

Preakness 146 is On for May 2021

The Maryland Jockey Club has confirmed that the 146th running of the Preakness Stakes will go on as planned this May in its normal “Middle Jewel” spot of the Triple Crown. The date for the \$1 million stakes race is May 15th, with the Black-Eyed Susan running on May 14.

In addition, the spring stakes schedule includes \$3.25 million in purses with 16 stakes races and 10 graded races. The Preakness Meet at Pimlico program will open May 7 and run through May 31.

IEA Offers Travel Grant

The Muzzy Family and MZ Farms recently established a five-year, \$100,000 grant to assist the Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA) and qualified riders, who demonstrate financial need, in attending the yearly National Finals. The new “Travel Grant” will be allocated \$20,000 per year to be divided among approximately ten riders each year. The 2021 IEA Hunt Seat Finals this April will mark the start of the grant program.

For this season, the 10 grants will be allocated as follows: six for the Hunt Seat Finals, two for the Dressage Finals and two for the Western Finals. The Travel Grant will provide funds to assist in expenses related to the IEA National Finals for the rider, a guardian and a coach.

“Steve and I are so very pleased to support the IEA,” said Cathy Muzzy. “Our daughter rides in the IEA and she has had the most wonderful experience. We hope this Travel Grant will help a rider make it to the Finals without burdening their family.”

For more information on how to apply, visit rideiea.org.

2020 Renaissance Awards

On March 2, the fourth annual Renaissance Awards ceremony was presented virtually this

year due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The Maryland Horse Breeders Association, Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association and Maryland Jockey Club put these awards together to recognize excellence in Thoroughbred racing and breeding here in Maryland.

Maryland-bred Knicks Go was named Maryland-bred Horse of the Year as well as Champion Older Male. Owned by Korea Racing Authority and trained by Brad H. Cox, Knicks Go capped off this season with winning the \$1,000,000 Breeders’ Cup Dirt Mile (G1). Bred here in Maryland by Angie Moore, Knicks Go was sold as a weanling for \$40,000 in 2016 and later purchased for \$87,000 as a yearling by Korea Racing Authority. He is only the fifth Maryland-bred to win a Breeders’ Cup race. Moore was named 2020 Maryland Breeder of the Year.

Jaxon Traveler, a 2018 colt by Munnings, won the Champion 2-Year-Old Male award for owners West Point Thoroughbreds and Marvin Delfiner. Trained by Steven M. Asmussen, he was bred by Dr. and Mrs. A. Leonard Pineau. In 2020, he won the Maryland Juvenile Futurity. So far he is undefeated, winning three for three.

Street Lute won the Champion 2-Year-Old Filly award after winning all but one of her seven starts in 2020. She finished second in the Maryland Million Lassie Stakes. Owned by Lucky 7 Stables, the daughter of Street Magician was bred by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Dr. Brooke Bowman, and is trained by John J. Robb.

Bred by Mark Brown Grier and owned by Three Diamonds Farm, Field Pass (by Lemon Drop Kid) earned the 2020 Champion 3-Year-Old Male title. He won five out of ten starts in 2020 and placed three times with trainer Michael J. Maker.

Sharing, who was named 2019 Maryland-bred Horse of the Year and Champion 2-Year-Old

Filly, came back in 2020 to win the Champion 3-Year-Old Filly and Champion Turf Runner titles. The Speightstown daughter was bred by Sagamore Farm and is owned by Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Gainesway Stable. Trained by H. Graham Motion, Sharing won the Edgewood Stakes (G2) in 2020 as well as running second overseas in the Coronation Stakes (England). She has been retired from racing due to a paddock injury this past January.

Never Enough Time took the Champion Older Female title for breeder and owner R. Larry Johnson. Trained by Michael J. Trombetta, this 2016 mare is by Munnings and won three times in 2020, finishing second twice and third once out of eight starts.

The 2013 son of Cuba, Laki, earned Champion Sprinter for 2020. Bred by Tom Michaels and Lorna Baker, Laki continues to have an impressive stakes career winning twice in 2020 and finishing second twice. Owned by Hillside Equestrian Meadows and trained by Damon R. Dilodovico, Laki was the 2018 Maryland-bred Champion Older Male.

Love’s Reason, dam of 2019 Maryland-bred Champion Older Female Majestic Reason, earned the 2020 Maryland Broodmare of the Year award while Great Notion was named Maryland Stallion of the Year. Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds LLC and Hillwood Stables LLC own Love’s Reason. Great Notion, owned by Northview Stallion Station, has earned this title five years in a row.

Robert Bone was named Maryland Owner of the Year with Claudio Gonzalez earning the Maryland Trainer of the Year title. Tevor McCarthy was crowned Maryland Jockey of the Year. Edgar Gallegos was honored as Pimlico’s Backstretch Worker of the Year with Antonio Lopez Salazar being Laurel’s Backstretch Employee of the Year. Victor Carrasco was named MTHA’s Unsung Hero.

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Jenn Emmart Earns Community Heroes Award *photos provided by MHIB*



Jenn Emmart, Greenwell Foundation’s Equestrian Director received the highest honor a non-Rotarian can receive, the Rotary Community Heroes Award named for Paul Harris, Rotary’s Founder.

Emmart was nominated by Lisa Blackwell, District 7620 President and a member of Greenwell Foundation’s Board of Trustees. Blackwell made the nomination because of the extraordinary work Emmart has done throughout the pandemic to care for Greenwell’s herd of horses, and all their animals, and for continuing important Greenwell Programs that serve adults and children with and without disabilities at Greenwell State Park.

Emmart and her staff have served the St. Mary’s County community by continuing to offer the therapeutic programming – riding lessons, trail rides, Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies (EAAT) – that our neighbors have needed so much during these very difficult times. A highpoint of service was when Emmart and Greenwell Executive Director Jolanda Campbell brought ponies to Charlotte Hall Veterans Home for a day-long visit with residents.