire of Vianello, winner of the classified Prix de Passe Temps January 8 at Deauville. First or second in 3 of 4 career starts, Vianello scored his initial victory going 7 ½ furlongs at Deauville in December.
- Royally-bred **RIMROD** is by sire of sires DANZIG, whose sons have sired over 1,850 SWs.
- At 2: **RIMROD** won Goodwood's 1-mile Stardom S.
- At 3: **RIMROD** won Epsom's 7-furlong Vodafone Surrey S.
- Full/Half-brother to FIVE SWs, incl. Champion/Leading Sire SELKIRK.

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1	BLACK TIE AFFAIR (IRE) (86, Miswaki), O'Sullivan Farms	N/A	76/32	2/2	1/2	(Rollicking Affair, \$168,135)	\$1,469,297	*828	36	1.40	1.50
2	LUFTIKUS (96, Meadowlake), Taylor Mountain Farm	\$2,500	65/29	2/2	2/2	(Peaceful Bliss, \$166,621)	\$1,376,182	172	6	1.16	1.07
3	BOP (97, Rahy), O'Sullivan Farms	\$2,500	39/24	4/6	4/4	(My Sister Margaret, \$297,282)	\$1,157,077	67	4	1.46	0.95
4	PRIZED (86, Kris S.), O'Sullivan Farms	\$3,500	54/25	4/7	2/4	(Brass Hat, \$256,796)	\$1,103,884	*678	26	1.40	1.39
5	DURING (00, Cherokee Run), O'Sullivan Farms	\$2,500	61/33	0/0	0/0	(Spina, \$88,140)	\$933,536	100	0	0.82	1.20
6	HOUSEBUSTER (87, Mt. Livermore)	Died, 2005	55/26	0/1	0/0	(Shaunna, \$84,380)	\$788,388	*725	31	1.36	1.65
7	MEADOW MONSTER (91, Meadowlake), O'Sullivan Farms	\$2,000	61/15	1/1	1/1	(Green Suede Shoes, \$117,470)	\$778,506	300	9	1.02	1.13
8	CIVILISATION (98, Gone West), Naylee Farm	\$3,500	55/23	0/0	0/0	(Swish Maravich, \$107,100)	\$704,822	132	0	0.68	0.77
9	WINDSOR CASTLE (98, Lord Carson), Taylor Mountain Farm	\$2,500	29/11	3/5	3/3	(Down Town Allen, \$176,547)	\$637,303	57	3	1.22	1.26
10	MAKIN (90, Danzig), O'Sullivan Farms	N/A	51/21	0/0	0/0	(Trouble Makin, \$69,360)	\$569,047	177	3	0.80	0.76

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crib on the end of it. The only things that could be saved were some nice old beams. Quite honestly, I thought about developing the property and just having a smaller horse farm for my own stock, but by that time we (the syndicate) had decided to move Real Quiet (who had been standing at Pin Oak Lane Farm near New Freedom), so I decided to make the commitment to a larger, full-service facility.”

By late 2007 work had begun on the newly christened Penn Ridge Farms. Pastures were fenced, a building was renovated for an office and apartment, and a stallion barn was constructed. Jester's goal

was to have the core of the farm in working order by the start of the 2008 breeding season.

But he also needed another important component—an experienced staff, one that could provide clients, many of them from Kentucky, with first-class service. He found his general manager in Patrick Morell, a Rochester, Pa., native who had previously been the stallion administrator at Vinery; and his farm manager in Chuck King, who had spent nearly his whole life working with Thoroughbreds at John duPont's palatial estate in Newtown Square, Pa., where his father was

the farm manager.

In reflecting upon that first season, which primarily consisted of his own 15 mares, Real Quiet, and a few boarders, Jester said it was very trouble-free.

“This township's been great,” he said. “I showed them my plans, and within a few minutes I was ready to get started. I'm very lucky in that respect. And the community has been great, too. People just show up and ask, ‘Do you really have a Kentucky Derby winner here?’ There hasn't been one thing that really jumps out as a roadblock that I had to overcome; it's been fairly smooth. I've been blessed with having



New for 2010 is Blue Grass Stakes winner Monba

2009 New York Sires By Winners

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Catienus	161	97
Golden Missile	174	93
Posse	161	88
Repent	148	73
Freud	122	65
Gold Token	95	55
Congaree	98	50
Hook and Ladder	96	46
Western Expression	83	45
King Cugat	78	40
A. P. Jet	79	37
Regal Classic	79	37
Prime Timber	78	37
Eltish	62	35
Disco Rico	61	35
Read the Footnotes	58	35
Phone Trick	53	30
Outofthebox	77	29
Desert Warrior	63	27
Roaring Fever	56	27
Rizzi	46	26
Wheelaway	101	24
Jade Hunter	65	24
American Chance	43	24
Mayakovsky	48	20
Say Florida Sandy	52	19
Key Contender	29	16
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1	NOT FOR LOVE (90, Mr. Prospector), Northview Stallion Station	\$20,000	214/125	16/23	10/16	(Not for Silver, \$263,020)	\$6,117,584	680	65	1.84	1.49
2	LION HEARTED (96, Storm Cat), Northview Stallion Station	\$3,000	179/91	6/6	6/6	(Aspenglow, \$177,097)	\$3,523,058	*385	14	1.28	1.33
3	LOUIS QUATORZE (93, Sovereign Dancer), Murmur Farm	\$5,000	161/76	7/8	5/7	(Dancin Banker, \$136,628)	\$2,586,474	*815	22	1.19	1.46
4	OUTFLANKER (94, Danzig), Maryland Stallion Station	\$5,000	123/73	4/5	1/4	(Saxet Heights, \$134,970)	\$2,564,360	374	18	1.44	1.16
5	TWO PUNCH (83, Mr. Prospector), Northview Stallion Station	N/A	101/51	1/1	0/1	(Rhythmn Master, \$92,255)	\$1,565,244	*945	52	1.48	1.45
6	GO FOR GIN (91, Cormorant), Bonita Farm	\$3,000	64/31	2/6	2/2	(Banrock, \$347,027)	\$1,384,365	*334	13	1.42	1.51
7	MOJAVE MOON (96, Mr. Prospector), Bonita Farm	\$2,000	78/39	2/4	1/2	(Sumacha'hot, \$197,660)	\$1,360,090	178	2	0.84	1.29
8	ROCK SLIDE (98, A.P. Indy), Maryland Stallion Station	\$4,000	60/27	2/3	1/2	(Ariana D, \$141,000)	\$1,233,208	108	3	1.14	1.35
9	DOMESTIC DISPUTE (00, Unbridled's Song), Northview Stallion Station	\$2,000	76/37	0/0	0/0	(Domestic Bliss, \$96,440)	\$1,167,101	*148	0	0.84	1.28
10	ALLEN'S PROSPECT (82, Mr. Prospector)	Died, 2003	52/26	1/3	1/1	(All Giving, \$194,900)	\$938,650	1049	69	1.30	1.33
11	SEEKING DAYLIGHT (98, Seeking the Gold), Md Stal Stn at Shmrck Farms	Died, 2009	37/16	0/2	0/0	(Daylight Express, \$122,739)	\$705,183	*135	1	1.22	1.34
12	CROWD PLEASER (95, A.P. Indy)	Died, 2006	37/17	0/0	0/0	(Tease, \$147,650)	\$669,864	136	4	1.09	1.23
13	GREAT NOTION (00, Elusive Quality), Northview Stallion Station	\$2,000	28/16	1/2	0/1	(Great Love, \$169,575)	\$616,651	64	2	1.35	1.23
14	CITIDANCER (87, Dixieland Band)	N/A	25/14	0/0	0/0	(Citifest, \$82,073)	\$447,008	351	29	1.76	1.26
15	EASTERN ECHO (88, Damascus)	Died, 2004	32/10	1/1	1/1	(Fancy Diamond, \$91,430)	\$418,681	*523	27	1.20	1.42
16	NO ARMISTICE (97, Unbridled), Country Life Farm	\$3,000	38/18	0/0	0/0	(Onearmedbandit, \$68,300)	\$394,632	80	1	0.71	1.00
17	† ORATORY (02, Pulpit), Country Life Farm	\$4,000	24/17	0/0	0/0	(Onethreesevenbox, \$36,000)	\$386,031	*58	0	1.03	1.22
18	POLISH NUMBERS (87, Danzig)	Died, 2002	17/10	0/0	0/0	(Big Dealer, \$118,844)	\$361,750	513	52	1.55	1.61
19	† DANCE WITH RAVENS (02, A.P. Indy), Northview Stallion Station	\$3,000	34/8	0/0	0/0	(Charmingmegan, \$65,130)	\$347,998	81	0	0.64	1.57
20	CARNIVALAY (81, Northern Dancer)	Died, 2007	12/4	2/4	0/2	(Mixed Up, \$184,495)	\$303,184	594	40	1.41	1.35

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really great talent on the building side of it—the Amish builders (SMS Builders) are very knowledgeable and competitive and have done a great job. I've also been very fortunate to have Chuck (King) and (Patrick) Morell, too, especially since this year things really started to mushroom.”

For the 2009 breeding season, a new broodmare barn was built, an existing barn was renovated with two large 12 x 20 foaling stalls, and more pastures were fenced. The stallion roster expanded with the addition of three new sires—Breeders' Cup Classic (gr. I) winner Cat Thief, Fountain of Youth Stakes (gr. I) winner Trust N Luck, and dual grade I winner Delaware

Township. For 2010, Penn Ridge has added Toyota Blue Grass Stakes (gr. I) winner Monba, a son of Maria's Mon.

Jester, with his background in the corporate world, soon found himself in an unexpected position—that of a hands-on member of the Penn Ridge team. He helped in the breeding shed, took a shift to assist with foaling, and got down and dirty when the occasion called for it.

“We bred 172 mares here in 2009,” said Jester. “It was a busy place. March, April, and May are a blur, they really were. I found that I love the foaling, and I got more hands-on than I ever could have imagined. Typically, from 6 p.m. to midnight,

I was in the office watching the mares on the computer, or I went home—I'm only a mile from here in Middletown—and watched on my home computer. Then from midnight to 6 a.m. Chuck (King) was on watch. It was definitely a learning experience. What I envisioned two to three years ago and what I am doing today—the foaling and breeding, I never thought that I would enjoy it that much.”

Jester, who has two sons in their early 20s, said that to enhance his knowledge, he took a five-day course at Colorado State University that dealt with many aspects of foaling and breeding.

“Running my (manufacturing) business was easier than this,” said Jester. “Here, because you're dealing with animals, it's not a nine-to-five job. Especially during the foaling season, I try to be on call 24 hours. We foaled out 40 mares and had 40 live foals, a really good season.”

Jester's own broodmare band has expanded from 15 to 24. In response to the increased competition at state racetracks because of the higher purses, he's upgrading the quality of those mares, something that Morell has been actively involved with.

Morell, 41, also found that his job at Penn Ridge has evolved into a much more hands-on experience than perhaps he had ever dreamed when Jester asked him, in 2007, to head the new farm's management team.

“This is completely different than the job I had in Kentucky,” said Morell. “When I was at Vinery, I just sold stallion seasons and cultivated clients. Here, I help in the breeding shed, help foal out, sometimes



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1	POSSE (00, Silver Deputy), Empire Stud	\$10,000	161/88	6/12	1/6	(Kodiak Kowboy, \$832,805)	\$4,008,646	228	10	1.53	1.33
2	FREUD (98, Storm Cat), Sequel Stallions New York	\$6,500	122/65	8/13	4/8	(Franny Freud, \$296,029)	\$3,482,482	257	17	1.78	1.32
3	REPENT (99, Louis Quatorze), Empire Stud	\$5,000	148/73	4/8	2/4	(Crown of Thorns, \$427,440)	\$3,343,726	237	9	1.37	1.24
4	CATIENUS (94, Storm Cat), McMahon of Saratoga	\$10,000	161/97	5/5	2/5	(Cannonball, \$368,944)	\$3,166,795	*359	20	1.45	1.29
5	GOLDEN MISSILE (95, A.P. Indy), Milfer Farm	\$7,500	174/93	4/7	1/4	(Stealth Missile, \$121,266)	\$2,838,078	*454	12	1.10	1.81
6	CONGAREE (98, Arazi), Highcliff Farm	\$7,500	98/50	3/3	0/3	(Mythical Power, \$458,000)	\$2,218,495	136	5	1.21	1.42
7	GOLD TOKEN (93, Mr. Prospector)	Died, 2006	95/55	2/2	2/2	(Gold for the Queen, \$146,482)	\$1,838,516	*279	8	1.34	1.15
8	HOOK AND LADDER (97, Dixieland Band), Sequel Stallions New York	\$5,000	96/46	0/0	0/0	(Early Response, \$109,890)	\$1,558,050	151	6	1.30	1.54
9	WESTERN EXPRESSION (96, Gone West), Highcliff Farm	\$5,000	83/45	1/2	0/1	(I Lost My Choo, \$166,600)	\$1,452,091	256	4	1.23	1.31
10	A. P. JET (89, Fappiano), Sugar Maple Farm	N/A	79/37	1/1	1/1	(Livin Large, \$128,336)	\$1,408,510	446	15	1.15	1.32
11	KING CUGAT (97, Kingmambo), Questroyal at Dutchess Views Farm	\$3,500	78/40	2/7	0/2	(Mambo Meister, \$229,070)	\$1,388,136	*430	8	1.24	1.15
12	DISCO RICO (97, Citidancer), Keane Stud Operations	\$5,000	61/35	3/6	1/3	(At the Disco, \$166,924)	\$1,367,567	138	7	1.56	1.25
13	READ THE FOOTNOTES (01, Smoke Glacken), Sequel Stallions New York	\$5,000	58/35	3/5	3/3	(Rightly So, \$201,550)	\$1,361,216	98	4	1.52	1.25
14	REGAL CLASSIC (85, Vice Regent)	N/A	79/37	1/2	1/1	(Joe Corrigan, \$132,138)	\$1,240,197	*960	44	1.42	1.54
15	PRIME TIMBER (96, Sultry Song), Sez Who Thoroughbreds North	\$3,000	78/37	1/2	0/1	(Silver Timber, \$193,740)	\$1,232,187	182	5	1.19	1.36
16	ELTISH (92, Cox's Ridge), Keane Stud Operations	\$3,500	62/35	0/0	0/0	(Wyatt's Women, \$111,461)	\$1,113,237	238	12	1.25	1.39
17	AMERICAN CHANCE (89, Cure the Blues)	Died, 2004	43/24	2/5	2/2	(Mor Chances, \$184,265)	\$1,074,689	*409	30	1.50	1.29
18	DESERT WARRIOR (00, Deputy Minister), McMahon of Saratoga	\$2,500	63/27	0/0	0/0	(Kiss and Fly, \$109,113)	\$1,046,722	*135	0	0.97	0.98
19	ROARING FEVER (00, Storm Cat), Questroyal at Dutchess Views Farm	\$5,000	56/27	1/1	0/1	(Disco Diva, \$67,617)	\$978,362	93	1	0.98	1.01
20	MAYAKOVSKY (99, Matty G), Mill Creek Farm	\$3,000	48/20	1/5	1/1	(Mother Russia, \$291,828)	\$953,999	65	1	1.26	1.36
21	JADE HUNTER (84, Mr. Prospector), Questroyal at Dutchess Views Farm	N/A	65/24	1/1	0/1	(Global Hunter, \$317,000)	\$877,610	*924	43	1.40	1.62
22	WHEELAWAY (97, Unbridled), McMahon of Saratoga	\$3,000	101/24	1/2	0/1	(Win for Fun, \$73,530)	\$848,435	*243	5	0.80	1.21
23	OUTOFTHEBOX (98, Montbrook), Sez Who Thoroughbreds North	\$2,500	77/29	1/2	1/1	(Hypocrite, \$126,900)	\$777,774	214	3	0.70	1.46
24	PHONE TRICK (82, Clever Trick)	Died, 2005	53/30	0/0	0/0	(Basic Trick, \$76,500)	\$722,468	*1113	52	1.50	1.50
25	SAY FLORIDA SANDY (94, Personal Flag), Buckridge Farm	\$3,000	52/19	0/0	0/0	(Say Toba Sandy, \$79,295)	\$657,218	124	1	0.79	1.22
26	RAFFIE'S MAJESTY (95, Cormorant), Sugar Maple Farm	\$3,000	31/11	2/2	2/2	(Ruffino, \$186,800)	\$641,668	103	10	1.67	1.10
27	RIZZI (91, Afleet), Sez Who Thoroughbreds North	\$2,000	46/26	1/1	0/1	(Ahvee's Destiny, \$86,605)	\$580,425	*359	17	1.23	1.26
28	PERFORMING MAGIC (97, Gone West), Sugar Maple Farm	\$3,500	27/14	2/2	1/2	(Sezzana, \$90,325)	\$571,902	66	4	1.27	1.17
29	KEY CONTENDER (88, Fit to Fight), Highcliff Farm	N/A	29/16	2/5	1/2	(Weathered, \$229,330)	\$533,140	221	3	1.15	1.23
30	SMOKIN MEL (94, Phone Order)	Died, 2008	19/13	1/1	1/1	(Smokin Hero, \$124,637)	\$496,747	42	1	1.40	1.07

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feed and rub on yearlings, if I'm needed. I'm also the racing manager—I keep track of Mike's runners, when they are racing and working out. Basically, I have to wear more hats, and there's a lot more responsibility. But it's also so rewarding.

"And when the breeding season is over and you get to summer, it's nice sitting back watching the mares and foals in the field, knowing you've done a good job," he said. "This past year, I'm very proud to say that we got 95% of the mares in foal."

While Pennsylvania's breeding program has been a big draw for mare owners across the country, Morell said that of Penn Ridge's resident mares, 65% are from either Pennsylvania or the Mid-Atlantic states, and 35% are from Kentucky. The recent decision by the Pennsylvania legislature to tap into the slots revenue earmarked for the horse racing industry, nearly \$2.7 million per year for the next four years, in order to help balance the state budget, has caused some concern for breeders, he said, but Penn Ridge is currently full with resident mares.

Jester, a director of the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association, said horsemen in Pennsylvania still need to be proactive and tell their legislators about how important Act 71, the Race Horse Development



General manager Patrick Morell

Fund, has been to agriculture and breeding in the state, as he feels the next budget process could potentially have even more of an impact on the Thoroughbred industry. To that end, he has used Penn Ridge's proximity to the state capitol to his advantage, meeting with several senators and representatives and even inviting them to tour the farm.

"A lot of them had heard about the farm

or read an article about it, so I invited them here so they could see how much effort goes into doing this," said Jester. "The entire gaming commission came out and spent hours. We need to show them the economic benefits of a breeding operation and how many thousands of jobs we have involved in this industry. I think the most important thing for everyone to know is that the Pennsylvania breeding program is intact and, going forward, will be at least what it is today, and will have additional revenues coming from new slots venues."

With much already accomplished, there is still plenty that Jester would like to do at Penn Ridge. A new stallion complex on 20 acres just across from the current stallion barn is scheduled for completion this year, and will include a new breeding shed, barn, and office.

"I'm really fortunate because I can't think of anything that I can look back on and say, 'I wish I'd done that differently,'" said Jester. "I had some great advice from good horsemen, and currently have a dedicated workforce. It always comes down to people—I don't care what business you're in, if you treat everyone fairly, work together, and have that same goal and vision, everything works really well." □

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