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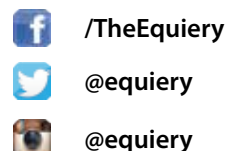
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As a grassroots membership-based organization, the mission of the Maryland Horse Council is to unify and serve Maryland's diverse community of equine owners and enthusiasts and horse-related industries and businesses for the following purposes:

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- Improve and maintain lands related to horses (including but not limited to farmland, parkland and open space)
- Enhance existing and create new networks within the community
- Enhance internal communication within the community
- Provide a unified voice to state legislators and regulators
- Provide a template for state-level relationships that can be executed at the county-level by MHC members

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NEWS & VIEWS

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MCTA Bounces Back after COVID

After a one-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, the Maryland Combined Training Association (MCTA) Horse Trials returns to Shawan Downs this spring. Eventers might notice however that the event, which traditionally has been run on the first weekend in May, is now on the last weekend of May having swapped weekends with the spring Waredaca Horse Trials with US Eventing Association approval.

Ami Howard and daughter Patti Fenwick, who have been the event's organizers since 2010, have retired with Chris Donovan picking up the reins. Donovan has a long history with MCTA as her mother, Ann McKay, was instrumental in organizing the first MCTA event, held 49 years ago at Jackson Hole Farm in Upperco. Donovan is working closely with Betsy Hochstein and Toni Marie Woods to put on this year's event.

In addition to the USEA-sanctioned event, MCTA is adding a starter/unrecognized event at Shawan the following Saturday.

Neil Agate Joins RRP Board

The Retired Racehorse Project (RRP) announced the election of three new members to its Board of Directors: Neil Agate (MD), Buck Davidson (PA) and Jodie Vella-Gregory (PA). Each will serve a three-year term and be eli-

gible to serve for up to two consecutive terms. These new board members replace Christy Claggett, Rosie Napravnik and Steuart Pittman, whose terms have expired.

Agate is the current Maryland Horse Council President and founder of Four Gates, LLC, a business and technology services firm. During his term as MHC President, Agate guided the organization through the purchase of The Equiry and the formation of the Maryland Equine Transition Service. Agate is an avid polo player and was the 2015 RRP Makeover Top Amateur trainer in the polo division.

Davidson is an international event rider who consistently is ranked in the Top 10 Eventing Riders globally. He is the co-presenter at the RRP's annual charity golf event in Ocala, FL, and has served as a clinician in a RRP Master Class.

Vella-Gregory currently works in the Office of Innovation for 1/ST Racing (formerly The Stronach Group). She previously worked for Breeders' Cup Limited and still contracts with them to help run the Breeders' Cup race day. Vella-Gregory has been instrumental in helping to expand RRP's reach to the West Coast.

USEF Allows Limited Spectators

On April 14, US Equestrian announced that beginning May 3, 2021, USEF-licensed competitions can welcome a limited number of spectators on competition grounds under the following capacity restrictions:

- Outdoor Venues: A maximum of 40% of the ticketed spectator capacity for competitions that operate with a ticketed gate, OR a maximum of 400 spectators for competitions that do not ticket spectators, whichever is greater.
- Indoor Venues: A maximum of 30% of the ticketed spectator capacity for competitions that operate with a ticketed gate, OR a maximum of 300

spectators for competitions that do not ticket spectators, whichever is greater.

• For venues that consist of both outdoor and indoor components, the above capacity restrictions apply accordingly.

It is important to note that spectators must comply with all applicable requirements of the USEF COVID-19 Action Plan, including but not limited to wearing face masks/face coverings, social distancing, and frequent hand washing. The capacity numbers included above are the maximum permitted at a USEF competition each day. Because of the requirement to socially distance, some venues or situations might not allow organizers to accommodate the maximum allowable number of spectators.

Additionally, USEF has expanded the definition of sponsors to include individual persons or business entities that have an agreement in place with the competition to provide goods, services, or financial support integral to the sustainability of a competition. Sponsors, participants, competition staff, support personnel, volunteers, and service providers are not included in the spectator capacity numbers.

It is critical that competition organizers and participants continue to follow all governmental and health authority guidance and restrictions, which if more restrictive, supersede USEF's requirements.

Billy Boniface Enters County Executive Race

Billy Boniface, chief advisor to Harford County Executive Barry Glassman (R), became the first candidate to formally enter the race to replace Glassman in 2022. Boniface's family owns Bonita Farm in Darlington, which was the home and breeder of the most recent Maryland-bred Preakness winner Deputed Testimony (1983).

Boniface is a former Harford County Council President, having won his first term in 2006 and run unopposed for re-election in 2010. He spent the next five and a half years as chief administrative officer for Glassman, overseeing the budget and day-to-day operations of the county government.

Boniface is also a former President of the Maryland Horse Breeders Association and served on the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation and Maryland Young Farmers Advisory Board. He currently serves on the Maryland Horse Foundation Board of Directors.

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Behind the Scenes: Equiry Cover Shoot



On a snowy day this winter, photographer Bethany Grace Perkowski orchestrated a photo shoot for Chair & Chisel, which included this month's cover photo. Model Kayla Smith was paired up with the Warlander (Friesian & Andalusian cross) Centauro, owned by Francisco Morales (brown jacket) and trained by Juan Quincin (black jacket), with both horse and rider decked out in leatherwork by Chair & Chisel.

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2021 MATCH Series Primarily Run in Maryland

Maryland racetracks will host 20 of the 24 races that are part of the newly configured Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred Championship (MATCH) Series for 2021. The series will begin at Pimlico Race Course during Preakness weekend and end at Laurel Park Christmas weekend.

The MATCH Series was restarted in 2018 after a 16-year hiatus and was shelved in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The lingering pandemic nearly forced the cancellation of the 2021 series as well, but Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association Executive Director David Richardson proposed a series entirely conducted at Maryland Jockey Club racetracks and worked with MJC President and General Manager Sal Sinatra to put the 2021 series together.

Frank Petromalo of the Virginia Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association later approached Richardson and Sinatra to add four races scheduled during its August meet. The current plan is to return to its regular format in 2022 with races held at Delaware Park, Laurel Park, Monmouth Park, Parx, Penn National, Colonial Downs and Charles Town.

In total, this year's MATCH series will include 24 stakes races for 3-year-olds and up with \$2.75 million worth in purses. Additionally, \$282,000 in bonus money is available.

Maverick Award Established in Memory of Mary Cosenza

The late Mary Cosenza was honored at the De La Brooke Foxhounds' closing hunt with the establishment of the Maverick Award sponsored

by the club and Mary's parents, Scott and Susan Cosenza. During the presentation, Susan noted, "Mary grew up with De La Brooke and she loved this club very much ... this is where she developed her passion for fox hunting."

The award is to recognize a member who is independent and a free spirit much in the same way Mary was. Junior member Lucy Nelson was named the first recipient of the new award. Nelson is a busy junior rider with the hunt club and the De La Brooke Pony club, and along with her sisters, manages the company "American Pony Outfitters," which offers equestrian themed clothing. Nelson spent this past season as a junior whip and rode nearly every hunt as her virtual school schedule allowed her the unique opportunity to be offline on Wednesdays when the club hunts.

Kentucky Requires Testing for Horses Shipping from Pimlico

Due to the EHV-1 outbreak at Laurel Park and Pimlico Race Course, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture issued a statement on April 10 regarding horses shipping from Pimlico to Kentucky. The statement reads:

"An inability to adequately isolate new arrivals on the grounds of Kentucky tracks and training facilities does warrant an abundance of caution be taken to mitigate risk of disease entry. Based on this, we are directing KY tracks and their associated sanctioned training centers to not allow movement of horses which have resided or been at Pimlico (racing, training, transiting, etc.) on or after March 15, 2021 without prior approval from the KY Office State Veterinarian.

"We have and will continue to allow horses from Pimlico to enter KY and will work to qualify and facilitate movement of these horses to a KY track or training center on an individual basis following testing and further evaluation. Horses which have recently (since March 15) been on the grounds of Pimlico can qualify for approval to enter a KY track or sanctioned training center if they have documentation demonstrating they have been off the grounds of Pimlico for 30 days OR horses may move from Pimlico and after having been off the grounds for 24 hours be examined by a veterinarian and testing negative by PCR for EHV-1 (nasal swab and whole blood - EDTA) could qualify for entry onto a Kentucky racing or training facility.

"A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection for the horse(s) from the point where the sample was collected needs to be issued for movement to the Kentucky racing or training facility and must document the EHV-1 testing, current health assessment in addition to meeting the normal entry requirements that includes EHV-1 vaccination and EIA test certificate.

"Our plan is for the current protocol described in this message to remain in effect through the first week of May when we will make determination and provide instruction on how to proceed."

As of press, Laurel Park was still under quarantine orders by the Maryland Department of Agriculture, which is why the KDA made the decision to only impose restrictions on Pimlico, which has reopened, according to Sean Southard, Director of Communications and Public Affairs for KDA.

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Gentle Giants Visits Assisted Living Home *photos by Katherine O. Rizzo*



On April 6, Gentle Giants Draft Horse Rescue took five of their horses to the Lorien Assisted Living home in Mt. Airy. Volunteers rode horses up to a line of residents and staff waiting to pet the horses and chat with the volunteers and Gentle Giants staff. After the outdoor visit, horses were also ridden past the windows of residents who could not come outside and then took a stroll through the neighborhood.



Former New York carriage horse Harlem lowers his head for some loving from one of the residents.

A resident who played polo in his younger days shows Dutch a Gentle Giants calendar. Dutch left for his forever home the next day along with Stoney and Angel.



Gentle Giants' head trainer Lauren Nation waves to residents while volunteers Janet O'Connor and Patty King ride Dutch and Stoney past windows.



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The Multi-talented OTTB Peaches Babu *by Erica Gregg*

I often get emotional when someone asks me about Peach's story. Eight years ago my sales horse turned my forever horse when I said goodbye to her as she went into emergency surgery following a freak pasture accident. She had a 50/50 chance of survival. Everything we've done since that horrific day has been our second chance.

Have you ever known a horse so well that you know what she is thinking- and vice versa? Well that's me and P. Anyone who knows Peach would say she is probably the sweetest chestnut off-the-track Thoroughbred mare they've ever met. She's made a non-verbal child laugh. She's taught up-down beginner lessons, taken family members trail riding, and - while she's sweet - fire courses through her veins. She's a chestnut Thoroughbred mare, after all. She will do anything, but will do it at 150%, and has to do it her way. She loves to work, and thrives off having a job.

Funny enough, she's had many jobs since her time on the racetrack. She earned me my last two USDF Bronze Medal Scores; completed a USEA long format three day event; won jumper shows, hunter derbies, equitation medals, Thoroughbred showcase finalist - you name it, Peach has probably done it, or can do it. Last year, I became immersed in my young OTTB's training. Peach, however, does not do well on the back burner. So I continued three to four rides per week, more for fun, to keep her happy and healthy, and help me wind down from long days at work. Some days we did tempi changes and canter pirouettes. Others we went for long trots, or galloped the cross-country field. On Halloween of 2020, I took her off the farm for the first time in a year to go trail riding. That kicked off our next adventure, The Foxcatcher Endurance ride, and what a ride it was!

After a winter of hacking, fitness, and trail riding P came out in true P fashion: fit and sound as ever, and ready to take on our first endurance ride - by her rules of course. P's rules were simple; 1) She got to set the pace, 2) I stayed out of her way, and 3) My friend Mary's horse, Hogan, stayed visible at all times. As always, P knew best. We tied with Mary & Hogan for 10th out of 64 pairs. We had four veterinary exams, which P sailed through with perfect scores. I was honored and elated to learn that Peach, the teenaged Thoroughbred eventer and show horse, with a leaky aortic valve, bare feet, dressage saddle, and bitless bridle was named the Best Conditioned horse of the 25 mile ride. The pride I have for my little horse's accomplishment is difficult to convey into words.

I am so lucky to have so many great people over the years that have been part of Team P. They all know who they are. Most of all, my husband, John, has been unwavering in his support. We had been dating for two months when I bought Peach, so he's been there for the whole ride. Our signature wedding drink was even called the "Peaches Babu" after her Jockey Club name. Peach is the quintessential Maryland-bred Thoroughbred. She's just all heart, all the time. She doesn't really have an off switch. I think this is why she has found success in so many different equine sports. Her mind and body are so active, and she loves a good challenge.

She's by the late Yarrow Brae, out of Charging Ruby, by Rubiano. She was bred and trained by Big Lick Farm and won just shy of \$30,000 as a sprinter in her 13 starts. The connections at Big Lick Farm still keep in touch; it's great to see how much they care about their homebred. When I went to see Peach for the first time

it was 20 degrees, windy, no arena, and only a frozen pasture to work in. After surviving that first ride in less than ideal conditions, I hopped off and she leaned her head on my chest. The rest, they say, is history.



Erica Gregg's OTTB Peaches Babu earned Best Conditioned at this year's Foxcatcher Endurance Ride in the 25-mile division.



A young Maryland-bred Peaches Babu's win photos from Laurel Park (left) and Charles Town Races (right).



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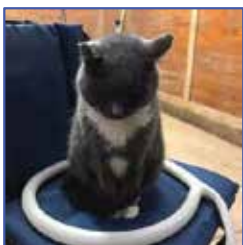


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PREAKNESS/146

Your 2021 Preakness Guide!

This past March, 1/ST (formerly The Stronach Group) and the Maryland Jockey Club announced that not only will the 146th Preakness Stakes run in May as the traditional middle jewel of the Triple Crown, but it will be open to a limited number of spectators. Officials stated on March 23 that 10,000 spectators will be allowed at Pimlico Race Course on May 14 for Black-Eyed Susan Day and May 15 for Preakness Day. The decision to include fans was made in consultation with and by approval of local and state health and government authorities according to the MJC March press release.

"We are thrilled to be able to welcome fans back to Pimlico Race Course for Preakness 146," said Stronach Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and President of 1/ST Belinda Stronach. "While fan attendance will be limited due to COVID-19 protocols, the excitement of the Preakness is not limited. The 1/ST team has worked tirelessly and in cooperation with Baltimore City and the State of Maryland to thoughtfully and safely prepare for an exciting and memorable day of world-class Thoroughbred racing and entertainment."

Ticket Options

Those ticket holders who chose to carry over their tickets from the 2020 Preakness had the opportunity to relocate to the nearest equivalent seating area while the remaining tickets went on sale to the general public on April 5. Within 24 hours, all but two seating options on Preakness Day were sold out.

As of April 15, the only available ticket options for Preakness Day were the Turfside Terrace and Clubhouse Turn reserved seating. All ticket options for Black-Eyed Susan Day were still available as of April 9.


The traditional Infield Fest has been canceled for 2021 however, a new "Preakness Live" concert event has been scheduled in its place. This new, socially distant live musical component will

run concurrently with the NBC broadcast and also be livestreamed. The concert is geared to celebrate Baltimore's richness and diversity.

Preakness fans can watch from home both on the NBC television networks and the livestream at <https://www.nbcsports.com/horse-racing/prekness-stakes>. Live coverage by NBC begins at 4:30pm EST with a Preakness post time of 5:45pm EST.

COVID Rules

If you are one of the 10,000 racing fans on the grounds, MJC has put out a list of COVID-19 protocols that must be followed. Please note,


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1. MJC has re-imagined parking and seating locations to mitigate congestion at all access points. The Pimlico grounds will be divided into sections that correlate with ticketed areas. Each section will operate as its own stand-alone area with no crossovers allowed.

2. Points of entry for both guests and employees will be limited to allow for noninvasive temperature checks using thermal cameras. Any guest who shows a temperature over 100.4°F

will be giving three opportunities to pass the temperature scan. If still above 100.4°F on the third scan, the guest will be asked to leave the property and will be offered a ticket refund.

3. Guests will also be required to pass a COVID questionnaire ensuring they have not knowingly been exposed to COVID-19 over the 14 days leading up to BESD and/or Preakness Day.

4. These entry checkpoints will be managed by a third party, non Preakness affiliated medical supervisor to ensure objective supervision.

5. For those who have already been vaccinated, there will be an expedited entry for any guest who shows proof of full vaccination with a COVID-19 Vaccine ID Card.

6. Hospitality areas will be oriented to account for six feet of distance between all parties with queue lines marked at such locations as restrooms, food and beverage stands and wagering windows.

7. Plexiglass has been installed to maintain physical separation and protection in areas that do not allow for six feet of separation.

8. Hand sanitizers have been placed around the venue and will be distributed at all entrances.

9. Masks will be required at all times except when actively eating or drinking.

10. MJC will have designated COVID Compliance Officers circulating the venue to remind guests to adhere to these policies.

11. All restrooms will have dedicated cleaning staff to disinfect after each use. All cleaning products and protocols meet EPA and CDC guidelines and are approved for use and are effective against the COVID-19 virus.

12. All food and beverage locations will serve individual concessions only, no buffets or shared services. Credit cards will be accepted at all locations.

13. Fans must eat and drink at their socially distant seats.



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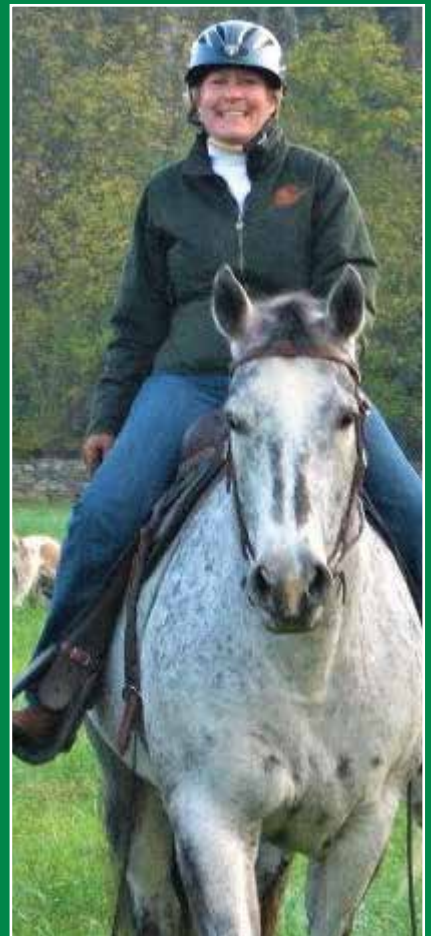
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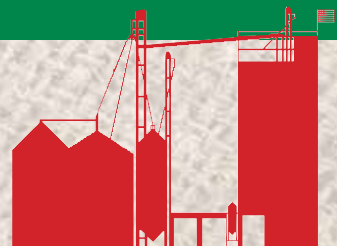
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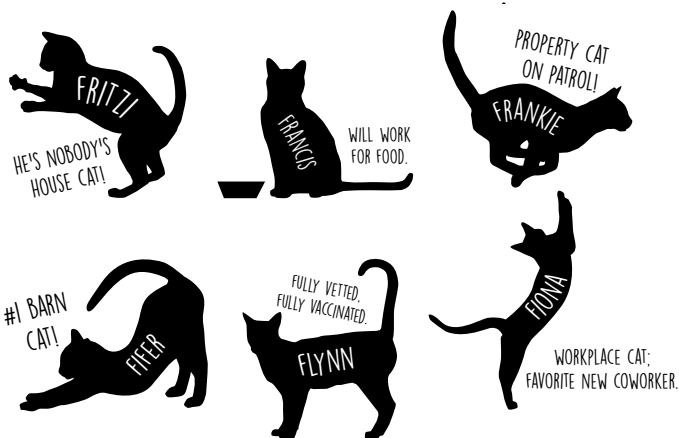
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The Changing Role of African American Jockeys

By Olivia Wood, *Equiery Intern*

Jockeys are some of the fittest professional athletes around and they earn millions of dollars for the owners they ride for. Top jockeys today earn several million dollars a year. For much of American racing, jockeys have been white, and male. In the early years of racing, however, African American jockeys dominated the sport. Nevertheless, their contributions are not widely known outside of the racing industry.

In the first Kentucky Derby (1875), for example, 13 of the 15 jockeys were African American and out of the first 28 runnings of the Derby, 15 were won by African Americans. These first professional African American athletes included Isaac Burns Murphy, who many in the industry consider one of the greatest American Thoroughbred jockeys of all time. Murphy earned 628 wins from the 1870s through early 1890s and logged 37 major racing wins during his career, including winning the Kentucky Derby three times (1884, 1890 and 1891).

Only two African American jockeys have won the Preakness Stakes. The first was George "Spider" Anderson, who rode Buddhist to victory on May 10, 1889. Buddhist was owned Samuel S. Brown, the heir to a Pennsylvania coal mining business. When Spider Anderson got to the track the morning of the race, Buddhist was the only entry on the card. Later that day, however, Governor Oden Bowie sent his colt to the track to prevent Anderson from winning in a walkover. Anderson and Buddhist won anyway with the \$1,000 purse going to Buddhist's owner, S. S. Brown.

A native of Baltimore, Anderson rode in his first race in 1883, when he was just 12 years

old. Within three years, T.B. Davis and Frank Hall hired him to ride horses they had stabled at the Ivy City Colony in Maryland. He went on to ride for such prominent owners as August Belmont, D.D. Withers, William L. Scott, Bryon McClelland and William "Bill" Daly. Anderson also crossed over into the Steeplechase racing scene, riding such horses as Bess, Councillor Howe and Sir Vassar to wins from



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Only two African American jockeys have won the Preakness Stakes: George "Spider" Anderson (left) in 1889 and Willie Simms in 1898 (right).

1889 to 1897. After retiring as a jockey, Anderson stayed with the sport as a co-owner in several racehorses.

The second African American jockey to win the Preakness was Willie Simms in 1898. He rode Sly Fox, a Maryland-bred owned by Charles F. Dwyer, a trainer who hailed from a family of Brooklyn butchers-turned-racehorse owners.

Simms was born in Augusta, GA, and began a career as a jockey in 1887. He was one of the first jockeys to find success riding in the short-

stirrup style, which was relatively new at the time and gave riders their distinctive, crouching posture. In addition to the 1898 Preakness Stakes, Simms won the Kentucky Derby twice (1896 and 1898) and the Belmont Stakes twice (1893 and 1894), as well as many other races. He was named Champion Jockey in the United States for 1893 and 1894, and was inducted in to the US Racing Hall of Fame in 1977.

The dominance of African American jockeys in the early post-Civil War era is unsurprising. African Americans had been forced into agricultural labor for centuries, and as a result, many of the post-Civil War generation had substantial experience handling horses and other livestock. In addition, hired stable workers were often African American, and these men had deep relationships with the horses under their care. Riding in races was just one of many equestrian related professions in which some post-Civil War African Americans excelled.

After Reconstruction, however, white Americans began pushing African American jockeys out of racing, and did so quite successfully. In 2013, only four percent of US jockeys were African American and today, that number is just a handful.

This month, Kendrick Carmouche plans to ride in this year's Kentucky Derby, making him the first African American jockey to ride in the race since 2013, when Kevin Krigger finished 17th riding Goldencents. Carmouche, who began riding races in 2000 at the age of 16, is slated to ride Bourbonic (owned by Calumet Farm and trained by Todd Pletcher), in the Derby.

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How to Own a Race Horse Without Breaking the Bank

Have you ever watched a horse race and been caught up in the excitement of the finish? Have you ever found yourself cheering with abandon and high emotion for a horse you had never heard of not even three minutes earlier? Have you ever wondered about those people in the stands who are jumping up and down, hugging, and tossing around bottles of champagne and cigars?

Ever watch the bevy of owners, trainers, jockeys, grooms, and groupies press into the winner's circle, lay a hand on the noble steed, and smile for the camera? Ever watch the Maryland Jockey Club present the Woodlawn Vase to the Preakness Stakes winner? And watched them drape the the blanket of Black-Eyed Susans over the winning horse? No matter how you look at it, it's magical. And if you have done any of these things, then you are a bona fide racing fan.

But how do you go from being a fan to an owner without breaking the bank? We consulted a team of experts for answers to common questions about affordable ownership.



Peter R. Bradley III is one of the top bloodstock agents in America. He grew up on a cattle ranch in Northern California and attended the University of California at Davis. His passion for racing led him

to Hollywood Park where he got his start in the industry as a hot walker. He moved up the ranks of the Southern California circuit and became assistant to trainer Gene Cleveland. Later, Bradley was the farm manager at Brookdale Farm in Kentucky and worked with Cromwell Bloodstock Agency in charge of pri-

vate sales. His final stop before setting up his own business, Bradley Thoroughbreds, was as the head of Lane's End's Bloodstock Division.



Gary Falter grew up in Ohio and joined The Jockey Club Information Systems, Inc. in 2000. He was the Vice President of Development and Operations, responsible for the Equine Line Portfolio service, the Horse Farm

Health-book software for tablets, and the iPad Sale Catalog App. Since 2012, Falter has been leading the Jockey Club's Thoroughbred OwnerView, a nationwide initiative to bring a more diverse demographic into the world of race horse ownership. He previously served on the board of the Ohio Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners association. Falter has also owned and bred Thoroughbreds for 32 years and maintains a small breeding operation at his Red Fox Farm in Kentucky.

Q. What is the difference between syndicates versus co-ownership versus sole ownership?

A. Sole ownership is the most autonomous but also most expensive way to own Thoroughbred racehorses. As a sole owner, you are 100% responsible for all expenses related to the horse. You also get to make all decisions regarding your horse, hiring an agent to purchase, hiring a trainer, etc.

A syndicate can be a very cost effective way to own a race horse. In a syndicate, the bloodstock agent purchases a horse and then syndicates it into a set number of shares for purchase. Most often, the value of the shares reflects a

significant mark up from the purchase price to cover expenses, with the excess going to cover management fees, and any extra costs related to the horse. Syndicates can range from 20 owners in a horse to thousands of owners in a horse.

A co-ownership or partnership, on the other hand, is usually a smaller group of owners that are collectively responsible for their pro-rata stake in the horse. Typically, buying into a co-ownership is the cost of the horse plus 5% to the agent who purchased the horse. Bradley Thoroughbreds focuses on this type of investment. We focus on slightly larger investments, but it guarantees our co-ownership groups stay small enough so that we cater to all our owners." — Pete Bradley, *Bradley Thoroughbreds*

Q. What is pinhooking?

A. The term "pinhooking" is an old Kentucky tobacco term used when a speculator bought a farmer's young plants and later identify them with a pinned note at market. Buying the plants low and selling high would return substantial profit for the speculators. In terms of Thoroughbred auctions, pinhooking yearlings describes the practice of buying yearling horses, at auction or privately, overseeing their breaking and training, and eventually re-selling them as race-ready two-year-olds in training. The practice can be done with weanlings to resell as yearlings. — Pete Bradley, *Bradley Thoroughbreds*

Q. How can I learn more about potential ownership?

A. There is a website that was developed specifically to encourage and support Thoroughbred Owners (OwnerView.com). On OwnerView (which is a free site that anyone can access), you will find information about a wide-variety of ownership topics including trainer stats and profiles, racing syndicate stats and profiles, racetracks, licensing, state incentive programs,

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Maryland Jockey Club

ASK THE EXPERTS: Owing Thoroughbred Racehorses, continued...

Thoroughbred auctions, aftercare and several more content rich topics.

One area that many newcomers research is the "Ownership" menu option. In this section you will learn many "Ownership 101" considerations including estimated training costs, developing a business plan, purchase options and selecting your advisors.

OwnerView also manages an annual Thoroughbred Owner Conference that for the past several years, has been hosted during Breeders' Cup week and typically lasts 2-3 days. Due to the COVID pandemic, the conference is scheduled to be held this year as a series of virtual panels starting in March and running through December. All panels take place on the first Tuesday of the month at 2pm EST. Pre-registration is required and is free. – Gary Falter, *The Jockey Club*

The most important thing is to do your research. Email or call different syndicates, co-ownership groups, or agents, then find your financial comfort level, and understand the risk of purchasing Thoroughbred racehorses. A co-

ownership or a syndicate is the best way in my opinion to dip your toe into the water without taking on too much financial responsibility. These type of ownership groups allow you to spread your investment over more horses and increases the opportunity for success. – Peter Bradley, *Bradley Thoroughbreds*

Q. Does anyone in the racing industry focus just on owners, as opposed to trainers and breeders and bloodstock agents?

A. Yes, as mentioned above, OwnerView is dedicated to Thoroughbred owners. Also the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association is a trade organization that represents Thoroughbred owners and breeders. Additionally, most racing states have an owner and breeder organization that represents owners in their respective states. For example, in Maryland there's the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association. – Gary Falter, *The Jockey Club*

Most of the top-level agents, syndicates, and trainers should have a designated person

to communicate with co-owners. At Bradley Thoroughbreds, we send weekly updates to our owners regarding their horses' progress. We work to get co-owners on the backside to see their horses train in the morning and set up seating for races in the afternoon. It's a concierge service, and we try to make sure our owners have a wonderful time win, lose, or draw. – Peter Bradley, *Bradley Thoroughbreds*



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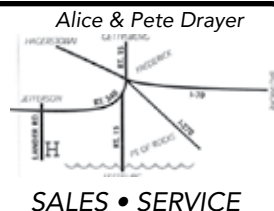
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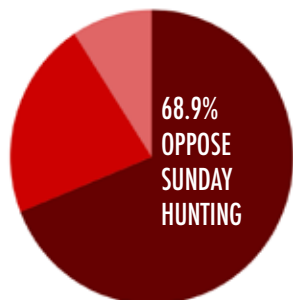
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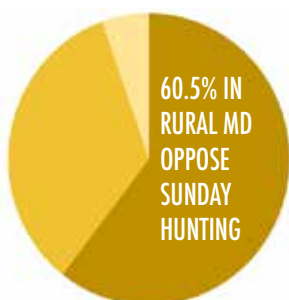


Why do we oppose Sunday hunting?

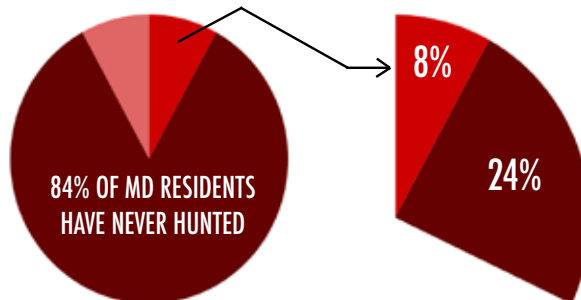
Most Marylanders DON'T HUNT



A statewide poll in 2018 showed that **68.9%** of all Marylanders **oppose Sunday hunting**, while **only 21.9%** favor it.



Even **in rural Maryland**, **60.5%** of residents **oppose** Sunday hunting versus **only 34.1%** who **support** it.



A DNR survey found that: **Only 8%** of the general population has hunted in the last two years. **84%** of the general population has **never hunted**.

By comparison, **24%** of Marylanders **report making frequent or occasional trips to experience wildlife for photography or other non-hunting purposes**.

See Deer Hunting Poll; Gonzales Research and Media Services (2018); DNR, Deer Public Opinion Survey (2018); DNR, 2020-2034 Maryland White-Tailed Deer Management Plan (2020).

Don't We Have Too Many Deer?



Q: Isn't the deer population out of control in Maryland?

A: No. The deer population is stable or dropping, and it does not exceed the biological carrying capacity of our natural resources.

Q: Don't we need Sunday hunting to control the deer population?

A: No. DNR uses bag limits to manage the deer population. Adding Sundays will not change the bag limits – it will just spread the kill over seven days instead of six.

DNR, 2020-2034 Maryland White-Tailed Deer Management Plan (2020); DNR, Maryland Annual Deer Report (2019-2020).

What About the Farmers?



Q: What about farmers? Don't deer cost them thousands of dollars in lost crops?

A: No. Sunday hunting restrictions do not apply to farmers. The state's Deer Management Permit (DMP) program allows crop farmers to hunt deer 365 days a year.



What About Marylanders Who Work All Week?



Q: Why aren't you more sympathetic to the "working man" who works all week and only has the weekend to hunt?

A: We are sympathetic to all working Marylanders who have only the weekends to enjoy our natural resources. It is fair to share our natural resources so that a tiny minority does not monopolize both days of the weekend.

Q: Don't you care about the children of hunters, who can't hunt with their parents because they have school activities all week and on Saturdays?

A: We care about ensuring that the children of all Maryland residents have at least one day of the weekend when they can enjoy our natural resources with their parents. Preserving one weekend day for the children of hunters and one weekend day for the children of all other residents is fair and reasonable.



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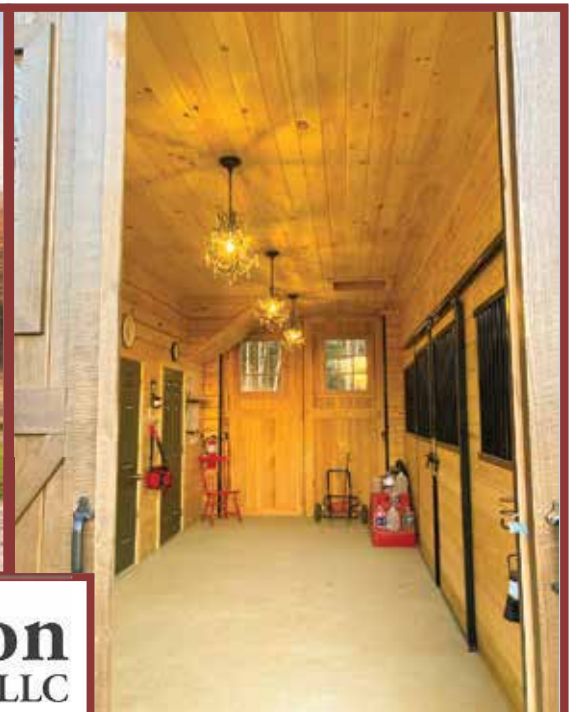
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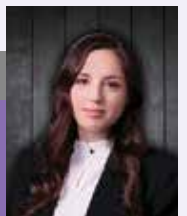
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FOXHALL TEAM CHASE (from left): Amber Hodyka riding Shootist and Eddit Keating on Mystic Strike, both entries for Upland Partners. Junior rider James Wyatt and his pony Cowboy represented Elkridge-Harford Hunt. Colin Smith riding Lucy A. Goelet's Forever Bernardini were part of the winning team from Elkridge-Harford Hunt along with Willie White and Sara Katz.



GREEN SPRING VALLEY POINT-TO-POINT (from left): William Slater and Hoof Hearted won the Small Pony Flat Race. Carly Kern and Jigsaw won The Stuart S. Janney, Jr. Memorial Jr. Field Master Chase in the Medium Pony division. Justin Batoff won the Daniel Baugh Brewster Memorial Novice Timber riding Lucky Soul for owner Jeremy Batoff and trainer William Dowling.



ELKRIDGE-HARFORD POINT-TO-POINT (from left): Naturally Won, ridden by McLane Hendriks, and Joshua G, ridden by Skylar McKenna, in the Edward S. Voss Memorial Open Timber. Willie White aboard Night Sounds in the Ann L. McIntosh Memorial Heavywiegth. Eddie Keating aboard Zanjabeel (2020 Eclipse Award winner) after winning the Leith Symington Griswold Amateur Apprentice Timber.



MY LADY'S MANOR (from left): Kiplin Hall's Renegade River won the John Rush Streett Memorial Maiden Timber with Eddie Keating on board. Road to Oz, ridden by Graham Watters and owned by Holwood Stable, beat out Midnight Shot, ridden by Parker Hendriks and owned by Stewart Strawbridge, to win the Thomas H. Voss Memorial Maident Timber. Skylar McKenna rode Super Saturday for owner Irv Naylor to win the John D. Schapiro Memorial Apprentice Rider Timber.

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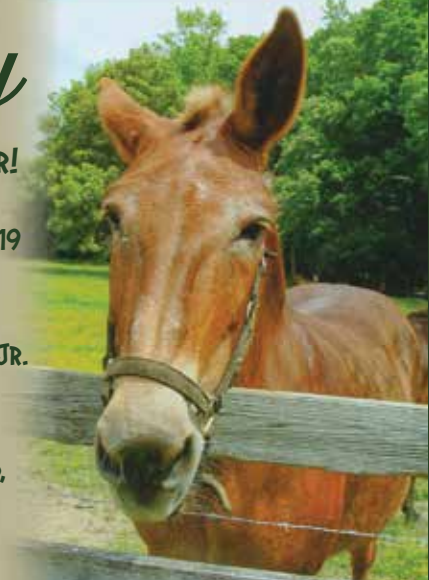
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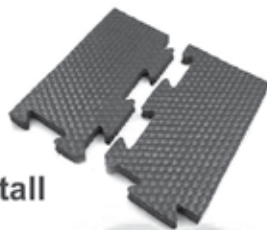
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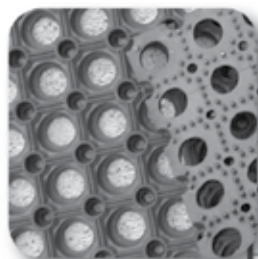
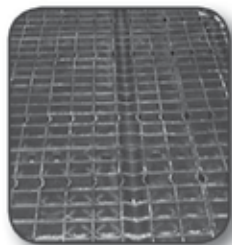
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