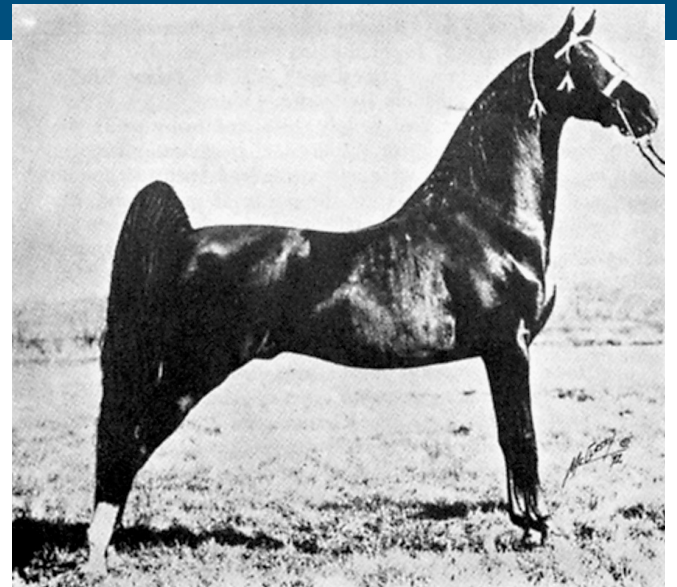
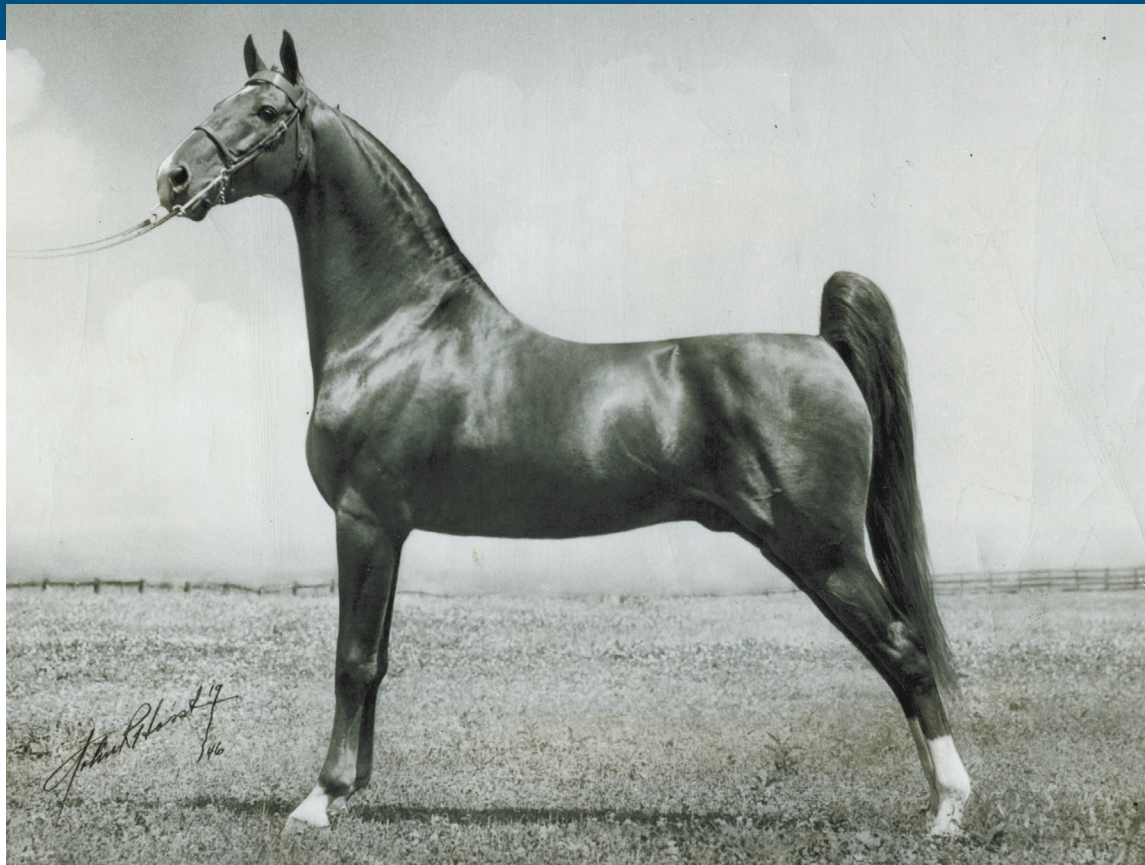


34TH ANNUAL WORLD'S CHAMPION SIRE RATING

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Anacacho Denmark (above) and Anacacho Shamrock strongly influence the pedigrees in today's World's Champion Sire Rating.

Pedigree and lineage play an integral role in the success of the American Saddlebred industry's most elite performers. With breeding season upon us, we once again reflect on the sires that have made the most impact this season at the highest level, the World's Championship Horse Show. For the 34th year, Saddle Horse Report is proud to present its annual World's Champion Sire Rating. Points are given to all ribbon winners in Louisville, with the world's grand champion and world's champion of champions classes being weighted higher than the qualifying and single classes.

The rating is divided among Living and Deceased Sires, in addition to taking a look at how the top living sires fared by division. If a sire was alive on January 1 of the year, he is counted as a Living Sire even if he passes away during the year.

As it has for years, the influence of Callaway Hills is stamped all over this rating. The CH Will Shriver sons, CH Caramac and Callaway's Blue Norther, through their sons and grandsons are responsible for seven of the Top 20 Living Sires. CH Caramac is the sire of the Number One Living Sire, Undulata's Nutcracker and the Number One Deceased Sire, Designed. Callaway's Blue Norther himself is Number 3 on the Deceased Rating. The bloodlines from this iconic Missouri nursery will continue to stay strong much to the delight of the women who directed the program for decades, the late Betty Weldon and her daughter, the later Lenore "Tony" Weldon.

The 2022 sire rating once again featured Undulata's Nutcracker securely at the top spot on the overall list for the impressive 13th consecutive year. The Woodleigh

Farm LLC owned stallion continued his domination as the senior sire under the direction of Joan Lurie at Willowbank. The son of CH Caramac and Christmas In New York bested the field of stallions in the number one ranking spot, accumulating a monstrous 649 points.

Not only was Nutcracker at the top of the overall list, but he also led the way in the individual rankings, with many of his stellar world's champion offspring helping to propel him to success in 2022. Nutcracker's name was at the top of the five-gaited division, garnering 57 points as the leading stallion in these ranks. His five-gaited success included Ladies Five-Gaited Mares World's Champion Eeta Sachon and Ladies Amateur Five-Gaited Mares World's Champion, CH Undulata's High Society. We Must Be Really Nuts scored a reserve world's title in the junior exhibitor five-gaited 14-17 ranks, while Undulata's Nutcracker was well represented by the top two finishers in the Three-Year-Old Five-Gaited Stallion/Gelding class. Undulata's Down And Derby led the way as the world's champion, followed by Nutcracker's Mr. October in reserve.

Another Willowbank resident, Samur's get shined in the five-gaited division as well, sending the stallion into the second place spot in the gaited ranks. Waterford Farm LLC's son of Roseridge Heir and Worthy Moment garnered 53 points in reserve, and also finished fourth on the overall sire rating. Bred by Randy Tabor, Samur sired the Five-Gaited Reserve World's Grand Champion, Stonecroft Curate, as well as the Junior Five-Gaited World's Champion of Champions, Lexingtonian. Fox Grape's Flashpoint

represented Samur as the ASHBA National Futurity Three-Year-Old Five-Gaited World's Champion, while Intuition and CH Samurai also garnered gaited success on behalf of Samur.

Twice World's Champion Five-Gaited Stallion Desert's Supreme Memories passed away during the year but landed a mere two points behind Samur on the five-gaited ranking. Roberta Rassieur is the proud owner of this son of Desert's Supreme Admiral and Desert's Precious Memories, who was bred by Desert Oasis Ranch. Standing under the direction of his longtime trainer Virgil Helm, "Arizona" scored the third place position on the five-gaited ranks as well as the sixth spot on the overall list. CH Memories Of Cabo made his final show ring appearances in Louisville this year, capping a successful show career as the son of Desert's Supreme Memories. The brilliant chestnut left Freedom Hall as the

TOP 10 LIVING SIRES FIVE-GAITED DIVISION

1. Undulata's Nutcracker	57
2. Samur	53
3. Desert's Supreme Memories	51
4. Callaway's Northern Kiss	40
5. Heir Emerald	37
6. Top Of The Mark	31
7. Marc Of Charm	29
8. I'm First	22
9T. I'm A Lucky Charm	14
9T. Phlags Phlying	14
9T. Santana's Awari	14

Amateur Five-Gaited World's Champion of Champions. Memories In Blue also wore the roses in the gaited ranks on behalf of Desert's Supreme Memories, being crowned the Ladies Amateur Five-Gaited World's Champion of Champions. Lady On The Move and Psychedelic Memories both scored reserve world's titles for Desert's Supreme Memories in the gaited ranks.

Callaway's Northern Kiss followed in the fourth position in the five-gaited charts with a total of 40 points, highlighted most notably by his son, Five-Gaited World's Grand Champion, Epoque Kiss NKF, Junior Exhibitor 14-17 Sec. II World's Champion Surprised By A Kiss and Reserve World's Champion Five-Gaited Stallion, Honorable Kiss. Ranked second on the Overall Top 20 Chart, Northern Kiss is a son of Callaway's Blue Norther and Callaway's Carmel Kiss (by CH Caramac) and stands at Burt and Miriam Honaker's Northern Kiss Farm.

Owned by Ricky Cook and standing at Willowbank, Heir Emerald (Reggie's American Legend x RKR's Emerald Lady) rounded out the top five finishers being represented by five-gaited world's champions Emerald's Blue Heir, Emerald's Blue Storm and Heir Jacked NKF.

Rounding out the Top 10 were world's grand champions Top Of The Mark and Marc Of Charm in sixth and seventh, respectively. They were also eighth and seventh respectively in the Overall Top 20. I'm First, number 12 in the Overall Top 20, was eighth on the gaited list, followed by I'm A Lucky Charm, Phlags Phlying, and Santana's Awari who all tied for ninth place.

The three-gaited and three-gaited park divisions featured impressive talent in 2022, with the offspring of Undulata's Nutcracker once again leading the way. He landed in the top spot of yet another division ranking with a dominating 280 points. Nutcracker excelled in the Three-Gaited World's Grand Championship as the sire of the winner, The Crowd Went Nuts, and the reserve world's grand champion, HS Close Enough To Perfect. The offspring of Undulata's Nutcracker also scored the roses in the junior exhibitor three-gaited ranks with CH Katharine The Great, the 14-17 world's champion of champions, and Undulata's Cherry Garcia, the 13 and under world's champion of champions. Hallelujah Moment, Crossfire's Black Mamba, Good Luck Chuck, Sedgefield's Best Story Ever, and CH Nutorious also secured world's titles in 2022 on behalf of Nutcracker. HS Brilliant Heiress, CH The Great Oz, Nut My Fault, Completely Innocent, He's My Justification, Crack The Mystery, and Graduate Student represented their sire as reserve world's champion title holders. In the three-gaited park division, the Nutcracker-sired CH Little Black Dress excelled as the Junior Exhibitor Three-Gaited Park Section One World's Champion, with Sylvanhall Highly Classified, Undulata's Fannie May, Suddenly Speechless, and Sedgefield's Diamond Girl leaving Louisville with reserve world's championship honors.

Tango's Parting Kiss rose to the second position on the three-gaited/three-gaited park leaderboard, netting a total of 57 points. The son of the former fine harness sensation, Arborlane Tango's Wee Pee (SA) and Broodmare Hall Of Fame matron One Parting Kiss, also landed in the third place position in the overall stallion ranking. Tango's Parting Kiss represented breeder Susan Vestal and owner Matt Shiflet with several offspring that excelled in the three-gaited and three-gaited park ranks. Standing at Shiflet Stables, Tango's Parting Kiss' list of walk-trot winners include Tango's Token Kiss, the Ladies Three-Gaited World's Champion

TOP 10 LIVING SIRES THREE-GAITED/PARK DIVISIONS

1. Undulata's Nutcracker	280
2. Tango's Parting Kiss	57
3. Callaway's Northern Kiss	31
4. VHF The Licorice Drop Kid	25
5T. Carl Lynn	24
5T. Northern Vegas	24
6T. I'm First	19
6T. Nutcracker's Nirvana	19
6T. Rose Arbor Destiny	19
7. Deep Blue	17

of Champions and Hi-Fling, the Ladies Amateur Three-Gaited World's Champion of Champions. Dreamacres Mr. Heisman excelled in Louisville on behalf of Parting Kiss as the Junior Three-Gaited World's Champion of Champions, while HS Knocking On Heaven's Door earned a victory pass on the green shavings as the Ladies Amateur Three-Gaited 15.2 and Under Section Two World's Champion.

Callaway's Northern Kiss' offspring not only excelled in the five-gaited division, but in the three-gaited and three-gaited park ranks as well. The Callaway Hills bred son of Callaway's Blue Norther and Callaway's Carmel Kiss landed in the third place position on the three-gaited leaderboard with 31 points and also moved up significantly in the overall rankings this year to secure the reserve ranking. Owned by and standing at Burt and Miriam Honaker's Northern Kiss Farm LLC, Northern Kiss was well represented by Enchanted Kiss, the Amateur Three-Gaited Park World's Champion of Champions, as well as Aloha Kiss NKF and Hawaiian Kiss NKF, who both scored three-gaited reserve world's championship honors.

VHF The Licorice Drop Kid (It's Hammertime x Desert's Radiant Sunshine) rounded out the top four finishers on the three-gaited and three-gaited park divisional leaderboard for owner/breeder Tom Lee. This black stallion is known for his notable black son, world's champion of champions CH It's Aerosmith and his junior exhibitor 14-17 reserve world's champion of champions, Another Wish.

Carl Lynn and Northern Vegas tied for fifth among the three-gaited/three-gaited park sires. Owned by Gene and Annalize van der Walt, Carl Lynn is a son of Undulata's Nutcracker out of Carol Lynn (BHF), who is also the dam of world's grand champion Top Of The Mark and world's champion of champions CH Lynn Williams and CH According To Lynn. Carl Lynn was represented by Three-Gaited Park World's Champion of Champions Undulata's Johnny Rebel.

Owned by Golden Creek Farms, Northern Vegas was also eleventh on the Overall Top 20 Chart. The son of Callaway's Blue Norther and Lass Vegas was represented by world's champion Nashvegas and reserve

TOP 10 LIVING SIRES FINE HARNESS DIVISION

1. Undulata's Nutcracker	92
2. Tango's Parting Kiss	29
3T. Joe Fabulous	22
3T. (SA) Tomcat	22
4T. Northern Vegas	19
4T. Rose Arbor Destiny	19
5. Arrowhead's Unlike Any Other	17
6. Sedgefield's Legacy	15
7. Sir William Robert	14
8. Marc Of Charm	13

world's champion Milady a La Vegas in the three-gaited/three-gaited park division.

World's champion I'm First, world's grand champion Nutcracker's Nirvana, and world's champion Rose Arbor Destiny each tied for sixth place, while Deep Blue rounded out the top finishers in seventh.

It was no surprise that Undulata's Nutcracker's name was found at the top of yet another leaderboard, as the stallion led the way in the fine harness divisional ranks with 92 total points. Just as Undulata's Nutcracker celebrated a tricolor sweep in the Three-Gaited World's Grand Championship, his offspring also claimed the top two prizes in the prestigious Fine Harness World's Grand Championship with Soul Desire earning the roses and HS Daydream's Heads Up following in reserve. Nutcracker sired get also secured the first and second place positions in the Fine Harness Stallion/Gelding Stake as well as the Fine Harness Mare Stake. HS Daydream's Heads Up led the way in the stallion/gelding class, followed by Moon Trac. HS Honor Thy Mother marched off as the Fine Harness Mare World's Champion, with Clara Lynn in reserve. Rocket Man scored the round of honor as the Amateur Gentlemen's Fine Harness World's Champion, while Citation helped add to Nutcracker's tally as the Amateur Ladies Fine Harness Reserve World's Champion of Champions.

The reserve spot in the fine harness leaderboard was awarded to Tango's Parting Kiss with a total of 29 points. The Parting Kiss sired Dheir To Tango impressed on the green shavings as the Ladies Fine Harness World's Champion of Champions. In his show ring debut, Billy Flynn Esq. carried off the world's championship title in the ASHBA Kentucky Futurity Two-Year-Old Fine Harness offering, while There's No Denying trotted off with the reserve world's championship honors from the Ladies Fine Harness Section One class.

Two successful stallions tied for the third place position on the fine harness leaderboard, both netting 22 points. (SA) Tomcat was well represented in this division by his offspring. The son of SA SJ Space Sensation and SA SJ Tango's Dream Girl was bred by J. Maartens and proudly owned by Pieter Hugo and Lauren Smith. In addition to his success on the fine harness ranking, (SA) Tomcat also tied for the 16th place in the overall

stallion list. Arrowhead's Different Breed Of Cat helped (SA) Tomcat to secure his third place spot as the Junior Fine Harness World's Champion of Champions. The Tomcat sired Rombauer also garnered success, earning the reserve world's title from the Junior Fine Harness Stallion/Gelding offering.

Joe Fabulous was also tied with (SA) Tomcat for the third place spot in the fine harness leaderboard. The Nichols Family Farm owned stallion also landed himself tied for 10th on the overall leaderboard. Spencer Mains is the proud breeder of this son of I'm A New Yorker and Feather Light, who was represented once again in Louisville by his famed daughter, Our Brilliant Belle. The legendary mare added to her record setting career as the Ladies Fine Harness Reserve World's Champion of Champions and the Ladies Fine Harness Section One World's Champion. HS Ambitious Joe also represented his sire in his first Louisville appearance as the Three-Year-Old Fine Harness Stallion/Gelding Section One World's Champion with Todd Graham who stands Joe Fabulous.

Northern Vegas and Rose Arbor Destiny tied for fourth on the fine harness divisional list with world's champion of champions Best Show In Vegas leading the way for Northern Vegas. Another stallion owned by Gene

and Annalize van der Walt, Rose Arbor Destiny had offspring like world's champions SH Michael Douglas.

Owned by E.A.C. Equine LLC, Arrowhead's Unlike Any Other was the fifth place sire in the harness division. Among his stars were reserve world's champion of champions Arrowhead's Moonlight Romance and reserve world's champion EAC American Justice.

Sedegfield's Legacy climbed into the sixth place position, followed by Sir William Robert in seventh and Marc Of Charm in eighth.

The pleasure division leaderboard consisted of entries that competed in the World's Championship Horse Show in the park pleasure, show pleasure, and country pleasure ranks. Undulata's Nutcracker continued his domination as the winning sire of this rating. Nutcracker accrued 201 total points from the pleasure division, beginning with CH I'm In Heaven, who was named the Junior Exhibitor Three-Gaited 13 and Under Reserve World's Champion of Champions. Kalarama's Sin City and Justina also secured junior exhibitor world's titles, while Undulata's Witch Doctor was the Adult Three-Gaited Show Pleasure Reserve World's Champion of Champions. Creekridge Mr. Peacock, CH Nuttin' Innocent, and Alexia Superstar all added to

Nutcracker's total with show pleasure reserve world's titles. The Nutcracker sired CH Undulata's Satchmo added to his impressive resume as the Junior Exhibitor Country Pleasure 14-17 Section One World's Champion, and Sedgfield's Mirror Image helped Nutcracker's total with a world's title from the junior exhibitor country pleasure 13 and under ranks. CH Extremely Fortunat, Parker Twenty-Four, Forged In Fire, CH Nuttin' To Lose, and Nutcracker's Shooting Star all garnered reserve world's titles that propelled their sire to the top of the pleasure leaderboard.

A total of 57 netted points landed A Rare Temper into the reserve position on the pleasure ranking. Fox Grapes Farm Inc. and Rare Opportunity Breeding had reason to be proud of this son of SA Dorian Wild Temper and Garland's Second Edition who in addition to his second place on the pleasure leaderboard, also moved up a notch to land in the top five on the list of overall world's champion sires. This stallion, who like Undulata's Nutcracker, also stands at Willowbank, was pushed into the forefront thanks to the efforts of his daughter, Melrose Madeline, the Junior Park Pleasure Reserve World's Champion of Champions, and Kodachrome, the Junior Park Pleasure Section Two World's Champion. CH So Co represented his sire with the coveted blanket of roses and the world's champion of champions title from the junior exhibitor three-gaited show pleasure 14-17 division, while the A Rare Temper-sired CH One Rare Moment was the Adult Three-Gaited Show Pleasure Section Two World's Champion. Fox Grape's Encore also added to A Rare Temper's score with a reserve world's championship ribbon from the junior exhibitor country pleasure ranks.

Callaway's Northern Kiss rounded out the top three leading sires on the pleasure list with 39 points. The Northern Kiss-sired Major Houlihan earned a world's title on behalf of his sire as the ASHBA National Futurity Amateur Three-Year-Old Park Pleasure winner. Big City Bill added to Northern Kiss' total with the red ribbon and reserve world's honors from the junior exhibitor three-gaited show pleasure 14-17 division. Another show pleasure performer, Northern Asset, helped Northern Kiss with a reserve world's championship title in the adult three-gaited show pleasure ranks.

Only one point separated Top Of The Mark and Tango's Parting Kiss from the fourth and fifth positions on the pleasure leaderboard. Top Of The Mark was responsible for world's champion of champions On The Horizon and world's champion Top Asset. Tango's Parting Kiss gave us world's champion of champions Chess Piece and world's champion King Of Swing.

Undulata's Heir Apparent finished in sixth, Sir William Robert in seventh and VHF The Licorice Drop Kid in eighth. Samur and Desert's Supreme Memories rounded out the top 10 finishers.

Undulata's Nutcracker again achieved an impressive feat in 2022 by not only toping the overall chart, but also earning the top spot in every individual division leaderboard. Nutcracker's year was highlighted with world's champion offspring in the five-gaited, three-gaited, park, pleasure and fine harness divisions, as well as the in-hand ranks. The prolific stallion netted 19 points at the top of the in-hand leaderboard, making for a sweep of all of the sire ratings offered for living stallions. Tropical Blue represented his sire as the ASHBA National Weanling Futurity Reserve World's Champion in his show ring debut. Manchego also added

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TOP 5 LIVING SIRES IN HAND DIVISION

1. Undulata's Nutcracker	19
2T. Glamorous Nuts	10
2T. Noble Braveheart	10
3. Creekside Dripping In Gold	8
4. Rose Arbor Destiny	7

TOP 5 DECEASED SIRES

1. Designed	80
2. Leatherwood's Starlight	38
3. Callaway's Blue Norther	30
4. Belle Reve's Renaissance Man	29
5T. Don't Tell Em Jack	26
5T. Master Class	26

TOP 10 LIVING SIRES PARK • SHOW COUNTRY PLEASURE DIVISIONS

1. Undulata's Nutcracker	201
2. A Rare Temper	57
3. Callaway's Northern Kiss	39
4. Top Of The Mark	31
5. Tango's Parting Kiss	30
6. Undulata's Heir Apparent	27
7. Sir William Robert	25
8. VHF The Licorice Drop Kid	23
9. Samur	20
10. Desert's Supreme Memories	18

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to Nutcracker's total with the reserve world's title from the ASHBA National Yearling Futurity offering.

Both Glamorous Nuts and Noble Braveheart are two up and coming sires that tied for the reserve position on the in-hand leaderboard—each with 10 total points. Glamorous Nuts is a prime example of the successful offspring of Undulata's Nutcracker, as the young stallion has now begun a breeding career of his own. Out of Brookhill's Glam Slam, Glamorous Nuts represented owner and breeder Ghareeb Equine Investments LLC with his winning offspring including Mr. Glamorous, the Yearling Breeders Open World's Champion. Nougatine also starred in his first show ring appearance to be named the ASHBA National Weanling Futurity World's Champion.

Noble Braveheart also tied for the second place honors on the in-hand leaderboard. The pride of 6D Ranch LTD is sired by Callaway's Northern Kiss and out of Fort Chiswell's Retained Assets and was bred by Richmond DeHart. Noble Braveheart's son, Walterway's Heart Stopper, garnered all 10 points for his sire. The youngster earned two victory passes in Freedom Hall as both the ASHBA National Yearling Futurity World's Champion and the ASHBA Futurity Of Kentucky Amateur Yearlings World's Champion.

CreekrIDGE Dripping In Gold scored 8 points and the third place position on the in-hand list. The son of County Treasure and Phianna succeeded through his son Cosmic Clarity, who was crowned the ASHBA Futurity of Kentucky Amateur Weanlings World's Champion.

Rose Arbor Destiny rounded out the top four stallions on the in-hand leaderboard. This was yet another son of Undulata's Nutcracker that is also now making a name for himself as a sire. The stallion, bred by Joellen Blount and owned by Gene and Annalize van der Walt, netted seven in-hand points as well as a Top 10 finish on the overall sire rating. The Rose Arbor Destiny-sired Elation Destination carried off the reserve world's championship title in the Yearling Breeders Open offering.

Year after year, one particular stallion has appeared on a multitude of the leaderboards following the World's Championship Horse Show. The Saddlebred world recently lost that sire, Designed, after great success as a breeding stallion. This year, Designed easily slid into the top spot on the deceased sires leaderboard with a total of 80 points. Designed was yet another son of CH Caramac and was out of the Broodmare Hall Of Fame producer, Sultan's Dianna. Redwing Saddlebred Farm LLC was the owner of this Judy and Roy Werner bred stallion. CH Balenciaga wore the roses on behalf of Designed, as the Junior Exhibitor Three-Gaited Show Pleasure 13 and Under World's Champion of Champions. CH Kalarama's Double Di continued her domination on behalf of her sire, with the top honors from the Amateur Three-Gaited

Park Section One offering, while CH I Rock Tom Ford left Louisville as the Junior Exhibitor Country Pleasure 14-17 Reserve World's Champion of Champions.

Leatherwood's Starlight netted 38 points and the reserve spot on the deceased sired list. Sired by CH Starlike Sultan and out of Superb Fantasy, Leatherwood's Starlight was bred and owned throughout his career by Leatherwood Farm and managed by Fred Sarver. Former Five-Gaited World's Grand Champion, Bourbon Select, has become one of Leatherwood's Starlight's most famed offspring. The performer left Freedom Hall as the Ladies Amateur Five-Gaited Reserve World's Champion of Champions. Starlight's gaited success in Louisville also included the reserve world's champion five-gaited ponies, Leatherwood's Rita Bonita and Leatherwood's Eveready.

Callaway's Blue Norther, a former name at the top of the overall sire rating, followed in the third place posi-

tion on the deceased sire list. The son of CH Will Shriver and Royally Blue finished the year with 30 points. His son, CH Callaway's Brioni, was the Adult Five-Gaited Show Pleasure Section Two World's Champion as well as the adult reserve world's champion of champions. Callaway's Kiton also represented his sire with a reserve world's championship title in the junior exhibitor five-gaited 13 and under ranks.

Belle Reve's Renaissance Man followed behind Blue Norther by just one point in fourth. Don't Tell Em' Jack and Master Class tied for fifth and rounded out the top five deceased sires for 2022.

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