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Diamond B Farm adds talent, and more, to busy operation

Talent Search is back at Glenn and Becky Brok's Diamond B Farm. After standing his first three seasons at the Broks' farm in Mohrsville, Talent Search stood this past year in Kentucky at the behest of his owner, the flamboyant and wildly successful Ken Ramsey.

"Talent Search was doing so well in Pennsylvania that Mr. Ramsey took him home," Glenn Brok says. "Kitten's Joy had gotten too popular and couldn't accommodate all of Ramsey's mares. He said, 'I need a stallion to breed about 40 of my overflow mares to. I'm going to bring in Talent Search.'"

And that's what he did, Brok says. Then, after the one season, Ramsey agreed to return Talent Search to Diamond B. He and Brok made a deal, and this time, Brok says, Talent Search is here to stay.

The 10-year-old son of Catienus out of the Dixieland Band mare Mrs. K., Talent Search is the leading freshman sire in the Mid-Atlantic region and Diamond B's flagship stallion. The farm also stands Doubles Partner, Got the Last Laugh, Mad Flatter and Senor



Swinger. Doubles Partner, a 6-year-old son of Rock Hard Ten out of the Rahy mare Serena's Sister, will stand his first season after winning six of 21 races and earning \$684,950 for the trainer Todd Pletcher. Doubles Partner won one Grade 2 and two Grade 3 stakes.

Talent Search was Diamond B's first stallion. Before he arrived four years ago, the farm focused on breeding mares, caring for foals and layups, and preparing horses for sales.

"It's been an overnight success—over the past 30, 40 years," Brok says. "I bought my first farm when I was 25."

He is now 62. He and Becky bought the land for Diamond B in 2003 and built it from scratch. Slots were a big reason.

"That had a lot to do with the decision at age 52 to go out and buy a million-dollar farm," Brok says. "It's the result of hard work and sweat equity, but it wouldn't have been possible if the slots hadn't put Pennsylvania on the map. That and the fact we've got very good racing. Three racetracks run year-round. We've got two dirt tracks, two turf courses and one synthetic."

His wife operates Becky Merkel Sales Agency (Merkel is her maiden name), and it will be well-represented at the December mixed sale Monday at Timonium.

"We used to sell some in Kentucky and some in Saratoga," Brok says. "But we pretty much focus on getting our homebreds in an area where they can end up back in Pennsylvania so we can get the breeders' awards."

"Our breeder's awards last year were \$102,000, and I think we're going to be over that this year. And that doesn't include any of the stallions. Pennsylvania's a good place to be."



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"Isn't it amazing?" Jones says.

And Gracer, a Pennsylvania-bred, is fast. She's won two of four races. Her wins came at Saratoga in a maiden special weight and at Penn National in the Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies Stakes. Tony Dutrow trains her (and owns her as well) at Fair Hill in Maryland, and he plans on keeping her there this winter—as opposed to shipping her to Florida with some of his other horses—so she can begin her 3-year-old season in this part of the country.

Jones saw her recently. And, he says, "She looks gorgeous."

Jones is a life-long horseman who started a company called Walnut Green with his brother in the mid-1970s. They bought, sold, bred and raised horses, and they advised others on the horse business. Jones sold Walnut Green in 2005 and started winding down. He now owns parts of four mares, and he recently bought six fillies from the track with plans to breed them in Kentucky and sell them in foal next November. His farm is in Unionville.

He bought Tina's Goal, Gracer's mother, five or six years ago off the track for himself and his wife Donnan, he says. They co-own her, and they are also co-breeders of Gracer, he says, even though he's listed as the sole breeder. Gracer's sire is the flashy gray Exchange Rate.

Jones saw Gracer within 24 hours of her birth.

"It was hard to tell whether she was going to be gray or chestnut," he says. "She was just a little fuzz ball. But as she got older, spots started to appear. Every time I saw her I saw more and more spots."

Dutrow bought Gracer for \$150,000 last September at Keeneland's yearling sale. Now, Jones plans on selling Tina's Goal, in foal to The Factor, in the January horses of all ages sale at Keeneland.

But Jones' heart resides in Pennsylvania, he says.

"I'm a supporter of the Pennsylvania program," he says. "I think it's fantastic. It makes Pennsylvania-breds a whole lot more valuable than they used to be."

As for the stunning Gracer, he says, "We're proud to be the breeder of a filly like that."



Barbara D. Livingston

PA-bred opportunities at Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December Mixed sale

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Broodmares, weanlings, yearlings and horses of racing age are set to go through the ring. The largest contingent are weanlings, with 24 entered in this year's sale, including those by such Pennsylvania sires as this year's leading Mid-Atlantic freshman sire Talent Search and the region's leading active sire by stakes winners, Jump Start. Also among those offered are Pennsylvania-bred weanlings by Drosselmeyer, E Dubai, Not For Love, Smoke Glacken, Indygo Shiner and Louis Quatorze. The first Pennsylvania-sired crop of Breeders' Cup Sprint-G1 winner Silver Train is represented—a filly out of the Two Punch mare Flomar, from the family of European highweighted sprinter Les Arcs and millionaire Desert Wine.



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Brushwood-bred juvenile Storming Inti a worthy family representative

The family of Layounne has been spectacular. The 18-year-old Mt. Livermore mare, a member of Elizabeth Moran's Brushwood Farm broodmare band, is a half-sister graded/group stakes winners Della Francesca, Caress, Country Cat and Bernstein. The family includes Wiseman's Ferry and Sky Mesa. One of the newest additions is rising 2-year-old Storming Inti, the Pennsylvania-bred colt who won his second consecutive stakes, the \$100,000 Pulpit, at Gulfstream Park on Nov. 30.

Storming Inti's most recent score came in his main track debut after the mile race was washed off the turf. Skipping over the sloppy track, the Stormy Atlantic colt trained by Chad Brown was on the lead the entire trip, and won the race named for his dam sire by a length.

Storming Inti and his dam Tarfaya (by Pulpit out of Layounne), were bred by Brushwood Stable. "Mrs. Moran is very fond of Layounne and her foals," said Brushwood Stables' Mona Phillips. "Tarfaya never raced and she had a lot of physical issues. But Mrs. Moran was not about to sell her. She wanted to keep her as a broodmare."

All 10 foals produced by Layounne were bred by Brushwood. Six of her eight starters are winners, including graded stakes-placed Dark Cheetah, Mogador and Shadow of Storm. Tarfaya never started, and overcame numerous obsta-



Brushwood Stable's Tarfaya with future stakes winner Storming Inti in 2011.

cles to become a broodmare: "She broke her pelvis in 2007 (as a 3-year-old), went to New Bolton for a tendon injury in 2010, but she came back fine and was cleared for breeding," noted Phillips. The young

mare produced a Hard Spun filly in 2010, and Storming Inti in 2011. Not bred for 2012, she was back in foal to Stormy Atlantic when tragedy struck in January—she was euthanized, and her foal died as well. "It was a very sad day for all of us here," said Phillips.

Storming Inti "was always a good-looking colt," noted Phillips, and was sent to the Keeneland September Yearling sale, where Santa Rosa Racing Stables signed the ticket for \$100,000. The colt came to hand and made his first start in August at Saratoga, finishing third behind eventual graded stakes winner Bashart. He's a winner of his three starts since, garnering his diploma in September when defeating maiden special weight foes at Belmont Park at a mile and a sixteenth and one month later tallying his first stakes victory in Belmont's Awad Stakes at one mile. With the Pulpit win, he pushes his earnings to \$179,500.

"We were so glad that Tarfaya had a colt that looked promising," said Phillips. "Mrs. Moran had kept her because she was so fond of Layounne and wanted to give Tarfaya a chance to prove herself as a broodmare as Layounne had done."



Calendar of Events

PA-Bred STAKES

Dec 28 \$75,000 Parx - PA Nursery S, 2YO, 7 Fur.

SALES

Dec 9 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December Mixed

Jan 6-9 Keeneland January Horses of All Ages

Feb 10 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Winter Mixed

UPDATE

Due to the recent Equine Herpes Type 1 (EHV-1) outbreak at Parx, the PA Nursery S. has been rescheduled for Saturday, December 28.

Simply Divine

William Pape and Jonathan E. Sheppard's homebred Divine Fortune was the National Steeplechase Association's 2013 earnings champion and received the Lonesome Glory Champions Award at the NSA's awards ceremony on Nov. 28 at Camden, S.C.

Trained by Sheppard, the 10-year-old Pennsylvania-bred son of Royal Anthem—My Tombola, by Northern Fling, won Far Hills' Grand National Hurdle-G1 and placed in two additional Grade 1 Hurdle Stakes to earn \$207,000 from seven starts. He is a frontrunner for the Eclipse Award for champion steeplechaser.



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STORMING INTI ➔

c, 2, Stormy Atlantic - Tarfaya
Won - PULPIT S., \$100,000, 1 mi., 2YO,
Gulfstream Park, Nov. 30

GRACER ➔

f, 2, Exchange Rate - Tina's Goal
Won - BLUE MOUNTAIN JUVENILE FILLIES S.,
\$75,000, 6 fur., 2YO F, Penn National, Nov. 27.

HEY KIDDO ➔

f, 2, Stonesider - Kid Silver
2nd - NEW YORK STALLION SERIES S. (Fifth Avenue
Div.), \$150,000, 6 fur., 2YO F, Aqueduct, Nov. 23.

NORQUAY ➔

f, 2, Fairbanks - Evening Princess
2nd - GLORIOUS SONG S., \$125,000, 7 fur., 2YO F,
Woodbine, Nov. 23.

RAGING SMOKE ➔

f, 2, More Smoke - Marquee Kelly
2nd - BLUE MOUNTAIN JUVENILE FILLIES S.,
\$75,000, 6 fur., 2YO F, Penn National, Nov. 27.

ALL THE WAY JOSE

c, 3, Senor Swinger - Maternity Leave
2nd - RAYMOND G. WOOLFE MEMORIAL HURDLE
S., \$25,000, 2 mi. over National Fences, 3YO,
Camden, Nov. 23.

CHASING THE MOON ➔

f, 2, Flower Alley - Cherokee Moonlight
3rd - BLUE MOUNTAIN JUVENILE FILLIES S.,
\$75,000, 6 fur., 2YO F, Penn National, Nov. 27.

LENAPE RIM ➔

m, 5, Rimrod - Mai Debeau
3rd - SHENANDOAH H., \$35,000, 7 fur., 3YO/UP,
Charles Town, Nov. 30.

CRY VENGEANCE

g, 3, Stephen Got Even - Cry Chick
3rd - RAYMOND G. WOOLFE MEMORIAL HURDLE
S., \$25,000, 2 mi. over National Fences, 3YO,
Camden, Nov. 23.



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