



Turtle Back Stories

Turtle 1: Wayne

Every day Wayne basked, looking out over the beautiful woods. A perfect stream gently made its way past him daily and he spent more time foraging at the bottom of the stream than soaking up the sun. Life wasn't always perfect. From time to time one of the raccoons would emerge from the woods and chase him into the water but besides that there wasn't anything to complain about. In this paradise, however, this small turtle dreamed of doing something more. Under the water and out in the sun, a musical beat followed him and words of an imaginary life flowed from his beak. He just needed a shot. Someone to hear a little of his musical poetry and recognize the genius of his fluid bars. Eventually he left the woods and the stream and moved to Marina Del Rey where music producers might hear him and make him famous. Today this small turtle makes his home at Brennan's where the bars continue to flow to the delight of all the other turtles, though we humans can only appreciate his speed. We hope he makes it but haven't had the heart to tell him that the rapper name Lil' Wayne... is already taken.

Top Speed: 2.6 mph

Last 5 finishes: 2, 16, 5, 2, 10

Colors: Orange

Turtle 2: MacLeod

MacLeod knew what was next. The big leagues at Brennan's Downs. He had the needed speed. He had the will and the experience. He would be the next champ! There was only one problem. He'd never won a race. For the past 5 years he had entered many races. He ALWAYS finished in third place. One time he got too close to the edge and flipped over. Another time a spectator pointed right at him and stopped his win. The worst was the time he made it a foot from the finish line and broke a nail clean off stopping his victory. His peers and family tried to lift his spirits, "You almost had it!" and they'd tell him that they were looking forward to seeing him come in second. He never placed second but he did eventually did get his win and made it to Brennan's. It was after that race that he received his current name when he exclaimed, "There can be only ONE!"

Top Speed: 4.3 mph

Last 5 finishes: 5, 4, 2, 6, 3

Colors: Blue and White





Turtle 3: Cooper

Before coming to Brennan's, Cooper held an important position. He taught people how to jump out of airplanes. A few times a day he'd board the plane filled with students and go up, up, up past the clouds. Cooper would show his students how to put on their parachutes, maneuver in the air and land safely. He'd made many jumps himself and was revered for his safety record. None of his students or himself had ever made any mistakes, until the day of his last jump. Cooper was instructing from the plane that day and had no plans to join his class in the air. He was speeding through the checklists and bouncing from student to student. He'd whirl around the airplane, making sure everyone was safe. Unfortunately, he went too fast that beautiful afternoon and tripped over his own feet. Rolling on the edge of his shell, he couldn't stop the motion toward the back of the plane. He saw the ceiling, then the ground, then the ceiling. Around and around again, rolling until he went out of the open door his students were using. With no parachute, Cooper was in big trouble. Down, down, down he went and he was fortunate there were no clouds that afternoon. It gave him time to survey the land and he could see only one hope for survival. Below him, three badminton nets beckoned and if he could hit one just right, it might just catch him. We know he made it because now he races at Brennan's Downs. It took all of the training he had received to put his shell in the net and he'll be forever grateful to the Australian Paratrooper Training Corps where he'd learned all his skills. His friends back home call him Cooper Paratrooper but when you hear them say it... well... it sounds like he came from somewhere else.

Top Speed: 4.1 mph

Last 5 finishes: 9, 20, 10, 4, 7

Colors: Yellow

Turtle 4: Lucy

Just out of the way of traffic she stretched her arm out and made that all too familiar hand signal. Fist clenched. Thumb up. It was always her intention to keep going. Hitchhiking all over the US and never stop. But the road has a way of wearing you out and the thought of loved ones rarely seen loomed larger every season. She'd made many friends. She'd had much excitement. But this was her last ride. The next kind traveler would lead her to her last stop, wherever that was. It didn't really matter to her where this ride ended. After all, it's possible to be happy everywhere. She'd seen it with her own eyes. The only thing needed was a cold beer. The driver opens the door and





says, "Where ya headed?" The shelled passenger replies, "Where the beer is cold and the happiness is free." "Well isn't this just perfect? I'm headed to Brennan's in Marina Del Rey!"

Top Speed: 3.3 mph

Last 5 finishes: 7, 29, 22, 14, 8

Colors: Red

Turtle 5: Muggle

How many times had Rufus taken her around the world? It was an unlikely friendship and one most still don't believe but that didn't change the fact that from time to time she rides a bubble breathing dragon. They both really get a kick out of it. Going faster and faster and faster Muggle learns about speed from these rides. Pirouetting and looping through the sky they laugh for hours. Sometimes Muggle falls out but Rufus catches her every time WITH a bubble. Muggle rides Rufus in an interesting way. She climbs in between the dragon's eyes. Two of the scales there create a perfect spot to lock in her shell and keep her safe. Bubbles stops into Brennan's from time to time though no one's ever seen him. You see, as everybody knows, bubble dragons are invisible. Recent findings suggest that bubble dragons could be made visible if they are struck by the perfect soap bubble. And only the person who blows the bubble can view him. Many have tried to create the perfect Bubble call. Can you?

Top Speed: 3.5 mph

Last 5 finishes: 6, 19, 17, 23, 12

Colors: Purple

Turtle 6: Lady Grace

What a perfect day! The sunlight blanketed the beach as far as the eye could see. A quiet and refreshing breeze playfully made its way through the sea of people tanning and a few found it particularly delightful to jog along the ever shifting water's edge. Though the forecast called for rain, here she was dutifully waxing her board one more time. Few people possessed her surfing skills but that was understandable considering some say she hatched out of her egg with a surfboard under her arm. All of this was of course figurative. Lady Grace didn't really own a surfboard as she has a unique method of dropping into the waves and travel down the decline to the enjoyment of all who watch. She just surfs her striped shell sometimes on her belly and sometimes





on her back with an uncommon grace. She never wants to leave Brennan's having the opportunity to surf daily and compete for racing glory and we'll always be happy to support her pursuits!

Top Speed: 3.9 mph

Last 5 finishes: 4, 3, 8, 9, 11

Colors: Pink

Turtle 7: Lenna

She was scared. Really scared. She'd been warned about the dangers of crossing the road when there was a lot of traffic. As she looked across, cars, trucks and motorcycles became just a blur as they raced by just inches from her shell. It was important to get across quickly, the race was about to start and she didn't want to miss the start. It was then that a curious thought emerged, "Maybe I should hop across lane by lane until I make to the other side." The plan worked and not only did she make the race start, she took the top prize that evening! If you ask her, she'd never recommend that maneuver and you won't see her doing it ever again. But many people did see and it gave one of them a great idea and they were extremely successful. As they drove by all they really saw was a green blur and made the assumption (due to the hopping) that it was a frog. Frogger went on to be one of the most successful games of its day and Lenna still races at Brennan's!

Top Speed: 3.6 mph

Last 5 finishes: 13, 25, 34, 10, 4

Colors: Green and White

Turtle 8: Marley

Marley was well known for her unique break dancing skills. People from all over the world would come to Venice Beach just to gather around her. From her pop locking, shell spinning, all the way to her leg stand, Marley was the top dancer on the board walk. The injury she'd suffered during training meant she couldn't dance for some time. Upon her return she found there was a new king of the streets. Carrots the dancing bunny had stolen the show and Marley was a thing of the past but not all was lost. She knew that all she had to do was challenge Carrots to a good old fashioned dance off. The turnout for the event was unlike any ever seen and the moves on display were fresh and new. Some haven't been seen since that day. In the end, Marley got served. With unparalleled glee Carrots exclaimed, "I could beat you at anything!" Marley recalled all the running she had endured during recovery and challenged the bunny to a





race. From Whaler's to Santa Monica they ran. A solid stream of glittering sand rose behind them as they raced. They ran so fast neither noticed as they passed the famous surfing turtle, Lady Grace. At the finish line, Marley waited for Carrots and mused to herself, "I could do this every day." Now, Marley only dances after the finish line at Brennan's and Lady Grace loves it every time!

Top Speed: 4.4 mph

Last 5 finishes: 1, 6, 29, 5, 9

Colors: Black

Turtle 9: Banjo

So many people every time. It was crazy that he'd seen over a million faces and rocked them all. There was no way he could have known his band, The Shell Burners, would get this big and that he would be heard all over the world. Sure, it was a lot of fun plucking his banjo strings but it really bothered him when his band mates would fiddle with instrument. He wanted it to sound just right all the time and this was the last straw. Someone had colored the strings of his banjo bright blue and it clashed horribly with his green shell. Today, he's become one of the most beloved turtles in our pond where he plays his banjo after the doors are closed.

Top Speed: 3.3 mph

Last 5 finishes: 10, 7, 6, 3, 1

Colors: Brown

Turtle 10: Rudy

It was great they made a movie about his time at Notre Dame. It just wasn't what really happened. He didn't like that they changed the story to show that he wore pads during football practice. Truth was that he only wore his shell. Why would he need protection when it was already built in? The helmet was necessary back then too but the film failed to show the skill that had gotten him into the team. In actuality he was the starting running back because of his lightning quick feet and had started every game and suffered no injuries. Now when he stands at the Brennan's victory circle he remembers his fans and how they'd chant his name, "Rudy! Rudy! Rudy!"

Top Speed: 4.2 mph

Last 5 finishes: 3, 24, 18, 20, 2





Colors: Blue and Yellow

