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# Grand Prize Presentation at Darley Stud

The presentation of the halter of the 2009 Freshman Sire Champion, **Offlee Wild**, was made to John Gasper on Friday January 15 on what was a wonderful sunny afternoon at Darley Stud in Lexington. John, who is General Manager of Vinery Stud and based in Lexington, Kentucky, was the grand prize winner for the 2009 Markel Freshman Sire Competition.

In exchange for the generosity of allowing the halter to be the grand prize for the competition, it was my honor to present Katie LaMonica of Darley with a check for \$1,000 made payable to Central Kentucky Riding for Hope (right). It is a charity in which Katie is actively involved as a member of the board of directors.

As part of the presentation and with great thanks to Michael Banahan and Charlie Boden of Darley, both John and myself got the opportunity to get up close and personal with the freshman sire champion and the 10-year-old dark bay certainly looked stunning with the sun on his back.



John Gasper, John Egan and Katie LaMonica, with Offlee Wild in the background with his groom



**Offlee Wild** — The 2009 Freshman Sire Champion

However, **Offlee Wild** was not alone in looking his best. The day of the presentation was also the last day of the Darley Open House and all the stallions were available for show.

Darley has already kindly agreed to be a part of the 2010 Markel Freshman Sire Competition and will be willing to donate the stallion halter should they manage to have back-to-back freshman sire champions. The three contenders that they have for 2010 — **Bernardini**, **Henny Hughes** and **Rockport Harbor**—were all available for inspection.

As Champion Three-Year-Old Male, and with a wonderful pedigree to boot, **Bernardini** has been very well supported at public auction and is expected to produce runners. **Henny Hughes** has also been well supported at sales and as a two-year-old was the winner of the Grade 2 Saratoga Special and was multiple Grade 1 placed, including second in the Breeders Cup Juvenile. **Rockport Harbor** was undefeated in four starts as a two-year-old, including two races in graded stakes company and may well produce precocious runners.

Congratulations once more to John Gasper and many thanks again to Darley. For anyone interested in the wonderful work that Central Kentucky Riding for Hope does I would encourage you to visit [www.ckrh.org](http://www.ckrh.org).



## FINAL OVERALL LEADERBOARD

#	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	\$	#	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	\$
1	<b>GASPER</b>	<b>JOHN</b>	<b>\$5,141,090</b>	31	<b>VASSAR</b>	JULIA	\$2,682,187
2	<b>MARTIN</b>	MICHAEL	\$4,959,494	32	<b>CHAPPELL</b>	EMMA	\$2,638,307
3	<b>GANS</b>	ALEX	\$4,945,162	33	<b>HESS</b>	JOHN	\$2,593,878
4	<b>BROWNING</b>	DAVID	\$4,708,250	34	<b>FELD</b>	JUDE	\$2,576,775
5	<b>GREELY</b>	JOHN	\$4,556,757	35	<b>FINK</b>	GEORGE	\$2,549,571
6	<b>ROETHEMEIER</b>	DEAN	\$4,497,963	36	<b>TARPEY</b>	MATT	\$2,505,942
7	<b>HUGHES</b>	JARED	\$4,424,788	37	<b>BAROCH</b>	VICKIE	\$2,455,270
8	<b>BAKER</b>	WILLIAM	\$4,363,730	38	<b>RODEN</b>	ALISTAIR	\$2,443,079
9	<b>MILLER</b>	JOE	\$4,264,213	39	<b>EGAN (jnr)</b>	JOHN	\$2,385,947
10	<b>EGAN (snr)</b>	JOHN	\$4,163,772	40	<b>EVANS</b>	TOM	\$2,353,163
11	<b>INGORDO</b>	DAVID	\$4,010,019	41	<b>KELLEY</b>	PATRICK	\$2,332,859
12	<b>SANSONE</b>	STEVEN	\$3,999,227	42	<b>BOWEN-REES</b>	JULIAN	\$2,266,341
13	<b>NICHOLSON</b>	JOE BROWNE	\$3,927,818	43	<b>AMOS</b>	JEN	\$2,243,037
14	<b>HURLEY</b>	KELLY	\$3,521,378	44	<b>CHAPPELL</b>	JEREMY	\$2,193,667
15	<b>WEIDNER</b>	DIANNE	\$3,517,238	45	<b>KIECKHEFER</b>	GRETCHEN	\$2,187,718
16	<b>AMOS</b>	DUANE	\$3,517,114	46	<b>WOJCZYNSKI</b>	JUSTIN	\$2,176,023
17	<b>AUBREY</b>	FRANK	\$3,497,074	47	<b>MARSH</b>	REBECCA	\$2,173,523
18	<b>HARRISON</b>	LAURA	\$3,433,264	48	<b>BOVINGTON</b>	DAN	\$2,134,465
19	<b>BROWNING</b>	GLENNA	\$3,431,887	49	<b>STAHL</b>	REANNA	\$2,054,340
20	<b>BELL</b>	GATEWOOD	\$3,390,685	50	<b>WELLS</b>	ROBERT	\$2,052,247
21	<b>HILL</b>	JAMIE	\$3,382,368	51	<b>SOUERS</b>	ELAINE	\$2,041,917
22	<b>FELD</b>	SEAN	\$3,329,732	52	<b>FREEMAN</b>	GEMMA	\$1,960,437
23	<b>PENNA</b>	MIKE	\$3,221,286	53	<b>BREDIN</b>	GABRIELLE	\$1,856,520
24	<b>FERNUNG</b>	BRENT	\$3,139,881	54	<b>JONES</b>	DONNA	\$1,824,535
25	<b>REDFERN</b>	MARK	\$3,111,051	55	<b>FAGAN</b>	DERMOT	\$1,692,095
26	<b>RECIO</b>	MIKE	\$3,005,096	56	<b>OSBOURNE</b>	BURKE	\$1,638,064
27	<b>REDFERN</b>	JULIET	\$2,992,768	57	<b>BAROCH</b>	TOM	\$1,636,049
28	<b>ADAMS</b>	MIKE	\$2,895,081	58	<b>JONES</b>	KATHY	\$1,596,669
29	<b>STANCZAK</b>	BILL	\$2,772,694	59	<b>WOOD</b>	ANDREW	\$1,524,764
30	<b>STOCKTON</b>	TAMMY	\$2,687,883				

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#	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	\$	#	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	\$
1	<b>MARTIN</b>	MICHAEL	\$900,532	31	<b>EGAN (jnr)</b>	JOHN	\$336,097
2	<b>GASPER</b>	JOHN	\$858,492	32	<b>ADAMS</b>	MIKE	\$332,752
3	<b>GANS</b>	ALEX	\$852,355	33	<b>ROETHEMEIER</b>	DEAN	\$332,461
4	<b>SANSONE</b>	STEVEN	\$837,161	34	<b>BROWNING</b>	DAVID	\$326,261
5	<b>MILLER</b>	JOE	\$824,160	35	<b>NICHOLSON</b>	JOE BROWNE	\$325,812
6	<b>BAKER</b>	WILLIAM	\$804,232	36	<b>SOUERS</b>	ELAINE	\$313,907
7	<b>HARRISON</b>	LAURA	\$758,081	37	<b>BELL</b>	GATEWOOD	\$310,505
8	<b>EGAN (snr)</b>	JOHN	\$753,327	38	<b>CHAPPELL</b>	JEREMY	\$305,834
9	<b>AUBREY</b>	FRANK	\$729,195	39	<b>HILL</b>	JAMIE	\$305,110
10	<b>GREELY</b>	JOHN	\$623,402	40	<b>FAGAN</b>	DERMOT	\$303,833
11	<b>REDFERN</b>	JULIET	\$510,653	41	<b>HUGHES</b>	JARED	\$288,533
12	<b>STOCKTON</b>	TAMMY	\$504,508	42	<b>BAROCH</b>	TOM	\$286,556
13	<b>TARPEY</b>	MATT	\$497,536	43	<b>FREEMAN</b>	GEMMA	\$285,542
14	<b>EVANS</b>	TOM	\$425,607	44	<b>JONES</b>	DONNA	\$285,039
15	<b>RECIO</b>	MIKE	\$424,951	45	<b>MARSH</b>	REBECCA	\$283,809
16	<b>KIECKHEFER</b>	GRETCHEN	\$414,963	46	<b>BOVINGTON</b>	DAN	\$263,282
17	<b>WOJCZYNSKI</b>	JUSTIN	\$392,920	47	<b>RODEN</b>	ALISTAIR	\$255,280
18	<b>AMOS</b>	DUANE	\$387,979	48	<b>BAROCH</b>	VICKIE	\$252,075
19	<b>HURLEY</b>	KELLY	\$382,132	49	<b>BREDIN</b>	GABRIELLE	\$249,870
20	<b>FERNUNG</b>	BRENT	\$369,347	50	<b>AMOS</b>	JEN	\$237,838
21	<b>INGORDO</b>	DAVID	\$366,788	51	<b>KELLEY</b>	PATRICK	\$232,786
22	<b>FELD</b>	JUDE	\$362,053	52	<b>WOOD</b>	ANDREW	\$228,990
23	<b>PENNA</b>	MIKE	\$359,643	53	<b>CHAPPELL</b>	EMMA	\$228,322
24	<b>BOWEN-REES</b>	JULIAN	\$349,842	54	<b>WELLS</b>	ROBERT	\$216,068
25	<b>STANCZAK</b>	BILL	\$349,278	55	<b>JONES</b>	KATHY	\$215,692
26	<b>BROWNING</b>	GLENNA	\$347,530	56	<b>FINK</b>	GEORGE	\$203,888
27	<b>HESS</b>	JOHN	\$343,100	57	<b>REDFERN</b>	MARK	\$198,954
28	<b>FELD</b>	SEAN	\$339,023	58	<b>OSBOURNE</b>	BURKE	\$177,375
29	<b>VASSAR</b>	JULIA	\$337,289	59	<b>STAHL</b>	REANNA	\$173,578
30	<b>WEIDNER</b>	DIANNE	\$337,141				

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THE 2009 MARKEL FRESHMAN SIRE COMPETITION

PROUDLY PRESENTS



TO

**MICHAEL MARTIN**

Michael Martin became the only person to win the \$50 monthly cash prize twice in the 2009 Markel Freshman Sire Competition by topping the monthly leaderboard for December. Michael also topped the monthly leaderboard back in July. Michael's selections were:

1. Gators N Bears
2. Proud Accolade (Joker)
3. Forest Danger
4. Wildcat Heir
5. Roman Ruler

My congratulations go to all the monthly prize winners throughout the 2009 competition and I was delighted that a number of entrants were winners. In the end, 8 monthly cash prizes were presented 7 individual winners.

Finally, my thanks to each and every one of the 59 players who participated in the competition this year. I hope that you enjoyed it and will sign-up to play in 2010. Look for entry information to be available on our website soon.