

# Toyota Blue Grass Stakes® (G2)

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The Blue Grass Stakes was named for the Bluegrass region of Kentucky, which is characterized by grass having bluish-green culms and is known as the heart of the Thoroughbred breeding industry. First run at the Kentucky Association track in Lexington in 1911, the Blue Grass has, from its inception, served as an important prep for the Kentucky Derby. At the Association track, the Blue Grass was staged from 1911-1914 and 1919-1926. The race was revived at Keeneland in the spring of 1937. In 1943-1944, the Blue Grass was renewed as a part of the Keeneland-at-Churchill Downs meetings. In 1945, the Blue Grass was run as a part of the Churchill Downs meeting. Toyota became the sponsor in 1996. The purse of the race was increased to \$1 million in 2015.



## Milestones – Blue Grass Stakes

**2017 Purse:** \$1 Million

**Stakes Record:** 1:47 1/5, Skip Away, 1996

**Largest Straight Payoff:** \$82.20, Stately Victor, 2010

**Smallest Straight Payoff:** \$2.10, Spectacular Bid, 1979

**Largest Field:** 14, 1954; 1974; 2013; 2014; 2016

**Smallest Field:** 3, 1940; 1942; 1966

**Largest Value to Winner:** \$600,000, Carpe Diem, 2015; Brody's Cause, 2016; Irap, 2017

**Owner-Trainer Combination:** Warren A. Croll Jr., Holy Bull, 1994; Thomas R. McCarthy, General Quarters, 2009



Keeneland/Coady

Keeneland sales alumnus Irap became the first maiden to win the Toyota Blue Grass (G2) when he defeated Practical Joke at odds of 31-1.

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## Owners – Blue Grass Stakes

**Albaugh Family Stable (Dennis Albaugh)** – Brody's Cause, 2016

**Alesia, Sharon, Bran Jam Stable and Ciaglia Racing** – Dance With Fate, 2014

**Appleton, Arthur I.** – My Gallant, 1973

**Arnemann, Jurgen K.** – Wild Syn, 1995

**Bradley, E. R.** – Bimelech, 1940

**Brophy, B. Giles, William J. Condren and Joseph M. Cornacchia** – Strike the Gold, 1991

**Cain Hoy Stable** – Racing Fool, 1955

**Calumet Farm** – Bull Lea, 1938; Ocean Wave, 1943; Faultless, 1947; Coaltown, 1948; Forward Pass, 1968; Alydar, 1978

**Celtic Pride Stable (Rick Pitino)** – Halory Hunter, 1998

**Christiana Stable (Jane du Pont Lunger)** – Linkage, 1982

**Claiborne Farm (Mrs. A.B. Hancock Jr.)** – Pulpit, 1997

**Conway, F. Thomas and Jack Conway** – Stately Victor, 2010

**Croll Jr., Warren A.** – Holy Bull, 1994

**Darby Dan Farm** – Chateaugay, 1963

**Denemark, Mrs. Emil** – Ruhe (2nd div.), 1951

**Dogwood Stable (W. Cothran Campbell)** – Summer Squall, 1990

**Donegal Racing (Jerry Crawford)** – Dullahan, 2012

**Fipke, Charles E.** – Java's War, 2013

**Firestone, Bertram R.** – Honest Pleasure, 1976

**Gainesway, Robert Entenmann, Stanley M. Hough, and Malcolm H. Winfield et al** – Proud Appeal, 1981

**Gann, Edmund A.** – Peace Rules, 2003

**Gentry, Tom** – War, 1987

**Goff, M.B.** – Skytracer, 1944

**Golden Chance Farm Inc.** – Master Derby, 1975

**Grand Prix Stable** – Abe's Hope, 1966

**Greentree Stable** – Shut Out, 1942

**Guiberson, Mrs. Gordon** – Correspondent, 1953

**Hancock III, Arthur B., and James H. Stone** – Menifee, 1999

**Hancock, Seth W.** – Judger, 1974

**Hawksworth Farm** – Spectacular Bid, 1979

**Heerensperger, David and Jill** – Millennium Wind, 2001

**Hine, Carolyn** – Skip Away, 1996

**Howard, Maxwell** – Fencing, 1937

**Jolley, Mrs. Moody, Ernest Woods and John L. Greer** – Ridan, 1962

**Kerr Stable** – Round Table, 1957

**Lanni Family Trust (J. Terrence Lanni), Mercedes Stable (Ernie Moody) and Bernard C. Schiappa** – Sinister Minister, 2006

**LaPenta, Robert V.** – The Cliff's Edge, 2004

**Lehmann, Robert E.** – Dust Commander, 1970

**Lewis, Mrs. W.G.** – Darby Dieppe, 1945

**Live Oak Plantation (Mrs. Charlotte C. Weber)** – Brilliant Speed, 2011

**Loblolly Stable (John Ed Anthony)** – Prairie Bayou, 1993

**Lucas, William F.** – Taylor's Special, 1984

**Maine Chance Farm** – Lord Boswell, 1946

**McCarthy, Thomas R.** – General Quarters, 2009

**Meadow Stable** – Riva Ridge, 1972

**Oak, Harry A.** – Rockhill Native, 1980

**Peltier, Harvey** – Diplomat Way, 1967

**Potter Jr., Edward** – Plion, 1958

**Reddam Racing (John Paul Reddam)** – Irap, 2017

**Rice, Ada L.** – Lucky Debonair, 1965

**Robins, Gerald** – For the Moment, 1977

**Rokeby Stable** – Arts and Letters, 1969

**Rosso, W.P.** – Impetuosity, 1971

**Sher, Jacob** – Sherluck, 1961

**Silverton Hill (Tommy and Bonnie Hamilton)** – Dominican, 2007

**Star Crown Stable and Three Chimneys Farm** – Chief's Crown, 1985

**Starlight Stable (Jack Wolf)** – Harlan's Holiday, 2002

**Starlight Stable (Jack Wolf), Donald J. Lucarelli and Paul Saylor** – Monba, 2008

**Stavro, Steve A.** – Granacus, 1988

**Tabor, Michael, Robert and Beverly Lewis, Mrs. John Magnier et al** – High Yield, 2000

**Tabor, Michael and Derrick Smith** – Bandini, 2005

**Turner Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Fred** – Tomy Lee, 1959

**Van Deren & Deming** – Toby B., 1956

**Vanier, Nancy, Carl Lauer and Robert Victor** – Play Fellow, 1983

**Vanier, Nancy A. & Raymond Roncari** – Western Playboy, 1989

**Waterfield, Richard A. and Jack A. Tafel** – Bachelor Beau, 1986

**Whitney, C.V.** – Mr. Trouble, 1950; Mameluke (1st div.), 1951; Tompion, 1960

**Whitney, John Hay** – Heather Broom, 1939

**Willis Family Stables Inc.** – Pistols and Roses, 1992

**Wilson Jr., Sam E.** – Gushing Oil, 1952

**Windfields Farm** – Northern Dancer, 1964

**WinStar Farm and Stonestreet Stables** – Carpe Diem, 2015

**Woodvale Farm** – Our Boots, 1941; Halt, 1949; Goyamo, 1954

## Trainers – Blue Grass Stakes

**Adams, William E.** – Master Derby, 1975  
**Albertrani, Thomas** – Brilliant Speed, 2011  
**Arnemann, Thomas K.** – Wild Syn, 1995  
**Baffert, Bob A.** – Sinister Minister, 2006  
**Bohannon, Thomas** – Prairie Bayou, 1993  
**Brothers, Frank** – Pulpit, 1997  
**Burch, Elliott** – Arts and Letters, 1969  
**Carroll, Del W.** – Abe's Hope, 1966  
**Catrone, Frank** – Lucky Debonair, 1965  
**Childs, Frank** – Tomy Lee, 1959  
**Clark, Henry** – Linkage, 1982  
**Collins, Patrick** – Granacus, 1988  
**Combs, Don** – Dust Commander, 1970  
**Conway, James P.** – Chateaugay, 1963  
**Croll Jr., Warren A.** – Holy Bull, 1994  
**Delp, Grover G.** – Spectacular Bid, 1979  
**Dunn, T.W.** – Correspondent, 1953  
**Eurton, Peter** – Dance With Fate, 2014  
**Forrest, Henry** – Forward Pass, 1968  
**Frankel, Robert J.** – Peace Rules, 2003  
**Gaver, John** – Shut Out, 1942  
**Gentry, Charles** – Darby Dieppe, 1945  
**Gentry, Loyd** – Racing Fool, 1955  
**Gianos, George** – Pistols and Roses, 1992  
**Goldfine, Lou M.** – My Gallant, 1973  
**Hauswald, Philip M.** – Bachelor Beau, 1986

**Hine, Hubert** – Skip Away, 1996  
**Hofmans, David E.** – Millennium Wind, 2001  
**Hough, Stanley M.** – Proud Appeal, 1981  
**Howard, Neil J.** – Summer Squall, 1990  
**Hurley, William** – Bimelech, 1940  
**Jansen, Joe** – Gushing Oil, 1952  
**Jolley, LeRoy** – Ridan, 1962; Honest Pleasure, 1976; For the Moment, 1977  
**Jolley, Tom** – Plion, 1958  
**Jones, Ben A.** – Ocean Wave, 1943; Faultless, 1947; Coaltown, 1948  
**Judge, Steve** – Our Boots, 1941  
**Kearns, F.J.** – Bull Lea, 1938  
**Laurin, Lucien** – Riva Ridge, 1972  
**Laurin, Roger** – Chief's Crown, 1985  
**Lukas, D. Wayne** – War, 1987; High Yield, 2000  
**Luro, Horatio A.** – Northern Dancer, 1964  
**Maker, Michael J.** – Stately Victor, 2010  
**McCarthy, Thomas R.** – General Quarters, 2009  
**McGarvey, Robert** – Ruhe (2nd div.), 1951  
**McPeck, Kenneth G.** – Harlan's Holiday, 2002; Java's War, 2013  
**Meaux, J.O.** – Diplomat Way, 1967  
**Miller, Darrin** – Dominican, 2007  
**Molter, Willie** – Round Table, 1957

**Mott, William I.** – Taylor's Special, 1984  
**O'Neill, Doug F.** – Irap, 2017  
**Pletcher, Todd A.** – Bandini, 2005; Monba, 2008; Carpe Diem, 2015  
**Poole, George T.** – Impetuosity, 1971  
**Romans, Dale L.** – Dullahan, 2012; Brody's Cause, 2016  
**Sande, Earl** – Fencing, 1937; Heather Broom, 1939  
**Smith, James** – Lord Boswell, 1946  
**Steiger, E.W.** – Skytracer, 1944  
**Stephens, Woodford C.** – Halt, 1949; Goyamo, 1954; Judge, 1974  
**Stevens, Herbert K.** – Rockhill Native, 1980  
**Vanier, Harvey** – Play Fellow, 1983; Western Playboy, 1989  
**Veitch, John** – Alydar, 1978  
**Veitch, Syl E.** – Mr. Trouble, 1950; Mameluke (1st div.), 1951  
**Walden, W. Elliott** – Menifee, 1999  
**Wheeler, Robert L.** – Tompion, 1960  
**Wingfield, R.E.** – Toby B., 1956  
**Young, Harold** – Sherluck, 1961  
**Zito, Nicholas P.** – Strike the Gold, 1991; Halory Hunter, 1998; The Cliff's Edge, 2004

## Jockeys – Blue Grass Stakes

**Adair, Ray** – Mameluke (1st div.), 1951  
**Anderson, Irving** – Bull Lea, 1938  
**Antley, Chris** – Strike the Gold, 1991  
**Arcaro, Eddie** – Shut Out, 1942; Lord Boswell, 1946; Correspondent, 1953; Goyamo, 1954  
**Baeza, Braulio** – Sherluck, 1961; Chateaugay, 1963; Honest Pleasure, 1976  
**Bejarano, Rafael** – Dominican, 2007  
**Baird, R.L.** – Toby B., 1956  
**Brooks, Steve** – Gushing Oil, 1952  
**Caffarella, Michael** – Skytracer, 1944  
**Calvert, Melvin** – Darby Dieppe, 1945  
**Coa, Eibar** – General Quarters, 2009  
**Cordero Jr., Angel** – My Gallant, 1973; For the Moment, 1977  
**Cruguet, Jean** – Play Fellow, 1983  
**Day, Pat** – Taylor's Special, 1984; Summer Squall, 1990; Menifee, 1999; High Yield, 2000  
**Desormeaux, Kent** – Dullahan, 2012  
**Dodson, Doug** – Faultless, 1947; Mr. Trouble, 1950  
**Eads, Wendell** – Ocean Wave, 1943  
**Erb, Dave** – Plion, 1958  
**Fell, Jeff** – Proud Appeal, 1981  
**Franklin, Ronald** – Spectacular Bid, 1979  
**Garcia, Alan** – Stately Victor, 2010  
**Gomez, Garrett** – Sinister Minister, 2006  
**Guerin, Eric** – Impetuosity, 1971  
**Hartack, William** – Northern Dancer, 1964  
**James, Basil** – Heather Broom, 1939  
**Jessop, J.D.** – Ruhe (2nd div.), 1951  
**Leparoux, Julien** – Java's War, 2013; Irap, 2017  
**MacBeth, Don** – Chief's Crown, 1985  
**Manganello, Mike** – Dust Commander, 1970  
**McCauley, Herb** – War, 1987  
**McCreary, Conn** – Our Boots, 1941; Halt, 1949  
**McHargue, Darrel** – Master Derby, 1975  
**Melancon, Larry** – Bachelor Beau, 1986  
**Moreno, Henry** – Racing Fool, 1955  
**Nakatani, Corey** – Dance With Fate, 2014  
**Neves, Ralph** – Round Table, 1957  
**Oldham, John** – Rockhill Native, 1980  
**Pierson, N.L.** – Coaltown, 1948  
**Pincay Jr., Laffit** – Judge, 1974; Millennium Wind, 2001

**Prado, Edgar** – Harlan's Holiday, 2002; Peace Rules, 2003; Monba, 2008  
**Romero, Randy** – Western Playboy, 1989; Wild Syn, 1995  
**Rosario, Joel** – Brilliant Speed, 2011  
**Saez, Luis** – Brody's Cause, 2016  
**Sellers, John** – Diplomat Way, 1967  
**Sellers, Shane** – Skip Away, 1996; Pulpit, 1997; The Cliff's Edge, 2004  
**Shoemaker, William** – Tomy Lee, 1959; Tompion, 1960; Lucky Debonair, 1965; Abe's Hope, 1966; Arts and Letters, 1969; Linkage, 1982

**Smith, F.A.** – Bimelech, 1940  
**Smith, Mike** – Prairie Bayou, 1993; Holy Bull, 1994  
**Stevens, Gary** – Halory Hunter, 1998  
**Turcotte, Ron** – Riva Ridge, 1972  
**Valenzuela, Ismael** – Forward Pass, 1968  
**Vasquez, Jacinto** – Granacus, 1988; Pistols and Roses, 1992  
**Velasquez, Jorge** – Alydar, 1978  
**Velazquez, John** – Bandini, 2005; Carpe Diem, 2015  
**Westrope, Jack** – Fencing, 1937  
**Ycaza, Manuel** – Ridan, 1962

## Keeneland Sales Graduates Who Won the Toyota Blue Grass Since 1986

Year	Winner	Sale	Price
2017	Irap	2015 September Yearling Sale	\$140,000 (RNA)
2016	Brody's Cause	2014 September Sale	\$350,000
2015	Carpe Diem	2013 September Sale	\$550,000
2012	Dullahan	2010 September Sale	\$250,000
2010	Stately Victor	2008 September Sale	\$110,000 (RNA)
2009	General Quarters	2007 September Sale	\$20,000
2007	Dominican	2005 January Horses of All Ages Sale	\$37,000
2006	Sinister Minister	2004 September Sale	\$95,000
2005	Bandini	2003 September Sale	\$500,000
2004	The Cliff's Edge	2002 September Sale	\$200,000
2001	Millennium Wind	1999 September Sale	\$1.2 million
2000	High Yield	1998 July Selected Yearling Sale	\$1.02 million
1999	Menifee	1997 September Sale	\$35,000
1998	Halory Hunter	1997 April 2YOs in Training Sale	\$135,000
1990	Summer Squall	1998 July Sale	\$300,000
1987	War	1985 September Sale	\$65,000
1986	Bachelor Beau	1984 September Sale	\$45,000