

Eagle Point Farm



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OH HOW TIME FLYS? I can only hope our horses fly as fast. In 1947 my parents Ed and Frankie Gilman bought Eagle Point Farm, a family home built in 1840, and began a family business. A lot has changed and a lot has remained the same. There have been some highs and lows along the way, but we are still here after sixty years. It is still exciting to see one of our horses or an Eagle Point Farm graduate winning at the race track and doing well. It is also exciting to see new improvements on the farm such as the horse exerciser, track irrigation, track conditioner, and new inside rail on the track. Each improvement in the last sixty years just adds another rung on the ladder. And as they say, you never finish work on a farm. There is always something to do. As you can tell I love my home and farm and I enjoy seeing it grow with the third generation, my daughter Karen, who possesses her grandfather's knack with horses. We are working on the fourth generation as my grandson, Michael Gregory Dennehy, has learned to whinny when he sees a horse and even picked the exacta in his first visit to the race track. Not bad for a eleven month old. By the way it paid \$34.40!



BUDDY'S VIEW: Thank heavens! It is finally getting warmer and no more cold nights. Now at night when I help Karen feed and check on the horses it will be a pleasant walk to the barn. We can even look at the stars during our leisurely stroll on a spring evening. Soon they will be turning on the irrigation for the track and bathing the horses. Uh Oh! That means I might be getting a bath! At least I don't have to start doing 1/16's like the young horses. The 1/16's help to build and strengthen their bones so they can handle breezing. Foundation, foundation, foundation...they say it's the key to a sound racehorse. I wonder if Karen is doing that during her daily runs. I doubt it.

IRISH COLONY is on a Roll!!! At Penn National on November 8th, **IRISH COLONY** was never far back, stalked the pace, split rivals in the upper stretch and drew clear. Then in the fog at Penn National on November 29th, he won by one length after starting slow, wide run and drew out. Again at Penn National **IRISH COLONY** was bumped between horses, shuffled back at the break and rallied along the rail and drew out through the late stretch. Next on January 23rd at Penn National, Irish Colony was unhurried early, saving ground, wide into the stretch while rallying and ran clear at the end. In the month of February **IRISH COLONY** ran 2nd at Laurel on February 8th and 2nd at Philadelphia Park on February 19th. What a run for the Larrupin' gelding bred by Ryehill Farm.

DEFAULT, 17. 1h dark b. or br. horse 1992 by Greinton(GB) out of Forever Gorgeous by *Forli, has moved and will be standing at stud at Little Hawk Farm in Crozier, Virginia for 2007. Telephone : 804-784-0595

ALL OF THESE EPF GRADUATES TOOK FLIGHT AND WON!

SOUTHERN FURY, by PURPLE COMET, is also on a roll. She started with a 2nd at Charles Town on December 6th, and finished 2006 with a win on the 30th at Charles Town. SOUTHERN FURY pressed the pace just off the rail, gained the lead and drew clear. Starting the new year SOUTHERN FURY won at Charles Town on January 25th by a neck. She was rated off the pace inside, seemed to show no response through the final turn but dug in determinedly thru the stretch to get up in the final strides. George Sheehan of Gainesville, Virginia is the breeder of this Virginia bred and Eagle Point Farm trained and delivered foal.

LEPONT by BOWLER'S WHARF was rated just off the pace four wide, advanced to the lead two deep into the final turn and dug in determinedly to fend off the runner up in an Allowance race at Charles Town on January 25th. Saul Schultz of Ashland, Virginia owns and bred LEPONT. Saul Schultz also owns and stands his sire Bowler's Wharf at Glenspring Farm in Ashland.

WHATDAYATHINK, won on January 5th at Charles Town for owner Paul and Barbara Brown of Hanover, Virginia. The chestnut gelding by Artax prompted the issue three wide under a strong drive and was up in final strides in the 4 1/2 furlong race.

SECRET'S FUTURE by Secret Hello broke his maiden at Charles Town on November 12 for owner and breeder Mike Willis of Orange, Virginia. He prompted the pace and drew off in the turn and held clear in the 4 3/4 length win in the seven furlong Maiden Special Weight.

MIGHTY UNBRAKEABLE by Mighty Forum and bred in Virginia by Kristie Ridley of Lanexa, Virginia won a 1 1/8 mile allowance race at Charles Town on January 7th when he saved ground, rallied on the turn in a long drive and edged clear.

More wins for CHRISTMAS AWAY by Skip Away who won at Suffolk Downs on November 7th going a mile on the dirt. CHRISTMAS AWAY stalked the pace, split rivals in upper stretch and drove clear by 1 1/4 lengths.

SONOTHEMORNINGSTAR won at Charles Town on January 12th for breeder Dr. Fred T. Lewis. The bay gelding won by 2 1/2 lengths in the 11/8 miles race when he saved ground rallied three wide on the turn and drew off in a stretch drive. Add a second on March 3rd.

CAVALIER GAL won at Penn National on March 15th for breeder/owners Garland and Elizabeth Flippen in a 1 70 mile race by 1 3/4 lengths. Flint Stites trains the Virginia Bred filly by Thunder Rumbles who lacked room along the rail while behind early leaders, came out for room, split rivals on the turn angled back to inside and took over leaving the furlong and drove clear. She was second in her previous start on March 1st.

A new Virginia bred arrived on March 16th when Exchange Time foaled a colt by Lionhearted. Unexpected since she was not due for a couple of weeks, the Eagle Point Farm owned newcomer is doing well after several sleepless nights for his owners. A healthy foal running in the pasture and a good night's sleep were welcomed.



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