

# INDUSTRY LEADERS

## OWNERS

### Leading owners by earnings

Owner	No. strs	No. wns	Total earnings
WinStar Farm	87	35	\$5,183,379
Midwest Thoroughbreds	255	168	4,197,480
Claiborne Farm and Adele B. Dilschneider	17	7	4,163,036
Zayat Stables	108	57	4,076,241
Repole Stable	83	56	3,747,444
Heiligbrodt Racing Stable	145	76	3,655,372
Edward P. Evans	49	21	3,617,508
Ken and Sarah Ramsey	147	70	3,351,339
Wertheimer & Frere	29	16	3,300,911
Maggi Moss	167	101	3,273,323
Darley Stable	93	36	2,916,205
Augustin Stable	61	31	2,788,104
Sam-Son Farm	33	20	2,755,670
Melnyk Racing Stables	106	53	2,727,426
Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Moss	33	15	2,697,333
Juddmonte Farms	29	10	2,670,101
Karl Watson, Mike Pegram, and Paul Weitman	7	5	2,461,423
Jay Em Ess Stable	71	26	2,434,889
West Point Thoroughbreds	59	28	2,304,788
Charles E. Fipke	53	17	2,112,763
Jacks or Better Farm	36	15	2,090,319

### Leading owners by average earnings per starter (with ten or more starters)

Owner	No. strs	Total earnings	Average earnings per starter
Claiborne Farm and Adele Dilschneider	17	\$4,163,036	\$244,884
Donegal Racing	13	1,808,075	139,083
Ike and Dawn Thrash	14	1,788,685	127,763
Arnold Zetcher	14	1,702,419	121,601
Terra Racing Stable	10	1,187,379	118,738
Wertheimer & Frere	29	3,300,911	113,825
Sagamore Farm	13	1,447,322	111,332
Harold L. Queen	17	1,787,728	105,160
Craig Family Trust	15	1,462,769	97,518
Juddmonte Farms	29	2,670,101	92,072
Turtle Bird Stable	19	1,590,506	83,711
Sam-Son Farm	33	2,755,670	83,505
Mr./Mrs. Jerome Moss	33	2,697,333	81,737
P. Robsham Stables	20	1,620,570	81,029
Robert V. LaPenta	23	1,823,164	79,268
Carl R. Moore Mgmt.	23	1,711,109	74,396
Edward P. Evans	49	3,617,508	73,827
John Petrin	10	736,674	73,667
Kaleem Shah	20	1,445,745	72,287
Thoroughbred Legends Racing Stable	23	1,607,211	69,879
Team Valor Int'l.	23	1,550,376	67,842
Green Lantern Stables	14	925,246	66,089

### Leading owners by number of wins

Owner	No. strs	No. wns	No. wins
Midwest Thoroughbreds	277	168	310
Billy, Donna, and Justin Hays	203	142	259
Maggi Moss	167	101	171
Charles Lawson	73	52	121
Frank Carl Calabrese	147	80	117
Heiligbrodt Racing Stable	145	76	114
Ken and Sarah Ramsey	147	70	103
Carlos Oyola Stable	96	52	97
Repole Stable	83	56	93
My Purple Haze Stables	70	48	90
Zayat Stables	108	57	83
Melnyk Racing Stables	106	53	77
William Stirtz	68	43	74
R. Gary Patrick	65	37	71
Henry S. Witt Jr.	82	42	70
Estabro Bull's Farm	51	30	69
Bruno Schickedanz	84	36	66
Anthony Ferraro	43	30	65
Estabro Villa Real	53	32	65
Steven M. Asmusen	66	35	64
Silent Stable	47	33	62
Monarch Stables	80	41	62
M. Y. Stables	51	28	59
La Canada Stables	76	43	59

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Repole Stable	83	56
Melnyk Racing Stables	106	53
Charles Lawson	73	52
Carlos Oyola Stable	96	52
My Purple Haze Stables	70	48
William Stirtz	68	43
La Canada Stables	76	43
Henry S. Witt Jr.	82	42
Monarch Stables	80	41
Bar None Ranches	63	38
Gary Patrick	65	37
Jerry Hollendorfer and George Todaro	51	36
Bruno Schickedanz	84	36
Darley Stable	93	36
Bridget Stapp	104	36
Steven M. Asmusen	66	35
WinStar Farm	85	35



### Leading owners of 2011

- WinStar Farm
- Midwest Thoroughbreds
- Claiborne Farm and Adele Dilschneider
- Zayat Stables
- Repole Stable
- Heiligbrodt Racing Stable
- Edward P. Evans
- Ken and Sarah Ramsey
- Wertheimer and Frere
- Maggi Moss and Arnold Zetcher

# Survive and thrive

## Leading owners persevere, push forward with changing tides

BY JEFF LOWE

**S**INCE THE turn of the century, a title for leading owner by wins or purse earnings could be interpreted as a dubious omen.

Michael Gill, the North American leader in both categories in 2009, made it only a few weeks into 2010 before he decided to disperse his stable, fed up with finger pointing and a jockey boycott of his horses that stemmed from several breakdowns.

Gill, who won the Eclipse Award as outstanding owner in 2005, joined Robert Cole Jr. (leader by wins in 2008), Louis O'Brien (wins in 2007), and Richard Englander (wins and earnings in 2001, Eclipse Awards in 2001 and 2002) in either reducing or dispersing their stock.

Ahmed Zayat reorganized his Zayat Stables operation in bankruptcy proceedings in 2010, two years after topping the earnings list.

Zayat was able to maintain his position among the leaders for 2010, and he had the probable Kentucky Derby Pre-

sented by Yum! Brands (G1) favorite before Eskendereya suffered a career-ending injury, but the Derby and much of the first half of the year belonged to WinStar Farm.

Ten years after launching an ambitious blueprint to establish stallions, Kenny Troutt and Bill Casner saw their vision for WinStar play out in ideal form as Super Saver soared to a victory in the Kentucky Derby and passed the baton to Drosselmeyer, who carried the farm's white silks to a triumph in the Belmont Stakes (G1).

The Belmont turned out to be the final major victory of the season, but WinStar had built plenty of momentum to finish as the earnings leader at \$5,183,379 and to garner the Eclipse Award as outstanding owner.

"What we try to do here is to produce Grade 1 winners who have stallion potential, so we did have a great year," said Elliott Walden, president of WinStar, which welcomed Super Saver home to begin his stud career in 2011. "We had a lot of chances and a lot of things clicked.

"If racing can pay for itself, if the purses meet the expenses of training these horses, we feel good about what we're doing because we're hopefully going to produce a stallion out of it. We had a knockout year that way, as well. We had budgeted about 40% less than what we actually got [in purse earnings in 2010], based on history of what we have usually done."

By the time Troutt accepted the Eclipse Award on January 17, he and Casner had ended their partnership in what was described as



Kenny Troutt's WinStar Farm reaps benefits of ambitious plan laid down a decade ago and collects Eclipse Award as outstanding owner, two classic victories with Super Saver (below) and Drosselmeyer, and North American owner earnings title in 2010



### WinStar Farm

**Principal:** Kenny Troutt  
**Residence:** Dallas  
**Leading earner of 2010:** Super Saver, \$1,718,534  
**Stakes winners of 2010:** American Lion, Blue Laser, Doubles Partner, Drosselmeyer, Endorsement, Glint, Rule, Super Saver

both tried to claim the same horse at Ak-Sar-Ben, and they re-entered racing on a grander scale after they both were making fortunes in the business world.

Richard and Karen Papiese also have launched out from a strong business and Midwest roots, but they are still heavily geared to the claiming levels with their **Midwest Thoroughbreds**, which led all owners with 310 wins and ranked second with \$4,197,480 in earnings.

Richard Papiese rarely

### Claiborne Farm and Adele Dilschneider

**Principal, Claiborne Farm:** Seth Hancock  
**Residence:** Hancock, Paris, Kentucky; Dilschneider, St. Louis  
**Leading earner of 2010:** Blame, \$3,751,467  
**Stakes winners of 2010:** Blame, Grassy

Claiborne Farm, which celebrated 100-year anniversary in 2010, and longtime partner Adele Dilschneider team to finish third on earnings list and win

Breeders' Cup Classic with Blame (right)



"We met at the racetrack and have been together ever since. It is their vision and their passion that got me back into this business about ten years ago, and I just want to thank them from the bottom of my heart."

Casner and Troutt met when they



makes it to the racetrack—he is very much a hands-on leader of Midwest Store Fixtures in University Park, Illinois—but he is also heavily involved in the day-to-day racing operation.

With high-percentage trainer Jamie Ness as the main contributor at the track, Midwest led the

2010 owner standings at Hawthorne Race Course, Penn National Race Course, Presque Isle Downs, and Tampa Bay Downs. In 2011, the stable will venture to Woodbine.

"It has grown every year, and right now we're just trying to find a way to keep it going for a long time," Ness said. "Last year he wanted to be leading owner by wins, and he got it. The key is to keep going. I see owners come and go, and we're kind of taking a different approach, with blue-collar types. We're not out there buying expensive young horses. You see big owners come and go after a year or two, and that's not what we're looking to do."

"Mr. Papiese purchased a farm in Ocala and he's built that up. We used to outsource everything, and now we're doing it internally. We break all our babies, send our horses home for a layup, and give them a life after their racing careers are over. He's a first-class owner, even though we're focused on the claimers."

**Claiborne Farm and Adele Dilschneider** boasted the highest average earnings per starter at \$244,884 with a big boost from Blame, the Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) winner and champion older male. Claiborne and Dilschneider also won the Red Smith Handicap (G2) with Grassy.

**Zayat Stables** kept plugging amid the reorganization and led all owners

### Zayat Stables

**Principal:** Ahmed Zayat  
**Residence:** Teaneck, New Jersey  
**Leading earner of 2010:** Eskendereya, \$622,200

**Stakes winners of 2010:** A Z Warrior, Eskendereya, Heart Ashley, Jaycito, Kays and Jays, Macias, Moon de French, Mother Ruth, Moudez (Ire), Righty So, Riley Tucker, Z Humor



with 12 stakes winners, three ahead of **Heilgbrodt Racing Stable** in second with nine. Zayat finished fourth on the earnings list, and Bill and Corinne Heilgbrodt's operation ranked sixth with their powerhouse roster based in the Southwest.

Mike Repole's **Repole Stable** finished fifth with \$3,747,444 and made a bullish transition to high-level racing after previously being heavy on claimers. Uncle Mo, the champion two-year-old male and undefeated winner of the Grey Goose Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1), led a juvenile roster that churned out ten winners from ten starters with trainer Todd Pletcher.

### Repole Stable

**Principal:** Mike Repole  
**Residence:** Long Island, New York  
**Leading earner of 2010:** Uncle Mo, \$1,296,000

**Stakes winners of 2010:** Calibrachoa, Digger, Driven by Success, Lights Off Annie, Never Right Joey, Poovey, Roaring Lion, Uncle Mo

### Heilgbrodt Racing Stable

**Principals:** Bill and Corinne Heilgbrodt  
**Residence:** Houston  
**Leading earner of 2010:** Fastation, \$259,768

**Stakes winners of 2010:** Fastation, Full Rigged, Hallway, Hear No Angel, Heavenville, Hisse, Pulgarcito, Sax Appeal, Snug

### Arnold Zetcher

**Residence:** Century City, California  
**Leading earner of 2010:** E Z's Gentleman, \$315,380  
**Stakes winners of 2010:** El Brujo, E Z's Gentleman, Gabby's Golden Gal, Wyrning Ride, Zardana (Brz)

### Edward P. Evans

Died on December 31  
**Leading earner of 2010:** Quality Road, \$1,260,000  
**Stakes winners of 2010:** A Little Warm, Dixie City, Elusive Gift, Giant Mover, Malibu Prayer, Quality Road, Quiet Giant, Summer Laugh

"It pains me that I cannot take the credit for this," Repole joked on February 2. "They have set the bar and I expect this type of performance every year!"

**Arnold Zetcher** topped the list with 50% stakes winners from starters, paced by Grade 1 winners El Brujo, E Z's Gentleman, and Gabby's Golden Gal.

The late **Edward P. Evans** (Grade 1 winners Malibu Prayer and Quality Road), **Ken and Sarah Ramsey** (champion steeplechaser Slip

### Ken & Sarah Ramsey

**Residence:** Nicholasville, Kentucky  
**Leading earner of 2010:** Pleasant Prince, \$530,788  
**Stakes winners of 2010:** Dean's Kitten, Headache, Inca King, Kera's Kitten, Pleasant Prince, Slip Away

away), **Wertheimer and Frere** (champion turf female and three-time Breeders' Cup Mile [G1] winner Goldikova [Ire]), and **Maggi Moss** also finished in the top ten by purse earnings.

Moss, the wins leader in 2006, remains a consistent force despite tweaking her approach as purses have declined.

"What I'm the most frightened about is the adage of the sport of kings," Moss said. "Pretty

### Wertheimer and Frere (Alain and Gerard Wertheimer)

**Residences:** New York, N.Y., Switzerland  
**Leading earner of 2010:** Goldikova (Ire), \$1,080,000  
**Stakes winners of 2010:** Colizeo, Exhi, Goldikova (Ire), Interactif, West Ocean

### Maggi Moss

**Residence:** Des Moines, Iowa  
**Leading earner of 2010:** Independence War, \$140,200  
**Stakes winners of 2010:** Native Ruler, Roaring Home

soon that's going to be all that's left. I get too many calls of bills not being paid, owners wanting to sell. It's hard. I don't like seeing people come and go, that's not good for anybody.

"My own business plan had to change pretty radically. It certainly couldn't be about numbers anymore, it had to be a business, and I'm happy to say that I rearranged my operation based on the economy and racing in general and have managed to make a profit and be self-sustaining." ☺

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## INDUSTRY LEADERS OWNERS

### Leading owners by number of stakes winners

Owner	No. str	No. wns	No. SWs
Zayat Stables	108	57	12
Heilgbrodt Racing Stable	145	76	9
Edward P. Evans	49	21	8
Repole Stable	83	56	8
WinStar Farm	85	35	8
Arnold Zetcher	14	12	7
Darley Stable	93	36	7
Mast Thoroughbreds	24	16	6
Farnsworth Stables	28	14	6
Charles E. Fipke	53	17	6
Augustin Stable	61	31	6
Ken and Sarah Ramsey	147	70	6
Godolphin Racing	18	8	5
Team Valor International	23	7	5
Starlight Partners	23	10	5
Wertheimer & Frere	29	16	5
Red Oak Stable	30	17	5
West Point Thoroughbreds	59	28	5
Jay Em Ess Stable	71	26	5
Melynk Racing Stables	106	53	5

### Leading owners by percent of stakes winners from starters (with ten or more starters)

Owner	No. str	No. SWs	% str
Arnold Zetcher	14	7	50.00%
Ike and Dawn Thrash	14	4	28.57%
Godolphin Racing	18	5	27.78%
Rita J. Danley	11	3	27.27%
Mast Thoroughbreds	24	6	25.00%
Robert & Beverly Lewis Trust	13	3	23.08%
Team Valor International	23	5	21.74%
Starlight Partners	23	5	21.74%
Farnsworth Stables	28	6	21.43%
Rosemarie Kesseling	10	2	20.00%
Don L. Berge	10	2	20.00%
Robert Getczak and Kaygar Stable	10	2	20.00%
Premier Stables Unlimited	10	2	20.00%
and TAG Stables	10	2	20.00%
Terry Propp	10	2	20.00%
John Petrini	10	2	20.00%
Jer-Mar Stable	10	2	20.00%
Twin Creeks Racing Stables	11	2	18.18%
Maria G. Gonzalez	11	2	18.18%
Harold L. Queen	17	3	17.65%
Lathrop G. Hoffman	17	3	17.65%
Wertheimer & Frere	29	5	17.24%
Red Oak Stable	30	5	16.67%
Vision Racing	12	2	16.67%
Mr. & Mrs. William Warren Jr.	12	2	16.67%

### Leading owners by number of graded stakes winners

Owner	No. str	No. wns	No. GSWs
WinStar Farm	85	35	7
Zayat Stables	108	57	6
Charles E. Fipke	53	17	5
Edward P. Evans	49	21	4
Wertheimer & Frere	29	16	4
Jay Em Ess Stable	71	26	4
Arnold Zetcher	14	12	4
Starlight Partners	23	10	3
Ken and Sarah Ramsey	147	70	3
Brereton C. Jones	40	14	3
Ike and Dawn Thrash	14	10	3
Juddmonte Farms	29	10	3
Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Moss	33	15	3
Silent Stable	47	33	3
Augustin Stable	61	31	3

### Leading owners by percent of graded stakes winners from starters (ten or more starters)

Owner	No. str	No. GSWs	% GSWs/str
Arnold Zetcher	14	4	28.57%
Ike and Dawn Thrash	14	3	21.43%
Green Lantern Stables	14	2	14.29%
William L. Pape	14	2	14.29%
Wertheimer & Frere	29	4	13.79%
Craig Family Trust	15	2	13.33%
Starlight Partners	23	3	13.04%
Claiborne Farm and Adele B. Dilschneider	17	2	11.76%
Godolphin Racing	18	2	11.11%
Juddmonte Farms	29	3	10.34%
Paul Robsham Stables	20	2	10.00%
Chiefswood Stables	20	2	10.00%
R.E.V. Racing	10	1	10.00%
Lansdon Robbins III	10	1	10.00%
Mark H. Stanley	10	1	10.00%
Luis Olivares	10	1	10.00%
Charles E. Fipke	53	5	9.43%
Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Moss	33	3	9.09%
Twin Creeks Racing Stables	11	1	9.09%
James C. Spence	11	1	9.09%
E. W. and Judy Johnston	11	1	9.09%
Sullimar Stable	11	1	9.09%
Terra Di Sienna Stables	11	1	9.09%
L-Bo Racing, Monte Pyle, and Summer of Fun Racing	11	1	9.09%
Thor-Bred Stable	11	1	9.09%

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