



Endeavor Monthly

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Keeneland September yearling preview: filly edition

It's August now, which for us means that we are in full sales prep mode getting yearlings ready for the auction ring this fall. We have a good, solid group of horses that we are prepping this year. It never gets old watching these young horses blossom as they learn a new routine; daily exercise, bathing, grooming, hand walking, and an increased nutrition platform help these horses develop their full potential as they continue to grow and mature. This month we will preview the fillies that are being prepped here at the farm, be sure to check back next month when we will be taking a look at the colts.

Photo: Lone Star Park



Two Endeavor foaled horses shine in debuts

Two juveniles, both foaled here at the farm, and both owned and bred by Jerry Durant, won first ask in maiden special weight races at Lone Star Park. The first, U S Officer (U S Ranger – Lacey Officer) won by 3 lengths back on May 30th for trainer Danny Pish, marking his 2000th career victory. Congrats! The colt, co-owned by Bill Jordan, has since ran back in the Bashford Manor Stakes (Gr. III) at Churchill, finishing eighth. The other horse, Empire Strikes (Smart Strike – Empressive Lady) drew off for a 5 1/2 length victory on July 10th for trainer Steve Asmussen. What a great way to begin both of these two 2-year-olds' careers. Great job by all of the connections involved and best of luck with these 2 horses moving forward.



Munnings – First Lady Blue



Liaison – Lady Giacamo



Flatter – Making Mark Money



Uncle Mo – Faith In Me



Violence – So Spirited



Warrior's Reward – Tapit Lightly



Employee Spotlight

Mark Tsagalakis

Farm Partner

Over the course of the next several months, we will be profiling each farm employee to give you a chance to get to know us a little better.

For over thirty years, Mark Tsagalakis has worked and participated in the Thoroughbred industry. The last twenty-five years he has done so as an owner, breeder, and trainer.

A graduate of the University of Southern California, Mark learned his craft working for and with veteran trainer and farm manager Jack Evenson and trainer Lou Carno.

Soon after taking out his trainer's license, Mark met, learned, and worked alongside his mentor, trainer Steve Whitby, an excellent horseman with a tremendous wealth of knowledge in the Thoroughbred business. Steve worked for and learned under Mr. Louis Feustel, trainer of the mighty Man O' War.

2015 was an extremely successful year for Mark, making the most of his small stable with 3 wins from 3 starts. You don't have to be very good at math to figure out that's a 100% win percentage! Those 3 wins consisted of an allowance optional claimer and the Siren Lure Stakes with his homebred Oliver's Tale as well as a Grade III victory in the San Simeon Stakes with Get Happy Mister. So far in 2016 Mark is 1 for 2 with a debut victory by his homebred filly Meadow Blossom.

Mark resides in California with his wife and daughter.

Photo: Palmer Photography



Black type for Dedicated to You

Dedicated To You (Purim – One For You) ran 2nd in a great effort in the Mt. Rainier stakes at Emerald Downs on July 17th. A huge congratulations to owner and breeder Barbara Ratcliff's Coal Creek Farm. The 4-year-old gelding is pictured above breaking his maiden last summer. Can't wait to see his next start!