



### Anthony L. "Tony" Reinstedler

**Born:** March 2, 1964 in Louisville, Ky.

**Resident:** Louisville, Ky.

**Family:** Donna (wife), Molly (daughter), Harris and Blake (sons).

**Anthony Reinstedler's record at Keeneland**

**Total wins: 36**

**Stakes Wins (3)**

- Leading trainer during Turfway Park's 2006 fall meet.
- Leading trainer at Churchill Downs in the fall of 1993.
- Won graded races at Churchill Downs, Saratoga and Arlington Park in 2003.
- Former trainers' representative on the board of the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association/Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders.
- Won the \$300,000 Kentucky Cup Turf Handicap at Kentucky Downs in 1998 with 8-year-old Yaqthan.
- Won the Lone Star Derby in 2001 with Percy Hope.

Tony Reinstedler had the racing bug as a high school student. "I was hiding my *Racing Form* in my accounting book," he recalls. His parents were "not very receptive" to his interest in horse racing, but they changed their outlook toward their son's occupation.

"They've both become big racehorse fans," he said. "They're out there a lot. My Dad really enjoys it. He likes to try to play professional handicapper. Sometimes he's fairly successful and sometimes he's not."

Reinstedler started working with horses at the Shelbyville, Ky., operation, Long Run Farm, as a teen-ager. "When I was 14, I started cutting grass out there and piddling around with painting fences and cutting weeds. I worked out there two summers. I started rubbing yearlings for the sales."

He also started rubbing horses at the racetrack.

After graduating from Louisville's Trinity High School in 1982, he didn't head off to college. Instead, he went to work for trainer Eddie Reynolds. After a year, he took a job with trainer Claude R. "Shug" McGaughey III, starting as a groom. During his seven and a half years with McGaughey, he worked his way up to assistant trainer.

"I was lucky," Reinstedler said. "I was there for a lot of the heyday horses—Personal Ensign, Easy Goer, Seeking the Gold, Personal Flag, Awe Inspiring, Adjudicating, Polish Navy. It was quite an experience working around that type of bloodstock. I learned a lot about being around good horses and what good horses can do. You learn to appreciate a good horse there."

"Shug was kind of a demanding guy, but as long as you did your job, he left you alone. You definitely worked hard there. There are no free rides at the McGaughey stable."

On Dec. 1, 1990, he went out on his own, and has had his hands on some good horses since then. His first stakes winner was Harbor Heights, who won the 1992 Magnolia Breeders' Cup at Ellis Park. He trained Prairie Bayou through his first two career starts

before the gelding was transferred to Tom Bohannon, head trainer for Loblolly Stable. Prairie Bayou won the 1993 Preakness Stakes and earned an Eclipse Award as champion 3-year-old male that season.

He also trained Powis Castle through his first four starts before a private sale sent him to another trainer. He later won the Malibu Stakes (G2) and earned more than \$560,000.

Another horse he trained early on was Angel Fever, now better known as the dam of Fusaichi Pegasus.

"She broke her maiden in her first start and then ran third in the Colleen Stakes," Reinstedler said. After that, she was retired.

"I developed Prairie Bayou and Angel Fever," he said. "They are two of the better horses I've had."

More recently, he trained 2005 Horse of the Year Saint Liam through his first eight starts at 3 until Richard Dutrow Jr. took over. During that period of time, Saint Liam finished second in the Iowa Derby, beaten two and three-quarter lengths by Excessivepleasure.

He's also justifiably proud of Yaqthan. "We really managed him well. I look back on him with a lot of pride. He's one of the ones you like to be around."

As an 8-year-old in 1998, Yaqthan won the \$300,000 Kentucky Cup Handicap at Kentucky Downs, the Dallas Turf Cup Handicap at Lone Star Park and the Independence Breeders' Cup Handicap at Louisiana Downs.

Other stakes-winning performers he's trained include War Deputy, winner of the 1993 Kentucky Jockey Club Stakes (G3); Approach, winner of the 1993 Count Fleet Sprint Handicap (G3); Shoal Creek, winner of the 1992 Iroquois Stakes (G3); and Halo River, winner of the Appalachian here in 1998.

"I'd love to have a good 3-year-old for the classics," he said. "Knockadoon is the only one I've had. I would love to get a good horse to keep competitive year-round. There's a lot of luck in getting a good horse. They are very hard to come by. The bottom

line is you can be the greatest trainer in the world, but you are just a reflection of the horses you've got."

He may get his wish this year with U D Ghetto, who won the Kentucky Cup Juvenile (G3) last year, and Shermanesque, who was runner-up to his stablemate in that race. Shermanesque had a small bone chip removed from an ankle and was to be sent to Oaklawn Park to prepare for his 3-year-old season.

Knockadoon won the Risen Star Stakes at 3 and the Ben Ali Stakes (G3) the following year in 1996 and earned \$357,018.

In 2001, he had a potential Triple Crown aspirant in Percy Hope, who won both the Rushaway Stakes at Turfway Park and the Lone Star Derby at Lone Star but passed on the Derby before finishing ninth in the Preakness.

In 2003, his stable earned more than \$1.7 million. Victories included the Lake Placid Handicap (G2) and Regret Stakes (G3) with Sand Springs; the Pucker Up Stakes (G3) and Double Delta Stakes, both with Aud; and the Charlie Barley Stakes at Woodbine with Moonshine Hall. Moonshine Hall raced for Laura and Eugene Melnyk and Sand Springs and Aud for longtime client Peter Willmott.

In 2004, Aud added two more stakes victories to her resume—the Cardinal Handicap (G3) and Yellow Rose Breeders' Cup Stakes (on a disqualification), while Sand Springs added the Kentucky Cup Ladies Turf Stakes. Reinstedler also saddled Two Mile Hill to win the Golden Sylvia Handicap and the My Charmer Stakes, Flower Forest to win the Justakiss Stakes and Mymich to win the Flawlessly Stakes. In 2005, he won the Flawlessly Stakes again, this time with Anegada.

Reinstedler won seven stakes races during 2006, including the Hanship Cup (G3) and Turfway Park Fall Championship (G3) with Gouldings Green. He also won a pair of stakes at Ellis Park with Junior College.

"I've been training for myself for more than 10 years," Reinstedler said. "It's a labor of love and I do love it. The game has changed so much. I hope I can continue to be part of it."

"I feel I've proved myself that I can develop a good horse. Once you've had one or two, you appreciate them even more."

His wife, Donna, worked on the backside before they were married. "She would love to be here," he said.

"I started training in New York, and the reason I came back to Kentucky is because I wanted to have a family and be around my family. That's what's most important to me. I think that family comes first and horses come second—there's no question about that."

Through Jan. 9, 2007, Equineline.com listed Reinstedler as trainer of 25 stakes winners and the winner of 389 races and \$15,021,447.