



Mrs. C.C. (Chantal Consuelo) Regalado-Gonzalez and John Murrell

Birthdates: July 1959 (Regalado-Gonzalez) | July 1942 (Murrell)

Family: Daughters, Sophie and Vanessa

Residence: Spain

- Husband and wife duo operate their Thoroughbred interests under Chantal's name, though John is the guiding hand behind the stable.
- The couple is planning to send Iridessa to the TVG Breeders' Cup Mile (G1) after clinching a "Win and You're In" berth in the Group 1 Matron Stakes at Leopardstown in Ireland. The 3-year-old Ruler of the World filly picked up another Irish Group 1 earlier in the year in the Pretty Polly Stakes at The Curragh. She most recently ran third in the G1 Sun Chariot Stakes at Newmarket in England.
- The operation's first and only Breeders' Cup start to date came in 2016 when they sent Intricately to the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf (G1), in which she finished 11th. The Fastnet Rock filly came into the race off a win in the Moyglare Stud Stakes (G1) in Ireland. Intricately initially raced for Annemarie O'Brien, mother of trainer Joseph O'Brien, and she was acquired by Regalado-Gonzalez following her second start, a third in the Silver Flash Stakes (G3) at Leopardstown.
- Murrell, a London native, invested heavily into racing early in his life in the 1960s and '70s. At age 25, he owned 30 horses and had a yard in Newmarket. He saw Group 1 success, but when he sold his chemical business and moved to Guernsey, he turned his attention to golf and left racing for years. He returned to the sport around 2000. To his recollection, it was the trainer Dandy Nichols who lured him back, saying he had a nice horse. It was too much for Murrell to resist.
- Murrell's preferred strategy is to buy tested horses of racing age to run under the stable's colors, as opposed to unproven yearlings at auction.
- The couple breeds mares commercially under the "Sonessa Bloodstock" banner. Daughters Sophie and Vanessa Murrell-Regalado are directors in the business.
- Murrell's early successes on the racetrack included Cawston's Clown, winner of the 1976 Coventry Stakes at Royal Ascot, and multinational Group 1 winner Gentilhombre.

- Qualify, a racing-age purchase, sold for 1.6 million guineas (about \$2 million) at the 2015 Tattersalls December Mare Sale, shortly after her win in the Group 1 Invested Oaks, going to bloodstock agent John Ferguson.
- Other runners of note include Group 3 winners Zhukova, Only Mine, and Speak In Colours.
- Their trainers over the years have included Aidan and Joseph O'Brien, John Joseph Murphy, Joseph G. Murphy, Pat Murphy, James Fanshawe, Mark Johnston, Jo Hughes, David Nicholls and Peter Makin.