

# EAGLE POINT FARM

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How did Eagle Point come to be almost sixty years ago? My father, T. Edward Gilman, was raised on a dairy and chicken farm in Ashland. He was fond of steak and fried chicken, but he loved horses. He had a way with them from the time he was a child. He trained his milk cart horse, Dexter, to stop at each house while he caught a nap on early morning deliveries. When he and my mother bought Eagle Point the plan was to start a horse farm. At the Maryland Breeders Sale at Pimlico Ed purchased a mare for foxhunting for \$200. One of his hunting buddies was Dick Keely. After good neighborly discussion about which of their mounts was the fastest and much questioning by Keely about Gilman's training style, they decided to compete at the Deep Hunt Races, which is now known as the Strawberry Hill Races. Keely was quoted as saying "speed crazy Gilman... training his mare strictly for speed 'cause he don't know how to rate a horse properly." With a retort, Gilman states "



I consider myself a superior rater of horses and my mare Ginger is undoubtedly the best hunting mare in the state. If Dick is foolish enough to race against her, he will certainly be defeated." It was quite a write up in the local papers about who was going to win. Mr. Keely swore his four year old gray mare, Moomaw by \*Flushing II, was "faster than greased lightning" and would beat my fathers eight year old chestnut mare named Ginger. Ginger, by Equipoise, had raced at two but her best finish was seventh. However, Ed liked her conformation and powerful hindquarters when he bought her. At the Deep Run Hunt Races Ginger drew

## RECENT WINNERS

HARBOR WORKER broke his maiden by 4 1/2 lengths at Laurel going a mile. The Storm Broker gelding was wide around the turn and then took control of the race for owner Clive Black and trainer Kelly Bailey. In an allowance race at Laurel on February 3rd, that we watched on the internet, Harbor Worker was last by 18 lengths on the backside on the muddy track. I figured that the favorite just didn't like the mud. I think we heard his owner yell from the Va. Beach OTB when he closed the distance and won the race.

SOUTHERN WARRIOR, 2002 Virginia Bred by Mt. Magazine won by 14 3/4 lengths in a 1 1/8 mile race on March 5th at Charles Town for owner/breeder George Sheehan. Southern Warrior pressed the pace, gained a clear lead on the turn and was ridden out thru the stretch.

COBBLEY'S PRIDE by Tom Cobbley was all out to win by a head in a Starter Allowance race at Charles Town on November 26th for breeder Heidi Overfelt.

IRISH COLONY won again on December 2nd by 5 1/4 lengths 1 1/8 mile on the dirt at Laurel. He rallied 4 wide to command in the upper stretch and drew away for owner Jim Ryan.

HAPPY EXPLOIT broke his maiden on February 2nd at Gulfstream Park by two lengths. The three year old Exploit colt is owned and trained by Juan Carlos Vazquez.

A FIRM BRIDGE, 2001 Peteski bred and owned by Mrs. Frank P. Wright won an 1 1/8 mile allowance race at Laurel by 4 1/2 lengths when he lacked early speed raced wide and swept to command the lead. On March 24, A FIRM BRIDGE won again when he stalked the pace near the rail, eased out at a drive and closed clear in the one mile Turf.

STRIDING VICTORY by Spartan Victory won by two on January 5th at Charles Town for her Virginia connections—owned by Cindy Ellis of Glen Allen, bred in Virginia. by Carlton Southworth, Virginia trained by Mary Sue Query, and an Eagle Point Farm graduate.

SILVER BANNER by Bowler's Wharf won a Maiden Special Weight on January 21 for owner Denise Franklin and breeder Saul Schultz. In the 1 1/8 mile race at Laurel she was three wide stalked the pace while off the rail and was pushed at the 3/8's and extended in the stretch.

RED GULCH— 2001 by Gulch won an allowance by 2 3/4 lengths when he came between horses to win in a mile race at Laurel on December 27th for Robert Gerczak and Kaygar Stable. Carlos Garcia is the trainer.

OH SABLE, won a Starter Allowance at Laurel on December 8th by 4 3/4 lengths for breeder Mike Sutherland of Maryland.

IRISH WARNING won by 9 1/2 lengths at Philadelphia Park on December 11th . The 2000 Larrupin' bred by Ryehill Farm was out run early, circled rivals on final turn and drew away.

TAYAZI won at Tampa Bay on January 12th in a 7 furlong race by 3 1/4 lengths. She made an inside move, angled 4 wide into the stretch , rallied and won going away for breeder Dan Ryan.

O'RIRIN won another race at Penn National on January 20th when she was void of early speed , raced three wide and rallied late in final strides for breeder Dan Ryan.

PLEASANT HOPE led all the way to win by 4 1/4 lengths for breeder Carlton M. Southworth Sr. on February 10th at Charles Town

CHRISTMAS AWAY by Skip Away won by 5 1/4 lengths at Laurel on January 26th at a mile on the dirt.

CAJUN SOUP by Alphabet Soup won two at Charles Town for owner John Hartman. The gray mare won on December 22 when she saved ground angled out five wide and drew clear. Then on January 13th in a starter allowance she won by 1 3/4 lengths when she bore out, steadied at the start, advanced along the inside, and gained the lead in late stretch.

SONOTHEMORNINGSTAR won at Penn National on February 16th and again on February 25th. The Turn West gelding won by 8 lengths for Fred T. Lewis DVM.

Seconds:

Mighty Unbrakeable second by neck on December 7th at Laurel for owner Kristie Ridley of Lanexa, Virginia and trainer Kathleen Dibbens. He repeated with another second on January 12th.



We are still working on our pasture maintenance. Recently we have seeded our fields with a no-till seeder in a mixture of Timothy, Orchard Grass, Bluegrass, and Landino Clover. Thank goodness for all the recent rain as we are already seeing it grow!

Be sure to check out our website. We have already made some changes and will be continuing to make improvements and additions over the next month.

## FIRST EPF FOALS OF 2006



DISTINCTLY PATTI -Crypto Star colt born on March 4th. Owned by Teo Zanchelli of Cary, North Carolina. Mare booked to Purple Comet. Nickname: Sparky -since she was slow at first but then was running around the stall.



JADANA—Ian Mcvie filly born on March 20th for owner Ann Robinson of Virginia Nickname: Hollywood -since she was standing in 15 minutes, just like in the movies.



EXCHANGE TIME - Domestic Dispute chestnut filly born March 31st owned by Eagle Point Farm. Mare booked to Lionhearted. Nickname: Reba—she is a large redhead.



SOUTHERN DANCER- Pleasant Dancer colt born on March 16th owned by George Sheehan of Virginia. Mare booked to Crowd Pleaser. Nickname: Limbo— he was upside down upon arrival and both parents had 'Dancer' in their names.

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