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## THE 2009 FRESHMAN SIRE COMPETITION

The 2009 Freshman Sire Competition promises to be a lot of fun this year with a new format and more stallions to choose from! By running the competition through our website ([www.thoroughbred-insurance.com](http://www.thoroughbred-insurance.com)) and in conjunction with the Horse Racing Radio Network, this year the competition will be available on a National and International level.

Best of all, entry will be FREE and there will be more prizes available, so be sure to tell your friends and family. For all of you who participated in this competition in 2008, this second edition of 'The Freshman' is intended to give you an early look at the format of the game this year. The table from which the stallions are to be selected from is on Page 2.

Some of the new features this year are:

#### 1. MORE STALLIONS

Pick 5 stallions, one from each section. The 2008 competition had three sections with stallions separated by stud fees. This year's competition has reduced the total number of stallions in play, but the competition is much harder.

#### 2. JOKER CARD

To make this year's competition more interesting, you get to play one joker card on either your Section 1 or Section 2 stallion.

a.) Section 1 stallions will earn DOUBLE the progeny purse money earned for that stallion if the joker is played.

b.) Section 2 stallions will earn an added 50% on progeny purse money earned for any joker played.

#### 3. FREE ENTRY / MORE PRIZES

The prizes have not been finalized, but rather than a \$5 entry and winner takes all as in 2008, entry is free this year and more prizes will be on offer. You will all be advised as soon as the list of prizes is complete.

#### 4. STALLION PROFILES

I hope to provide audio interviews in each edition of 'The Freshman', talking with farms that stand the stallions involved in this year's competition.

| SEC. | STALLION              | SIRE               | STATE | 2007 Foals |  | JOKER  |
|------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------|------------|--|--|
| 1    | Aeneas                | Capote             | NM    | 19         |   | IF YOU PLAY YOUR JOKER IN SECTION 1, YOUR SELECTED STALLION EARNS <b>DOUBLE</b> THE PROGENY PURSE MONEY          |
| 1    | Castledale (IRE)      | Peintre Celebre    | KY    | 23         |  |  |
| 1    | Congressionalhonor    | Forestry           | PA    | 45         |  |  |
| 1    | Crafty Shaw           | Crafty Prospector  | KY    | 31         |  |  |
| 1    | Fantasticat           | Storm Cat          | MD    | 30         |  |  |
| 1    | Freefourinternet      | Tabasco Cat        | PA    | 36         |  |  |
| 1    | Gators N Bears        | Stormy Atlantic    | MD    | 50         |  |  |
| 1    | Hear No Evil          | Carson City        | FL    | 13         |  |  |
| 1    | Heckle                | Hennessy           | TX    | 15         |  |  |
| 1    | High Fly              | Atticus            | IN    | 21         |  |  |
| 1    | Midas Eyes            | Touch Gold         | NY    | 35         |  |  |
| 1    | Pico Central (BRZ)*   | Spend a Buck       | -     | 45         |  |  |
| 1    | Quest                 | Seeking the Gold   | KY    | 26         |  |  |
| 1    | Quick Action          | Carson City        | CA    | 11         |  |  |
| 1    | Singletary            | Sultry Song        | CA    | 48         |  |  |
| 1    | So Long Birdie        | Pioneering         | NM    | 9          |  |  |
| 1    | St Averil             | Saint Ballado      | MD    | 27         |  |  |
| 1    | Taste of Paradise     | Conquistador Cielo | KY    | 51         |  |  |
| 2    | Act of Duty           | Mr. Prospector     | FL    | 58         |  | IF YOU PLAY YOUR JOKER IN SECTION 2, YOUR SELECTED STALLION EARNS AN EXTRA <b>50%</b> OF THE PROGENY PURSE MONEY |
| 2    | Bwana Charlie         | Indian Charlie     | FL    | 48         |  |  |
| 2    | Ford Every Stream     | Seeking the Gold   | LA    | 49         |  |  |
| 2    | Kela                  | Numerous           | KY    | 62         |  |  |
| 2    | Medallist             | Touch Gold         | MD    | 59         |  |  |
| 2    | Midway Road           | Jade Hunter        | TX    | 37         |  |  |
| 2    | Ministers Wild Cat    | Deputy Minister    | CA    | 55         |  |  |
| 2    | One Nice Cat          | Storm Cat          | NY    | 42         |  |  |
| 2    | Proud Accolade        | Yes It's True      | FL    | 66         |  |  |
| 2    | Unforgettable Max     | Northern Afleet    | KY    | 49         |  |  |
| 2    | Wando                 | Langfuhr           | KY    | 36         |  |  |
| 2    | Wimbledon             | Wild Rush          | TX    | 47         |  |  |
| 2    | Woke Up Dreamin       | Holy Bull          | KY    | 60         |  |  |
| 3    | Dance With Ravens     | A.P. Indy          | MD    | 94         |  |  |
| 3    | Eddington             | Unbridled          | KY    | 90         |  |  |
| 3    | Forest Danger         | Forestry           | KY    | 88         |  |  |
| 3    | Indian Ocean          | Stormy Atlantic    | FL    | 73         |  |  |
| 3    | Leroidesanimaux (BRZ) | Candy Stripes      | KY    | 73         |  |  |
| 3    | Mingun                | A.P. Indy          | KY    | 72         |  |  |
| 3    | North Light (IRE)     | Danehill           | KY    | 69         |  |  |
| 3    | Offlee Wild           | Wild Again         | KY    | 71         |  |  |
| 3    | Oratory               | Pulpit             | MD    | 67         |  |  |
| 3    | Powerscourt (GB)      | Sadler's Wells     | KY    | 77         |  |  |
| 3    | Southern Image        | Halo's Image       | KY    | 97         |  |  |
| 4    | Closing Argument      | Successful Appeal  | KY    | 103        |  |  |
| 4    | Consolidator          | Storm Cat          | KY    | 107        |  |  |
| 4    | Eurosilver            | Unbridled's Song   | KY    | 149        |  |  |
| 4    | Grand Reward          | Storm Cat          | KY    | 138        |  |  |
| 4    | Kitten's Joy          | El Prado (IRE)     | KY    | 109        |  |  |
| 4    | Limehouse             | Grand Slam         | KY    | 102        |  |  |
| 4    | Pollard's Vision      | Carson City        | KY    | 110        |  |  |
| 4    | Purge                 | Pulpit             | KY    | 137        |  |  |
| 4    | Value Plus            | Unbridled's Song   | KY    | 108        |  |  |
| 4    | Wildcat Heir          | Forest Wildcat     | FL    | 124        |  |  |
| 5    | Afleet Alex           | Northern Afleet    | KY    | 142        |  |  |
| 5    | Ghostzapper           | Awesome Again      | KY    | 83         |  |  |
| 5    | Rock Hard Ten         | Kris S.            | KY    | 83         |  |  |
| 5    | Roman Ruler           | Fusaichi Pegasus   | KY    | 157        |  |  |
| 5    | Saint Liam            | Saint Ballado      | -     | 98         |  |  |

## MARKEL DONATES ONE TON OF FEED TO OLD FRIENDS

*L. Dianne Weidner*

After being invited to the Mid-South Eventing & Dressage Association annual gala celebration in late January, I looked forward to a night out with my sport horse pals and particularly looked forward to participating in their silent auction...always a good source of unique equine themed excursions and paraphernalia for a racing fan such as myself...and MSEDAs did not disappoint! I considered my options: a box at Churchill (always useful!), club house tickets at Keeneland (ditto!), luxury equestrian vacation in Florida (would be nice!), luncheon and tour of private gardens at Gainesway (unique...and wow...Popular!), new pair of tall Dublin barn boots (OK...how about practical!), or a sentimental favorite, a framed set of shoes worn by Teddy O'Connor. (really, who is not a fan of the late mighty mini-stud?). On my second pass over the items to make sure nothing had been overlooked, I noticed Purina had donated a ton of horse feed to the auction. Good idea...that is something any horse owner would appreciate, especially in the middle of winter...but did not give it much



*Carrots for Creator*

more thought since my horses aren't fed Purina feeds. Too bad...it was largely underbid! Then an idea struck me...how much fun would it be to donate a ton of feed to one of the local equine rescues? I jumped on my phone and after a quick conference with John and Heidi, started my bidding with determination and resolve. Only one adversary stood between my latest bid and the feed...and she was watching me from across the room as closely as I was watching her. With only a few minutes left in the bidding, I decided to make an appeal to her charitable side and go up to her and explain my goal. She hesitated, I'm sure thinking of her own horses needs, and then resigned. Wahoo...I won! While we have many worthy rescue programs in our backyard, Old Friends immediately came to mind. I knew little about their program, and looked forward to the opportunity to learn more about them.



*(L-R) L. Dianne Weidner, Michael Blowen (Old Friends), John Egan, Cindy Isaacs (Purina) & Charlie Brown (Old Friends).*
















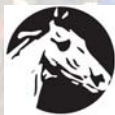


*Popcorn Deelites -  
Seabiscuit Stunt  
Double*

The full account of our visit with 'Old Friends' will soon be available on our website:

<http://www.thoroughbred-insurance.com>

# March 2009

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY   |
|--|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| <p><b>LISTEN TO THE</b></p>  <p><b>ROAD TO THE KENTUCKY DERBY ON THE</b></p>  <p><b>96.1 FM OR LIVE INTERNET STREAMING EVERY SATURDAY MORNING AT 9:45 am</b></p> | 2   | 3<br>   | 4   | 5  | 6  | 7<br><br>    |
|  | 9   | 10<br>  | 11  | 12   | 13   | 14<br><br>   |
|  | 16<br>  | 17<br> | 18<br><br> | 19   | <p><i>The full two-hour radio show on March 21 to be broadcast live from our office.</i></p> | 21<br><br> |
|  | 23  | 24   | 25  | 26   |  | 27   |
|  | 29<br> | 30   | 31<br>   | <p><b>VIEW OUR WEEKLY DERBY PREP PICKS AND DERBY TOP 10!!!</b></p> |  |  |

|                  |                        |                  |        |                  |                    |                   |       |
|------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------|
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Gotham (GIII)          | Aqueduct         | 1m1/16 | 21 <sup>st</sup> | Lane's End (GII)   | Turfway Park      | 1m1/8 |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Louisiana Derby (GI)   | Fair Grounds     | 1m1/16 | 28 <sup>th</sup> | Florida Derby (GI) | Gulfstream        | 1m1/8 |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | San Felipe (GII)       | Santa Anita      | 1m1/16 | 28 <sup>th</sup> | Swale (GII)        | Gulfstream        | 7f    |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Rebel (GII)            | Oaklawn          | 1m1/16 | 28 <sup>th</sup> | UAE Derby (GII)    | Nad Al Sheba, UAE | 1m1/8 |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Tampa Bay Derby (GIII) | Tampa Bay Downs  | 1m1/16 | 28 <sup>th</sup> | San Miguel         | Santa Anita       | 6f    |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | Kempton Challenge      | Kempton Park, GB | 1m1/8  | 29 <sup>th</sup> | Sunland Derby      | Sunland Park      | 1m1/8 |