

# NEWSLETTER

December 2002

## Record Setting Year



*Gonetofarr* wins the \$150,000.00 Fury Stakes at Woodbine

year's earnings by 62%. The year was filled with records in both wins and earnings. The leading owner in both Canada and the United States was Stronach Stables, Inc. It is clear that we benefited directly as a result of the quality horses produced by their breeding and training programs. We had ten stalls for the Stronach Stables and when a horse needed farm rest, another fresh horse would take its place. The ideal situation for a trainer! A record number of wins also came about this year with first time starters. Memorable races this past year include the races by the undefeated two-year old filly named *Hour of Justice*. She is by *Lit de Justice* out of *Dark Hours* and is owned by Stronach Stables, Inc. *Hour of Justice* won a maiden allowance race her first time out and achieved a beyer speed rating of 81. In her next race, *Hour of Justice* won by 7 lengths in an impressive fashion, and earned a beyer speed rating of 94. This is the highest beyer number for any two-year old in Canada!!! Our lone stakes victory came with *Gonetofarr*. She is by *Southern Halo* out of *First Flag*. *Gonetofarr* won the \$150,000 Fury Stake for owner George Farr in a thrilling victory over the 2001 champion two-year old filly, *Ginger Gold*. *Gonetofarr* will be bred in 2003 to *Jump Start* who stands at Overbrook Farm in Kentucky. Winning races by horses who won at first asking, include *Hour of Justice*, *Bride in the Wings*, *Dolly Dynamite*, *Just Flawless*, *Lucky Tom*, *Real Doll*, *Sir Fleet*, *Sweet Dynamite*, *Just Watch Me*, *Wolverine*, *Miss Alexis*, *Mt. Logan*, *Shall O Mar*, and *Nystar*. Included in the total list of winners for the stable are *Fighting Shot*, *Start Stinging*, *Wire Whip*, *Tipsy Logic*, *Foxworthy*, *Road to Justice*, *Suede*, *Matter of Law*, *Natalina*, *Light the Path*, *Ruby Tango*, *Regal'n Bold*, *Halo Alfaari*, *Miss Flaming*, *Steel on Target*, *Vitaline*, and *Thank You Sir*. Some were repeat winners. As for the two-year-olds, we started 14 two-year olds and 9 were winners for a win percentage of 65% for two-year olds.

Every business sets annual goals so that they may have a benchmark for achievement and to measure success. With us, the formula is derived by taking a little bit of reasoning, a comparison over the previous year, an understanding of the mixture of horses in the stable and arrive at a number that will challenge everyone without being too unrealistic. Last year we finished the season with 24 wins. At the start of 2002 we set 40 wins as the goal for the number of races we wanted to win by the end of the season. As the final day of racing arrived on December 1st, we counted 43 winners. Reade finished 9th in the trainer standings at Woodbine with 38 wins at Woodbine and another 5 races at Fort Erie for a 20% win average. Our 2002 purse earnings of \$1,976,769.00 topped last

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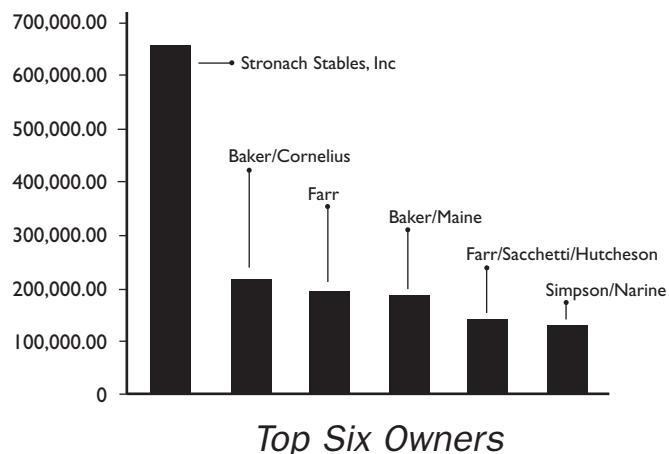
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## LEADING OWNERS by Earnings

Topping the list of leading owners by earnings in our stable is Stronach Stables, Inc. With 13 wins, their horses earned the most in purses and were clearly the top owner in the stable by a good margin. Also making the list of the top six owners by earnings is in second place, with six wins, the partnership of R. Baker/Derek Cornelius. George Farr finished in third place for earnings by horses he owned himself and the partnership of J.Maine/R. Baker came in fourth. The partnership of George Farr/Joe Sacchetti/ Wayne Hutcheson was fifth in earnings with five wins, and the partnership of Lloyd Simpson/Jai Narine finished sixth.



## WOODBINE'S GROOM OF THE YEAR



Sylvie Durette was named Woodbine's Groom of the Year at the annual awards dinner on November 11th. Having won the groom of the week award 10 times in 2002, she was the leading choice for the honour of groom of the year. Throughout the racing season Sylvie groomed five horses on a regular basis. She took care of different horses at different times as horses were shipped in and out of the track for breaks. Included in the list of horses in Sylvie's care were *Light the Path*, *Miss Alexis*, *Dolly Dynamite*, *Sweet Dynamite*, *Start Stinging*, *Nystar*, *Lola Darling*, and *Shall O Mar*. Sylvie was also the leading recipient of stakes money in the stable. Her horses earned \$480,433.00 for finishing 1-5 in races (not just on wins). Sylvie received 1% commission on the total earnings of her horses providing her with a whopping \$4,804.33 in stakes. What a year! Congratulations also are extended to Sylvie and Darren Rogers as they were married in September. Sylvie and Darren met in 2001 while working for us in the stable.

## Horse Exerciser

It looks like the circus is coming to Woodbine but it is actually our horse exerciser under construction. Most farms have one and now we will too. Horses walk freely without restraint. We have the option of multiple speeds and reverse action to enhance training and for cooling out horses. The high roof is designed to prevent pigeons from roosting.



## Trainer's Message



Well we certainly have had a fun time this year. Most of you may be aware by now, we set new records in overall wins, total purse earnings, wins by first time starters and wins by two-year olds. It is every trainers dream to have better horses each year and I would like to thank each and every owner who has assisted in achieving these records by entrusting their horses with me to train. In 2003 we hope to continue to improve on our 2002 records and we hope to participate more in the stakes races. We would love to set some new records next year with stakes winners!

When making plans for your horses over this coming winter and you would like to have early two-year olds in 2003, I can not stress enough that once the yearling is broke, you'll want to keep them in training. If you do not board at a farm that can continue the training process in Canada, you could send your yearling horses to Florida.

I appreciate all of your referrals for new business and welcome any and all inquires from individuals interested in finding out more about thoroughbred ownership. Finally we have to thank jockey Jim McAleny for his great work ethic, confidence in the horses and for making the trip to the winners circle with us 27 times.

– Reade Baker

## INTERESTED IN OWNING HORSES IN PARTNERSHIP?

We are offering partnership opportunities in two Ontario Sired, Registered Canadian-bred colts. The colts are correct, have lots of bone, they have both trained at the track before Woodbine closed for the season. They are both eligible for the Ontario Sire racing program and the Registered Canadian-Bred racing program.



The colt *Proudfoot* is named after the late Toronto Star reporter and racing enthusiast, Jim Proudfoot. He is a 1/2 brother to both *Master Stuart* and *Just Watch Me*.



The colt *Covet* is the first foal of the Mt. Livermore mare *Forbidden Love* who is out of a *Roberto* mare named *Borishka*.

Reade bred these horses and is retaining 1/4 share in each colt. Therefore 3/4 of each colt is being offered for sale. The price per 1/4 share is \$10,000. Dr. John Chris has scoped the colts and the results of the scope were excellent. Contact Janis at 416-207-1782 or email [Janis@readebaker.com](mailto:Janis@readebaker.com).

Name	DOB	Sire	Dam
PROUDFOOT	2001 - 05/04/2001	Matter of Honor	Windkist (by Secreto)
COVET	2001 - 02/25/2001	Matter of Honor	Forbidden Love (by Mt. Livermore)

## BARGAINS AT ADENA SPRINGS TWO-YEAR OLDS IN TRAINING SALE

The last Adena Springs two-year olds in training sale probably provided the best dollar for dollar value of any sale in North America. The undefeated two-year old filly *Hour of Justice* was offered at that sale for \$12,500 and did not receive a bid. In addition, two-year old winners *Dolly Dynamite*, *Sweet Dynamite* and *Lucky Tom* were all offered at the Adena Springs sale with no bidders. Reade will be in attendance at the upcoming sale on March 20, 2003. If you are interested in making a purchase, contact Reade at 416-207-1783.

## The Winning Name is...**ELUSIVE THOUGHT**

In our last issue we held contest to find a name for the two year old by Elusive Thought out of Closerthanyouthink. The process was a lot of fun and we received over 70 entries. Some names were excellent but were already taken and some were just silly and provided us with a few laughs. Some of the entries arrived with letters outlining how the contestants came up with the name, and the stories were all very interesting. We still could not decide what name to select so to determine the winning entry we held a judging party. We invited some 35 guests to vote for their favourite name. The ballot form allowed the judges to select their top three names and we assigned 5 points for the first selection, 3 points for the second selection and 1 point for the third selection. When we added up all of the ballots, Elusive Thought was deemed the winner with a total of 24 points, Elusive Grail was the runner up with a total of 22 points and Escape Artist came in third with a total of 19 points.

Richard Moreland of Clinton Twp., Michigan, submitted the winning entry. He is 36 years old and is employed as a Dual-Rate Pit Manager for the MGM Grand Casino in Detroit, Michigan. Richard Moreland said, "Although I work for a casino, my first love is horse racing. I bought my first standardbred in 1986, and began mucking stalls shortly thereafter. By 1990 I had my own public stable, and enjoyed a successful career over the next seven years. I even began driving some of my horses in the last few years. With the closest thoroughbred track, Finger Lakes, being 150 miles away, standardbred racing was sort of forced upon me because Vernon Downs was only 15 miles from my hometown of Utica, NY. I look forward to owning my first thoroughbred in the next ten years (waiting for slot machines at Michigan tracks.) We want to thank everyone who submitted a name and congratulate Richard Moreland for the winning entry of Elusive Thought.

Elusive Thought made two starts in 2002. Her first start was a maiden allowance race where she had some trouble at the gate and spotted the field 4 lengths in a 5-furlong race. She ended up finishing fourth. In her second start, she ran third in the Fanfreluche Stakes race at Woodbine earning her stakes place status. She developed a sore in her foot which kept her out of action the rest of the year. Look for her to return fresh and ready to compete at the races in 2003.

### **Here is a list of the top 10 names and total points earned.**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Total Points</b>
1. Elusive Thought	24
2. Elusive Grail	22
3. Escape Artist	19
4. Catching Dreams	15
5. Think Again	15
6. Reedem 'n Reep	15
7. Think	13
8. Buckskin	10
9. Elusive Damsel	8
10. Jenesaisquoi	8

### **Here is a list of all entries and the names of the contestants.**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Contestant</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Contestant</b>
ALMOST HEAVEN	Morgan, Glen	BLUERTHANUTHINK	Smolak, Kristen
BETTERTHANUTHINK	Thomson, Dale	BRAVERTHANUTHINK	Smolak, Alix
BETTERTHANUTHINK	Jacobschuck, Melanie	BRIGHTERTHANUTHINK	Smolak, Alix
BETTERTHANYOUTHINK	Browning, Randy	BUCKSKIN	Hayes, Breeda
BETTERTHANYOUTHINK	Learn, Shane	CATCHING DREAMS	Syrett, John
BETTERTHANYOUTHINK	Decatur Ii, John Martina	CLOSERTHAN IAPPEAR	Mcguire, Kristin
BETTORTHANYOUTHINK	Learn, Shane	CLOSERTOQUALITY	Bisczat, Pat
BIGGERTHANUTHINK	Thomson, Dale	COME ON HONEY BUN	Lerman, Barry

<b>Name</b>	<b>Contestant</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Contestant</b>
COOLERTHANYOUTHINK	Lyle, Diana	RARERTHANYOUTHINK	Allinson, Jacquie
COOLERTHANYOUTHINK	Jacobschuck, Laura	READEM 'N REEP	Farr, George
COOLERTHANYOUTHINK	Smolak, Alix	SALTIER THAN U THINK	Smolak, Kristen
EASIER THAN IT LOOKS	Romeo, Michael	SHARPER THAN U THINK	Smolak, Alix
EASIER THAN U THINK	Romeo, Michael	SILLIER THAN U THINK	Smolak, Kristen
ELUSIVE DAMSEL	Zican, Anthony	SLEEPIER THAN U THINK	Smolak, Kristen
ELUSIVE GRAIL	Lipman, Peter	SLICKER THAN U THINK	Feld, Jude T.
ELUSIVE OBJECT	Petrella, Giuseppe	SLIPPERY THAN U THINK	Moore, Mary Beth
ELUSIVE THOUGHT	Moreland, Richard	SMARTER THAN U THINK	Smolak, Alix
ESCAPE ARTIST	Moore, Mary Beth	SMARTER THAN U THINK	Kessier, Kara
FIERCER THAN U THINK	Smolak, Alix	SNEAKIER THAN U THINK	Smolak, Kristen
FLUFFIER THAN U THINK	Smolak, Kristen	SOONER THAN U THINK	Ouellette, Linda
FRISKIER THAN U THINK	Graup, Caitlin And Shannon	STAREYED THAN U THINK	Lyle, Diana
GREATER THAN U THINK	Smolak, Alix	STRONGER THAN U THINK	Smolak, Alix
GREEN MACHINE	Henriques, Fatima	SUBTLE DISTINCTION	Syrett, John
HARRIER THAN U THINK	Smolak, Kristen	SUBTLE HINT	Syrett, John
HOW FAR DU WANT METOGO	Patten, Tom	SUBTLETY	Syrett, John
IN THE SHADOWS	Mcguire, Kristin	SWEETER THAN U THINK	Lyle, Diana
JENESAIS QUOI	Phillips, Mona	SWEETER THAN U THINK	Smolak, Alix
LILY MAID	Clare, Lucy	SWIFTER THAN U THINK	Smolak, Alix
LOOK A LITTLE CLOSER	Merryfield, Susan	THINK	Decatur Ii, John Martina
MIGHTIER THAN U THINK	Smolak, Alix	THINK AGAIN	Galvin, Michael J.
MISTY BLUE	Maine, John	THINKING ABOUT TOM	Decatur Ii, John Martina
NEAR PERFECTION	Morgan, Glen	TOMMY GIRL	Decatur Ii, John Martina
NEAR VICTORY	Morgan, Glen	TOM'S DREAM GIRL	Decatur Ii, John Martina
NEXT BREATH	Clare, Lucy	TROUBADOR'S MUSE	Clare, Lucy
NICER THAN U THINK	Smolak, Kristen	U-THINK	Sutherland, Chantal
NOW YOU SEE IT NOW YOU	Leach, Judith	VERY FAR FROM NEAR	Spearman, Lorne
PRETTIER THAN U THINK	Smolak, Alix	WILDER THAN U THINK	Smolak, Alix
PRINCESS ANNE CRES	Thomson, Dale	WISER THAN U THINK	Thomson, Dale
QUICKER THAN U THINK	Smolak, Alix		

## **BEST and WORST NAMES**

**We like to hear from you! Please send us your Best and Worst names for a thoroughbred racehorse that you have ever heard. We'll publish them in the next issue of the newsletter.**

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# FACTS & Arguments

## *Pre Emptive Strike*

- The most important part of the trainer's job is to practice prevention and to foresee problems before they arrive not after they happen.

## *Stage Fright*

- Why do horses work real fast and then not run as well? It is like the child or adult who goes on stage or is interviewed for television, he can speak well off camera or off stage but some people get stage fright and camera shy as soon as they are called upon to perform.

## *Pin Hooker Racing Stable*

- The proof that the works of two-year olds at the two-year olds in training sales are misleading is that you seldom ever see a pin hooker training in the summer.

## *High Percentage Trainers*

- A high winning percentage for trainers is achieved by not running. Owners who want a high percentage trainer and lots of action better own lots of horses.

## *Prosperity of Racing*

- For the long-term prosperity of racing we need to give horses time off in place of drugs and place less emphasis on two-year old racing.

## *AI and ET*

- Except on special days the size of the fields at all racetracks with lengthy meets are small and of poor quality horses. The problem is that today's horses are not sound enough to gain bettable form. For horses to stay sounder and therefore for racetrack's to have bigger fields, the only viable solution is artificial insemination and embryo transplant. This way we can find sires and dams that transmit soundness and speed onto their progeny. This is not cutting edge technology; it is getting on the bandwagon of genetic advancement, 25 years late.

## *Sires of Sires*

- How many living stallions can be considered very successful sires of sires?

## *Healthy Horses*

- I don't think anything in the last 20 years has been brought forward has helped the health and longevity of the racehorse. Some of our worst crimes are year round racing, lasix, clenbuterol, and cortisone.

## Lip Tattoo Identification

Every thoroughbred born in Canada and the United States is registered with the Jockey Club of America. The process is very detailed. Horse owners must include a written description and photographs of the foal's distinctive markings, a blood sample, and proof of the fact that the sire and dam are indeed the parents of the foal. Once everything checks out to be in order, registration papers are produced with the description of the foal along with a registration number. By the time the foal reaches the racing age of two years old, it should be named and tattooed. A horse cannot race without a name or tattoo. The tattoo number is comprised of an alphabetic letter followed by the registration number of the foal given to the foal when it was first registered with the Jockey Club of America. The combination of the letter and number make a combination that no other horse will have making it distinct. The letter that is placed prior to the registration number represents the year the foal was born. For example, in 2003 all two year olds will be tattooed with the letter "E" preceding their registration number to identify the year of birth as 2001. Before a horse is tattooed a visual check is made of the identifying markings of the horse against the description of markings on the registration papers. Occasionally the markings change from the time the foal is registered and if there is any question whatsoever of the markings, the horse cannot be tattooed until the corrections to papers are made.

Here are some examples of how to identify the age of a thoroughbred in North America by the letter on his tattoo.

YEAR OF BIRTH	TATTOO LETTER
1994	X
1995	Y
1996	Z
1997	A
1998	B
1999	C
2000	D
2001	E
2002	F
2003	G

## Spotlight of Admiration



We have created this column to recognize individuals who are not in the spotlight. These are individuals who have dedicated their life to the racing industry in an unselfish quiet way. People who will be recognized share a common feature, they love the sport.

The first person we would like to recognize is Ed Hall, Supervisor of Thoroughbred Racing for the Ontario Racing Commission. In 1950 Ed was introduced to trainer Willy Morrissey by his uncle who saw him as a potential jockey. Of course as with most uninitiated, Ed began his career at the entry level as a Hot Walker. He quickly became a groom and within 5 years, he set up his tack in the jocks room at Greenwood for a brief career as a jockey. Feeling a little more comfortable on the ground, he took out his trainer's license and trained horses for a few years before he developed an allergic reaction to the dust in the hay and straw so the barn life had to go. In 1959 Ed applied for a job with the Ontario Jockey Club (now WEG) and held the position of assistant starter until 1965. With an interest in knowing all about racing, he held various positions with the OJC including patrol judge, a position in the race office, horse identifier, and then in 1975 he was hired by the Ontario Racing Commission to be a Steward. It is in this office

that Ed Hall found he was most at home. In 1992 he was appointed Supervisor and this is where we find him today. He told me that he loves racing because it is "The Greatest Game in the World. Everyday you wake up and it's something different, good and bad. I enjoy all the different people I come across."

I met with Ed Hall in his office in the middle of a race day. While I was in his office the phone rings. An angry customer is on the other end of the line. Apparently the customer thought an inquiry should have been lodged in the race that was just run. He would have had the exactor and the triactor. In the most admirable fashion, Ed Hall addresses the complaint, he will order a copy of the race and review it himself. He will call back tomorrow. The customer is happy with the answer. In an industry where you cannot please everyone, Ed Hall has experienced it all. His role is to govern the rules of racing set out by the Ontario Racing Commission. Ed Hall admits, "I try to be honest and fair". I asked what the hardest part of the job is for him. "I don't enjoy suspending people, it's part of the job, but nobody wants to take away a livelihood." Ed Hall is married and has three daughters. With retirement just around the corner, maybe he would be interested in owning a racehorse himself? Without asking Ed that question directly, I asked him what his favourite colours would be if he were to design racing silks. "Orange, it is easier to see the jockey." That makes sense! I asked him what his favourite horse memory was during his 53 years at the track and he said that he could recall a couple of favourite moments. There was the time in 1964 when he was working on the starting gate. He loaded *Northern Dancer* for the Queen's Plate. "I was more nervous than the horse was". Another memorable moment came in 1968 when he handled *Nijinsky* as he went through the sales ring at Woodbine. He was sold for \$84,000.

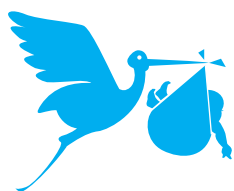
Ed Hall has an extremely difficult job. He conducts himself with grace, kindness and with dedication to the good of the industry. We salute you!

## OWNER OF THE MONTH

What started as a joke quietly became a competition amongst owners at the barn during the summer months as we referred to the client whose payment arrived first as Owner of the Month. So in the spirit of the game, here is a list of owners of the month. Congratulations but most of all, thank you!

Month	Winner	Runner-Up
March	Farr, George	Narine, Jai
April	Stronach Stables, Inc.	Narine, Jai
May	Farr/Hutcheson/Sacchetti	Narine, Jai
June	Farr, George	Stronach Stables, Inc.
July	Farr/Hutcheson/Sacchetti	Narine, Jai
August	Farr/Hutcheson/Sacchetti	Simpson, Lloyd
September	Farr/Hutcheson/Sacchetti	Narine, Jai
October	Farr/Hutcheson/Sacchetti	Simpson, Lloyd
November	Farr/Hutcheson/Sacchetti	Michael Stanley

## Baby Announcement



Our warmest congratulations go to Kristin Charlesworth (now McGuire) and Shane McGuire on the birth of their beautiful baby boy. He is named Riley. He was 10lbs when he was delivered and Kris said that she did not feel a thing.

(Great doctors & drugs). Riley has already been racing, all part of the imprinting!!

## STALLS AVAILABLE FOR 2003

### We Have Stalls Available For Your Horses

Contact Reade at (416) 207-1783  
to discuss training plans for 2003.

## Prediction

***Awesome Again is the potential super  
sire of the future.***

## Reade's Top Two New Sire Picks for 2003

***Jump Start, Kentucky  
Snow Ridge, Florida***



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## Calendar of Events

Be sure to mark these important dates on your calendar.

DATE	EVENT
January 6-10	Keeneland Mixed Sale, Lexington
January 13-16	OBS Winter Mixed Sale, Ocala
February 4	OBS Selected Two-Year Olds in Training Sale, Calder
February 10	Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale, Lexington
February 25	Fasig-Tipton Selected Two-Year Olds in Training, Calder
March 18-19	OBS Selected Two-Year Olds in Training Sale, Ocala
March 20	Adena Springs Two-Year Olds in Training Sale, Ocala
March 22	Opening Day Woodbine Live Thoroughbred
April 15	Keeneland Two-Year Olds in Training Sale, Lexington
April 22-25	OBS Spring Two-Year Olds in Training Sale, Ocala
June 22	Queen's Plate, Woodbine
July 14-15	Keeneland Selected Yearlings Sale, Lexington
July 16-17	Fasig-Tipton Selected Yearlings Sale, Lexington
August 5-7	Fasig-Tipton Selected Yearlings Sale, Saratoga

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