

TONY ALAGNA**Born: 6/8/1972 – Birthplace: Champaign, IL – Resides: Howell, NJ****Breeders Crown trophies: 6.**

- * Won three Breeders Crown finals in 2019 at Woodbine Mohawk Park, joining Jimmy Takter, Ron Burke, and Bob McIntosh as the only trainers to win three or more trophies in a year. Alagna's victories were with Ramona Hill in the 2-year-old filly trot, Reflect With Me in the 2-year-old filly pace, and American History in the Open Pace.
- * Prior triumphs were with 2-year-old male pacer Stay Hungry in 2017, 3-year-old male pacer Racing Hill in 2016, and 3-year-old male pacer Captaintreacherous in 2013.
- * Captaintreacherous was Pacer of the Year in 2012 and 2013.
- * Stable set career highs for wins with 212 and purses with \$7.97 million in 2021.
- * Ranks No. 2 among all trainers in North America in purses in 2022 with more than \$7.54 million, trailing only perennial leader Ron Burke.
- * Top win this year came with Slay in the Canadian Trotting Classic on Sept. 24 at Woodbine Mohawk Park.
- * Has won more than 1,900 race and \$64 million in purses lifetime.
- * Ranks in the Top 10 in purses among all trainers since 1992.
- * Followed his mom, Donna Lee, into the sport. He had a pony at the age of 3, was reading up on pedigrees at 9, and solely responsible for his first horse at 10. Soon after graduating from high school, Alagna was assisting his mom with her stable.
- * Spent six years as the top assistant to trainer Erv Miller, where he worked with Breeders Crown champions Lis Mara and Shark Gesture.

TRAVIS ALEXANDER**Born: 2/15/1979 – Birthplace: Lansing, MI – Resides: Middletown, NY**

- * Has appeared in six Breeders Crown finals with a best finish of second with 2-year-old male pacer Western Cyclone in 2005.
- * Set career highs for wins with 131 and purses with \$3.1 million so far in 2022.
- * Has won more than 600 races and earned \$11 million in purses lifetime.
- * Top victory this year came with Pleaseletmeknow in the MGM Grand Messenger Stakes on July 1 at Yonkers Raceway.
- * Assisted by his wife Alaina.

JOHN BAX

Born: 11/16/1954 – Birthplace: Ontario – Resides: Campbellville, Ontario

O'Brien Award Trainer of the Year: 2001.

Breeders Crown trophies: 1

- * Won a Breeders Crown with 2-year-old male trotter Duke Of York in 2001. Duke Of York received the O'Brien Award that year as Canada's best 2-year-old male trotter.
- * Has focused on training trotters since the 1990s.
- * Past stars included Goodtimes, who was inducted into the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame in 2004.
- * Stable enjoying a career best year with more than C\$1.84 million in purses.
- * Has won more than 900 races and C\$26 million lifetime.
- * Top win this year came with Righteous Resolve in the Peaceful Way on Aug. 27 at Woodbine Mohawk Park.
- * Was a 2022 finalist for the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame in the Standardbred Trainer category, with Jack Darling and Dr. Ian Moore. Darling was elected.
- * Assisted by his son Matt.

LUC BLAIS

Born: 2/21/1962 – Birthplace: Quebec – Resides: Campbellville, Ontario

Breeders Crown trophies: 4.

- * Got his first Breeders Crown in 2012 with 3-year-old male trotter Intimidate, a horse he co-owned.
- * Next two trophies came with older female trotter Emoticon Hanover, in 2017 and 2018.
- * Most recent title came in 2020 with 2-year-old male trotter On A Streak.
- * Intimidate, Emoticon Hanover, and On A Streak all were O'Brien Award winners.
- * In addition to her two trophies, Emoticon Hanover twice finished second in Breeders Crown finals. She appeared in five finals during her career.
- * Blais-trained Forbidden Trade won the 2019 Hambletonian and was named Canada's Horse of the Year.
- * Top win this year came with Mischevious Rose in Ontario Sire Stakes final on Oct. 15 at Woodbine Mohawk Park.
- * Stable has surpassed C\$2 million in purses each of the past six years.
- * Has won more than 1,100 races and C\$24 million in purses lifetime.
- * Received the 2021 O'Brien Award of Horsemanship.
- * Got hooked on racing at an early age, watching his father, a salesman, race his own horses on the Quebec fair circuit.
- * Spent time in banking and construction before getting involved fulltime in racing.
- * Worked for several stables, including Canadian Hall of Famer Yves Filion's Bayama Farms, before going on his own. He now trains for information-technology mogul Serge Godin's Determination stable.

JENNIFER BONGIORNO**Born: 2/27/1990 – Birthplace: Red Bank, NJ – Resides: Alpine, NJ**

- * Debuted in the Breeders Crown in 2021 with two finalists.
- * Stable set career highs with 271 wins and \$5.08 million in 2021.
- * Got lifetime victory 1,000 on Sept. 22 at Yonkers Raceway.
- * Has more than \$17 million in purses lifetime.
- * Top Grand Circuit win this year came with Brave By Design in the Dexter Cup on May 7 at Freehold Raceway.
- * Sister of driver Joe Bongiorno, who won a Breeders Crown in 2019.

BRIAN BROWN**Born: 9/27/1964 – Birthplace: Upper Sandusky, OH – Resides: Ostrander, OH****Dan Patch Award Trainer of the Year: 2017.****Breeders Crown trophies: 2.**

- * Won his first Breeders Crown with Color's A Virgin in the 2015 Mare Pace.
- * Got his second trophy with 3-year-old filly pacer Blazin Britches in 2017.
- * Stable has surpassed \$2 million in purses eight of the last nine years, including 2022. He missed by less than \$6,000 in 2020.
- * Top win this year came with Confederate in a Kentucky Championship Series final on Sept. 18 at the Red Mile.
- * Has more than 1,800 wins and \$32 million in purses lifetime.
- * Spent his childhood summers watching his father Robert H. Brown and uncle William Brown campaign horses around Ohio.
- * Fulfilled his dream to become a driver in 1981 at the age of 16 and won nearly 250 races over the ensuing decade but turned his attention to training in the early 1990s.
- * Based at the Delaware County Fairgrounds in central Ohio, where he operates a stable with assistance from his wife Jennifer and other family members.

RON BURKE**Born: 10/16/1969 – Birthplace: Washington, PA – Resides: Canonsburg, PA****Hall of Fame:** Class of 2022.**Dan Patch Award Trainer of the Year:** 2018, 2013, 2011.**Breeders Crown trophies:** 18.

* Inducted into the U.S. Harness Racing Hall of Fame in July, with trainer George Teague Jr. and driver Yannick Gingras, as well as trainer-driver Chris Boring.

* Leads active trainers in Breeders Crown trophies with 18.

* Ranks second overall behind Jimmy Takter's 34 wins in finals.

* Most recent Crown came in 2020 with 2-year-old male pacer Summa Cum Laude, who won in a dead heat with Perfect Sting. It was the first dead heat for win in Crown history.

* Has won multiple trophies in a year on five occasions, including three in both 2018 and 2017. Jimmy Takter is the only other trainer to win at least three trophies in multiple years, which he accomplished six times.

* In 2009, Burke got his first trophies with Buck I St Pat in the Mare Trot and Won The West in the Open Pace. His next two Crowns came with the same horses the following year.

* Among his other Breeders Crown champions were 2017 Horse of the Year Hannelore Hanover, who beat the boys in that season's Open Trot, and Foiled Again, the sport's all-time leading money-winner with \$7.63 million who won the 2013 Open Pace.

* Took over the family's training stable from his father Mickey, the 2006 Trainer of the Year, in late 2008.

* On his way to leading all North American trainers in both wins and purses for the 14th consecutive year.

* Top win this year came with Bythemissal in the Little Brown Jug on Sept. 22 at the Delaware County (Ohio) Fairgrounds.

* Got career win 13,000 on Sept. 4 at Northfield Park. Has more than 13,100 victories lifetime, the most for a trainer in history. No trainer is within 6,000 wins of Burke's total.

* Also holds the record for purses, with \$291 million lifetime. No trainer is within \$150 million of Burke's total.

JIM CAMPBELL

Born: 3/9/1962 – Birthplace: London, Ontario – Resides: Howell, NJ

Breeders Crown trophies: 6.

- * Won his first Breeders Crown in 1998 with 3-year-old female pacer Galleria.
- * Two-year-old male trotter Broadway Hall gave Campbell his second trophy in 2002 and 3-year-old female trotter Broadway Schooner followed in 2009. Broadway Donna, a daughter of Broadway Schooner, also won at age 3 in 2016.
- * Won two trophies in 2020 with 3-year-old female trotter Next Level Stuff and with 3-year-old male pacer Sandbetweenmytoes, who won at odds of nearly 204-1 in the biggest upset in Breeders Crown history. Sandbetweenmytoes' dam was Galleria.
- * Galleria, Broadway Hall, Broadway Schooner, and Broadway Donna all were Dan Patch Award winners.
- * Top wins this year came with Cool Papa Bell in the Hambletonian and Fashion Schooner in the Hambletonian Oaks on Aug. 6 at the Meadowlands. He joined Jimmy Takter (twice) and Jan Johnson as the only trainers to sweep the two races in the same year.
- * Has won more than 1,400 races and \$52 million in purses lifetime.
- * Ranks No. 14 among all North American trainers in purses since 1992.
- * Followed his father, Jack, and grandfather, Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Famer Dunc Campbell, into harness racing.
- * His brother John became the president/CEO of the Hambletonian Society in 2017 following a Hall of Fame driving career. John holds the record for Breeders Crown trophies with 48.

DOMENICO CECERE

Born: 6/23/1981 – Birthplace: Locorotondo, Italy – Resides: Enfield, CT

- * Debuted in the Breeders Crown in 2018.
- * Won eliminations in 2021 with 2-year-old filly trotter Raised By Lindy (second in the final) and 2-year-old male trotter Branded By Lindy (third in the final).
- * Trainer for Lindy Farms and its various racing stables.
- * Stable has already set a career high with more than \$1.7 million in purses.
- * Top win this year came with Winner's Bet in the William Wellwood Memorial on Aug. 27 at Woodbine Mohawk Park.
- * Has won more than 270 races and \$6.3 million lifetime.
- * Was introduced to horses at an early age and got his first racehorse at the age of 14.
- * Moved from Italy to the U.S. in 2007.

ALEK CHARTRAND

Born: 9/6/1984 – Birthplace: Sudbury, Ontario – Resides: Saratoga Springs, NY

- * Making his Breeders Crown debut.
- * Set career highs as a driver for wins with 71 and purses with nearly \$800,000 in 2021.
- * Also established career highs with 39 wins and more than \$460,000 in purses as a trainer in 2021.
- * Now shares training duties with his wife Erica to focus more on driving. They have combined for nearly 50 wins and earned more than \$500,000 in purses this year.
- * Top win this year came with Blue Hunt on the New York Sire Stakes circuit.
- * Both Alek and Erica worked with stables on the Grand Circuit before getting married and starting their own stable.

NOEL DALEY

Born: 12/18/1961 – Birthplace: Mount Isa, Australia – Resides: Chesterfield, NJ

Breeders Crown trophies: 4.

- * Won his first Breeders Crown with 3-year-old male trotter Mr Muscleman in 2003.
- * Mr Muscleman was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2017.
- * Most recent came with 3-year-old female trotter Cedar Dove in 2011.
- * Stable also won three trophies with My Little Dragon, with Daley listed as the trainer for one of the triumphs.
- * Has surpassed \$3 million in purses this year.
- * Top win this year came with Pebble Beach in the North America Cup on June 18 at Woodbine Mohawk Park.
- * Daley's stable hosted Bulldog Hanover for trainer Jack Darling for his monthlong stay in New Jersey in July, which included his world-record 1:45.4 victory in the William R. Houghton Memorial at the Meadowlands.
- * Has won more than 2,700 races and \$67 million in purses lifetime.
- * Ranks No. 6 among all North American trainers in purses since 1992.
- * At the end of the 2018 season, Daley returned to Australia to train horses but decided the change of scenery wasn't for him and came back to the U.S. in the fall of 2019.
- * Worked for an airline before making his name in harness racing.

JACK DARLING

Born: 2/3/1953 – Birthplace: Exeter, Ontario – Resides: Cambridge, Ontario

Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame: Class of 2022.

O'Brien Award Trainer of the Year: 1996.

- * Elected to the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame on Oct. 5.
- * Best Breeders Crown finish came in 1996 when 2-year-old male pacer Gothic Dream finished second.
- * Stable star Bulldog Hanover is the No. 1-ranked horse in harness racing.
- * Bulldog Hanover became the fastest Standardbred in history when he won the William R. Haughton Memorial in 1:45.4 on July 16 at the Meadowlands.
- * Stable has won more than 1,000 races and earned C\$22 million in purses lifetime.
- * Focused on overnight horses for the first two decades of his career before getting involved in the yearling business.
- * Known for his fundraising efforts on behalf of racing-related causes.
- * Was the 2015 recipient of the Lloyd Chisholm Memorial Award, presented by the Standardbred Breeders of Ontario.
- * Received the 2014 Unsung Hero Award and Good Guy Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association.

DAVE DEWHURST

Born: 11/26/1966 – Birthplace: New Hartford, NY – Resides: Clinton, NY

- * Has appeared in two Breeders Crown finals with a best finish of fourth, which came with Racine Bell in the 2021 Mare Pace.
- * Breeders Crown debut came in 1997 with 3-year-old male trotter Speedy Lad.
- * Stable has already set a career high in purses this year with more than \$900,000.
- * Top win this year came with Racine Bell in the Perfect Sting Mare Pace on July 2 at the Meadowlands.
- * Has won nearly 2,300 races and \$12 million in purses lifetime.
- * Captured multiple training titles at Vernon Downs.

NIK DRENNAN

Born: 10/9/1982 – Birthplace: Burlington, Ontario – Resides: Allentown, NJ

- * Has appeared in four Breeders Crown finals with a best finish of fourth (twice).
- * Stable has won more than 350 races and \$7 million purses lifetime.
- * Top win this year came with Two Pistol Annie in a New Jersey Classic Series 'A' final on Sept. 16 at the Meadowlands.
- * Finished second to Test Of Faith with Mikala in the Milton Stakes on Sept. 17 at Woodbine Mohawk Park.
- * Worked with his father John for five years after getting out of high school before moving to New Jersey.
- * John finished second to Earl with Royal Ballad in the 1993 Open Trot in his only Breeders Crown final appearance.

ROBERT FELLOWS

Born: 8/27/1962 – Birthplace: Ontario – Resides: Rockwood, Ontario

- * Has appeared in six Breeders Crown finals, with a best finish of third with 3-year-old filly trotter Sturdy Lori in 2002.
- * Stable has topped C\$1 million in purses for the third consecutive year and 10th time overall.
- * Top Grand Circuit win this year came with Logan Park in a leg of the Graduate Series on June 3 at Woodbine Mohawk Park.
- * Has won more than 1,500 races and C\$24 million in purses lifetime.

DENIS GUERIEL

Born: 1963 – Birthplace: Quebec – Resides: Dunham, Quebec

- * Made his Breeders Crown debut in 2021 with 3-year-old filly trotter Amazone Duhas, who finished fifth in her elimination and eighth in the final.
- * Has won nearly 100 races and earned C\$1.1 million in purses lifetime.

MARK HARDER

Born: 11/12/1961 – Birthplace: Wellington, New Zealand – Resides: Freehold, NJ

Breeders Crown trophies: 1.

- * Won his Breeders Crown in 2018 with 3-year-old filly trotter Lily Stride.
- * Stable has surpassed \$1 million in purses every year since its first full season in 2001.
- * Top win this year came with The Gruffalo in the New York Sire Stakes championship on Sept. 10 at Tioga Downs.
- * Has won more than 2,100 races and \$49 million in purses lifetime.
- * Ranks in the Top 20 among all North American trainers in career purses.
- * Grew up in New Zealand, where his parents owned a kiwi and avocado orchard.
- * Thought he would go to college to earn a degree in agriculture, but instead got the horse bug and started working with horses after finishing high school.

JAY HOCHSTETLER

Born: 12/29/1992 – Birthplace: Downers Grove, IL – Resides: Greenfield, IN

- * Making his Breeders Crown debut.
- * His mom Connie bred trotter Kadabra, who won a Breeders Crown in 2002 at age 3 and was inducted into the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame in 2012 for his career as a racehorse and stallion.
- * In his second full season training his own stable.
- * Has won 39 races and \$820,000 in purses this year after posting 28 victories and nearly \$550,000 in purses in 2021.
- * Top win this year came with Ponda Warrior in the Indiana Sire Stakes championship on Oct. 14 at Harrah's Hoosier Park.
- * Was the 2009 Illinois Amateur Driver of the Year.
- * His father Homer has won more than 1,900 races and \$21 million in purses as a trainer.
- * Grandfather Doug Ackerman won a Breeders Crown in 2005 with 2-year-old male trotter Chocolatier and is a member of the U.S. Harness Racing Hall of Fame.

JOE HOLLOWAY

Born: 9/17/1956 – Birthplace: Wilmington, DE – Resides: Freehold, NJ

Hall of Fame: Class of 2019.

Dan Patch Award Trainer of the Year: 1995.

Breeders Crown trophies: 9.

- * Tied for sixth for most Breeders Crown trophies in history.
- * Won a Breeders Crown in 2021 with 3-year-old male pacer Perfect Sting.
- * Perfect Sting also won a Crown in 2020 at age 2 in a dead heat with Summa Cum Laude. It was the first dead heat for win in Breeders Crown history.
- * First three Crown trophies came with Jenna's Beach Boy, who was victorious in 1994, 1995 and 1996. Jenna's Beach Boy is the only male pacer in history to win more than two Breeders Crown finals and the only pacer to win three in a row.
- * Jenna's Beach Boy was Pacer of the Year in 1995 and 1996.
- * Remaining Crown victories came with pacing mare She's A Great Lady in 1996, 2-year-old male pacer Badlands Hanover in 1998, 2-year-old filly pacer Lady MacBeach in 2000, and 3-year-old filly pacer Divine Caroline in 2015.
- * Has won more than 1,000 races and \$36 million in purses lifetime.
- * Started in the sport as a caretaker when he was an altar boy, assisting a local priest who had taken up harness racing.
- * Graduated from the University of Delaware in 1978 with a degree in animal science. He turned his attention, though, to harness racing and began his career racing at Brandywine.
- * Prior to starting his own stable in 1988, he teamed with David Rovine for one of the top stables at the Meadowlands.

DUSTIN JONES

Born: 7/31/1961 – Birthplace: Sherbrooke, Quebec – Resides: Waterdown, Ontario

Breeders Crown trophies: 2

- * Won his first Breeders Crown in 2010 with 2-year-old filly trotter Martiniontherocks.
- * Added his second trophy in 2012 with 2-year-old male trotter Wheeling N Dealin.
- * Wheeling N Dealin was an O'Brien Award winner.
- * Other past stars included 1994 Canadian Horse of the Year Emilie Cas El.
- * Top win this year came with Tactical Planner, driven by his son Tyler, in the Pure Ivory on Aug. 4 at Woodbine Mohawk Park.
- * Has won more than 1,000 races and C\$20 million in training purses lifetime.
- * Won more than 800 races and C\$10 million in purses as a driver.
- * His son Tyler began driving in 2016 and has won more than 160 races, with career highs of 42 victories and C\$866,000 in purses in 2022.

DON LINDSEY**Born: 1980 – Resides: Fergus, Ontario**

- * Has appeared in one Breeders Crown final, finishing ninth with Alexie Mattosie in the 2011 Open Pace.
- * Stable has set a career best for purses in 2022 with more than C\$550,000.
- * Has won more than 500 races and earned C\$5 million in purses lifetime.
- * Top triumph this year came with Gia's Surreal in the Forest City Pace on May 27 at Western Fair.

ANETTE LORENTZON**Born: 5/24/1983 – Birthplace: Vanjo, Sweden – Resides: Paris, KY**

- * Looking for her first Breeders Crown. Has made nine previous starts in the finals with a best finish of third with 2-year-old filly trotter Adelaide Hall in 2006. Adelaide Hall was an elimination winner.
- * Also won an elimination in the 2018 Open Trot with Guardian Angel AS, who was fourth in the final.
- * Guardian Angel AS won the 2019 Maple Leaf Trot at Woodbine Mohawk Park and earned more than \$1.5 million lifetime.
- * Stable has surpassed \$2 million for the fifth time in six years.
- * Top win this year came with Quick Stop in the New Jersey Classic Series 'A' final on Sept. 16 at the Meadowlands.
- * Has won more than 1,300 races and earned more than \$24 million in purses lifetime.
- * Prior to starting her own stable, Lorentzon worked briefly for trainer Jimmy Takter and later for Trond Smedshammer when she arrived in the U.S. from Sweden. She trains now mainly for her family's ACL Stuteri AB stable.
- * She is assisted by her sister, Anna.

SCOTT McENENY**Born: 9/7/1963 – Birthplace: Hamilton, Ontario – Resides: Puslinch, Ontario****Breeders Crown trophies: 1**

- * Got his Breeders Crown win with 2-year-old male pacer Bettor's Delight in 2000. Bettor's Delight went on to claim divisional O'Brien and Dan Patch awards.
- * Bettor's Delight was Canada's Horse of the Year in 2001. He was inducted into the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame in 2007 and the U.S. Hall of Fame in 2013.
- * Stable has won more than 600 races and earned \$18 million in purses lifetime.
- * Top victory this year came with Twin B Archie in the Simcoe Stakes on Sept. 3 at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

GREGG McNAIR**Born: 5/2/1961 – Birthplace: Walkerton, Ontario – Resides: Guelph, Ontario**

- * Seeking his first Breeders Crown trophy.
- * Top win this year came with Sounds Good, driven by son Doug, in the Battle of Waterloo on Aug.1 at Grand River Raceway. It was the McNairs' fifth victory in the event, giving Doug the record for a driver and pulling Gregg within one of the record for a trainer.
- * Has won more than 2,500 races and C\$55 million in purses lifetime.
- * Ranks in the Top 20 in purses among all trainers since 1992.
- * Stable has surpassed C\$1 million in purses for 27 consecutive years including 2022.
- * Captured his fifth Johnston Cup in 2021 as top trainer in the Ontario Sire Stakes.
- * Worked for Canadian Hall of Fame horseman William "Bud" Fritz before venturing out on his own.
- * Wife Susie received the 2021 Outstanding Groom Award at the O'Brien Awards.

MARCUS MELANDER**Born: 7/1/1992 – Birthplace: Sweden – Resides: New Egypt, NJ****Dan Patch Award Trainer of the Year: 2019.****Breeders Crown trophies: 4.**

- * Won the Breeders Crown 2-year-old filly trot in 2021 with Joviality S.
- * Captured three Breeders Crown trophies with male trotter Gimpanzee in 2018, 2019, and 2020. He joined Mack Lobell as the only male trotters to win finals at ages 2, 3, and 4.
- * Gimpanzee was the 2020 Trotter of the Year and runner-up to stablemate Greenshoe for Trotter of the Year in 2019. Was a Dan Patch Award divisional winner in 2018.
- * Melander was voted 2019 Trainer of the Year by the U.S. Harness Writers Association. He is the youngest trainer to ever receive the award.
- * Received the 2018 Rising Star Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association.
- * Top win this year came with Oh Well in the Mohawk Million on Sept. 24 at Woodbine Mohawk Park.
- * Stable has topped \$4.6 million this year, its second-best total behind \$5.3 million in 2019.
- * Melander has won more than 420 races and \$22 million lifetime.
- * At age 19, he won Sweden's equivalent to the U.S. Harness Writers Association's Rising Star Award.
- * Younger brother Mattias assists with training and drives occasionally. His sister Mikaela also assists and is a caretaker.
- * Nephew of Stefan Melander, who trained and drove Scarlet Knight to victory in the 2001 Hambletonian.
- * Worked in Sweden for his uncle. After moving to the U.S., he worked for Jimmy Takter, who is the winningest trainer in Breeders Crown history.

ERV MILLER**Born: 12/11/1966 – Birthplace: Arthur, IL – Resides: Wind Gap, PA****Dan Patch Award Trainer of the Year: 2005****Breeders Crown trophies: 5.**

- * Got his first trophy in 2004 with 2-year-old female pacer Restive Hanover, who was driven by his brother, Andy.
- * His most recent came in 2016 with 2-year-old female pacer Someomensomewhere, who was driven by his son, Marcus. He is the only trainer in history to win a Breeders Crown with each a brother and son.
- * Won two Crowns in 2006, with Lis Mara in the Breeders Crown Open Pace and with 3-year-old male pacer Shark Gesture.
- * Remaining trophy came with 2-year-old male trotter Manofmanymissions in 2010.
- * Stable has ranked among the Top 10 in purses for 18 of the last 19 years including 2022.
- * Within \$300,000 of \$100 million in career purses.
- * Ranks third among North American trainers in purses since 1992.
- * Has won more than 6,100 races lifetime, ranking No. 4 in history.
- * His son Marcus was the 2016 Rising Star Award winner and has more than 4,200 victories as a driver.
- * His daughter Hannah was the Amateur Driver of the Year in 2015 and 2016.
- * Miller grew up in an Amish community and was used to being around horses but was unfamiliar with harness racing. He saw his first race at a county fair and was hooked when he won his first matinee race at the age of 16.

JULIE MILLER**Born: 11/20/1972 – Birthplace: Iowa City, Iowa – Resides: Millstone Township, NJ****Breeders Crown trophies: 1.**

- * Won the 2009 Breeders Crown Open Trot with Lucky Jim. Her husband, Andy, drove Lucky Jim, who was named a Dan Patch Award divisional champion.
- * Has finished second in a Breeders Crown final on five occasions.
- * Stable has earned more than \$2 million for 14 consecutive years, including 2022.
- * Top Grand Circuit win this year came with Max Contract in the Mistletoe Shalee on July 16 at the Meadowlands.
- * Has won more than 2,200 races and \$50 million in purses lifetime.
- * Ranks in the Top 20 for purses among all trainers since 1992.
- * In 2017, she was inducted into the Iowa Harness Racing Hall of Fame, where she joined her father, Owen Julius.
- * Her family raced at the Iowa county fairs. Graduated from Southern Illinois University with a science degree but turned her attention to racing.
- * After beginning her career in Illinois, Miller moved with her husband Andy to the East Coast and became a top trainer at the Meadowlands and on the Grand Circuit.
- * Son Tyler started driving in 2018 and is approaching 200 career wins.

CHANTAL MITCHELL

Born: 1987 – Birthplace: Lincroft, NJ – Resides: Waterdown, Ontario

- * Has appeared in one Breeders Crown final, finishing sixth with 2-year-old filly pacer Alicorn, who was an O'Brien Award winner.
- * Stable has won more than 280 races and earned \$4 million lifetime.
- * In 2021 became one of only four female trainers to crack the WEG Top 10 for wins in the last 20 years.
- * Moved from New Jersey to Quebec when she was 11.
- * Her mom Sheelagh worked with hunter/jumpers and her father Bob was a trainer, but saw his career cut short by an injury.

IAN MOORE

Born: 1/14/1954 – Birthplace: England – Resides: Cambridge, Ontario

Breeders Crown trophies: 1

- * Won his Breeders Crown with Century Farroh in the 2020 Open Pace.
- * Twice finished second in finals with male pacer Shadow Play, 2008 and 2009.
- * Shadow Play, winner of the 2008 Little Brown Jug, was elected to the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame on Oct. 5.
- * Has won more than 660 races and earned C\$19 million in purses lifetime.
- * Top win this year came with Stockade Seelster in the Metro Pace on Sept. 24 on Woodbine Mohawk Park.
- * Received the O'Brien Award of Horsemanship in 2015.
- * Was a 2022 finalist for the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame in the Standardbred Trainer category, with Jack Darling and John Bax. Darling was elected.
- * Came to Canada from England at the age of 4.
- * Parents had no involvement in racing. Was introduced to the sport while in school on Prince Edward Island by a janitor who had a stable of horses.

RICHARD MOREAU**Born: 10/29/1964 – Birthplace: Montreal – Resides: Puslinch, Ontario****O'Brien Award Trainer of the Year: 2013 through 2021.**

- * Has appeared in five Breeders Crown finals with a best finish of second with Sandbetweenurtoes in the 2015 Mare Pace. She was beaten by a nose by Color's A Virgin at Woodbine Racetrack.
- * Top Grand Circuit win this year came with Jimmy Freight in the Camluck Classic on May 27 at Western Fair Raceway.
- * Jimmy Freight was an O'Brien Award winner in 2018.
- * Has won more than 6,600 races and C\$69 million in purses lifetime.
- * Ranks No. 3 all time in wins among North American trainers.
- * Nearing the Top 10 in purses (in U.S. dollars) among trainers since 1992.
- * Stable has surpassed C\$4 million in purses for eight consecutive years, including 2022.
- * Has won more than 200 races for 11 consecutive years, including 2022.
- * Father worked in finance and mother was a teacher.
- * Cousin of driver Yannick Gingras. The Gingras family helped Moreau get started in harness racing as a groom in Montreal.
- * When driver/trainer Dan Dube departed from Quebec for the U.S., he left behind a number of his stable's horses, with Moreau as the recommended trainer.

VIRGIL MORGAN JR.**Born: 11/23/1965 – Birthplace: Columbus, OH – Resides: Grove City, OH****Breeders Crown trophies: 1.**

- * Won the 2008 Open Pace with Mister Big, who received the second of his two divisional Dan Patch Award honors that year.
- * Morgan was inducted into the Ohio Harness Racing Hall of Fame in 2021.
- * Top victory this year came with Refined in the Ohio Sire Stakes championship on Sept. 3 at Scioto Downs.
- * Got career win 7,000 on April 14 at Miami Valley Raceway.
- * Ranks No. 2 all time in wins among trainers, with more than 7,100.
- * Has earned \$66 million in purses lifetime.
- * Ranks No. 7 in purses among trainers since 1992.
- * Led the sport in wins in 2000 and 2002 and finished second on five occasions.
- * Was introduced to the sport by his father, known as "Big Virg," who was a truck driver and enjoyed spending time with "Little Virg" at the races.
- * At age 18, Morgan bought his first horse for \$800 and sold it three months later for a profit. When he eventually opened his own stable, Big Virg was one of his owners.

RICHARD "NIFTY" NORMAN**Born: 10/21/1960 – Birthplace: New Zealand – Resides: Allentown, NJ****Dan Patch Award Trainer of the Year: 2021.****Breeders Crown trophies: 7.**

- * Has won at least one Breeders Crown for three consecutive years.
- * Won in 2021 with 3-year-old filly trotter Bella Bellini, who was a Dan Patch Award winner.
- * Captured two trophies in 2020, with 3-year-old male trotter Amigo Volo and 2-year-old female pacer Fire Start Hanover. Both received divisional Dan Patch Award honors.
- * Amigo Volo also was a Crown winner at age 2.
- * Got his first trophy with 2-year-old filly trotter Poof She's Gone in 2009.
- * The next two came with female trotter Bee A Magician, at age 3 in 2013 and age 4 in 2014. She was Horse of the Year in 2013.
- * Stable set career high with \$6 million in purses in 2021.
- * Has won more than 1,600 races and \$49 million in purses lifetime.
- * Ranks in the Top 20 in purses among trainers since 1992.
- * Top win this year came with Bella Bellini in the Hambletonian Maturity on July 16 at the Meadowlands.

BRETT PELLING**Born: 7/17/1958 – Birthplace: Auckland, NZ – Resides: Cream Ridge, NJ****Dan Patch Award Trainer of the Year: 1998.****Breeders Crown trophies: 12.**

- * Ranks No. 5 among all trainers in history in Breeders Crown wins.
- * Won in 2021 with 3-year-old filly pacer Test Of Faith.
- * Test Of Faith was the 2021 U.S. Horse of the Year.
- * Won the 2019 Mare Pace with Caviart Ally, whose victory came upon Pelling's return to the Breeders Crown stage after an absence of 14 years. Pelling, a New Zealand native, left the U.S. for Australia in 2006 before deciding to come back in 2017.
- * Prior to Caviart Ally's win, Pelling's previous Crown came in 2005 when Rockroll Hanover won the 3-year-old colt pace on his way to Horse of the Year.
- * Stable also produced two-time Breeders Crown champion Armbro Operative, Forever Starlet, Grinfromeartoeear, I Am A Fool, Juliet's Fate, Mystical Maddy, Western Ideal, and Western Terror.
- * Top wins this year include the Dayton Distaff Derby with Test Of Faith and Dayton Oaks with When Dovescry on Oct. 1 at Hollywood Dayton Raceway.
- * Has won more than 1,800 races and \$63 million in purses lifetime.
- * Ranks among the Top 10 in purses among all trainers since 1992.

CARTER PINSKE

Born: 8/16/1995 – Birthplace: Waconia, MN – Resides: Sorrento, FL

- * Made his Breeders Crown debut in 2021 with 2-year-old male trotter Double Deceiver, who finished second in his elimination and ninth in the final.
- * Pinske graduated from college in 2018 and worked as an assistant to Nifty Norman. In 2019, he got his first training win with then 2-year-old Amigo Volo in a division of the Bluegrass Stakes. Amigo Volo, co-owned by the Pinske family, won Breeders Crown trophies in 2019 and 2020.
- * Top win this year came with Mommamia Volo in a division of the International Stallion Stakes at the Red Mile on Oct. 8.
- * Stable has earned more than \$650,000 in purses this year.
- * Has won 32 races and \$1.3 million in purses lifetime.
- * Family has been involved in harness racing since the mid-1950s when Carter's great-grandfather Robert began competing at the Minnesota county fairs.
- * Pinske Stables, now led by Carter's father Karl and Karl's mother Marlys, was the 2020 Dan Patch Award Owner of the Year.

CHRIS RYDER

Born: 10/2/1955 – Birthplace: Greymouth, New Zealand – Resides: Allentown, NJ

Breeders Crown trophies: 5.

- * Won a Breeders Crown in 2021 with 2-year-old filly pacer Niki Hill.
- * Picked up his first two trophies with Mystical Sunshine, in the 2006 and 2007 Mare Trot.
- * Won with 3-year-old filly pacer Put On A Show in 2010 and 3-year-old filly pacer I Luv The Nitelife in 2013.
- * All four horses were Dan Patch Award divisional champions.
- * Stable has exceeded \$3.04 million in purses this year, a career best.
- * Top Grand Circuit win this year came with Niki Hill in the Glen Garnsey on Oct. 9 at the Red Mile.
- * Has won more than 1,700 races and \$49 million in purses lifetime.
- * Ranks in the Top 20 in purses among all trainers since 1992.
- * Grew up in New Zealand and began riding ponies at the age of 10.
- * Father was a dairy farmer who later worked at a stable and trained horses. Ryder worked for his father and older brother, who had a stable, before a stint in Montreal as a groom.
- * Came to the U.S. when his wife, Nicola, got a job in the New York area. Ryder worked several odd jobs before turning to training on a fulltime basis.

RAY SCHNITTKER

Born: 2/11/1958 – Birthplace: Buffalo, NY – Resides: Middletown, NY

Dan Patch Award Trainer of the Year: 2008.

Breeders Crown trophies: 3.

- * Got his first Breeders Crown with 2-year-old male trotter Deweycheatumnhowe in 2007.
- * Also was the driver of Deweycheatumnhowe in his Crown triumph. Since then, only Verlin Yoder (Woodside Charm, 2018) and Ake Svanstedt (Felicityshagwell S and Ecurie D DK, both 2021) have won as both trainer and driver.
- * Deweycheatumnhowe, named after the fictitious law firm referenced in numerous comedy routines, also won the 2008 Hambletonian Stakes and was named Trotter of the Year.
- * Schnittker won his next Crown with 2-year-old female trotter Check Me Out in 2011, followed by 2-year-old male pacer Huntsville in 2016.
- * Check Me Out and Huntsville were Dan Patch Award winners.
- * Has won more than 1,400 races and \$44 million in purses lifetime as a trainer.
- * Ranks in the Top 25 in purses among trainers since 1992.
- * Has won more than 2,800 races and \$43 million in purses lifetime as a driver.
- * His father Warren got started in harness racing as a hobby. Schnittker, who was a standout wrestler in high school, worked in a factory and helped his father with the horses on a part-time basis before getting fully immersed in the sport.

SHAWN STEACY

Born: 1985 – Birthplace: Ontario – Resides: Millgrove, Ontario

- * Took over as head trainer of the Steacy Stable from his father Mark in 2019 and is making his Breeders Crown debut in that role.
- * Mark Steacy has won three Breeders Crown trophies, with 3-year-old male trotter Majestic Son in 2006, 2-year-old filly pacer Stylish Artist in 2007, and pacing mare Hana Hanover in 2009. Majestic Son was Canada's Horse of the Year in 2006.
- * Top win this year came with Sylvia Hanover in the She's A Great Lady on Sept. 24 at Woodbine Mohawk Park.
- * Shawn captured the 2020 Johnston Cup as top trainer in the Ontario Sire Stakes
- * Has won more than 300 races and earned nearly C\$6 million in purses since 2019.

ANNIE STOEBE

Born: 9/27/1987 – Birthplace: Great Falls, MT – Resides: New Egypt, NJ

- * Making her Breeders Crown debut.
- * Got started in harness racing by working for trainer Brett Bittle, a Breeders Crown winner in 1994 with 2-year-old filly pacer Yankee Cashmere.
- * Started her own small stable in 2021. Has won 10 of 20 races and earned more than \$300,000 in purses this year.
- * Top win this year came with Instagram Model in the Jim Doherty Memorial on Aug. 6 at the Meadowlands. The victory gave Instagram Model the "Win and You're In" spot in the Breeders Crown field.
- * Grew up on a farm in Montana and was active as a barrel racer.
- * Got a rodeo scholarship to a college in Texas.
- * Active as an amateur driver when she began in harness racing and has eight driving wins.

CORY STRATTON

Born: 8/12/1992 – Birthplace: Bluffton, OH – Resides: Middletown, NY

- * Making his Breeders Crown debut.
- * Stable has set career highs in win with 79 and purses with \$1.6 million in 2022.
- * Got first career Grand Circuit victories in March with Easy To Please in two preliminary rounds of the Blue Chip Matchmaker Series at Yonkers Raceway. The mare finished third in the final.
- * Has won more than 250 races and \$3 million in purses lifetime as a trainer.
- * Also drives, with nearly 700 victories and \$3 million in purses in his career.
- * Assisted by his wife Vicki.
- * Brother of driver Jordan Stratton.

AKE SVANSTEDT

Born: 11/18/1958 – Birthplace: Sweden – Resides: Columbus, NJ

Breeders Crown trophies: 2.

- * Got his two Breeders Crown wins in 2021, with Felicityshagwell S in the Mare Trot and Ecurie D DK in the Open Trot.
- * Drove both trotters to victory, joining Ray Schnittker (Deweycheatumnhowe, 2007) and Verlin Yoder (Woodside Charm, 2018) to win as both trainer and driver in the past 15 years.
- * Stable set a career high with \$6.3 million in trainer purses in 2021.
- * Has won nearly 900 races and \$40 million in purses lifetime as a trainer since starting his U.S. stable in 2014.
- * Ranks in the Top 25 in purses among trainers since 1992.
- * Has won more than 500 races and \$25 million in purses as a driver in North America.
- * Top win this year came with Back Of The Neck in the Maple Leaf Trot on Sept. 3 at Woodbine Mohawk Park.
- * Two-time winner of Hambletonian, with Captain Corey (2021) and Perfect Spirit (2017).
- * Was Sweden's Trainer of the Year five times and Driver of the Year on three occasions.
- * In 2017, he was inducted in Sweden's Hall of Fame.

NANCY TAKTER

Born: 6/23/1981 – Birthplace: Malmo, Sweden – Resides: Allentown, NJ

Dan Patch Award Trainer of the Year: 2020.

Breeders Crown trophies: 7.

- * In 2020 became the fifth trainer in Breeders Crown history to win at least three finals in a year, capturing trophies with 3-year-old filly pacer Peaky Sneaky, Manchego in the Mare Trot, and Kissin In The Sand in the Mare Pace.
- * Manchego became the third female trotter in history with at least three trophies.
- * Kissin In The Sand and Manchego were Dan Patch Award winners.
- * Won two trophies in 2019, with 2-year-old male pacer Tall Dark Stranger and Manchego. * Tall Dark Stranger was a Dan Patch Award winner.
- * Previous wins came with 2-year-old male pacer Captain Crunch in 2018 and 2-year-old filly pacer JK She'salady in 2014.
- * Captain Crunch was a Dan Patch Award winner and JK She'salady was Horse of the Year.
- * In 2020, Tall Dark Stranger became Takter's second Horse of the Year.
- * Has won nearly 600 races and \$29 million in purses lifetime.
- * Top win this year came with Treacherous Dragon in the Jugette on Sept. 21 at the Delaware County (Ohio) Fairgrounds.
- * Worked for her father Jimmy, who won a record 34 Breeders Crown trophies in his Hall of Fame career, before starting her own stable in 2013.
- * Was the U.S. Harness Writers Association's 2014 Rising Star Award winner.

LINDA TOSCANO

Born: 6/26/1955 – Birthplace: Brooklyn, NY – Resides: Freehold, NJ

Hall of Fame: Class of 2019.

Dan Patch Award Trainer of the Year: 2012.

Breeders Crown trophies: 8.

- * Added to her Breeders Crown collection in 2021 with Rocknificent in the Mare Pace.
- * Her first trophy came in 2002 with pacing mare Molly Can Do It.
- * Male trotter Chapter Seven was a two-time Breeders Crown champion (2011 and 2012) for Toscano and Horse of the Year in 2012. Also won in 2012 with 3-year-old male pacer Heston Blue Chip.
- * A year later, Market Share won the Open Trot. In 2016, Walner won the final for 2-year-old male trotters.
- * Won a Breeders Crown in 2020 with 2-year-old filly trotter Lady Chaos.
- * Heston Blue Chip, Market Share, and Walner also were Dan Patch Award winners. Market Share won the 2012 Hambletonian.
- * Has won more than 2,400 races and \$64 million in purses lifetime.
- * Ranks in the Top 10 in purses among all trainers since 1992.
- * Stable has earned more than \$2 million for 16 consecutive years, including 2022.
- * Briefly attended SUNY at Stony Brook before finding her calling and beginning her career on the track. Worked with veteran trainer Buddy Regan and Hall of Famers Buddy Gilmour and John Campbell prior to starting her own stable in 1985.

TIM TWADDLE

Born: 8/21/1962 – Birthplace: St. Catharines, Ontario – Resides: Canonsburg, PA

- * Making his first appearance as a trainer in a Breeders Crown final. Fourever Boy finished seventh in his elimination in 2021 as a 2-year-old and did not advance.
- * Won a Breeders Crown as a driver in 1994 with 3-year-old filly pacer Hardie Hanover.
- * Has more than 900 wins and \$8 million in purses as a trainer.
- * Stable already has established career highs with 65 wins and \$1.2 million in purses.
- * Top Grand Circuit victory this year came with Fourever Boy in a division of the Simcoe Stakes on Sept. 10 at Woodbine Mohawk Park, a week after the colt won the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes championship.
- * Fourever Boy also won his elimination of the Little Brown Jug and was second in the final on Sept. 22 at the Delaware County Fairgrounds in Ohio.
- * Last drove in 2010, finishing with 1,946 victories and \$13 million in purses.
- * Inducted into the St. Catharines Hall of Fame in 2017.
- * Moved from Canada in 1995 and has been based at The Meadows in western Pennsylvania for the majority of that time.

GREG WRIGHT JR.

Born: 12/2/1969 – Birthplace: Windsor, Ontario – Resides: Meadowlands, PA

Breeders Crown trophies: 1.

- * Won his Breeders Crown in 2021 with 3-year-old male trotter Jujubee.
- * Jujubee was the 2021 Trotter of the Year.
- * Prior to making his first trip to a Crown final last year, Wright drove in two Breeders Crown eliminations in 2000.
- * Saw Jujubee return from injury to win the Allerage Open Trot on Oct. 9 at the Red Mile.
- * Has won more than 300 races and \$3 million in purses lifetime as a trainer.
- * Also has won more than 2,100 times as a driver, with \$13 million in purses.
- * When he was in high school, Wright was considered a baseball prospect, but his focus was on the horse.
- * His father won nearly 3,000 races as a driver and more than 700 as a trainer.