



## El Mesano Wins at Pleasanton on July 4th!

Breaks His Maiden for Trainer Jerry Hollendorfer



**El Mesano**, is owned by a ZTR partnership group initiated in 2013 when he was 2 years old. He has a record of 1-1-1 in 6 starts and earnings of \$26,340 all in Allowance company.

Z Thoroughbred Racing's 3 year-old gelding **El Mesano**, by Mizzen Mast out of the unraced mare La Laja, won a \$27,000 Maiden Special Weight race at 1 1/16 miles on dirt at Oak Tree at Pleasanton on Independence Day for his ZTR partners.

El Mesano was unhurried early from the outside post of a nine horse field, saved some ground on the first turn under jockey Ricardo Gonzalez. He commenced his bid entering the second turn from 7th place, going five-wide around the turn into the middle of the track in the stretch. With strong urging from Gonzalez, El Mesano rallied steadily and was up late by 3/4 of a length over Golden Guy and favorite Storm Fashion.

[Photos of El Mesano's Maiden Win](#)

El Mesano had been knocking on the door with nice middle moves in his previous races. In his previous start, his first on turf, El Mesano was closing hard at the finish and ran out of room in the mile race finishing 4th. Going longer in this winning test, El Mesano was racing for the first time on dirt and he showed a preference for the surface and distance with his performance. El Mesano's odds in his win was 7.90 to 1 with a win payout of \$17.80 for a \$2.00 wager.

Jockey Ricardo Gonzalez has found the Oak Tree at Pleasanton meeting to his liking finishing 2nd in the jockey title in the recently concluded 12-day meeting.

El Mesano's trainer Jerry Hollendorfer says that the gelding



**El Mesano**, shown passing his last rival in the stretch in his maiden win, is trained by Hall-of-Fame trainer **Jerry Hollendorfer** and is based at Golden Gate Fields in Berkeley, California.

is poised "to do some good things" when he gets his confidence and becomes familiar with winning.

El Mesano is by the sire **Mizzen Mast** and his 3rd dam is graded stakes winner **Chic Corine**. Chic Corine is out of the winner of the Ashland Stakes **G1**, **Chic Shirine**. Chic Shirine is the grand-dam of millionaire **Verrazano**, winner of the Haskell Invitational **G1** and now running in Europe under Coolmore colors. El Mesano's dam is half-sister to the current runner and \$648,000 earner **Somali Lemonade**, a multiple graded stakes winner including the Gallopette Handicap **G3** at Pimlico this May.

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## 2 yr-old Filly Offering Quality Rule Back in Training



**Quality Rule**, shown here on July 7th, is back under tack and galloping at Emerald Downs for trainer **Frank Lucarelli**. She will move to Golden Gate Fields in September.

**Quality Rule**, the Florida-bred 2 year-old filly being offered by ZTR for partnership shares, is back in training for Frank Lucarelli after cutting her flank in her stall and requiring stitches. She is back working at Emerald Downs now preparing for her first career start, most likely at Golden Gate Fields in Berkeley, California.

**Quality Rule** is by **Mr. Sekiguchi** out of the dam Pleasant Quality, by **Elusive Quality** (her broodmare sire), and has been nominated for the Northwest Race Series at Emerald Downs. A January foal, she is a tall 16.1 hands tall and had been training forwardly prior to her setback.

**Quality Rule** is a granddaughter of **Storm Cat** who is known for his precocious offspring and her sire, Mr. Sekiguchi, is out of the dam Welcome Surprise, by **Seek-**

**ing the Gold**, who is a half-sister to **AP Indy**.

**Quality Rule** is a Florida-bred and her only siblings to race are multiple winners **Retrive**, a 4 yr-old by Put it Back, and 3 year-old gelding **Steve** (by Halo's Image) who are both Florida-bred stakes runners with Retrive running in two graded stakes last year and is the earner of \$102,000 in 9 starts (2-2-1). Steve placed 5th in the OBS Champion Stakes for 3 year-olds in Ocala, Florida and is currently running at Gulfstream Park.

**Quality Rule's** dam is half-sister to multiple stakes winner and graded-stakes-placed racemare **Saskawea**, winner of \$754,000 and the Avowal Stakes at Woodbine twice and place 2nd in the **G3** Selene Stakes at 3 years-old.



**Quality Rule** cut herself in her stall and required treatment by veterinarian Mark Babcock.

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## El Mesano Breaks His Maiden at Oak Tree at Pleasanton on July 4th



### EL MESANO

PLEASANTON, CA 7/4/2014  
GOLDEN GUY..... SECOND  
STORM FASHION..... THIRD  
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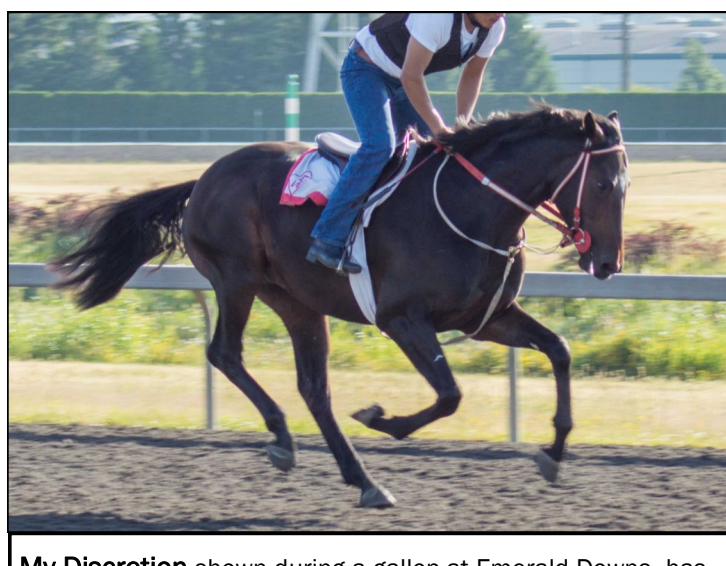
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JERRY HOLLENDORFER..... TRAINER  
RICARDO GONZALEZ..... UP  
JANET HOLLENDORFER..... ASST TR



## 2 Year-old Colt My Discretion Working At Emerald Downs



**My Discretion** is by first-crop sire **Discreetly Mine** and is a grandson of Champion **Mineshaft** by **AP Indy**. **Discreetly Mine** is a half-sibling to both **Pretty Wild** and and red-hot stallion **Discreet Cat**.



**My Discretion** shown during a gallop at Emerald Downs, has been in race training since April 23rd. He has been moved to trainer Blaine Wright's barn at Emerald Downs.

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**My Discretion** is a 2 yo FL-bred colt by a KY based stallion and G1 winner **Discreetly Mine**. His grandsire **Mineshaft** is a sire of 26 stakes winners and other G1 winners, **It's Tricky**, **Dialed In**, and **Bond Holder**.

**2 year-old Florida-bred colt My Discretion**, who has been race training for Z Thoroughbred Racing under trainer **Blaine Wright**, has begun galloping at the Emerald Downs track. **My Discretion** recently went down the lane for the first time, going in 11 2/5 with a 1/4 mile gallop out in 26:00 in company.

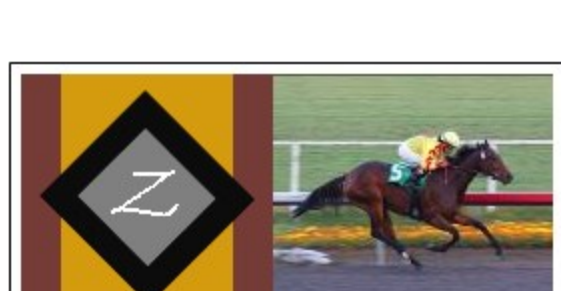
[Video of My Discretion 1st Time Down the Lane](#)

**My Discretion's** sire, **Discreetly Mine**, is a winner of \$799,000 and won the Grade 1 King's Bishop Stakes at 7 furlongs at Saratoga earning a 111 Beyer in 2010 just after annexing the Jersey Shore

**(G2)** at Monmouth and the Amsterdam Stakes **(G3)** at Saratoga at 6 and 6 1/2 furlongs respectively that same summer.

**Discreetly Mine's** dam is **Pretty Discreet**, a winner of the Grade 1 Alabama Stakes at Saratoga at 1 1/4 miles and exceptional broodmare. Her daughter produced G1 winner **Awesome Maria**.

**My Discretion's** dam is **Heathersdaddysbaby**, winner of 14 races with earnings of \$367,000 and earned a career high Beyer figure of 93. **My Discretion** was her first foal and she has a yearling colt by **Street Boss** and was bred to **Macleans Music** in 2014.



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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**.