



Pegasus World Cup

OWNERS, TRAINERS & JOCKEYS

## ARINDEL

**Alan Cohen owns Arindel Farm in Ocala, Fla. A holder of several degrees from the University of Florida, the business executive founded several pharmaceutical companies and is a former owner of the National Hockey League's Florida Panthers.**

- Went 6-4-4 from 31 starters at the 2024-2025 Championship Meet for \$251,790 in purse earnings.
- Tied for ninth with six wins and \$302,547 in purses at the 2023-2024 Championship Meet. Won the Razorback Handicap (G3) at Oaklawn Park with Octane. Ranked third with nearly \$322,000 in purse earnings at Gulfstream's 2024 Royal Palm meet.
- Had two wins including Clapton in the Ghostzapper (G3) and 13 seconds with \$369,608 in purses earned from 50 starters during the 2022-2023 Championship Meet. Led all owners with 19 wins and \$748,266 in purse earnings at Gulfstream's 2023 spring Royal Palm meet.
- Registered five wins including Gatsby in the Sunshine Sprint, and banked \$356,615 in purses at the 2021-2022 Championship Meet. Led all owners with 15 wins and \$926,443 in purse earnings at Gulfstream's 2022 spring-summer meet.
- Ranked second during the 2020-21 Championship Meet with 12 wins, and seventh with \$391,060 in purse earnings. Led the standings at Gulfstream's 2021 spring-summer meet with 17 wins and \$1.06 million in purses earned.
- Current stable star is 2-year-old filly Lynx, winner of the 2022 FTBOA FSS Desert Vixen and Susan's Girl. Also won 2022 Gil Campbell Memorial with Clapton.
- Finished in a three-way tie for second with 10 wins during the 2019-20 Championship Meet,

ranking sixth in purses earned with \$466,730 and capturing the Royal Delta (G3) with Cookie Dough.

- Also was second in wins (20) and purse earnings (\$813,571) at Gulfstream's 2020 spring-summer meet.
- Ranked fourth at the 2018-19 Championship Meet with 10 wins to go along with \$473,385 in purse earnings.
- Leading owner at Gulfstream's 2019 summer stand in wins (19) and purses (\$822,906) after winning the 2019 spring meet earnings title (\$441,330) while finishing tied for second with eight wins.
- Led all owners in wins and purses earned at Gulfstream's 2018 spring and summer meets, topping \$1 million at the summer stand that ended Sept. 30. Also won Gulfstream's summer 2017 win/earnings title.
- He founded Best Generics Inc. in 1984. He incorporated Andrx Pharmaceuticals Inc. in 1992 as a private company, growing the firm through the production of generic drugs before selling much of his stock in August 2000, ultimately stepping down that October.
- In 2002 Cohen founded Abrika Pharmaceuticals Inc. to develop and manufacture drug delivery systems such as skin patches and oral sprays, selling it in 2006.
- Cohen was Chairman, CEO and Managing Partner of an investment group that purchased the Florida Panthers in 2001. He sold majority interest in 2009.
- Cohen was introduced to horse racing by his father when the two visited thoroughbred tracks in New York. He began breeding and racing horses in 2003 and currently uses Stanley Gold as his primary trainer.
- His biggest racing success story came with Wait a While, a winner of 12 of 24 career starts and

more than \$2.1 million in purses from 2005-08. She was named champion filly of 2006 and captured 10 graded stakes including Grade 1 scores in the 2006 and 2008 Yellow Ribbon and 2006 American Oaks Invitational. At Gulfstream she won the 2007 Honey Fox (G3) and 2006 Davona Dale (G2).

- Cohen also won four graded stakes with Argentine-bred Safari Queen, the last coming in the 2007 Orchid (G3) at Gulfstream.
- Other top horses include stakes winners Blonde Bomber, Onyx, Pancake, Pink Poppy, Sweet Khaleesi and Richard the Great.

## AUGUSTIN STABLE

**Augustin is the racing stable of George Strawbridge Jr. of Chester County, Pa.**

- Finished in the top three with 10 of 17 starters during the 2022-2023 Championship Meet, with five wins and \$255,700 in purse earnings. With Catherine Parke, campaigned Sparkle Blue to a win in Laurel's Big Dreyfus and a second in Ladies Turf Stakes (G3) at Kentucky Downs in 2023. Sparkle Blue also won the 2022 Valley View (G3).
- Had three wins, eight seconds and three thirds with \$218,570 from 17 starters at the 2021-2022 Championship Meet.
- Strawbridge owns a 700-plus acre farm named for a church near Chesapeake, Md.
- Retired from Board of Directors of Campbell Soup Company in 2009 at age 72.
- He has been a member of The Jockey Club since 1976.
- Bred 2019 Horse of the Year Bricks and Mortar, winner of Gulfstream's \$7 million Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational (G1) to kick off a perfect 6-for-6 championship season.
- Homebred Angel Terrance named 3-year-old filly champion of 2012 by Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association



- He won Gulfstream's 2011 Herecomesthebride (G3) with Dynamic Holiday, who also won the Tropical Park Oaks and Florida Oaks.
- He's the all-time leading money-winning steeplechase owner in America with earnings of more than \$9 million, with flat runners winning many top races in Europe, including the 1991 Queen Elizabeth II Stakes with Selkirk and 2007 St. Leger with Lucarno.
- He received a Ph.D. in Latin American History and Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania.
- He's the former adjunct professor of Latin American History at Widener College.
- His father founded the Philadelphia Stock Exchange.
- The best horses bred/owned by Augustin: 2009 Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf winner Informed Decision, 2008 Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf winner Forever Together, 1994 Breeders' Cup Turf champion Tikkanen; Eclipse Award winner Waya; With Anticipation, European champions Selkirk, Silver Fling, Ristna, Treizieme and Turgeon, 2007 English St. Leger winner Lucarno as well as Hall of Fame steeplechaser and champion Cafe Prince and Rainbows View, winner of the 2008 Fillies Mile at Ascot.
- He's an avid hockey fan who formerly held an interest in the Buffalo Sabres, hence the names of former horses Tikkanen (for Esa Tikkanen) and Turgeon (for Pierre Turgeon).
- Spring Quality's 18-1 upset in the 2018 Manhattan gave Augustin its first Grade 1 victory since 2009.
- Won the Lake Placid (G2) with Varenka, Maple Leaf (G3) with Lift Up, Athenia (G3) with Xenobia and Ontario Matron (G3) with Pamina in 2019 – its most graded wins in a single year since 2015.
- Captured the Dance Smartly (G3) in 2020 with Theodora B.

## GARY BARBER

**Barber is the former chairman and CEO of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and is the co-founder of Spyglass Entertainment.**

- At the 2024-2025 Championship Meet tied for fifth with eight wins and ranked sixth with \$516,230 in purses earned. Among his victories were the Pulpit, Dania Beach and Colonel Liam with Mi Bago and, in partnership, the Ghostzapper (G3) with White Abarrio.
- Ranked in the top 10 in wins (seven) and purse earnings (\$418,520) during the 2023-2024 Championship Meet, finishing in the top three at a 63 percent clip (24-for-38). Co-owner with Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners of Cutler Bay winner Set. Won Woodbine's Eclipse (G2) with Palazzi and the Dubai Turf (G1) with Facteur Chival in 2024, the latter in partnership with Team Valor International.
- For the second straight year went 5-for-40 during the 2022-2023 Championship Meet, banking \$276,660 in purses earned. In partnership, he captured the Pegasus Filly & Mare Turf (G3) with G1 winner Queen Goddess and Tropical Park Derby with Golden Glider. Won the 2023 Singspiel (G3) at Woodbine with Palazzi.
- Had five wins from 40 starters at the 2021-2022 Championship Meet, with \$173,880 in purse earnings. At Woodbine in 2022, won the Dominion Day (G3) with Frosted Over and Whimsical (G3) with Our Secret Agent.
- Tied for fifth during the 2020-2021 Championship Meet with seven wins, and ranked 11th with \$320,645 in purse earnings from 43 starters. Among his wins was I Get It in the Sanibel Island.
- Campaigned two Eclipse Award champions in 2020 – top male turf horse Channel Maker and top 2-year-old filly Vequist.
- Earned his first Triple Crown race victory with War of Will in the 2019 Preakness (G1).

- Won the 2019 Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint (G1) with Belvoir Bay.
- Other Grade 1 winners include Catch a Glimpse, Get Her Number, Got Stormy, Tourist and Jack Milton. Also has enjoyed graded-stakes success with Wonder Gadot, Lexie Lou, Olympic Runner, Two Sixty, Laura's Light, Miss Mo Mentum, Power Gal, Solid Wager, War Heroine, Conquest Tsunami, Lookin to Strike, Conquest Panthera, Appealing Tale, Sisterly Love, Comma to the Top, Delegation and Coffee Boy.
- Lexie Lou won the Queen's Plate in 2014, when she earned the Sovereign Award as Canada's champion 3-year-old filly, grass mare and Horse of the Year. She was also voted champion grass mare in 2016.
- Wonder Gadot was Canada's champion 2-year-old filly of 2017 and in 2018 won the Queen's Plate and Prince of Wales to be named champion 3-year-old filly and Horse of the Year.
- Native of South Africa, now calls California home.
- Chairman and CEO of Spyglass Media Group, which develops and produces films and TV series worldwide.
- Motion picture credits as producer, executive producer or financier include Seabiscuit, The Sixth Sense, the Ace Ventura series and Academy Award winner Memoirs of a Geisha.
- Introduced to racing by attending Turffontein Race Course in Johannesburg with friends.
- Worked as a certified public accountant and emigrated to the U.S. in the 1980s.
- First big horse was The Deputy, winner of the 2000 Santa Anita Derby (G1) he owned in partnership with Team Valor International.
- Has partnered with Wachtel Stables (Adam Wachtel) in such horses as Vequist and graded-stakes winners Ron the Greek and Still Having Fun and Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners (Aron Wellman) on In Lingerie and Gretzky the Great.

## C2 RACING STABLE

**Based at Gulfstream Park, C2 Racing Stable was founded in 2021 is owned and operated by brothers Clint Cornett of Flower Mound, Texas and Mark Cornett of Naples, Fla.**

- Clint Cornett serves as managing partner, overseeing all business operations. His passion for horses dates back to the late 1980s when he would frequently drive from Dallas to Louisiana Downs for a weekend of racing.
- Mark Cornett is racing manager and bloodstock agent, evaluating horses for purchase and their racing schedules. He first got into the industry in 1996 and in 2010 identified, negotiated and put together a partnership to purchase subsequent champions and millionaires Blind Luck and Dubai Majesty early in their careers.
- From 2000 to 2005, the brothers were partners in Turf Express, Inc. Mark Cornett continues to serve as bloodstock agent for Turf Express Racing.
- According to its website, since 2000 the Cornetts and their clients have won 119 stakes, 44 graded, including 18 Grade 1 races.
- Alone or in partnership, C2 registered five wins during the 2023-2024 Championship Meet.
- Partners with La Milagrosa Stable to campaign \$4 million earner White Abarrio, whose four graded-stakes wins include the Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) and Whitney (G1) in 2023 and Gulfstream's 2022 Florida Derby (G1) and Holy Bull (G3).
- In 2024 won the Miss Preakness (G3) and Charles Town Oaks (G2) with partner Stefania Farms, the Ruffian (G2) with partner Agave Racing Stable, and the Adirondack (G3) with partner Mathis Stable.
- Won with five of 13 starters at the 2024-2025 Championship Meet. Also had five stakes winners

in partnership: White Abarrio in the \$3 million Pegasus World Cup (G1) and Ghostzapper (G3), Mystic Lake in the Inside Information (G2) and Sugar Swirl, and The Queens M G in the Davona Dale (G2).

- Partners on Soul of an Angel, named Champion Female Sprinter of 2024 following her win in the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint (G1).

## CLAIBORNE FARM

**Claiborne Farm is the breeding and racing operation of the Hancock family of Paris, Ky.**

- Claiborne Farm, established by A.B. Hancock Sr. in early 1910, is located on 2,700 acres. Hancock Sr. ran the farm until 1947, before it was passed on to A.B. "Bull" Hancock Jr. In 1972, Bull handed over the reins to his son Seth Hancock, who was at the helm until 2015. Seth 'Walker' Hancock, Jr. was 27 when he became the fourth generation to lead the operation.
- Seth Hancock is a former board member for Churchill Downs, Inc. and Keeneland Association. He is a member of the American Horse Council, The Jockey Club, Thoroughbred Breeders of Kentucky, Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders Association and a founding member of Breeders' Cup Ltd.
- Claiborne, in partnership with Adele Dilschneider, bred and campaigned Blame, who stopped Zenyatta's 19-race unbeaten streak with a victory in the 2010 Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) by a head. Blame also scored Grade 1 victories in 2010 in the Stephen Foster, Whitney Handicap and the Jockey Club Gold Cup.
- Claiborne bred and raced 1984 Florida Derby (G1) winner Swale, who captured the Kentucky Derby and Belmont Stakes that year.
- Lea put Claiborne and Dilschneider in the Gulfstream Park winner's circle following the Hal's Hope (G3) and Donn Handicap (G1) in 2014, and a repeat of the Hal's Hope in 2015.

- The legendary farm also bred and campaigned Lure, who captured back-to-back editions of the Breeders' Cup Mile in 1992-93.
- Claiborne was the leading North American breeder in money won in 1958-59, 1968-69 and 1984.
- Claiborne campaigned champions Forty Niner, Moccasin and 1984 Kentucky Derby and Belmont Stakes winner Swale.
- Claiborne bred champions Bayou, Beaugay, Doubledogdare, Gamely, Jacula, Lamb Chop, Nadir, Revidere, Round Table, Slew o' Gold and Wajima.
- In 2010, Claiborne won an Eclipse Award of Merit and celebrated its 100th anniversary.
- Bendable won the 2017 Desert Stormer Stakes (G3), Claiborne's first graded victory since 2010. At the 2017-18 Championship Meet, won the Honey Fox (G3) with Lull.
- Claiborne and Dilschneider enjoyed Grade 1 success in 2017 with Elate in the Alabama and Beldame. Elate also won the 2018 Delaware Handicap (G2).
- Elate defended her victory in the 2019 Delaware Handicap, also winning the Fleur de Lis (G2). A perfect 3-0 at 1 ¼ miles, she was entered against males in the \$6 million Breeders' Cup Classic (G1), finishing fourth in her career finale.
- long with Phipps Stable, campaigned Performer to win in the Fred W. Hooper (G3) during Gulfstream's 2020-2021 Championship Meet.

## D.J. STABLE

**Leonard Green is founder and chairman of The Green Group, an accounting, tax, consulting and advisory firm based in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.**

- Tied for fifth at the 2024-2025 Championship Meet with eight wins from 60 starters to go along with \$484,255 in purses earnings. Nitrogen won the Ginger Brew to kick off a five-stakes win streak that included the Florida Oaks (G3), Appalachian (G2), Edgewood (G2) and Wonder Again (G3).
- Also won the Herecomesthebride (G3) and Sweetest Chant with Vixen in partnership with Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners. Teamed with St. Elias Stable, West Point Thoroughbreds and CJ Stable with Arkansas Derby (G1) winner Sandman.
- Won five races and \$275,160 at the 2023-2024 Championship Meet including the Holy Bull (G3) with Hades, who later ran second in the Dwyer (G3).
- Went 4-for-24 with \$203,530 in purse earnings during the 2022-2023 Championship Meet. At Churchill Downs won the American Turf (G2) with Webslinger. In partnership with Medallion Racing, Barry Fowler and Parkland Thoroughbreds won the Appalachian (G2) and placed in four other graded-stakes with Papilio in 2023, including a second in Gulfstream's Herecomesthebride (G3).
- Partnered with Chester and Mary Broman to win the Palm Beach with 2021 With Anticipation (G3) winner Coinage during the 2021-2022 Championship Meet.
- Campaigned Wonder Wheel to wins in the 2022 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (G1), Alcibiades (G1) and Debutante.
- Best horse was Jaywalk, the champion 2-year-old filly of 2018 following her victory in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (G1). Owned in partnership with Cash is King, she also won the 2019 Delaware Oaks (G3).

- Other graded-stakes winners on his own or in partnership include Helium, Martha's Music, On Thin Ice and Chart.
- Helium won the 2021 Tampa Bay Derby (G2) as a final prep for the Kentucky Derby, where he finished eighth.
- With Cash is King and LC Racing campaigned multiple stakes winner Diamond King, who ran seventh in the 2018 Preakness (G1).
- According to The Green Group's website, [www.greenco.com](http://www.greenco.com), D.J. Stable has won two Sovereign Awards, two Eclipse Awards, 14 Leading Owner Titles, over 150 stakes and 2,500 races overall. In addition, D.J. Stable has bred 24 Grade 1 performers and sold over \$87 million of horses at public auction.
- Green has had a long and distinguished career as an entrepreneur, and has been recognized nationally as a tax expert and family business consultant.
- Earned an undergraduate degree in accounting from Rutgers and a Master's degree in Taxation, with honors, from New York University. Graduate of Harvard Business School's Owner and President Management Program.
- In addition to horse racing, Green has experience as an owner, advisor and investor in more than 40 companies such as Blue Buffalo Pet Food, SoBe Beverages, a professional sports team and a commercial real estate management corporation.
- Green also has worked as a professor of entrepreneurship and family business and in 2017 authored The Entrepreneur's Handbook based on his renowned entrepreneurial course taught at Babson College.
- Also wrote a monthly online tax tip column for The Thoroughbred Daily News entitled Proven Strategies.
- Green's son, Jonathan, was partner and co-founder of Targeted Financial Services and serves as the stable's general manager.

## GODOLPHIN STABLE

**Godolphin Stable is the breeding and racing operation of H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum of Dubai.**

- He is the Vice President of the U.A.E. and ruler of Dubai, ascending to those posts with the death of his brother Sheikh Maktoum al Maktoum in January 2006.
- He has been perhaps the most influential racing personality in the world with his drive to win all the greatest races and creation of the Dubai Racing Carnival and the World Cup.
- Godolphin is the Sheikh's top-tier stable, with the best runners from his family's worldwide holdings. Saeed bin Suroor is the stable's longest-serving trainer, overseeing the training of horses since 1995.
- Enjoyed graded-stakes success in 2020 with Essential Quality in the Breeders' Futurity (G1), Pixelate in the Del Mar Derby (G2), Mystic Guide in the Jim Dandy (G3), Shared Sense in the Indiana (G3) and Oklahoma (G3) derbies and Maxfield in the Matt Winn (G3).
- Campaigned Thunder Snow, back-to-back winner of the Dubai World Cup (G1) in 2018 and 2019.
- Other 2019 graded-stakes wins came with Maxfield in the Breeders' Futurity (G1), Old Persian in the Northern Dancer Turf (G1), Lucullan in the Knickerbocker (G2) and Alms in the Matron (G3).
- Classic Fit won the Hut Hut Stakes and Too Charming captured the Tropical Park Oaks for Godolphin during the 2018-19 Championship Meet.
- Godolphin's graded-stakes wins in 2018 included La Pelosa in the Natalma (G1), Lady Montdore in the Glens Falls (G2), Enticed in the Gotham (G3) and Avery Island in the Withers (G3).

- Among Godolphin's four wins at the 2016-17 Championship Meet was Dickinson in the Suwannee River (G3). Dickinson would go on to win two more graded stakes in 2017 including the Jenny Wiley (G1).
- In 2016, Godolphin's Frosted captured the Met Mile (G1) and the Whitney (G1) after winning the Wood Memorial (G1) in 2015.
- Godolphin scored Grade 1 victories in the U.S. in 2012 with It's Tricky (Ogden Phipps), Emcee (Forego), Alpha (Travers) and Questing (Coaching Club American Oaks and Alabama).
- Sheikh Mohammed has won most major races in Europe and has enjoyed success in Breeders' Cup races with Vale of York (2009 Juvenile), Fantastic Light (2001 Turf), Tempera (2001 Juvenile Fillies), and Daylami (1999 Turf).
- Godolphin was voted the Eclipse Award as North America's leading owner for the eighth time in 2024, finishing first with more than \$20.2 million in purse earnings. Also named champion breeder for the fourth straight year and fifth overall after banking \$23.1 million in progeny earnings. Among its runners were male turf champion Rebel's Romance and champion older dirt female Immersive.
- Had three wins and two seconds from just five starters at the 2024-2025 Championship Meet. Sovereignty won the Fountain of Youth (G2) and was second in the Florida Derby (G1) before going on to wins in the Kentucky Derby (G1) and Belmont (G1).
- Godolphin's 2020 Eclipse came largely thanks to undefeated Essential Quality, the champion 2-year-old male, and fellow Grade 1 winner Fair Maiden. Essential Quality won the Belmont (G1), Travers (G1) and Jim Dandy (G2) in 2021.

- During the 2014-15 Championship Meet, Godolphin ranked eighth with \$361,796 in purse earnings, and its five wins included Wedding Toast in the Miami Shores.
- Godolphin had a record of 4-6-3 and ranked 15th with \$256,335 in purse earnings during the 2020-2021 Championship Meet, winning the \$150,000 The Very One (G3) with Antoinette.
- Won of five of 28 starts and ranked ninth with \$452,640 in purse earnings at the 2021-2022 Championship Meet, including victories by Speaker's Corner in the Gulfstream Park Mile (G2) and Fred Hooper (G3).
- Voted the 2021 Eclipse Award as champion owner and breeder after its North American division established a single-season record of \$17.4 million in purse earnings by an owner, led by multiple Grade 1 winner Essential Quality and three victories at the Breeders' Cup.
- At the 2022 Breeders' Cup, Godolphin registered wins as owner-breeder in the Juvenile Turf Sprint (G1) with Mischief Magic, Dirt Mile (G1) with Cody's Wish, Mile (G1) with Modern Games and Turf (G1) with Rebel's Romance. The family's Shadwell Stable is owner of 2022 Breeders' Cup Distaff (G1) winner Malathaat.
- Enjoyed another strong season in 2024 with more than 20 graded-stakes wins including Grade 1 triumphs with Highland Falls, Nations Pride, Measured Time, Master of The Seas, Cinderella's Dream and Immersive while surpassing \$11 million in purse earnings for a fourth straight year.

## DONALD DIZNEY

**Dizney, originally from Pensacola, Fla., is an Orlando-area chairman of a corporation that operates a chain of acute care and psychiatric hospitals in the Southeast and Caribbean. He is also chairman of a specialized senior-care company.**

- Had one win from seven starters at the 2022-2023 Championship Meet, 4-year-old homebred gelding Testa, trained by Hall of Famer Todd Pletcher.
- Won twice during Gulfstream's 2019-2020 Championship meet.
- His multiple stakes winner Bahamian Squall won the 2013 Smile Sprint (G3), as well as the Sunshine State Stakes back-to-back in 2012-2013.
- He graduated from Eastern Kentucky University, which he attended on a football scholarship, and took day trips to Keeneland Race Course during his college years. He watched Florida-bred Carry Back win the 1961 Kentucky Derby from the Churchill Downs infield.
- He once owned interests in the Tampa Bay Bandits and Orlando Renegades in the defunct United States Football League.
- He is a member of The Jockey Club and sat on the board of trustees for the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association. He is past president of the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Association.
- He purchased his first horse in 1983. The same year he opened the 420-acre Double Diamond Farm near Ocala, Fla.
- Dizney bred and campaigned First Dude, the 2010 Preakness (G1) runner-up who was retired following his victory in the 2011 Hollywood Gold Cup (G1) with \$1.4 million in earnings.
- He campaigned Apriority, who captured the 2011 Mr. Prospector (G3).
- Other stakes winners include Wekiva Springs, Anet and Semoran.
- His farm once stood Northern Afleet, sire of 2005 Preakness and Belmont (G1) winner Afleet Alex and currently stands two stallions: Bahamian Squall and First Dude.



## MICHAEL DUBB

**Michael Dubb is founder and CEO of The Beechwood Organization, the largest developer of residential, single-family and multi-family housing in New York state, and ranks at the forefront of privately owned residential builders nationwide.**

- Partnered with Madaket Stables and Richard Schermerhorn on Pegasus World Cup Turf (G1) winner Spirit of St Louis during the 2024-2025 Championship Meet.
- Alone or in partnership, registered 10 wins during the 2023-2024 Championship Meet led by Kertez in the Pan American (G2), Chili Flag in the Honey Fox (G3) and Sweet Dani Girl in the Sunshine Filly & Mare Turf. Won Laurel Park's Barbara Fritchie (G3) with Apple Picker.
- Had nine wins, either alone or through partnerships, at the 2022-2023 Championship Meet including Therapist in the Pan American (G2). Therapist would go on to become a G1 winner in the United Nations at Monmouth Park.
- At the 2021-2022 Championship Meet, captured the Sand Springs with Crystal Cliffs in partnership with Madaket Stables, Wonder Stable and Michael Caruso.
- With various partners captured the Kitten's Joy (G3) with Chess's Dream, Sunshine Classic with Last Judgment and Captiva Island with A Bit of Both during the 2020-2021 Championship Meet.
- Had only four starters in partnership during the 2019-2020 Championship Meet but won with three of them including Muggsmatic in the Emerald and Shekky Shebaz in the Canterbury on Claiming Crown day.
- At the 2018-19 Championship Meet, Dubb tied for sixth with nine wins and had \$281,220 in purse earnings. Won the Captiva Island with Samara and, in partnership, captured the Gulfstream Turf Sprint with World of Trouble and Swale (G3) with Call Paul.

- Enjoyed a solid 2017-18 Championship Meet with six wins, two seconds and \$158,702 in purse earnings from just 10 starters. He partnered in Thewayiam to win the Sweetest Chant (G2), Herecomesthebride (G3) and Ginger Brew and also won the Mary Todd with Glory to Kitten.
- During the 2016-17 Championship Meet he partnered on stakes winners Royal Posse (Claiming Crown Jewel) and Wake Forest (Mac Diarmida-G2)
- Dubb serves on the New York Racing Association's Board of Directors.
- He built and donated to the Belmont Child Care Center, known as Anna House, in 2002 and donated an extension to the building in 2011. He serves as the Chairman of the Belmont Child Care Association.
- He became involved in ownership after building Anna House.
- He has multiple leading owner titles at all three NYRA tracks – Aqueduct, Belmont Park and Saratoga. He led all New York owners in wins in 2010, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.
- Dubb campaigned 2014 Beldame (G1) and Delaware Handicap (G1) winner Belle Gallantey in partnership with Bethlehem Stable and Gary Aisquith.
- Grace Hall, whom he also owned in a partnership, won the 2012 Gulfstream Park Oaks (G2). She won the 2011 Spinaway (G1) at Saratoga.
- In partnership with Bethlehem Stables and Gary Aisquith, Dubb-owned Royal Posse in 2015 and 2016 won back-to-back editions of the Claiming Crown Jewel, the richest race on the Claiming Crown program that traditionally helps kick off Gulfstream's Championship Meet.
- Among scores of partnerships over the years, Dubb has campaigned multiple Grade 1 winners Monomoy Girl, the 3-year-old champion filly of 2018 and champion older mare of 2020; Uni, the champion turf female of 2019; British

Idiom, 2019's champion 2-year-old filly; and 2015 Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint winner Wavell Avenue.

- Other graded-stakes winners include Grace Hall, Sis City, Lady Ivanka, Belle Gallantey, My Happy Face, Wake Forest, Condo Commando, Mr. Maybe and Fourstar Crook.

## E FIVE RACING THOROUGHBREDS

**Established in 2015, e Five is the family racing operation of Bob and Kristine Edwards and their three children – Cassidy, Riley and Delaney.**

- Bob Edwards is the owner of e5 Pharma, a pharmaceutical company for pets with corporate offices located in Boca Raton, Fla.
- Privately sold Carl Spackler in May 2025 after his homebred won eight of 12 starts and banked nearly \$2 million including Grade 1 victories in the 2025 Maker's Mark Mile and 2024 Coolmore Turf Mile and Fourstardave. Carl Spackler was named for Bill Murray's groundskeeper character in the 1980 movie Caddyshack.
- Campaigned 2017 Champion 2-Year-Old Colt Good Magic with Stonestreet Stables and 2020 Champion Turf Mare Rushing Fall.
- Good Magic won the 2017 Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) and in 2018 won the Haskell (G1) and Blue Grass (G2) and was second in the Kentucky Derby. He retired with more than \$2.9 million in purse earnings and sired 2023 Derby winner Mage.
- Rushing Fall won 11 of 15 starts and nearly \$2.9 million in purse earnings. Six of her victories came in Grade 1 stakes – the 2017 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf; 2018 QE II Challenge Cup; 2019 Jenny Wiley and Just a Game; and 2020 Jenny Wiley and Diana.
- Saw Three Witches earn an automatic berth in the 2023 Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint (G1) with her victory in Gulfstream's Princess Rooney (G2).

- Also won graded-stakes with Gibberish, Seek and Destroy, New Money Honey and Zindaya.
- In partnership with Robert LaPenta and Madaket Stables won the 2023 Pennine Ridge (G2) with Kalik.
- Partnered with Michael Ryan with 2019 Secretariat (G1) winner Valid Point.

## ECLIPSE THOROUGHBRED PARTNERS

**Founded in 2011 by Aron Wellman, a licensed attorney in California, West Coast-based Eclipse has grown into one of the most successful racing partnerships in the country.**

- Partnered with D. J. Stable to win the Herecomesthebride (G3) and Sweetest Chant with Vixen during the 2024-2025 Championship Meet.
- Managing partner of 2025 Preakness (G1) winner Journalism, who ran second in the Kentucky Derby (G1) and Belmont (G1) as the only horse to compete in all three legs of the Triple Crown.
- Had four wins in partnership during the 2023-2024 Championship Meet including Set in the Cutler Bay. Among its graded-stakes winners in 2024 were Anisette and The Grey Wizard.
- Partnered with Gary Barber to win the \$500,000 Pegasus Filly & Mare Turf (G3) with Queen Goddess during the 2022-2023 Championship Meet.
- Campaigned Nest in partnership to wins in the Alabama (G1), Ashland (G1), Coaching Club American Oaks (G1), Beldame (G2) and Shuvee (G2) and a second in the Belmont Stakes (G1) en route to the Eclipse Award as champion 3-year-old filly.
- Won the 2021 Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1) with Maryland-bred Aloha West.
- Among several partners in 2017 Belmont Stakes (G1) winner Tapwrit.

- Other Grade 1 winners for Eclipse are Anisette, Speaking Scout, Red Lark, Curalina, Illuminant, Danza, Capo Bastone and Byrama.
- From the age of 8 until he graduated from law school at 24, Wellman worked for several trainers during the summers at Del Mar, starting by mucking stalls and working his way up to assistant trainer.
- Wellman played four years of Division I soccer at the University of California-Santa Barbara, graduating in 1999, and is a 2002 graduate of Southwestern University Law School.
- While practicing law, Wellman dabbled in forming racing partnerships and left his practice in 2008 to become vice president of Team Valor International. After three years, which included wins by Pluck in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf (G1) and Animal Kingdom in the 2011 Kentucky Derby (G1), Wellman left to form Eclipse.
- Merged with Dogwood Stable when founder and partnership pioneer Cot Campbell retired to begin 2012. Campbell passed away in 2018.

## BOBBY FLAY

**Flay, a native New Yorker, is a celebrity chef and restaurateur who graduated from the French Culinary Institute.**

- Teamed with Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners to win the Allaire du Pont Distaff with Candied and James Ventura to win the Sir Barton with Crudo, both over Preakness 150 weekend at Pimlico.
- Among Flay's restaurants are Amalfi and Brasserie B in Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, and Bobby's Burgers with locations in Arizona, Las Vegas, Louisiana, New Jersey, North Carolina, Utah and Yankee Stadium. Also has Bobby Flay Steaks through the mobile restaurant Wonder.
- He also hosts and guests on numerous Food Network television programs and podcasts, has

written many cookbooks and created a line of premium cat food, Made by Nacho.

- His cooking style embraces Spanish, Mexican and Southwest influences.
- He started his culinary career at 17 in a New York restaurant and was sent to the French Culinary Institute by the owner, Joe Allen.
- He worked as executive chef of the city's Miracle Grill from 1988-90, and then opened Mesa Grill in 1991.
- His grandfather, Willie Flay, provided him with his first experience at the racetrack, taking him to Belmont Park on a rainy summer day.
- Flay served on the board of directors of the state-controlled New York Racing Association.
- He began ownership as a partner with people already established in the business. His first successful partnership, with John Phillips and Richard Santulli, campaigned Wonder Again, a multiple Grade 1 stakes-winning female turf star. He visited the Breeders' Cup winner's circle in 2010 with Juvenile Filly Turf heroine More Than Real.
- He also owned Her Smile, who captured the Prioress (G1) at Belmont in 2011.
- Campaigned Dame Dorothy, winner of the 2015 Sunshine Millions Distaff who went on to take the Bed o'Roses Handicap (G3) and Humana Distaff (G1).
- Bought a share of Creator just days before the colt's victory in the 2016 Belmont Stakes (G1).
- Won the 2021 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf (G1) and 2022 Hilltop with Pizza Bianca.



## STUART JANNEY, III

**Janney is Chairman Emeritus of Bessemer Trust Co. and has been a prominent leader with The Jockey Club, T.O.B.A., Breeders' Cup, Keeneland, New York Racing Association and the NTRA.**

- At the age of 76, scaled back his racing and breeding operations in the fall of 2024 by dispersing his broodmare band while keeping his weanlings, yearlings and horses of racing age.
- Co-owned and co-bred 2013 Florida Derby (G1), Fountain of Youth (G2) and Kentucky Derby (G1) winner Orb.
- Captured back-to-back runnings of the Commonwealth Oaks (G3) at Laurel Park with homebreds Onus in 2015 and My Impression in 2016. Ironicus won the Dixie (G2) and Bernard Baruch (G2) in 2015.
- He resides in Butler, Md.
- His parents bred and raced champion filly Ruffian and his grandmother, Mrs. Henry Carnegie Phipps, raced as Wheatley Stable, which campaigned Horse of the Year and leading sire Bold Ruler.
- Janney is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and University of Maryland Law School.
- After receiving his law degree in 1973, he worked four years as a speechwriter and policy assistant in the offices of Maryland Senator Charles Mathias, Tennessee Senator Howard Baker, and the U. S. State Department. He was general counsel for Johns Hopkins before moving to Bessemer Trust in 1994.
- Had four wins and 11 top three finishes from 15 starters at the 2017-18 Championship Meet, including a victory with On Leave in the My Charmer (G3).
- During the 2011-12 Gulfstream Park meeting, his homebred Hymn Book captured the Donn Handicap (G1). He also was represented in the

winner's circle with Orchid Stakes (G3) winner Hit It Rich.

- He bred and campaigned Coronado's Quest, the winner of 1998 Haskell (G1) and Travers (G1) and \$2 million in purses.
- Other stakes winners include Celestial City, Scarlett Sky, Inspector Lynley, Data Link, Military Look, Warning Glance, Deputation, Mesabi Maiden, Criminologist and Hunting.

## JACKS OR BETTER FARM

**Jacks or Better Farm, an 88-acre farm in Ocala, Fla., was established in 1997 by Fred and Jane Brei of Savannah, Ga., and Ocala.**

- Fred Brei passed away March 19, 2023 at the age of 80. Jane Brei continues to breed and race horses.
- Banked \$252,450 in purses at the 2023-2024 Championship Meet with three wins and six seconds from 23 starters including Spirit Wind in the Sugar Swirl (G3), its first graded victory since 2016.
- Had five wins, three seconds, four thirds and \$219,590 in purse earnings during the 2022-2023 Championship Meet.
- Finished third or better in 17 of 28 starts at the 2021-2022 Championship Meet with six wins, including filly Spirit Wind in the Any Limit. She would later win the Musical Romance and finish second to champion Ce Ce in the Princess Rooney (G2).
- Won three races and \$310,515 in purse earnings during the 2019-20 Championship Meet. Two of those wins came in stakes with Shivaree in the Buffalo Man and Limehouse. Shivaree would go on to run second in the Florida Derby (G1), Swale (G3) and Hutcheson.
- Lone win of the 2018-19 Championship Meet came with Garter and Tie in the Smooth Air.
- Extended its record wins total in the Florida Sire Stakes to 19 with a victory by 2-year-old colt Garter and Tie in the 2018 Affirmed. Later that month had Grade 3-placed Old Time Revival earn his first stakes win in the Challedon at Laurel Park.

- In 2014 captured the first three legs of the series for juveniles sired by Florida Stallions with Sing Praises (Dr. Fager & In Reality) and Twotwentyfive A (Affirmed).
- During the 2014-15 Championship Meet won the Gulfstream Park Sprint (G3) with C. Zee and the Claiming Crown Rapid Transit with Grande Shores.
- Won the 2013 Gulfstream Park Sprint Championship (G3) with Fort Loudon.
- Fred Brei, a native of Poplar Grove, Ill., was a builder/developer. He was founder and chief executive officer of Canterbury Corp., a long-term retirement facility in Crystal Lake, Ill. until he sold it in 1995 and moved to Ocala. Jane Brei is a retired nurse.
- Fred Brei bought his first broodmare in 1972 at Keeneland and raced a small stable in the Midwest before taking a 15-year break from racing to concentrate on his business.
- The Breis originally intended to be commercial breeders but ended up operating one of Florida's most successful small-scale homebred racing operations.
- Jacks or Better Farm made it to the top of the Thoroughbred world when homebred Awesome Feather captured the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (G1) in 2010. They turned around and sold Awesome Feather for \$2.3 million at auction to Stronach Stables.
- Homebred Jackson Bend swept the 2009 Florida Stallion Stakes before selling a majority interest to Robert LaPenta. Jackson Bend went on to finish third in the 2010 Preakness Stakes (G1) and notch Grade 1 victories in the 2011 Forego and the 2012 Carter.
- Homebred Fort Loudon swept the 2011 Florida Stallion Stakes and subsequently finished second in the 2012 King's Bishop (G1) at Saratoga.
- Other stakes winners include Dogwood Trail, Awesome Banner, Awesome Belle, Radical Riley, Hear No Evil, Bourbon N Blues, Scrubs,

Ladyinaredress, Friday's a Comin,' Antsinmypants, Bayou's Lassie, Honey Honey Honey and Winnie's Pooh Bear.

## JUDDMONTE FARMS

**Juddmonte Farms is the breeding and racing operation founded by Prince Khalid Abdullah of Saudi Arabia, England and Kentucky.**

- Prince Khalid passed away Jan. 12, 2021 at the age of 84. Douglas Erskine Crum, Juddmonte's CEO, said, "Prince Khalid will always be remembered as a quiet, dignified, benevolent family man, whose horses spoke for him. He leaves a legacy that will stand the test of time. His contribution to the development of the Thoroughbred will have long-lasting effects."
- Graded-stakes wins in 2025 included Disco Time in the Lecomte (G3) and Final Gambit in the Jeff Ruby (G3). Among its 2024 graded wins were Idiomatic in the La Troienne (G1) and Molly Pitcher (G3) and Whitebeam in the Diana (G1).
- Notched Grade 1 wins in 2023 with Set Piece in the Arlington Million, Idiomatic in the Personal Ensign, Whitebeam in the Diana and 2022 Champion Sprinter Elite Power in the Alfred G. Vanderbilt. Idiomatic won the Eclipse Award as champion older female.
- Won twice during the 2021-2022 Championship Meet including Obligatory in the Hurricane Bertie (G3). In her next start, Obligatory would win the Derby City Distaff (G1).
- Other graded winners in 2022 included Elite Power in the Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1), Laurel River, Set Piece, Fulsome, Masen and Mandaloun, who was retired to stud at Juddmonte USA in September.
- Among Juddmonte's 2021 stakes winners were Juliet Fox trot in the Jenny Wiley (G1), Mandaloun in the Haskell (G1) and Risen Star (G2), Obligatory in the Eight Belles (G2), Set Piece in

the Wise Dan (G2), Viadara in the Ballston Spa (G2), Bonny South in the Doubledogdare (G3), and Fulsome in the Matt Winn (G3) and Smarty Jones (G3).

- Arrogate became the first winner of Gulfstream's \$12 million Pegasus World Cup Invitational (G1) in January 2017, then won the \$10 million Dubai World Cup (G1) two months later to become North America's all-time leading Thoroughbred money-earner with more than \$17 million in purses.
- Enjoyed graded-stakes success in 2020 with Bonny South in the Fair Grounds Oaks (G2), Tacitus in the Suburban (G2), Juliet Fox trot in the Gallorette (G3) and Viadara in the Noble Damsel (G3).
- Won five races and \$228,050 in purse earnings at the 2018-19 Championship Meet, including a victory by Seismic Wave in the Cutler Bay.
- Juddmonte also won the La Prevoyante (G3) and the The Very One (G3) at the 2016-17 Championship Meet with Suffused.
- Abdullah started out with expensive purchases that set auction records in Europe in the 1970s, but concentrated on homebreds after developing his breeding operation.
- He went back to the 2014 Keeneland September sale to purchase Arrogate, who went on in 2016 to win the Travers (G1) by 13 ½ lengths in track record time at Saratoga, beating Triple Crown champion American Pharoah, and subsequently upset California Chrome in the Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) to clinch champion 3-year-old male honors.
- In 1983, he was awarded honorary membership in Britain's Jockey Club.
- Has won multiple Eclipse Awards as top owner or breeder or both, including the top owner of 2016, and has been honored as a leading owner and breeder in Britain and France.

Juddmonte's homebred Frankel concluded an undefeated racing career with a victory in the 2012 Champion Stakes at Ascot. Named in the memory of Juddmonte's late longtime Hall of Fame trainer Bobby Frankel, the 4-year-old colt won all 14 of his races and is widely regarded as one of the best horses of all time.

- Homebred Empire Maker captured the 2003 Florida Derby (G1) at Gulfstream before adding the Wood Memorial (G1) and Belmont Stakes (G1).
- Juddmonte-bred Enable became the first British-trained dual winner of the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe by repeating her 2017 triumph in 2018, making Juddmonte the breeder of the race's winner or runner-up six times in 13 years.
- Enable became the first horse to sweep both the Arc and the Breeders' Cup Turf (G1) in the same year in 2018. She finished second in her bid for a historic third Arc triumph in 2019 and sixth in 2020 in her career finale.
- Other homebreds to have captured Breeders' Cup races: Banks Hill (2001 Filly & Mare Turf), Intercontinental (2005 Filly & Mare Turf), Midday (2009 Filly & Mare Turf) and Ventura (2008 Filly & Mare Sprint).
- Juddmonte has bred over 100 individual Group or Grade 1 stakes winners, including 2006 Arc winner Rail Link; 1985 Arc-winner Rainbow Quest; champion Known Fact; classic winner Dancing Brave; 1990 Epsom Derby winner Quest for Fame, who won the 1992 Hollywood Turf Handicap; homebreds Zafonic and Commander in Chief, who won the Two Thousand Guineas and Epsom Derby, respectively, in 1993; and homebred multiple group 1 winner Oasis Dream.
- Flute carried Juddmonte's colors to victory in the 2003 Kentucky Oaks (G1).

- Banks Hill, Intercontinental, Ryafan and Wandesta were honored with Eclipse Awards. Juddmonte Farms consists of three properties in the United States and six properties in England and Ireland.
- Dr. John Chandler manages Abdullah's North American operation, while Garrett O'Rourke serves as general manager. The nearly 2,500-acre Juddmonte Farms near Lexington was founded in 1982, with Known Fact becoming its first stallion in 1987. Garrett O'Rourke manages that farm, which is home to the stallions Arrogate and Mizzen Mast.

## KINSMAN STABLE

**Founded by George Steinbrenner, the late owner of the New York Yankees and a marine shipping company, Kinsman Stable is operated by the Steinbrenner family.**

- Kinsman campaigned 2005 Kentucky Derby (G1) favorite, Wood Memorial winner and Travers runner-up Bellamy Road, as well as stakes winners Concerto, Hemingway's Key, Beacon Shine and Crystal Current.
- Kinsman Hope, winner of the 1972 Remsen Stakes (G2), was among the farm's first thoroughbreds.
- Kinsman Farm is a 750-acre property located in Ocala, Fla. and named for the street in Cleveland where Steinbrenner's German ancestors settled in 1840.
- The farm is home to about 35 broodmares who produce runners for the stable's racing operation. Steinbrenner's daughter Jessica serves as president and is also a children's book author.

## KLARAVICH STABLES

**Seth Klarman was born in New York, raised in Baltimore and resides in Brookline, Mass. He is a graduate of Harvard Business School, hedge fund billionaire and a partner in Fenway Sports Group, owners of the Boston Red Sox, Pittsburgh Penguins and Liverpool Football Club.**

- Finished third or better in 14 of 21 starts during the 2024-2025 Championship Meet, with one win. Among its graded winners in 2025 were Dynamic Pricing and Ways and Means.
- Lone win at the 2023-2024 Championship Meet came with millionaire mare McKulick in the Orchid (G3). Had Grade 1 success with Program Trading, Randomized, Domestic Product and Ways and Means.
- Tied for fourth with seven wins and ranked seventh with \$465,370 in purse earnings during the 2022-2023 Championship Meet. Among the wins were the Honey Fox (G3) with Faith in Humanity and Sand Springs with Marketsegmentation, who went on to win the New York (G1). Other Grade 1 wins in 2023 came with Randomized in the Alabama and Program Trading in the Saratoga Derby Invitational.
- Won with six of 16 starters during the 2021-2022 Championship Meet with \$205,620 in purse earnings.
- For the second time in six years, captured the Middle Jewel of the Triple Crown with Early Voting in the 2022 Preakness Stakes (G1). The Withers (G3) winner and Wood Memorial (G2) runner-up was retired to Ashford Stud following an eighth in the Travers (G1).
- Other 2022 graded-stakes winners included McKulick, Technical Analysis, Gerrymander, Search Results, Consumer Spending, Highly Motivated and Faith in Humanity.

- Klaravich Stables was formed in 1993 by Klarman and Jeff Radich, but Klarman maintained the stable after Radich went solo on the West Coast in 2004. Klarman partnered with William H. Lawrence from 2006-19.
- Klarman enjoyed graded-stakes success in 2021 with Search Results in the Acorn (G1), Domestic Spending in the Manhattan (G1) and Turf Classic (G1), Public Sector in the National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame (G2) and Saranac (G3), Technical Analysis in the Lake Placid (G2) and Lake George (G3), Search Results in the Gazelle (G3), Domain Expertise in the Florida Oaks (G3), Risk Taking in the Withers (G3) and Counterparty Risk in the Endeavour (G3).
- With Lawrence, won with four of seven starters at the 2018-19 Championship Meet, ranking second with more than \$3 million in purse earnings largely thanks to Bricks and Mortar, winner of the inaugural \$7 million Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational (G1). Klaravich also won the Forward Gal (G3) with Feedback and Pan American (G2) with Focus Group.
- Bricks and Mortar went on to win his next five races, four of them Grade 1 (Turf Classic, Manhattan, Arlington Million, Breeders' Cup Turf) and be voted 2019 Horse of the Year, and earn Klarman and Lawrence the Eclipse Award as top owner.
- Registered seven wins and banked \$230,150 from 19 starters at the 2017-18 Championship Meet including Economic Model in the Hal's Hope (G3).
- Won four of 16 starts and more than \$293,000 in purses during the 2016-17 Championship Meet topped by Favorable Outcome's victory in the Swale (G2). Also ran second in the Fountain of Youth (G2) with Practical Joke.



- Cloud Computing gave the partners their first victory in a Triple Crown race in the 2017 Preakness (G1). Klarman grew up on Whitney Avenue in Baltimore, just a few blocks from historic Pimlico Race Course, where he watched Secretariat's 1973 triumph as a high school student.
- In 2018, Klarman's Klaravich Stables won the Champagne (G1) with Complexity, the Test (G1) with Separationofpowers and the Miss Grillo (G3) with Newspaperofrecord. Lawrence won the 2018 Transylvania (G3) and 2017 Cecil B. DeMille (G3) with Analyze It.
- The partners enjoyed multiple Grade 1 success in 2016 with Practical Joke, who captured the Hopeful and Champagne before finishing third in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1). In 2017 Practical Joke won the H. Allen Jerkens (G1) at Saratoga, formerly run as the King's Bishop.
- Klaravich and Lawrence's Zero Rate Policy captured the Sunshine State Stakes at Gulfstream Park during the 2011-12 season.
- They also won the 2011 Hopeful (G1) with Currency Swap, who came back to Saratoga in 2012 to capture the Amsterdam (G2).
- They enjoyed considerable stakes success in 2012 with Balance the Books, who won the With Anticipation (G2) at Saratoga and the Bourbon (G3) at Keeneland; Sum of the Parts, who captured the Phoenix (G3) at Keeneland; and Spurious Precision, who won the Saratoga Special (G2).
- In 2014, they scored graded stakes wins with Central Banker in the Churchill Downs Stakes (G2), Startup Nation in the With Anticipation and Ready to Act in the Beaumont (G3).
- Captured the Sweetest Chant (G3) during the 2014-15 Championship Meet with Consumer Credit.

## LAEL STABLES

**Roy and Gretchen Jackson of West Grove, Pa. race their horses under Lael Stables.**

- Both graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and were married in 1959. Roy Jackson is a grandson of William Rockefeller, former president of Standard Oil.
- Roy spent much of his life in the game of baseball, serving from 1983-2000 as president of Convest, Inc., a firm that represented professional ballplayers. He also served as past president of minor league baseball leagues and as a club owner of minor league teams in York, Pa. (Pirates) and Tucson, Ariz. (Toros).
- The Jacksons campaigned Barbaro, the 2006 Florida Derby (G1) winner who went on to win the Kentucky Derby (G1) with an undefeated record before suffering catastrophic leg injuries shortly after the start of the Preakness. Their homebred Derby winner eventually succumbed to his injuries.
- In 2007, the Jacksons made a \$3 million gift to endow a chair at the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania in the name of Dean W. Richardson, who led the team of surgeons that treated Barbaro.
- The Jacksons have been involved in Thoroughbred racing for more than 30 years. Roy Jackson began devoting his full attention to racing as a principal business in 2000.
- Won stakes in 2021 with Magic Attitude in the Sheepshead Bay (G2), Arrest Me Red in the Belmont Turf Sprint Invitational (G3) and Mahony and Talk Or Listen in the Peach Tree.
- Other graded-stakes winners campaigned by the Lael Stables include Ageless, Divining Rod, Showing Up, Hawksmoor, I'm So Fancy, The Great Day, Rainha Da Bateria, George Washington, Grandera and Superstar Leo,

Jehozacat and Magic Attitude.

- Showing Up is now honored with a stakes race in his name during Gulfstream's fall meet, held over Tapeta for the first time in 2021.
- Lael Stables began breeding racehorses in 1978 at the 190-acre Lael Farm, which sits in the midst of steeplechase and show horse country. Lael means "loyalty" in Gaelic.
- After more than 20 years in the business, their first graded-stakes winner came with Rashas Warning in the 1998 Herecomesthebride Stakes (G3) at Gulfstream. They had purchased the filly just 36 hours earlier.
- In 2022 Arrest Me Red earned his fifth career stakes win in the Twin Spires Turf Sprint (G2).
- Enjoyed graded-stakes success in 2023 with Chez Pierre in the Maker's Mark Mile (G1), She Feels Pretty in the Natalma (G1) and Ready to Venture in the Seaway (G3).
- Campaigned She Feels Pretty to seven wins in her first 10 starts including Grade 1 success in the Natalma, 2024 Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup and American Oaks and 2025 New York.

## ROBERT V. LAPENTA

**Robert V. LaPenta was born in Yonkers, N.Y. and resides in Stamford, Conn.**

- One of several partners in Journalism, Southern California-based winner of the 2025 Preakness (G1) that ran second in the Kentucky Derby (G1) and Belmont (G1) as the only horse to compete in all three races.
- Had two wins and a second from four starters at the 2023-2024 Championship Meet.
- He is an alumnus and a member of Iona's Board of Trustees.
- LaPenta donated \$7 million toward the construction of the college's LaPenta Student Union Building. LaPenta's silks are maroon and gold, in honor of his alma mater.

- He is chairman of the board, president and CEO of Revolution Lighting, which brings together industry-leading energy efficient products, and a senior adviser at Aston Capital Management in Coral Gables, Fla.
- Previously he served as the chairman of the board, president and CEO of L-1 Identity Solutions, a provider of solutions and services that protect personal identities and assets.
- LaPenta is the co-founder and former president and CFO of L-3 Communications Corporation, a provider of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance systems. LaPenta had previously worked as a vice president of Lockheed Martin Corp.
- He became only the second owner in Gulfstream history to celebrate consecutive victories in the Florida Derby (G1). LaPenta won the \$1 million event with Dialed In in 2011 and Ice Box in 2010.
- Introduced to racing by his mother as a youth, he first became an owner in 1998 as a partner with St. John's University mens basketball coach Rick Pitino.
- He started his own stable in 2001, purchasing eight yearlings for \$895,000 in the name of Whitehorse Stable.
- LaPenta campaigned 2007 juvenile champion War Pass, who captured the Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1).
- Alone and with partners he has had many stakes winners, including 2008 Belmont Stakes (G1) winner Da' Tara, Jackson Bend, The Cliff's Edge, Catholic Boy, Pies Prospect, Uni, Current, Hawkish and Andromeda's Hero. In 2015, he won the Bay Shore (G3) and Woody Stephens (G2) with March.
- In partnership with Bridlewood Farm and Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, he earned his second Belmont Stakes victory in 2017 with Tapwrit. Tapwrit ended his juvenile season in 2016

breaking his maiden at Gulfstream Park West and winning the Pulpit at Gulfstream Park in his stakes debut.

- Solely owned Catholic Boy for his 2017 victories in the With Anticipation (G3) and Remsen (G3), then took on partners as Catholic Boy became a Grade 1 winner on turf and dirt in 2018 in the Belmont Derby Invitational and Travers Stakes. Winner of the Dixie (G2) at Pimlico in his 2019 debut, he was retired to stud following a fourth-place finish in the Knickerbocker (G2).
- Won with four of eight starters at the 2017-18 Championship Meet.
- In partnership with e Five Racing Thoroughbreds and Madaket Stables won the 2023 Pennine Ridge (G2) with Kalik.

## **WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE**

**A native of Latham, N.Y. and a resident of New York City and Saratoga Springs, N.Y., Lawrence operates an investment company headquartered near his hometown.**

- Lawrence partnered with Seth Klarman of Klaravich Stables from 2006 to 2019.
- During their time together, Lawrence and Klarman topped 540 wins and \$43 million in purse earnings and captured the 2019 Eclipse Award as leading owner following Bricks and Mortar's undefeated Horse of the Year campaign.
- Their last starter was Baltimore-Washington International Turf Cup (G3) runner-up Frontier Market, who ran third in the 2019 Artie Schiller at Aqueduct.
- CEO and chief investment officer of Meridian Capital Partners, Lawrence was 12 when he first attended the races at Saratoga.
- Lawrence has campaigned horses on his own since 2009 and won three graded-stakes – Analyze It in the 2020 Red Bank (G3), 2018 Transylvania (G3) and 2017 Cecil B. DeMille (G3).

- Analyze It also ran third in the 2018 Breeders' Cup Mile (G1).
- Supplemented Jim Dandy (G2) runner-up Liveyourbeastlife to the 2020 Preakness (G1).
- Lawrence graduated from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business in 1983 and is a member of Wharton's Undergraduate Executive Board and the Board of Directors of the YMCA of Greater New York.
- He began his career with KPMG Peat Marwick, held senior investment consulting positions with Merrill Lynch and Shearson Lehman Bros. and was a senior vice president with Prudential Securities, Inc. before founding Meridian in 1994.

## **LIVE OAK PLANTATION**

**Live Oak Plantation is the stable name of Charlotte Weber, the granddaughter of Campbell Soup founder John T. Dorrance. Her family still owns much of the company's stock.**

- Banked \$318,252 in purses, good for 15th overall, with a record of 3-10-3 from 35 starters during the 2024-2025 Championship Meet.
- Named FTBOA's leading owner of Florida-breds by earnings for the seventh time in 2024 with \$1.683 million from 31 wins, 25 seconds and 18 thirds. Prior wins came in 2011, 2016, 2017, 2019, 2020 and 2021. Also owned Florida's 2024 champion older male and champion male turf horse Forever Souper.
- Tied for sixth with seven wins and had six seconds with \$411,580 in purse earnings at the 2023-2024 Championship Meet. Won the Tropical Park Derby with Souper Blessing, Sunshine Turf with Forever Souper and City of Light with Spirit Animal.
- Won the Royal North (G2) and Whimsical (G3) with Our Flash Drive and Belle Mahone (G3) with Super Hoity Toity in 2023, all at Woodbine for Hall of Fame trainer Mark Casse.
- Registered six wins for the second straight

- winter at the 2021-2022 Championship Meet, tied for fifth overall, to go along with \$253,060 in purse earnings. Saw Super Hoity Toity win the Ontario Colleen (G3) and Selene (G3) in 2022 at Woodbine.
- Tied for seventh with six wins and ranked ninth with \$353,450 in purse earnings during the 2020-2021 Championship Meet. Won graded-stakes in 2021 with Souper Escape, Souper Stonehenge, Tap It to Win, Our Flash Drive and Souper Sensational.
  - Had four wins and \$243,595 in purse earnings during the 2019-2020 Championship Meet, led by March to the Arch's victory in the Sunshine Millions Turf. March to the Arch would go on to win the 2020 King Edward (G2).
  - Other graded-stakes winners in 2020 were Win Win in the Forego (G1), Salute With Honor in the Durham Cup (G3) and Souper Escape in the Seaway (G3) and Trillium (G3).
  - Earned the Sovereign Award as Canada's top owner in 2020 and 2021.
  - Tied for fourth-most wins (nine) at the 2018-2019 Championship Meet, banking \$412,690 in purses. Won the Sunshine Millions Classic with Souper Tapit, who went on to capture the Eclipse (G2) at Woodbine.
  - Reached the Kentucky Derby and Preakness in 2019 with record-setting Suncoast Stakes winner Win Win Win, finishing off the board in both but rebounding to win the Manila Stakes on grass at Belmont before getting the rest of the year off.
  - Won six times and finished in the money with 13 of 24 starters during the 2017-2018 Championship Meet to go along with \$219,730 in purse earnings.
  - Enjoyed Grade 1 success in 2016 with World Approval in the United Nations and Victory to Victory in the Natalma. World Approval won the Breeders' Cup Mile (G1), Fourstardave (G1), Woodbine Mile (G1) and Dixie (G2) and was

- named Eclipse champion male turf horse in 2017, as well as the Tampa Bay Stakes (G3) in 2018.
- World Approval was named Florida-bred Horse of the Year in 2017 and Weber's breeding arm, Live Oak Stud, was named the state's top breeder. World Approval's dam, Win Approval, earned top broodmare honors. Win Approval is only the fourth mare in history to produce two Breeders' Cup winners – World Approval and Miesque's Approval (2006 Mile).
  - During the 2014-15 Championship Meet, won the Texas Glitter Stakes with Souper Colossal. Among her 2015 stakes wins were World Approval in the American Derby (G3) and Saranac (G3) and Florida Won in the Seagram Cup Stakes (G3).
  - Finished fifth in races won during the 2013 meet with 10.
  - Won the Sunshine Millions Distaff and Ocala Stakes during the 2012-2013 meet with Successful Song.
  - Won the 2013 Appleton Stakes (G3) with Za Approval.
  - She is a graduate of the University of Paris with a bachelor of arts and science degree.
  - She owns Live Oak Stud farm in Ocala and Live Oak Properties.
  - She is a member of The Jockey Club and served as a director of the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' and Owners' Association.
  - She owned To Honor And Serve, the 2011 Cigar Mile (G1) victor who captured the 2012 Woodward Stakes (G1) at Saratoga.
  - Her homebred Zo Impressive, who began her career in 2012 at Gulfstream Park with a pair of victories and a second in the Gulfstream Oaks (G2), went on to capture the Mother Goose (G1) that year.
  - Weber won the 2011 Blue Grass (G1) with Brilliant Speed.
  - Weber's High Fly captured the 2005 Florida Derby (G1).

- Other top Live Oak runners include 1982 Kentucky Derby runner-up Laser Light, 1978 Withers and Dwyer winner Junction, 2006 Eclipse Award winner and Breeders' Cup Mile winner Miesque's Approval, 2005 Kentucky Oaks runner-up In the Gold, and Grade 1 winning turf females My Typhoon and Strategic Mission.
- Miesque's Approval was named the Champion Turf Male in 2006.
- Global Access won three Grade 3 stakes in 2019 – the Saranac, Marine and Ontario Derby.

## EARLE MACK

**Earle Mack is the Senior Partner and CFO of the Mack Corp., a commercial real estate manager and developer.**

- He was U.S. ambassador to Finland from 2004-2005.
- He was senior partner of The Mack Company, a real estate development, management and investment firm, and was a founding board member of the Mack-Cali Realty Corporation in 1997.
- He was on the board of several arts organizations, including the New York City Ballet and the Dance Theatre of Harlem. He also produced films "Hard Choices" and "She Dances Alone."
- He has been reappointed to the New York Racing Association's Board of Directors.
- He graduated from Drexel University and attended Fordham Law. He owned 1993 Canadian Triple Crown winner Peteski.
- He campaigned Group 1 winner Electrocutionist before selling him to Godolphin. The horse went on to win the 2005 Dubai World Cup (G1).
- He also owned Mr. Light, a world record holder at a mile on turf who was perfect in four starts at Gulfstream, including the 2005 Appleton Handicap (G3).



- Other stakes performers include 1992 Test (G1) and Alabama (G1) winner November Snow; Sovereign Award winners Bruce's Mill and Cryptocloser; 2002 Brazilian Triple Crown winner and Horse of the Year Roxinho; graded winners Grand Rapport, Lady Digby, Globetrotter, Que Puntual, Grand Hombre and Savedbythelight; and Icabad Crane, third in the 2008 Preakness Stakes (G1) behind Big Brown.
- The inaugural Earle Mack Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation Champion Award was given to Frank Stronach in 2011 for his efforts regarding racehorse retirement.
- In 2016, promising juvenile Chasing Aces was euthanized with a slab fracture suffered in the Del Mar Futurity (G1). Chasing Aces broke a 52-year-old Del Mar track record for five furlongs in his second career start.
- In February 2022 was presented with the Eclipse Award of Merit in recognition of a lifetime of outstanding achievement.

## MADAKET STABLES

**Sol Kumin is a hedge fund manager, philanthropist, founder of Folger Hill Asset Management and co-president at Leucadia Asset Management.**

- In addition to Madaket, the Boston native, who also has homes in New York and Nantucket, Mass., has headed other Thoroughbred partnerships such as Sheep Pond Partners, Head of Plains Partners and Monomoy Stables.
- Named for Madaket Beach and the Madaket section of Nantucket Island.
- At the 2024-2025 Championship Meet partnered with Michael Dubb and Richard Schermerhorn to win the \$1 million Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational (G1) with Spirit of St Louis.
- Among partners in Moira, 2024 Eclipse Award winner as champion female turf horse and Canada's 2022 champion 3-year-old filly and Horse of the Year.

- Biggest win during the 2023-2024 Championship Meet was National Treasure in the \$3 million Pegasus World Cup Invitational (G1).
- Has enjoyed success at racing's highest levels including 2018 Triple Crown winner Justify, co-owned by Head of Plains Partners, China Horse Club, Starlight Racing and WinStar Farm. The same year he became the first owner in six and a half decades to sweep the Derby and Kentucky Oaks (G1) with Justify and Monomoy Girl.
- Among top horses in partnership have been 2023 Preakness (G1) and 2024 Pegasus (G1) and Met Mile (G1) winner National Treasure; 2020 Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) and Kentucky Derby (G1) winner Authentic; 2016 Preakness winner Exaggerator; 2019 champion females British Idiom, Midnight Bisou and Uni; and 2022 Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint (G1)-winning mare Caravel.
- Authentic was one of four Breeders' Cup winners for Madaket and partners in 2020 along with Monomoy Girl in the Distaff (G1), Whitmore in the Sprint (G1) and Aunt Pearl in the Juvenile Fillies Turf (G1).
- Had his first starter in 2013 and registered his first win with Madaket Millie in March 2014 at Gulfstream Park.
- The following month partnered with Jay Hanley to purchase Lady Eli for \$160,000. She would go on to be named 2017 champion turf female, return to multiple Grade 1-winning form following a life-threatening bout with laminitis and earn nearly \$3 million before being sold for \$4.2 million in November 2018.
- Kumin earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, where he serves on the Board of Trustees.

## JOHN C. OXLEY

**John Oxley is a Tulsa, Okla. resident who also has homes in Florida, Kentucky and Colorado.**

- Had Enforceable on the early 2020 Triple Crown trail after a win in the Lecomte (G3) and a second in the Risen Star (G2). Ultimately ran seventh in the Kentucky Derby, delayed to Labor Day weekend by the coronavirus pandemic.
- In 2016, Oxley's Classic Empire captured the Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) as well as the Breeders' Futurity (G1). His stable was also well-represented by Pretty City Dancer, who won the Spinaway (G1), and Noble Bird, who captured the Fayette (G2) while setting a track record at Keeneland for 1 1/8 miles and rolled to an 11 1/4-length romp in the Pimlico Special (G3).
- Classic Empire won the Arkansas Derby (G1) and was second in the Preakness (G1) as a 3-year-old in 2017, a campaign beset by minor injuries and training setbacks. Also for Oxley in 2017 Dream Dancing won the Del Mar Oaks (G1) and La Coronel captured three graded-stakes led by the Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup (G1).
- Won with six of 24 starters at the 2017-18 Championship Meet including Flameaway in the Kitten's Joy Stakes. Flameaway also won the Sam F. Davis (G3) in 2018. Other 2018 graded wins included the Schuylerville (G3) with Catherinethegreat, Del Mar Derby (G2) with Ride a Comet and Durham Cup (G3) with Lookin for Eight, the latter two in partnership.
- Strike Silver won the Indian Summer Stakes on Keeneland's turf for Oxley and earned an automatic spot in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint, a new race for 2018, finishing seventh.
- He founded Oxley Petroleum, a Tulsa oil and gas exploration company that he sold in 2003, and most recently founded Oxley Resources, LLC.

- He and wife Debby have experienced the biggest thrill in racing while visiting the winner's circle with 2001 Kentucky Derby (G1) winner Monarchos, who had previously captured the Florida Derby (G1) at Gulfstream.
- Oxley campaigned champion Beautiful Pleasure, a multiple Grade 1 winner who captured the Breeders' Cup Distaff (G1) in 1999 at Gulfstream Park.
- Won the Sovereign Award as outstanding owner in Canada in 2012, 2013 and 2014. In 2012, he visited the winner's circle with Dixie Strike after she beat the boys in the Prince of Wales (G1), the second leg of the Canadian Triple Crown.
- Oxley's first major win came in the 1995 Kentucky Oaks (G1) with Gal In a Ruckus.
- He is the former chairman of the U.S. Polo Association and was inducted into the Polo Hall of Fame alongside his father John T. Oxley.

## PATERPOP RACING

**Peter Castellanos, whose family lived across the street from Belmont Park when he was a child, is a retired accountant and the major owner of Paterpop, which has gone from two horses in 2022 to more than 40 today.**

- Had five wins, four seconds and three thirds with \$111,980 in purse earnings at the 2024-2025 Championship Meet.
- Was second in wins during the 2023-2024 Championship Meet with 13.
- Started racing primarily at Gulfstream Park and Woodbine.
- Castellanos and a group of friends annually visit tracks, hockey arenas and stadiums.
- Got into business when he happened to run into trainer Jennifer Young one evening at a restaurant.
- Horses are trained by Young, Martin Drexler and Fernando Abreu.

## PHIPPS FAMILY STABLE

**The late Ogden Mills "Dinny" Phipps was the director of Bessemer Trust and Bessemer Securities Corp.**

- The Phipps family has been involved in racing since the 1920s when Mrs. Henry Carnegie Phipps founded the Wheatley Stable.
- Daisy Phipps Pulito, a member of The Jockey Club, is a co-owner and racing manager.
- In partnership with Claiborne Farm, captured the Fred W. Hooper (G3) with Performer during the 2020-2021 Championship Meet. Also won the Tropical Park Oaks with Vigilantes Way, who went on to capture the 2021 Eatontown (G3) at Monmouth Park.
- Hit the board with six of eight starters at the 2018-19 Championship Meet, four of them wins, with \$161,165 in purse earnings.
- Two of its four wins during the 2017-18 Championship Meet came with promising filly Fly So High, who captured an optional claiming allowance before being injured finishing first in the Davona Dale (G2). Fire Away won the historic Dixie (G3) at Pimlico Race Course in 2018.
- Ogden Mills Phipps was the co-owner and co-breeder of Orb, winner of the 2013 Florida Derby (G1), Fountain of Youth (G2) and Kentucky Derby (G1).
- Won the Pan American (G3) with Imagining during the 2014-15 Championship Meet. Also won the 2015 Commonwealth Cup (G2) with Mr Speaker.
- Won the 2013 Gulfstream Park Turf Handicap (G1) with Point of Entry over 2011 Kentucky Derby winner Animal Kingdom.
- He was chairman of the Jockey Club and was NYRA chairman from 1976-83.
- His stable star in 2012 was Point of Entry, who won three straight Grade 1 stakes before finishing second in the Breeders' Cup Turf.

- He raced five champions: Smuggler (2005 3-year-old filly) Storm Flag Flying (2002 champion 2yo filly), Inside Information (1995 Older filly or mare), Rhythm (1989 champion 2yo colt) and Successor (1966 champion 2yo colt). Inside Information was inducted into the National Museum of Racing's Hall of Fame in 2008.
- The Phipps family collectively has the most Breeders' Cup wins in history.
- Phipps Stable under Ogden Phipps bred and raced champions Buckpasser, Easy Goer, Private Account, and Personal Ensign.
- Ogden Phipps won four Eclipse Awards. Dinny Phipps won an Eclipse Award of Merit in 1978.

## PINNACLE RACING STABLES

**Pinnacle Racing Stables is an ownership group founded in 2003 by Adam Lazarus of Aventura, Fla.**

- Finished third or better six times from 10 starts at the 2022-2023 Championship Meet with two wins.
- Partnered with Norman Stables to win the White Pearl Stakes with Moment of Delight at the 2016-17 Championship Meet.
- Lazarus, is an account manager at Saxon Business Systems, an office solutions company in Miramar, Fla. He is a native New Yorker who graduated with a communications degree from Appalachian State.
- After college, which he attended on a baseball scholarship, he moved to South Florida and became a racing fan, who, in turn, became interested in ownership.
- Assisted by late trainer Bill Kaplan, Lazarus started Pinnacle with a primary focus on buying Florida-bred 2-year-old fillies in training, with a price tag of \$35,000 or less.
- By far, Pinnacle's most prized purchase has been Musical Romance, the winner of the \$1 million Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint (G1) at Churchill

Downs in 2011. Kaplan bid \$22,000 at the 2009 Ocala April sale and retained a 50 percent ownership in the daughter of Concorde's Tune, leaving the other 50 percent to be syndicated by Pinnacle.

- Musical Romance, who captured the Inside Information (G2) at Gulfstream Park during the 2011-12 meeting, was sold at auction for \$1.6 million following her unsuccessful Breeders' Cup defense. She won 12 of 41 career starts and purses of nearly \$1.7 million.
- Pinnacle also scored a graded-stakes victory in 2012 with Another Romance (no relation to Musical Romance), who captured the Azalea (G3) at Calder.

## KEN RAMSEY

**Ken Ramsey is a native of Eastern Kentucky who now lives on Ramsey Farm near Lexington, Ky.**

- Ramsey's wife, Sarah, who suffered a stroke in 2007, passed away in May 2022 at age 83.
- At the age of 88, Ken Ramsey successfully underwent life-saving kidney transplant surgery June 20, 2024.
- Led the Championship Meet standings for a 10th time with 18 wins in 2024-2025, ranking second with \$747,955 in purse earnings. His victories included Movin' On Up in the Sand Springs and Implementation in the Army Mule, both on Florida Derby Day.
- After being tied for second with eight wins in 2022-2023, returned to the top of the Championship Meet owner standings with 27 wins in 2023-2024. Among them were Be My Sunshine in the Tropical Park Oaks and Abrumar in the Colonel Liam.
- Tied with Daniel Walters for most wins during the 2021-2022 Championship Meet with 10 from 29 starts, to go along with \$304,020 in purse earnings.

- Had four winners from 18 starters during the 2020-2021 Championship Meet.
- Returned to the top of Gulfstream's Championship Meet owner standings with 16 wins from 48 starters in 2019-2020, and ranked eighth with \$350,710 in purse earnings.
- The Ramseys their streak of six consecutive Championship Meet leading owner titles snapped in 2018-19, finishing with seven wins, seven seconds and nine thirds for \$334,265 in purse earnings from 42 starters. Among the wins was Peru in the Claiming Crown Tiara, extending his record to 16 wins in the event.
- In 2019, won the American Derby (G3) with Faraway Kitten.
- During their streak, the Ramseys led all Championship Meet owners with 43, 39, 23, 29, 22 and 17 winners, respectively.
- The Ramseys' 17 wins in 2017-18 included graded-stakes victories in the Ft. Lauderdale (G2) with Shining Copper and W.L. McKnight (G3) with Oscar Nominated. Also in 2018 won the Alysheba (G2) at Churchill Downs with Backyard Heaven.
- Among their 2017 victories at Gulfstream was Kitten's Cat in the Kitten's Joy, a one-mile turf stakes named for their foundation stallion. They also won the race's inaugural running in 2013 with Charming Kitten.
- Ramsey extended his event record in the Claiming Crown when Keystoneforvictory captured the Emerald on Opening Day of the 2016-17 Championship Meet.
- Graded stakes won in 2017 included the Kentucky Turf Cup (G3) with Oscar Nominated, Colonel E.R. Bradley Handicap (G3) with Granny's Kitten, and Stars and Stripes (G3) with Keystoneforvictory.
- In 2016, they enjoyed victories by Smokem Kitten in the Miami Mile (G3) at Gulfstream as well as four graded stakes triumphs by Camelot Kitten. The

- Ramseys' Al's Gal captured the E.P. Taylor (G1).
- Won four of the seven Claiming Crown races on Dec. 1, 2012, the first year the event was held at Gulfstream.
- Mr. Ramsey achieved his first business success buying and selling real estate in Kentucky in the '70s and '80s. In the '90s, he accumulated a string of cellular telephone franchises along Interstate 75 in Georgia and Kentucky.
- Ken Ramsey first owned a stable of claiming and allowance horses in the '80s but gave that up to concentrate on his growing cellular enterprises.
- He began a racing and breeding operation in 1994 and purchased the former Almahurst Farm, birthplace of 1918 Kentucky Derby winner Exterminator and Standardbred legend Greyhound, and renamed it Ramsey Farm.
- The Ramseys won their first Eclipse Award as top owners in 2004 largely on the strength of turf champion Kitten's Joy and Dubai World Cup (G1) winner Roses in May. They also won the national money title. Kitten's Joy has established himself as a leading sire.
- The Ramseys have also been honored with the Eclipse Award in 2011, 2013 and 2014.
- They won seven Grade 1 stakes in 2013 with six horses, including Real Solution (Arlington Million) and Stephanie's Kitten (Just a Game). Real Solution came back to win the Manhattan (G1) and Stephanie's Kitten captured the Flower Bowl (G1) in 2014.
- Earned their fourth Breeders' Cup victory in 2015 with Stephanie's Kitten in the Filly & Mare Turf (G1). Also won the 2014 Turf Sprint (Bobby's Kitten), 2011 Juvenile Fillies Turf (Stephanie's Kitten) and 2009 Dirt Mile (Furthest Land).
- Grade 1 wins in 2015 included Joe Hirsch Turf Classic and United Nations (Big Blue Kitten) and Flower Bowl (Stephanie's Kitten).



## REPOLE STABLE

**Michael Repole, who grew up in Queens, N.Y., graduated from St. John's University with a degree in sports management.**

- Alone or in partnership won nine races and nearly \$700,000 in purses during the 2024-2025 Championship Meet. Saw Mindframe return from seven months away to win the Gulfstream Park Mile (G2) and go on to Grade 1 victories in the Churchill Downs and Stephen Foster. Also had Fierceness, newly in partnership with Coolmore, launch his comeback with a win in the Alysheba (G2).
- Ranked second with \$1.24 million in purse earnings and tied for fourth with nine wins from 29 starters at the 2023-2024 Championship Meet. His biggest win came with Fierceness, the 2-year-old champion male of 2023, in the \$1.2 million Curlin Florida Derby (G1). Other stakes wins came with Noted in the Pulpit, Life's An Audible in the Sweetest Chant (G3) and Cairo Consort in the Sand Springs.
- Fierceness would go on to sweep the Jim Dandy (G2) and Travers (G1) at Saratoga. Other graded winners in 2024 included Crupi, Bright Future and Scalable.
- On his own and with various partners, won 14 races and more than \$1.6 million in purse earnings during the 2022-2023 Championship Meet.
- Partnered with St. Elias Stable to rank second with \$1.176 million in purses and tie for third most wins (seven). Among their victories were the Florida Derby (G1) and Fountain of Youth (G2) with 2022 Champion 2-Year-Old Male Forte and Appleton with Steady On.
- Repole and Town and Country Stable won the Sweetest Chant (G3) and Ginger Brew with Cairo Consort.
- In addition to Forte, Repole co-owned 2022 Champion 2-Year-Old Female Nest with Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Michael House.
- Tied for second with seven wins from 22 starters during the 2021-2022 Championship Meet. Among his wins were Fearless in the Harlan's Holiday (G3) and Ghostzapper (G3), Never Surprised in the Tropical Park Derby and Always Shopping in the Via Borghese.
- Partnered with Donegal Racing in Mo Donegal who, after finishing third in the 2022 Holy Bull (G3) at Gulfstream, won the Wood Memorial (G2) and Belmont Stakes (G1).
- With St. Elias Stable, won the 2022 Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) with Forte.
- Had 35 starters at the 2020-2021 Championship Meet and finished third with 11 wins including the La Prevoyante (G3) and Via Borghese with Always Shopping, who also ran second in the Orchid (G3). Also ranked sixth with \$398,785 in purse earnings.
- Also won the Sanford (G3) with Wit and Curlin with Dynamic One in partnership in 2021.
- Ranked in the top 10 with seven winners from 35 starters at the 2019-2020 Championship Meet to go along with \$192,010 in purses earned.
- In partnership with St. Elias Stable campaigned Vino Rosso, who capped his career with a victory in the 2019 Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) and earned the Eclipse Award as champion older horse. At 3, Vino Rosso won the 2018 Wood Memorial (G2) and was ninth in the Kentucky Derby and third in the Belmont Stakes.
- Had five winners and \$121,560 in purse earnings from 25 starters at the 2018-19 Championship Meet. Saw Always Shopping win the Gazelle (G2) in April 2019 at Aqueduct.
- Ranked fifth with nine winners from 17 starters at the 2017-18 Championship Meet.
- Owned 2018 Louisiana Derby (G2) winner Noble Indy with WinStar Farm. Noble Indy finished off the board in the Derby and Belmont.
- In 2019, Vino Rosso won the Gold Cup at Santa Anita (G1) and finished first in the Jockey Club Gold Cup (G1) at Belmont Park but was disqualified to second. He capped his career by winning the Breeders' Cup Classic (G1).
- Despite having just 13 starters during the 2016-17 Championship Meet, tied for seventh overall with eight winners, six of them maidens trained by meet-leading trainer Todd Pletcher.
- He was the President and co-founder of Glaceau, maker of Vitaminwater and Smartwater before selling Glaceau to Coca-Cola for \$4.1 billion in 2007. He also co-founded BodyArmor SuperDrink, a sports drink manufacturer that also sold to Coca-Cola for \$5.6 billion.
- He was a key investor in the healthy fast-food chain Energy Kitchen and chairman and majority owner of Pirate Brands, makers of the snack food Pirate's Booty, which was sold to B&G Foods for \$195 million.
- He bought his first horse, Da Rodeo Man, for \$22,000 in 2002. He started making major acquisitions in 2008 when he bought 100 horses, mostly claimers, but also purchased 27 at auction that year. He is a three-time leading owner at Saratoga in races won and captured his first stakes race in 2009 with Digger in the Gravesend Stakes.
- He campaigned Eclipse Award 2-year-old champion Uncle Mo, the winner of the 2010 Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) and 2011 Timely Writer at Gulfstream Park.
- He won the Wood Memorial (G1) in 2016 with Outwork.
- Stay Thirsty put Repole in the winner's circle after a victory in the Travers (G1) and Cigar Mile (G1). His other Grade 1 winners are 2014 Alabama and Coaching Club American Oaks winner

Stopchargingmaria and 2013 Arkansas Derby victor Overanalyze.

- Repole has continued to dabble in claiming horses. He experienced incredible success with Caixa Eletronica, whom he claimed for \$62,500 in 2011 and went on to become a multiple graded-stakes winner before his tragic death during a training accident in 2014.

## REEVES THOROUGHBRED RACING

**Dean Reeves is chairman of Reeves & Young Contracting, while his wife, Patti, is CEO of Reeves Shaw Media, an outdoor advertising consulting business. Both are based in Atlanta.**

- Won four races alone or in partnership during the 2024-2025 Championship Meet.
- Had four wins and three seconds from 23 starters on his own and with various partners at the 2023-2024 Championship Meet. Was partners on 2024 Matt Winn (G3) winner Society Man.
- Alone or in partnership won the Fort Lauderdale (G2) with City Man, Silks Run with Big Invasion and Sanibel Island with Breath Away during the 2022-2023 Championship Meet.
- Had four starters during the 2021-2022 Championship Meet with two wins, one of them Big Invasion in the Texas Glitter. Partnered with Peter Searles and Patty Searles to win three stakes with City Man in 2022 including the Forbidden Apple (G3).
- Had five wins, one second and six thirds from 21 starters at the 2020-2021 Championship Meet. In partnership with R.A. Hill Stable and Hugh Lynch won the Harlan's Holiday (G3) with Tax.
- Among the partners in Dr. Schivel, who earned an automatic bid to the 2021 Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1) with his victory in the Santa Anita Sprint Championship (G2).
- Won with six of 22 starters during the 2019-20

Championship Meet. Bought into Sole Volante after the gelding's victory in the Pulpit Stakes. Sole Volante went on to win the Sam Davis (G3), run second in the Tampa Bay Derby (G2) and compete in both the Belmont Stakes and Kentucky Derby.

- Saw Double Crown win the Roar and Carry Back during Gulfstream's 2020 spring-summer meet, then run third in the Smile Sprint (G3) and second in the Chick Lang (G3).
- Dean Reeves attended his first Kentucky Derby in 1978 and attended the Run for the Roses for the next 22 years. He and his wife participated in 2011, when Mucho Macho Man finished third.
- Mucho Macho Man went on to capture the \$5 million Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) at Santa Anita in 2013. Mucho Macho Man was retired to stallion duty in 2014 with \$5.6 million in earnings. In addition to other victories in the 2013 Awesome Again (G1), 2012 Suburban (G2), 2012 Gulfstream Park Handicap (G2) and 2011 Risen Star (G2), Mucho Macho Man captured the Sunshine Millions Classic at Gulfstream Park in 2012 and 2014.
- During the 2014-15 Championship Meet, won the Golden Beach Stakes with U.S.S. O'Brien.
- Was an original stakeholder in the inaugural \$12 million Pegasus World Cup (G1) in January 2017 at Gulfstream, joining a partnership with five other groups in Grade 3 winner Breaking Lucky, who finished eighth.
- Reeves also partnered in Channel Maker for the inaugural \$7 million Pegasus World Cup Turf (G1) in 2019. Channel Maker finished fifth.
- Had five wins during the 2017-18 Championship Meet led by Classic Rock in the Gulfstream Park Sprint (G3). Classic Rock won six of eight career starts at Gulfstream, including both the Jeblar and Roar stakes.

## ST. ELIAS STABLE

**St. Elias Stable is the racing operation of Vincent Viola, billionaire founder and executive chairman of the electronic trading firm Virtu Financial and owner of the 2024 and 2025 Stanley Cup Champion Florida Panthers NHL team, and his wife Teresa.**

- During the 2024-2025 Championship Meet won the FSS In Reality with Rated by Merit and partnered in Gulfstream Park Mile (G2) winner Mindframe with Repole Stable. Mindframe would go on to win the Churchill Downs (G1) and Stephen Foster (G1).
- Shares ownership in 2025 Arkansas Derby (G1) winner and Preakness (G1) third-place finisher Sandman.
- Among owners of 2025 Fort Marcy (G2) winner Deterministic, whose later victory in the Manhattan was the first Grade 1 triumph for trainer Miguel Clement coming just two weeks following the death of Clement's father, trainer Christophe, from a rare eye cancer at age 59.
- A native of Brooklyn, Vinnie Viola is a 1977 West Point Academy graduate and served with the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell.
- Chairman of the New York Mercantile Exchange from 2001-04.
- Nominated for Secretary of the Army in 2016 but withdrew from consideration to avoid possible conflict with his business interests.
- In addition to Repole, frequently races in partnership with West Point Thoroughbreds, sharing a military background with its founder and CEO, Terry Finley.
- Has enjoyed Breeders' Cup success with Liam's Map in the 2015 Dirt Mile (G1), Vino Rosso in the 2019 Classic (G1), and Forte in the 2022 Juvenile (G1).
- Forte would be named champion 2-year-old male and win the Fountain of Youth (G2), Florida Derby and Jim Dandy (G2) in 2023. Liam's Map

earned the first of his three career stakes wins in Gulfstream's 2014 Harlan's Holiday.

- Won the 2021 Florida Derby with Known Agenda.
- With Repole campaigned 2017 Florida Derby and Kentucky Derby (G1) winner Always Dreaming.
- Other Grade 1 success has come, alone or in partnership, with Ring Weekend in the 2015 Kilroe Mile, Greenpointcrusader in the 2015 Champagne, Sweet Loretta in the 2016 Spinaway and Army Mule in the 2018 Carter Handicap.

## **BRUNO SCHICKEDANZ**

**Bruno Schickedanz is a land developer and home builder who has built thousands of homes in Ontario and Texas and has had corporate holdings in shopping centers, apartment buildings and the Royal Canadian Riding Academy.**

- Owns farms in Florida and Ontario and oversees a stable of more than 500 horses including unraced horses and broodmares.
- Started the most horses during the 2024-2025 Championship Meet with 116, ranking third with 12 wins and 10th with \$369,530 in purse earnings.
- Led all North American owners with 160 and 1,143 starters in 2024, ranking ninth with more than \$3.9 million in purses earned.
- Schickedanz was also North America's leader in wins (178) and starters (1,185) in 2023, with purse earnings approaching \$4 million.
- Has registered triple digits in annual wins since 2017
- Notched leading owner titles at Woodbine and Fort Erie in Ontario, Canada
- Campaigned Wake At Noon, Canada's champion sprinter, older horse and Horse of the Year in 2002.
- Other top horses include graded-stakes winners Classic Mo Town, Old Chestnut, War Bomber and Yummy With Butter.
- Sovereign Award winner as Canada's champion owner in 2022

## **STARLIGHT RACING**

**Starlight Racing is a partnership founded and managed by Jack and Laurie Wolf of Louisville, Ky. and Saratoga Springs, N.Y.**

- Among many partners in Citizen Bull, the champion 2-year-old male of 2024 that won the 2025 Bob Lewis (G3). Same ownership group had Rodriguez win the 2025 Wood Memorial (G2).
- One of several partners in 2023 Preakness (G1) hero National Treasure, winner of the \$3 million Pegasus World Cup Invitational (G3) during the 2023-2024 Championship Meet. National Treasure would go on to win the prestigious Met Mile (G1) at Saratoga. Similar connections won the 2024 Santa Anita Handicap (G1) with Newgate, Best Pal (G3) with Getaway Car, and San Felipe (G2) with Imagination.
- Graded-stakes winners in partnership in 2023 included Doppelganger in the Carter Handicap (G1), Newgate in the Bob Lewis (G3), Fort Bragg in the Dwyer (G3) and Reincarnate (G3) in the Sham (G3).
- Had three wins from four starters during the 2020-2021 Championship Meet. Won the 2021 Appalachian (G3) with Jouser.
- Lone win during the 2019-20 Championship Meet came with Sombeyay in the Canadian Turf (G3). Sombeyay also ran second in the Appleton (G3).
- In 2020, for the second time in three years, Starlight partnered on a Kentucky Derby winner. Authentic captured the Run for the Roses after wins in the San Felipe (G2) and Sham (G3) then ran second in the Preakness (G1) and was a contender in the Breeders' Cup Classic (G1). Authentic's owners also included Spendthrift Farm, MyRacehorse and Madaket Stables.
- Starlight, in partnership with China Horse Club, Head of Plains Partners and WinStar Farm,

reached the pinnacle of racing when Justify swept the 2018 Kentucky Derby (G1), Preakness (G1) and Belmont Stakes (G1) to become the 13th Triple Crown champion. Justify was the second to accomplish the feat without a loss (Seattle Slew 1977) and the first to do so without ever having raced as a 2-year-old. Starlight purchased an interest in Justify following his maiden win in February. Justify would be retired in July 2018 with an ankle injury.

- Starlight also purchased an interest in Audible following his victory in the 2018 Holy Bull (G2) at Gulfstream. Audible would go on to win the Championship Meet's signature race, the Florida Derby (G1), run third in the Kentucky Derby and fifth in the \$9 million Pegasus World Cup Invitational (G1) in 2019.
- Partnered in Yoshida for the inaugural \$7 million Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational (G1) in 2019, finishing sixth as the favorite.
- Starlight finished in the top three with 13 of 18 starters at the 2017-18 Championship Meet, six of them wins, also capturing the Texas Glitter with Salmanazar. Starlight also won the 2018 Sanford (G3) at Saratoga with Sombeyay.
- Jack Wolf, who earned his Masters at Murray State, is a retired hedge fund manager.
- The Wolfs, who named the stable after a street in Atlanta they lived on, became horse owners in 2000. They campaigned Harlan's Holiday, the winner of the 2002 Florida Derby (G1) and 2003 Donn Handicap (G1) who finished seventh in the 2002 Kentucky Derby (G1).
- Long-time partner and friend Don Lucarelli of Duanesburg, N.Y. amicably divested himself of management responsibility in June 2018 to spend more time with his family and business. A lifelong horse and betting enthusiast, Lucarelli joined forces with the Wolfs in 2004 after selling Bellevue Builders, the family lumber business



his father founded after emigrating from Italy in 1933. The family took over operations from Stock Building Supply in 2009.

- Starlight was one of 12 original stakeholders in Gulfstream's inaugural \$12 million Pegasus World Cup Invitational (G1) in January 2017, earning back its \$1 million investment when Neolithic ran third. Neolithic would run third to Arrogate again in the \$10 million Dubai World Cup (G1) two months later to earn another \$1 million.
- Won the 2015 Fountain of Youth (G2) at Gulfstream with Itsaknockout.
- Starlight's Algorithms captured the Holy Bull (G3) and Thunder Moccasin won the Hutcheson (G2) at Gulfstream in 2013.
- They also were in a partnership that owned champion Ashado, who captured the 2004 Kentucky Oaks (G1) and Breeders' Cup Distaff (G1) before being sold for \$9 million to Sheikh Mohammed. Ashado was inducted into the Racing Hall of Fame in 2014.
- Starlight Racing owned 2012 juvenile champion Shanghai Bobby, the winner of the 2012 Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) and Champagne Stakes (G1).
- Starlight Racing were partners in Hilda's Passion, who won the 2010 Inside Information (G2) and the Hurricane Bertie (G2) at Gulfstream before capturing the Ballerina (G1) at Saratoga. Other stakes stars campaigned by Starlight include 2008 Blue Grass (G1) stakes winner Monba, 2005 Cigar Mile (G1) winner Purge, 2006 Hutcheson (G2) winner Keyed Entry, and 2007 Mother Goose (G1) and Coaching Club American Oaks (G1) winner Octave.

## STARRY NIGHT RACING

**Rachel and Sean Gerson are Southern California-based owners that have sent runners to tracks around the country.**

- Ranked second with 14 wins at the 2024-2025 Championship Meet from just 53 starters, a 26 percent success rate.
- Sent out I'm Due to finish third in the 2025 Cutler Bay for 3-year-olds.
- Done Enough ran third in the 2024 Cash Run for 3-year-old fillies.

## VICENTE STELLA STABLES

**Vicente Stella owns and operates Novergy Chemicals Corp., which has offices in Weston, Fla. and Venezuela offering business management, marketing services, technological planning and consulting and business training in the field of oils, petroleum and chemical additives, dyes and markers for fuels and lubricants.**

- Stella and his wife, Maria, are the parents of triplets Vicente, Mathy and Sabrina.
- Enjoyed best year as an owner in 2024 with 27 wins, 24 seconds and 24 thirds with purse earnings of \$861,910 from 174 starters.
- Ranked fourth at the 2024-2025 Championship Meet with 11 wins. Earned \$306,430 from 77 starters.
- Campaigned Le Dom Bro, a \$20,000 auction purchase that ran second to Dornoch in the Fountain of Youth (G2) at odds of 27-1. Dornoch would go on to win the Belmont (G1) and Haskell (G1).
- Le Dom Bro had two wins, four seconds and \$220,450 in purse earnings from eight starts.
- Introduced to racing by his father, Vincenzo. Bought his first horse in 2010 via partnership.

## STONEHEDGE LLC

**Gilbert and Marilyn Campbell of Massachusetts purchased Waldemar Farm near Williston, Fla. in 1988 and renamed it Stonehedge Farm South.**

- Gilbert Campbell passed away Sept. 16, 2021 in Lowell, Mass. at the age of 91 following a brief illness. "Marilyn is very involved and loves the horses," Stonehedge Farm South manager Larry King said. "His wishes, which he had told me many times, was for [the operation] to keep right on going forward."
- The inaugural FTBOA FSS Gil Campbell Memorial was run Oct. 1, 2022 and won by Arindel homebred Clapton.
- Had four wins and three seconds from just nine starters at the 2023-2024 Championship Meet, including 3-year-old filly Fiona's Magic in the Davona Dale (G2).
- Originally 250 acres when purchased, Stonehedge has expanded to approximately 500 acres in central Florida to accommodate 180 horses.
- Stonehedge is dedicated to upholding the Florida legacy of breeding and foaling on the property, continuing the long-standing client status with Peterson and Smith Equine Hospital and retaining Larry King as farm manager.
- King's father managed Waldemar Farm, birthplace of 1975 Kentucky Derby winner Foolish Pleasure.
- Stonehedge has been honored as champion breeder by the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' and Owners Association in 1997, 2013, 2016, 2023 and 2024. In 2024 banked \$2.929 million in purse earnings with a record of 33-67-67 from 601 starts.
- Dozens of stakes winners have been raised at Stonehedge. As owners, the Campbells won the 2011 Tampa Bay Derby (G2) with Watch Me Go and 2019 Sam F. Davis (G3) with Well Defined. Watch Me Go finished 18th in the Kentucky Derby.
- Well Defined won the FSS In Reality as a 2-year-old and was 12th in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1).

- Other graded-stakes winners raced by the Campbells are Always Sunshine, Friel's For Real, Blazing Sword and Ivanavalot, the dam of champion Songbird.
- In 2019, Lenzi's Lucky Lady won the Golden Isles Stakes and the FSS Desert Vixen – the 10th Florida Sire Series victory for Stonehedge and trainer Kathleen O'Connell.
- Stonehedge added to its total with three more FSS victories in 2020 – Breeze On By in the Dr. Fager and Affirmed and Go Jo Jo Go in the Desert Vixen – as well as Cajun Magic in the 2021 Dr. Fager.
- Went 6-for-25 at the 2019-20 Championship Meet with \$172,800 in purse earnings.

## STRONACH STABLES

**Frank Stronach is founder and former chairman of The Stronach Group.**

- Campaigned Silent Poet to a win in the 2021 Highlander (G1) at Woodbine. In 2020, Silent Poet won the Nearctic (G2) and Connaught Cup (G2).
- Ran second with Shaman Ghost in Gulfstream's inaugural \$12 million Pegasus World Cup Invitational (G1) in January 2017, the innovative event he conceived and brought to fruition where a dozen stakeholders each put up \$1 million for a spot in the starting gate. The purse for the Pegasus was increased to \$16 million for 2018, maintaining its standard as the world's richest race.
- In 2019, the Pegasus carried a purse of \$9 million while being joined by the \$7 million Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational (G1) – the richest races on either surface in North America. Stronach horses competed in both events, with Delta Prince running third in the Turf as a preview to her victory in the Maker's 46 Mile (G1).
- Holy Helena's repeat victory in the The Very One (G3) gave Stronach Stables its lone win of the 2018-19 Championship Meet. She went on to

win the Dance Smartly (G2) at Woodbine. Other graded winners in 2019 for Stronach were Silent Poet in the Play the King (G2) and Green Light Go in the Saratoga Special (G2).

- Stronach Stables' five wins during the 2017-18 Championship Meet included the The Very One (G3) with Holy Helena, who would go on to win the Sheepshead Bay (G2). Also in 2018, Stronach's Something Awesome won the General George (G3) and Charles Town Classic (G2) before being sidelined.
- Stronach earned his fourth victory in the \$1 million Queen's Plate, the first leg of Canada's Triple Crown, and second in three years in 2017 with his homebred filly Holy Helena. Stronach's other Queen's Plate wins came in 2015 (Shaman Ghost), 1997 (Awesome Again) and 1994 (Basqueian).
- Shaman Ghost also won the 2016 Woodward (G1) and 2017 Santa Anita Handicap (G1) and Pimlico Special (G3) and surpassed \$4 million in career purses, making him Stronach's highest-earning horse of all-time.
- His daughter, Belinda, a former member of the Canadian parliament, is President and Chairman of The Stronach Group's successor, 1/ST Racing.
- He was born in Austria and immigrated to Canada in 1954. He formed a tool and die company and eventually grew his company into one of the largest auto parts manufacturers in the world.
- His breeding operation, Adena Springs, has farms in Kentucky, Florida and Canada and is named for the Native American tribe who first inhabited the Kentucky property.
- Adena Springs has been honored as the country's leading breeders with eight Eclipse Awards (2000, 2004-2008, 2010-2011).
- Stronach has been honored as the country's leading owner with six Eclipse Awards (1998, 1999, 2002, 2003, 2005 and 2008).

- He purchased a riding horse in 1962 and a \$700 claimer in the early 1960s.
- He has bred and campaigned two American classic winners: 1997 Belmont Stakes (G1) winner Touch Gold and 2000 Preakness Stakes (G1) victor Red Bullet.
- He has visited Breeders' Cup winner's circle with homebreds Awesome Again (1998 Classic), 2004 Horse of the Year Ghostzapper (Classic), Ginger Punch (2007 Ladies' Classic), Macho Uno (2000 Juvenile) and Perfect Sting (2000 Filly & Mare Turf). All were honored with Eclipse Awards.
- During the 2011-2012 Gulfstream meeting, Awesome Feather put her owner in the winner's circle with a victory in the Florida Sunshine Millions Distaff.

## MICHAEL TABOR

**Michael Tabor is a resident of Monte Carlo and Barbados who began his professional career in his native England as a hairdresser before becoming a clerk at a betting shop. After buying two shops of his own in his 20s, he built a chain of 113 shops that he sold to Coral in 1995 for \$50 million.**

- With his Coolmore partners purchased an interest in 2024 Florida Derby (G1) winner Fierceness prior to his run in the Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) and will stand the colt at Ashford Stud upon retirement. Fierceness won his 2025 debut in the Alysheba (G2).
- Also among several partners in Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) winner Sierra Leone, the Eclipse Award champion 3-year-old male of 2024.
- Had three wins, two seconds and a third from just eight starters at the 2021-2022 Championship Meet.
- Campaigned As Time Goes By in partnership to wins in the 2021 Santa Maria (G2) and Santa Margarita (G2).

- Partnered with Mrs. John Magnier, Derrick Smith and Westerberg in the 2022 Breeders' Cup with winners Mediate in the Juvenile Fillies Turf (G1), Tuesday in the Filly & Mare Turf (G1) and Victoria Road in the Juvenile Turf (G1).
- During the 2019-20 Championship Meet, partnered on Magic Wand, runner-up for a second consecutive year in the Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational (G1). Magic Wand ran behind eventual Horse of the Year Bricks and Mortar at the 2018-19 stand, when Tabor also partnered on Skip Away winner Marconi.
- Partnered during the 2016-17 Championship Meet on stakes winners Fact Finding (Smooth Air), Stanford (Harlan's Holiday-G3) and Zulu (Tamarac).
- In partnership with Nancy Favreau and Kathy Psoinos, won the Tamarac Stakes during the 2014-15 Championship Meet with Competitive Edge, winner of the Hopeful (G1) at Saratoga as a 2-year-old. Competitive Edge went on to win the inaugural 2015 Pat Day Mile (G3).
- Together with Susan Magnier and Derrick Smith, earned an eighth Breeders' Cup victory with Mendelssohn in the 2017 Juvenile Turf (G1). They won the Turf (G1) three times in four years with Highland Reel (2016), Found (2015) and Magician (2013).
- He is currently an investor in an Internet gaming company.
- Tabor's Thunder Gulch captured the 1995 Florida Derby (G1) prior to victories in the Kentucky Derby (G1) and Preakness Stakes (G1). He also owned a share of 2007 Florida Derby victor Scat Daddy.
- Tabor and Smith campaigned 2007 Kentucky Oaks (G1) and Belmont Stakes (G1) winner Rags to Riches.
- Tabor, the Magniers and Smith owned Johannesburg, who captured the 2001 Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1).
- They also campaigned the 2012 2000 Guineas

and Epsom Derby winner Camelot, who got tripped up in his attempt to sweep the English Triple Crown with a second in the St. Leger.

- Other international champions include two-time Breeders' Cup Turf winner High Chapparral, So You Think, Entrepreneur, Montjeu, Giant's Causeway and Mozart.
- He and his Coolmore partners purchased The Green Monkey, who retired to stud as a maiden, for a world record \$16 million at auction in 2006.

## TEAM VALOR INTERNATIONAL

**Team Valor International is a syndicate group managed by Barry Irwin.**

- Lone win at the 2024-2025 Championship Meet came with Special Wan in the Honey Fox (G3), in partnership with Steven Rocco.
- Captured the Via Borghese with Romagna Mia during the 2023-2024 Championship Meet. Won the 2024 Wilshire (G3) at Santa Anita with Nadette.
- Wakanaka ran fifth in the 2023 Pegasus Filly & Mare Turf (G3) before running third in the Just a Game (G1) and second in the Caress (G3) and Ladies Turf Sprint (G2). Won the Woodbine Oaks and was second in the King's Plate and Breeders' Stakes with Elysian Field.
- Enjoyed graded-stakes success for a third straight year in 2021 with Oleksandra in the Poker (G3). Oleksandra also won the Jaipur (G1) in 2020 and the Buffalo Trace Franklin County (G3) in 2019.
- In partnership with WinStar Farm, ran fourth with Gouverneur Morris in the 2020 Florida Derby (G1). Gouverneur Morris was then placed second in the Arkansas Derby (G1) before going to the sidelines.
- Team Valor's lone win of the 2018-19 Championship Meet came with Capla Temptress in the My Charmer (G3).
- Won the 2020 Jaipur (G1) and 2019 Buffalo Trace Franklin County Stakes (G3) with Oleksandra.

- Won the 2018 Intercontinental (G3) with French-bred La Sardane at Belmont Park.
- Won the 2017 Natalma (G1) with Irish-bred Capla Temptress at Woodbine.
- Team Valor picked up two wins at the 2014-15 Championship Meet, including Speechify in the Mr. Prospector (G3).
- Campaigned 2011 Kentucky Derby winner Animal Kingdom, who finished second in the 2013 Gulfstream Park Turf Handicap (G1) before winning the \$10 million Dubai World Cup (G1).
- Irwin graduated from UCLA and was a racing journalist with publications such as Daily Racing Form and The Blood-Horse in the 1960s and '70s.
- He operated Pacifica Thoroughbreds, a bloodstock agency, from 1979-87.
- Irwin and Jeff Siegel partnered to form the Clover Stable and Team Valor, before Irwin bought out the public handicapper in 2007.
- Team Valor made its first big splash when My Memoirs finished second in the 1992 Belmont Stakes (G1) in his first U.S. start.
- Animal Kingdom returned from an injury to win an allowance race at Gulfstream Park in February 2012 and eight months later finished second in the Breeders' Cup Mile.
- Irwin's homebred Howe Great won the Kitten's Joy and Palm Beach Stakes at Gulfstream in 2012.
- Team Valor International captured the 2010 Breeders' Cup Turf (G1) with Pluck.
- Team Valor campaigned Captain Bodgit, second in the Derby and third in the Preakness in 1997, and Thomas Jo, who finished third in the 1998 Belmont.
- Other top stars: Star of Cozzene, Prized, The Deputy, Ipi Tombe, Golden Ballet, Cashier's Dream, Be-crux, Summer Soiree, Irridescence, 2007 Hutcheson Stakes winner King of the Roxy, 2014 Beverly D. winner Euro Charline.



## GARY AND MARY WEST

**The Wests, who reside in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., have owned horses since 1980.**

- Won the 2025 Bathhouse Row at Oaklawn Park, an automatic qualifier for the Preakness (G1), with Instant Replay. Instant Replay subsequently won the Texas Derby.
- In 2024 won the West Virginia Governor's Stakes (G3) with Hit Show and Oklahoma Derby (G3) with Most Wanted.
- Won the 2023 Stephen Foster (G1) and New Orleans Classic (G2) with West Will Power and Withers (G3) with Hit Show. Hit Show ran fifth in the Kentucky Derby (G1) and fourth in the Belmont (G1).
- Had 3-year-old colt Best Actor win three of five races in 2022 including the Smarty Jones (G3) at Parx.
- Finished in the top three with eight of 13 starters during the 2020-2021 Championship Meet and 11 of 18 starters in 2019-2020, registering three wins each year.
- The Wests' homebred Concert Tour won the San Vicente (G2) and Rebel (G2) in 2021 but was temporarily taken off the Triple Crown trail after running third in the Arkansas Derby (G1). He returned to be ninth in the Preakness (G1).
- The Wests enjoyed graded-stakes success in 2020 with Fighting Mad in the Clement Hirsch (G1) and Santa Maria (G2). Partnered with Coolmore in Saudi Cup, San Diego Handicap (G2) and Pacific Classic (G1) winner Maximum Security.
- Tied for third with 10 wins during the 2018-19 Championship Meet and ranked seventh with \$823,750 in purse earnings. Their biggest win came with Maximum Security, who ran for a \$16,000 tag in winning his unveiling before going

on to capture the \$1 million Florida Derby (G1) in his stakes debut three starts later.

- Maximum Security followed up the Florida Derby finishing first by 1 ¾ lengths in the Kentucky Derby (G1) but was disqualified to 17th for interference. After some time off, he returned to the winner's circle in the Haskell (G1).
- Other graded-stakes wins for the Wests in 2019 include Game Winner in the Los Alamitos Derby (G3) and Fighting Mad in the Torrey Pines (G3).
- Late-developing 3-year-old West Coast pushed his win streak to five races in the \$1 million Pennsylvania Derby (G1) in September 2017. He also won the Easy Goer, Los Alamitos Derby (G3) and Travers (G1) and was third in the Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) after going unraced at 2, earning 3-year-old championship honors.
- West Coast was second in his first three starts of 2018 between January and September – the \$16 million Pegasus World Cup Invitational (G1) at Gulfstream, \$10 million Dubai World Cup (G1) and Awesome Again (G1). Other graded wins in 2018 for the Wests have come with Game Winner in the Del Mar Futurity (G1), American Pharoah (G1) and Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1).
- The filly Actress won the Black-Eyed Susan (G2) and Comely (G3) in 2017.
- Gary West is a former hospital administrator who founded one of the largest telecommunications companies in the world before selling the business in 2006.
- The Wests now have a wide range of business interests and have established the Gary and Mary West Foundation, a philanthropic organization.
- An offshoot of that foundation is West Health, in which they've dedicated \$100 million in a quest to address rising health costs.
- The Wests campaigned Rockamundo, who captured the 1993 Arkansas Derby (G1) at 108-1

before finishing 17th in the Kentucky Derby.

- The Wests' Dollar Bill ran in all three 2001 Triple Crown events, producing two fourth-place finishes before checking in third in the Belmont Stakes.
- They also owned Buddha, the 2002 Wood Memorial (G1) winner who was scratched two days before the Derby.
- The Wests' Corporate Jungle followed up an allowance victory with a triumph in the Appleton Stakes (G3) during the 2011-12 Gulfstream meeting.
- In 2013, the Wests captured their first Breeders' Cup race with New Year's Day in the Juvenile (G1).
- Room Service put the Wests in the winner's circle after back-to-back Grade 1 wins in the American Oaks and Ashland in 2014 after winning the Herecomesthebride (G3) at Gulfstream.

## WEST POINT THOROUGHBREDS

**West Point Thoroughbreds is a racing syndicate based in New Jersey headed by Terry Finley, who has been involved in the Thoroughbred industry for more than 30 years.**

- At the 2024-2025 Championship Meet partnered with Jimmy Kahig to win the Tropical Park Derby with Cugino. Also among many partners in \$1 million Pegasus Turf (G1) runner-up Integration.
- Partners in 2025 Arkansas Derby (G1) winner Sandman, who would go on to run third in the Preakness (G1). Also saw Vahva win the 2025 Chicago (G2).
- Teamed with Michael Dubb and Morris Bailey to campaign Pan American (G2) winner Kertez during the 2023-2024 Championship Meet. Other graded-stakes wins came in the Whitmore (G3) with Jaxon Traveler and Derby City Distaff (G2) with Vahva,

- Partners in 2023 Summer (G1) winner Carson's Run, Flower Bowl (G2) winner Parnac, Charles Town Oaks (G3) winner Vahva and Cornhusker (G3) winner Giant Game.
- One of several partners in 4-year-old colt Flightline, dazzling winner of the 2022 Met Mile (G1) and Pacific Classic (G1) who capped a perfect 6-0 career with a powerhouse performance in the Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) before being retired to stud at Lane's End Farm. Saw Jaxon Traveler become a graded winner in the Chick Lang (G3) at Pimlico.
- Among the partners in multiple graded-stakes placed O Besos, fifth in the 2021 Kentucky Derby (G1). Also in 2021 won the Dwyer (G3) with First Captain and Star de Naskra and Bachelor with Maryland-bred Jaxon Traveler.
- Decorated Invader won the Cutler Bay during the 2019-20 Championship Meet for West Point and partners. Decorated Invader would go on to wins in the Pennine Ridge (G2) and National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame (G2) and a second in the Hill Prince (G2).
- Partnered with Mercedes Stable, Scott Dilworth, David & Dorothy Ingordo and Steve Mooney in Santa Monica (G2) winner Hard Not to Love and Megahertz (G3) winner Carressa in 2020.
- Decorated Invader gave the partnership its 12th Grade 1 victory in the 2019 Summer Stakes at Woodbine.
- Had only seven starters at the 2017-18 Championship Meet but won with three, including Coach Rocks in the Gulfstream Park Oaks (G2) in partnership with Roddy Valente and RAP Racing. Won the Laz Barrera (G3) and San Vicente (G2) at Santa Anita in 2018 with Kanthaka.
- Always Dreaming, a horse owned in partnership with MeB Racing Stable, Brooklyn Boyz Stable, Teresa Viola Racing Stable, St. Elias Stable and Siena Farm, captured the 2017 Florida Derby

(G1) en route to the syndicate's first Triple Crown victory in the Kentucky Derby (G1).

- Partnered with Teresa Viola Racing Stable to earn first Breeders' Cup victory with Liam's Map in the 2015 Dirt Mile (G1). Liam's Map won the Harlan's Holiday during the 2014-15 Championship Meet and went on to finish second in the Whitney (G1) and win the Woodward (G1) prior to the Breeders' Cup.
- West Point's Twilight Eclipse set a world-record in 2013 in the Pan American Stakes (G2) at Gulfstream. He was retired in June 2017 with eight wins and \$2.1 million in purse earnings from 40 career starts.
- A graduate of West Point, Finley is a former U.S. Army Airborne Ranger.
- He holds an MSBA from Boston University.
- He gained hands-on experience working with Thoroughbreds as a teenager and began developing racing partnerships in 1991, starting with a \$5,000 claimer at Philadelphia Park.
- Among celebrities associated with various partnerships have been former Gulfstream Park and NYRA track announcer Tom Durkin, retired Philadelphia Flyers defenseman Chris Therien, Boston Celtics part-owner Stephen Lewinstein, and Tommy Thompson, the former U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary and governor of Wisconsin and advisor to the NTRA.
- West Point has campaigned Awesome Gem, the Grade 1 winner of \$2.8 million; Macho Again, the 2009 Stephen Foster (G1) winner who earned \$1.8 million; Flashy Bull, the 2006 Fountain of Youth (G2) runner-up who won the Foster in 2007; 2014 Kentucky Derby runner-up Commanding Curve, and Grade 1-winning Lear's Princess.

## WINSTAR FARM LLC

**WinStar is a commercial breeding operation as well as a racing stable owned by Kenny Troutt, who resides in Dallas, Texas with his wife Lisa.**

- Partnered with CHC Inc. and Cold Press Racing to win the 2025 Florida Derby (G1) with Tappan Street, runner-up in the Holy Bull (G3). The horse was named for the street where the late Anthony Manganaro of Siena Farm grew up in Everett, Mass. Manganaro died in August 2023 at age 79.
- Other 2025 graded wins with partners included the Woody Stephens (G1), Black-Eyed Susan (G2), Westchester (G3) and Salvator Mile (G3)
- In partnership with Siena Farm, finished third or better with eight of 13 starters during the 2023-2024 Championship Meet, including wins in the Canadian Turf (G3) with Emmanuel and Mucho Macho Man with Otello. Connections in 2024 also won the Forego (G1) and John A. Nerud (G2) with Mullikin, Rebel (G2) with Timberlake and Amsterdam (G2) with World Record. With William J. Butler won the 2024 Eight Belles (G2) with My Mane Squeeze,
- Partnered with CHC Inc. to capture the \$3 million Pegasus World Cup (G1) with Life Is Good during the 2021-2022 Championship Meet. Life Is Good went on to win the John Nerud (G2), Whitney (G1) and Woodward (G1) heading into the Breeders' Cup Classic (G1).
- Other graded wins in 2022, in partnership, came in the Pennine Ridge (G2) with Emmanuel and Peter Pan (G3) with We the People.
- Joined forces with Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Twin Creeks Racing Stables and RKV Racing to run third with Independence Hall in the Pegasus World Cup (G1) during the 2020-2021 Championship Meet. With CHC Inc. captured the Gulfstream Park Mile (G2) with Fearless.

- Won the 2021 Hollywood Gold Cup (G1) with Country Grammer, who was fifth in the Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth (G2). Other 2021 graded-stakes wins with CHC included Life Is Good in the Kelso (G2), San Felipe (G2) and Sham (G3) and Sainthood in the Pennine Ridge (G3).
- Among its top horses in 2020 were Hollywood Gold Cup (G1), Whitney (G1) and Awesome Again (G1) winner Improbable and Woodward (G1) winner Global Campaign. Both horses were entered in the Breeders' Cup Classic at Keeneland.
- On the breeding side, 2020 was highlighted by the success of Swiss Skydiver, just the sixth filly to win the Preakness Stakes (G1) following victories in the Gulfstream Park Oaks (G2), Fantasy (G3), Santa Anita Oaks (G2) and Alabama (G1), and Shedaresthedevil, winner over Swiss Skydiver in the Kentucky Oaks (G1).
- Earned its second Eclipse Award as outstanding breeder in 2020, leading all breeders with 13 graded-stakes wins. Swiss Skydiver was voted 3-year-old filly champion.
- WinStar, in partnership with China Horse Club, Head of Plains Partners and Starlight Racing, reached the pinnacle of racing when Justify swept the 2018 Kentucky Derby (G1), Preakness (G1) and Belmont Stakes (G1) to become the 13th Triple Crown champion. Justify was the second to accomplish the feat without a loss (Seattle Slew 1977) and the first to do so without ever having raced as a 2-year-old. WinStar President and CEO Elliott Walden, signing as Maverick Racing, purchased Justify as a yearling for \$500,000 in September 2016. Justify would be retired in July 2018 with an ankle injury.
- The same partnership also captured the signature race of the 2017-18 Championship Meet, the Florida Derby (G1), with Audible,



**2025 Honey Fox (G3) winner Special Wan**

a horse Walden secured for \$500,000 at Gulfstream's 2-year-old in training sale in March 2017. Audible would go on to run third in the Kentucky Derby and is being considered for the \$9 million Pegasus World Cup Invitational (G1) in January 2019.

- American Patriot kicked off his 2017 season with an optional claiming allowance victory at Gulfstream in February before going on to capture the Maker's 46 Mile (G1) in his next start. WinStar also won the 2017 Indiana Oaks (G3) with Overture.
- During the 2014-15 Championship Meet, won the Skip Away (G3) with Commissioner and partnered with Twin Creeks Racing to win the Donn Handicap (G1) with Constitution. Commissioner went on to win the Pimlico Special (G3) at Pimlico.
- Constitution won the first three starts of his career, all at Gulfstream, capped by the 2014 Florida Derby (G1).
- Troutt is a Mt. Vernon, Ill. native who graduated from Southern Illinois University. He founded Excel Communications, a long distance telephone service and communications company.

- WinStar, located in Versailles, Ky. was founded by Troutt and Bill Casner in 2000. Troutt bought out his partner in 2010.
- Former trainer Elliott Walden, who saddled Victory Gallop for a nose victory over Derby and Preakness winner Real Quiet in the 1998 Belmont Stakes, serves as president and CEO of WinStar.
- Homebred Super Saver put WinStar in the winner's circle following the 2010 Kentucky Derby (G1).
- WinStar also captured the 2010 Belmont Stakes (G1) with Drosselmeyer, who came back in 2011 to capture the Breeders' Cup Classic (G1).
- Homebred Well Armed captured the Dubai World Cup (G1) in 2009 after winning the 2008 Santa Anita Handicap (G1) and Goodwood (G1).
- In 2016, Winstar's Creator won the Arkansas Derby (G1).
- Colonel John, a homebred son of Tiznow, won the 2008 Santa Anita Derby (G1) and Travers (G1) for WinStar.
- WinStar earned the Eclipse Award as outstanding owner in 2010 and outstanding breeder in 2016 and 2020.



# Trainer Profiles



Trainer Todd Pletcher with seven-time Super Bowl champion Tom Brady





## VICTOR BARBOZA JR.

**Birthdate:** March 29, 1978  
**Birthplace:** Maracaibo, Venezuela  
**Residence:** Weston, FL

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
118	27	25	10	\$830,750

Victor Barboza Jr. ventured from Venezuela in 2015 and visited the Gulfstream Park winner's circle with his very first starter, Dreamingoflawrence. He has gone on to saddle more than 600 winners while maintaining a win rate of more than 20 percent.

Based at Gulfstream year-round, he finished fifth with 27 wins during the 2024-2025 Championship Meet.

Barboza, who saddled 39 Grade 1 or 2 stakes winners in Venezuela, notched his first stakes victory in the U.S. with Distinta in the 2017 Inside Information (G2) at Gulfstream. He saddled Rich Mommy for a win in the Sugar Swirl (G3) later that year at Gulfstream.

Barboza saddled his first Kentucky Derby (G1) in 2025, Grand Mo the First, who finished out of the money after qualifying for the Run for the Roses with third-place finishes in the Tampa Bay Derby (G3) and Curlin Florida Derby (G1).

A son of a trainer, Barboza was a animal sciences major at the University of Zulia before leaving in his third year to accept a training position at Hipodromo de Santa Rita. He went on a capture pair of Venezuela training championships before coming to the U.S.



## KELLY BREEN

**Birthdate:** May 13, 1969  
**Birthplace:** Perth Amboy, NJ  
**Residence:** Tinton Falls, NJ

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
60	10	4	13	\$390,520

Kelly Breen has been a mainstay on the Monmouth Park-Gulfstream Park circuit for several years. He trained privately for George and Lori Hall from 2006 to mid-2012 before establishing a public stable.

Breen registered his career highlight thus far in the 2011 Belmont Stakes (G1), saddling the Halls' Ruler On Ice for a victory in the third leg of the Triple Crown at nearly 25-1.

Breen campaigned millionaire Pants on Fire, the 2011 Louisiana Derby (G2) winner, for the Halls.

Breen also enjoyed success with multiple graded-stakes winner Firenze Fire. After taking over the training of the Grade 1 winner, the Poseidon's Warrior gelding won the Vosburgh (G2) and True North (G2) in 2020 at Belmont Park and came back in 2021 to win the Runhappy (G3) and True North (G2).

He been particularly successful at Gulfstream Park with multiple grade stakes-winning 3-year-old fillies – Bickersons (G2 Forward Gal in 2010), Stonetastic (G2 Inside Information in 2016) and Miss Sky Warrior (G2 Davona Dale in 2017).

The New Jersey native served as exercise rider and assistant trainer for Walter Reese when he was 18 before going out on his own in 1992. He saddled his first winner in 1993 at the Meadowlands. After training a small stable for a few years, Breen went to work for Ben Perkins Sr., galloping such standouts as Forest Wildcat, Confide and Appealing Skier, before going back on his own in 2000.



## CHAD BROWN

**Birthdate:** December 18, 1977  
**Birthplace:** Mechanicville, NY  
**Residence:** Saratoga Springs, NY

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
64	8	11	17	\$1,034,870

Brown was honored with four straight Eclipse Awards as Outstanding Trainer from 2016 to 2019 before being honored with another in 2024.

Brown celebrated his first success in a Triple Crown event in 2017 after saddling Cloud Computing for a victory in the Preakness Stakes (G1) at Pimlico. He came back in the 2022 Preakness with Early Voting to collect his second Triple Crown success.

Brown has saddled the winners of 19 Breeders' Cup races (14 on turf) through 2024, scoring his first in 2008 with Maram (Juvenile Fillies Turf). His most recent win came at Del Mar in 2024 with Sierra Leone in the Breeders' Cup Classic (G1).

Brown saddled eventual Horse of the Year Bricks and Mortar for a victory in the inaugural running of the \$7 million Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational (G1) in 2019. Brown-trained Regal Glory won the 2022 \$500,000 TAA Pegasus World Cup Filly & Mare Turf (G3).

Brown, who has saddled more than 2900 winners, celebrated his 2000th win at Saratoga with Digital Software Aug. 6, 2021.

Brown worked for two Hall of Famers, coming up under Shug McGaughey and Bobby Frankel until going on his own in 2008. He grew up breaking and training Standardbreds before turning to flat racing and worked summers for McGaughey while earning a degree in animal science from Cornell. He spent five years working for Frankel, splitting his time between Southern California and

Saratoga before overseeing Frankel's divisions in Kentucky, Monmouth and Gulfstream. He had hands-on experience working with Frankel-trained stars Ghostzapper, Intercontinental, Empire Maker, Medaglia D'Oro and saddled Ginger Punch to victory in the 2007 Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic in Frankel's absence.

Started out in New York and Kentucky and earned his first win with Dual Jewels in November 2007 at Churchill Downs.



## MARK CASSE

**Birthdate:** Feb. 14, 1961

**Birthplace:** Indianapolis, IN

**Residence:** Ocala, FL and Kleinburg, Ontario, Canada

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
253	34	37	30	\$2,358,630

Casse was officially inducted into the National Museum of Racing's Hall of Fame in 2021 after being elected in 2020, when the ceremony was canceled amid the coronavirus pandemic. He is also a member of the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame's Class of 2016.

Casse maintains a year-round stable at Palm Meadows, Gulfstream's satellite training facility in Palm Beach County.

The winner of more than 4000 races has saddled six Breeders' Cup winners, most notably Tepin for a win against the boys in the 2015 Mile (G1). Tepin, who captured the Queen Mary (G1) at Royal Ascot the following year, won the Eclipse Award as champion grass mare in 2015 and 2016.

Casse has saddled the winners of two Triple Crown events, War of Will (2019 Preakness) and Sir Winston (2019 Belmont).

He has won the Sovereign Award as Canada's leading trainer 16 times, including 2023, when he saddled Canadian Horse of the Year Fev Rover for Grade 1 victories in the Beverly D and E. P. Taylor.

Casse saddled his first winner in 1979 at Keeneland.



## MIGUEL CLEMENT

**Birthdate:** June 2, 1991

**Birthplace:** Cambridge, England

**Residence:** Palm City, FL

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
0	0	0	0	\$0

Named for his paternal grandfather, a noted trainer in France, Clement took over the training operation following the May 25, 2025 passing of his father, Christophe, at the age of 59 due to a rare form of eye cancer. With Miguel as his assistant, Christophe Clement had long established himself as one of the leading trainers in the U.S., particularly on the turf, with more than 2,500 career wins.

Miguel Clement's first official starter was Otello, who ran second in an optional claiming allowance May 31, 2025 at Laurel Park. His first winner came June 4 with maiden Coach Case at Saratoga, where two days later Deterministic would give him his first graded-stakes triumph in the Manhattan (G1).

Of his first 56 career wins, 13 had come in graded-stakes including the Fourstardave (G1), also with Deterministic at Saratoga. Clement's wife, Acacia, is a former Miss Connecticut and on-air host and

handicapper for Gulfstream Park who now works for NYRA/FOX Sports.

Miguel Clement went to work for his father after graduating from Duke University and the two-year Godolphin Flying Start program and gaining experience under Hugo Palmer in England and Mike de Kock in South Africa and Dubai.



## BRAD COX

**Birthdate:** March 13, 1980

**Birthplace:** Louisville, KY

**Residence:** Louisville, KY

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
33	7	11	3	\$1,216,560

After leading the nation with \$32 million in purses-won in 2021, Cox collected his second Eclipse Award in a row.

The Eclipse Award-winning trainer in 2020 saddled Knicks Go for a dominating victory in the \$3 million Pegasus World Cup Invitational (G1) in 2021. Knicks Go, who was named 2021 Horse of the Year after winning the Breeder's Cup Classic (G1), returned to finish second behind Life Is Good in the 2022 Pegasus.

Cox saddled Tappan Street for a 1 ¼-length victory over Sovereignty in the \$1 million Curlin Florida Derby (G1) in 2025. He was unable to make the Triple Crown campaign, but Sovereignty went on to capture the Kentucky Derby (G1) and Belmont (G1).

Cox notched graded-stakes victories during the 2021-2022 Championship Meet with Just One Time

in the Inside Information (G2) and Girl With a Dream in the Forward Gal (G3).

Cox saddled Godolphin's Essential Quality for a victory in the Belmont Stakes (G1) and Travers (G1). Cox-trained Mandaloun was elevated to first in the 2021 Kentucky Derby (G1) upon the disqualification of Medina Spirit.

Cox enjoyed a spectacular weekend during the 2020 Breeders' Cup at Keeneland, winning the Distaff (G1) with Monomoy Girl, Dirt Mile (G1) with Knicks Go, Juvenile (G1) with Essential Quality and Juvenile Fillies Turf (G1) with Aunt Pearl. They added to previous Breeders' Cup wins in the 2019 Filly & Mare Sprint (G1) with Covfefe and Juvenile Fillies (G1) with British Idiom, and 2018 Distaff with Monomoy Girl. Cox returned to Keeneland to saddle Caravel for a victory in the 2022 Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint (G1).

Essential Quality was honored with Eclipse Awards for his stellar juvenile and sophomore campaigns in 2020 and 2021.

Monomoy Girl in 2018 and Covfefe in 2019 were each named champion 3-year-old filly. Monomoy Girl returned to prominence with an undefeated campaign in 2020 after missing the entire 2019 season to win the Eclipse Award Older Dirt Champion.

Cox grew up a few blocks from Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky., visiting the track with his father and telling him he wanted to be the next D. Wayne Lukas. Cox worked for trainers Burk Kessinger and Jimmy Baker in Kentucky before becoming an assistant to one-time Lukas protégé Dallas Stewart.



## JOSE FRANCISCO D'ANGELO

**Birthdate:** April 17, 1990

**Birthplace:** Caracas, Venezuela

**Residence:** Miami, FL

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
196	40	29	23	\$1,706,350

D'Angelo was the champion trainer in Venezuela in 2018 before moving to the U.S. Jose is the son of Francisco 'Kiko' D'Angelo, the leading trainer in Venezuela on multiple occasions before relocating to South Florida in 2015.

In his first full year of training after venturing to the U.S. from Venezuela, Jose D'Angelo enjoyed a remarkable run with Jesus' Team in 2020-2021. He saddled the overachieving former claimer for a third-place finish in the Preakness (G1) and a second-place finish behind Knicks Go in the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (G1) in 2020. After closing out his 2020 season with a victory in the Claiming Crown Jewel at Gulfstream, Jesus' Team again finished second behind Knicks Go in the \$3 million Pegasus World Cup (G1) at the Hallandale Beach track.

D'Angelo celebrated his first Grade 1 success with Howard Wolowitz, who captured the 2024 Franklin Simpson Stakes at Kentucky Downs. He notched his first graded-stakes victory with No More Time earlier in the year in the Sam F. Davis (G3) at Tampa Bay Downs.

D'Angelo saddled 138 winners in 2023, including Bentornato, who won the first two legs of the FTBOA Florida Sire Stakes – the Dr. Fager and Affirmed. He totaled 140 winners in 2024.



## CARLOS DAVID

**Birthdate:** November 29, 1983

**Birthplace:** Cali, Colombia

**Residence:** Lake Worth, FL

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
131	21	25	19	\$838,155

David experienced a career high and a devastating low in Dubai in March 2021. He saddled Zenden for a victory in the \$1.5 million Dubai Golden Shaheen (G1). Tragically, his first Grade 1 winner sustained a fatal injury while taking a bad step after the finish.

David has enjoyed considerable success in the FTBOA Florida Sire Stakes Series. During the 2022 Royal Palm Meet, the David-trained Lynx captured the \$100,000 Desert Vixen and \$200,000 Susan's Girl in the fillies division of the series for juveniles sired by accredited Florida stallions. During the 2021 Spring/Summer Meet, he saddled Octane for a pair of FTBOA Florida Sire Stakes victories in the \$200,000 Affirmed and the \$400,000 In Reality.

David learned to ride horses at the polo farms outside Cali, Colombia before immigrating to the U.S. with his uncle, trainer Carlos Ortiz, when he was 16. He began his racing career as a hotwalker and groom for Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott while earning his GED. He ventured to Stonerside's Aiken, SC training center to build up his riding experience before returning to Mott's stable as an exercise rider.

After working under several trainers, David went out on his own in 2018 at Gulfstream, where he saddled his first winner, Alta Bambina, on Nov. 8 of that year. He recorded his first stakes success with Hot Blooded in the Proud Man at Gulfstream Aug. 8, 2019.

David has become a U.S. citizen and stables year-round at Palm Meadows, Gulfstream's satellite training facility in Palm Beach County.



## GUSTAVO DELGADO

**Birthdate:** March 25, 1957

**Birthplace:** Maracaibo, Venezuela

**Residence:** Pembroke Pines, FL

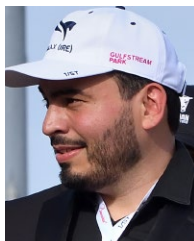
### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
36	5	4	5	\$246,505

One of the most successful trainers in Venezuelan history, Delgado experienced the ultimate success for a trainer in North America on May 6, 2023, when he saddled Mage for an upset victory in the Kentucky Derby (G1) at Churchill Downs. Mage earned his way in the Derby field with a second-place finish behind Forte in the Curlin Florida Derby (G1) at Gulfstream Park two months earlier. Mage went on to finish third in the Preakness Stakes (G1) at Pimlico Race Course.

Delgado burst onto the South Florida scene after arriving in March 2014 and led the trainer standings with 24 wins from 96 starts at Gulfstream's inaugural summer meet while banking nearly \$342,000 in purse earnings.

Delgado won his native country's Triple Crown a remarkable four times. He also saddled five winners of the Clasico Simon Bolivar, Venezuela's most famous race, and is a three-time winner of Clasico Internacional del Caribe, a Grade 1 race for 3-year-olds in Latin America. Delgado won seven Grade 1 races with 2009 Venezuelan Horse of the Year Bambera, who was eighth in the 2010 Rampart (G3) at Gulfstream.



## JORGE DELGADO

**Birthdate:** April 27, 1990

**Birthplace:** Maracaibo, Venezuela

**Residence:** Ft. Lauderdale, FL

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
71	11	7	14	\$574,600

Delgado gained his trainer's license in Venezuela but never saddled a horse there, opting to follow his uncle Gustavo Delgado, a Venezuelan training legend, to the U.S. in 2013. He saddled his first winner July 9, 2017 at Gulfstream.

Delgado celebrated his career highlight thus far after saddling Power Squeeze for a victory in the 2024 Alabama (G1) at Saratoga. Power Squeeze also captured the Gulfstream Park Oaks (G2) earlier in the year.

He saddled his first graded-stakes winner at Gulfstream Park, scoring with Willy Boi in the 2022 Smile Sprint (G3).

Delgado-trained Super Chow won three graded-stakes races in 2024, capturing the Toboggan (G3) and Tom Fool (G3) at Aqueduct and Maryland Sprint (G3) at Pimlico. Super Chow came back to win the Gulfstream Park Sprint and the Get Serious at Monmouth in 2025.



## DAVID FAWKES

**Birthdate:** October 3, 1959

**Birthplace:** Aurora, IL

**Residence:** Davie, FL

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
83	13	12	12	\$538,075

Fawkes' career highlight thus far came when Big Drama captured the 2010 Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1), which was followed by a track record-breaking triumph in the 2011 Mr. Prospector (G3) and an Eclipse Award as North America's top sprinter. Big Drama's other lucrative triumph came in the \$750,000 Delta Jackpot (G3) in 2008.

In 2015, Fawkes enjoyed considerable success with Big Drama's half-sister, Sheer Drama, who captured the Royal Delta (G2) during Gulfstream's Championship Meet before notching back-to-back Grade 1 wins in the Personal Ensign (G1) at Saratoga and the Delaware (Park) Handicap. He saddled Sheer Drama for a victory in the 2016 Madison Stakes (G1) at Keeneland.

Fawkes continued his career success in the Florida Sire Stakes Series during the summer of 2015, capturing the \$200,000 Desert Vixen and \$300,000 Susan's Girl with Cajun Delta Dawn.

Fawkes saddled Duke of Mischief for a big-money win in the 2011 \$1 million Charles Town Classic (G3).

Fawkes, who is stabled year-round at Gulfstream Park, celebrated his 1000th career victory with Captain Flint at Gulfstream Park Nov. 1, 2019.

He grew up around show horses, hunters and jumpers. He had a brief career as a jockey after a friend introduced him to the races in Illinois.





## MARK HENNIG

**Birthdate:** April 10, 1965

**Birthplace:** Mansfield, OH

**Residence:** Garden City, NY

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
33	4	1	5	\$152,540

Hennig has saddled the winners of more than 100 graded stakes during a career that started in 1992. In his first full year on his own, the former assistant to Hall of Fame trainers Jack Van Berg and D. Wayne Lukas saddled the winners of \$4 million, enjoyed Grade 1 victories with Personal Hope (Santa Anita Derby) and Star of Cozzene (Arlington Million and Man o' War). He has also tasted Grade 1 success with Gygistar, Vergennes, Prenup, Summer Colony, Raging Fever and Eddington.

Hennig-trained Eddington won the 2005 Gulfstream Park Handicap (G2) and Pimlico Special (G1).

Hennig enjoyed continued success with Merry Meadow at Gulfstream in 2015, saddling the multiple-stakes winner for victories in the Hurricane Bertie (G3) and Inside Information (G2) during the Championship Meet and the Princess Rooney (G2) on the Summit of Speed Day in July. Merry Meadow captured the Sugar Swirl (G3) during the 2013-14 Championship Meet.

Hennig attended the Ohio State University for two years before opting to follow his father, John, into a career as a trainer. Hennig's first winner was Arabian Ace at Hollywood Park in July 1992.

Sister Letty is married to Belmont Stakes and Breeders' Cup Classic-winning trainer-turned jockey's agent Kieran McLaughlin.



## SAFFIE JOSEPH JR.

**Birthdate:** January 5, 1987

**Birthplace:** Bridgetown, Barbados

**Residence:** Hollywood, FL

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
353	70	53	56	\$5,856,940

Saffie Joseph Jr. dethroned perennial leading trainer Todd Pletcher to win his first Championship Meet title in 2021-2022, during which he saddled White Abarrio for victories in the Holy Bull (G3) and \$1 million Curlin Florida Derby (G1). He successfully defended his title in 2022-2023, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

Joseph's 2024-2025 meet-topping 70 victories included seven graded-stakes successes among his 10 stakes wins. White Abarrio's 6 1/4-length score in the \$3 million Pegasus World Cup (G1) was the meet highlight. Joseph had earlier saddled Be Your Best for a victory in the Pegasus World Cup Filly & Mare Turf (G1). Be Your Best went on to win the Gamely (G1) at Santa Anita on a card that Joseph saddled Skippylongstocking for a victory in the Hollywood Gold Cup (G2).

Joseph saddled Soul of an Angel for a victory in the 2024 Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint (G1) at Del Mar.

Joseph notched his first graded-stakes victory in a Grade 1 stakes with Math Wizard, a \$25,000 claim who won the 2019 Pennsylvania Derby at Parx. He enjoyed Grade 1 success twice in 2021 with Drain the Clock in the Carter at Aqueduct and Woody Stephens at Belmont.

The son of a trainer, Joseph became the youngest trainer of a Barbados Triple Crown champion with

Areutalkintome at the age of 22. He ventured to South Florida in 2011 with two horses: Go Zapper, a son of Ghostzapper who had run once without success in Barbados, and Artefacto, an unraced son of Officer. Go Zapper was his first starter in the U.S. at Tampa Bay Downs April 10, 2011 while finishing seventh. Artefacto debuted with a victory at Calder Race Course June 19, 2011 to give him his first winner in the U.S. Saraguaro gave him his first stakes success with a victory in the Foolish Pleasure at Gulfstream Park Oct. 3, 2015.

Joseph, who saddled Skippylongstocking for back-to-back victories in the \$1 million Charles Town Classic in 2023 and 2024, has claimed 13 consecutive training titles at Gulfstream through the 2025 Royal Palm Meet.

Joseph notched his 1000th career win with Palace Zip Feb. 25, 2024.

Joseph had always wanted to follow in his father's footsteps, but his parents preferred that he pursue academics. Joseph left Barbados to attend Gulliver Preparatory School in Pinecrest, FL for two years before spending one semester at Florida International University in Miami and returning home to pursue his passion for training.



Saffie Joseph Jr. with Ken Ramsey



## BRIAN LYNCH

**Birthdate:** May 1, 1964

**Birthplace:** Brisbane, Australia

**Residence:** Etobicoke, Ontario

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
106	17	16	17	\$1,022,060

Lynch launched his training career in Australia before venturing to North America in 1986 to ride bulls on the professional rodeo circuit. He returned to training and recorded his first victory with a quarter horse at Rosburn Parkland in Manitoba, Canada. His first thoroughbred success came at Hollywood Park, where he saddled Arc's a Flyin for a maiden score on Dec. 2, 1993.

Lynch worked as an assistant to Hall of Fame trainer Bobby Frankel in Southern California in 2004 and moved east to Woodbine in 2005 to oversee the day-to-day operation of Frankel's division.

Lynch notched his first North American graded-stakes victory with Malakoff in the Marine (G3) at Woodbine in 2006. His first U.S. graded stakes victories came at Gulfstream in 2008, when he saddled Sugar Swirl for triumphs in the First Lady (G3), Hurricane Bertie (G3) and Shirley Jones (G2), as well as scoring with Spring Waltz in the Rampart (G2).

Lynch enjoyed much success at Gulfstream with fan favorite Heart to Heart, who captured the 2016 and 2017 Canadian (G2) and the 2016 Fort Lauderdale (G2) before scoring his first Grade 1 victory in the Gulfstream Park Turf in 2018. The enduring turf star went on to win the 2018 Maker's 46 Mile (G1) at Keeneland.

Lynch notched his first Breeders' Cup victory in 2016 with Oscar Performance in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf at Santa Anita. Oscar Performance came back to win the 2018 Woodbine Mile (G1).



## MIKE MAKER

**Birthdate:** February 7, 1969

**Birthplace:** Garden City, MI

**Residence:** Louisville, KY

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
110	14	14	13	\$719,905

Maker followed in the footsteps of his father George, who trained in Michigan. He worked for Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas for 10 years, serving the last six years as his top assistant in Kentucky. He went out on his own in 2003 and scored his first graded-stakes victory with Freefourinternet in the 2004 Hawthorne Gold Cup (G2).

Maker has saddled the winners of two runnings of the Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational (G1) at Gulfstream Park with Zulu Alpha (2020) and Atone (2023).

Maker notched his 3000th career win with Palatial Times at Ellis Park Aug. 5, 2022 and has saddled the winners of more than \$170 million in purses.

He has saddled three Breeders' Cup winners – Fire at Will (2020 Juvenile Turf), Hansen (2011 Juvenile) and Furthest Land (2009 Dirt Mile).



## CLAUDE "SHUG" MCGAUGHEY III

**Birthdate:** January 6, 1951

**Birthplace:** Lexington, KY

**Residence:** Old Westbury, NY & North Miami Beach, FL

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
35	7	4	4	\$742,165

McGaughey was inducted into the National Racing Museum and Hall of Fame in 2004. He has trained nine champions, including Easy Goer, Personal Ensign, Heavenly Prize, Inside Information, Queena, Rhythm, Smugglers, Storm Flag Flying and Vanlandingham.

McGaughey achieved a lifelong goal in 2013 when he saddled Orb for a victory in the Kentucky Derby (G1). The Lexington, Ky. native had saddled Orb for a trio of victories at Gulfstream that set him up for his 2 ½-length victory in the Kentucky Derby. Orb captured an allowance race before winning the Fountain of Youth (G2) and the \$1 million Florida Derby (G1). McGaughey also saddled Point of Entry for a thrilling triumph over 2011 Kentucky Derby winner Animal Kingdom that season in the Gulfstream Park Turf Handicap (G1), which is currently renewed as the \$1 million Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational (G1).

Easy Goer, the 2-year-old champion of 1988, won the 1989 Belmont Stakes, Travers, Whitney, Woodward and Jockey Gold Cup, all Grade 1 races, while finishing second behind Sunday Silence in the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Breeders' Cup Classic.

Personal Ensign, who was named top older filly or mare of 1988 after gamely winning that year's Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic (G1) over Kentucky

Derby winner Winning Colors in her 13th and final start, became the first major horse to retire undefeated since just after the turn of the century.

In addition to Personal Ensign, McGaughey has visited Breeders' Cup winner's circles with Lure (1992 and 1993 Mile; 1992 at Gulfstream), Inside Information (1995 Distaff), Storm Flag Flying (2002 Juvenile Fillies), Pleasant Home (2005 Distaff), My Flag (1995 Juvenile Fillies), Rhythm (1989 Juvenile at Gulfstream) and Dancing Spree (1989 Sprint at Gulfstream). Personal Ensign was the dam of My Flag, who, in turn, was the dam of Storm Flag Flying.

McGaughey won the 1988 Eclipse Award as outstanding trainer.

McGaughey grew up in Lexington Ky., the son of a real estate agent. He was introduced to racing through family, but he attended the University of Mississippi for two years before leaving to become a groom for trainer David Carr. He advanced to become Carr's assistant, then worked as a groom for Frank Whiteley before assisting Whiteley's son David.

He took out his trainer's license in 1979 and opened a public stable the following year.

His first high-profile job came as trainer for John Ed Anthony's Loblolly Stable in 1982.

His first Grade 1 victory came in the 1983 Spinster Stakes with Try Something New. He was named trainer for the Phipps family on Nov. 11, 1985.



## KENNY MCPEEK

**Birthdate:** August 2, 1962

**Birthplace:** Fort Chaffee, AR

**Residence:** Louisville, KY

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
29	4	1	3	\$176,290

McPeck continued his recent success with fillies in 2024 with Thorpedo Anna, who was named Horse of the Year after capturing the Kentucky Oaks (G1), Acorn (G1) and Coaching Club American Oaks (G1) before losing a photo finish to Florida Derby (G1) hero Fierceness in the Travers (G1). Thorpedo Anna went on to win the Cotillion (G1) at Parx and Breeders' Cup Distaff (G1) at Del Mar to also clinch the champion 3-year-old filly Eclipse Award. She came back in 2025 to win the Azeri (G2) and Apple Blossom (G1) at Oaklawn.

McPeck saddled Swiss Skydiver for a victory in the Gulfstream Park Oaks (G2) before her triumph in the 2020 Preakness Stakes (G1). He also won the Gulfstream Park Oaks in 2021 with Crazy Beautiful.

One day after saddling Thorpedo Anna for her Kentucky Oaks victory, McPeck added a Kentucky Derby (G1) success to his resume following Mystik Dan's nose decision over Sierra Leone.

His greatest success at Gulfstream came in 2002 when he saddled Harlan's Holiday for a victory in the Florida Derby (G1).

McPeck notched his 2000th career win with Winnable at Turfway Park Feb. 21, 2024.

He saddled back-to-back winners of the Gulfstream Park Turf (G1), currently renewed as the \$1 million Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational (G1), with Hard

Buck in 2004 and Prince Arch in 2005. He took a sabbatical from training in 2005 to become a bloodstock advisor before reopening his stable a year later. He acquired two-time Horse of the Year and Hall of Famer Curlin during his year away from training for the Midnight Cry Stable. Curlin debuted with a sensational 12  $\frac{3}{4}$ -length victory at Gulfstream for McPeck's former assistant, Helen Pitts, before a majority interest was sold to Stonestreet Stable and turned over to trainer Steve Asmussen.

He enjoyed a great run in 2001-2002 with Take Charge Lady, a multiple Grade 1 winner who produced 2012 Florida Derby winner Take Charge Indy.

McPeck played high school football in Lexington, KY and went on to graduate from the University of Kentucky in 1984 with a B.A. in business. He immediately took a job as a hotwalker for Hall of Fame trainer Shug McGaughey.

He took out his trainer's license in 1985. His father was his first client. He later upgraded the stable through owner Roy Monroe, whose son Brian played football with McPeck at Tates Creek High School.



## GRAHAM MOTION

**Birthdate:** May 22, 1964

**Birthplace:** Cambridge, England

**Residence:** Fair Hill, MD

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
49	3	5	6	\$398,685

Motion experienced the highlight of his career when he saddled Animal Kingdom for a triumph in the 2011 Kentucky Derby (G1). Animal Kingdom wintered at Palm Meadows Training Center and finished second in a turf allowance before capturing the Spiral (G3)



at Turfway to earn a berth in the Derby. Animal Kingdom, who finished second in the Preakness, won a turf allowance at Gulfstream in 2012 before finishing second in the Breeders' Cup Mile (G1). In 2013, Animal Kingdom finished second behind Point of Entry in the Gulfstream Park Handicap (G1), currently renewed as the \$1 million Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational (G1), before capturing the \$10 million Dubai World Cup.

Motion saddled Sharing for a victory in the 2019 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf (G1) at Santa Anita. Motion had saddled Sharing's dam, Shared Account, for a victory in the 2010 Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf (G1) at Churchill Downs. He has also saddled Better Talk Now and Main Sequence for victories in the Breeders' Cup Turf (G1) in 2004 and 2014, respectively.

The native of Cambridge moved to the U.S. at age 16. His father was a bloodstock agent and his mother was an amateur jockey and assistant trainer. Motion worked for Jonathan Sheppard from 1985-90. He saddled his first winner at Laurel Park in 1993 and earned his 1,000th victory at the same track in November 2006 and No. 2,000 at Delaware Park in June, 2015. His first Grade 1 win came in the 2003 Queen Elizabeth Challenge Cup at Keeneland with Film Maker.



## WILLIAM MOTT

**Birthdate:** July 29, 1953

**Birthplace:** Mobridge, SD

**Residence:** Saratoga Springs, NY

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
100	14	11	11	\$1,391,995

Bill Mott's stellar Hall of Fame career will always be linked to the exploits of the great Cigar, the two-time Horse of the Year winner who at the time equaled the modern-day record of 16 straight wins from 1994-'96. Four of those victories, including the 1995 Donn Handicap (G1), currently renewed as the \$3 million Pegasus World Cup Invitational (G1), came at Gulfstream Park, more than at any other track.

He also enjoyed high-profile success with Royal Delta, the three-time Eclipse Award champion who won back-to-back runnings of the Breeders' Cup Distaff in 2011-12. In addition to Cigar and Royal Delta, Mott has trained Eclipse champions, Ajina, Escena, Paradise Creek, Theatrical, Close Hatches and Elite Power.

Mott-trained Sovereignty captured the 2025 Fountain of Youth (G2) and finished second in the Curlin Florida Derby (G1) at Gulfstream leading up to his victories in the 2025 Kentucky Derby (G1) and Belmont Stakes (G1).

Mott won his first Kentucky Derby with Country House, who was placed first in the 2019 Run for the Roses following the disqualification of Florida Derby (G1) winner Maximum Security. Mott won his first Belmont Stakes (G1) with Drosselmeyer, who came back to win the 2011 Breeders' Cup Classic (G1).

In 2022, he saddled Elite Power (Sprint) and Cody's Wish (Dirt Mile) for Breeders' Cup victories. Both

horses returned to defend their respective titles, running Mott's career total to 15 wins in the World Thoroughbred Championships.

Mott, who has saddled more than 5,500 winners, was honored with the Eclipse Award for outstanding trainer in 1995, 1996, 2011 and 2023.

He became the youngest trainer (45) inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1998.

Mott's father was a veterinarian who worked with horses and introduced him to the game. By age 15, Mott was training thoroughbreds at bush meets. He went to work for Jack Van Berg before going out on his own in 1978. He became private trainer for Bert and Diana Firestone in 1986, then partnered with owner Allen Paulson.



## KATHLEEN O'CONNELL

**Birthdate:** September 28, 1951

**Birthplace:** Detroit, MI

**Residence:** Davie, FL

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
58	6	6	8	\$212,410

O'Connell, a mainstay in South Florida since 1985, became the all-time winningest female trainer when she saddled My Eagle Soars for a victory at Tampa Bay Downs March 12, 2023, passing Midwest trainer Kim Hammond. She saddled her first winner in 1981.

O'Connell notched career win No. 2500 with saddling Thirty Though Kelvin at Saratoga Aug. 15, 2024. Linda Rice passed O'Connell for most wins in October 2024

She has enjoyed much success with the late Florida owner/breeder Gil Campbell while training the likes



of Blazing Sword, a \$1.1 million earner who captured the 1997 Calder Derby (G3), along with the 2000 Widener (G3) and Washington Park (G2) handicaps. Blazing Sword finished second behind Pulpit in the 1997 Fountain of Youth (G2) after capturing two legs of the 1996 Florida Sire Stakes. Lenzi's Lucky Lady gave O'Connell and Campbell their respective 12th FSS victories in the 2019 Desert Vixen Division.

O'Connell saddled Stormy Embrace for back-to-back victories in the \$250,000 Princess Rooney (G2) on the 2018 and 2019 Summit of Speed programs at Gulfstream.

O'Connell conditioned Lady Shipman for a sensational 2015 campaign that started with a five-furlong turf allowance win at Gulfstream Park. The 3-year-old turf sprint specialist went on to win four stakes in a row, including two at Saratoga, before finishing a troubled second against the boys in the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint (G1).

The daughter of a retired Detroit policeman, O'Connell took a job as a hotwalker at Detroit Race Course at the age of 19. She rode show horses as a youth.



## JOE ORSENO

**Birthdate:** October 4, 1955  
**Birthplace:** Philadelphia, PA  
**Residence:** Davie, FL

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
97	15	15	15	\$795,500

Orseno currently maintains a year-round stable at Gulfstream Park while also campaigning a string in the Mid-Atlantic during the summer months.

He enjoyed a career season in 2000 while saddling

Red Bullet for a victory in the Preakness (G1) before notching Breeders' Cup wins with Perfect Sting (Filly & Mare Turf) and Macho Uno (Juvenile). Both horses were honored with Eclipse Awards.

Orseno was introduced to racing by his father, who attended the races regularly at Garden State Park in New Jersey. While parking cars at a restaurant across the street from the track during high school, Orseno met trainer Mickey Crock and went to work for him.

Orseno, who took out his license in 1976, notched his 2000th victory with Lord Eddard Stark at Gulfstream Aug. 16, 2023.



## EDWARD PLESA JR.

**Birthdate:** April 25, 1949  
**Birthplace:** Seattle, WA  
**Residence:** Plantation, FL

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
25	7	2	5	\$323,835

Plesa has been a fixture at Gulfstream Park for many years and now trains in South Florida on a year-round basis. The veteran trainer has saddled the winners of more than 2,500 races.

He enjoyed great success with Itsmyluckyday during the 2013-2014 seasons. He saddled Itsmyluckyday for victories in the 2013 Gulfstream Park Derby and the Holy Bull (G3), as well as a second-place finish behind eventual Kentucky Derby winner Orb in the Florida Derby (G1). Itsmyluckyday went on to finish second in the Preakness Stakes. In 2014, the son of Lawyer Ron won the Woodward (G1) at Saratoga after tuning up with a victory in the Best of the Rest Stakes at Gulfstream.

Plesa won multiple titles at Calder.

He saddled Three Ring, third in the 1998 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (G1), for victories in the 1999 Davona Dale (G2) and Bonnie Miss (G2) at Gulfstream before she went on to win the Acorn (G1) at Belmont.

In 2005, Plesa saddled B.B. Best for third-place finishes in the Florida Derby and Fountain of Youth (G2). Plesa-trained Gotcha Gold finished second in the 2005 Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1).

Plesa's father, Eddie Plesa Sr., was a leading jockey in Detroit and Cleveland, and trained in South Florida until retiring 2011.

Plesa worked for Harbor View trainer Stanley Hough and owner Fred Hooper.



## TODD PLETCHER

**Birthdate:** June 26, 1967  
**Birthplace:** Dallas, TX  
**Residence:** Garden City, NY

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
178	31	28	16	\$2,893,890

Pletcher was inducted into the National Racing Museum and Hall of Fame in 2021. He has been honored with eight Eclipse Awards as North America's outstanding trainer through 2022.

Pletcher has won a record 18 Championship Meet titles at Gulfstream Park, where he has saddled a record eight winners of the Florida Derby (G1), including Always Dreaming, who went on to capture the 2017 Kentucky Derby (G1). He also won the Derby with Super Saver (2010). He has saddled four Belmont Stakes (G1) winners, including champion



filly Rags to Riches in 2007.

Pletcher has saddled the winners of 14 Breeders' Cup races, including 2019 Classic (G1) hero Vino Rosso, and 2021 Dirt Mile (G1) victor Life Is Good.

Life Is Good followed up his Breeders' Cup success with a triumph in the \$3 million Pegasus World Cup Invitational (G1) at Gulfstream in 2022. Pletcher also captured the \$1 million Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational (G1) in 2022 with Colonel Liam, who successfully defended his victory in 2021.

Pletcher has won the Donn Handicap (G1), currently renewed as the Pegasus World Cup, with Harlan's Holiday (2003), 2009 Florida Derby winner Quality Road (2010), Graydar (2013), 2014 Florida Derby victory Constitution (2015) and Mshawish (2016).

The son of veteran trainer J.J. Pletcher, he grew up around the game in the Midwest.

His father and mother, Joan, now operate Payton Training Center near Ocala. He is a 1989 graduate of the University of Arizona with a degree in Animal Science. He spent six years as assistant to Wayne Lukas before going on his own in 1996. First career winner came at Gulfstream on Jan. 26, 1996, with Majestic Number.



## DALE ROMANS

**Birthdate:** August 14, 1966

**Birthplace:** Louisville, KY

**Residence:** Louisville, KY

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
42	12	5	6	\$677,630

The Louisville, Ky. native was honored as North America's top trainer of 2012 at the Eclipse Awards ceremony at Gulfstream Park after scoring Grade 1 wins with Little Mike (Breeders' Cup Turf, Arlington Million, Woodford Reserve Turf Classic), Dullahan (Blue Grass, Pacific Classic) Shackleford (Clark, Met Mile), and Tapitsfly (First Lady and Just a Game).

Little Mike captured the 2012 Sunshine Millions Turf at Gulfstream, where he had scored three graded stakes victories in 2011.

Shackleford gave his trainer his first Triple Crown success by winning the 2011 Preakness Stakes (G1).

He notched his second Breeders' Cup success in 2011 with Court Vision, who won the Mile (G1) at 64-1.

Romans trained Kitten's Joy during a 2004 Eclipse Award- winning season which saw him become male turf champion by winning the Palm Beach (G3), Secretariat (G1) and Joe Hirsch Turf Classic (G1).

In 2015, Romans saddled Keen Ice for a victory in the Travers Stakes (G1) at Saratoga, where he upset Triple Crown winner American Pharoah.

Romans trained Roses In May, who finished second in the 2004 Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) and 2005 Donn Handicap (G1) before winning the 2005 Dubai World Cup (G1).

He learned his trade from his father Jerry, a veteran trainer who died in 2000. He took out his first trainer's license at age 18. He spent the winter of 1986 working as an assistant to Hall of Fame trainer Woody Stephens at Hialeah.

His first winner came with Miss Mindy on Feb. 15, 1987 at Turfway Park.



## ANTONIO SANO

**Birthdate:** January 4, 1963

**Birthplace:** Caracas, Venezuela

**Residence:** Weston, FL

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
157	20	19	9	\$667,695

Sano has been a high-profile trainer in South Florida since arriving from Venezuela in 2009, scoring several titles at Gulfstream Park, Gulfstream Park West and Calder.

He gained national attention with Gunnevera, who earned more than \$5.5 million in 2016-2019. Gunnevera, who broke his maiden during the 2016 Summer Meet, won the Saratoga Special (G2) at Saratoga in August and the \$1 million Delta Downs Jackpot (G3) in November. The son of Dialed In, who won the 2017 Fountain of Youth (G2) at Gulfstream, raced against the best during a career that included a runner-up finish in the 2017 Travers (G1), a runner-up finish in the 2018 Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) and a third-place finish in the 2019 Dubai World Cup (G1).

Sano saddled Simplification for victories in the 2021 Mucho Macho Man and the Fountain of Youth (G2) at Gulfstream. After finishing third in the Florida Derby, the son of Not This Time finished a late-closing fourth in the Kentucky Derby (G1).

Sano began his training career in Venezuela in 1988 and won more than 3,000 races there before coming to South Florida in 2009. The third-generation horseman left his native country for his safety and that of his family after being kidnapped for ransom on two occasions.

During the 2023 Sunshine Meet, Sano overtook the late Manny Azpurua as the all-time winningest Venezuelan trainer in the U.S. with his 949th victory.



## BARCLAY TAGG

**Birthdate:** December 30, 1937

**Birthplace:** Lancaster, PA

**Residence:** Floral Park, NY

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
14	1	0	8	\$76,290

Campaigned Tiz the Law to win in the Holy Bull (G3) and Florida Derby (G1) during the 2019-20 Championship Meet. Tiz the Law then helped the trainer reach career milestones with victories in the Belmont (G1) and Travers (G1) before finishing second in the Kentucky Derby (G1) and sixth in the Breeders' Cup Classic (G1).

Tagg has used Gulfstream Park and Palm Meadows as the training grounds for major 3-year-old stars, most notably 2003 Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner Funny Cide, who finished third behind Empire Maker and Ten Most Wanted in the Florida Derby (G1). Funny Cide, who finished third in the Belmont, went on to be named champion Eclipse Award-winning 3-year-old of 2003 and captured the Jockey Club Gold Cup (G1) the following year.

Tagg has also enjoyed success in major 3-year-old stakes with 2007 Holy Bull (G3) Stakes winner Nobiz

Like Shobiz and 2008 Wood Memorial (G1) winner Tale of Ekati, 2008.. Showing Up launched his career with a pair of victories in Gulfstream in 2006 and a triumph in the Lexington (G2) at Keeneland before finishing sixth in the Kentucky Derby. He went on to become a multiple Grade 1 stakes winner on turf.

He graduated from Penn State University in 1961 with a Bachelor of Science degree in animal husbandry.

He served an apprenticeship as an assistant to trainer Frank Whiteley. He managed a farm, rode jumpers and was assistant to Hall of Fame and Breeders' Cup-winning trainer Jonathan Sheppard before taking out a trainer's license in 1971.

His first winner came with Tudor's Fancy at Liberty Bell in January 1972.



## BRENDAN WALSH

**Birthdate:** May 15, 1973

**Birthplace:** Shanagarry, County Cork, Ireland

**Residence:** Louisville, KY

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
100	13	15	7	\$886,010

Walsh enjoyed a career highlight thus far after saddling Pretty Mischievous for a victory in the 2022 Kentucky Oaks (G1) at Churchill Downs. The daughter of Into Mischief went on to win the Acorn (G1) at Belmont and the Test (G1) at Saratoga.

Walsh celebrated his first Grade 1 stakes success in the Keeneland winner's circle after Maxfield's victory in the 2019 Breeders' Futurity.

Walsh was raised on a farm in Ireland where his family had dairy cows and sheep but no horses. He briefly attended a program for apprentice jockeys

at The Curragh at age 15 but soon returned to school. After graduating, he worked for an equine veterinarian, who helped get him enrolled in the Irish Stud Management course. Walsh later helped break yearlings at Sheikh Mohammed's Kildangan Stud and worked for John Hammond in France before landing a job with Godolphin in Dubai.

Walsh began as an exercise rider for Godolphin and ultimately worked his way up to a full-time position, at one time spending two summers at Arlington Park. Among the horses Godolphin had during his time were Daylami, Street Cry, Fantastic Light, Diktat, Diffident, Kayf Tara and Cape Verdi.

Walsh returned to Europe and worked 3 ½ years for Newmarket trainer Mark Wallace before moving to the U.S. to work as an assistant to trainer Eddie Kenneally starting in October 2007. He took out trainer's license in 2011 and spent first full year as trainer in 2012.

Walsh captured his first graded-stakes victory in the 2014 Greenwood Cup (G3) at Parx with Cary Street, whom he claimed for \$10,000.

He notched his first career win March 2, 2012 with Sandcastle at Gulfstream Park.



**WESLEY WARD****Birthdate:** March 3, 1968**Birthplace:** Selah, WA**Residence:** Glendora, CA and  
Boca Raton, FL**2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:**

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
19	5	3	4	\$201,710

Wesley Ward has enjoyed unparalleled success for a U.S. trainer at the annual meeting at Royal Ascot, where he has saddled 12 winners since 2009. Ward notched his 12th career victory at Royal Ascot with Campanelle, who won the 2021 Commonwealth Cup (G1) by DQ. Campanelle, who debuted victoriously at Gulfstream in May 2020, had won the Queen Mary (G2) at Royal Ascot in 2020.

Ward has built a reputation for having a magic touch with 2-year-olds and has enjoyed international success with his juvenile trainees. In 2016, he saddled Lady Aurelia for victories in the Queen Anne (G2) at Royal Ascot and the Prix Morny (G1) at Deauville. The 2-year-old daughter of Scat Daddy became the first American-trained winner of a Cartier Award. Lady Aurelia returned in 2017 to win the Giant's Causeway Stakes at Keeneland before capturing the King's Stand (G1) at Royal Ascot.

Ward made history in June 2009 when he became the first American trainer to win at the Royal Ascot meet in England when 2-year-old colt Strike the Tiger captured the Windsor Castle Stakes at Royal Ascot before his victory in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf (G1). On the next day, 2-year-old filly Jealous Again, whom he also owned in a partnership, won the Group 2 Queen Mary Stakes.

He notched his 1000th winner as a trainer with Cozy Kitten in a stakes race at Kentucky Downs in September 2011.

He saddled One Hot Wish for a world record of 48.87 seconds over 4 1/2 furlongs in her debut at Keeneland in 2007.

Ward has saddled the winners of six Breeders' Cup races, including Golden Pal, who captured the 2020 Juvenile Turf Sprint (G1) and 2021 Turf Sprint (G1).

Ward scored his first stakes win in the 1994 Cinema Handicap at Hollywood Park with Unfinished Symph, who went on to finish third in the Breeders' Cup Mile that year at Churchill Downs.

The son of trainer Dennis Ward and grandson of popular New York outrider Jim Dailey, Ward was the Eclipse Award-winning apprentice jockey in 1984 when he won 335 races and more than \$5 million in purses.

He was the riding champion at Aqueduct, Belmont and The Meadowlands that year. He later rode in Italy, Singapore, Malaysia, Illinois and California, where he was aboard Ferdinand when the eventual Kentucky Derby winner broke his maiden as a 2-year-old.

He retired from riding in 1989 because of weight problems and assisted his father before going out on his own as a trainer in 1991.

**GEORGE WEAVER****Birthdate:** December 23, 1970**Birthplace:** Louisville, KY**Residence:** Saratoga Springs, NY**2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:**

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
42	9	9	4	\$626,725

Weaver learned under the best while working for Hall of Famers D. Wayne Lukas and Todd Pletcher before going out on his own. While attending high school in Louisville, he walked hots for trainer John Hennig at Churchill Downs during summer break.

Weaver went to work for Lukas in 1991, making his way up from foreman to assistant trainer while working with Kentucky Derby (G1) winners Thunder Gulch (1995) and Grindstone (1996) among countless other graded-stakes winners. He went to work for Pletcher, a former Lukas assistant, as assistant trainer in 1997.

Weaver, along with his wife Cindy Hutter, who also worked for Lukas and Pletcher, went out on his own in late 2002. He saddled his first winner, First Spear, at Calder Dec. 5, 2002 with only his second starter. He notched his first graded-stakes victory in the 2004 Poker (G3) with Christine's Outlaw, who had broken his maiden at Gulfstream by 11 ¼ lengths the year before. Lighthouse Bay gave him his first Grade 1 success in the 2013 Prioress at Saratoga.

Among his other graded-stakes winners who experienced success at Gulfstream, Vekoma captured the 2020 Sir Shackleton before closing out his racing career with victories in the Carter (G1) and Met Mile (G1) at Belmont Park. Vekoma has had early success during his career at stud.

Weaver has used Gulfstream Park as a launching pad for international success. He saddled Saratoga County for a victory in the 2005 Mr. Prospector (G3) that set him up for subsequent wins in the General George (G2) at Laurel and the Golden Shaheen (G1) at Nad al Sheba. He became only the third American trainer to saddle a winner at the Royal Ascot Meet in 2024 with Crimson Advocate, who captured the Queen Mary (G2) after winning Gulfstream's Royal Palm Juvenile Fillies, an annual qualifier for Great Britain's most prestigious meet.

Weaver celebrated his 1000th win as a trainer following Beautiful Thief's victory at Saratoga Aug. 14, 2024.





## IAN WILKES

**Birthdate:** May 25, 1965  
**Birthplace:** Muswellbrook, New South Wales, Australia  
**Residence:** Louisville, KY

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
52	8	5	4	\$477,270

Wilkes experienced his career highlight while saddling Fort Larned for a victory in the 2012 Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) at Santa Anita. Fort Larned, who won the 2012 Skip Away (G3) at Gulfstream, earned more than \$3.5 million that season. He also saddled Fort Larned for a victory in the 2012 Whitney (G1) at Saratoga.

Fort Larned returned to win the Foster (G1) at Churchill before finishing fourth in the 2013 Classic.

Wilkes has also enjoyed Grade 1 success with a pair of hard-knocking veterans: Warrior's Reward, who captured the 2010 Carter Handicap at Belmont, and Capt. Candyman Can, who won the 2009 King's Bishop at Saratoga.

Wilkes saddled Burnham Square for a victories in the 2025 Holy Bull (G3) at Gulfstream and the Blue Grass (G1) at Keeneland prior to a sixth-place finish in the Kentucky Derby (G1).

Wilkes saddled Champagne Anyone for a triumph in the 2019 Gulfstream Park Oaks (G2). He celebrated a triumph in the Gulfstream winner's circle after Champagne Problems' victory in the 2018 Groupie Doll (G3).

Wilkes grew up on a dairy farm in Australia and began working as a groom and exercise rider at 16. He moved to the U.S. in 1989 to gallop horses, including 1989 Kentucky Derby winner Unbridled, for

trainer Carl Nafzger.

He returned to Australia to train horses for three years before returning to assist Nafzger in 1993.

When Nafzger went into semi-retirement, he took over the training of the majority of his stable.



## NICK ZITO

**Birthdate:** February 6, 1948  
**Birthplace:** New York, NY  
**Residence:** Garden City, NY

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
0	0	0	0	\$0

Zito is one of only three trainers (Todd Pletcher, H.A. Jones) in Gulfstream history to saddle the winner of the Florida Derby (G1) in consecutive years. Zito won the race with Dialed In in 2011 after winning with Ice Box in 2010. Ice Box finished a troubled second in the Kentucky Derby. Zito's other Florida Derby winner is High Fly in 2005.

Zito has saddled two Kentucky Derby winners: Strike the Gold in 1991 and Go For Gin in 1994. His personal Triple Crown was completed by Louis Quatorze (1996 Preakness) and Birdstone (2004). After snuffing out Smarty Jones' Triple Crown bid in the Belmont, Birdstone came back to win the Travers (G1). Da' Tara gave him his second Belmont win with a 38-1 front-running romp in 2008.

He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2005.

Zito has saddled two Breeders' Cup winners: Storm Song (1996 Juvenile Fillies) and War Pass (2007 Juvenile), both of whom would be honored with Eclipse Awards.

Zito trained Bird Town, Birdstone's half-sister, to

3-year-old filly championship of 2003 after winning the Kentucky Oaks (G1).

He won the 2000 Donn Handicap (G1) with Stephen Got Even.

Zito would go to racetrack with his father, once an exercise rider for trainer Max Hirsch and a chauffeur for New York Mayor Robert Wagner, as a child growing up near Aqueduct.

Started at the track at age 15 as a hotwalker for Buddy Jacobson.

He advanced to become assistant trainer to John Campo and Leroy Jolley before branching out on his own in 1972 with a stable of two horses.

His first winner was Palais at Liberty Bell in December 1972.





# Jockey Profiles



Jockeys Emisael Jaramillo and Luis Saez



## JUNIOR ALVARADO

**Birthdate:** May 20, 1986

**Birthplace:** Barquisimeto, Venezuela

**Residence:** Garden City, NY

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
243	41	39	22	\$2,521,780

Alvarado's Fountain of Youth (G2) winner Sovereignty would reward him by going on to give him his first Kentucky Derby (G1) win. The colt would also win the Belmont Stakes (G1). Alvarado finished the 2024-2025 Championship Meet fifth in victories and seventh in earnings. He also won the Hurricane Bertie (G3) aboard Nic's Style, the Canadian Turf (G3) with Fort Washington, the Any Limit with Unchained Elaine, and the Sunshine Sprint with Damon's Mound.

Born in Venezuela, Alvarado rode his first winner at La Rinconada on Dec. 30, 2005 before venturing to the U.S., where he broke through with his first stateside win at Gulfstream Park aboard Satira on Feb. 17, 2007.

He established himself as one of the leading riders on the Chicago circuit before moving on to enjoying considerable success on the New York circuit and Gulfstream.

Alvarado notched one of the biggest achievements of his career while guiding Bill Mott-trained Art Collector for a dazzling 4 ½-length victory in the \$3 million Pegasus World Cup Invitational (G1) Jan. 28, 2023 at Gulfstream Park, where he had won his 2000th race just a week earlier. He rode Mohaymen to victory in the 2016 Fountain of Youth (G2) among his many graded stakes wins at the Hallandale Beach track. Alvarado rode Sibelius for back-to-back victories in the Mr. Prospector (G3) in 2022 and 2023.

Alvarado scored his first Breeders' Cup success in the 2022 Dirt Mile (G1) at Keeneland aboard Mott-trained Cody's Wish and came right back to capture the 2023 Dirt Mile aboard the Bill Mott trainee. Cody's Wish was named 2023 Horse of the Year and champion older dirt male.



## JOE BRAVO

**Birthdate:** Sept. 10, 1971

**Birthplace:** Long Branch, NJ

**Residence:** Eatontown, NJ

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
144	12	33	11	\$839,535

Has ridden more than 5700 winners and his mounts have earned more than \$204 million. Bravo is a third-generation jockey, following his grandfather Bartolo and father George into the business. He started out riding Quarter Horses at age 13 in Texas. He became a professional aboard Thoroughbreds in 1987. He became only the 30th rider to reach 5,000 careers victories May 23, 2015. He tied with Edgar Prado for second in the 2004 Gulfstream standings while riding the most horses that year. He is often the choice of national stables when they ship to New Jersey where he has earned more than a dozen riding titles. Spent three years riding in California in the early 2020s.



## JAVIER CASTELLANO

**Birthdate:** Oct. 23, 1977

**Birthplace:** Maracaibo, Venezuela

**Residence:** Garden City, NY

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
226	25	25	27	\$1,348,985

Popular Hall of Famer won the South Beach and Sanibel Island during the 2024-2025 Championship Meet.

Castellano, a five-time Championship Meet titlist at Gulfstream Park, was inducted into the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame in 2017 after winning four straight Eclipse Awards (2013-2016)

He enjoyed a banner 2023 racing season, notching his first Kentucky Derby (G1) success with Florida Derby (G1) runner-up Mage and his first Belmont Stakes (G1) victory with Arcangelo, completing his personal Triple Crown. He captured the Preakness (G1) in 2006 aboard Bernardini and 2017 with Cloud Computing.

Castellano has ridden the winners of 14 Breeders' Cup races, including Hall of Famer and 2004 Horse of the Year Ghostzapper in the 2004 Classic (G1) at Lone Star Park.

The winner of more than 5,900 races and more than \$400 million in purses, Castellano has enjoyed many of his countless career achievements at Gulfstream, where he rode City of Light to victory in the \$9 million Pegasus World Cup (G1) in 2019 following a Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (G1) at Churchill Downs aboard the Michael McCarthy trainee.

Castellano captured the 2014 Florida Derby (G1) aboard Constitution before teaming with the Todd Pletcher trainee for a victory in the 2012 Donn



Handicap (G1), which is now renewed as the Pegasus World Cup Invitational (G1). He also rode Mshawish for a victory in the 2015 Gulfstream Park Turf (G1), which is now renewed as the Pegasus World Cup Turf (G1).

He is the son and nephew of trainers in Venezuela, where he rode before moving to the U.S. in 1997.



**DYLAN DAVIS**

**Birthdate:** Nov. 15, 1994  
**Birthplace:** Manhasset, NY  
**Residence:** Saratoga Springs, NY

**2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:**

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
298	38	34	44	\$2,387,842

His first Championship Meet was a huge success, finishing seventh in wins and earnings. Davis won the Royal Delta (G2) aboard Dazzling Move and the Via Borghese on La Mehana. He finished second in the Davona Dale (G2) on La Cara.

Father is retired jockey Robbie Davis; sisters Katie and Jacqueline are also jockeys. His first winner came at defunct Suffolk Downs with Soldier Sam Sept. 19, 2012. Tied a New York Racing Association record with a six-win day on Feb. 18, 2018 at Aqueduct. His first Grade 1 victory came in the 2021 E.P. Taylor at Woodbine aboard Mutamakina. Davis won the New York riding title in 2024 with 209 victories.



**KATIE DAVIS**

**Birthdate:** January 16, 1992  
**Birthplace:** Pocatello, ID  
**Residence:** Saratoga Springs, NY

**2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:**

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
0	0	0	0	\$0

Spending her first full winter at the Championship Meet. Only previous race in South Florida came during 2016 Claiming Crown Preview Day at Gulfstream Park West when she finished sixth aboard No See Um in the \$50,000 Funny Woman starter allowance.

Daughter of ex-jockey Robbie Davis, who won 3,382 races including 31 Grade 1 stakes between 1981 and 2002 and is now a New York-based trainer. Older sister Jackie rides at Finger Lakes in western New York, while younger brother Dylan competes on the NYRA circuit. Another brother, Edmund, is the former exercise rider for 2023 Horse of the Year Cody's Wish and has returned to training, also at Finger Lakes.

Married since December 2020 to Trevor McCarthy, the son of ex-jockey Michael McCarthy who won 1,871 career races from 2011 to 2024 and was Maryland's champion rider four times between 2013 and 2019 and now works in real estate investment and development.

Katie Davis made her professional riding debut Dec. 26, 2013 at Aqueduct, where she would pick up her first winner Feb. 21, 2014 aboard Ivanova. Her stakes wins include Funny How in the 2023 Broadway and Sunday Girl in the 2024 NYSS Park Avenue.

In addition to riding at 18 different racetracks in 10 stakes, Davis has also won races at Hipodromo

Camarero in Puerto Rico and competed in the 2025 Dubai Duty Free Shergar Cup at Ascot Racecourse in England.

Entered the final two months of 2025 having already surpassed a career high with more than \$2/7 million in purse earnings. Emerged as a breakout star in the Netflix documentary series Race for the Crown, released in April 2025.



**DAVID EGAN**

**Birthdate:** June 19, 1999  
**Birthplace:** Kildare, Ireland  
**Residence:** Britain

**2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:**

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
149	18	17	18	\$707,450

Spent part of the winter riding the Championship Meet for the second consecutive year.

David's father, John, was a successful jockey for 30 years. His grandfather, Dessie Hughes, was one of Ireland's premier jump trainers and uncle, Richard Hughes, was a former three-time British Flat Champion rider. Rose to international stardom when winning the 2022 Saudi Cup (G1) and 2021 Juddmonte International (G1) aboard Mishriff, and the 2022 St. Leger (G1) and 2023 Irish St. Leger (G1) aboard Eldar Eldarov. Was named 2017 British Champion Apprentice. Has been the retained rider for British football agent Kia Joorabchain's AMO Racing Ltd.

Won his first U.S. race in 2019 aboard Bobby G at Laurel Park March 1 while working for trainer Jose Corrales.



## TYLER GAFFALIONE

**Birthdate:** Sept. 12, 1994

**Birthplace:** Davie, FL

**Residence:** Southwest Ranches, FL

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
397	74	62	56	\$4,198,230

Was second in wins and third in earnings during the 2024-2025 Championship Meet. Won the Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational (G1) aboard Spirit of St Louis, the La Prevoyante (G3) on Forever After All, the Hutcheson on Rolando and Gulfstream Turf Sprint with Coppola. Missed the last weekend of the meet due to injury.

Gaffalione, a South Florida native who broke through with his first win at Gulfstream aboard Holdin' Bullets Sept. 5, 2014, notched his 2000th career win aboard Megacity at Gulfstream Jan. 20, 2023.

The son of former jockey Steve Gaffalione was honored with the 2015 Eclipse Award for Outstanding Apprentice Jockey while riding year-round in South Florida.

Gaffalione has become the dominant rider on the Kentucky circuit while ranking among the top jockeys during the Championship Meet at Gulfstream each winter. Gaffalione, who rode a record-tying seven winners at Gulfstream July 4, 2017, scored his first Florida Derby (G1) victory with White Abarrio in 2022. In 2020, he guided Mike Maker-trained Zulu Alpha for a triumph in the \$1 million Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational (G1).

Gaffalione doubled up in the 2022 Breeders' Cup at Keeneland, winning aboard Caravel in the Turf Sprint (G1) and Wonder Wheel in the Juvenile Fillies (G1).

Gaffalione scored his first victory in a Triple Crown race in the 2019 Preakness Stakes (G1) aboard Casse-trained War of Will.



## EDWIN GONZALEZ

**Birthdate:** Aug. 18, 1991

**Birthplace:** Carolina, Puerto Rico

**Residence:** Miami, FL

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
250	36	45	30	\$1,753,820

Gonzalez finished eighth during the 2024-2025 Championship Meet in wins and money won. His win total surpassed his prior Championship Meet by 11 victories. Finished third in the Pegasus World Cup Filly & Mare Turf (G2) and second in the Honey Fox (G3) aboard In Our Time. Won the Dania Beach aboard Mi Bago.

Gonzalez won his 2000th race aboard Bobby Bob July 20, 2025,

He began his riding career at El Commandante Race Track in Puerto Rico before moving his tack to the U.S. in 2013.

He dominated the jockey standings at Penn National while winning more than 400 races from 2019-2020 before joining the Gulfstream Park colony at the tail end of the 2020-2021 Championship Meet. Gonzalez finished second in the jockey standings during his first full meet in the 2021 Royal Palm Meet and has been among the leading year-round riders.

He notched his first graded-stakes victory in the U.S. aboard Ghost Hunter in the 2017 Arlington Handicap (G3).



## EMISAEL JARAMILLO

**Birthdate:** Feb. 6, 1977

**Birthplace:** Tucupido, Venezuela

**Residence:** Aventura, FL

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
283	40	31	40	\$1,468,535

Was sixth in wins during the 2024-25 Championship Meet and 10th in money won. Won the Sunshine Filly & Mare Turf aboard Ashima.

Venezuela's all-time leading rider with more than 4,000 wins, Jaramillo earned 13 year-end titles before venturing to South Florida in 2015 and won his first race at Gulfstream that Aug. 1 after making intermittent stops in the U.S. between 2000 and 2012. He rode three Venezuelan Triple Crown winners and four winners of the Clasico Internacional del Caribe, a premier Group 1 race for 3-year-olds across Caribbean countries.

Jaramillo won 200 or more winners during five consecutive years from 2016-2020 and notched his 1000th U.S. win May 3, 2020.

Jaramillo scored his first graded-stakes victory in North America in the 2015 Mr. Prospector (G3) at Gulfstream aboard X.Y. Jet. Has more than 5,000 international victories.



## COREY LANERIE

**Birthdate:** Nov. 13, 1974  
**Birthplace:** Lafayette, LA  
**Residence:** Louisville, KY;  
 Metarie, LA

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
0	0	0	0	\$0

Returns for his first full winter at the Championship Meet since 2021-2022, when he won 13 races and \$733,272 in purse earnings. Was a regular part of Gulfstream's jockey colony from 2012-2013 to 2016-17, consistently ranking among the leaders in wins and purse earnings. Had highs of 47 wins in 2015-2016 and \$1,666,525 in purses in 2016-2017.

Lanerie grew up around horses and rode at Louisiana bush tracks before launching his professional career in 1991, winning his first race aboard High Hopes Banquet at Evangeline Downs. He earned four riding titles at Lone Star Park between 1999 and 2003 with other titles at Sam Houston and Retama Park in Texas before moving to the Kentucky-Louisiana circuit in 2005.

Hooh Why gave Lanerie his first Grade 1 victory in the 2009 Ashland at Keeneland. He was named winner of the 2014 George Woolf Memorial Jockey Award in a nationwide vote of his peers.

Lanerie earned his 5,000th career victory Oct. 18, 2023 at Keeneland on I Feel the Need. He has also been a leading rider on multiple occasions at Churchill Downs, Ellis Park and Keeneland and finished second in both the 2016 Preakness (G1) aboard Cherry Wine and 2017 Kentucky Derby (G1) with Lookin At Lee.



## JULIEN LEPAROUX

**Birthdate:** July 15, 1983  
**Birthplace:** Senlis, France  
**Residence:** Louisville, KY

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
0	0	0	0	\$0

Leparoux is one of only four jockeys to win Eclipse Awards as an apprentice (2006) and a journeyman (2009). He enjoyed a record-setting apprentice season, riding a national best 403 winners, the most by an apprentice in racing history.

He won the Bill Shoemaker Award after riding three winners in the 2009 Breeders' Cup races: Informed Decision (Filly & Mare Sprint), She Be Wild (Juvenile Fillies) and Furthest Land (Dirt Mile). He has ridden four other Breeders' Cup race winners, most notably Tepin, who beat the boys in the Mile (G1). Leparoux and Tepin went on run in the 2016 Royal Ascot meeting, where the Mark Casse trainee became the first U.S. horse to win the Queen Mary (G1).

Among his long string of graded-stakes wins at Gulfstream, Leparoux scored aboard Dialed In in the 2011 Florida Derby (G1) after teaming with the Nick Zito trainee for a victory in the Fountain of Youth (G2). He guided Brian Lynch-trained Heart to Heart for a victory in the 2018 Gulfstream Park Turf (G1), which is currently renewed as the \$1 million Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational (G1).

Leparoux, the son of a trainer, ventured from France to California, where he was an exercise rider for trainer Patrick Biancone, who gave him a leg up on his first winning ride aboard Ball Four at Saratoga Aug. 25, 2005.

He has won nine riding titles at Churchill Downs.



## PACO LOPEZ

**Birthdate:** Oct. 18, 1985  
**Birthplace:** Tierra Blanca, Veracruz, Mexico  
**Residence:** Hollywood, FL

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
145	31	17	19	\$1,205,170

Lopez won the 2008 Eclipse Award Outstanding Apprentice Jockey title a year after arriving in the U.S. to ride in South Florida, where he was the leading apprentice during the 2008 Championship Meet at Gulfstream Park.

Lopez has achieved success in South Florida, Southern California, New York and the Mid-Atlantic region. He won his 4,000th career race on Governor Sam Oct. 6, 2024 at Keeneland.

While based in Southern California, Lopez was the regular rider for Peter Miller-trained Roy H., whom he rode for Grade 1 victories in the Santa Anita Sprint Championship (G1) before teaming to win the 2018 Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1) at Churchill Downs.

Lopez notched his first Grade 1 victory aboard Eddie Plesa Jr.-trained Itsmyluckday in the 2014 Woodward at Belmont Park.

Among his many graded-stakes scores at Gulfstream, Lopez guided Lukes Alley to victory in the 2016 Gulfstream Park Turf (G1), currently contested as the \$1 million Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational (G1).

He was born on a farm in rural Veracruz, Mexico and left home at age 12 to work on a ranch where he started riding Quarter Horses. He came to the U.S. nine years later, hoping to become a Quarter Horse jockey. Within a year he was exercising thoroughbreds at Palm Meadows. He started riding in the afternoons at Calder, winning his first race July 13, 2007. He credits Hall of Fame jockey Edgar Prado for providing helpful guidance and support.





## RAJIV MARAGH

**Birthdate:** July 9, 1985

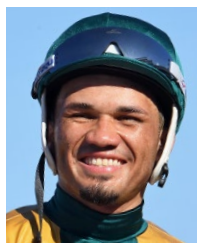
**Birthplace:** Kingston, Jamaica

**Residence:** Hollywood, FL

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
108	9	14	9	\$396,315

A multiple Grade 1 winner, Maragh won his first race on Dec. 5, 2024, after returning from nearly a three-year absence from riding. While never announcing his retirement, Maragh spent the previous three years starting a business in his native Jamaica, working as an analyst on FOX and NYRA, and spending time with family. He has won four Breeders' Cup races, including consecutive Filly & Mare Sprint (G1) events aboard Groupie Doll. Grade 1 victories also include the Whitney (Tizway), Wood Memorial (Wicked Strong), Joe Hirsch Turf Classic (Main Sequence), and Ashland (Little Belle). Father Collin was a jockey in Jamaica. Maragh's first winner was Pricedale Kid, Feb. 1, 2004, at Tampa Bay Downs.



## JOSE MORELOS

**Birthdate:** Feb. 15, 2001

**Birthplace:** Monteria, Columbia

**Residence:** Hollywood, FL

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
222	19	25	25	\$647,825

After winning 503 races in Panama, Morelos made it to the U.S. in 2021 and has steadily established himself at Gulfstream. While riding against the best jockeys

in the country during the Championship Meet is a daunting challenge, Morelos has kept a close eye on the top jockeys, Hall of Fame jockey John Velazquez in particular, to learn from the best in the business.

"I try to learn. I watch how he rides, I watch his style," he said.



## IRAD ORTIZ JR.

**Birthdate:** Aug. 11, 1992

**Birthplace:** Trujillo Alto, Puerto Rico

**Residence:** Elmont, NY

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
450	109	98	61	\$6,645,860

Captured his sixth Championship Meet title topping all riders with wins and earnings. Won the Pegasus World Cup Invitational (G1) aboard White Abarrio, marking his third victory in the classic. He also won the Gulfstream Park Mile (G2) aboard Mindframe, the Davona Dale (G2) with The Queen's M G and the Inside Information (G2) with Mystic Lake.

Ortiz has been the dominant jockey in all of racing over the last several years while earning five Eclipse Awards (2022, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2023). He has led North American jockeys in races-won in 11 of the past 12 years through 2024.

He captured his fifth Championship Meet title at Gulfstream in 2023 with 119 victories, including five graded-stakes scores. In the 2022-2023 meet, he notched 128 victories, including a winning ride aboard Forte in the \$1 million Florida Derby. He notched a record 140 wins during the 2020-2021 meet, during which he guided Life Is Good to victory in the \$3 million Pegasus World Cup Invitational (G1) and Colonel Liam for a \$1 million Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational (G1), both for Hall of Fame trainer

Pletcher. He also captured a Pegasus World Cup with Mucho Gusto in 2020 and Pegasus World Cup Turf wins aboard Atone in 2023 and Bricks and Mortar in 2019.

Ortiz, who has won 300 or more races for nine straight years and has ridden 18 winners of Breeders' Cup races through 2023, including 2023 Classic hero White Abarrio. He has also captured the Belmont Stakes (G1) aboard Mo Donegal (2022) and Creator (2016).

Ortiz began his career at Hipodromo Camarero in his native Puerto Rico on Jan. 1, 2011 and won 76 races from 357 mounts before coming to the U.S. that June. He rode his first race in America on June 17, 2011 at Belmont Park and picked up his first winner seven days later aboard Millennium Jet. He rides with his younger brother Jose in New York and during Gulfstream's Championship Meet.



## JOSE ORTIZ

**Birthdate:** Oct. 2, 1993

**Birthplace:** Trujillo Alto, Puerto Rico

**Residence:** Elmont, NY

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
17	2	2	2	\$213,070

Spent the 2024-2025 Championship Meet riding at Fair Grounds, where he led all jockeys in wins and earnings. He rode sparingly at Gulfstream, winning the Ginger Brew aboard Nitrogen.

Ortiz followed his brother from Puerto Rico to the U.S., where he won the Eclipse Award in 2017, a year before Irad Ortiz Jr. won the first of five Eclipse championships.

Ortiz notched his 3000th career win June 9, 2024 at Churchill Downs.

Although riding in the shadow of his brother, Ortiz annually ranks among the top jockeys in New York and during Gulfstream’s Championship Meet.

He has ridden the winners of two Triple Crown events, Early Voting (2022 Preakness) and Tapwrit (2017 Belmont Stakes), as well as five Breeders Cup races.

Ortiz piloted Didia for a victory in the 2024 Pegasus World Cup Filly & Mare Turf (G2), as well as a win in the New York (G1) at Saratoga. He also notched graded-stakes wins with Skippy Longstocking in the Oaklawn Handicap (G2) and Charles Town Classic (G2).

Ortiz rode Regal Glory to victory in the Pegasus World Cup Filly & Mare Turf (G3) during the 2001-2022 Championship Meet before guiding Simplification to victory in the Fountain of Youth (G2). He was victorious in the Fountain of Youth the season prior aboard Greatest Honour, whom he also scored aboard in the Holy Bull (G3).

Ortiz led all North American jockeys in races won in 2016 with 351, earning his first overall New York championship.

Ortiz first began riding at Hipodromo Camarero in his native Puerto Rico. He came to the United States in March 2012, landing at Parx Racing, where he picked up his first winner, Country Green, that March 13 before moving his tack to New York.



**LUCA PANICI**

**Birthdate:** Mar.22, 1974  
**Birthplace:** Milan, Italy  
**Residence:** Pembroke Pines, FL

**2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:**

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
187	13	12	17	\$541,540

Panici has been a year-round mainstay in the South Florida jockey colony since venturing from Italy to ride full time at Gulfstream Park and Calder in 2010. He won the Royal Palm Juvenile in May aboard Sandal’s Song.

He rode more than 500 winners in Europe before first coming to South Florida in January 1997 to gallop horses for trainers Christophe Clement and Hall of Famer Bill Mott during the Italian offseason. The next winter he galloped for trainer Gary Sciacca. Panici returned in 2005 at Calder and registered his first U.S. win aboard Sir Vinsky on Nov. 25, 2005.

Panici guided Maryquitecontrary to victories in the Inside Information (G2) and the Rampart during the 2022-2023 Championship Meet. Panici and Maryquitecontrary teamed for five consecutive victories before finishing second in the Madison (G1) at Keeneland. They came back to capture the Rampart in the 2023-2024 season.

Panici comes from a family of jockeys, including his father, brother and uncles. His father was Italy’s leading jockey in the late 1970s and early 1980s and won several Group 1 races before turning to training. Panici grew up and remains friends with international superstar jockey Lanfranco ‘Frankie’ Dettori.



**LEONEL REYES**

**Birthdate:** April 12, 1986  
**Birthplace:** Ciudad Bolivar, Venezuela  
**Residence:** Aventura, FL

**2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:**

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
290	27	24	49	\$1,213,545

Won the Fred Hooper (G3) during the 2024-2025 Championship Meet aboard Little Vic and the H. Allen Jerkens Handicap with Lord Eddard Stark.

Reyes has steadily established himself as a year-round force in the Gulfstream Park’s jockey colony since venturing from Venezuela in 2016.

Reyes was a two-time national champion in Venezuela, where he was a nine-time titlist at National Racetrack Valencia. He notched his first graded-stakes victory in the U.S. aboard Gladiator King in the 2019 Hutcheson (G3). He rode Cool Arrow for a victory in the Smile Sprint (G3). He rode his first winner in the U.S. March 24, 2016 aboard Virgen Morena.

Although he didn’t come from a racing family, Reyes and his brothers, Daniel and Armando, all became jockeys. Reyes rode more than 1400 winners in Venezuela. He captured his first U.S. title during the 2023 Royal Palm Meet.

He rode more than 150 winners in 2022, including his 500th U.S. win aboard Republique, a half-sister to 2021 Preakness (G1) winner Rombauer.





## JOEL ROSARIO

**Birthdate:** Jan. 14, 1985

**Birthplace:** Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

**Residence:** Hollywood, FL  
Garden City, NY

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
95	15	5	9	\$954,350

Rode three times as many starters during the 2024-25 Championship Meet from the previous year. Won the Pan American (G3) on Far Bridge.

Rosario, who has ridden more than 3,700 winners, was inducted into Thoroughbred racing's Hall of Fame in 2024.

Rosario reached the very top of his profession when he was honored with the Eclipse Award following a banner 2021 season, kicked off with a victory aboard Knicks Go in the \$3 million Pegasus World Cup Invitational (G1) at Gulfstream Park. He closed out the year with a triumph aboard Knicks Go in the Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) at Del Mar. He has ridden 15 winners of Breeders' Cup races, including Knicks Go in the 2020 Dirt Mile (G1).

Rosario rode Lea to victory in the 2014 Donn Handicap (G1), which is currently renewed as the Pegasus World Cup.

He has ridden two Belmont Stakes (G1) winners – Sir Winston (2019) and Tonalist (2014).

He won riding titles at Santa Anita (2010-2011); Hollywood Park (spring/summer 2009, 2010, 2011; fall, 2009, 2010); Del Mar (2009, 2010, 2011) before switching his tack to the East Coast.

He grew up on a ranch outside Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic and received his jockey's

license at the age of 14 while attending the country's jockey's school. He won four riding titles at Santo Domingo before former trainer Herbert Soto arranged for him to go to California.



## JORGE RUIZ

**Birthdate:** Nov. 9, 1985

**Birthplace:** Buenos Aires, Argentina

**Residence:** Ellicott City, MD

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
288	33	38	36	\$1,476,630

Ranked in the top 10 during the 2024-2025 Championship Meet in wins and earnings. Rode Lightning Tones to victory in the Sunshine Classic. He has been a leading rider in Maryland for several years. He rode 923 winners in Argentina before coming to the U.S. in the summer of 2016. Ruiz visited Gulfstream Park during the 2015-2016 Championship Meet before deciding to make the move to the U.S. His first domestic victory came on 80-1 long shot Star Mily Aug. 21, 2016, at Gulfstream Park.



## LUIS SAEZ

**Birthdate:** May 5, 1992

**Birthplace:** Panama City, Panama

**Residence:** Miami, FL

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
422	70	71	64	\$4,385,650

Saez put together another solid Championship Meet in 2024-2025 highlighted when he won the Florida Derby (G1) aboard Tappan Street. Finished second in earnings





and third in victories during the meet. He also won the Forward Gal (G3) aboard Ecclatant, The Very One (G3) and Orchid (G3) with Beach Bomb, and the Honey Fox (G3) with Special Wan.

Saez began his riding career in Panama after attending the Laffit Pincay Jr. Jockey School. He won 37 races in Panama before moving to South Florida in 2009. He made an immediate impact, becoming a finalist for the Eclipse Award for Outstanding apprentice.

He has captured three Championship Meet titles at Gulfstream, proving supreme in 2016-2017, 2017-2018 and 2021-2022. During the 2017-2018 meet, Saez became the first jockey to win seven winners on a card twice.

Saez rode Dornoch to victories in the 2024 Fountain of Youth (G2) at Gulfstream, the Belmont Stakes (G1) and the Haskell Invitational (G1).

Saez won his first Triple Crown race aboard Essential Quality, who captured the 2021 Belmont Stakes. Essential Quality, who was a two-time Eclipse Award winner, had previously provided Saez with his first Breeders' Cup success in the Juvenile (G1) at Del Mar.

Saez guided Queen Goddess for a win in the 2023 Pegasus World Cup Filly & Mare Turf (G3). He notched his first Florida Derby (G1) win aboard Maximum Security.

He scored his first Grade 1 wins aboard Will Take Charge in the 2013 Travers (G1) at Saratoga and the Clark (G1) at Churchill Downs for Hall of Famer D. Wayne Lucas, for whom he won the 2022 Kentucky Oaks aboard Secret Oath.



## MIGUEL VASQUEZ

**Birthdate:** Oct. 1, 1994

**Birthplace:** Chorrera, Panama

**Residence:** Hallandale, FL

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
304	32	33	26	\$1,156,410

He cracked the top 10 in victories during the 2024-2025 Championship Meet.

Vasquez has achieved a steady year-round presence at Gulfstream Park since venturing to South Florida in 2014. The graduate of Panama's Laffit Pincay Jr. Jockey School captured his first U.S. race aboard K B Biorhythms at Gulfstream Park West.

He won his first graded-stakes races during the 2022-2023 Championship Meet aboard Dorth Vader in the Davona Dale (G2) and Yes I Am Free in the Gulfstream Park Turf Sprint (G3)

Vasquez scored his 1000th victory in the U.S. aboard Blue Dragon May 5, 2022. He has won more than 120 races in each of the last seven years, including a career-high 203 in 2022. He rode six winners at Gulfstream on Aug. 15, 2020, one shy of the record for most wins in a day.



## JOHN VELAZQUEZ

**Birthdate:** Nov. 24, 1971

**Birthplace:** Carolina, Puerto Rico

**Residence:** West Hempstead, NY

### 2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
212	29	33	27	\$2,610,550

The popular jockey was fifth in money won during the Championship Meet. He won the Mac Diarmida (G2) with Capture the Flag and the Herecomesthebride (G3) with Vixen.



6,700 races and more than \$508 million in purses, was inducted into the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. in 2012. He won back-to-back Eclipse Awards in 2005-2006.

He completed his personal Triple Crown while guiding National Treasure to victory in the 2023 Preakness Stakes (G1). He has won the Kentucky Derby (G1) aboard Authentic (2020), Always Dreaming (2017) and Animal Kingdom (2011), as well as scoring aboard Union Rags (2012) and Rags to Riches (2007) in the Belmont Stakes (G1).

Velazquez has ridden a record six Florida Derby (G1) winners at Gulfstream Park – Fierceness (2024), Audible (2018), Always Dreaming (2017), Materiality (2015), Orb (2013), Quality Road (2009).

Velazquez, who captured the 2023 Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) at Santa Anita, rode Fierceness to victory in the 2024 Travers (G1) at Saratoga.

He rode Quality Road for a victory in 2010 in the Donn Handicap (G1), which is currently renewed as the \$3 million Pegasus World Cup Invitational (G1). He also won the Donn aboard Harlan's Holiday (2003) and Hymn Book (2012).

He has visited the Breeders' Cup winner's circle on 20 occasions, including a triumph aboard Derby winner Authentic in the 2020 Classic (G1) at Keeneland.

Velazquez entered jockey school in native Puerto Rico in June 1988 and two years later rode his first winner at El Comandante on Rodas. He ventured to New York in 1990 and was guided by Hall of Fame jockey Angel Cordero Jr., who later served as his agent. He is chairman of the Jockeys' Guild Board of Directors and serves on the board of the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund.



## **EDGARD ZAYAS**

**Birthdate:** June 27, 1993

**Birthplace:** Rio Grande, Puerto Rico

**Residence:** Miami, FL

### **2024-2025 GULFSTREAM RECORD:**

Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
461	68	57	71	\$3,640,095

Zayas has been a year-round force in South Florida since arriving from Puerto Rico in 2012. During the 2024-2025 Championship Meet he won four graded stakes races: the Pegasus Filly & Mare Turf (G2) and Suwannee River (G3) with Be Your Best, the Holy Bull (G3) with Burnham Square and the Forward Gal (G3) with R Harper Rose.

Zayas developed a friendship with retired Hall of Fame rider Angel Cordero Jr. and worked with him at Gulfstream Park every morning, receiving riding tips from the riding legend.

He won his first race Nov. 17, 2012 at Calder, where he recorded his first graded stakes aboard Starship Truffles in the 2013 Princess Rooney (G1). He has won numerous riding titles at Gulfstream since being a finalist for the 2013 Eclipse Award as top apprentice jockey.

Zayas notched his 2000th career victory aboard Miss You Ella in the Cellars Shiraz Stakes Nov. 4, 2022.

He has been the first-call rider for leading trainer Saffie Joseph Jr. while enjoying success at Gulfstream and elsewhere. He guided the Joseph-trained Accomplished Girl for a victory in the \$300,000 Presque Isle Masters (G2) and Saratoga Flash for a lucrative score in the \$500,000 National Thoroughbred League Handicap at Kentucky Downs in 2023.







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