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## GUNNEVERA HEADS LIST OF 20 ASPIRING 2-YEAR-OLDS PRE-ENTERED FOR THE \$1,000,000 DELTA DOWNS JACKPOT

BOB BAFFERT, DOUG O'NEILL, D. WAYNE LUKAS AND MARK CASSE AMONG  
HORSEMEN AIMING FOR THE \$600,000 FIRST PLACE PRIZE ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

STEVE ASMUSSEN'S GOLDEN MISCHIEF PRE-ENTERED IN THE \$400,000 DELTA DOWNS PRINCESS

VINTON, LA. – A total of 20 pre-entries were received for this year's \$1,000,000 Delta Downs Jackpot (Gr. III), which will be run on Saturday, November 19 at Delta Downs Racetrack Casino & Hotel. The race for 2-year-olds competing at 1-1/16 miles on a dirt surface will be the headliner on a Jackpot Day program that will include eight stakes races in all and more than \$2.3 million in total purse money. There is a special post time of 1:45 pm Central Time on Jackpot Day.

Gunnevera owns the most impressive victory on the Jackpot pre-entrant list as he took the \$200,000 Saratoga Special back on August 14. The Antonio Sano trainee will try to follow in the footsteps of Exaggerator, who also won the grade II event at Saratoga Race Course before taking Delta Downs' richest offering in his final start as a 2-year-old. During his 3-year-old campaign Exaggerator won three grade I races and was also the runner-up to Nyquist in this year's Kentucky Derby before being retired.

Other horses of note that were pre-entered on Tuesday include the Joe Sharp-trainee Line Judge, who captured the Jean Lafitte Stakes at Delta Downs on October 22; Tip Tap Tapizar, who won the Sapling Stakes at Monmouth Park on September 4 after finishing second to Gunnevera in the Saratoga Special for trainer Steve Asmussen, who won the Jackpot in 2011 with Sabercat; and Kenneth McPeek's Pat On the Back, who comes in with the highest career bankroll of just over \$300,000 and has won two stakes races in his home state of New York. McPeek won the Jackpot race in 2006 with Birdbirdistheword.

Listed below are this year's pre-entrants to the \$1,000,000 Delta Downs Jackpot in order of career earnings.

<u>Horse (state bred in)</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Earnings</u>
Pat On the Back (New York)	Kenneth McPeek	Harold Lerner LLC AWC Stables and Nehoc Stables	\$300,020
Tip Tap Tapizar (Louisiana)	Steve Asmussen	Whispering Oak Farm, LLC (Carrol Castille)	\$173,060

Gunnevera (Kentucky)	Antonio Sano	Peacock Racing Stables, LLC	\$171,000
Line Judge (Kentucky)	Joe Sharp	Barry and Joni Butzow	\$167,180
Thirstforlife (Kentucky)	Mark Casse	G. Barber, St. Elias Stables LLC	
		M. Tabor, M. Magnier & D. Smith	\$103,265
Hot Sean (Kentucky)	Bob Baffert	Karl Watson, Michael Pegram and Paul Weitman	\$75,000
Balandeen (Kentucky)	Chris Hartman	Joey Keith Davis	\$64,694
Jack Snipes (Louisiana)	Gary Scherer	Jeff Drown and Gary Scherer	\$55,800
Our Stormin Norman (Kentucky)	Mark Casse	Live Oak Plantation (Charlotte Weber)	\$52,422
Hampton's Holiday (New York)	Rudy Rodriguez	Sterling Racing	\$57,900
Dangerfield (Kentucky)	Doug O'Neill	W. C. Racing and Zayat Stables	\$47,480
J Boys Echo (Kentucky)	Dale Romans	Albaugh Family Stables, LLC	\$44,600
Uncontested (Kentucky)	Wayne Catalano	Harry T. Rosenblum	\$36,000
Gemacho (Kentucky)	Vickie Foley	Vickie Foley, et al	\$30,400
Floplus (Kentucky)	Randy Morse	Tom Durant	\$27,600
Dupree (Florida)	Ron Moquett	Harlow Stables LLC (Eric Johnson)	\$22,832
Forest Waltz (Kentucky)	Gennadi Dorochenko	Raut LLC	\$15,670
Dilettante (Florida)	D. Wayne Lukas	Calumet Farms (Brad Kelley)	\$12,526
Gasprom (Florida)	Gennadi Dorochenko	Raut LLC	\$3,300
Silver Dust (Kentucky)	Randy Morse	Tom Durant	\$1,740

Final entries and post positions will be drawn for this year's \$1,000,000 Delta Downs Jackpot on Friday, November 11. First preference for the race will be given to Line Judge, by virtue of his win in the Jean Lafitte Stakes. After that, preference will be given to those horses that have finished first, second or third in a grade I or grade II race, then preference goes to those horses that have finished in the money in any graded stakes. The final determinant to get into the field will be lifetime earnings at the time of pre-entries closing. The \$1,000,000 Delta Downs Jackpot field is limited to a maximum of 10 starters. There will be up to two also eligible horses drawn on entry day.

For the fifth consecutive year, the \$1,000,000 Delta Downs Jackpot is part of the 'Road to the Kentucky Derby' series, which this year includes 35 stakes leading up to next year's big race at Churchill Downs on Saturday, May 6. The top four finishers in this year's \$1,000,000 Delta Downs Jackpot will be awarded points on a 10-4-2-1 scale toward a possible starting position in the first leg of the 2017 Triple Crown.

Delta Downs also accepted pre-entries for the \$400,000 Delta Downs Princess (Gr. III) on Tuesday morning with 14 2-year-old fillies making the list. Steve Asmussen's Golden Mischief, who won the My Trusty Cat Stakes at Delta Downs on October 21, is one of the top talents expected to vie for the \$240,000 first place prize and 10 qualifying points toward a possible start in next year's Kentucky Oaks at Churchill Downs.

For more information about the \$1,000,000 Delta Downs Jackpot, including the special \$200,000 guaranteed all stakes Pick 4 wager with the nation's lowest takeout race of 12% that will take place during the program, visit [www.deltadownsjackpot.com](http://www.deltadownsjackpot.com). Additional information about the race can also be found on the 'Delta Downs Racing' page on Facebook, and by following Delta Downs on Twitter with the account @deltaracing.

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