



# NEWS

*from the North*

April 2014

## Spring has Sprung for Ninety North – Stable Shifts Operations Back to Northeast

Fair Hill Barn Open for Business, Belmont Operation in a Few Weeks

With a gradual climb in temperatures and the first signs of blooming flowers finally upon us, Ninety North’s roster of horses is making its annual migration back north following a five-month stint in Louisiana and Florida. This process occurs in phases as different horses will be heading to different places in anticipation of their next starts. Those heading to Fair Hill include Chief Energy and Upswell, who are expected to race in the mid-Atlantic in April. Wabbajack heads to New York around the 12<sup>th</sup> of April along

with a few other Jimmy Toner trainees departing Boynton Beach in the coming weeks. Sheldon and Thieves Guild each will make an intermediate stop at Keeneland in Lexington, Kentucky, before eventually continuing on to Belmont and Fair Hill respectively later in the month. Around the same time, Ninety North newcomer Enjoy The Show should also be making the trip from Ocala up to Fair Hill in anticipation of what will hopefully be a summer start to his racing career. Spring is also in the air for mare Lisvernane, who Ninety North President Justin Nicholson is happy to report is currently in foal to 2011 Preakness winner Shackleford.



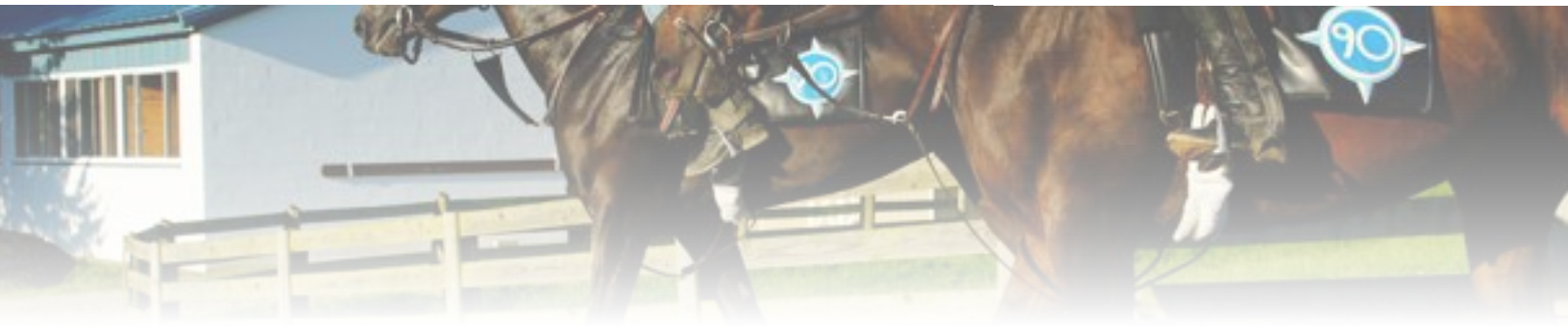
### Meet Sir Wally Herbert

Every team needs a mascot to rally the troops and entertain when things get slow. Well, meet our team’s new mascot: Sir Wally Herbert, after the arctic explorer of the same awesome name. Wally (for short) will bring you news of the weather and his travels throughout the year. This month, he’s plucked a fresh daffodil straight from the garden. We aren’t pleased about the garden, but it did make for a handsome photo.

“The spring is my favorite time of the racing year,” Nicholson said. “It’s tough spending several months with the horses in another part of the country, and the racing at Gulfstream especially is always a battle. It seems like every year, though, we get on a bit of a roll when the horses come back, and I see no reason why we shouldn’t do the same this year. I’m excited for what spring will bring!”

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# Racetrack Report

**Sheldon - 3/8, Gulfstream, 5th**  
Sheldon came back off a short two-week layoff at Gulfstream early in March, and in his first try at a mile and an eighth and with blinkers, ran a good fifth. He was competing over a rock-solid turf course that did not play well for him given his high action and the heavy impact his feet make when they hit the ground. He also tried to close over a turf course that has significantly favored speed all winter. The race was ideal as a building block, though, and Sheldon should be a real contender when he gets a chance to try out a new turf course. Target race for Sheldon is 4/24 at Keeneland going a mile and an eighth on the turf.



## Ninety North President Justin Nicholson and Trainer Jim Toner Selected to Address Potential New Thoroughbred Owners at TOBA Ownership Panel May 15-16 at Timonium Racetrack in Baltimore Area

Ninety North principals Justin Nicholson and Jim Toner are expected to speak about topics such as owner/trainer communication, expenses of ownership, risks and benefits of ownership, and several other similar topics at the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (TOBA) clinic on thoroughbred ownership during the Fasig Tipton Timonium Sale days before the Preakness. The experienced owner/trainer pair who have worked together for years should be able to provide valuable insight to those considering ownership for the first time. "I'm excited to be able to share with an enthusiastic audience of potential owners just how great the relationship between owner and trainer can be when the circumstances are ripe for it," Nicholson said. "Most people think only of giving their horses to the guys who put up the best statistics, but I want to speak a little bit on behalf of the trainers who don't have a hundred horses and really care about your business and want you and your individual horse to succeed. Even owners with just one horse mean a lot to trainers with smaller operations, and these kinds of relationships make the experience so much better!"

## NINETY NORTH in the press

### Ninety North Responds to Controversial PETA/NYTimes Video

**ALL POINTS NORTH**  
**Justin Nicholson**



"Maybe if we [owners] all vote with our feet (or really with our horses) and hire only those who deserve to be placed in charge of the care of these living, breathing, sentient animals, we can affect real change in the sport from the top down."

### Jim Toner Among Five Trainers Interviewed about PETA Video



**RACEDAY 360**  
**Teresa Genaro**

Toner: "If any good can come of this, it's clarifying the message, and if there's any wrong doing, then people have to be punished more severely than what they've been."

### ABR Notebook Profiles Ninety North's Justin Nicholson

**AMERICA'S BEST RACING**



**ABR: Three words that define what Thoroughbred racing means to me**  
Nicholson: "Anticipation, frustration and elation. You're always in one of these three states."

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**Galileo-Elusive Wave** filly "Brandybend" will be in the Fair Hill barn this year as part of Nicholson's AJ Suited contingent. She's a beaut!



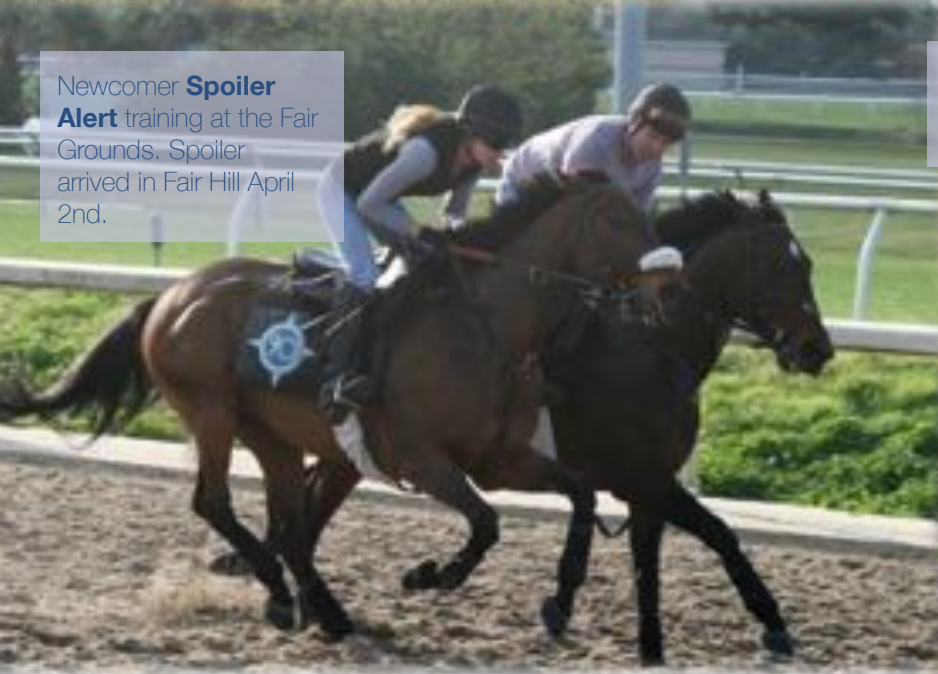
## Photos of the Month

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**Sheldon** trains in the early morning sunlight at Palm Meadows Training Center.

Newcomer **Spoiler Alert** training at the Fair Grounds. Spoiler arrived in Fair Hill April 2nd.



Enjoy a smirk from **Enjoy The Show!**



**Sheldon**, right, was shining like a new penny this month at Palm Meadows!



# FERDINAND'S BALL

## What's Ahead...

**Triple Crown Fever** is fast approaching, and with it a host of parties and social events! This year, Ninety North is a sponsor for **Ferdinand's Ball**, the annual pre-Derby party benefiting Old Friends Thoroughbred Retirement charity. Tickets are still available! Visit <http://ferdinandsball.com/tickets/>

Now that Spring is in full swing, we can finally let these horses stretch their legs and see what they can do over fresh grass courses! Some **upcoming target races** include starts for Thieves Guild (4/6) and Sheldon (4/24) at Keeneland, and a maiden race for Upswell somewhere in the mid-Atlantic in late April. Of course, Chief Energy can't wait to get back on his favorite track: Parx! Chief is a two-time winner over the main track and has been training like a monster. We will be looking for the next available allowance (NX3) in April.



**The Fair Hill barn** opened to a chilly and wet April 2nd. Over the winter, the barn was treated to a little facelift: new paint, new sand in the shed row, and of course some fertilizer in the paddocks so they are green and tasty for our four-legged friends. Look for pictures on Facebook and Twitter in the coming days!

Interested in joining Ninety North and taking part in these exciting activities and events?

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