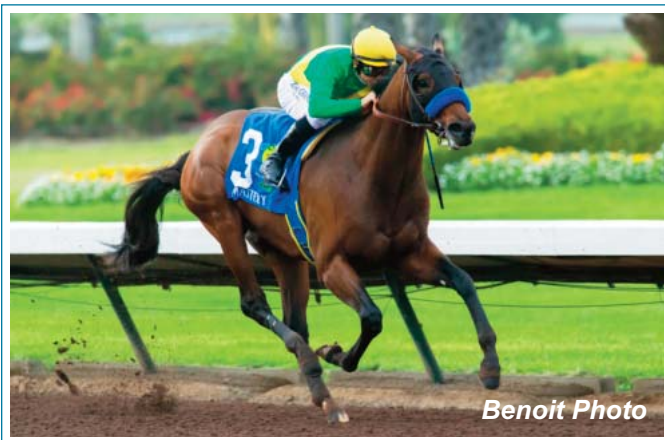




MASTERY GRADED WINS TO BENEFIT RESEARCH

Everett Dobson has pledged donations to Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation for any additional graded stakes wins by his three-year-old Mastery up to and including the Kentucky Derby. Racing in the name of Cheyenne Stable, Dobson's Mastery won the grade 3 Bob Hope Stakes at Del Mar in November, indicating potential for the Derby Trail.

Under the pledge, Dobson will donate one per cent of the net purse for any additional graded stakes won by Mastery. (Net purse excludes entry/nomination fees and jockey and trainer percentages.) Mastery is trained by Bob Baffert and is based on the West Coast.



“We make a point each year to contact owners of various runners which seem to have potential to be thought of in terms of the Derby,” said Edward L. Bowen, president of Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation. “We appreciate Mr. Dobson stepping up so early and wish him success. We hope other owners will see this as a painless way of supporting all horses. We understand that even running second in a big race can be disappointing, so we only ask for a donation from a win. No winner's circle celebration; no payment. Mr. Dobson has made his commitment to horses very clear, and we are grateful that he regards the Foundation's work as worthy of support.”

Mastery is a son of Candy Ride---Steady Course, by Old Trieste. He was bred in Kentucky by Arthur

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Hancock III and was purchased in the name of Cromwell Bloodstock for \$425,000 at the 2015 Keeneland September Sale.

Earlier, Jack Oxley made another pledge, one per cent from grade I wins, by his Classic Empire, Eclipse Award winning two-year-old, Experimental Free Handicap topweight, and winner of the Breeders' Cup Juvenile. In 2001, Oxley pledged one per cent of grade 1 wins by his Monarchos, a pledge that culminated with a victory in the Kentucky Derby.

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GEOFFREY RUSSELL HONORED WITH IRISH THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION'S 2016 WILD GESE AWARD

Congratulations to Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation board member and Keeneland Director of Sales Operations, Geoffrey Russell, who was honored with the Irish Thoroughbred Breeders' Association's (ITBA) 2016 Wild Geese Award at its National Breeding and Racing Awards ceremony on Jan. 28 at The Heritage Killenard.

ITBA Chairman Stephen Collins said the Wild Geese Award is an acknowledgement "to one of our own who has flown the Irish flag with pride on an international stage."



Born in Dublin, Ireland, Russell (*left in photo*) gained early experience at Coolmore Stud and as a bid spotter at Goffs. He came to the U.S. in 1982, first working at Fasig-Tipton and then at Elmendorf Farm. He returned to Fasig-Tipton as Vice President of Appraisals and Director of Sales Administration before joining Keeneland in 1996 as Assistant Director of Sales.

"Keeneland congratulates Geoffrey on receiving the Wild Geese Award," Keeneland Vice President of Racing and Sales Bob Elliston said. "Since his immigration to this country, Geoffrey has become an industry leader, and it is wonderful to see his countrymen recognize his accomplishments. Geoffrey is a valuable component of the Keeneland sales and the industry as a whole, and we are proud that he chose here to land."

Russell represents Keeneland on the International Catalogue Standards Committee and International Grading and Race Planning Advisory Committee. He is also Chairman of the Society of International Thoroughbred Auctioneers. In addition to serving on the board of the Grayson-Jockey Club Foundation he is also a member of the Sales Integrity Task Force.

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