



## The New Mexico Breeders Report

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### **In Remembrance of E. Henry Dominguez**

Longtime horse trainer Henry Dominguez passed away on Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at the age of 61. Henry, is from El Paso, graduated from Austin High School, and was one of the area's most well-known and respected trainers. He ran his horses in Arizona, California, Colorado, Kentucky, Oklahoma and Texas but most of his horses ran in New Mexico. Henry recently enjoyed the winners circle at SunRay Park & Casino in Farmington, N.M. He was a jockey from 1974-1983, and worked as an assistant trainer for hall of famer, D. Wayne Lukas, trained under his brother Caesar Dominguez and Johnnie Nall before going out on his own in the early 90's

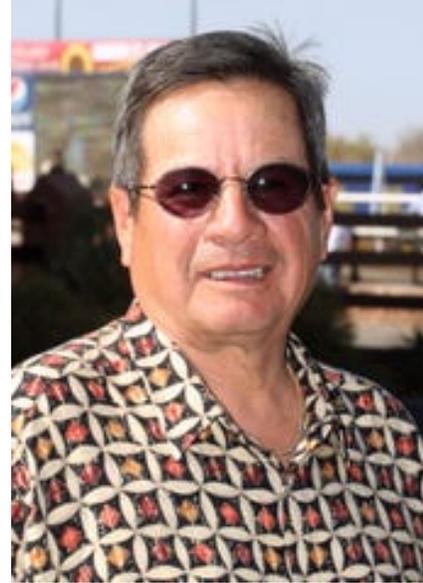
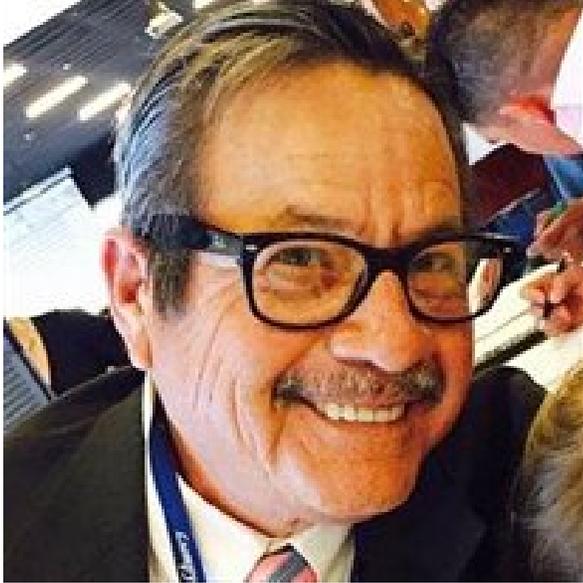
During his time as a trainer, Dominguez won 1,885 races and his horses earned more than \$37 million. This year alone, he had saddled 34 winners. One of his career highlights was racing at the Kentucky Derby in 2012 and 2015.

Henry respected his team and knew it was teamwork that helped Dominguez Racing achieve its' goals. "Mr. D" will be known for his wit, his contagious smile and always willing to help others...never asking or expecting anything in return.

He was predeceased by his beloved father Francisco Dominguez and his brother Albert Dominguez (Lisa). He is survived by his beloved mother Julieta Dominguez, his loving wife Shannon Vanecek Dominguez, his beloved daughter Terra Dominguez, his beloved step-children; Katyee Elston (David), Allyson Purdom & Hunter Purdom, "James Ruiz", his beloved siblings; Ceasar Dominguez (Joanne), Oscar Dominguez (Cheryl), Jose Dominguez (Sandy Irwin), Leticia Gutierrez (Carlos), Sandy Tovar, his loving grandchildren; Marlee Callis and July Elston. Henry will also be remembered by many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Visitation was held from 5:00PM to 8:00PM, with a Holy Rosary at 7:00PM at Sunset Funeral Home-West on Tuesday, May 4,2019 . A Funeral Mass was held on Wednesday, May 5, 2019 at 10:00AM at St. Matthew Catholic Church, 400 W. Sunset Rd. Interment followed at Memory Gardens of the Valley in Santa Teresa, NM. The Dominguez Family requested all who attend to wear the color blue in celebration of his life.

Services were entrusted to Sunset Funeral Home-West, 480 N. Resler Dr.



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## Racing News



As many of you already know, First Moonflash, one of our leading Quarter Horse stallions for many years here in New Mexico, has died. First Moonflash was put to rest May 29th, he was 14. A son of champion First To Flash who stood at W.L. and Dee Mooring's Double LL Farm at Bosque, First Moonflash was the AQHA champion aged stallion in 2009 after a season in which he won seven of eight races, including six stakes, and earned \$491,040. First Moonflash also was the sire of 2018 AQHA champion 2-year-old Flash And Roll, as well as AQHA champions Handsome Jack Flash and Foxy Moonflash, and Grade 1 winner Too Flash For You.

### A message from Double LL Farm

We would like to reach out and Thank each of You For the kind words, and the outpouring of love you have shown to all of us at Double LL Farms. First Moonflash was a part of our family and we are grateful to his owners to have stood such an amazing horse. We are truly heartbroken, but our lives and the racing industry were Blessed by "Moon" and his legacy will continue through the years with his offspring. WL, Dee and The Double LL Farm Family

Shame On Powers, a recent stakes winner at SunRay Park, is one of 29 registered New Mexico-bred 2-year-old Thoroughbreds entered in Today's 5-furlong Mountain Top Futurity (R) trials at Ruidoso Downs. The \$157,000 Mountain Top Futurity final is set for Saturday, June 22.

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J. Patricia Gonzalez's Runner Chick (blue cap, blue bliners), a gray daughter of Chicks Regard, broke her maiden in Sunday's 350-yard, \$175,051 New Mexico Breeders' Futurity (RG3) at SunRay Park. Jaime Leos rode Runner Chick for trainer Juan Carlos Gonzalez. The filly earned the \$82,274 winner's share of the purse and her first win in two outs.



The link below will take you to our exclusive recap of Friday May 31st, Mountain Top Futurity trials at Ruidoso Downs.

We do our best here on social media to keep you up to date on all that is happening in New Mexico racing, but if you want a more complete picture, consider subscribing to our magazine, New Mexico Horse Breeder. You can have four issues mailed directly to you for \$40 a year -- or, better yet, become an NMHBA member, and the subscription is included in your membership. For more information, contact our office at (505) 262-0224.

[Mountain Top Futurity Trials Recap](#)



# A Moment in Time

From the 2010 NMHBA Stallion Issue



## NEW MEXICO CUP QUARTER HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP (RGI)

### First Moonflash

By Michael Cusortelli

Earlier this season, First Moonflash made headlines by breaking records. On November 8, while making his second start after a five-month layoff, the 4-year-old stallion added another mark to his profile when he won the \$179,230 New Mexico Cup Quarter Horse Championship.

Saddled by Andres Gonzalez and ridden by Alejandro Medellin, First Moonflash won the 440-yard stakes in :21.164, breaking by 24/100ths of a second the previous stakes record set by Ongoing Ta Fame in the inaugural running of the race in 2005. His margin of victory was 1 ½ lengths, and he returned a \$2.60 win mutuel as the 3-10 favorite in the field of eight.

First Moonflash's accomplishments on the racetrack are many and have been well-documented. During a

seven-race win streak that ran from October 26, 2008 through April 12, 2009, the stallion broke American Quarter Horse racing world records at 350, 400, and 440 yards.

The 400- and 440-yard records were broken against open Grade 1 company in the 400-yard Championship at Sunland Park and 440-yard Bank of America New Mexico Challenge. None of First Moonflash's marks have since been broken – he is the first racehorse of any breed to hold world records at three different distances.

First Moonflash races for Pierre and Leslie Amestoy of Albuquerque and Maria G. Gonzalez of Edgewood, New Mexico, who acquired the stallion at the 2006 All American Yearling Sale at Ruidoso Downs. The stallion's aforementioned win streak included five stakes scores.



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However, it was interrupted on May 30, when he ran fifth, 1 ½ lengths behind winner Separate Bet, in the \$200,000 Remington Park Invitational Championship (G1) in Oklahoma.

"A couple of days after we got him home from Oklahoma, we discovered an abscess in one of his feet," said Pierre Amestoy. "After we got the abscess out, we decided the best thing to do was give him some time off. He'd had a hard campaign, and he doesn't owe us anything. The time off allowed his foot to heal up."

First Moonflash returned from the five-month layoff after the Remington Park Championship with another record-breaking victory, this time in the New Mexico Breeders' Championship (RG2) at The Downs at Albuquerque on October 17. In that race, he went 440 yards in :20.979, running the first sub-21 second quarter-mile race in the track's 62-year history and breaking the track record set by Royalanon in 1998.

"That race in Albuquerque set him up perfectly for this New Mexico Cup Championship," said Amestoy.

Bred by Dosi and Norma Alvarez of La Union, New Mexico, First Moonflash is one of three stakes winners from 47 starters sired by First To Flash, a First Down Dash stallion who was campaigned by the Amestoy family and was the AQHA champion 2-year-old colt in 2002. First To Flash's one crop to date has earned more than \$1.8 million. The stallion died in 2004.

"After he died with just one crop, we actively started looking for First To Flash's babies," recalled Leslie Amestoy. "When we saw this colt, we just fell in love with him, and that's when we made the decision to buy him."

First Moonflash is also one of four winners from six starters foaled by Nagano Moon, an 11-year-old winning daughter of Major Rime who ran third in the 2000 New Mexican Spring Fling Stakes (R) at Sunland Park. Nagano Moon has produced two stakes winners, including Dash Ta Moon, a filly by Dash Ta Fame who won the 2007 Lubbock Stakes (G2) against open company at Zia Park.

First Moonflash's second dam, the winning Tilt The Odds (TB) mare Tilted Moon, finished third in the '96 Dona Ana County Stakes (R) at Sunland and was a finalist in

that season's Restricted Grade 3 Zia and New Mexico Breeders' derbies. Tilted Moon produced Moon Shake, a half brother to Nagano Moon who won the 2003 Manor Downs (G2) and Longhorn (G3) derbies in Texas.

Following the New Mexico Cup Championship, Pierre Amestoy said that First Moonflash will be pointed to the \$125,000 Jess Burner Memorial Handicap (RG1) for state-breds at Sunland Park on December 12. The ultimate goal is the Grade 1, \$350,000 Championship at Sunland Park on December 26.

First Moonflash set the first of his three world records when he won last year's Championship at Sunland Park in :18.73 for 400 yards. Past winners of the stakes, which had its inaugural running just eight years ago, include world champions A Ransom and Streakin Sin Tacha, and divisional champions Mongoose Jet Eye, Fredricksburg, Gotta Get, and Ketel Won.

"We think this horse has a good chance to be voted AQHA champion aged stallion this year," said Pierre Amestoy. "If he can go down to Sunland and win those two races, then he'll have earned another \$400,000 or so, and that will give him a good chance to be voted champion at the end of the season."

First Moonflash's New Mexico Cup win was his 12th in 23 starts and eighth career stakes score, and the \$107,400 winner's share of the purse increased his earnings to \$735,728. Just this season, the stallion has banked \$256,640 from five victories in six races.

A First Caller ran second and was followed by Miracle Snow, Uncovered Regard, Now Heza Blazin, Luck N Ofive, Jess Ought To Flash, and Dustys Alibi.

A First Caller earned \$39,380 to push his career earnings to \$242,555 for owner and breeder Richard R. Shearer of Portales, New Mexico. The 4-year-old gelding by Calligrapher won the '08 Mesilla Valley Speed Handicap (RG2) at Sunland Park.

Miracle Snow races for Melvin and Mary Neugebauer of Manzanola, Colorado. The homebred 5-year-old gelding by champion Dean Miracle cashed a check for \$17,900 and now has banked \$259,175 during his 27-race career.

# IMPORTANT!

Please Note:

We are receiving many NM Bred Applications (Form 100 / 100A) that are incomplete or filled out incorrectly. In order for us to accept an application and register a horse, **ALL** fields must be filled out in their entirety. Leaving sections of the form blank or filling in with N/A is not acceptable answer. If you are unsure of any of the information, please find out. To avoid any delays in registering your horse please ensure everything is done correctly and all forms are completely filled out. Once we have a paid application on file your papers **MUST** be stamped by the office in order to be an accredited NM bred, TB foals of 18' on are now digitally stamped. Horses will not be assigned a number without information on the application and papers being verified for accuracy.



## RUIDOSO DOWNS

Race Track & Casino

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### 2019 SALE DATES

The sale begins each day immediately after the racing program at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack.

<b>16</b> AUG	<b>17</b> AUG	<b>17</b> AUG	<b>30</b> AUG	<b>31</b> AUG	<b>01</b> SEP
<b>NM Bred Sale</b>	<b>NM Bred Sale</b>	<b>Foal-in-Utero Sale</b>	<b>Select QH Yearling</b>	<b>Select QH Yearling</b>	<b>Select QH Yearling</b>
6 pm - 12:00 am approx.	6 pm - 12:00 am approx.	6 pm - 12:00 am approx.	5:30 pm - 12:00 am approx.	5:30 pm - 12:00 am approx.	5:30 pm - 12:00 am approx.
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Please make sure ALL NM Bred papers are stamped prior to sending them to the Ruidoso Sale. If you do not see our NM Bred stamp either embossed on your QH papers or digitally stamped on the TB papers, please call the office and we can get it sorted out. Remember they are not a NM Bred until they have been stamped and assigned a

## Reminders

# CHANGES TO THE EXPORT BROODMARE PROGRAM



The NMHBA Trustees voted to amend the timeframe that an owner has to provide the Association with the forms for Broodmares in Foal to Leave the State of New Mexico. Beginning with the 2019 breeding season the form and the fee will be due on October 1 of the year bred. The form must be postmarked or received in our office by that date (October 1) or the \$2000 penalty will be assessed to make the resulting foal eligible to be a NM bred.

The Trustees also voted to eliminate the Broodmares in foal returning to the state of New Mexico form, as our form to register a NM bred foal, details all locations the mares were kept prior to foaling. We will still be sending affidavits to the farms that receive the mares to foal out, and may visit farms to confirm the mare and/or foal are on the premises. Failure to return the mare to foal in New Mexico will result in the foal NOT being registered as a New Mexico bred and that foal will NOT be eligible for the New Mexico bred program. NO refund of fees will be made.

These changes were made to allow the owners of the mares going out of state during their pregnancy, to have their mares confirmed in foal before the member pays the fees.

Your mare must still be registered with the association by September 1st of the breeding year.

[Click for Export Broodmare  
Form](#)

**PLEASE NOTE: A NM Bred Colt or Filly does not automatically go into the Broodmare and Stallion Registries. Please refer to the website or call the office for questions on this.**



The NMHBA has closed our P.O Box. Please send all mail to our physical address of 4836 Hardware Dr NE Suite B Albuquerque, NM 87109

There seems to be a lot of confusion on the broodmare registry. Please note that just because a filly or colt was an accredited NM Bred foal, this does **NOT** automatically make it a NM Broodmare or NM Stallion. These are separate registries. In order to register a NM Bred foal without penalty, the broodmare must have been registered with us no later than September 1st of the breeding year. Likewise the sire of a foal must be entered into the Stallion registry **BEFORE** breeding and must not go inactive in the subsequent years or penalties will apply. You may always call the office to check on the status of Stallions and Broodmares

[Click for Broodmare Form](#)

[Click for Stallion Form](#)

(Year) \_\_\_\_\_

FORM #400 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM #400

Complete one block only (1 or 2 whichever applies).

1. Individual membership (one person) \$80

Name \_\_\_\_\_ One name only - please print or type

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

2. Partnership/Farm/Syndicate membership \$110

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Partnership/farm/syndicate name - please print or type

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security or Tax ID # \_\_\_\_\_

**Business Manager** representing partnership/farm/syndicate as manager and/or agent  
(The Business Manager is the only member eligible to vote)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Please print or type

ALL CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE MAILED TO THE MAILING ADDRESS LISTED ABOVE  
MUST BE SIGNED AND DATED ON REVERSE SIDE

**In order to receive any incentive checks from the NMHBA ALL owners will now need to be a current member of the association no later than 90 days after a horse finishes in 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place.**

**All memberships are good until December 31st of every year then must be renewed. If you are unsure of whether or not your membership is active, please call the office to check.**

[Click here for membership form](#)

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