



The 2010/2011 California Broodmare of the Year

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After being the runner-up for the award last year, Jewel of the Night has been named the 2010/2011 California Broodmare of the Year. The nine-year-old daughter of Giant's Causeway earned the honor as the dam of millionaire California-bred Evening Jewel, the Golden State's 2010 Horse of the Year.

Championship honors are nothing new to Jewel of the Night's family. Although she was unplaced in two starts during her brief racing career, her successful female line warranted a try in the breeding shed. Her unraced dam Jeweled Lady, by General Meeting, has produced two stakes winners from five foals to race. The eldest, Petition the Lady, earned \$180,704 while counting two stakes races amongst her seven wins, while Jeweled Lady's More Than Ready daughter Saucey Evening was named the California Champion Two-Year-Old Female of 2008. That season, she scored in the California Cup Juvenile Fillies Stakes and the California Breeders' Champion Stakes, both \$125,000 state-bred events. Saucey Evening earned \$368,459 with four wins, two seconds and two thirds before her retirement in 2010.

Jeweled Lady's winning Smarten dam Excellent Lady is best known as the producer of multiple grade I-winning Cal-bred General Challenge, who was named California Champion Three-Year-Old Male in 1998, and Champion Older Mare a year later. The leggy chestnut gelding won the \$750,000 Santa Anita Derby (grade I) and defeated older horses as a sophomore in the \$1,180,000 Pacific Classic (grade I). He later added the

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\$1 million Santa Anita Handicap (grade I) to his resumé and retired with earnings of \$2,877,178.

General Challenge was not Excellent Lady's only standout offspring. She also produced \$200,000 Oak Leaf Stakes (grade I) winner Notable Career who earned \$327,855, two-time stakes winner Western Hemisphere and the dual stakes-placed winner Red Velvet. Excellent Lady was named the 1999/2000 California Broodmare of the Year.

Excellent Lady's dam Northern Sea, the third dam of Jewel of the Night, won the \$37,000 Test Stakes (grade III) at Saratoga and was twice a grade I-runner-up as a juvenile. She became the dam of dual grade I-placed Southern Halo, who went on to sire more than 170 stakes winners, and Northern Pageant, an unraced daughter of Spectacular Bid who produced multiple graded stakes winner Snow Dance (\$938,597). Northern Sea, whose dam Sea Saga won three stakes races, is a half-sister to graded stakes winner Key to the Saga.

With such a reliable female family, Jewel of the Night was destined to produce well. Larry Mabee and his late mother Betty, who owned and operated Golden Eagle Farm with her husband John, bred the mare to Kentucky stallion Northern Afleet and brought her back to California to foal. The resulting offspring, Evening Jewel, sold for a mere \$8,000 at the 2008 Keeneland September Yearling Sale before being privately purchased for \$132,500 by Tom and Marilyn Braly in April of 2009.

On Nov. 8 of that year, Evening Jewel broke her



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**Jewel of the Night at
Northern Farm in Hokkaido, Japan, during July of 2011.**

**The Results Of The Ballot
For The
2010/2011
California Broodmare Of The Year,
As Voted By The
CTBA Membership, Are:**

**1st—Jewel of the Night
2nd—Winning In Style
3rd—Anachristina
4th—Freedom Dance & Lunge
(tied)**

maiden in her third start, during Santa Anita Park's Oak Tree Racing Association meet. She wrapped up her juvenile season with a win in the \$100,000 California Breeders' Champion Stakes, one start after running second in an open allowance race full of males.

As a three-year-old, Evening Jewel missed by a nose to Blind Luck in the grade I, \$250,000 Las Virgenes Stakes before capturing a grade I of her own in the \$400,000 Central Bank Ashland Stakes at Keeneland Racecourse in Lexington, Kentucky. She upset a field of classy fillies that day, including Eclipse Two-Year-Old Filly Champion, She Be Wild, and juvenile grade I winner Negligee.

After another heartbreaking nose loss to Blind Luck in the grade I, \$584,300 Kentucky Oaks, Evening Jewel was switched to the grass by trainer James Cassidy. She then reeled off three consecutive major stakes wins; the grade II, \$150,000 Honeymoon Handicap the grade II, \$150,000 San Clemente Handicap, and the grade I, \$300,000 Del Mar Oaks. Evening Jewel then rounded out the year by finishing third in back-to-back grade I contests, including the \$909,000 Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint.

Evening Jewel's exploits earned her the titles of California Horse of the Year and Champion Three-Year-Old Female. She struggled as a four-year-old, however, winning only the \$300,000 Sunshine Millions Distaff Stakes in five starts. After finishing fourth and then sixth in consecutive grade I events, Evening Jewel was retired

with seven wins, six seconds and two thirds in 19 starts. She earned \$1,221,399 and has since been sold to Aaron and Marie Jones' tremendous breeding operation in Kentucky.

After producing Evening Jewel, Jewel of the Night was bred back to Golden Eagle Farm's own stallion Salt Lake. Before foaling, she was sent through the auction ring as part of Golden Eagle Farm's major reduction in 2007. She sold for \$67,000 at the Barretts October Mixed Sale to new owners Lee and Susan Searring. The following spring, she produced another filly, later named Maggie McGowan, who broke her maiden first out at Santa Anita on Feb. 20, 2011.

After producing consecutive fillies by Cindago (Legacy Ranch) in 2009 and 2010, the Searings sold Jewel of the Night privately to Katsumi Yoshida, whose legendary Northern Farm is located in Hokkaido, Japan. "We are very proud to hear that Jewel of the Night was elected as Broodmare of the Year in California," Yoshida said. "She is a true jewel and is a great addition to Northern Farm. We will breed her to our best stallions and look forward to seeing her progeny race in Japan."

On July 12, Jewel of the Night's 2011 colt, by Malibu Moon, sold for 50 million Japanese yen (\$609,756) during the annual Foal Session of the JRHA (Japan Racing Horse Association) Select Sale. Jewel of the Night is now in foal on a June 8 cover to the 2005 Japanese Triple Crown winner, \$12,825,285-earner and two-time Japanese Horse of the Year, Deep Impact (Jpn) for 2012. 🐾

Jewel of the Night

Jewel of the Night, ch. f.
Foaled 2002
In Kentucky

Giant's Causeway, 97

Jeweled Lady, 97

Storm Cat, 83

Mariah's Storm, 91

General Meeting, 88

Excellent Lady, 86

Total Produce Record:

Named Foals	Runners	Winners	SWs (graded)	Stakes-Placed
3	2	2	1(1)	0

California Foals (Named):

2007 EVENING JEWEL, b. f., by Northern Fleet. In US, 7 wins, 2 to 4, 2011, \$1,221,399 (US SSI = 22.13): 19. 1st Central Bank Ashland S. [G1] (\$400,000, KEE), 1st Del Mar

Oaks [G1] (\$300,000, DMR), 1st Sunshine Millions Distaff S. [OR] (\$165,000, SA) \$300,000, 1st Honeymoon H. [G2] (\$150,000, HOL), 1st San Clemente H. [G2] (\$150,000, DMR), 1st California Breeders' Champion S. (F) [OR] (\$60,000, SA) \$100,000, 2nd Kentucky Oaks [G1] (\$584,300, CD), 2nd Las Virgenes S. [G1] (\$250,000, SA), 2nd Santa Ysabel S. [G3] (\$100,000, SA), 2nd Valentine Dancer H. [OR] (\$20,000, SA) \$98,000, 3rd Breeders' Cup Filly And Mare Sprint [G1] (\$909,000, CD), 3rd Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup S [G1] (\$400,000, KEE).

2008 Maggie McGowan, dk. b. or br. f., by Salt Lake. In US, Winner at 3, 2011, \$36,768 (US SSI = 5.74*): 2.

2009 Black Valentine, blk. f., by Cindago. Unraced. Domiciled in California



Evening Jewel—\$400,000 Central Bank Ashland Stakes—April 3, 2010