

HERITAGE HILL FARM SALUTED AS 2009 BREEDER OF THE YEAR

The Dey Family's Heritage Hill Farms of Allentown, NJ was selected the Standardbred Breeders & Owners Association of New Jersey's Breeder of the Year for 2009.

Heritage Hill Farm, spanning 500 acres in western Monmouth County, is one of the founding farms of the New Jersey Sire Stakes program.

The Heritage Hill – HH – name was given to nearly 100 horses, including the world champion filly HH Shadow who was second in the 1986 Cane Pace and retired with 17 victories and nearly \$280,000 in earnings.

Heritage Hill stood 1972 Pacing Horse of the Year Isle of Wight, whose offspring dominated the New Jersey Sire Stakes in the late 1970s and early 1980's,

The farm no longer stands any stallions – the last was Jaguar Spur -- but the Deys breed and foal nearly 100 mares a year.



Dr. Stephen P. Dey II [right] is congratulated by SBOANJ Director Anthony Perretti who presented the Breeder of the Year Award to Dey's Heritage Hill Farm. [Photos by Donna Noonan]

A thousand horses have represented the Dey breeding program, most bred in the name of the senior Deys, Stephen Perrine Dey and his wife, Elizabeth S. [Liz] Dey, whose father, Charles I. Smith, was a founder of the New Jersey Sire Stakes program.

In recent years, Heritage Hill raised Forensic Z Tam, who has banked nearly \$1 million, and his half-brother Blue Rock, who in 2009, won three of four New Jersey Sire Stakes starts as a two-year-old and earned \$109,985

The family includes a trio of prominent equine veterinarians – Dr. Stephen P. Dey II and his sons, Dr. Stephen P. Dey III and Dr. Greg Dey.

Past recipients of Breeder of the Year have included Fair Winds Farm, Kentuckiana Farms, Southwind Farms, Valley High Stables, White Birch Farm and Perretti Farms.

The Dey Family and Heritage Hill Farm were honored at the New Jersey Equine Advisory Board's 53rd Annual New Jersey Breeders' Awards Luncheon on Sunday, January 31, 2010 at Charley's Other Brother Restaurant in Eastampton Township, NJ.