

# CH The Daily Lottery

2014 Five-Gaited World's Grand Champion

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CHThe Daily Lottery winning the 2014 Five-Gaited World's Grand Championship

*"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm."  
~Ralph Waldo Emerson*

There are so many adjectives to describe the 2014 Five-Gaited World's Grand Champion, CHThe Daily Lottery that one barely knows where to begin. The powerhouse 10-year-old gelding blasted through the gate at Freedom Hall on Saturday night with Peter Cowart aboard, as fresh and energized as if it was the first class of the season for him. This seemingly tireless horse put the gelding stake in the history books on Wednesday night with a brilliant performance, never laying an ear down. On Saturday night he competed amongst the elite of the open gaited division, horses that have already been there and done that, like World's Grand Champion CHBravo Blue and World's Grand Champion CHCallaway's Annabel Allison. Other top open horses like the beautiful stallions Marc Of Charm and It's Double O'Deuce were there challenging again. And the fresh newcomer, Roselane's Angelo was certainly on his game when they sent the top contenders back to the rail for the workout. When it was over the beautiful red chestnut gelding had only gotten better as the class progressed and, even minus one front shoe toward the end of a hard fought work off, he claimed the championship for Kim and Peter Cowart's West Wind Stables and owners Ray, Nancy and Chris Hawley.

Sired by Sultan's Great Day and out of Callaway's Lady Lottery, one look at his pedigree tells part of his success story. Sultan's Great Day, a fine harness two-





**CHTheDaily Lottery's Dam, Callaway's Lady Lottery**

year-old and three-year-old World's Champion has been a prolific sire of multiple champions. Great Day is sired by the incomparable Supreme Sultan and out of Broodmare Hall of Fame mare, Supreme's Casindra. On the bottom line you have **CHWill Shriver**, who with Redd Crabtree won the Stallion Stake three years in a row (1974 to 1976) and won the Five-Gaited World's Grand Championship in his first and only appearance in 1976. The Daily Lottery's second dam on the bottom line is also a Broodmare Hall of Fame mare, Lady Gambler (Buck And Wing x Miss Roulette). This mare was the dam of World's Champion I'm Sultana! and two of Barbara Goodman Manilow's amateur gaited mounts, World's Champion **CHLady Luck B.G.** and World's Champion Will's Lady Kate. She is also the dam of Gayle Lampe's World's Champion **CHCallaway's Born To Win**. The Daily Lottery is breeding royalty.

**CHThe Daily Lottery** was bred by Penny Lane Farm of Boaz, Kentucky. He began his show career with Jon Wallace and then Mark Turner and won the first of many World's Championships in 2008 with Mandy Martin. In an astounding run, he won the Junior Five-Gaited Stallion/Gelding World's Championship against 20 horses and came back to win the Junior Five-Gaited World's Championship. In September he topped the ASR Four-Year-Old Sweepstakes and in November he won the UPHA/American Royal Junior Five-Gaited Stake, all of those classes with Martin aboard.

John Conatser purchased **CHThe Daily Lottery** in February of 2009 for Carol Hillenbrand and she began a winning run in the amateur division at Bonnie Blue National, continued to Mid West Charity and then Blue Ridge Classic.

In October of 2009 High Hickory Farm purchased the horse and that is when Gabe Deknatel picked up the horse's winning ways and ran with it. The endless energy that is **CHThe Daily Lottery** was an interesting challenge for Conatser to work with. "The horse went through phases but I think that the best that he was for us was when I got him out three times a day. I turned him out in the bullpen in the morning and let him play, and then around 11:00 or so I'd long line him. Later in the day I would take him for a trail ride. We only rode him all the way around the barn one day a week. He went from being a little too edgy to much more civilized."

According to Conatser he was a quiet horse in the stall and at the horse show he knew his business. "We figured out a method to warm him up that was agreeable to him. We kept him quiet and went easy, cantered him and let him warm up slowly, but we didn't let him fire until he went through the gate. That worked best with him." The admiration for this one-of-a-kind horse was evident when Conatser talked about him. "That horse had the most character and class of any horse I've worked. He is a horse trainer's dream. He came to work every single day

Supreme Sultan	<b>CHValley View Supreme (WC, WGC)</b>	<b>Genius Bourbon King</b> Diana Gay (WC, BHF)
Sultan's Great Day (WC), 1981 blk.	Melody O'Lee (BHF)	<b>Anacacho Denmark</b> Judy O'Lee (BHF)
Supreme's Casindra (BHF)	Stonewall Supreme	Stonewall King
Casindra Beaverkettle (WC, WCC, WGC)	Casindra Beaverkettle	Mamie Peavine (BHF)
Callaway's Johnny Gillen	<b>CHWill Shriver (WC, WGC)</b>	Denmark Beaverkettle
Callaway's Lady Lottery, 1988 ch.	<b>CHKate Shriver (WGC, BHF)</b>	Candace Kalarama
Lady Gambler (BHF)	Buck And Wing	<b>CHWing Commander (WC, WGC)</b> Fourth Estate (BHF)
Miss Roulette	Miss Roulette	<b>Anacacho Denmark</b> Reverie's Desdemona (BHF)
		<b>CHWing Commander (WC, WGC)</b> Lovely Maid (WC, WCC, WGC)
		<b>Genius Bourbon King</b> Deal Me in

with a purpose. I'll never have another one like him."

Gabe Deknatel showed **CHThe Daily Lottery** 34 times from 2009 to 2013 and won every single class but one. And that class in August of 2012 was one of the most exciting in recent Louisville history, the kind that puts the spectators in Freedom Hall on their feet. John Conatser described it as "A night that they caught lightning in a bottle." Dr. Owen Weaver teamed up with three-times Five-Gaited World's Grand Champion **CHCourageous Lord** to mount the challenge. In the amateur stallion/gelding qualifier **CHCourageous Lord** was Reserve World's Champion. In the amateur gentlemen's class **CHThe Daily Lottery** added another World's Championship to his record. When it came time for the amateur championship **CHCourageous Lord** and the reigning World's Champion of Champions came back in great form. It came down to a work off that put the two gaited powerhouses back on the rail to battle for the roses. When the cards came in the judges chose **CHCourageous Lord** to take the victory pass. **CHThe Daily Lottery**, who was equally appreciated by the crowd for his performance, was reserve. "It was an amazing class," Gabe Deknatel said. "I was so happy for Owen that she got her moment with **CHCourageous Lord**, and happy that we were able to perform at a level that everyone enjoyed so much."

Deknatel remembers the first time that he rode **CHThe Daily Lottery**. "It was at the Fall Classic show when it was in the old arena, and on a whim we decided to try him. It was the wildest ride I'd ever taken on a horse," he said with a laugh. "It was a constant learning experience for me and John did a great job of preparing him for me to ride and show."

When Ray and Nancy Hawley purchased the horse for their son Chris to show Peter and Kim Cowart took over the training. "The horse was in great order when we got him but Chris had a lot of time commitments outside of riding. It was coming along well but Chris wasn't ready to show him at Louisville," Peter said. The respect that Cowart has for **CHThe Daily Lottery** mirrors John Conatser's when listening to him talk about the experience of working and showing the horse. "He is one of the gamest, if not the gamest horse that I've ever worked. He has his own understanding of how things should be and his understanding is great. He just doesn't want any changes in his routine."

The decision not to put Chris on at Louisville was made two weeks before the show so Cowart didn't have a lot of time to think about it. "I had to get organized in a hurry," he said. When it was all said and done Peter Cowart had a new definition of what the term "great horse" means. "To be around a truly great horse makes me more thoughtful of how I use the expression. I think people throw 'great horse' around a little too loosely. They are really few and far between. It was an honor to be able to work with a great one. It makes you realize just how hard it is to match that kind of horse step for step."

**CHThe Daily Lottery** has packed in one exceptional performance after another since he was a three-year-old and shows no signs of letting up any time soon. It appears that Freedom Hall is his playground with 10 World's Championships and one World's Grand Championship to his credit so it is fitting that next year his name will be displayed in Freedom Hall among the greats of the breed.



Chris Hawley, with Kim, Peter, and Camille Cowart after **CHThe Daily Lottery's** World's Grand Championship (Funkhouser photo)