

# DAEHLING FARMS

## By Justin & Julia Oldfield, 2nd Generation Owner Operators of Daehling Farms

**D**aehling Farms is pleased to announce that we've officially become Daehling Farms. Although subtle, this change reflects a new generation of ownership. Julia and I have lived on the farm and have actively worked in this business for more than 25 years. That experience was preceded by decades of experience by the ranch's founder Joe Daehling. Unfortunately, Joe passed in 2019 and it was our turn to step in and carry on. Since 2019, Julia and I have been eager to grow the farm and improve the operation. This culminated in an official change in ownership in 2021 with Daehling Ranch becoming Daehling Farms. If there is one thing this industry needs is an infusion of youth. Although Julia and I are by no means young or inexperienced, we do offer the opportunity to bring new blood and leadership into the business.

2023 and 2024 have without a doubt presented challenges. The closure of Golden Gate Fields earlier this year marked uncertainty for horse racing in California. That said, the California Association of Racing Fairs (CARF) has stepped in to fill the vacuum left by Golden Gate Fields. CARF, doing business as Golden State Racing in the fall, winter and spring, will join with the traditional fair meets to bring stability to northern California, and we are looking forward to this new chapter.

There has been a lot of hard work put in to helping establish a new home and vision for racing in northern California, however we've not shied away from our work on the farm. Anyone visiting the farm will immediately recognize the hundreds of acres of lush, irrigated pasture. These pastures serve as the backbone of our farm and certainly stand out as unique in the industry. At Daehling Farms, our focus is to provide a solid foundation to raise a great racehorse. This requires space, pasture and an overall setting that will allow a horse to mature the way a horse should. All horses are supplemented with a grain ration developed by an equine nutritionist to ensure proper nutrients, protein and probiotics are received on a daily. Some of our homebreds have included Grade 3 winner Fast Buck and multiple stakes winner Fast and Foxy who earned over \$500,000.

Because we are blessed with the ability to keep horses on lush irrigated pasture during the spring, summer and fall, we are also able to better manage our feed costs to keep our rates lower than average. Lower rates do not translate to a reduced level of care or nutrition, but rather reflects our desire for our customers to better succeed financially.

In addition to breeding and boarding, we are also one of few farms that offer starting and training. Our facility

includes an all-weather 3/8-mile track, covered round pen, eurociser and most importantly dedicated training staff that have been with our operation for years. We work to ensure stability and consistency for the horses we start and prepare for the race track; with the focus on meeting the needs of both our owners and trainers.

This year we excited to announce a new stallion who will enter stud in 2025 – Flavius. **Flavius** is a son of leading sire War Front out of Starformer by Dynaformer. Flavius won over \$850,000 and set a track record in the Tourist Mile Stakes at Kentucky Downs. He's a black type winner at Saratoga, Kentucky Downs and Leopardstown (IRE) and was edged out slightly to place 2nd in the Grade 2 Seabiscuit



Handicap. Flavius also earned Beyer scores of 105 and 103. Trained by Eclipse Award Winning Trainer Chad Brown, Chad says "When at his best, I was confident to run Flavius in any of the best races in his division. I certainly was not surprised by his track record at a mile (1:32:1) in the \$750,000 Tourist Mile Stakes."

In addition to Flavius, we offer many other quality and proven stallions. Our list of stallions standing at the farm includes:

- **Gallant Son** (Malabar Gold – Explicitly, by Exploit)
- **Jersey Town** (Speightstown – Jersey Girl, by Belong to Me)
- **Mesa Thunder** (Sky Mesa – Citiview, by Citidancer)
- **Mo And Go** (Uncle Mo – Malibu Cougar, by Malibu Moon)
- **Pontiff** (Giant's Causeway – Preach, by Mr. Prospector)
- **Rumpus Cat** (Street Sense – Sweet Catomine, by Storm Cat)

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