

Starlight Spotlight

Twenty Questions with Sharyn Neble



Sharyn Neble (right) with Donna Barton Brothers

1. **Name:** Sharyn Neble
2. **Hometown:** Saratoga Springs, NY
3. **Currently reside:** Winchester, MA and Saratoga Springs, NY
4. **Family:** Husband George Neble
5. **What I do for a living:** In my previous professional life I spent 18 years working in the Consumer Product Industry and then transitioned into the non-profit sector as the CEO of a Human Service Industry. Currently, I am the Treasurer of TAA (Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance) and sit on several other boards as well (Such as the Greater Boston Food Bank, The Boston Public Library and The New England Conservatory Charter School).
6. **How and when I was introduced to Thoroughbred Racing:** I grew up in the Saratoga area - it was part of the culture!
7. **My favorite track:** Saratoga followed by Keeneland
8. **Favorite Thoroughbred racing event:** Anyone where we have a horse running!
9. **My Favorite Thoroughbred (past or present):** Too many to list!
10. **The thing I like best about Thoroughbred Racing:** Watching the early morning workouts from the Saratoga backstretch as the morning dew rises. The sights and sounds are magical!
11. **How and when I was introduced to Starlight Racing:** George and I tried a few other racing syndicates but nothing was the right fit for us. We devised a plan to look at all syndicates that fit our criteria (past performances, horse care and after care philosophy, financial model and meet their managing partners) over the summer meet last year (2012) in Saratoga and make a decision by late September. We saw a Starlight ad in May, contacted Donna Brothers and met Jack and Donna the first of June at the Belmont Stakes. This was followed by a dinner with Donnie, Barb, Jack, Laurie, Donna and Frankie and we decided to join Starlight in early July - before Saratoga even started! We didn't need to look any further, we knew we had met the right people and the right racing syndicate for us. When Laurie and Barb announced the formation of StarLadies we immediately wanted to participate!

12. Favorite Starlight memory: **The people! I have loved meeting the Starlight crew over the past year, all the partners and their wonderful families.**
13. Favorite animal other than a horse: **Cats and kittens, especially our two Ragdoll cats, ages 16+ and 12.**
14. Other sports/sports teams I follow: **By marriage, I follow football and baseball.**
15. Hobbies/interests other than Thoroughbred racing: **I love to read, dance and exercise.**
16. Website(s) I visit daily: **Whatever I happen to be interested in that day or working on. I'm not really a routine person so it's always changing.**
17. Favorite food: **Fresh fruit**
18. Guilty pleasure OR One thing I can't live without: **My husband, George; my ex-racehorse, Flat Bold and my cats, Scooter and Taz**
19. Favorite place in the world: **Italy, I love everything and anything about it. The culture, the landscape, the people, the food, the art!**
20. Thing(s) I am most looking forward to this year: **I am looking forward to expanding the scope of the TAA and the superb work everyone is doing to insure our equine athletes are cared for when their racing careers are over. I have been so thrilled by the response of the greater racing community to our efforts! I also look forward to watching Flat Bold*continue to prosper and thrive.**

***Editor's note:** Sharyn rescued Flat Bold from the track, going so far as to incorporate a stable - designing silks and all - which allowed her to make a claim for him following a race. She lost the shake yet undeterred, approached his new owner and convinced him to part with the gorgeous gelding. Flat Bold currently lives just up the road from the Neble's and spends his days galloping around his paddock, making new friends and being spoiled rotten by his new mom!

