



In the past week, the Markel Lexington Office was presenting sponsor at the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) Winners Circle Awards on April 30, and we were also title sponsor of the remote broadcast of Cumulus 92.9 The Bear from the Old Friends Homecoming Day on May 4. In April, we also worked with the Horse Racing Radio Network and John Greely of Wintergreen Stallion Station to help support the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. I encourage you to read more on our “What’s Happening” page of our website: <http://www.thoroughbred-insurance.com/whats happening/Pages/MarkelInTheCommunity.aspx>.

2009 Markel Freshman Sire Competition Receives 59 Entries

Thank you to everyone who submitted an entry for the 2009 Markel Freshman Sire Competition. I received a number of entries online via our website; we have entrants from all over the United States, including entries in from California, Colorado, Washington State, Florida and Alabama, as well as entries from England. In total, 59 entries were received before the closing date of April 30, 2009.

More and more farms are agreeing to donate the halter of the 2009 leading freshman sire so that I can present this to the competition winner. As a thank you, Markel Lexington has generously agreed to make a donation to the charity of choice to the farm that stands this same stallion.

Regularly I will include logos of the farms that are participating in our competition and links to their websites. In addition, issues of ‘The Freshman’ throughout the year will focus on winners by freshman sires who were purchased out of a Fasig-Tipton auction. The first leaderboard of the competition is on Page 2.





2009 MARKEL FRESHMAN SIRE COMPETITION LEADERBOARD*

POS.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	\$	POS.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	\$
1	AUBREY	FRANK	\$144,083	31	INGORDO	DAVID	\$32,915
2	SANSONE	STEVEN	\$143,783	32	STOCKTON	TAMMY	\$31,600
3	FERNUNG	BRENT	\$138,093	33	BAROCH	VICKIE	\$29,815
4	MARTIN	MICHAEL	\$130,363	34	WEIDNER	DIANNE	\$29,210
5	GANS	ALEX	\$98,159	35	REDFERN	MARK	\$26,745
6	AMOS	DUANE	\$97,163	36	OSBOURNE	BURKE	\$25,739
7	BROWNING	DAVID	\$96,334	37	JONES	DONNA	\$25,727
8	STANCZAK	BILL	\$96,203	38	AMOS	JEN	\$23,789
9	GASPER	JOHN	\$95,769	39	BREDIN	GABRIELLE	\$22,479
10	GREELY	JOHN	\$80,539	40	BAROCH	TOM	\$22,479
11	KIECKHEFER	GRETCHEN	\$77,950	41	PENNA	MIKE	\$21,390
12	NICHOLSON	JOE BROWNE	\$69,159	42	STAHL	REANNA	\$19,569
13	BROWNING	GLENNA	\$68,299	43	MILLER	JOE	\$19,550
14	FELD	JUDE	\$64,420	44	KELLEY	PATRICK	\$19,255
15	HUGHES	JARED	\$60,234	45	CHAPPELL	EMMA	\$19,055
16	CHAPPELL	JEREMY	\$59,889	46	BOWEN-REES	JULIAN	\$18,710
17	ROETHEMEIER	DEAN	\$55,328	47	WOOD	ANDREW	\$15,965
18	BAKER	WILLIAM	\$53,429	48	HARRISON	LAURA	\$14,290
19	RECIO	MIKE	\$50,890	49	VASSAR	JULIA	\$11,089
20	ADAMS	MIKE	\$49,300	50	EGAN (jnr)	JOHN	\$11,040
21	RODEN	ALISTAIR	\$48,259	51	BOVINGTON	DAN	\$8,510
22	FINK	GEORGE	\$47,309	52	FREEMAN	GEMMA	\$8,160
23	TARPEY	MATT	\$44,430	53	FAGAN	DERMOT	\$6,820
24	HESS	JOHN	\$41,980	54	JONES	KATHY	\$5,520
25	BELL	GATEWOOD	\$39,719	55	WELLS	ROBERT	\$5,520
26	EGAN (snr)	JOHN	\$39,205	56	REDFERN	JULIET	\$4,320
27	EVANS	TOM	\$36,080	57	SOUERS	ELAINE	\$3,800
28	FELD	SEAN	\$35,499	58	MARSH	REBECCA	\$200
29	HILL	JAMIE	\$35,299	59	WOJCZYNSKI	JUSTIN	\$0
30	HURLEY	KELLY	\$32,915				

* All progeny earnings as recorded on the [Thoroughbred Times website](#) on Monday May 4, 2009.