

**John G. Sikura**  
**Hill 'n' Dale Farms**  
**Lexington, Kentucky**

Second generation horseman John G. Sikura took the helm at Hill 'n' Dale Farms in 1987 and has developed it into one of the premier full service thoroughbred operations. Comprised of 1,300 acres, Hill 'n' Dale has expanded from its original location at the former North Ridge Farm to include new divisions in Scott County.

Among numerous stakes winners bred by Sikura are multiple champion and Group 1 winner Hawk Wing, Leading Sire Rahy and Classic winner Touch Gold. He was also co-owner of 2007 Broodmare of the Year, Better Than Honour.

The Hill 'n' Dale Stallion operation is currently comprised of 17 stallions which include current leading sophomore stallion Candy Ride, leading two year old sire of 2006 Stormy Atlantic, as well as leading sires Theatrical, El Corredor, Mutakddim and Indygo Shiner. Also included in the stallion roster are exciting young stallions Midnight Lute, Roman Ruler, Closing Argument, Heatseeker, Harlington, Shakespeare, Red Giant, Grand Reward, Seeking the Dia, Seeking the Best and Mr. Sekiguchi.



Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency is ranked as a top five consignor with sales totaling over \$70 million in 2008, including Better Than Honour's world record-setting final bid of \$14 million. This new record broke the previous mark set in 2007 when Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency sold Playful Act for \$10.5 million.

In addition to breeding, managing stallions and sales consignments, Sikura is extremely active as an owner, currently licensed in nine racing jurisdictions. Recently, alone or in partnership, he has raced the following graded stakes horses: Dream Rush, Somethinaboutlaura, More Happy, Serenading, Smart Surprise, Patena, Magnificence, etc.

Sikura is active in numerous organizations that directly affect the future and welfare of the Thoroughbred industry. The charitable organizations with which he is involved include the Blue Grass Farms Chaplaincy Spanish-English Literacy Program, the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation Man O' War Society, Gluck Equine Research Center MRLS Research and the Horse Farm Workers' Educational Assistance Fund. In addition, Sikura is a founding member of the Kentucky Equine

Education Project and a Sales Integrity Task Force Member. Hill 'n' Dale Farms has been honored to host the Shoemaker Foundation Benefit and the 2007 Thoroughbred Owners and Breeder's Association Awards Dinner.

***Personal Statement:***

*The Breeders' Cup is the crowning achievement of our racing year. We must insure all nominators have a share in the success of the program while maximizing wagering and attracting the best possible level of competition internationally. While on site, we must make the event media friendly with access and interaction with the participants partnered with elite on-track service to all attendees of the event.*

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