

2002: a good year for Lance Hayes Stables

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Top: Lance Hayes Stables

Bottom: 2002 WI Limited Breeder Champion by Santana's Tropical Heatwave out of Lady Mandalay

The year 2002 was busy – and very successful – for trainer Lance Hayes of Neenah, WI. His customer numbers have doubled, the horses have shown well all season long, sales have been brisk, the lesson program is filled and Santana's Tropical Heatwave, full brother to 2002 WGC S.S. Genuine, is proving to be a popular and successful sire.

Among the 2002 show stars are UPHA Fine Harness horse Manhattan Starmaker (Catalyst x Windemere Star) owned by Amy Bergner; the 5-Gaited Dusty Bum (Harrodsburg x Angel Dust) sold to John Walker Stables, NC; Wild Harley by The Mean Machine sold to Jeffrey Donovan for his daughter Melissa; the Park Pleasure horse Buggy Seigel, owned by Mike Bletsoe; the juvenile show pleasure winner CH Olympic Charm (Santana's Charm x Berry Good), shown by Sammy Jo Galica; and Santana's Special Report, shown by Cheryl Galica.

Purchased from Virgil Helm for customer Joann Bernd for next year is Cherished Charm (Santana's Charm x Cherished Jewel), third in the KY Futurity 3-Gaited, 4th in Two-Year-Old 3-Gaited in 2002.

A lifelong horseman, Lance Hayes has strong family and professional ties to Wisconsin and, after working years for top Saddlebred trainers in Florida, Louisiana, Virginia, Kentucky and Canada, he was drawn back to the beautiful Wisconsin farmland and his dream to train and live there again. Finally, in 1998 he was able to buy 15 acres in Neenah, WI, a facility where he had worked years before. The same farm also had been owned by Saddlebred trainer Don Brockman.

Lance's love for the American Saddlebred started when he was a teenager and his career evolved from groom to assistant trainer to trainer at his own stables. He got his first big break in 1983: Working for John Champagne and Dutel Farms, he became full-time groom for the famed WGC & WC CH Emperor. Among his many mentors over the years are Phyllis Harris, John Champagne, John Biggins, Frank and Nancy McConnell, and Bonnie Byrne.

Lance has trained champions such as CH Crimson Flame, CH Royal Crest Sandstone, A Head of the Class, WC Carmelita Santana and the grand junior gaited mare, Mac-A-Daisy.

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