



October 7, 2011

THE TRADITION CONTINUES



The Keeneland 75th anniversary celebration continues with the opening of the 2011 Fall Race Meet. The meet begins today and continues through the 29th with a total of 17 live racing days. This year's fall meet features 18 stakes races including 6 G1's. The Keeneland 75th Anniversary Stakes takes place Saturday, October 15.

In 1936 the first meet had more than 8,000 in attendance. The 2010 fall meet saw 229,900 fans go through the turn stiles. Part of last year's race schedule took place during the World Equestrian Games and no doubt contributed to the count. But there is little doubt that thousands of horse lovers, both professional and novice alike, will be attending.

As always, if you need assistance in obtaining tickets or reservations give me a call or send an e-mail. Also, if you would like to visit the farm while in town contact me to schedule an appointment.

Linda

Grylls then and now



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Last year I related a story in the Newsletter about an '05 colt by Labeeb(GB) out of Soupremacist. Margaux Farm consigned the yearling in the Doncaster British Yearling Auction. After he was sold at Doncaster, we did not know what he was named or what became of the colt...until August of 2010. At that time someone e-mailed Margaux to see if we had a picture of the '05 Soupremacist colt as a foal. (later named Grylls). It turned out that Grylls was a retired race horse and had recently been purchased for a pleasure horse. We exchanged photos of him then and now. The new owners moved to California with Grylls and later relocated to Midway, Kentucky. And thus Grylls' journey took him from Midway, Kentucky to Great Britain to California and back to Midway, Kentucky where he began.

Margaux makes every effort to keep up with the careers and happenings of the 'Margaux bred' or trained fillies and colts. Occasionally we lose track of one or two. We would like to enlist your help in tracking these athletes or former athletes. If you have a 'Margaux bred' or know of one whether he or she is on the track, retired, or is now a sport horse, it would be much appreciated if you would drop me a line.

Linda



THOUGHTS ON THE BREEDERS'S CUP

With Breeder's Cup less than a month away, the potential fields are shaping up fast. This year in racing has been interesting to say the least. As we started the year, there was a strong lineup of colts that many of us had great expectations for, and it has been a roller coaster ride since the very first prep race. Horses like ARCHARCHARCH, SOLDAT, and BOYS AT TOSCONOVA had a tough road this year. We have seen the seemingly unstoppable UNCLE MO stopped, and then re-emerge this weekend in the Kelso. We have seen the always overlooked STAY THIRSTY push his way to the top, and still have doubters. We have seen a filly, HAVRE DE GRACE, that has put the three-year-old colt division odds on to lose the Breeder's Cup Classic after beating everyone they put her against.

While all of this was going on, an amazing group of two-year-olds have been rising through the ranks. I think that the two-year-olds are going to put on a show this year at the Breeder's Cup. My pick to win the Juvenile boys is going to be CREATIVE CAUSE, a son of GIANT'S CAUSEWAY, who has been brilliant to this point, and the older he gets the more he should improve. WEEMISSFRANKIE will most likely be my pick going into the Juvenile fillies, she's a daughter of SUNRIVER, and has won all three of her lifetime starts, including two G1's.

The Breeder's Cup Classic is still very much up in the air this year. The buzz horses going in, UNCLE MO and HAVRE DE GRACE may not be able to make the distance, while horses like STAY THIRSTY and TO HONOR AND SERVE seem to get better as the races get longer. Even though this year will lack the excitement of BLAME Vs. ZENYATTA, I think the race will still be impressive. I'm going out on a limb and picking TO HONOR AND SERVE to win the Breeder's Cup Classic, but if this year continues the way it started, we are sure to see a shocker.

Josh

OCTOBER TOURISM PICKS UP

October is always a busy month. Many tourists attending the Keeneland Fall Meet are also interested in tours of the area horse farms. Margaux Farm and Steve Johnson consider it our main goal to have the visitors take away a little knowledge about our land, our industry and our horses. Steve is always ready with his well-worn geological map to impart knowledge of the nutrient rich Bluegrass land that contributes to making our horses the best young athletes they can be.



Linda

Steve speaks to a group of retired Caterpillar employees

SALES COMMENTS

Points of interest and/or discussion about the September Sale:

- Pleasantly surprised to see average and median up
- Particularly significant was to see the degree of interest all the way through to Book 7 – there was actually a crowd of people in the back walking rings every day
- Probable reasons for increase:
 - Supply / Demand – fewer horses (4000 horses this year, down from 5000 last year)
 - National and world economy – lack of confidence in stocks, bonds, and other investments.
 - National and world political situation – lack of confidence in all of the uncertainty here and abroad
 - Available capital – many people still have some money, and because of the reasons above, feel, “... *why not have some fun, and hopefully get lucky racing a good horse.*”
- Additional comments:
 - Still need to have a good individual with:
 - Good conformation
 - Popular sire/dam
 - Young sire/dam
 - Clean vet reports
 - Bad or marginal horses need to be moved on as soon as possible
 - Need to really think through matings for 2012
- Points for optimism in the horse industry:
 - Having seen virtually all of the 2011 yearling sales’ averages increase by 5-10%, it looks like we may see a continual trend of increases in the market place. Yes, this may even bode well for the broodmares in November.
 - Amount of discussions taking place regarding acknowledging and addressing the situation with North American racing and the problems with ADW’s. People are starting to understand the problems, and in the process look at solutions that will improve our industry.

Steve

KENTUCKY POLITICAL SITUATION

Kentucky politics have been abysmal since Martha Layne Collins was governor. Last night I met the Republican candidate for Commissioner of Agriculture – JAMES COMER, and he is the most refreshing political candidate I've talked to in years.

First of all, "... he get's it." He's a farmer from western Kentucky, been through FFA, 4H, was national president of FFA, and understands agriculture. He not only understands agriculture in general, but also the importance of agriculture for the Commonwealth as well as the horse industry. Most importantly, he understands the importance of the horse industry to Kentucky, and is committed to working to help our industry as much as he can. I genuinely believe he is not just paying lip service to us and that we have a voice and ear with whom we can communicate.

The biggest problem he has is his party affiliation – the Democrats have traditionally run Kentucky, however, if we vote the man (and not the party), there's no question this guy is the best candidate for Agriculture we've had that I can remember. He first ran for the State Senate when he was 28 years old, won (won by 85% margin), and has run unopposed for the last 11 years – nobody is confident enough to challenge him for his seat. Now with him running for Commissioner, we need to give him as much support as we possibly can. He's 39 years old, young, dedicated, smart, motivated, and can move our industry and the Commonwealth ahead into the 21st century.

Please support him however you can. I don't usually try to get involved with particular candidates, but Jimmy Comer is the real deal.

Steve

RACING NEWS



STRAIGHTCASHHOMEY f'08 by Kela out of Miss Sandy Dee won October 2 at HAW. The filly was foaled, bred and sold by Margaux Farm.



SILVER PAYDAY m'05 by Fusaichi Pegasus out of I Got Silver won on October 1st at PARX.

KELA'S AMY f'08 by Kela out of Amydar won ALW at HOO on October 4th. Congratulations to breeder, Ms. Mari George of Circle S Ranch.

CHELE g'07 by **Kela out of Sarah's Honor** won at FNO on October 6th.

FIRE ROAD g'08 by **Devil His Due out of Femmette** won at MNR On September 26.

BRUSHWITHTHEDEVIL g'04 by **Devil His Due out of Courageous Maiden** won at DEL on October 1.

SHOW TIME c'08 by **The Cliff's Edge out of Halo Babe** won MSW at CRC on September 29.

CLIFF DIVIN g'07 by **The Cliff's Edge out of To The Right** won at MN on October 3rd.

DEMACMORTAN h'06 by **The Cliff's Edge out of Unbridled Salt** won on September 23rd at CMR.

**COMING EVENTS
AND
REMINDERS**

**Keeneland Fall Meet.....October 7 -
29**

Breeder's Cup Nomination Deadline..... October 15

**Fasig Tipton Sales..... October 24-
26**

Deadline for January sale nominations.....November 1

**Breeder's Cup at Churchill Downs..... November
4-5**

**Keeneland Breeding Stock Sale..... November
7-17**

