



### Roger Attfield

**Born:** Nov. 28, 1939 in Newbury, England

#### Record at Keeneland

**Total wins:** 61

**Stakes wins:** 15

#### First Graded Stakes Win/

##### First Grade 1 Win:

1985 Pan American Handicap  
with Selous Scout.

##### First Stakes Win:

1976 Plate Trial Stakes with Norcliffe.

##### First Career Win:

1976.

- Tied for 14th at Keeneland by career stakes wins with 15.
- Stable won 28 races in 2012 and earned \$2,673,802; highlights included the victories by Simnard in the Mac Diarmida (G2) and Louisville Handicap (G3), Forte dei Marmi in the Sky Classic (G2-Can), and 10-year-old Musketier in the Singspiel (G3-Can).
- Elected to the National Museum of Racing's Hall of Fame in 2012, the first Canadian-based trainer to be so honored.
- Inducted into the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame in 1999, the first year he was eligible.
- Won a record eight Sovereign Awards as Canada's leading trainer (2010, 2009, 2002, 1993, 1990, 1989, 1987 and 1986).
- Trained 48 Sovereign Award winners, including six Canadian Horse of the Years – Alywow, 1994; Peteski, 1993; Izvestia, 1990; With Approval, 1989; Play the King, 1988; and Norcliffe, 1976. Other champions include Talkin Man, Carotene, Perfect Soul (IRE) and Musketier (2011 champion male turf horse).
- **Breeders' Cup win:** 2011 Filly & Mare Turf (G1) with Perfect Shirl.
- Trained three of Canada's seven Triple Crown winners – Peteski, Izvestia and With Approval.
- Ranked 13th by earnings in 2011 with \$5,428,246 as his stable won 55 races; highlights came with victories by Perfect Shirl in the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf (G1) and Miss Keller (IRE) in the E.P. Taylor (Can-1).
- Tied for sixth at Keeneland's 2011 spring meet
- Won Canada's premier race – the Queen's Plate – a record seven times (1976, '89, '90, '92, '93, '95, and 2008).
- Won Shadwell Keeneland Turf Mile (G1) in 2003 and Maker's Mark Mile (G2) in 2004, with Perfect Soul (IRE).
- Won 1990 Wood Memorial (G2) and Gotham (G2) with Talkin Man, who started as the favorite in that year's Kentucky Derby (G1).
- Leading trainer at Woodbine in 1985 and 1987.
- Other graded stakes winners include Ave (GB), Palladio, Eccentric (GB), Noble Stella (GER), Pennyhill Park, Hey Hazel and Alydeed.

#### Background:

Earned a degree in agriculture, specializing in farm management, from Parkhurst College in England. Grew up riding horses as a child and competed on the international show jumping circuit, briefly attempting a career as an amateur steeplechase rider. Immigrated to Canada in 1970 and worked with horses and also opened a chain of clothing boutiques, but in about a year he gravitated back to the horses full time. He took out his trainer's license in 1971 after galloping horses for other trainers and then began his training career with Roy Kenney's Gateway Farms in Milton, Ontario, Canada. He later trained for Charles "Bud" Baker's Norcliffe Stable and then Bud Willmot's Kinghaven Farms. Willmot's Kinghaven Farms.