



PEDIGREE PROFILE

Society Hostess latest graded stakes winner for Seeking the Gold

by Rommy Faversham

On January 1, Society Hostess, a five-year-old Seeking the Gold mare, served up an irresistible late turn of foot to register her first graded stakes victory in the \$116,000 Monrovia Handicap (G3) on the hillside turf course at Santa Anita Park.



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The dark bay or brown Kentucky-bred mare has won five of her last seven starts since returning to North America from Europe, where she was campaigned as a two- and three-year-old in Ireland and Germany.

Last season, Society Hostess captured the Elizabeth Bay and License Fee Stakes at Belmont Park as well as the Buffalo Trace Franklin County Stakes at Keeneland Race Course. Her career mark stands at eight wins from 18 starts with earnings of \$367,270.

Owned and bred by Moyglare Stud Farm Ltd., Society Hostess is the first winner out of the winning Storm Cat mare Touch Of Truth, a half sister to Twilight Agenda, a winner of seven graded stakes—including the Meadowlands Cup Handicap (G1)—and earnings in excess of \$2.1 million.

Touch Of Truth also is a half sister to the winning Gulch mare Market Slide, the dam of 2002 Melbourne Cup (Aus-G1) winner Media Puzzle and 2003 Two Thousand Guineas (Eng-G1) winner Refuse To Bend. A third important half sibling to Touch Of Truth is the Alleged mare Irish Edition, who is the dam of 1990 Belmont Stakes (G1) winner Go And Go.

Society Hostess's well-heeled immediate family is anchored by her granddam, Grenzen, a fleet filly particularly known for relishing Santa Anita's main track. Grenzen's biggest victories included the 1978 Santa Susana Stakes (G2), which later was renamed the Santa Anita Oaks, as well as the 1979 Santa Monica (G2) and Santa Maria (G2) Handicaps.

Society Hostess hails from the 12th crop of the world-class Mr. Prospector stallion Seeking the Gold and represents her sire's 45th graded or group stakes winner.

Seeking the Gold stands for \$125,000 at Claiborne Farm in Paris, Kentucky. His twelve black-type winners in 2006 include Belmont Stakes hero Jazil and Bob And John, winner of the Wood Memorial Stakes (G1).

Society Hostess, Dk. b. or Br. M., 2002

Seeking the Gold 85 779 fls, 77 SWs SI 3.60 DI=3.15	Mr. Prospector 70 7 wins, \$112,171, SW 1178 fls, 180 SWs SI 5.08 DI=3.95	Raise a Native 61 838 fls, 78 SWs SI 3.14 DI=1.57	Native Dancer 50	Polynesian 42 Geisha 43 Case Ace 34 Lady Glory 34
		Gold Digger 62 12 fls, 3 SWs DI=2.23	Nashua 52	
	Con Game 74 2 wins, \$24,080 10 fls, 3 SWs DI=1.32	Buckpasser 63 313 fls, 35 SWs SI 4.32 DI=1.34	Tom Fool 49	Menow 35 Gaga 42
		Broadway 59 10 fls, 4 SWs DI=1.14	Busanda 47	War Admiral 34 Businesslike 39
Touch of Truth 96 5 fls, 1 SW DI=1.77	Storm Cat 83 4 wins, \$570,610, SW 1126 fls, 150 SWs SI 4.32 DI=4.00	Storm Bird 78 681 fls, 63 SWs SI 3.10 DI=3.25	Northern Dancer 61	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57
			South Ocean 67	New Providence 56 Shining Sun 62
	Grenzen 75 8 wins, \$346,490, SW 13 fls, 1 SW DI=1.26	Terlingua 76 11 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.63	Secretariat 70	Bold Ruler 54 Somethingroyal 52
			Crimson Saint 69	Crimson Satan 59 Bolero Rose 58
	My Poly 61 12 fls, 2 SWs DI=2.43	Graustark 63	*Ribot 52 Flower Bowl 52	
		Primonetta 58	Swaps 52 Banquet Bell 51	
Polywich 49	Cyclotron 48	Pensive 41 Little Risk 37		
		Polynesian 42 Wichuriana 43		

Society Hostess is the third graded stakes winner by Seeking the Gold out of a Storm Cat mare, following 2000 Stonerside Beaumont Stakes (G2) winner Sahara Gold and 2001 Stymie Handicap (G3) winner Windrush (G3).

So far, this specific cross has yielded a total of six stakes winners from 40 total foals. Seeking the Gold has also shown to be particularly effective with the daughters of Seattle Slew, Nijinsky II, Deputy Minister, and Pleasant Colony.

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Upcoming stakes

Wednesday

Impressive Luck H., SA, \$75,000, 6.5fT, 4&up.

Friday

Paseana H., SA, \$75,000, 8.5f, 4&upf&m.