

Bluegrass Futurity awards richest purse in Saddlebred history

American Saddlebred history was made last fall when 23 fabulous weanlings vied for \$103,000 – the richest purse ever awarded – in the inaugural class of the Bluegrass Futurity held at the Kentucky Fall Classic Horse Show at the Horse Park, Lexington.

Presented one at a time, judges Don

\$103,000
divided among
winning weanling
& sire owners.

Judd, Kim Crumpler and David Cunningham selected ten entries to stay for a second judging.

Taking home the blue and a total \$44,411.65 was WC Line Of Thunder (Attache's Thunderbolt) handled by Joan Lurie and owned by Clyde and Sallie Nolan. Pam Specht and Mike Peel presented the reserve winner, High Time's Royal Gift (Supremacy's High Time) for owner Beth Hennessey. Their total purse was \$24,673.14.

Third, WC Cafe Demitasse (Fascinating Rhythm SLS), Joe Smith for Kenneth Wheeler (\$14,803.88); 4th, My Jose Cuervo (Rifles & Roses), Danette Musselman and the Alliance Stud (\$9,869.25); 5th, Mother Mary (Revival), Jim Aikman for Belle Reve (\$4,934.63); 6th, RWC High Time's High Priority (Supremacy's High Time), Pam Specht for Patricia Misko (\$1,500); 7th, Screen Idol (Con Heir) for George Davenport



2002 Bluegrass Futurity Champion WC Line Of Thunder (Attache's Thunderbolt x Heir Spray).

and Kitty Theodorou (\$1,500); 8th Visual Art, (State of the Art), James Shane (\$1,500); 9th Lovin's Majestic Midnight (Time Out For Lovin'), George Davenport for Sandra McKibbage; 10th, Hill Country Magic (Clover Hill's Magic Dragon), Becky Teater for Hill Country Acres.



2002 Bluegrass Futurity Reserve Champion High Time's Royal Gift.

Kicked off by a complimentary cocktail reception the night before at the Griffon Gate Resort, Lexington, class sponsors include World Champion Horse Equipment and Freedman Harness. The championship bronze trophy and participation medallions awarded to each entry were created by artist Cindy Wolf of Versailles, KY.

On February 1, 2003, the Bluegrass Futurity will hold its stallion auction at the Keeneland Race Course, Lexington, KY, followed in the fall by the inaugural Yearling In Hand class (estimated \$25,000 purse) and the second Weanling class (estimated \$85,000 purse).

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