

## Emerald Downs Opening - Under New Management!

Muckleshoot Indian Tribe Owns the Track - 20th Season Starts April 18th

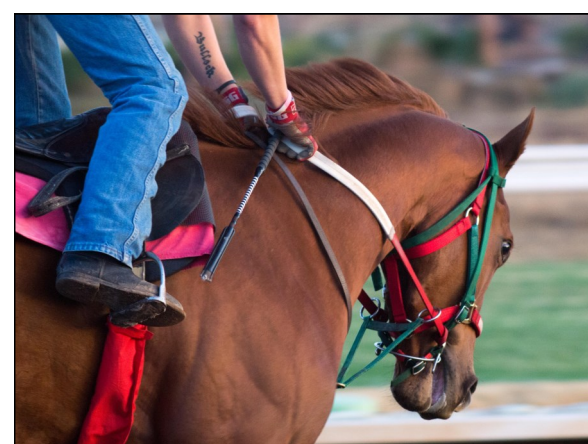


A new big screen is slated for installation at Emerald Downs by early summer similar to this video screen at Saratoga Racecourse.

Emerald Downs opens for racing this month beginning its 20th season, a 70 day meeting under the management of Emerald Downs LLC owned by the Muckleshoot Tribe. The new President of the Emerald Downs LLC is Phil Ziegler formerly of Zia Park in New Mexico and casino operations in Louisiana. Ziegler announced that the 2014 Emerald Downs management team has been retained to operate the track in 2015 including former President Ron Crockett as a consultant.

Emerald Downs will install a 30' x 45' big screen above the tote board by early summer this year to give patrons an excellent view of the races from all seating locations. Upgraded television monitors throughout the track are also being installed. Emerald just announced a shipping program to give horsemen a \$400 bonus for bringing horses in from out of state. Earlier this year it was announced that daily average purses at Emerald Downs will increase 20% this year which already has attracted additional horses to the barns and will increase field sizes and enhance the betting experience for this year at the track set to run April 18 - Sept 27.

Z Thoroughbred Racing currently has three horses in training at the track including the multiple stakes-placed 4 year-old filly **Sunpenny** who was nominated for 2014 3 year-old WA Champion filly. Also, 3 year-old unraced Raise the Bluff filly **Lauren's Bluff** has recorded 4 workouts so far at the track. 2 year-old Rocky Bar filly **Rocco's Joy** has been on the grounds since Feb. 1st for trainer Blaine Wright.



ZTR's filly **Sunpenny** begins her 4 year-old campaign this year at Emerald Downs after placing 3rd in the Chandler Stakes at Turf Paradise last November.

Both **Rocco's Joy** and **Lauren's Bluff** are available for partnership shares.

[Video: Lauren's Bluff Workout on March 27th](#)

Other ZTR horses in training include 4 year-old Mizzen Mast gelding El Mesano at Turf Paradise in Phoenix, Arizona and 3 year-old filly Quality Rule and 3 year-old Discreetly Mine gelding My Discretion at Golden Gate Fields in Berkeley, CA. It is possible that one or all three may travel to Emerald Downs to race this summer.

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## Lauren's Bluff and Rocco's Joy Prepare for 1st Starts



**Rocco's Joy**, is a 2 year-old daughter of the stallion **Rocky Bar** who has sired numerous 2 year-old stakes winners including **Espresso Springs** and **Page**

3 year-old Washington-bred filly **Lauren's Bluff** has been working under tack since January 1st and she has recently recorded a 1/2 mile workout at Emerald Downs for Blaine Wright. Lauren has done everything right this year after her time off since June 2014 when it was determined that she would not be ready in time for a start at the Emerald Downs meeting last year.

Lauren's Bluff is from the family of Hollywood Starlet and Santa Susana Stakes (G1) winner **Fabulous Notion** who is the great granddam of Kent Handicap winner **Carrabelle Harbor**, granddam of Debutante Stakes (G3) winner **Decelerator**, and dam of Test Stakes (G1) winner **Fabulously Fast**.

Lauren's pedigree includes inbreeding to the great **Danzig**, sire of 188

graded stakes winners and 10 champions including **War Front**, **Danehill**, and Lauren's grandsire and 1992 Preakness winner **Pine Bluff**.

**Partnership shares in Lauren's Bluff are available until her first start in early May.**

**Rocco's Joy** is a stablemate of Lauren's Bluff and has been in training at Emerald Downs since Feb 2nd after a month at Jones Farm.

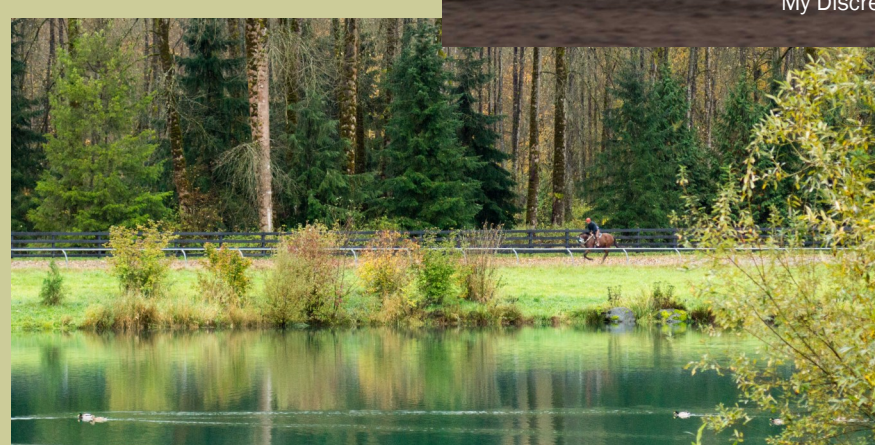
**Rocco's Joy** siblings include multiple stakes winner and Champion 3 yr-old colt in Washington **Spanish Highway** and stakes winning **Ashby Hill** who set a track record at Zia Park for 6 furlongs in 1:08 3/5.

[Lauren's Bluff Offering](#)  
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**Lauren's Bluff**, shown here in training at Jones Farm in January, is from the female family of **Fabulous Notion**. Lauren's dam is a half-sister to graded stakes winner **Royal Lahaina** who has earned

## ZTR Horses Prepare for the 2015 Racing Season



## Rocky Bar Sires Precocious Youngsters



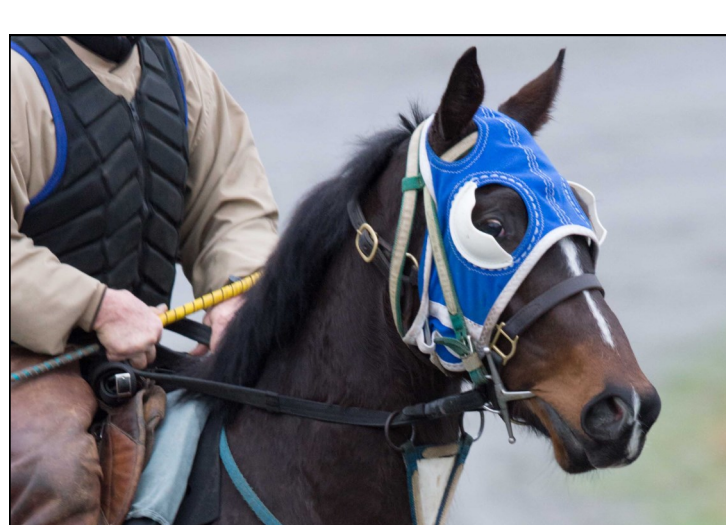
**Rocky Bar** is by multiple G1 winner **In Excess (IRE)** twice leading sire in California of 16 CA champions **Indian Charlie**, French classic winner **Musical Chimes**. G2 winning sire **Notional**, millionaires **Texcess**, **Valentine Dancer** and **Excessivepleasure**, etc.

stakes winners and his 2014 stakes horses include **Frisky Ricky** (\$169,892), **Lazy Daisy May** (\$138,326), **Tempe** (\$114,114), **JP Rocker**, **Rocking Home** and **Jude Rocks**.

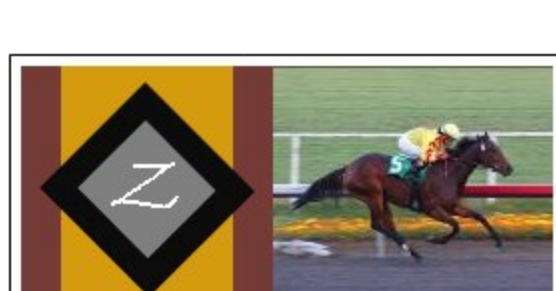
**Rocky Bar** is one of three stakes performers from the first four foals of his dam **To the Post** (one of the best daughters of Preakness second **Bold Ego**), and he traces in the female line to the great American racehorse and great French-based broodmare **Frizette** (for whom the stakes at Belmont Park is named).

ZTR's **Rocco's Joy** by **Rocky Bar** is half-sister to stakes winners **Ashby Hill** and **Spanish Highway** (\$196,848) and winners **Darbi Hill Road**, **Aerial Dancer**, and **Bar Doncella**. **Aerial Dancer** by **Cahill Road** was purchased for \$50,000 in 2012 at the Washington Summer Yearling sale.

**Rocco's Joy's** dam is **Prado's Joy** who had 3 wins at age 2. Given the precociousness of **Rocky Bar** offspring and **Prado's Joy** it is expected that **Rocco's Joy** will thrive in 2015 at Emerald Down's Northwest Race Series



ZTR's **Rocco's Joy** by **Rocky Bar** is a Washington-bred and a registered Cal-sired and is eligible for the \$5.5 Million Golden State Series of stakes restricted to Cal-bred and Cal-sired.



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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 (GI)** as a 2 year-old in 2010, and an **Eclipse Award** finalist for 2010. At 3, **Turbulent Descent** won the **Test Stakes (GI)** at Saratoga, the **Santa Anita Oaks (GI)** and the **Beaumont Stakes (GII)** at Keeneland and was 2nd in the **Las Virgenes (GI)** and **Acorn (GI)** 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 (GI)** 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**.