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### 31st Annual World's Champion Sire Rating

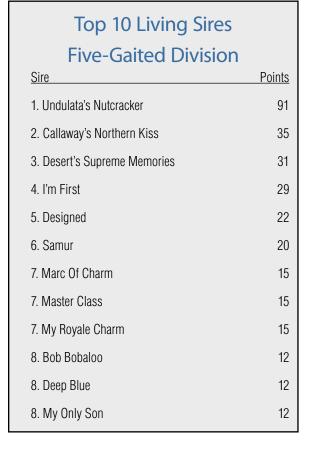
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It's that time of year when the most devoted to our sport, the breeders, pour over the statistics as they make their bloodline matches for the upcoming breeding season. The biggest hope is to find the right cross to produce a foal that will go on to win our most coveted prize: a Louisville blue ribbon.

To assist in finding the perfect cross, Saddle Horse Report once again brings you our 31st Annual World's Champion Overall Sire Rating and divisional charts. Our rating tracks points in five different divisions including five-gaited, three-gaited/three-gaited park, fine harness, pleasure/park pleasure/country pleasure and in hand. Points are assigned to all ribbon winners from the World's Championship Horse Show with championship classes holding a higher point value.

Callaway Hills continues to influence the breeding scene with eight of the top 20 stallions being sired by their two most prosperous stallions, CH Caramac and Callaway's Blue Norther. Interestingly enough, another trend influencing the ratings in the past two years is the sons of the number one overall sire Undulata's Nutcracker. Not only is he topping the chart but he also sired three of the top 20 stallions.

On the bottom side it is the dam Feather Light (BHF) who is an influencer on the chart being the dam of Joe Fabulous and Wine Women And Song. By CH Courageous Admiral, she also appears on the bottom side of reserve world's champions Pour Some Sugar On Me, Alicia Silverstone, and Mister Gordon Lightfoot.





Callaway's Blue Norther sons continued to make their mark on this year World's Champion Sire Rating, demonstrating the strength and quality of the longstanding Callaway Hills' breeding program.

Topping the charts for the tenth year in a row was Undulata's Nutcracker. The CH Caramac x Christmas In New York son ran away with the number one ranking with a monstrous 637 points. Not only was Nutcracker the number one overall champion but he topped each of the individual rankings: Five-Gaited, Three-Gaited, fine harness, pleasure, and in hand. Nutcracker was propelled to the top with the majority of his points coming in the three-gaited chart with 291 points. His lengthy list of world's champions is incredible and includes Eeta Sachon, HS I'm A Dreamer, Mossburg Mary, The Crowd Went Nuts, Little Black Dress, CH It's Aerosmith, Katharine's Prophecy, Pappy Van Winkle, Rocket Man, Extremely Fortunut, CH Get Crackin', HS I'm Hot Wired, Katharine The Great, and Really Really Red among others.

Callaway's Northern Kiss moved up to the second spot in 2019 with a total of 101 points. By the great Callaway's Blue Norther and out of the CH Caramac mare Callaway's Carmel Kiss, Northern Kiss made the charts in the five-gaited, three-gaited, pleasure, and in hand rankings with his highest showing on the five-gaited chart in the second spot. Carrying him into the number two spot included world's champions like Two Sweet To Kiss, Enchanted Kiss, Northern Asset and Blackout.

Making a sizeable leap from his 17<sup>th</sup> rank in 2018, I'm First owned the number three spot for 2019. A world's champion in his own right (2009 and 2007 Five-Gaited Stallion World's Champion) the Stonecroft Farm owned stallion accumulated points in the five-gaited, three-gaited, and in hand charts primarily. The son of former number one World's Champion Sire, CF First Night Out out of That Special Face earned 87 total points. Some of this grand performer's world's titleholders include: Tua, Leatherwood's Way To Go, First And Only, Brand New Day and Walterway's First Responder.

The fourth spot was held down by the magnificent Sir William Robert with 85 points. Owned and bred by C. Thomas Galbreath, he is by Santana's Charm and out of the CH Heir To Champagne daughter Rebel Empress. Divisionally he held down the number two spot on the three-gaited chart once again and made strong showings in the fine harness and pleasure ranks. The incomparable HS Baby Steps was among his leading point collectors. She was joined by four-year-old world's champions Drinks After Work and Prince Valiant along with 13 and Under Country Pleasure World's Champion Absolutely Allison.

Only a point back, Designed closed in on number five with 84 points. Judy Werner's homebred stallion is royally bred, sired by CH Caramac and out of the Supreme Sultan mare, Sultan's Dianna BHF. By division he racked up points in the five-gaited and three-gaited divisions adding to his points from his number two spot in the pleasure division. Once again five-gaited pony superstar CH Ultimate Spitfire was on his list of world's champions as well as Expensively Designed.

Samur captured the sixth spot in 2019 with 75 points. The Roseridge Heir x Worthy Moment son earned points in the five-gaited, three-gaited, fine harness and pleasure divisions with the bulk coming under the three-gaited/three-gaited park heading where he finished number four. Just Can't Get Enough was the leader of his get winning two titles at Louisville. Other world's champions included I Am What I Am and Samuri Lady.

Sixty-eight points pushed Tango's Parting Kiss into the seventh spot, three spots up from 2018. He was the number three ranked stallion in the three-gaited division and also made an appearance at number six in fine harness. By (SA) Arborlane

# Top 10 Living Sires Three-Gaited/Park Divisions

Sire	<u>Points</u>
1. Undulata's Nutcracker	271
2. Sir William Robert	40
3. Mountainview's Heir To Fortune	38
3. Tango's Parting Kiss	38
4. Samur	36
5. Callaway's Northern Kiss	32
6. Seaforth's Billion Heir	24
7. I'm First	23
8. Designed	22
8. Wine Women and Song	22

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Tangos Wee Pee and out of the Radiant Sultan daughter, One Parting Kiss (BHF), Tango's Parting Kiss has 204 registered get to his credit. Superstar Tango's Parting Kiss was just one of his world's champions in 2019; others included: Hi-Fling, Too Hot To Tango, There's No Denying, and Rango Tango.

Moving up a place in the ratings in 2019 was Mountainview's Heir To Fortune (Supreme Heir x Kitchiku's Konstellation. Of his total 59 points over half of those points came from his three-gaited progeny where he finished tied with Tango's Parting Kiss for number three. He also ranked number four in the fine harness category. His celebrated 2019 three-gaited world's champions were CH Lulu Guinness and Shine Bright, both shown by Caroline Katko. Mercer Springs homebred Seek Your Fortune also came away with a Louisville title as the ASR Amateur Kentucky Futurity Two-Year-Old In Hand World's Champion.

Desert's Supreme Memories continues to be in the leaders of this pack earning the ninth spot with 55 points. By Desert's Supreme Admiral and out of a Mountain Highland Memories mare (Desert's Precious Memories), he earned his points primarily in the five-gaited division, which propelled him to the third spot on that chart, and pleasure, where he finished sixth. CH Moonlight Memories was one of his headliners along five-gaited world's champions Man On The Move and Psychedelic Memories.

Closing out the top ten was the Callaway's Blue Norther x Yorkshire Pudding (BHF) son Deep Blue with an even 50 points. He finished top eight in the five-gaited and pleasure divisions. Deep Blue progeny had a great year at Louisville bumping up the sire six spots from 2018. His top performer from Louisville actually came in the three-gaited division from Just Surprize Me winning the Amateur Gentlemen Three-Gaited World's Champion title.

Number 11 for 2019 was Joe Fabulous, a reserve world's champion in his own right. Out of the CH Courageous Admiral daughter Feather Light (BHF), the son of I'm A New Yorker accumulated 41 points with 26 of those points landing him at the number two spot in the fine harness division.

## Top 10 Living Sires Fine Harness Division

Sire	<u>Points</u>
1. Undulata's Nutcracker	102
2. Joe Fabulous	26
3. Sir William Robert	15
4. Madeira's Rubicon	14
4. Mountainview's Heir To Fortune	14
4. Northern Vegas	14
5. Nutcracker's Nirvana	13
6. Tango's Parting Kiss	11
6. Samur	11
7. Callaway's Guy Park	10

# Top 10 Living Sires Park/Show/Country Pleasure Divisions

Sire	<u>Points</u>
1. Undulata's Nutcracker	147
2. Designed	35
3. The Mystery Writer	27
4. Callaway's Northern Kiss	26
5. Thundergun	23
6. Desert's Supreme Memories	22
6. Sir William Robert	22
7. Undulata's Heir Apparent	19
8. Deep Blue	18
9. Trust Fund	16
9. Unlisted	16

His most famous get of his career at this point is the incomparable CH Our Brilliant Belle, who once again earned two victories in Louisville. Wingswept Fabulous Opportunity was one of his youngest stars in Freedom Hall in 2019 winning the Three-Year-Old Fine Harness Stallion/Gelding class.

Undulata's Heir Apparent made the top twenty again in 2019 finishing at number 12. By Undulata's Nutcracker and out of the magnificent world's grand champion CH An Heir About Her, he amassed 40 points from his Louisville ribbon winners. The homebred stallion's biggest divisional finish was in the pleasure division with Seamus Heaney driving him to the respective number seven spot.

The Mystery Writer captured the number 14 spot, moving up four spots from 2018. Bred by Callaway Hills and owned by the late Dr. Alan Raun, he is by Callaway's Blue Norther and out of Callaway's Agatha Christie BHF. His biggest showing was in the pleasure division with Louisville top three ribbons winners including Ken Follett, The Dance Writer and Reedann's Rare Mystery.

Another Callaway's Blue Norther son, Northern Vegas, returned to the rankings by claiming spot number 16. Northern Vegas, out of Lass Vegas, accumulated 37 points with almost half of those points coming from the fine harness division where he tied at the number four spot. His biggest finishers at Louisville this year were the ASR National Futurity Three-Year-Old Three-Gaited Park World's Champion Nashvegas and Amateur Fine Harness World's Champion of Champions Best Show In Vegas.

Nutcracker's Nirvana swooped in with 35 points tying for the 16th spot. Out of a Harlem's Globetrotter mare, he is by the number one sire Undulata's Nutcracker. His highest divisional finish was in the fine harness division where he was number five. She's Epic drove him to that finish earning the most points from her ASR Sweepstakes Four Year Old Fine Harness World's Champion title.

Also making up number 16 was Trust Fund. Absent from the Top 20 for a few years, the Attache's Liquid Asset x Stonewall's Crimson And Clover son had 35 points to his credit with 16 of those points putting

him in the pleasure division ranks at number nine. Ro & Me's Heir Express and Ro & Me's Kiss Me Not were two of his world's champion winners from that division. He also sired Dawson Archibald's Junior Exhibitor Three-Gaited Park Section II World's Champion, Sugar Fund.

The youngest of the group at age nine, A Rare Temper landed at number 17. The son of Dorian Wild Temper (SA) and the Callaway's Blue Norther mare Garland's Second Edition is owned and bred by Fox Grape Farms, Inc. He scored 32 points total and also made number three in the in hand division where his son One Ripple Effect was twice a winner a Louisville. He also sired world's champion SH Only Grace and reserve world's champions Fox Grape's Carpe Diem and One Rare Moment.

After a year off, Marc Of Charm returned to the overall chart earning 31 points for the number 18 spot. The Santana's Charm x Pretty Ribbons son has the number seven spot on the five-gaited divisional chart also to his credit. Riverdreams Spitfire was part of his division success as the 2019 Five-Gaited Stallion World's Champion at only five years old. Another young star in the five-gaited division was Monnington Marcsman, ASR Sweepstakes Four Year Old Five Gaited Reserve World's Champion. Outside that division, Beauty Marc added to is overall points total with the Junior Three Gaited 15.2 & Under win.

Wine Women And Song also landed at the number 18 spot with 31 points. Another son by Callaway's Blue Norther, he is out of Feather Light (BHF), who made her second appearance as she is also the dam of number 11 finisher Joe Fabulous. The stallion made an impact in the three-gaited division landing in the eighth spot with his park superstars Arrowhead's Moet and CH Futurette both winning amateur park qualifiers in Freedom Hall.

Bringing the overall rankings to a close was Callaway's Guy Park, the last of three stallions making up the number 18 spot. His biggest divisional finish came in the fine harness division at number seven. He sired the winners of both sections of the Three-Year-Old Fine Harness Mares classes. Arrowhead's Walk In The Park was section one winner while Staccato topped section two. Guy Park is one of the six Callaway's Blue Norther sons making the overall chart this year. He is out of the mare Sweet Sachet who was sired by Genius Bourbon Prince.

#### Top 5 Living Sires In Hand Division

Sire	<u>Points</u>
1. Undulata's Nutcracker	26
2. Arrowhead's Unlike Any Other	13
2. I'm First	13
3. A Rare Temper	10
4. Callaway's Northern Kiss	8