

Sunpenny and Quality Rule Begin Training for 2014

Emerald Downs Meet Begins April 12th



Quality Rule and Sunpenny gallop together on January 25th, 2014. Quality Rule's half-brother **Retrieve** is a graded stakes runner and earner of over \$100,000 currently training at Belmont Park.

Z Thoroughbred Racing's 3 year-old filly **Sunpenny** has begun training for her 2014 racing campaign at Jones & Jones Farm in Renton, WA. Emerald Downs opens February 1st for training with opening day slated for Saturday, April 12th.

The stakes schedule for Emerald has yet to be announced but there is expected to be 5 stakes races for 3 year-old fillies this season including the \$65,000 Washington Oaks and \$50,000 Comcast Sports Net Stakes.

Video at: <http://youtu.be/pkZ4291tg8>

Sunpenny is stakes-placed and has a record of 1-3-0 in 4 starts and been nominated for consideration as Washington-bred Champion 2 year-old for 2013. Winners will be announced Feb. 22nd at the Washington Annual Awards Banquet. [Nominations.](#)

2 year-old filly **Quality Rule** by Mr. Sekiguchi out of Pleasant Quality, by Elusive Quality has been nominated for the Northwest Race Series for 2 year-olds at Emerald Downs. A January foal, she has been training forwardly for training manager Cam Reeves during her stay at Jones & Jones Farm. Quality Rule is a granddaughter of Storm Cat who is known for his precocious offspring and her sire is out of a half-sister to AP Indy.

Quality Rule is a Florida-bred and her two siblings are 4



Quality Rule is an unraced 2 year-old filly available now for partnership shares. Nominated for the NW Race Series at EmD - the \$50K Angie C. Stakes and \$50K Barbara Shinpoch Stakes.

year old colt **Retrieve** (Put it Back) and 3 year-old gelding **Steve** (Halo's Image) who are both FL-bred stakes runners with multiple winner Retrieve running in two graded stakes and Steve recently placing 5th in the OBS Champion Stakes for 3 year-olds in Ocala, Florida.

Sunpenny and Quality Rule will be moved to trainer Frank Lucarelli's barn at Emerald Downs, Auburn, WA in early February.

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Announcing ZTR's Lauren's Bluff - 2 year-old Filly!

By Raise the Bluff, Out of Lauralhurst Lauren



Lauren's Bluff (left) shown here with pasture-mate Quality Rule, is now available for partnership shares.

Lauren's Bluff, ZTR's 2 year-old filly by **Raise the Bluff**, has commenced race training this month in preparation for her race debut at Emerald Downs.

Lauren's Bluff is from the family of her 4th dam **Fabulous Notion** winner of \$702,000 and dam of Test Stakes (G1) winner **Fabulously Fast** and half-sister to near millionaire **Cacoethes (G1)** a star on 3 continents.

Lauren's Bluff's dam is half-sister to 4 yr-old filly **Royal Lahaina**, currently racing under

trainer Todd Pletcher at Aqueduct and winner Nov. 29th of the Go for Wand Handicap (G2) and earner of \$527,000.

Lauren's Bluff is inbred to the great **Danzig (3S x 5D)**, sire of **War Front** and grandsire to great runners **The Factor, Declaration of War, Soldat, and War Command.**

Lauren's Bluff is eligible for the NW Race Series at Emerald Downs and the WA-Cup races for WA-breds and a WTBOA Allowance race for horses that have been through the 2013 Yearling-Sale.

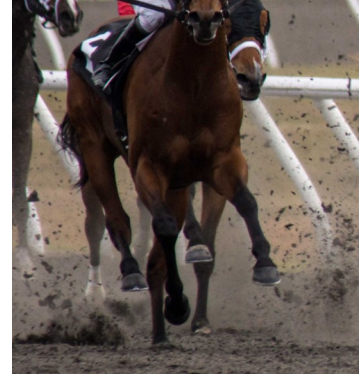


Lauren's Bluff will start training at Jones Farm on Feb. 17th. She will race at Emerald Downs, trainer TBD.

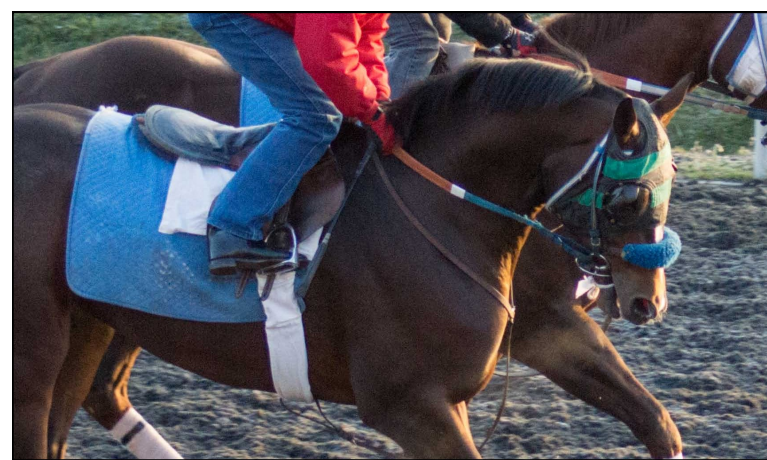
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Ocala Breeders Sale Champions Day, Ocala Florida



El Mesano to Debut at Golden Gate Fields



El Mesano shown here galloping in company under Hall-of-Fame jockey Russell Baze, is by the sire **Mizzen Mast** and his damsire is **El Prado (IRE)**.



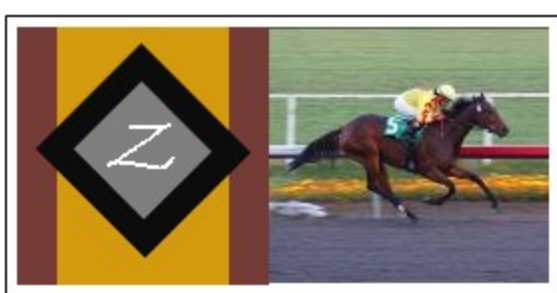
El Mesano has been training under **Jerry Hollendorfer** at Golden Gate Fields and is ready for his debut in a Maiden Allowance sprint on Feb 8th.

El Mesano recently scratched from his debut race Jan. 18th with a temperature and has come back strong with a workout at Golden Gate Fields Jan 28th. He may be entered in the Maiden Special Weight race for 3 year-old colts and geldings at 5 1/2 furlongs on the main track to be run Feb. 8th. El Mesano's trainer **Jerry Hollendorfer** says it is 50/50 as to whether he will make that race.

Jerry as been busy this winter saddling multiple stakes winning horses and set the record for most stakes wins at Betfair Hollywood Park with seven during its last race meeting before it was closed. Jerry also trains and co-owns the 3 year-old gelding **Shared Belief**, winner of the Cash Call Futurity (G1) and recently voted the Champion 2 year-old of 2013 with an Eclipse Award.

Shared Belief is one of the early favorites for the \$2,000,000 Kentucky Derby by Yum Brands run on the first Saturday in May and is co-owned by sports show host Jim Rome.

Jerry Hollendorfer has won 12 stakes since Nov. 1st - the Santa Monica Stakes (G2) with **Sherzinger**, the California Derby with undefeated **Exit Stage Left**, the Native Diver Handicap (G3) and San Pasqual Stakes with **Blueskiesrainbows**, the Golden State Juvenile Fillies and Soviet Problem Stakes with **Swiss Lake Yodeler**, the Bayakoa Handicap (G2) with **Broken Sword**, the Berkeley Handicap (G3) with **Summer Hit**, the Hollywood Prevue (G3) and Cash Call Futurity (G1) with **Shared Belief**, the On Trust Handicap with **Rousing (3S m)**, the Real Quiet Stakes with **Tamarand**,



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Z Thoroughbred Racing LLC was founded by managing partner Steve Zerda in 2010 to bring the opportunity for thoroughbred ownership to more racing fans in the Pacific Northwest. Steve is currently on the Board of Directors of the Washington Breeders and Owners Association and is formerly a successful airline executive whose interest in horse racing began back in 1978 when he calculated Beyer figures by hand for races at Santa Anita, Hollywood Park, and Del Mar. Steve has studied pedigree analysis and conformation to enable the acquisition of quality stock for racing. Along with his company based in Renton, Washington, Steve previously owned a portion of the multiple Grade I winning filly **Turbulent Descent** based at Hollywood Park, winner of the Hollywood Starlet (G1) as a 2 year-old in 2010, and an Eclipse Award finalist for 2010. At 3, Turbulent Descent won the Test Stakes (G1) at Saratoga, the Santa Anita Oaks (G1) and the Beaumont Stakes (GII) at Keeneland and was 2nd in the Las Virgenes (G1) and Acorn (G1) and finished a troubled 5th in the 2011 Breeder's Cup Filly & Mare Sprint. She was 7-2-0 in 11 starts and had lifetime earnings of \$901,350 prior to being sold to Coolmore in July of 2012. Her final career earnings totaled \$1,211,640 including winnings from the 2012 Ballerina Stakes (G1) at Saratoga making her a Grade I stakes winner at 2, 3, and 4 years-old. She was retired after the 2012 Breeders Cup Filly and Mare Sprint.