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## 2024 New Jersey-Bred Stakes Winners



### **AMATTEROFTIME**

2024 Earnings \$91,567

Winner of Friendly Lover Handicap

Bred by New Farm.

Owned & trained by Silvino Ramirez.



### **BEL PENSIERO**

2024 Earnings \$114,250

Winner of the Pinot Grigio Handicap

Bred by ARM Consulting. Owned by Hudson

Stable, Let it Ride Equine Holdings & ARM Racing LLC. Trained by Anthony R. Margotta Jr.



### **BOOK'EM DANNO**

2024 Earnings \$807,500

Winner of the Gr. 1 Woody Stephens Stakes, Pasco Stakes and Jersey Shore Stakes

Bred by Gregory J. Kilka & Bright View Farm.

Owned by Atlantic Six Racing LLC.

Trained by Derek Ryan.



### **HE'SPUREGOLD**

2024 Earnings \$167,800

Winner of the Irish War Cry Handicap, Red Bank Stakes

Bred by John Bowers Jr.

Owned by Roseland Farm Stable.

Trained by Kelly J. Breen



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**J J Z O Z O**

2024 Earnings \$125,343  
Winner of Smoke Glacken Stakes

Bred by New Farm. Owned and trained by Jose Armando Garcia.



**MIA'S CRUSADE**

2024 Earnings \$122,200  
Winner of the Spruce Fir Handicap, Jersey Girl Handicap  
Bred by Dianne Boyken. Owned by Prancing Horse Farm LLC.  
Trained by Chuck Spina.



**RIDING PRETTY**

2024 Earnings \$134,180  
Winner of Smart N Classy Handicap, Eleven North Handicap  
Bred by Holly Crest Farm. Owned by Holly Crest Farm.  
Trained by Eddie Owens Jr.



**SEA STREAK**

2024 Earnings \$218,190  
Winner of the Long Branch Stakes, Charles J. Hesse III Handicap  
Bred by Holly Crest Farm. Owned by Holly Crest Farm.  
Trained by Eddie Owens Jr.

## 2025 Election Results

The Thoroughbred Breeders' Association of New Jersey has elected four directors to serve on the Board of Trustees. James Frangella, Charles Kromann, Anthony R. Margotta Jr., and Diane Simoncini began their terms Jan. 1, 2025.

James Frangella has been passionately involved in the Thoroughbred industry since the 1960s. He gained extensive experience in various roles, including walking hots, mucking

stalls, breaking yearlings, and foaling. James received his trainer's license in 1994 and currently trains ten horses, nine of which are proud New Jersey-breds. Additionally, he own four broodmares and a New Jersey-bred weanling sired by Mind Control, showcasing my commitment to enhancing the New Jersey-bred breeding program.

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**SMITHWICK'S SPICE**

**2024 Earnings \$273,775**  
**Winner of the Leinster Turf Dash Stakes, Select Stakes,  
Joey P. Handicap, Extravagant Kid Handicap**  
**Bred by New Spice Stable. Owned by New Spice Stable.**  
**Trained by Douglas Nunn.**

Charles Kromann assumed the lead role in Edgemont Farm, a nine-acre Thoroughbred breeding farm where his parents and he reside in Millstone Township. Since the mid-1980s, the family has built a legacy of New Jersey-breds through their breeding operation, foaling two New Jersey-breds annually. Charles is committed to finding new and innovative ways to bring NJ breeding back to the prominence that our industry and members deserve

Anthony Margotta Jr. has over 40 years experience with conditioning and training Thoroughbred race horses. He has won multiple Grade 1 stakes including the Whitney and Malibu. Anthony integrates all aspects of the horse in his training. He focuses on connecting and communicating with his horses, observing their body language, gallops, works, fitness, eating, rest, sleeping and demeanor. Anthony breeds New Jersey-bred horses under ARM Consulting and achieved success with his first foal, Bel Pensiero, who won the 2024 Pinot Grigio Handicap at Monmouth Park. ARM Consulting welcomed a 2024 foal by Army Mule out of The Girl Luvs Gold.

Diane Simoncini was the farm and breeding/foaling manager of Millie and Larry Flemings breeding farm in Clarksburg. She was responsible for the reproduction management of the mares, and foaling. Diane has owned a farm since in Allentown and has bred horses since 1987. Diane is passionate for the Thoroughbred horse especially in

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**SPEAKING**

**2024 Earnings \$63,420**  
**Winner of John J. Reilly Handicap**  
**Bred by Holly Crest Farm. Owned by Holly Crest Farm.**  
**Trained by Eddie Owens Jr.**



**STARSTRUCK NOTION**

**2024 Earnings \$162,623**  
**Winner of Maryland Million Turf Stakes**  
**Bred and owned by Kenneth R. Garcia. Trained by Patrick McBurney.**



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New Jersey.

"I hope to improve and continue the breeding programs in New Jersey, hope

for extended race meets and more races offered for NJ bred." Diane believes her experiences as a breeder, race horse owner, veterinarian, and racetrack

veterinarian can contribute a fresh viewpoint for the betterment of the breeding and racing program in New Jersey.

## The 2025 Horse Management Seminar: Live! – “Emergencies, Pasture, and Pain... Oh My!”

The New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, Department of Animal Sciences, and the Equine Science Center have come together for what they hope is another spectacular seminar. The daylong event will be hosted on Saturday, Feb. 1, at the Cook Student Center on the Rutgers University campus.

Presentations include “**Emergency Preparedness: Many Teams. . . One Mission**” by Eric H. Martin, Operations & Training Officer – Middlesex County Office of Emergency Management; “Small Farm Pasture Management” by Laura Kenny, Penn State Cooperative Extension; “Evaluating Pain in Horses” and a follow-up, “Evaluating Pain in Horses while Riding” by Dr. Kris Hiney, Oklahoma State University; “Basic Saddle Fitting to Reduce Pain in Horses” by Beth Rera, Master Saddle Fitter, Journeyman Farm; and “Health & Management of US Senior Horses” by Dr. Alisa Herbst, Rutgers University. Registration is now live at: <https://go.rutgers.edu/2025HMSLiveReg>

### The 2025 Horse Management Seminar: Webinar Series! – “Pasture, Nutrition, and Pain. . . Oh My!”

With a full list of speakers from across the U.S. we are looking forward to another great webinar series. Join us for “**Farm Management**” on Feb. 11; “**Nutrition**” on Feb. 18; “**Horse Health & Welfare**” on Feb. 25. More details, as well as the registration portal, will go live within the next few weeks. Each of the evening webinars will begin at 6:30 and end at 8:30 PM EST. Register for one, or all three of these free webinars at: <https://go.rutgers.edu/2025VirtualHMSReg>

### Rutgers Equine Nutrition Course, Spring 2025

Rutgers Equine Nutrition will be taught online in two formats for the Spring 2025 semester. This 14-week program is an undergraduate course that is now offered in two different formats to horse owners, trainers, feed sales representatives, or anyone interested in the topic. Each format comes with a different course workload, level of required interaction, completion documentation, and registration fee. Classes began on Jan. 21 and continue through May.

To earn a Certificate of Completion: Students are expected to be fully engaged each week during the course, submit

assignments, complete readings, watch videos, participate in discussions, and complete a final project. If you receive an 80 percent or more in the class along with the Certificate, you will also receive continuing education units (3.6 CEUs) rather than undergraduate college credits.

To earn a Certificate of Course Participation: Course completion will be based on automatically graded quizzes and self-paced practice assignments but has no deadlines or instructor interaction. For more details, go to <https://cpe.rutgers.edu/equine-nutrition>.

**THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY**

**Membership Application**

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Owner      An owner member shall be a person who owns a registered New Jersey- bred; who submits an application for membership, and pays the membership dues. An owner member will not have voting rights.

Associate      An associate member is a person who is interested in owning, breeding, or racing horses in the State of New Jersey or in fostering economic activity through the breeding, ownership and/or racing of horses in the State of New Jersey. An associate member will not have voting rights.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Membership Dues**

A check or money order for \$100.00 must accompany this form. Spouses are encouraged to join the TBANJ under joint membership status. This fee would total \$150.00 per couple. Each spouse must fill out a separate form to accompany the payment. Membership will be effective upon receipt and will be in force each calendar year and must be renewed annually.

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