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2,1:59.2, 3,1:55.1 (\$552,391)

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From just three crops sire of Goldsmith Maid winner **CRYS DREAM** 2,1:54.3s-'10 (\$596,065), **VAL TAURUS** 3,1:53.2s (\$384,922), **FLORAS DREAM** 1:54.1s (\$311,628), **INTENSE AMERICA** 2,1:54.4-'10, **WINNING FOOL** 3,1:59h (\$110,713).

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Q1:53.1 (\$731,703)

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p,2,1:52, 3,Q1:51 (\$424,947)

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**Q: Where is the most money paid out for sire stakes races?**

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**Q: Where do you get big bucks for breeding your mares to stallions in Pennsylvania?**

*A: Large amounts are paid to owners of mares who breed to Pennsylvania stallions and board the mares for 180 days at farms in Pennsylvania.*

**Q: Where do you get big bucks for racing your horses who are the offspring of stallions standing in Pennsylvania?**

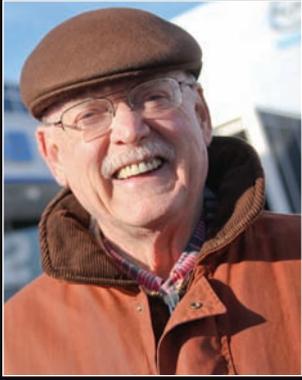
*A: Only in Pennsylvania do you have stallion series paces for horses that are the offspring of stallions standing in Pennsylvania with purses starting at \$20,000 per race and a final for \$40,000.*

**Q: Where do you NOT have to worry about the casinos supporting horse racing in your state?**

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**Q: Where are the stud fees the fairest in the nation?**

*A: Stud fees in Pennsylvania for pacing and trotting stallions give owners who breed here the best opportunity for return on their investment.*



### Dream Season For Scarff

After nearly four decades of owning horses, Halifax owner Stephen Scarff enjoyed his best year ever in 2010 with a stable of several top homebreds led by Ontario Sires Stakes Super Final winner Mach Dreamer.



### A Conversation With Richard "Nifty" Norman

Richard "Nifty" Norman discusses his work and life since his long time employer Brett Pelling retired as well as stable star Poof Shes Gone.



### No "Fool" in': This Gelding's Got Go

Feel Like A Fool was far from foolproof this past racing season but thanks to the patience of George Teague and his staff the rookie pacing colt overcame his quirks and stamped himself as a contender.



### Coming Out Of The Shadows

The outstanding pacing filly Western Silk has put the spotlight on her breeders, Kerry Feuker-Weed and Kenny Weed who operate Shadowbrook Farm in New Jersey.



### No Tears Here

There was no crying from the connections of last year's nearly flawless rookie trotting filly Cry Dream, the latest champion in a long line from legendary horseman Jean-Pierre Dubois.



### Perfect Partnership

Jim Martin and Bill Switala are partners in business and horses and both have been successful especially the past two years thanks to Aracache Hanover and OK Commander.

## Regular Features



### The European View

Jörgen Westholm is well known in Europe as an innovative trainer and he has applied that to his training centre as well as he recently built the first covered straight track in the world.



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It has been gratifying to hear the many positive responses to our most recent issue, primarily the story about Howard Pearce and LandMark Stables. The idea of promoting horse ownership for a reasonable investment seems to have captivated many people.

Hopefully other such ventures will be started, as it's a wonderful way to introduce newcomers to the sport. For those who didn't have a chance to read the story you may do so by [clicking here](#).

We have several excellent features this month as well from around the world as usual. Nifty Norman is our In Conversation guest while Halifax owner Steve Scarff is profiled after he enjoyed his best season ever as an owner for almost 40 years.

The couple who operate Shadowbrook Farm in New Jersey, which produced the standout filly Western Silk, partners Jim Martin and Bill Switala (Aracache Hanover and OK Commander), and the top horses Cry Dream, Feel Like A Fool and Daylon Magician are also part of this month's line up.



In his European column, Klaus Koch takes a look at the new straight track built by an innovative trainer – take a look with this video from [Youtube](#).

This is the first time I've written this column without my faithful companion by my side. Two days before Christmas we lost our beloved Golden Retriever, Sam, and I'm dedicating this space to him. Working at home the vast majority of the time has many benefits, one of which was that I always had Sam, and for the last three years his sidekick, Kiki, by my side.

When you're in an office environment you develop a routine of when to break for coffee, lunch, whatever. At home, that routine was dictated in many ways by my dogs. After getting kids off to school, we'd hit Tim's and then go for a walk before settling down to work for the day.

Sam spent most of his time at my feet, but over the past few months as his health deteriorated, he spent more and more time on the couch in my office. He wasn't officially 'allowed' on the furniture, but he and I had an understanding. I'd pretend not to notice, and he wouldn't look me in the eye while he was on it.

At a certain time each afternoon both dogs would start to circle my chair, the signal that the work day was almost over, time for another walk. You need that kind of reminder as it's easy to get caught up in what you're doing, especially while working alone, and you lose track of time.

I'm grateful for having Sam in my life for almost 11 years; he was the best work colleague I've ever had.

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**Text Me** 3, 1:54.3s-'10 (\$931,853)  
Winner of 3-year-old trotting colt final.

**Daylon Magician** 2, 1:55.3s-'10 (\$225,300)  
Winner of 2-year-old trotting colt final.  
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**\$100,000 OSS Grassroots Final winner**  
**Magic Wheel** 2, 2:00f-'10 (\$103,880)

## ADDITIONAL TALENTED 2 & 3YOS IN 2010:

**Poof Shes Gone** 3, 1:53.1-'10 (\$1,359,679)  
**Wilsonator** 3, 1:56s-'10 (\$496,049)  
**Windsun Galaxie** 3, 1:55.1f-'10 (\$217,138)  
**Hidden Message** 3, 1:54.2s-'10 (\$210,752)  
**Windsong Geant** 3, 1:55.2s-'10 (\$195,541)  
**L A Freeway** 2, 1:59.2s-'10 (\$179,540)

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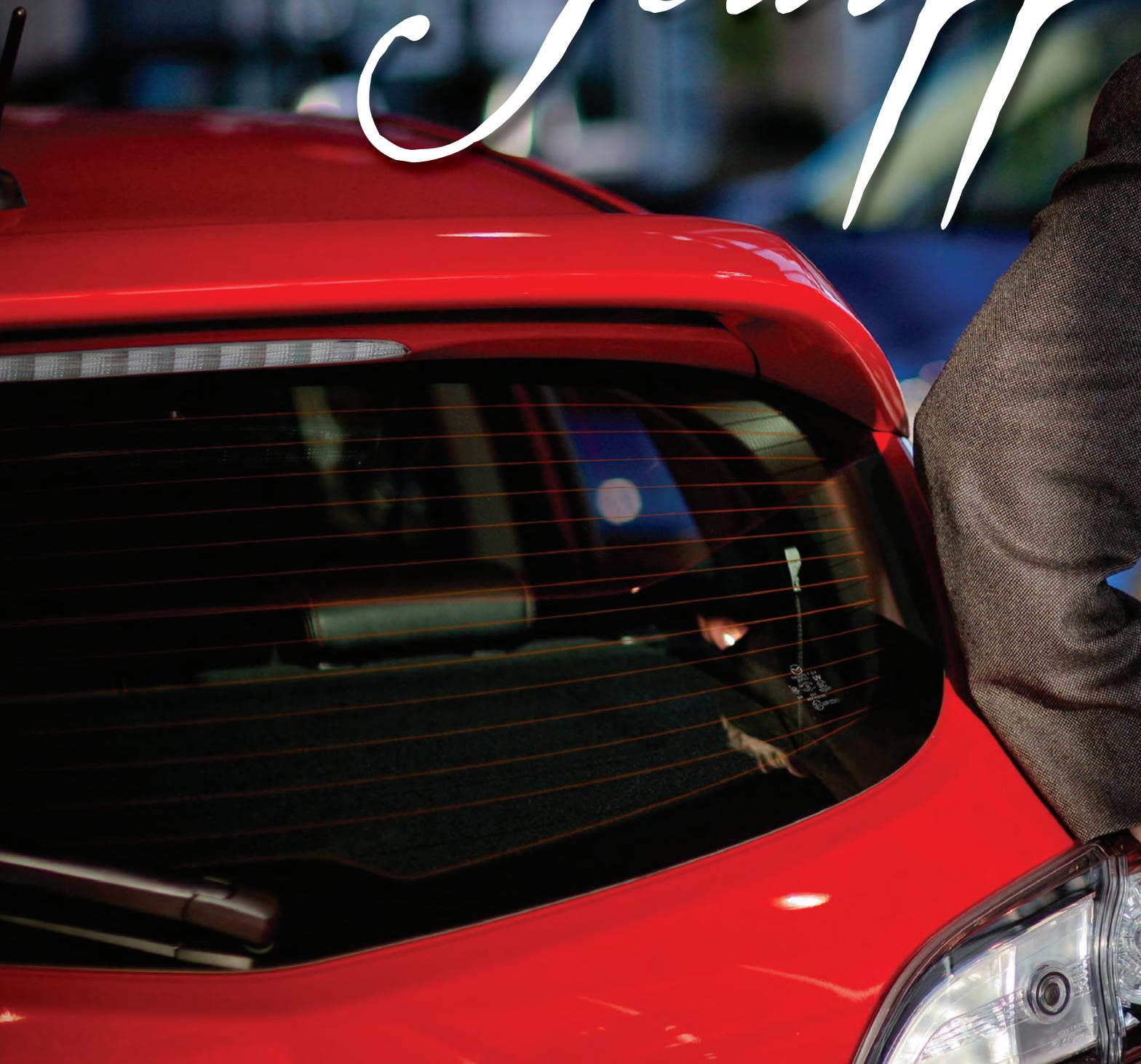
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*Dream Season for  
Scarff*





After nearly four decades of owning horses, Halifax owner **STEPHEN SCARFF** enjoyed his best year ever in 2010 with a stable of several top homebreds led by Ontario Sires Stakes Super Final winner Mach Dreamer.

By Dave MacLean • Photos by Dan Callis

After experiencing multiple highs and lows during almost four decades of active involvement in the Standardbred industry, Stephen Scarff hit the highest pinnacle last year when two of his sophomore pacing colts earned spots in the \$300,000 Ontario Sires Stakes Super Final at Woodbine.

Mach Dreamer and Broadies Song not only qualified for the final, they both cashed cheques. Mach Dreamer took home the \$150,000 winner's share after a 1:50.2 score for Mark MacDonald and Broadies Song picked up \$24,000 for his fourth place finish with Scott Zeron in the bike.

To top it off, both colts are homebreds from Scarff's modest broodmare band based at two farms in Ontario.

"That was the highlight of my 38-year involvement in the horse racing business," the retired former owner of a Mazda dealership in Halifax said. "Having two in the final and then winning it, that was pretty special."

Raised in London, Ontario, Scarff became a racing fan as a teen attending the races at the local racetrack.

"As a kid, I started going to Western Fair Raceway," he recalled. "I was brought up in London and they were the first track to have night racing. I started going to the races and got interested in it as a hobby."

Several years later, Scarff became a horse owner for the first time, buying a claimer in another province.

"The first purchase I made was with Jim Miller in British Columbia," he said.

"It was a horse called Henry T, who was just a \$5,000 claimer."

## DREAM SEASON FOR SCARFF



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Unfortunately, Scarff says tongue-in-cheek, the partners made some money with the horse and he was hooked.

"Yeah, we had some luck and I wish I hadn't had any luck; I would have gotten out of the business then. I really liked it and I've been in it pretty much ever since."

His next purchase was a bit more risky as Scarff ventured into the unpredictable world of yearlings.

"The B.C. Breeders Association used to raise a foal every year and at their annual banquet they would auction it off," he said. "It was a horse named Stormin Stephen that I bought there for \$800. The next day, I went to the barn and everybody was saying 'You overpaid for that horse.'"

"Well, he would become the first horse to pace in two minutes in Western Canada in winning the Western Canada Pacing Derby."

Hall of Famer Ray Remmen drove Stormin Stephen to a 1:59.4 victory in the 1975 Western Canada Pacing Derby to record the first sub-2:00 mile in the west.

"After that I just bought and sold a couple of horses every year."

In the late 1980s, Scarff decided he wanted to acquire a car dealership and

**Broadies Song, a son of Camluck, took in more than \$180,000 for the stable last season. His victories included an Ontario Sires Stakes Gold Final which may be watched by clicking on the video icon above.**

after looking at the various options, he decided to move to Halifax and take on a Mazda dealership. He eventually added additional dealerships and then sold them. He's retired now and his children operate City Mazda in the Nova Scotia capital.

"I was looking to buy a car dealership and this was the only place I could afford one," he said. "I found it was very expensive in Toronto and London and those places, so we moved to Halifax and we've been here 24 years, it was a wonderful move."

"But all my friends in racing, the people I met before we moved out here, are in Ontario. To this day that's where I race my horses. I would say I race about 90 per cent of my horses at Woodbine and Mohawk."

About a decade ago, he began what has turned into a very successful partnership with conditioner Murray Brethour of Sunderland, Ontario (about an hour from

Woodbine). Scarff had a homebred colt by Rustler Hanover who wasn't showing very much promise as a freshman.

"I had a horse called Old Irish Triangle," Scarff said. "We qualified him as a two-year-old and he was beaten by about 49 lengths in his two qualifiers."

"So I decided to make a trainer change and see if Murray could do anything with him. When he came back as a three-year-old, he won his qualifier (in 2:02.3 at Georgian Downs) and his race (in 1:57.1 at Georgian) and I sold him for \$100,000."

"That was the beginning of a long relationship. I started giving Murray all my horses then. He has 90 per cent of them now. We've had a really good working relationship. When we have a horse that's not up to snuff, we sell him, we move them along."

Brethour has campaigned several notable racehorses for Scarff over the last



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decade, including the iron-sided Kindly Poet, a winner of more than \$725,000 with a record of 1:50.2 and Freckly Sara, a pacing mare who earned just short of \$250,000 and took a record of 1:52.3 as a four-year-old before being retired to the broodmare ranks.

Freckly Sara, another homebred, was the first foal from a Jennas Beach Boy mare named Boy Meets Girl.

"I bought her in Harrisburg," Scarff said of the mare, for which he and two partners paid \$60,000. "I had two partners on her when I bought her, but she foundered as a two-year-old and the other two owners didn't want a broodmare. So I took over paying the bills alone."

Scarff decided to breed the mare to Mach Three.

"The mare has been a sensational producer," he said. "Her first foal was Freckly Sara, who won almost a quarter million and the second one was a so-so horse by Artistic Fella, that was the only time I didn't breed the mare to Mach Three.

"I went back to Mach Three and the third foal was Mach Dreamer and the fourth foal was a colt named Drain Daddy,

**Mach Dreamer provided Scarff with his most exciting night since becoming an owner almost 40 years ago when he won last year's Ontario Sires Stakes Super Final at Woodbine which may be viewed by clicking on the video icon on the photo.**

who paced in 1:53 as two-year-old last year. And the mare is back in foal to Mach Three."

Mach Dreamer showed promise at two. At least enough to convince Brethour and Scarff to abbreviate his freshman campaign and give the colt time to mature.

"Mach Dreamer is a very nice horse, very tough," said Brethour. "He showed ability at two, but he had a few minor problems that were nagging him. There's no point in racing them at two and ruining them. It was a minor problem, but we decided to quit with him and bring him back at three.

"He won in 1:49.1, which shows he can go. He likes tracking horses down and coming from behind. Sometimes you get caught in a bad spot if you're racing from behind, but at least you have some horse left for the next race. When you're front-running all the time, sometimes you find

they get tired a lot quicker."

The colt won his qualifier in 1:54.4 in mid-April and his first start as a sophomore in 1:53.1 in a conditioned event at Woodbine. He was third in his division of the Burlington Stakes, sixth in his North America Cup elimination and fourth in the \$100,000 NA Cup consolation.

Mach Dreamer showed steady improvement as the season progressed, dominating the Ontario Sires Stakes circuit and taking a record of 1:49.1 in late August at Mohawk in an OSS Gold elimination.

The Super Final victory was the highlight of a season that saw the colt win nine of 21 starts and bank more than \$470,000.

Scarff has decided to give the horse a shot at the older pacers next season.

"Mach Dreamer is just a wonderful animal and I really think he's going to be better as a four-year-old," said the owner-breeder. "He's a big horse. He's the same

# Seelster Stallions 2011

## When Only the Best Will Do.



### Artistic Fella

Pacific Fella – Everything's Easy  
– Artsplace  
p. 2, 1:53.3; 3, 1:48.4; 1:48f  
(\$2,640,532)  
Fee: \$5,000



### Camluck

Cam Fella – Lucky Lady  
– Striking Image  
p. 3, 1:52.4f; 1:48.4 (\$1,003,260)  
Fee: \$12,500



### Federal Flex

Muscles Yankee – Scully FBI  
– S J's Photo  
2, 1:56.1s; 3, 1:53.3 (\$840,643)  
Fee: \$5,000



### Holiday Road

Yankee Glide – Jambo  
– Tagliabue  
2, 1:54; 3, 1:52.4 – 10 (\$462,200)  
Fee: \$4,500



### In Conchinito

King Conch – Ina's Gaetane  
– Super Pleasure  
2, 1:57s; 3, 1:54s (\$1,084,193)  
Fee: \$3,000



### Ponder

The Panderosa – Empty Feeling  
– Abercrombie  
p. 2, 1:58.1h; 3, 1:53f; 1:48.1 –  
1:49h (\$1,686,134)  
Fee: \$4,000



### Santanna Blue Chip

Art Major – Mmissus Hanover  
– Matt's Scooter  
p. 2, 1:51.3 (\$1,633,643)  
Fee: \$4,000



### Stonebridge Regal

Artsplace – Lady Joanna  
– Barbary Spur  
p. 3, 1:49.3s; 1:48.1 (\$1,065,578)  
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Sustaining Payment: March 15.....	\$	1,000	
Sustaining Payment: April 15.....	\$	1,500	
Sustaining Payment: May 15.....	\$	2,000	
Declaration Fee: .....	\$	2,500	

**Event 31 – Pace – FFA**

**"WILLIAM R. HAUGHTON MEMORIAL"**

**Saturday, August 20, 2011—\$300,000A**

**Estimated Total Purse—\$600,000**

Elimination Races: Saturday, August 13.....	\$	50,000	G
FINAL: Saturday, August 20.....	\$	300,000	A
Nominating Fee: February 15.....	\$	1,000	
Sustaining Payment: March 15.....	\$	1,500	
Sustaining Payment: April 15.....	\$	2,000	
Sustaining Payment: May 15.....	\$	3,000	
Declaration Fee: Elimination Races.....	\$	5,000	

**Event 32 – Trot – FFA**

**"TITAN CUP"**

**Saturday, July 2, 2011—\$100,000A**

**Estimated Total Purse—\$235,000**

Elimination Races: Friday, June 24.....	\$	40,000	G
FINAL: Saturday, July 2.....	\$	100,000	A
Nominating Fee: February 15.....	\$	750	
Sustaining Payment: March 15.....	\$	1,000	
Sustaining Payment: April 15.....	\$	1,500	
Sustaining Payment: May 15.....	\$	1,750	
Declaration Fee: Elimination Races.....	\$	2,000	

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**Event 33 – Trot – 3 Yr. Old Fillies**

**"DEL MILLER MEMORIAL"**

**Friday, July 15, 2011—\$50,000A**

**Estimated Total Purse—\$300,000**

Race Date: Friday, July 15.....	\$	50,000	A
Nominating Fee: February 15.....	\$	500	
Sustaining Payment: March 15.....	\$	1,000	
Sustaining Payment: April 15.....	\$	1,500	
Sustaining Payment: May 15.....	\$	2,000	
Declaration Fee: .....	\$	2,500	

**Event 34 – Trot – FFA**

**"ARTHUR J. CUTLER MEMORIAL"**

**Saturday, May 14, 2011—\$100,000A**

**Estimated Total Purse—\$220,000**

Elimination Races: Friday, May 6.....	\$	40,000	G
FINAL: Saturday, May 14.....	\$	100,000	A
Nominating Fee: February 15.....	\$	1,000	
Sustaining Payment: March 15.....	\$	1,500	
Sustaining Payment: April 15.....	\$	1,750	
Declaration Fee: Elimination Races.....	\$	2,000	

*Winner to receive an invitation to the 2011 Nat Ray Trot*

**Event 35 – Pace – FFA**

**"GRADUATE"**

**Saturday, May 14, 2011—\$150,000A**

**Estimated Total Purse—\$200,000**

Elimination Races: Saturday, May 7.....	\$	50,000	G
FINAL: Saturday, May 14.....	\$	150,000	A
Nominating Fee: February 15.....	\$	1,000	
Sustaining Payment: March 15.....	\$	1,500	
Sustaining Payment: April 15.....	\$	2,000	
Declaration Fee: Elimination Races.....	\$	2,500	

**Event 37 – Pace – 3 Yr. Old Fillies**

**"MISTLETOE SHALEE"**

**Saturday, August 6, 2011—\$100,000A**

**Estimated Total Purse—\$300,000**

Elimination Races: Saturday, July 30.....	\$	25,000	G
FINAL: Saturday, August 6.....	\$	100,000	A
Nominating Fee: February 15.....	\$	500	
Sustaining Payment: March 15.....	\$	1,000	
Sustaining Payment: April 15.....	\$	1,500	
Sustaining Payment: May 15.....	\$	2,000	
Declaration Fee: Elimination Races.....	\$	3,000	

**Event 38 – Trot – 3 Yr. Old Open**

**"STANLEY DANCER MEMORIAL"**

**Saturday, July 16, 2011—\$75,000A**

**Estimated Total Purse—\$400,000**

Race Date: Saturday, July 16.....	\$	75,000	A
Nominating Fee: February 15.....	\$	500	
Sustaining Payment: March 15.....	\$	1,000	
Sustaining Payment: April 15.....	\$	1,500	
Sustaining Payment: May 15.....	\$	2,000	
Declaration Fee: .....	\$	2,500	

**Event 39 – Pace – FFA**  
**"US PACING CHAMPIONSHIP"**

**Saturday, August 6, 2011—\$150,000A**  
**Estimated Total Purses—\$375,000**

Race Date: Saturday, August 6.....\$ 150,000 A  
 Nominating Fee: February 15.....\$ 750  
 Sustaining Payment: March 15.....\$ 1,000  
 Sustaining Payment: April 15.....\$ 1,500  
 Sustaining Payment: May 15.....\$ 2,000  
 Declaration Fee: .....\$ 2,500

**Event 40 – Pace – 2 Yr. Old Fillies**  
**"SWEETHEART"**

**Saturday, August 20, 2011—\$100,000A**  
**Estimated Total Purses—\$400,000**

Elimination Races: Friday, August 12.....\$ 20,000 G  
 FINAL: Saturday, August 20.....\$ 100,000 A  
 Nominating Fee: February 15.....\$ 300  
 Sustaining Payment: March 15.....\$ 500  
 Sustaining Payment: April 15.....\$ 1,500  
 Sustaining Payment: May 15.....\$ 2,000  
 Declaration Fee: Elimination Races.....\$ 2,500

**Event 41 – Trot—2 Yr. Old Fillies**  
**"MERRIE ANNABELLE"**

**Saturday, August 6, 2011—\$75,000A**  
**Estimated Total Purses—\$440,000**

Elimination Races: Friday, July 29.....\$ 20,000 G  
 FINAL: Saturday, August 6.....\$ 75,000 A  
 Nominating Fee: February 15.....\$ 300  
 Sustaining Payment: March 15.....\$ 500  
 Sustaining Payment: April 15.....\$ 1,500  
 Sustaining Payment: May 15.....\$ 2,000  
 Declaration Fee: Elimination Races.....\$ 2,500

**Event 42 – Trot – 2 Yr. Old Colts & Geldings**  
**"PETER HAUGHTON MEMORIAL"**

**Saturday, August 6, 2011—\$100,000A**  
**Estimated Total Purses—\$500,000**

Elimination Races: Friday, July 29.....\$ 20,000 G  
 FINAL: Saturday, August 6.....\$ 100,000 A  
 Nominating Fee: February 15.....\$ 300  
 Sustaining Payment: March 15.....\$ 500  
 Sustaining Payment: April 15.....\$ 1,500  
 Sustaining Payment: May 15.....\$ 2,000  
 Declaration Fee: Elimination Races.....\$ 2,500

**Event 43 – Pace – 2 Yr. Old Open**  
**"WOODROW WILSON"**

**Saturday, August 20, 2011—\$100,000A**  
**Estimated Total Purses—\$475,000**

Elimination Races: Saturday, August 13.....\$ 20,000 G  
 FINAL: Saturday, August 20.....\$ 100,000 A  
 Nominating Fee: February 15.....\$ 300  
 Sustaining Payment: March 15.....\$ 500  
 Sustaining Payment: April 15.....\$ 1,500  
 Sustaining Payment: May 15.....\$ 2,000  
 Declaration Fee: Elimination Races.....\$ 2,500

**Event 44 – Pace – Mares FFA**  
**"LADY LIBERTY"**

**Saturday, August 6, 2011—\$100,000A**  
**Estimated Total Purses—\$250,000**

Elimination Races: Saturday, July 30.....\$ 40,000 G  
 FINAL: Saturday, August 6.....\$ 100,000 A  
 Nominating Fee: February 15.....\$ 1,000  
 Sustaining Payment: March 15.....\$ 1,500  
 Sustaining Payment: April 15.....\$ 2,000  
 Sustaining Payment: May 15.....\$ 2,500  
 Declaration Fee: Elimination Races.....\$ 3,000

Event No.	Name of Horse	Color Sex/Age	Sire	Dam	Owner & Address

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## DREAM SEASON FOR SCARFF



cross as Somebeachsomewhere who is out of a Beach Towel mare and Mach Dreamer is out of a Jennas Beach Boy mare.

"I don't usually race too many aged horses. But I'm going to race Mach Dreamer, and I'm going to race Broadies Song because the trainers are high on both of them and we're hoping they improve off their three-year-old years. They both ended the season sound and fat and we're really pleased to have them finish up in that kind of condition.

"The training styles for both colts was to race them from behind as they have big closing brushes. That's easier on them.

"For Mach Dreamer, he shows last quarters in 25 seconds and change. I'm really interested to see what he will do if we race him in the open and the free for alls whether he improves much when he gets those real fast opening fractions. He

took a record of 1:49.1 which is a fifth of a second off the sires stakes record."

Broadies Song, a son of Camluck from Hawaiian Dancer, was lost in the shadow of his faster and richer stablemate, and would have been the top star in many stables. He compiled a 6-4-4 record in 22 starts and won in 1:50.1 at Mohawk.

"Broadies Song was just a difficult horse when he was on the farm, so we sent him to Rick (Zeron) to see if he could determine what the problem was and it worked out very well," Scarff said.

"He ended up qualifying him as a two-year-old (in 1:57.2 at Mohawk) and we turned him out right after the qualifier and he came back to be a good horse this year. He made more than \$180,000.

"Rick has changed his driving style. He used to be a driver who went to the front a lot, but now he's a driver who takes

his horses back. My horses last, they don't get broken down. I like his driving style."

Scarff has a broodmare band of about a dozen. He boards the mares and foals at two Ontario facilities.

"The horses are raised at two farms, Westwind Farm in Strathroy, Bobby and Terry Morley's facility, I've been dealing with them for about 15 years. And we have some with Mac Galbraith in Durham. They basically split the mares and both farms have done an excellent job.

"My goal years ago was to buy quality mares, race them and then breed them. I think I've built up a solid group. I have 12 broodmares and we breed to the best sires. I bred one to Deweycheatumhowe, two to Western Ideal, two to Mach Three and two to Camluck.

"The intention is to get all the foals into training and then sell some and keep



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#### #2) Tattersalls Pace 2011

*Foals of 2008 to Race in 2011*

##### PAYMENT DUE FOR EVENTS #1 & 2:

	OPEN	FILLY
February 15	\$1,000	\$500
March 15	\$1,500	\$750

#### #3) Bluegrass Series #36

*Foals of 2008 to Race in 2011*

##### PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR EVENT #3:

February 15	\$550
March 15	\$750
April 15	\$850

**\*Supplemental Payment due February 15      \$5,000**

\*Ineligible three year olds may be made eligible to the three year old events in 2011 by making the three-year-old supplemental nomination fee on February 15 of \$5,000 plus the March 15 and April 15 payments

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**\$175,000E Friday August 19**

##### PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR EVENTS #4 & 5:

February 15	\$500
March 15	\$750
April 15	\$1,000
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Declaration Fee	\$2,500

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some. We sell them privately. I don't think I've ever sold a horse that I raised at an auction.

"Right now, I have about 35 in all. That's on a tiered system. We have three two-year-olds, eight babies on the ground that will go into training next year and a dozen mares in foal. I had three other three-year-olds that raced in the (OSS) Grassroots, but I've sold two of them already.

"From eight three-year-olds from that crop, we had five race as three-year-olds on the pacing side and also one trotting filly. We had good luck from that crop."

From a high of eight three-year-olds racing in 2010, Scarff will only have three horses training this winter for their soph-

omore campaigns. before turning him out and bringing him back as a three-year-old. Freckly Sara was the same way. She didn't race as a two-year-old."

"He showed me quite a bit," Brethour said of Drain Daddy. "He had a couple of rough trips early, but I liked what I saw and we decided to quit with him."

Scarff admits it would be easier on the pocketbook to have less horses, but he has a firm grasp of the situation and is pleased with the relationships he's built with his trainers and the farms that raise his horses.

"I would like to have fewer horses," he said. "But the fact of the matter is two years ago we had eight broodmares and we only had three live foals from them.

"The breeders' awards are outstanding now," he said. "The Ontario Sires Stakes pays a bonus, and then there's the residential mares program. When you get a couple of good ones, that can mean a lot of money. Last year, I'd guess we probably picked up \$75,000 in breeders awards. That certainly helps pay some of the bills."

Scarff says he values loyalty and he generally tries to build long-lasting relationships with dependable partners.

"I try to have long-term relationships. In the training business sometimes that's hard, but I've been really fortunate with Murray. And he's been lucky by having me as an owner. He gets his bills paid in a hurry and he's had good horses and because I own them myself I'm not pushing them. If they're not ready to go,

**"That was the highlight of my 38-year involvement in the horse racing business. Having two in the (Ontario Sires Stakes Super) final and then winning it, that was pretty special."**

omore campaigns.

"A number of the mares didn't have live foals, so I only have a crop of three but one of them Murray thinks is the best he's ever trained, the colt called Drain Daddy, who is a full brother to Mach Dreamer.

"I also have a full brother to Kindly Poet and the other is a trotting filly out of a sister to the dam of Muscles Yankee. So we've got three nice three-year-olds coming and there are also three two-year-olds for next season."

Drain Daddy had five starts last year with only modest results, but his owner and trainer are both looking forward to his return to the races in 2011.

"We raced him a couple of times, but didn't think he was quite mature enough, so we turned him out," said Scarff.

"We have real high hopes for this colt. Mach Dreamer was so-so as a two-year-old. We didn't race him too much

Then the next year we had eight broodmares and had eight live foals. Then we retired a few and brought in some new ones and we're now up to 12 broodmares and got all 12 in foal. Next year there will be eight yearlings to break, but we'll sell some of them fairly quickly."

And coming off a sensational year, he has no plans to liquidate his stock.

"This is the first time I've ever made money in the horse business," he said. "All I want to do is break even, but we had a real good year, we were really fortunate. We had two colts who made the Super Final of the Ontario Sires Stakes, which is quite an accomplishment for a small breeder.

"I could use a Mach Dreamer every year."

And as the breeder, Scarff is enjoying added revenue from the breeder bonus programs.

they're not going.

"I take my time, so from his point of view if he says we have a nice two-year-old that should be better at three if we turn him out, then we turn him out."

Scarff also notes that while he likes to have a hand in selecting the horses he buys, he lets the racing professionals do their work.

"I look for conformation and pedigree," he said. "You buy them based on their potential and then you hope for the best. I look at them, but I don't do it on my own. I spend major money; I'm not afraid to buy \$100,000 yearlings, so I like to get the trainer to take a look, too."

He uses the same approach on the racing side. He likes to be consulted, but he lets the trainer make the final decision.

"Sometimes owners don't do that, they don't listen to the trainer," he said. "They'll want to keep going and they

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wind up breaking down the horses. I'm a car dealer.

"I don't tell Murray how to do his business. But he does call me to discuss what he's thinking of doing and he wants to know whether I'm in agreement with it. It's worked the same way with Rick. I don't interfere with the trainers."

"He's a real good owner," said Brethour, who oversees about 40 head at his home base in Sunderland. "He leaves most things up to me. He's very patient. We talk things over and come up with a mutual decision. We communicate, but he lets me make the decision."

Though he's been in the region more than 20 years, Scarff doesn't race any horses in the Maritimes. Though he doesn't entirely rule it out in the future, he says it's more likely he'll continue breeding and racing in Ontario. He shares an anecdote to illustrate why it can be difficult for businessmen to enjoy horse racing, particularly in a smaller community, where there are few secrets.

"It's the kind of business where peo-

ple can misread things," he said. "I was in the dealership one day and I overheard a lady complain about her bill. And she said 'Oh, Mr. Scarff is just overcharging so he can pay for his horses.' So I thought with that being said I'd prefer to keep a real low profile. Not many people even know I'm in the business. I just made a decision not to mix the racing business with my full time business."

Scarff says he's not aware of any of the ongoing discussions about the possible construction of a new oval somewhere in the Halifax Regional Municipality. But he says he'd welcome a new track and support it.

"If that came about, I would like to have some horses down here in training, just so I could enjoy them more."

Scarff doesn't profess to be an expert on the industry, but he's been around long enough to form opinions and he keeps abreast of developments in all jurisdictions. He's troubled by the uncertainty surrounding The Meadowlands, especially since he's made an investment in New Jer-

sey-bred horses.

"I bred two mares to Western Ideal, which is a \$15,000 stud fee in New Jersey and now I'm not sure if they're even going to be in business," he said. "I can't believe that it can't work at the Meadowlands, when it's right across the river from New York City. But the politicians seem to be putting all their focus on protecting Atlantic City, which has really declined in the last number of years. It's changed, but it's changed for the worse. Atlantic City just does not seem to be able to draw the people."

"I'm really concerned that politics is going to ruin The Meadowlands. The industry provides a tremendous amount of jobs to the economy. It's a good business, why would you ever want to let that go? Politicians often look at the money that goes into racing, but they also ignore the amount of spinoffs that are created."

With almost 40 years under his belt, Scarff has had a few horses that were more special than others over the years.

"One of my favourites was a horse called Arrochar Replica," he recalled. "We raced him in the early years of the OSS program and he set the two-year-old record with a mile in 2:01 at Kawartha."

The pacer went on to take a record of 1:55.1 at the Meadowlands in 1978 and earned more than \$260,000.

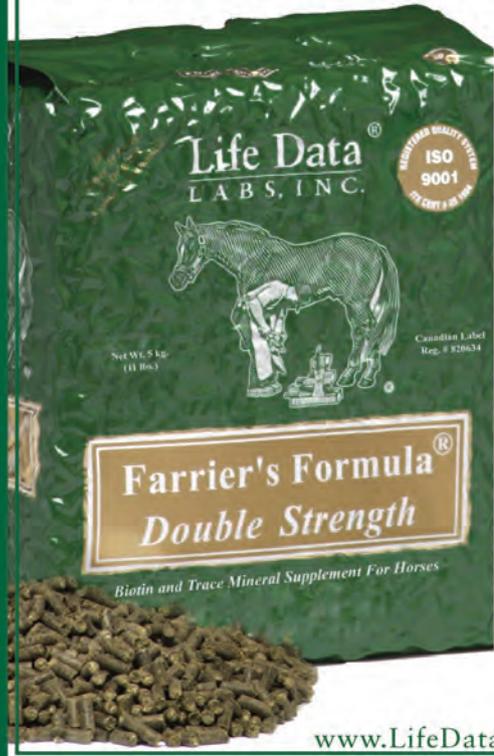
"Then there was Stormin Stephen, the horse I bought at the B.C. auction, who went on to become the first horse to break two minutes in Western Canada. He's also one that is definitely a favourite. I would say they were my two favourites and now Mach Dreamer is one as well."

Scarff has plenty to look forward to in 2011. Mach Dreamer and Broadies Song will return as aged pacers and Drain Daddy will be among the young horses to keep an eye on.

But it will be difficult to top the satisfaction and pride he felt sitting in the Woodbine grandstand on November 13 as two of his homebreds lined up behind the starting gate in the \$300,000 season-ender.

"When you're in this business for as long as I've been, to finally raise a champion was quite a thrill," he said. "That Super Final night was quite a night." 

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