



MAY CASH PRIZE WINNER

I am very pleased to announce Steve Sansone of Long Grove Bloodstock as the first cash prize winner in the 2010 Markel Freshman Sire Competition. By topping the leaderboard in total progeny earnings for all races through to and including May 31, Steve wins \$50. Steve has kindly wrote the following for 'The Freshman':

This is a thrill to be the first cash prize winner in Markel's 2009 Freshman Sire Contest. I want to thank everyone at Markel. Also, thanks to Alex Gans for making me aware of the contest.

In selecting my five sires, Bwana Charlie, Fantasticat, Forest Danger, Roman Ruler, and Wildcat Heir I let the foal crop numbers rule except for one lone exception. The exception is my Wild Card, Fantasticat.

Why? He stands in Maryland and his first foal crop is south of a hundred. The stallion has had a very positive impact on my career in the Thoroughbred business. I was the agent in the sale of Fantasticat from Ballydoyle to R Bar S Thoroughbreds. The horse was originally trained in this country by Keith Desormeaux and then transferred to Bobby Barnett. It was under Barnett's guidance that the horse won the Super Derby. Upon his retirement, I represented R Bar S in selling the horse to the Maryland Stallion Station with Alistair Roden as Agent. Thus, emotion and sentimentality ruled in making this selection.

Thank you again for this award. I wish the best of luck to all of my fellow competitors in the coming months!

Best regards,
Steven Sansone

Congratulations Steve!!!



EUROPEAN FOCUS

ROSE BLOSSOM, a daughter of first season stallion PASTORAL PURSUITS, caught the eye in an impressive debut on May 29. In a field of 9 the filly broke the all-age track record for 5 furlongs at Hamilton. Drawn in post position 9 the filly quickly moved to a stalking position and pulled clear to win in 57.95 seconds. The £21,000 Doncaster breeze-up sale purchase now looks set for the Queen Mary at Royal Ascot.

PASTORAL PURSUITS, is an 8-year old son of Bahamian Bounty and currently tops the first season sire list, for British and Irish based stallions, by the total number of wins with six.



Fasig-Tipton

Old Line State, 07 G by **Dance With Ravens** out of Yankee Maid

Old Line State became the first winner for freshman sire **Dance With Ravens** when winning the opening race at Penn National on May 23. The gelding, whose second dam is multiple graded stakes winning Valay Maid was purchased as Hip # 332 for \$10,000 at the 2008 FT Midlantic December mixed sale.

Dance with Ravens stands at Northview Stallion Station in Maryland for a stud fee of \$6,000. He won the Grade II Grey Breeders Cup Stakes in 2004 at Woodbine. Why should this be of interest... the race was won in 2008 by Mine that Bird.



2009 MARKEL FRESHMAN SIRE COMPETITION LEADERBOARD*

POS.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	\$	POS.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	\$
1	SANSONE	STEVEN	\$267,991	31	BOWEN-REES	JULIAN	\$96,342
2	FERNUNG	BRENT	\$234,260	32	FINK	GEORGE	\$93,677
3	AUBREY	FRANK	\$232,390	33	OSBOURNE	BURKE	\$93,511
4	MARTIN	MICHAEL	\$229,623	34	PENNA	MIKE	\$88,602
5	BROWNING	DAVID	\$221,569	35	TARPEY	MATT	\$88,297
6	GASPER	JOHN	\$203,782	36	FAGAN	DERMOT	\$88,087
7	HUGHES	JARED	\$184,032	37	FELD	SEAN	\$81,565
8	GREELY	JOHN	\$179,041	38	WEIDNER	DIANNE	\$81,461
9	NICHOLSON	JOE BROWNE	\$173,250	39	WOOD	ANDREW	\$80,281
10	ADAMS	MIKE	\$169,821	40	REDFERN	MARK	\$79,389
11	KIECKHEFER	GRETCHEN	\$165,262	41	INGORDO	DAVID	\$77,900
12	GANS	ALEX	\$165,025	42	HILL	JAMIE	\$77,431
13	ROETHEMEIER	DEAN	\$150,308	43	EGAN (snr)	JOHN	\$71,280
14	AMOS	DUANE	\$146,024	44	HARRISON	LAURA	\$63,814
15	STANCZAK	BILL	\$141,982	45	EGAN (jnr)	JOHN	\$63,559
16	BROWNING	GLENNA	\$139,023	46	STOCKTON	TAMMY	\$63,397
17	RODEN	ALISTAIR	\$138,466	47	HURLEY	KELLY	\$60,754
18	BOVINGTON	DAN	\$119,436	48	REDFERN	JULIET	\$46,759
19	RECIO	MIKE	\$118,295	49	EVANS	TOM	\$46,114
20	BAKER	WILLIAM	\$116,546	50	BAROCH	TOM	\$41,676
21	HESS	JOHN	\$114,758	51	MILLER	JOE	\$40,476
22	CHAPPELL	JEREMY	\$111,365	52	KELLEY	PATRICK	\$39,894
23	AMOS	JEN	\$106,226	53	STAHL	REANNA	\$38,806
24	BREDIN	GABRIELLE	\$105,676	54	CHAPPELL	EMMA	\$34,910
25	FELD	JUDE	\$102,609	55	WOJCZYNSKI	JUSTIN	\$25,524
26	BELL	GATEWOOD	\$102,379	56	SOUERS	ELAINE	\$25,115
27	BAROCH	VICKIE	\$101,500	57	WELLS	ROBERT	\$11,806
28	FREEMAN	GEMMA	\$101,064	58	JONES	KATHY	\$9,390
29	VASSAR	JULIA	\$96,701	59	MARSH	REBECCA	\$7,920
30	JONES	DONNA	\$96,562				

* All progeny earnings as recorded on the [Thoroughbred Times](http://www.thoroughbredtimes.com) website on Monday June 1, 2009.