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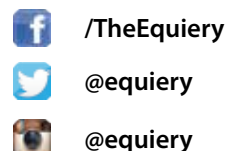
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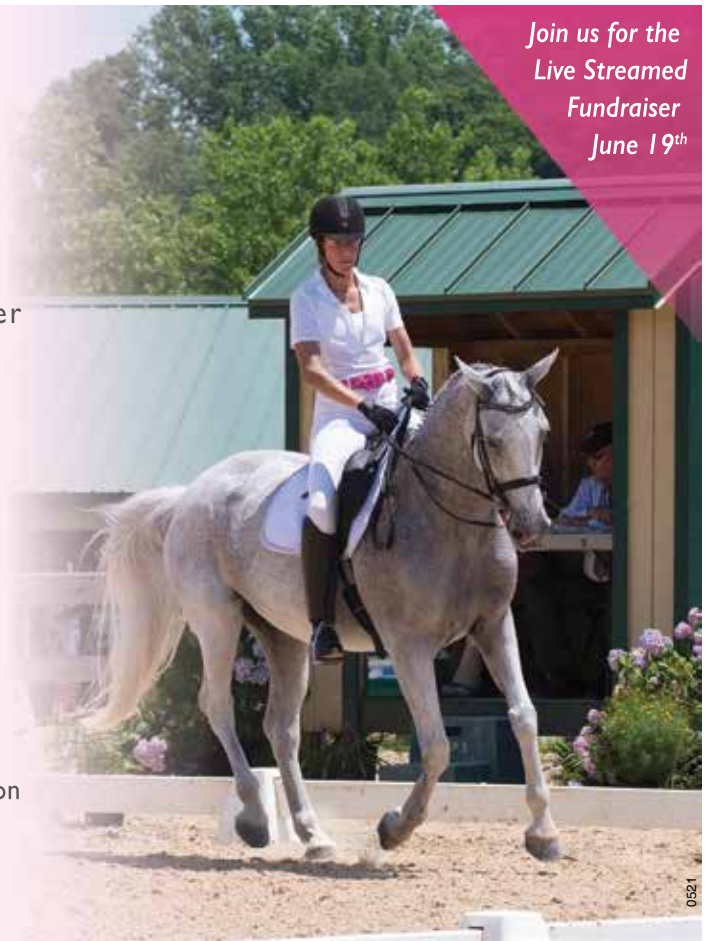
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### MHC Needs You!

By Neil Agate, MHC President

The last twelve plus months have been very far from normal, but hopefully we are making our way back to some sort of normalcy. It is great to see many local events come back after being disrupted last year due to the pandemic. This is especially true of Maryland's largest equestrian event, the Preakness, which is back to its normal date on the third Saturday in May. The State and Maryland Jockey Club have also announced that they will be allowing a limited number of fans to attend in person. Be sure to check out our Preakness Guide as well as the other Thoroughbred racing focused items in this our "Preakness Issue" of the *Equiery*.

Your Maryland Horse Council has been working hard for its members during the pandemic, as well as for the horse community at large. One area where we have seen a drop off has been in our new members and membership renewals. Believe me, I understand this as we have all had other things to focus on and renewing our memberships may not have been on top of that list. As an incentive to renew your MHC membership, or better yet, encourage your friends and colleagues to join, I'd like to highlight some new things that we are working on for members and some of the great benefits of joining.

Although the biggest benefit to you as a member of the MHC is the work we do on your behalf in Annapolis, there are many other benefits to membership. Through our affiliations with organizations like the American Horse Council, members are able to get discounts from over 20 partner organizations such as John Deere, New Holland, Toro, UPS and Office Depot. One of the newest additions to this list (Tickets at Work) provides discounts on hotels, movie tickets and even Broadway shows.

In addition, our Membership Committee, under the leadership of incoming co-president Corinne Pouliquen, is hard at work on a number of new membership benefits, including some new discount programs from some of our local Maryland based member organizations. These would be a double benefit, as not only would the individual members benefit but so would the member businesses. The Membership Committee is also working on some exciting educational events which will be either members-only or offered at a reduced rate for members. Finally, we are also looking at offering members VIP access to events around the state around the state, so keep an eye out on your email and MHC website for details. If you're an MHC member and would like to help work on these new benefits or are involved with a business that might want to offer programs to MHC members please send an email to [membership@mdhorsecouncil.org](mailto:membership@mdhorsecouncil.org).

The Government Relations Committee worked tirelessly during the Maryland General Assembly session to review any bills that might effect

the Maryland Horse community. For those that do, the committee talks to legislators and provides testimony to enlighten the legislators on the facts around how their bills might affect their Maryland Horse Community. During the recently completed session, the Government Relations Committee worked on important issues relating to Sunday Hunting, the definition of "therapy horses," the cost of care for seized animals, the prohibition of snare traps, among many others (please see MHC Government Relations Committee report on page 37 for more details). If you have any interest in learning more about how Annapolis works, I would strongly suggest you join the Government Relations Committee.

We are always looking for ways to increase our membership reach and are working on developing programs that will encourage our members who are themselves membership organizations to encourage/incentivize their members to join MHC.

## QUARTERLY MEETING

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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 Clagett, 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 jackpot 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).

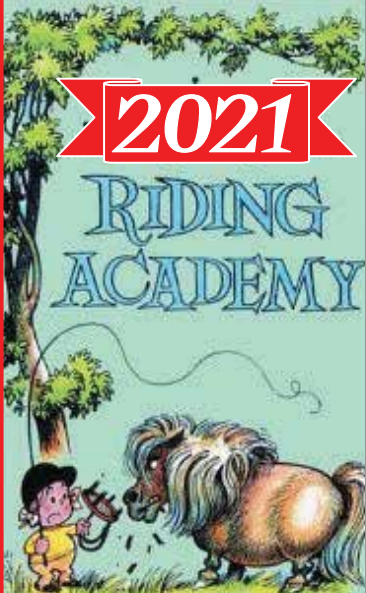


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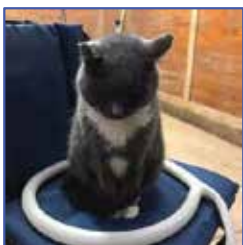


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# PREAKNESS/146

## 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.

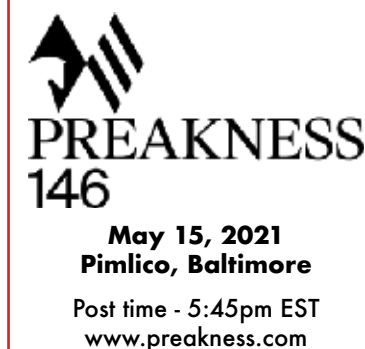
The traditional Infield Fest has been canceled for 2021 however, a new "Preakness Live" concert event has been scheduled in its place. This new, socially distant live musical component will

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,



these are the published protocols as of April 9. Please check <https://www.preakness.com/health-safety> for the latest protocols before heading to Pimlico.

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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# Maryland Equine History

## Galloping Through Maryland's Rich Thoroughbred History

By Olivia Wood, Equiery Intern

The Preakness Stakes at Pimlico Race Course this month may be the 146th running of this second jewel in the Triple Crown, however, Maryland's Thoroughbred racing history starts over a century earlier than the first Preakness with the industry's roots dating back to mid-18th century Colonial Maryland.

Maryland was the first colony to organize the sport with the founding of the Maryland Jockey Club in 1743. Two years later, the first official Thoroughbred-only race in the colonies was held in Annapolis, with the winning owner receiving a silver punch bowl called the Annapolis Subscription Plate. The race was organized by Samuel Ogle, Proprietary Governor of Maryland for most of the period from 1731 until his death in 1752, when he ordered an "English style" race at Annapolis in 1745.

### The Ogles and Taskers

Samuel Ogle is credited by many with bringing Thoroughbred racing from England to North America when he and his brother-in-law, Colonel Benjamin Tasker, imported several Thoroughbred horses from England in the late 1740s with the hope of strengthening local racing bloodlines. Their breeding operation was housed at the Ogle's Belair Stud in Collington, which was later run by Tasker.

Their most notable import was the English mare Selima who not only had a stellar racing career, but produced winning offspring with her bloodlines still found in racing today. She is considered one of the foundation mares of the American Thoroughbred.

Although changing hands many times over its 200 years as a racing stable, Belair Stud is considered one of the most important stables in the nation, producing such great horses as Triple Crown winners Gallant Fox (1930), Omaha (1935) and Nashua (1955). The stables and mansion still stand today as the Belair Stable Museum and are open to visitors looking to learn more about the "Cradle of American Thoroughbred Racing."

### Racing Halted by Wars

The Revolutionary War brought a halt to racing in Maryland as it did to so many other aspects of American life, with many racehorses being conscripted for cavalry mounts and other military uses. After the Treaty of Paris was signed in 1783, Governor William Paca and Charles Carroll helped the Maryland Jockey Club bring the sport of Thoroughbred racing back to life once again.

Despite this strong start to the racing tradition in Maryland, the Revolutionary War naturally dampened what had been a growing interest in

racing. Nevertheless, months before the war's official end in 1783, Maryland Jockey Club members Governor William Paca and Charles Carroll became presiding officers of the club and helped reorganize it in the war's wake.

The Civil War brought racing to a halt once again, when Thoroughbreds that were once in demand for their athleticism on the track became sought after for utilitarian, war-related needs, like carrying equipment. As an interesting side note, the Woodlawn Vase that would eventually be given to every Preakness Stakes winner starting in 1917, was buried at Thomas G. Moore's Woodlawn Farm in Kentucky in 1862 for fear Confederate troops would melt it down for ammunition. The priceless trophy was created by Tiffany, Co. in 1860 and was first awarded in 1861 to Moore's filly Mollie Jackson in Louisville. Moore dug the trophy out after the war and it changed hands several times before becoming the official Preakness trophy. The trophy is now housed in the Baltimore Museum of Art with a smaller replica given to the winning owner each year.

Just three years after the Civil War ended, then-Governor Oden Bowie boasted at a party in New York that he could build an even more impressive racetrack than Saratoga, the country's first racetrack. Governor Bowie was true to his word, opening what is now the iconic Pimlico Race Course on October 25, 1870. The featured race on opening day was the Dinner Party Stakes (run today as the Dixie Handicap). It was won by a horse named Preakness. He gave his name to the Preakness Stakes, first run three years later, on May 23, 1873. The first Preakness Stakes was won by Kentucky-bred Survivor for a purse of \$1,000.

### The Golden Age

The Preakness Stakes would remain at home in Baltimore until 1890, when, in a massive blow to Maryland's Thoroughbred horse racing culture, the event was moved to New York due changes in wagering leading to its increasing lack of profitability in Baltimore. However, in 1909, the Preakness returned to its home at Pimlico.

An anti-gambling movement drove racing events like the Preakness out of New York. It had not taken such a strong hold in Maryland, which allowed Maryland to reclaim the Preakness Stakes. Thus was ushered in a golden age of horse racing in Maryland. During this time, new racetracks opened all over the state, including those at Marlboro (1910), Laurel Park (1911), Havre de Grace (1912), Bowie (1914), Cumberland (1924), Hagerstown (1929) and Bel Air (founded in early 1870s, reopened in 1937).

During the Great Depression, racing became

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Survivor, ridden by George Barbee, trained by A. Davis Pryor and owned by John F. Chamberlain, was the first Preakness Stakes winner in 1873.



The Belair Stud Farm in Bowie still stands today with a Maryland Historical Society plaque marking the site the "Cradle of American Racing."



Deputed Testamony's 1983 Preakness win marks the last time a Maryland-bred has won the Preakness Stakes.

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Maryland Jockey Club Archives



**A poster celebrating the famed "Race of the Century" between War Admiral and Seabiscuit. The race was held November 1, 1938 during the height of the Great Depression and ignited hope in many working class Americans.**

## Interested in more history about Maryland Thoroughbred Racing? Check out the sources below!

- **"The Preakness: An American Classic"**

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- **"Maryland's Horse: The Iconic Thoroughbred"**

<https://equiery.com/marylands-horse-the-iconic-thoroughbred/>

- **"Maryland at a Glance: Horse Racing"**

<https://msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/01glance/sports/html/horse.html>

- **Racing the Times, MPT**

<https://www.pbs.org/video/mpt-presents-racing-times/>

- **Belair Stable Museum**

<https://www.cityofbowie.org/289/Belair-Stable-Museum>

- **2021 Maryland Jockey Club Media Guide: Maryland Jockey Club History**

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even more popular as an escape from the day-to-day worries facing many Americans, with nearly 15,000 races held throughout the country in 1934. It was also during the Great Depression that all eyes fell on Maryland as the much anticipated "Match Race of the Century" between War Admiral and Seabiscuit was run at Pimlico.

On November 1, 1938, these two racing legends faced off at Pimlico to a packed crowd of around 40,000 fans with 40 million listening to the call on the radio. Two hundred yards from the finish, the under-dog Seabiscuit pulled to the front and extended his lead to win by four lengths over War Admiral. Seabiscuit's win ignited a nation and is often credited with inspiring many working class Americans to hold on to hope and move forward through the Great Depression.

Seabiscuit wasn't the only Depression-era horse to thrill Maryland race fans, as the state had many champions with Maryland connections to cheer for. His rival in the match race, the 1937 Triple Crown winner War Admiral, trained at the great Glen Riddle Farm here in Maryland, which also produced his sire, Man o'War.

Man o'War was named the 1920 Horse of the Year after winning the Preakness Stakes and Belmont Stakes. Two out of three Belair Stud Triple Crown winners, Gallant Fox and Omaha, the only father/son duo to win the Triple Crown, were also big names during the Great Depression, shining a strong light on Maryland Thoroughbred racing.

Sagamore Farm in Reisterstown was another bastion of Depression-era racing. Isaac Emerson established the farm in 1925 for his daughter, Margaret Emerson Vanderbilt. Sagamore began building bloodlines with the purchase of Discovery in 1933. Nicknamed "The Iron Horse," Discovery sired influential broodmares that produced such greats at Native Dancer and Bold Ruler. Margaret's son Alfred Vanderbilt, Jr., was given the farm after Emerson's death. Vanderbilt also became president of Pimlico twice, once in 1932 and again in 1938, during which time he modernized the track and marketed it on a national scale.

## New Era of Racing

Television transformed the sport of Thoroughbred racing in Maryland. WMAR out of Baltimore was the first Maryland station to air live racing with two races live from Pimlico in 1947. The broadcast was hosted by Jim McManus (known professionally as Jim McKay) and Jim Kelley.

McKay, who spent the majority of his life in Baltimore, became a nationally and internationally known sportscaster and sportswriter. He was the mastermind behind the annual day of racing held specifically to highlight Maryland-bred horses. First known as Maryland Million Day, the traditional 12-card race day

is now called the Jim McKay Maryland Million Day and is the second most popular day of racing in Maryland behind the Preakness Day.

The first racehorse to become a television star was Sagamore Farm's Native Dancer. Over the course of his career, Native Dancer won 21 of his 22 races and was Horse of the Year in 1952 and 1954. He appeared on the cover of Time magazine and was considered one of the top television personalities in America by *TV Guide* in 1953. When Native Dancer retired, his many adoring fans came to Sagamore to visit him in person. The "Gray Ghost" is buried at Sagamore and visitors still flock to his grave.

In 1953, Vanderbilt, Jr., sold Pimlico Race Course to Ben and Nathan Cohen. The Cohen brothers continued to modernize Pimlico, including expanding the seating.

Around the same time, in 1950, Morris Shapiro became the new owner of the Laurel Park Race Track. Shapiro placed his son, John Shapiro, in charge of the track and assigned his son-in-law, Major League baseball pitcher, Joe Cascarella, to head public relations. In an effort to reinvigorate the declining track attendance, John Shapiro came up with an idea for an international, invitation-only race to be held at Laurel.

Shapiro's first invitational ran at Laurel Park in 1952 as the Washington, D.C., International Stakes. The International grew in prestige over its 43-year run and attracted the attention of many important people, including Queen Elizabeth II of England. Even the Soviet Union ran horses despite the Cold War in the 1960s.

The International would ultimately become the inspiration for the Breeders' Cup World Championships and was discontinued in 1994. It was brought back as the Colonial Turf Cup in 2005 at Colonial Downs and returned to Laurel Park in 2015 as the Commonwealth Turf Cup. In 2017, the race, which remains at Laurel Park, was renamed the Baltimore Washington International Turf Cup.

## Racing in the Late 20th Century

As horse racing across the country moved into the 1980s, Maryland's Deputed Testamony won the Preakness Stakes in 1983, the last Maryland-bred to do so. He was bred in Maryland by J. William Boniface and Francis P. Sears, trained in Maryland at Bonita Farm, and was ridden by Maryland-based jockey Donnie Miller. The Deputed Testamony Stakes was named in his honor and has been run each February at Laurel Park since 1985.

It was also in the mid-1980s that Jim McKay founded Maryland Million Day. The first Maryland Million Classic - for horses sired by stallions standing in Maryland - winner was John A. Franks' Herat. Herat's sire, Canadian super horse Northern Dancer, was relocated to the Maryland division of Windfields Farm in December 1968.

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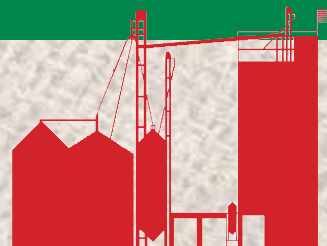
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However, racing's allure seemed to have lost its spark as handles and attendance declined. Washington, D.C., lawyer Frank deFrancis and his partners Bob Manfuso and Tom Manfuso bought both Pimlico and Laurel and injected some much needed cash into the operations. DeFrancis died suddenly of a heart attack in 1989. The De Francis Memorial Dash is run in his honor and is the final race in this year's Mid Atlantic Thoroughbred Championships (MATCH Series).

Frank deFrancis' son Joe deFrancis took over his stake in the tracks and continued operating Pimlico and Laurel Park with the Manfusos until he bought them out in 1993. Bob Manfuso, who continued breeding and training race horses out of Chanceland Farm in West Friendship, died in 2020 at the age of 82.

The late 20th century brought reversals to Maryland racing, driven in part by policy decisions at the state level. Unlike Maryland, nearby states approved slots at racetracks and handles declined in Maryland as bettors went elsewhere. Purses in Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania dwarfed those available in Maryland.

It was not until 2008 that Maryland voters approved a state constitutional amendment permitting slot machines and allowing a portion of the slots revenue to be used for reviving the horse racing industry. This amendment

aided the struggling Maryland Thoroughbred industry significantly, and breeders began coming back to Maryland to continue Maryland's long and impressive history of Thoroughbred breeding and racing.

## Thoroughbred Racing Today

The economics of Thoroughbred racing in Maryland today have improved somewhat since the late 20th century. The Stronach Group, now called 1/ST Racing, purchased Laurel Park and Pimlico in 2002. The company has made capital investments in the barns and clubhouse at Laurel Park, and is working with state and local authorities to make significant capital investments in Pimlico.

In addition, Maryland now permits slots at racetracks, and in April of this year, the General Assembly expanded wagering on horse racing to permit betting at all six casinos in the state, as well as at M&T Stadium and Oriole Park.

Maryland Thoroughbred racing has also risen above the COVID-19 pandemic and was able to hold 140 racing days with limited spectators in 2020. The typical racing calendar was a bit jumbled with the summer meet at Timonium being canceled and the Preakness Stakes being pushed to October as the final race in the 2020 Triple Crown.

The Preakness returns to May this year, and to

its traditional spot as the middle Triple Crown race, as the crown jewel of Maryland's 2021 racing calendar featuring 170 racing days, including seven days of live racing at Timonium.



Jim McKay/Maryland Jockey Club

**The first Maryland Million Day was held on October 18, 1986 as a day to celebrate and promote Maryland-bred horses. Founded by Jim McKay, the day of racing continues today under the new name Jim McKay Maryland Million Day with Monday Morning Qb being the most recent Maryland Million Classic winner (2020).**

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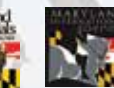
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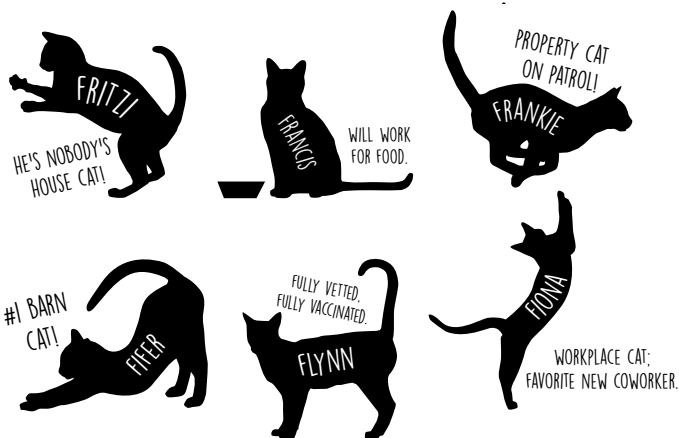
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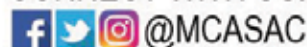
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## The Changing Role of African American Jockeys

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 EquineLine 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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Isabel J. Kurek



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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# Maryland Breeder GreenMount Farm: The Next Generation of Thoroughbred Breeding

Moore's were hooked and began a steady breeding program.

"My mom can get super emotionally attached to our homebreds, which isn't always great for business," Moore explained. "So after a while she handed the reins over to me to manage the farm. My mom opened this door for me."

Reightler explained that Moore embraces the industry's lifestyle that demands a lot of time working under people and learning from those at the top before making a name for oneself. "We don't have enough young people dedicated to this sport right now," he said. "For Sabrina, it's more of a passion than a hobby."

by Katherine O. Rizzo

Breeding Thoroughbred racehorses in Maryland has a history spanning over four centuries. In more recent years, however, the industry has been marked by a dearth of new blood among the people producing these great Maryland-bred horses.

While Maryland-bred horses are never far from the national spotlight, one such horse this past season shone an even brighter light on Maryland's Thoroughbred racing industry. In 2020, Knicks Go raced into the headlines by winning the \$1 million Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile and then in January of this year, won the \$3 million Pegasus World Cup Invitational.

Since then, breeder Sabrina Moore's cell phone seems to have never stopped ringing.

## Establishing GreenMount

GreenMount Farm sits on 43-acres in Glyndon and was purchased by Moore's grandfather in 2006. "It really all got started as a hobby farm," Moore explained, adding, "My mom rode horses as a kid and tried her hardest to get all four of her kids into riding but I was the only one who really stuck with it."

Her mother, Angie Moore, first got involved with Thoroughbred racing through a few partnerships in some horses. This early experience was not what they were looking for and soon the Moores welcomed a broodmare in foal to Fantasticat to GreenMount. Since then, the

## Moore's Model

While some breeding farms offer services for every aspect of the industry, Moore focuses on the broodmare and foals part. "Raising them to race became completely unrealistic," she said. Although GreenMount has kept some of their homebreds to race under their own banner, Moore finds selling the foals as weanlings and yearlings is the best business model for the farm.

Currently the farm owns three broodmares but also boards horses for clients. All the GreenMount horses are Maryland-bred, though Moore sends their mares to Kentucky to breed to stallions there. "As soon as they are confirmed pregnant, they come back to Maryland to foal," she explained.

"Sabrina has an outstanding work ethic and a lot of enthusiasm," said bloodstock agent Bill Reightler. "She's a pleasure to work with. Reightler first worked with GreenMount through Angie Moore, helping them navigate through those early years. Sabrina Moore then apprenticed with Reightler for many years before establishing her own consignment company out of GreenMount. "Sabrina works hard and deserves all the credit," Reightler added. "In a short time, she has done quite well."

At GreenMount, Moore does everything from foal watch to working with the youngsters prepping them for sales. "I love it all!" she said.

## Knicks Go

Knicks Go certainly has brought a lot of attention to GreenMount Farm, but to Moore, he's just one of many bright horses that have come from the farm. Angie Moore claimed Kosmo's Buddy, Knicks Go's dam, near the end of her racing career. "She's a sprinter and we wanted to breed her to a stallion with some speed of his own," Moore stated. "His sire [Paynter] had some buzz about him and really nice deep lines. Plus he was very fast."

At the time, Paynter was just getting started with his stud career, which is something Moore tends to look for when breeding their mares. "The freshman sires are always attractive," she said. "They tend to have a lot of buzz about them, which is good for future sales." Moore added, "Sometimes we have to pick the more trendy stallions from a consignment stand point."

Also important to Moore when making matches for her broodmares is finding physical conformation traits that match and/or enhance those of her broodmares.

As a foal, Knicks Go matured quickly and thus, Moore felt it would be better to sell him as weanling versus waiting till he was a yearling. GreenMount sold him through Reightler in 2016 for \$40,000 to Northface Bloodstock. The following year, Korea Racing Authority bought him for \$87,000. Since then, Knicks

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Derbie Glass

GreenMount Farm's 2019 filly by Bernardini was named Grand Champion at the 2020 Maryland Horse Breeders Association Yearling Show.

GreenMount Farm-bred Knicks Go on his way to winning the \$3 million Pegasus World Cup Invitational this past January.

## Maryland Breeder: GreenMount Farm



Chandler Willett

### Itsallaboutthebens

Knicks Go may have launched GreenMount Farm into the international spotlight, but it is another foal that won Moore's heart. Moore bred broodmare Gemstone's Jewel (by Clever Trick) to Outflanker and in 2012, out popped a slightly awkward looking foal. "He just never looked the sales part so we kept him and raced him ourselves," Moore said. William H. Wolfendale II trained Itsallaboutthebens for GreenMount Farm and raced him exclusively at Maryland tracks for his 15 starts. In two years on the track, "Ben" won once, finished 2nd three times and 3rd three times for \$45,143 in career earnings. "I just love him and was really on the fence about selling him after he finished on the track," Moore said. "He was just one of those horses that wanted to have a job and it would have been selfish to keep him at the farm just to look at him." Katie Marquette now owns Ben as a foxhunter. "I'm just so happy for him and his new owner," Moore added.

Go has earned \$4,588,995 for owners Korea Racing Authority.

"It really has been a whirlwind. I was a bit shocked when all the calls came through," she said, adding, "It's exciting to see his fan base grow on social media too!"

### The Next Chapter

Moore couldn't be more excited about the next chapters of GreenMount farm with their broodmares in foal to great stallions and several youngsters to prep for the 2021 sales.

"I have two yearlings that we are going to sell at the Kentucky sales this fall," she said. Both are fillies, with one (Tiznow x Pinkprint) being GreenMount's first Kentucky consignment and the other being a filly (Accelerate x Ostourah) Moore purchased as a weanling with the intent to resell as a yearling. The Accelerate filly has been invited to the Kentucky select sale and the Tiznow yearling is going to the Fasig Tiptons Kentucky October Yearling sale.

Moore is equally excited about her current broodmares and their breedings for this season. Pinkprint (Not For Love x Kosmo's Buddy) is a GreenMount homebred that is Knicks Go's half sister. After having a year off from breeding, "she has been bred to More Than Ready," Moore explained.

Mystic Love (Not For Love x Memories of

Mystic) was bred by Dark Hollow Farm and raced by GreenMount Farm until 2014. As a racehorse, she won over \$200,000 and has found success as a broodmare as well. Her 2019 foal by Bernardini won the 2020 Maryland Horse Breeders Association Yearling Show and sold for \$100,000. That filly, named Where's Bridgit by her new owners StarLadies Racing, is now in training with Hall of Fame trainer Todd Pletcher. Mystic Love has a Malibu Moon colt born this year and has been bred back to Improbable.

Perdona (Blame x Exhilaration) earned over \$170,000 on the track before Moore purchased her as a broodmare. She produced a Yoshida foal this year and has been bred to Vekoma this season.

"This is the time of year I get most excited," said Moore. "With foals being born and mares being bred back and all the young horses to prep for sales. It's just a great time of year!"

For 2021, Sabrina plans to keep moving forward and doing what works best for GreenMount Farm. As is true for most involved in Maryland's Thoroughbred industry, Sabrina loves what she does and the accolades for Knicks Go have been fun, but the true joy is working with her horses, and watching them succeed.



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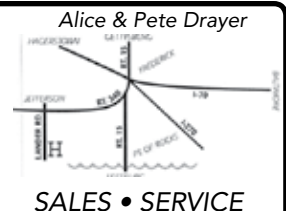
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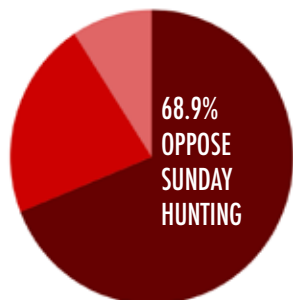
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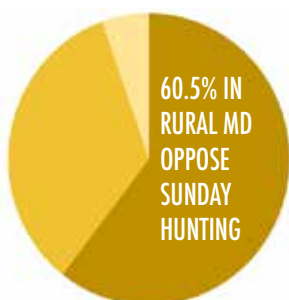


# Why do we oppose Sunday hunting?

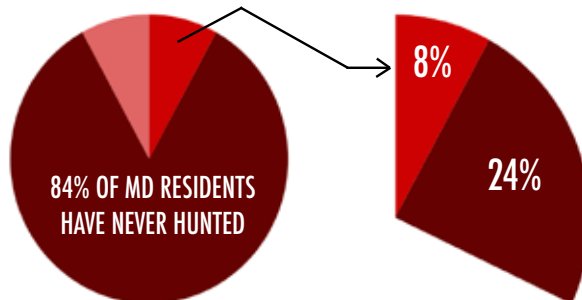
## Most Marylanders DON'T HUNT



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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by Kimberly K. Egan, MHC Government Relations Committee



The 2021 session of the Maryland General Assembly closed on April 12, and we are pleased to report that our Government Relations Committee scored several victories this year.

As is so often the case, our victories came in the form of successful opposition to legislation that would have been contrary to the interests of horses and horse people.

### Sunday Hunting

Legislators filed a plethora of bills this session that would have significantly expanded Sunday hunting. The bills covered seven counties: Calvert, Caroline, Prince George's, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, and Worcester. In all but Queen Anne's and Caroline, the bills, as introduced, would have allowed Sunday hunting on public in addition to private land.

MHC supports the shared use of natural resources and as such, we testified in opposition to each of these Sunday hunting bills. We also encouraged residents in each county to oppose the bills as well. Our efforts were successful. The Worcester County bill was withdrawn by its sponsors, and each of the remaining bills died in Senate Committee.

A summary of MHC's position on Sunday Hunting appears on page 36 of this issue.

### Cost of Care of Seized Horses (HB 1080/SB 760)

A pair of bills this session would have required owners under investiga-

tion for animal cruelty to pay the costs of caring for the animal after the animal has been seized, or forfeit all rights to the animal. We opposed these bills because of due process concerns.

We also opened discussions with sponsors and the committees in an effort to persuade them to exempt livestock – including horses – from the bills. The committees each told us that they would propose an amendment to that effect. In fact, the bills never progressed beyond the initial hearing, and died in committee.

### Snare Traps (HB 579)

This bill would have made it legal to use, sell, possess, or set a snare trap in Cecil County. MHC opposed the bill on the grounds that snares are indiscriminate and inhumane killers of animals large and small, and because snares can cause serious injury and suffering to horses and hounds. The bill passed the House but died in Senate committee.

### Therapy Horses (SB 284)

The General Assembly passed a bill to add "therapy horses" to the list of service animals eligible for reimbursement by the State's Veterans Service Animal Program. The bill limits eligibility to facilities either certified as Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship (PATH) Premier Accredited Centers (PAC) or that have Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association (EAGALA) certified professionals on staff.

We had opened discussions with the sponsor and with the therapy horse community to try to expand the definition beyond PATH/PAC and EAGALA facilities. The issue proved complex, however, and we did not arrive at an alternate definition that satisfied both the equine therapy community and the goals of the Maryland Veterans Administration in time for this session.

We are not giving up, however. We will announce a new initiative aimed at therapy horses at the Quarterly Meeting on May 25 and we encourage everyone interested in therapy horse issues to attend.

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# MAY 2021 OUT & ABOUT

Maryland



Maryland High School Rodeo riders Charlize Stair, Cassidy Hearn and Katie Howard at the PA/MD rodeo, March 27-28.



Tracey Bienemann finished fourth in the Open Preliminary division with Reg The Ledge at Pine Top Horse Spring Horse Trials in Georgia.



Safe Haven Farm's Brielle Francia and Misty schooling at Loch Moy Farm.



Rachael Freeman and Erika Johnson trail riding on March 21 at Peggy's Hill in Michaux State Forest.



Lori K. Brown earned second place at the Covered Bridge FADS show on March 20 with You Don't Know Jack.



Kaeley Fowler at her first official pony race (Green Spring Valley Point-to-Point).



Savannah Fulton riding Cash Point at the Morven Park Spring Horse Trials on March 27.

Angie Leithy

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"K" at just one week old! She's an AQHA filly owned and bred by Dana Grafft and by Commandalena, out of Hollywood Chic Flick.



Callie Mikeska and Duck Duck Goose were the 2' Equitation Champs at the March 20-21 BEST show.



Cassidy Hageman earned the final scores needed for her USDF Silver Medal at the VADA/NOVA show (April 10-11) riding Urbanus T.

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Maryland



Michael Pavis

Greg McFadden and Sarah Hruda, Jr. MFH, close out the De La Brooke Foxhounds hunt season at Keechland on March 20.



Rebecca Lazarus

Drummer at Windsor Manor in Sandy Spring



Beth Collier photographing at Morven Park's Spring Horse Trials.



Angie Leithy

Lara Miller and Dancer's Edge running through the water at CDCTA's Spring Horse Trials on April 11.



Four-year-old Emma Jade Crawford showing Especial Wine at the April Carroll County Western Circuit show in the Ranch Halter Youth class.



Jennifer Martin riding Bright Star in a walk/trot class at the April BEST show.



Angie Leithy

Megan Zalesak and Just Dash on the Elementary cross-country course at the MDHT starter on March 21.



Team "Flying Purple People Eaters" at the Potomac Hunter Pace on April 18. Riders are Julie Bigham and Stephanie Peralta.



Morgan Hagley

Merrilyn Ratliff and Koda Bear jumping the Novice corner at the MDHT March starter.



Bristol Cope and Chick getting ready for a lesson at Double Rock Farm.

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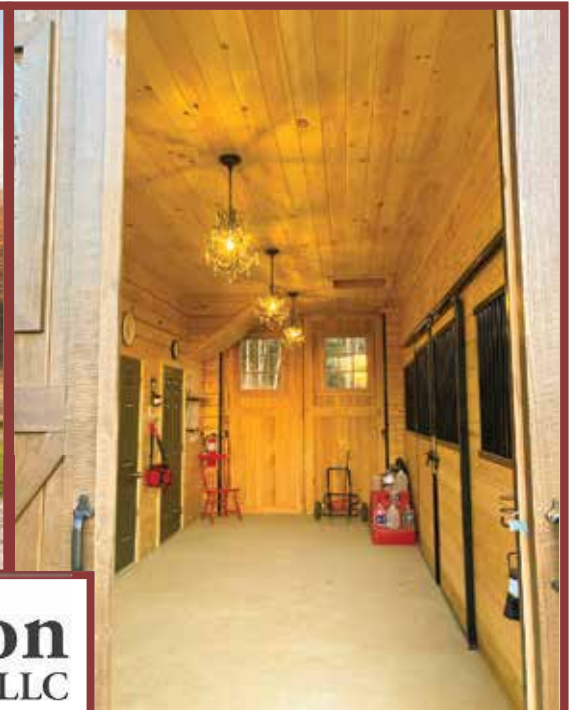


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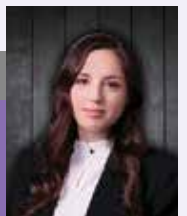
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**FOXHALL TEAM CHASE** (from left): Amber Hodyka riding Shootist and Eddit Keating on Mystic Strike, both entries for Upland Partners. Junior rider James Wyatt and his pony Cowboy represented Elkridge-Harford Hunt. Colin Smith riding Lucy A. Goelet's 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.

# SPOTLIGHT ON MARYLAND-BREDS

This month we bring you a special “all Thoroughbred” Maryland-bred edition in honor of the 146th running of the Preakness Stakes!



Bombero is by the Maryland sire Friesan Fire and out of Double Delta. Bred by Alison Farwell, Jr. and now owned by Liz Harrison, Bombero retired after six starts.



Corvus (Dance With Ravens x Tanca) ran second in the Maryland Million Nursery as a two-year old. Bred by Chanceland Farm, he earned over \$129k for then owners Harrison, Manfuso and Voss. Corvus is now owned by Mimi Schmitz.



Greek Sun was bred and raced by Marathon Farms. Currently owned by Brien J. Miller, this 2009 Thoroughbred is by Greek Sun and out of Capote's Niner.



Lou's Alfie was bred by Martin Bernstein and is now owned by Jessica Hammond. He is by Friesan Fire and out of I'm A Lou Lou.



Wasabi Monster is a 2004 mare by Whiskey Bottom and out of Meadow Monster. Bred and raced by David H. Butts, she is now owned by Victoria J. Willis and has evented through Preliminary as well as competed in dressage through Third Level.



High Noon Lute (Midnight Lute x Memories of Mystic) was bred by Dark Hollow Farm. He now is enjoying his second career with Erica Gregg as an event horse.



Showalter (Quality Road x Luceffe) recently retired in 2020 after earning over \$235k as a racehorse for breeder/owner Marathon Farms. The 2013 gelding is now owned by Jenna Isenrock.



Emily Deutsch's Moneybuck was bred by Lisa Skiffington and Anthony Warrender. The 2000 fox-hunting gelding is by Tamayaz and out of Aldie.



Cranberry Covert, by Two Punch and out of Syrian Dish, is owned by Scarlett Rindos and bred by Barbara Ryan. He is pictured here with his full sister Rhema.



Sir Smarty, bred by Darin Martin & Charlie McKinlay, is now a foxhunter for owner Erika Crowl. He is by Regal Ransom and out of Smart 'N Stormy.



Stephanie Geiter participates in Civil War reenactments with her OTTB Jazzercised (Jazz Club x Double Buncious), bred by Dan D. Westland.



Future racehorse Jedi Way with his dam Rachael's Way. He is by I'm Stepping It Up and was bred and owned by Jenny Buchanan and Royal Wux Farm.

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Tatiana Sushko has entered Githagy in this year's RRP Makeover! The gelding was bred by Rosalie Thompson and is by Bourbon Courage and out of Morning Sky. Tatiana is training Githagy for the foxhunting and jumper divisions for RRP.



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# NEWS from MHC'S INDUSTRY PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS



## **SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT**

### **MidAtlantic Farm Credit: 2020 net income is \$78.7 million**

Most *Equiery* readers know Farm Credit as a friendly lender for ag properties, horse farms, and equipment related to farm businesses. What most readers don't know is that Farm Credit is not a typical lending institution. Farm Credit is a national system made up of member-owned regional cooperative associations, such as **MidAtlantic Farm Credit**, which services most of Maryland. This cooperative does one thing and one thing only: lend money. You can not set up checking or savings accounts at Farm Credit. You can only borrow money.

But here is the interesting thing about Farm Credit: once you borrow money, you become a member of the cooperative. Because Farm Credit is legally organized as a cooperative, members of the cooperative (you, the borrower) receive "patronage distributions" when Farm Credit has a profitable year.

2020 was a particularly good year for MidAtlantic Farm Credit, according to the financial reports released in early spring. Borrowers (members of the cooperative) can expect to see (or have already seen) sizable checks (patronage distributions). In 2020, loan volume grew to \$2.90 billion, an increase of approximately 2.1 percent compared to \$2.84 billion in 2019. The Association reported a net income of \$78.7 million in 2020, up from \$63.8 million in 2019. The Association's portfolio quality continues to remain strong with acceptable credit quality at 95.6 percent for 2020.

"2020 brought new challenges to us all, and the agricultural industry was tested in many ways," says Tom Truitt, Chief Executive Officer of MidAtlantic Farm Credit. "Our Association found its strength through our members who remained dedicated and persevered through the pandemic. We remained true to our mission by offering note modifications, payment deferrals, the Paycheck Protection Program, and patronage distribution to support our members during this extraordinary time."

Last year, MidAtlantic Farm Credit distributed \$50.8 million in cash through their patronage program. "Farm Credit's unique cooperative structure allows us to share our profits with our borrowers," adds Truitt. "The over \$50 million in cash we were able to distribute to our members last year will help them continue to succeed."

MidAtlantic Farm Credit has been a proud sponsor and industry professional member of the Maryland Horse Council since 1996. For more information about MidAtlantic Farm Credit's financials, and to view the Association's 2020 annual report, please visit [mafc.com/about/financials](http://mafc.com/about/financials).



### **NEW MHC SPONSOR**

MHC welcomes **Tracy Diamond** and **The Tracy Diamond Team** as its latest sponsor. A long-time member of MHC, Tracy grew up amid the rolling hills of Maryland's prime farmland in a family with deep roots in land, as farmers and as realtors. Tracy's clients benefit from her intimate knowl-

edge of traditional and newer neighborhoods, her relationships within the community, her ag-related knowledge and her over 25 years of successfully buying and selling homes, farms and equestrian properties. She is in the top 1% of Maryland realtors. In 2018, Tracy moved her business to eXp Realty in order to provide her clients with the most sophisticated digital technology platforms available in the industry. Tracy has become the 5th highest producer in eXp Maryland and has twice earned the prestigious ICON agent status. When she is not selling real estate, she is foxchasing and managing her own small private boarding operation. Tracy's "equestrian team" includes daughter Victoria "Your Home Girl" Kaminski and long-time friend Crystal Brumme Pickett, founder and former publisher of *The Equiery*.

### **VETERANS ADMINISTRATION APPROVES WORTHMORE AS AN ANIMAL SERVICE PROGRAM**

MHC member **Worthmore Equestrian Center** in Kent County is a full service equestrian facility that is also home to two equine therapy programs, one of which is Bridges at Worthmore. Bridges at Worthmore is certified in EAGALA (Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association), and offers Equine Assisted Psychotherapy and Equine Assisted Learning. With the help of the treatment team (a mental health professional, an equine specialist, and the horses), clients participate in ground activities with the horses with specific treatment goals in mind. Dr. Ben Kohl, President of Bridges' Board of Directors, notes, "We are proud to be entrusted by the VA to provide this service on the Shore. What is particularly encouraging is that veterans who are already receiving traditional talk therapy, medication management or substance use services can sign up for equine sessions with no disruption to their current health care. In addition a veteran who may have avoided treatment in the past can give us a call and get right to work with the horses." Worthmore will be included in VA materials as an approved facility and could be eligible for related grants.

### **HELEN TUEL HONORED**



MHC member Helen Tuel (**Therapeutic & Recreational Riding Center, Inc.**) was honored in March by the Howard County Commission for Women, which celebrated Women in History month with the "So She Did" campaign. Throughout the month, the campaign recognized local women who are promoting positive change through their professional work, volunteerism, or advocacy efforts, and thereby making a difference in the local community. The tribute to Helen noted that as co-founder of TRRC, she has been "promoting the social, economic and political well-being of the county's special needs community for 37 years."

### **GRANT KUDOS**

MHC Member **Days End Farm Horse Rescue** is the beneficiary of a \$500,000 Bond Bill passed by the Maryland General Assembly in the session that just concluded. DEFHR will use the funds to help acquire the adjacent firehouse property in Lisbon this year and repurpose it to expand operations and increase community outreach and education. Planned renovations include exterior updates, construction of an educational welcome center and classroom, and conversion of other existing struc-

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# ABOUT MHC'S INDUSTRY PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP



tures to administrative offices and an equine rehabilitation medical suite.

The Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County (CFAAC) recently distributed its eighth cycle of grants since the Covid crisis began, through its Community Crisis Response Fund. To date, CFAAC has awarded 265 grants to 134 different nonprofits totaling \$1.63M. In this most recent round, CFAAC distributed \$330,500 to 25 local nonprofits that serve the county's most vulnerable and at-risk populations and provided funding for organizations that provide human services and health/mental health and educational resources. MHC member **Maryland Therapeutic Riding, Inc.** received one of these grants to provide program and operating support for MTR's mission to support the physical and mental health of children and adults with special needs in Anne Arundel County.

MHC Member **Freedom Hills Horse Rescue** received a grant of \$1,500 for medical supplies and supplements from the Gus Hawthorne Foundation. The Gus Hawthorne Foundation is based in Turner, OR, and makes grants to assist animal charities. Who is Gus Hawthorne? Cute story. Visit the Gus Hawthorne Foundation website to find out!

## **MHC IP MEMBER UPDATES**

MHC member **Clarity Riding** welcomes new instructor Mikaela Williams.

MHC member **Katie Carr**, of **Quantum Leap Eventing LLC**, is back in the proverbial saddle (albeit not the actual saddle) after sufficient recovery from shoulder replacement surgery. She was able to resume her business of teaching and coaching on March 22, and is anxious to return to schooling horses as soon as she can.

Maryland's loss, Montana's gain! MHC bids adieu to **Arlene Atkins** as she and her husband make their way west where they intend to retire. For over 25 years, Arlene has been "The Feed Lady" for MHC member **Farmers Cooperative Association** in Frederick and has been the main driver of the Coop's membership in MHC. She likewise helped to establish the Frederick County Equine Alliance, one of the few county-based horse council-like organizations in Maryland. E-quiery-ing minds wanted to know: who will be the new "Feed Lady" (or "Feed Dude") once Arlene has flown "the Coop?!" The good news: Farmers Coop has asked her to continue on as a consultant, so Arlene will continue to be a Marylander, albeit a virtual one!

It's been a long road to merge three different "brands" (Gaithersburg Equipment Company, Frederick Equipment Company and Westminster Equipment Company) and their 50 years of history into one cohesive brand, the **Rippeon Equipment Company** (a MHC member) with three locations. Although the name change happened several years ago, there are all those other little details, such as phone numbers and websites. Rippeon Equipment has now completed their digital transition! Not only does a single URL serve all three locations, it is a fully online e-commerce site - and as any one who has a retail background knows, that is no small accomplishment. In addition, effective in March, the company now has a central phone number for all locations - no more separate numbers! Want to know what the new phone number and URL is? Check out their ad on page 21 of this issue!

## **COVID COLLATERAL DAMAGE**

Not all businesses have been able to survive COVID and its ramifications, but some have not given up. MHC member Farm & Equine Services has had to suspend its services due to the impact of COVID and subsequent lack of availability of materials (manufacturers are still backed up; the author of this column is still waiting for a new stall door ordered last summer). Owner Larry B. Miller has assured all clients that existing contracts will be honored, and that he will continue repair services for existing clients. He hopes to be able to re-evaluate and reopen sooner rather than later.

## **RENEWED MEMBERS**

Welcome back: Araby North (Rus & Debbie Gambrell) • Armata Stables (Perry Bolton) • Equestrian Partners in Conservation (EPIC) • Yuletide Pines Farm (Dr. Kathleen Blanche)

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This monthly column in *The Equiery*, (which is owned and published by the Maryland Horse Council) is designed to meet the demands of MHC's Industry Professional Members: a place where you can publicize your professional news and updates. Have you taken on a new partner? Hired a new manager or trainer? Brought a new vet into your practice? Promoted an employee? Moved your location? Received a commendation or award? Changed brokerages or practices? Hired a new director of development? If so, we want to know! Please send your news to [IndustryNews@mdhorsecouncil.org](mailto:IndustryNews@mdhorsecouncil.org).

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Welcome to Maryland: **Raina and Erik Parsons** of **Parsons Show Horses**, who are making the move to New Windsor from Oklahoma.

**Arlene Atkins** is moving to Montana having officially retired from Farmers Cooperative Association, but will remain with the company in a supportive role "behind-the-scenes." See page 53 of this issue for more about Arlene!

Steeplechase jockey **Michael Mitchell**, who rode Maryland-owned 2020 Eclipse Award winner Moscato (Brutton Street-US), has retired from riding races and is moving back to England. During his career, he won a total of 130 races from 790 career starts, earning more than \$3.2 million in purses.

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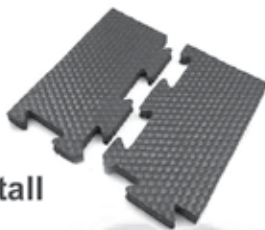
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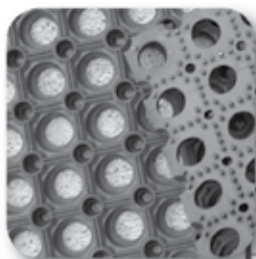
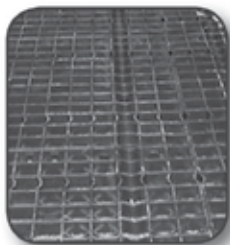
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