

**John Saunders Jones** (JS) as he was known to most in the harness racing community, almost stumbled into the sport by accident in the early 60s with the opening of Prestatyn.

JS recognised that to improve the quality of the breed he would need to introduce foreign blood, and agreed to quarantine the 'transit stallions', gaining free services as part of the deal. Not only using stallions from overseas, JS invested heavily in overseas mares, with mares from New Zealand, America and Germany, and so started Saunders Stud.

With an approach that to improve the chance of success buy quality, he bought a mare called Enid Blyton for allegedly 1,200 guineas, which must, at the time been somewhat of a record. He also imported two other mares Herba and Epiphora. The genes of all 3 can be found today - Evenwood Sonofagun can be traced back to the great Epiphora and the famous NZ pacer Vincent can be traced back to Herbe, showing what an eye JS had for the 'breeding game'.

**JS went on to stand (at Saunders Stud) stallions such as:**

**Keystone Baron, Saunders John  
Saunders Perilous, Taurus Hanover  
Man About Town, Rustle of Spring  
Solitude, Creativity  
Caliburn and Bernard Hanover**

**With 616 STAGBI registered horses it is hard to pick a few of the favourites:**

**Saunders Trapper, Saunders Rapide,  
Saunders Choice, Saunders Solicitor,  
Saunders Paige, Saunders Mach 3, Saunders  
Leopard, Saunders Prospect & Saunders  
Jacquie**

JS, you were an astute horseman, and businessman, your contribution to the breeding of standardbreds will leave a legacy forever. We thank you for your contribution to our great sport.

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Saunders John



Saunders Perilous

## J S Jones



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