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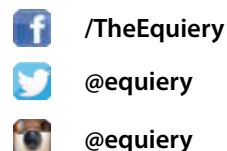
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- Improve the lives and welfare of horses and horse people in Maryland
- Improve and maintain lands related to horses (including but not limited to farmland, parkland and open space)
- Enhance existing and create new networks within the community
- 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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by Kimberly K. Egan and Corinne M. Pouliquen

It's the start of the Maryland Horse Council's fiscal year, which means the new MHC board members and the new MHC officers officially begin their terms. We are excited to get to work as your Co-Presidents, and we want to use our first Presidents' Letter to give you a sense of our plans for the next two years.

We cannot start, however, without recognizing the prodigious accomplishments of our predecessor, Neil Agate.

Neil shepherded the Maryland Horse Council through what was probably the most tumultuous period in its 35-year history. In his first six months in office, Neil successfully negotiated the purchase of *The Equiery*, which took MHC's ability to communicate with its members and with the horse community at large to a new level. *The Equiery* expanded MHC's on-line presence and its social media reach, transforming MHC from an organization with an annual budget in the range of \$25,000, to an organization with an annual budget in the \$350,000 range.

Neil also presided over the creation of the Maryland Equine Transition Service (METS), and shortly thereafter, The Maryland Horse Council Foundation. The METS program went from nothing at the beginning of 2018 to an important part of the equine safety-net by 2021. METS has re-homed over 100 horses in just three years. The Foundation has grown into a free-standing 501(c)(3), with its own Board and its own donor base. It is the official home of the METS program and is well on its way to developing new programming to benefit the Maryland horse industry.

Last but not least, Neil spent the last 15 months of his term guiding MHC through the COVID pandemic. The pandemic affected MHC operations just as it affected horse operations across the state. Neil worked tirelessly with the Maryland Horse Industry Board and the Maryland Department of Agriculture to open up horse businesses as soon as possible, and he was instrumental in convincing the Department of Natural Resources to allow trail riders back on public lands.

Any one of these events would be a challenge for any president – that Neil faced down all three during his tenure is a testament to his dedication to the Maryland Horse Council and his faith in its ability to do good and necessary work for all segments of our industry.

The two of us hope to build on MHC's current momentum by focusing on three areas:

1. Our Membership. As a membership organization, there really is nothing more important than nurturing our current members and reaching out to new ones. Our new Membership Committee will focus on expanding member benefits, developing effective recruitment materials, developing internal membership communications materials, and plan-

ning members-only social events. We plan to increase the educational value we push out to members by offering webinars and town halls on the issues like non-chemical strategies for EHV-1 prevention and how to apply for state bond funds. We plan to re-double our recruiting efforts in Washington County, Allegany County, and Garrett County, as well as in Southern Maryland and on the Eastern Shore. We are planning new recruiting initiatives to increase membership participation from previously under-represented disciplines, including barrel racing, competitive trail riding, cutting, driving, endurance riding, harness racing, jousting, reining, rodeo riding, western dressage, and working equitation. And we plan to work harder to make sure the MHC membership is representative of all horse people in Maryland, regardless of race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, physical or other ability, or socioeconomic status. Variety is the spice of life.

2. Our Reach. As a trade association, our very reason for being is to represent the horse industry to state and local government. Effective advocacy requires effective community organizing and effective legislative outreach. We hope to improve the breadth and depth of our substantive reach by upgrading our software tools, our digital re-marketing tools, and our on-line advocacy tools. We need to bring our contact management platforms up to the highest possible standard and streamline our processes for managing information about potential sponsors, likely legislative allies, and important and strategic industry contacts. As a state-wide organization, we also need to make sure that any member in any part of the state can easily access our robust educational resources, our written testimony in Annapolis, our member benefits information, and other MHC information on-line. Data management is not the sexiest topic, to be sure, but if we do it right, the results should blow your socks off.

3. Our Finances. We cannot accomplish either of the two goals above if we don't also tend to our finances. All roads lead to the bank. We have already started a top-to-bottom review of our structure and our programs to weed out inefficiencies and free up volunteer and staff time for new initiatives. We are actively searching to fill out MHC's political action committee board so that we can build a war chest to fund our legislative initiatives. And we are brainstorming innovative fundraising events that we hope will uncover previously un-tapped streams of cash and coin.

We expect these areas will keep us plenty busy for the next two years. But with a lot of hard work, a little luck, and plenty of help from our friends, we can take MHC to the next level, for the benefit of us all.

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How the Maryland Horse Council Works

There are a lot of horse-related non-profits in our state, and most of them have the words “Horse” and “Maryland” somewhere in the title. It’s easy to get them confused. We thought it would be helpful to explain to our readers how our non-profit, its affiliated entities, and our associated acronyms, each fit into the bigger picture.

Our non-profit, the Maryland Horse Council (MHC), is a 501(c)(6) trade association that is run by an all-volunteer Board of Directors and an all-volunteer Executive Committee. A 501(c)(6) “trade association” is a private, non-governmental, membership organization that is in some ways similar to a chamber of commerce, except that unlike a chamber of commerce, we are open not only to those who are in the horse business, but also to all those who participate or are interested in the equestrian community. We are the umbrella organization for all of Maryland’s horse folks. Our members include everyone from the owners of huge barns, farms and even racetracks, to the owner of a single, beloved, backyard “lawn ornament,” and everyone in between. We welcome everyone, and work to serve all.

Our mission is to lobby state and local government for sensible and economically sound policies that affect the horse industry, and to provide educational and business networking resources for the Maryland horse community. We have been helping the Maryland horse industry for over 35 years.

MHC publishes a trade magazine—*The Equiery*—in which we disseminate horse industry news, educational articles, photos, and profiles on horse businesses and horse people. *The Equiery* also maintains a service directory for businesses that serve the Maryland horse industry, as well as a lesson and boarding barn directory.

MHC has nine standing committees:

1. the Executive Committee;
2. the Government Relations Committee;
3. the Membership Committee;
4. the Equine-Assisted Therapy Committee;
5. the Farm Stewardship Committee;
6. the Trails and Greenways Committee;
7. the Thoroughbreds and Standardbreds Committee; and
8. the Business Professionals Committee.

Executive Committee

This committee is elected by the Board of Directors and is comprised of the officers of MHC plus five additional MHC members. It executes the business of the MHC, subject to the policies and priorities established by the Board. The Executive Committee is chaired by the Co-Presidents, Kim Egan and Corinne Pouliquen.

Government Relations Committee

This committee represents the Maryland horse community before state, county, and local entities by presenting written and oral testimony at hearings, by generating member communications on legislative activities of interest, and by educating both legislators and members on matters of policy relevant to the horse industry. The current chair is Jane Seigler.

Membership Committee

This committee grows MHC’s membership base by developing con-

cepts for member benefits, developing recruitment and membership material for all equine constituencies, developing internal membership communications material, and planning outreach events. The current chair is Ashley Adams Aycock.

Equine-Assisted Therapy Committee

This committee liaises with the therapeutic riding community, including therapeutic-riding centers, veteran assistance programs, and other organizations that connect horses and people as a catalyst for wellness. The current chair is Laura Lane-Unsworth.

Farm Stewardship Committee

This committee helps horse farm owners and managers reach their land stewardship goals by providing user-friendly information, community support, and access to information on financing and other incentives. The committee also brings the voice of the horse community into discussions of laws, regulations and incentive programs for sustainable agriculture and environmental protection. The current chair is Jane Thery.

Trails and Greenways Committee

This committee liaises with Maryland’s trail and greenways equestrian groups, supports recreational land uses including public trails and trail access, and provides educational opportunities for horsemen working on local land use issues. The current chair is Carolann Sharpe. Read more about this committee on page 15 of this issue!

Thoroughbreds and Standardbreds Committee

This committee liaises with the Maryland Thoroughbred and Standardbred industries, assists with thoroughbred and Standardbred after-care through METS, and raises awareness of track re-development, safe track research, and back stretch support at Maryland venues. The current chair is Kim Egan.

Business Professionals Committee.

This committee hosts networking events for MHC’s Industry Professional members, such as educational seminars and social gatherings. The current chair is Crystal Brumme Pickett.

We are affiliated with a § 527 non-connected political action committee that raises private money to support horse-friendly candidates for State and local offices. The PAC is called, imaginatively, the **Maryland Horse Council Political Action Committee**.

Last but not least, we are affiliated with a public charity called, similarly imaginatively, the **Maryland Horse Council Foundation, Inc.** (“the Foundation”). The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to the Maryland horse industry and to solidifying the strong ties between Maryland residents and the Maryland equine community. The Foundation runs the Maryland Equine Transition Service (METS), a conduit program that provides safe alternatives for horses needing homes by helping owners identify and select the best transition options for their horses.

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MHIB Survey Shows Growth in Recreational Riding

On June 15, the Maryland Horse Industry Board released the findings of an online survey sent to horse-related businesses in Maryland to gauge the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Surveys were sent to licensed stable owners, horse show and event organizers, and tack and farm equipment store owners.

The survey results most notably showed that around 35% of licensed stables experienced an increase in business. Over 28% of horse show and event organizers reported an increase in business and a sampling from five tack and farm equipment stores showed an increase of 60% in business.

To read the full report, go to equiery.com.

Walter & Nancy Hughes Inducted into AQHA Hall of Fame

Trainer and judge Walter T. Hughes and his wife Nancy are part of the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame Class of 2022. Based in Damascus, the couple saw themselves as ambassadors for AQHA and for the American Quarter Horse breed.

Walter served as an AQHA director from 1971 until 1995 where he was on the youth, membership, Hall of Fame and judges committees. He also served as Chairman of the AQHA Judges Committee. Nancy served on the American Quarter Horse Foundation Committee and Council for many years.

Together, they often traveled as AQHA ambassadors and assisted in the development of international growth and awareness. The couple was recognized with the Lifetime Achievement award from the AQHA Professional Horsemen's Council for their efforts to promote the breed.

They also breed American Quarter Horses such as Skips Dilly and Brio.

Helen Casteel Wins Scholarship

On June 17, Strides for Equality Equestrians (SEE) and the US Eventing Association Foundation announced Helen Casteel of Silver Spring as the first recipient of the Ever So Sweet Scholarship. The scholarship provides riders from diverse backgrounds with a fully-funded opportunity to train with upper-level professionals. Scholarships will be awarded bi-annually.

Casteel and her event horse, Unapproach-

able, barn name Abel, will be training with Sara Kozumplik Murphy and Brian Murphy at Overlook Farm Equestrian Center in Berryville, VA, for three months this summer. The Murphys and Edy Rameika have sponsored the opportunity with the scholarship covering all expenses for full board and training costs as well as several lessons per week, housing for Casteel and a stipend to cover living expenses, competition fees, and coaching at competitions.

Casteel will also have the unique opportunity to learn how to manage and care for upper-level horses and gets to be part of the Overlook Farm team. She stated that the horse care and management part of being in a high-performance program is one of the parts she is looking forward to most about this program. In addition to competition and horse management skills, Casteel's goals also include playing an active role in fostering a more inclusive environment within the sport.

This scholarship will provide Casteel with the opportunity to make professional connections, which not only help her as an individual, but will also contribute to improving access and opportunities for other BIPOC riders. She said, "Though I personally have been fortunate in my circumstance, I still feel that as a Black woman, I can contribute to the conversation and the solution. The opportunities to improve diversity, equity and inclusion in the equine world and sport can fall into two buckets ... exposure and opportunity."



Helen Casteel of Silver Spring is the first recipient of the Ever So Sweet Scholarship from Strides for Equality Equestrians and USEA Foundation.



Tracy McKenna

Remember the super cute Highland Pony on the cover of our April 2021 issue? Pictured here is that pony's sire, MacCrimmon Andrew, with Jennifer Clover and Shenanigans of Trinity Glen with Kathryn Simpson at the Loch Moy Dressage Festival I on June 5.

As a scholarship winner, Casteel will also act as an ambassador for the ESS scholarship, which is part of the Professional Pathways programs SEE is developing. "If we continue to actively prioritize inclusion and highlight participation of people of color and LGBTQ+ peoples, we will see the profile of not just Eventing but all equestrian sports rise," Casteel wrote in her application essay.

Greenwell Foundation Receives Education Grant

The Rotary Club of Lexington Park has awarded the Greenwell Foundation a grant of \$4,500 to bring its "Re-connecting Field Trips" to Great Mills High School this summer. The field trips involve cooperative activities, Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies, communication challenges and time for reflection and mediation.

Julie Randall, Director of the Rotary Club's Community Service Lane, stated, "Greenwell has been hosting therapeutic field trips for years, and we at Rotary Club of Lexington Park are thrilled to be helping them provide these services during this particularly challenging time for youth - with schools opening up, reconnection with peers and teachers will be vitally important and we know that these field trips will help so much."

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Maryland Jockey Club



Track renovations at Laurel Park continue with live racing and training moved to Pimlico through the beginning of August.

horses can return to Laurel Park the first week in August, “barring any delays in the ongoing renovation of the dirt surface” as stated in a June 15 press release. The press release also stated that even if Laurel Park opens early in August, live racing will continue at Pimlico up until the start of the Maryland State Fair meet at Timonium.

“As most people are aware, things haven’t gone as smoothly as possible,” TSG Chief Operating Officer Aidan Butler stated. “The base is in worse shape than we anticipated but we are dedicated to doing this project right without cutting corners.”

The current renovations include installing a new drainage system to prevent soft spots on the track. While the track is being worked on, several barns are being repaired and repainted and Orkin has been hired for rodent remediation.

USEF Launches Opportunity Fund

US Equestrian has launched the USEF Opportunity Fund, a grant-making resource dedicated to supporting grassroots organizations with a mission to increase access to horses, horse sports, and equine-based learning opportunities among under-represented and/or under-served communities. USEF’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee developed the program.

Racing at Pimlico through August

The Maryland Jockey Club and 1/ST Racing reported on June 15 that they are hopeful that

IEA Adds Ranch Riding

The Interscholastic Equestrian Association announced on June 2 that Ranch

Riding will be added to the Western shows for the 2021-2022 season. The new Novice Ranch Riding pattern class will replace the previously optional Novice Reining Prep class as a standard class.



A celebration of life was held for Packy McCaughan, who died in March of 2020, on June 19 at Banbury Cross. In attendance were McCaughan’s first and last working students. From left: Jackson Dillard, (2020) Jennifer Sponseller Webster (1987) and Claire Wheeler (2020).

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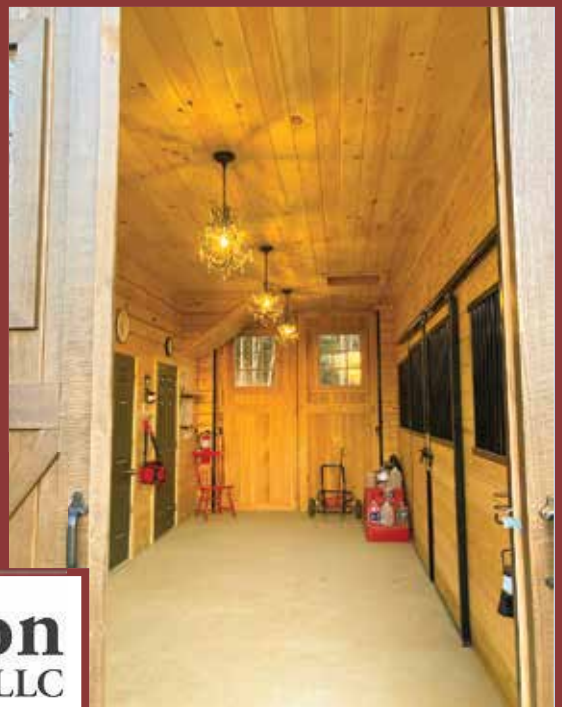
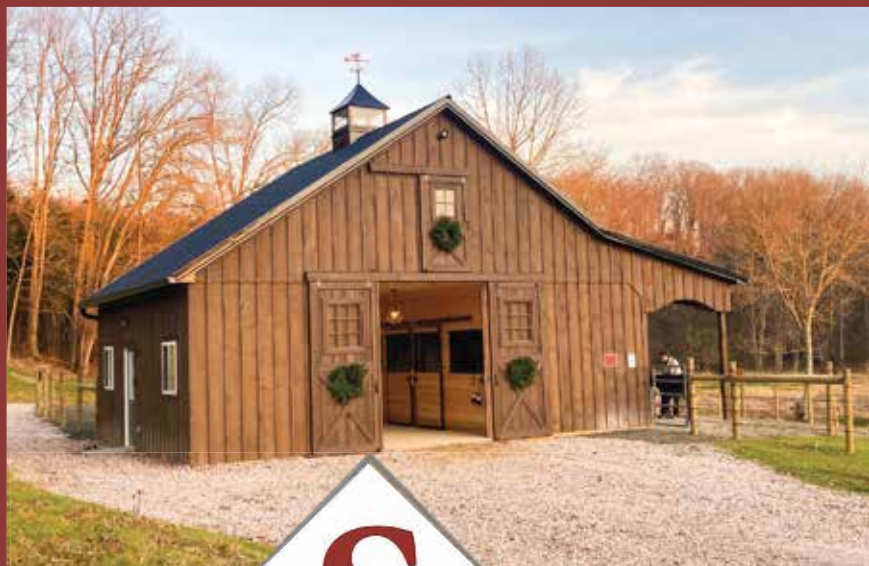


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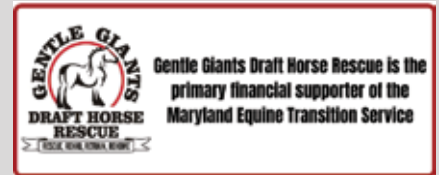
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Weston will be joining our senior key account manager, **Lisa Phillips**. Lisa has been with FCA six years as our VA rep. She was introduced to FCA as a dealer herself and currently assists over 30 dealers throughout MD and VA. Lisa enjoys mounted shooting with her palomino Quarter Horse, "Xena".

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Maryland Competitions Hitting the Trails... Competitions!

By Katherine O. Rizzo

Maryland is home to over 1,500 miles of equestrian-use trails, affording everything from ocean views to mountain passes. While hacking down wooded paths is often enjoyment enough, sometimes you may want to show off your off-the-beaten path talents in some friendly trail related competitions. From Endurance to Trail Obstacle Courses to Judged Pleasure Rides and everything in between, we polled *Equiery* readers and Facebook followers to find out their favorite ways to compete on the trails.

Please note, this may not be a complete list, so if your favorite trails sport is not listed here, let us know by emailing editor@equiery.com. And if you host trail competitions, be sure to send us your show dates by emailing Emily.nessel@equiery.com.

Endurance

The American Endurance Ride Conference's motto is "to finish is to win," which is certainly the case for those who tackle long-distance Endurance rides. Official AERC rides range from 25 to 100 miles in one day and Endurance is a FEI-sanctioned sport.

The basic goal of Endurance is to cross the finish first, however the horses' welfare is carefully monitored throughout the ride with several veterinary checks along the course. In addition to awards based on rider age, level, and experience, the Best Conditioned award is given to the fittest horse to finish. There are also mile awards that riders can work on over time.

Here in Maryland, the Foxcatcher Endurance ride is held each spring at the Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area and it seems many *Equiery* readers attended this year with several sending photos from the ride! Overall, Endurance was the fourth most popular sport in our *Equiery* poll.

Trail Obstacle Course

Although not technically held on the trails, Trail Obstacle Courses or Trail Classes are a great way to show off your trail riding skills while staying in an arena or enclosed field. Most competitions offer courses with around 10 obstacles such as opening and closing a gate and walking across a bridge.

Each obstacle is timed while competitors are judged on how quickly they navigate the whole course. Some of these competitions are even held in hand with the rider working their horse in hand through the obstacles. These in hand and mounted competitions are often held in conjunction with Western shows here in Maryland but competitors do not have to compete in Western tack if it's an open competition.

Judged Trail Ride

Judged Trail Rides, also called Judged Pleasure Rides, are trail competitions similar to an obstacle course but the obstacles are out on the trail itself. Competitors follow a marked trail where they encounter 10 to 20 obstacles, typically natural objects such as logs and stream crossings. Sometimes, man-made obstacles are made to simulate a challenge one may come across on a trail.

Judges are stationed at each obstacle to give a score to each rider based on how well they navigate the obstacle, thus making these rides are more performance based. The rides can take up to three hours to complete. They were the third most popular trail sport in our *Equiery* poll!

Competitive Trail Riding

Competitive Trail Riding both measures the fitness of the horse and judges the rider on horsemanship, thus creating a cross between a Judged Pleasure Ride and Endurance. In these rides, time is important; riders are penalized for going too slow or too fast.

As in Endurance, horses are monitored at several veterinary checkpoints while on course. Distances for these rides are typically 20 to 120 miles and can span up to three days for just one competition.

The North American Trail Ride Conference offers rides in the US, Canada and Mexico. Their mission is to "promote horsemanship and horse care as they apply to the sport of distance riding by offering a variety of challenging and educational experiences designed to strengthen horse and rider partnerships."

Competitive Trail Riding rounded out the top five most popular trail sports here in Maryland according to *The Equiery's* poll.

Extreme Cowboy Race

Take the concept of a Judged Trail Ride and turn it into a speed event and you have the Extreme Cowboy Race. Competitors are judged not only on how well they navigate each obstacle, but how quickly they complete the whole course. Competitors are typically divided into Pro, Non-Pro and Youth divisions.

This sport was made popular by legendary trainer Craig Cameron, whose official Craig Cameron Extreme Cowboy Race made its first, and only, Maryland appearance in 2009 when Loch Moy Farm in Adamstown hosted the event. Those here in Maryland who love this sport wrote in that they'd like to see these sorts of races return to Maryland, so ... who wants to step up and organize one?

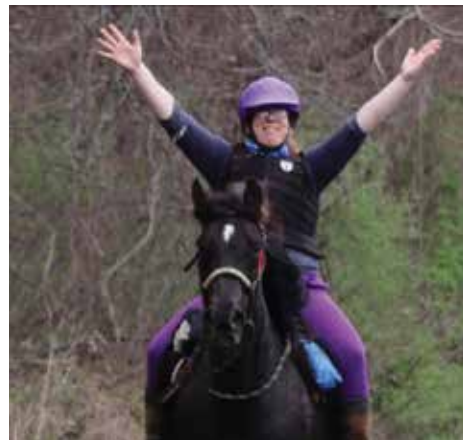
Paper Chase

Paper Chases, also called Ribbon Chases, can

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Angela and Skip Kemerer at this year's Foxcatcher Endurance ride held at Fair Hill in April.



Donna Rae participating in a Paper Chase



Katharina Birkmann, Lilliana Sonpar, Brielle Francia and Vivian Rubino practicing at Double C Farm for Mounted Trail Challenges



Lucia Simoncelli-DiBenedetto rode in her first Hunter Pace this past April at Marlborough Hunt Club where her team won the Junior Optimum Flat division.

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Kristen Marie at a Trail Challenge hosted by Thurmont Riding Club



Teams navigating through the woods with a map and compass during a Competitive Mounted Orienteering competition.



Working Equitation competitions combine trail skills with dressage and ranch work!

take on many forms, themes and distances. From Easter Egg hunts to Halloween Trick-or-Treating, these chases are fun for individuals or groups. Typically, various colored ribbons tied to tree branches, fence posts, etc mark the course with the object being to count the most number of ribbons, eggs, treats... whatever is marking the course, within the time limit. In addition, some Paper Chases will also have a secret optimum time to complete the course.

Paper Chases are very popular here in Maryland and are ranked second in our poll of trail sports.

Hunter Pace

Similar to a Paper Chase, riders at Hunter Paces follow a marked course, however, there is no counting involved. The goal is to finish the course closest to the secret optimum time.

Based on the sport of foxhunting, Hunter Pace speeds are similar to a "hunt pace," meaning the pace you would typically maintain while foxhunting. Thus, many Hunter Pace competitions will offer several courses at one event, to accommodate those who may want to travel a little slower and those keen to race around over large jumps.

The Maryland Hunter Pace Circuit offers both a spring and fall series that is open to all riders, not just foxhunters! This series, along with others offered by groups like the Waredaca Pony Club, are very popular here in Maryland making Hunter Paces the top pick in our poll of trail sports.

Ride & Tie

For a Ride & Tie event, each team consists of two runners and one horse. Rides can be set at distances of 20 to 100 miles with one person starting the race on horseback while the other is on foot. The Ride & Tie Association organizes these races throughout the country as well as holding educational events. Here in Maryland, Foxcatcher held a Ride & Tie during its annual Endurance ride in April.

In this sport, the rider on horseback naturally travels faster than the teammate on foot. Af-

ter a previously arranged time or distance has passed, that rider will get off the horse, tie it to a tree (or hitching post) and continue on foot, running. The teammate, who started out running on foot, will catch up to where the horse is tied, untie it, get on, and continue down the marked trail on horseback.

When the team member now on the horse, catches up with the runner, the rider can either get off and hand the horse to the runner or continue on riding to the next tie area. This team sport really challenges the people to take advantage of each member's strengths and weaknesses as they "leap frog" back and forth between running and riding.

Horses are presented for a veterinary check at the start of the race, and at least once during the race. Within one hour of finishing, horses must be re-presented to the veterinary team for one final check before the team's time can be made official.

Equathon

Similar to a Ride & Tie, Equathon involves two people and one horse. In this case, the rider never gets off the horse and the person on the ground is the only runner. In Equathon, the rider completes the first loop on horseback. Then, when the horse's pulse reaches the pre-set criteria at the mandatory veterinary check, typically 64-68 beats per minute, the person on foot runs the second lap.

The distance for the rider and the runner may be the same or different, depending on the course. Most courses will be different, with the rider traveling 10-15 miles on horseback and the runner going 5-15 miles on foot.

Competitors can even compete solo as an "Iron Team" where the sole human rides the first loop on horseback, jumps off, allows the horse to reach the pulse criteria, and then runs the second loop on foot.

Mountain Trail Challenge

Mountain Trail Challenges are a more extreme version of a Trails Obstacle Course

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and is recognized internationally through the International Mountain Trail Challenge Association. The sport is open to all skill levels and competitors can compete English or Western.

Similar to a Trail Obstacle Course, competitors must navigate a series of obstacles, however these obstacles tend to be more rugged than a traditional course. Examples are crossing a wooden bridge that sways side-to-side, riding up steps that get narrower as you ascend and crossing very deep water. Competitors are judged on how well they navigate each obstacle, not on how fast they complete the obstacle.

Those here in Maryland wanting to give Mountain Trail Challenges a try can practice their skills and compete at Double C Farm, featured on *The Equiery's* March 2021 cover!

Working Equitation

Working Equitation may be one of the fastest growing sports here in Maryland with more and more riders jumping onboard to this sport that combines various styles of riding into one competition. Working Equitation consists of up to four phases: Dressage, Ease of Handling Trail, Speed, and Cow. However, the Cow phase is only used in team competitions as it requires a team of four riders to separate a specific numbered cow from a group of cows and the Speed phase is only held at the Novice level and above.

The Dressage phase consists of a prescribed pattern of movements, which varies based on the level of competition. The judge(s) score each movement on a scale of 0-10 as well as providing collective marks as they would in classical dressage competitions. Competitors are not restricted to traditional dressage tack however!

The Ease of Handling Trail phase is similar to Trail Obstacle classes with riders navigating obstacles such as bridges and gates. The course is designed to showcase the partnership between the horse and rider and judge(s) score the performance of the horse and rider at each obstacle. The number of obstacles varies based on level of competition.

Finally, the Speed phase uses similar obstacles but riders must complete the course against the time. This phase tests the horse's and rider's ability to navigate the obstacles with accuracy as quickly as possible.

Working Equitation became a competitive sport in 1996 with the first European Championships being held in Italy that same year. Here in the US, USA Working Equitation governs the sport. Maryland is part of Region 6 with Oak Spring Equitation holding competitions and schooling opportunities throughout the year.

Competitive Mounted Orienteering

Yes, Competitive Mounted Orienteering is

a sport and is governed by the National Association of Competitive Mounted Orienteering here in the US. Competitive Mounted Orienteering is a timed event that covers courses of 10 to 20 miles with the objective of finding five to 10 markers using a provided map and a compass. That's it. No GPS devices. No cell phones. No walkie-talkies. Just you, your horse, a map and a compass.

Each marker is a 9" white paper plate with numbers and letters on it. Riders write these letters and numbers down after they find the marker to prove that they were at that location during the ride. Competitors may participate in a pre-ride clinic and practice session before each ride where they are taught how to find a marker on foot before the ride begins.

Riders can compete as individuals or in teams and may travel at any pace they wish. Markers can be found in any order they choose as well. However, the most successful riders tend to keep a good even pace throughout the ride and plan out their course ahead of time. A rider's time starts as soon as they are handed the map and rider start times are staggered every 10 minutes.

NACMO states, "Competitive Mounted Orienteering is fun and easy to learn, develops trail smarts in both horse and rider, and brings horse people of all disciplines together."

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The Maryland Horse Council represents all aspects of Maryland's diverse horse community and that community includes trail riders! MHC has a standing committee dedicated to issues that affect trail riders—the Trails & Greenways Committee. The Trails & Greenways Committee liaises with Maryland's trail and greenways equestrian groups, supports recreational land uses including public trails and trail access, and provides educational opportunities for horsemen work-

ing events will allow our members:

1. to learn more about each other's work on trail riding issues;;
2. to share ideas and strategies for addressing concerns about trails and trail riding; and
3. to collaborate on projects and initiatives that would benefit our members from all equestrian disciplines.

Q. How can people join the committee?

A. If you are already an MHC member, just raise your hand! If you are not yet an MHC member, fill out our simple and easy membership application on the MHC website, pay your dues, and then raise your hand! Carolann can be reached at blackandwhitecookieequine@gmail.com.

A Historical Look at MHC's Trails & Greenways Committee

The first chair of MHC's Trails & Greenways Committee was Sol Goldstein. As a WWII veteran and successful entrepreneur and businessman, Goldstein did not discover horses until he was in his 70s. Goldstein went on to become MHC President from 1999 to 2001. He was the driving force in bringing together all trail organizations within MHC to work together under the umbrella of the Trails & Greenways Committee.

Goldstein forged a relationship between MHC and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, and actively networked MHC into the Maryland State Highway Administration in order to access federal funds known as Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century or TEA-21 (originally Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 or ISTEA) for local bridle trail projects.

In addition to these projects, MHC's Trails & Greenways Committee put together a Multi-User Trail Etiquette Brochure that was first published in 1996. "What was so interesting about this is that MHC put out the brochure as etiquette, not rules. The etiquette quickly catapulted in common parlance to 'law' and was duplicated as 'official' in numerous places as well as copied by other states," Crystal Brumme Pickett, current MHC Secretary, stated.

Over the years, there have been several chairs of MHC's Trails & Greenways Committee. Peggy Bree is particularly notable for the work she did in bringing together trail associations from the Eastern Shore to Western Maryland.

The most recent chair of the Trails & Greenways Committee, before it went on hiatus, was Ron MacNab, who was also president of TROT (Trail Riders of Today). TROT is one of the largest organized trail riding associations in Maryland. As the chair of the Trails & Greenways Committee and president of TROT, he was a natural fit for a new Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) stakeholder committee.

"Over the course of that first year, the Committee provided feedback to DNR in preparations of a five-year trail plan for DNR properties," MacNab stated, adding, "The plan set aside designated sustainable multi-use trails including both new construction, reconstruction and maintenance." MacNab pointed out that the new trails in the Patuxent State Park and Seneca Creek State Park are results of this Committee's work.

"Another fruit of this work was the development of Maryland DNR's online free Interactive Maps and Trails Guide," MacNab said. The guide incorporates all known trails withing Maryland and organizes them by designated use. "I am happy to say the MHC Trails & Greenways Committee was a large contributor to this effort."

ing on local land use issues.

Carolann Sharpe of Country Line Farm in Reisterstown, chairs MHC's Trails & Greenways Committee. She is a Special Education teacher, military and law enforcement wife, and the mother of four sons, in addition to being a member of MHC's Executive Committee. As a result, Carolann said in a recent interview with *The Equiery*: "Trail riding has given me the mental and physical health that I need. It gives me much needed quiet time or time with friends, away from 'real life.' Trail riding is the one part of my life that I have one focus and one focus only... to keep the horse between me and the ground! It's my Zen."

Carolann gives freely of her time. She is a member of TROT, the League of Maryland Horseman, Carroll County Equestrian Council, the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horseback Riding, the Friends of Patapsco Valley State Park, and the Tuckahoe Equestrian Equestrian Center. She is also active in the PA Rangers and the Friends of Liberty Reservoir, and she volunteers with several mounted rescues throughout the state. Last but not least, Carolann gives community service opportunities to children through her bakery, Black and White Cookie Equine.

We asked Carolann to tell us a bit about the Trails & Greenways Committee and what it does for MHC and for Maryland as a whole.

Q. Who does this committee represent?

A. All MCH individual members who ride on and use Maryland's public trails, as well as each of our association members who service the trail riding community.

Q. What are the Committee's current goals?

A. To advise the MHC Executive Committee on the needs and perspectives of the trail riding members and to create networking opportunities among our association members that work on behalf of trail riders.

Q. What are the current goals of the Committee as it relates to the Maryland horse community as a whole?

A. Although the majority of Maryland horse people are trail riders, trail riders are often isolated from the larger Maryland horse world. As a result, one of our primary goals is to make sure that our trail riding members are fully integrated into the horse industry as a whole.

Q. Why is this committee important?

A. I've always thought that the Maryland horse community seems fractured and compartmentalized. We have common goals, but we don't communicate frequently enough with each other. The Committee's net-

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on the trails!



Tammie J. Monaco and Barbara Sollner-Webb rode over 11 miles during a TROT ride in the Patuxent North Tract of the old Fort Meade.



Kim Williams riding Body



Margaret Yao Pursell

MNC Park Police horses Levi and Kona out on patrol in MLK Park



Bride-to-be Meg Keating and her sister Nicole rode out with friends from the League of Maryland Horsemen for Meg's bachelorette trail ride.



Jonell Caliskan and Vegas splashing through the creek at the League of Maryland Horsemen.



Carolann Sharpe and Stephanie Pickett at Grove Point Stables in Earleville

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Cris Stephens, Tori Donahue, Anastasia Lyons, Chrissy Hall, Tom Hall and Bonnie Norris at Michuax State Forest on May 31.



Chrissy Hall snapped a selfie while trail riding at Hashawa Union Mills with Kim Stephens and Chrissy's dog Dixie.



Alyssa Dietrich and Mustang Pocket enjoying a trail ride in Colorado



Taylor Caliskan and Smokey at the League of Maryland Horsemen



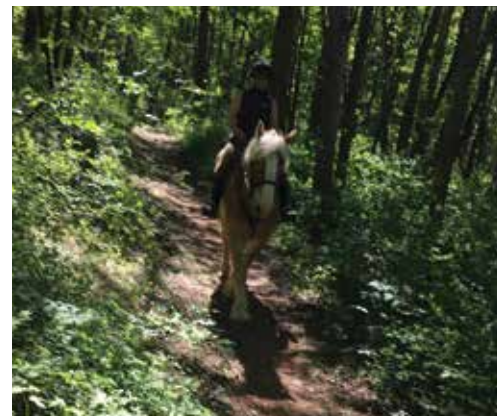
Dog Tired Farm playing in the water at Morgan Run



Chrissy and Tom Hall at Hashawa Union Mills on June 5



Chrissy Hall, Tori Donohue, Josh Freeman and Tom Hall on June 5 at Hashawa Union Mills



Jessica Jones riding Little John at Woodstock Equestrian Park this past May.

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Fifteen years ago, eventers followed a marked trail from a parking field up a steep hill and walked onto a massive open field laid out with dressage rings, show jumping and cross-country courses from Beginner Novice to Preliminary. Soft rolling hills and Sugarloaf Mountain as a backdrop made the newly constructed Loch Moy Farm a rather breathtaking location for Maryland's newest event, the Maryland Horse Trials.

Today, Loch Moy Farm's competition facility has become home to eventers, jumpers, dressage riders and more, with owner and operator Carolyn Mackintosh hosting all kinds of equestrian sports including an Extreme Cowboy Race and even a Steeplethon on foot for cross-country runners. Even though the facility is utilized by a variety of equestrian disciplines, eventing is where it has its roots.

Eventing Family

Mackintosh found her love of eventing through her daughter, Alex, who now lives in California. "I just loved going to events with her but didn't have a clue to how they were run," Mackintosh said. "I was a horse show mom and did all the entries for my daughter and I always made some sort of mistake and had to deal with cranky show secretaries," she said with a chuckle. "But then I met Mary Coldren up at Fair Hill and she was so nice!"

Mackintosh soon had her daughter filling out her own entries and was chatting Coldren up about possibly running her own horse trials at their family property in Adamstown.

"I've counted on Mary ever since," Mackintosh added. Coldren, who is also the event coordinator for the upcoming Maryland 5* Event at Fair Hill, has been the secretary for Loch Moy's US Eventing Association events since the beginning.

It was not until January 2006 that construction began to create areas for dressage and show jump, and cross-country courses through Preliminary. The whole facility was completed and ready for its first USEA event in merely six months!

With parking in what is now the schooling course, competitors at the first event hacked up the hill to ride all three phases on grass. The reviews were fairly positive with many competitors from week one adding in late entries to compete the following weekend. Competitor Emma Jones of Annapolis told *The Equiery* in July 2006 that the event was, "well-organized and well-staffed, with an incredible group of volunteers, designers and officials."

Loch Moy's Evolution and Growth

Over the years, Mackintosh has responded to feedback from competitors and officials adding more and more all-weather footing arenas for show jump and dressage. Currently, the facility has six arenas that can be used for competition rings, warm up and even jumping chutes for USEA Future Event Horse competitions and clinics.

The footing holds up well during Maryland winters allowing Mackintosh to move cross-country jumps into the arenas for schooling and cross-derby style competitions - an idea she got while on one of her many "scouting" trips around the world. "I love to travel and visit

events all over the world," Mackintosh stated, "that's where I get all my ideas from!"

The cross-derby idea came from a trip to the UK where Carolyn saw arena-style eventing. After that, she added a water complex, ditches and several banks in the arenas. "We also put up the Durlock fencing which allows us to open up parts of the fencing so riders can jump from one ring to another," she added. These features have also been used during the farm's FEI event each July.

The original cross-country course was designed by Craig Thompson and built by Todd Richardson and had several switchbacks to allow for required distances for each level. The switchbacks also made the cross-country course very spectator friendly.

Over the years, with the influence of a few course designers, the cross-country course is more open with tracks going into and out of the woods as well as in the open fields. Additional water complexes have been added as well as banks, ditches and recently, a sunken road.

CCIs at Loch Moy

Great Britain's Ian Stark is the current cross-country course designer for the USEA events and is working with Mackintosh on a bid for a new four-star event in Area II. "He has a great imagination and I really enjoy his visits and ideas," Mackintosh said. Stark is also the course designer for the inaugural Maryland 5* Event at Fair Hill.

In order to host a four-star, Mackintosh not only has to provide plans for the cross-country course, which Stark has already created on pa-

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Loch Moy Farm in Adamstown continues to host USEA competitions from Future Event Horse (left) through CCI three-star events (right) as it celebrates 15 years as an eventing facility.

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per, but also needs to provide prize money and live streaming. “We need sponsorships for all of that,” she said. “It really would be a cool summer international experience and a great spectator event but we need good prize money to attract the competitors and sponsors to afford what the FEI requires.”

Currently, the Maryland International holds CCIs at the one-star through three-star levels during Loch Moy’s July event. Mackintosh typically holds parties in various viewing areas for spectators, riders and sponsors but had to cut all of that in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. “We can now have spectators again but we are keeping things small because of the Olympic mandatory outing at Great Meadow the same weekend,” she explained.

Post Pandemic

Although the pandemic is far from over, Maryland and many other parts of the country have finally fully opened for business! The biggest change for Mackintosh this year is being able to welcome back volunteers with social events. “So many of my volunteers are serial volunteers, I love it!” she said, adding, “I’m so glad we can do our volunteer get-togethers after the events again. Everybody is having fun again. That is what I missed most during COVID.”

With several of the early events being can-

celed in 2020, Loch Moy is back to its full schedule with three USEA-sanctioned events, the Maryland International CCIs, and six starter events on the 2021 calendar. Loch Moy is also the host of the USEA Area II championships again this year, which will be held during its October USEA event.

But that is just eventing! Twilight events are scheduled throughout the spring and summer, which Mackintosh reports have been “packed!” “The twilights are so good for young riders and horses,” she added. The farm has already held USDF-sanctioned dressage shows with two more on the schedule for August.

In addition, there are schooling dressage shows, jackpot jumper shows and clinics scheduled throughout the remainder of 2021. This year’s December Donation Derby will be benefiting the Carroll Manor Fire Company, which is the company that longtime volunteer and show EMT Mike Smallwood belongs to.

The USEA Future Event Horse East Coast Championships will take place at Loch Moy in September with several qualifiers being held in the months leading up to the finals. And if Mackintosh is granted a four-star for 2024, it would make Loch Moy one of the only facilities in Maryland to offer competitions from yearlings to Advanced in the sport of eventing.

Stay tuned!



International course designer Ian Stark with Loch Moy Farm owner Carolyn Mackintosh



Carolyn Mackintosh was awarded “favorite organizer” from the Professional Riders Association at the 2019 USEA convention.

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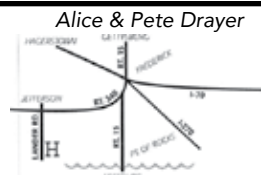
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Equiery photographer Tammie Monaco snapped a selfie with Preakness-winning jockey Flavien Prat after the Preakness.



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Maryland trainer Brittany Russel hosing off Wonderwhereraigis after his win in the sixth race on BESD. Sheldon Russel rode the four-year-old for owners Troy Johnson, Charles Lo and Jagger, Inc.



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Outriders on Preakness Day



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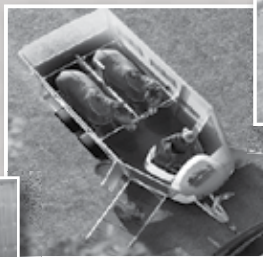
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Olivia Brown riding Poker Van de Plataan in the Junior Jumper Classic at Swan Lake in May.



Beth Collier

Hilltop Farm stallion Louisville HTF made his show debut scoring an 80.17% to win the Training Level Test 3 Open division at PVDA's Spring Show at Morven Park.



Fran Burns

The 23-year-old Thoroughbred Oregon Ridge was ridden by Savannah Hutching at the MidAtlantic Thoroughbred Benefit Show, held May 23 at Tranquillity Manor. Oregon Ridge is owned by Nancy Hale and trained by Betty McCue.

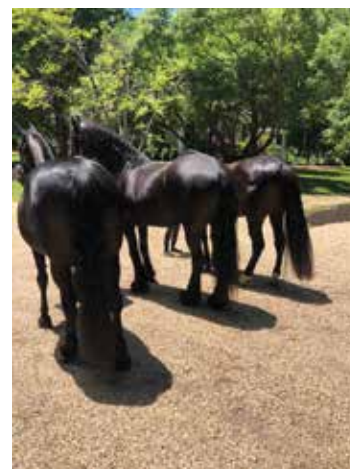


Shawn Paley

The young riders of The Big Easy had fun at the Central Maryland Classic, held at Coexist Stables. From left: Olivia Athanas, Blake Bixler, Sylvie Thomas and Haper Fields with trainer Adrian Ford.



Four-year-old gelding Sparkling Commanda, owned by Reiners Rule, LLC in Frederick, being shown at the McGee Derby in June.



Pam Link

There is something about a pretty tail... Kimber McCreight's HMH Skye (Friesian cross) and Elisa (Friesian) with Pam Link's Magic (PRE)



Tammie J. Monaco

Duc de Meran at the water on his way to win the Steeplethon at the Virginia Gold Cup Races. Duc de Meran is owned by Irvin S. Naylor, trained by Cyril Murphy and was ridden by Jamie Bargary.

Isabel Lopez of Port Deposit rode Beau's Emergence to third place in the Junior Open Beginner Novice division at the Fair Hill International May Horse Trials.



Angie Leiby

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State Senate Budget & Taxation Committee Chair Guy Guzzone (D - Howard County) with MHC Co-President Kim Egan in Ellicott City on June 16.



Sarah Clyatt riding Stephanie Brigham's La Ferrari in the Thoroughbred Jumpers class at the Making Strides Show on May 22 at Breezy Run Farm.



Chloe Panos aboard Patuxent Run Stables' Bubbles with owner Savannah English at the BEST Show on May 9



Angie Leithy

Morgan Connelly rode FireFly to eighth place in Open Preliminary at the Seneca Valley Pony Club June Horse Trials.



Carli Ireland and Sadie at the Carroll County Ag Center in June

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Tammie J. Monaco

Trainer Mark Beecher and his wife Rebecca at the Virginia Gold Cup.



Angie Leithy

Megan Nock and the Chincoteague Pony Breezy earned fifth place in the Beginner Novice Rider division at the Fair Hill International May Horse Trials on May 16.



Angie Leithy

Megan Zalesak and Just Dash splash through the water on their way to a second place finish in the Beginner Novice A division at MDHT's May Starter.



Beth Collier

CantBuyMeLove and Betsy Fritz of Leonardtown started their show season at PV-DA's Spring Show at Morven Park and won the Training Level Test 3 Adult Amateur division.

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Beth Collier

Jennifer Lamb, who trains with Marija Trieschman of Exalt Farm in Harwood, placed fourth at First Level Test 3 Adult Amateur riding Coeur De Joie at PVDA's Spring Show at Morven Park.



Fran Burns

Talk Show Man won the Leadline class at the May 23 MidAtlantic Horse Rescue Thoroughbred Benefit Show. From left: Katie Fitzpatrick Byrnes, her daughter Charlotte Byrnes aboard 2018 Maryland Million Winner Talk Show Man, owner Lindy Gutman, Judy Schafer, Debra Coogan and her horse HEZAWINNERWITHME.



Bailey Cope's early morning ride on Dash trying to beat the heat on a Sunday morning at Double Rock Farm in Rocky Ridge.



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Beth Collier took a break from photographing horse shows to visit the National Zoo in Washington, DC.



Freedom Hill Horse Rescue's "Tacky Girls" Brenda Wesley, Alicia Sullivan, Linda Stolze and Kate Sheridan organize items for the farm's tack sale



Hadden Frost riding the Virginia Gold Cup winner Sc-hoodic, trained by Jack Fisher and owned by Mrs. John R.S. Fisher.

Tammie J. Monaco



Anthony Wallace, Josie Hocking, Baylor Hocking and Colt Hocking at the Double C Farm May 8 afternoon Playday



Suzannah Cornue and Clear Crossing placed fourth in the Open Training division at the Seneca Valley Pony Club June Horse Trials.

Angie Leithy

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Beth Collier

Saladine STC, ridden by David Zeigler of Finksburg, won the Five Year Old Tests at the PVDA Spring Show at Morven Park on May 16.



Angie Leithy

Trenton Morgan and The Art of War placed second in the Junior Elementary B division at MDHT's May Starter.



2020-21 Maryland High School Rodeo Queen Charlize Stair and Cooper during the National Anthem at the MDH-SR state finals competition in June.

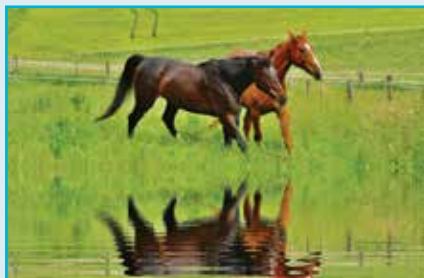
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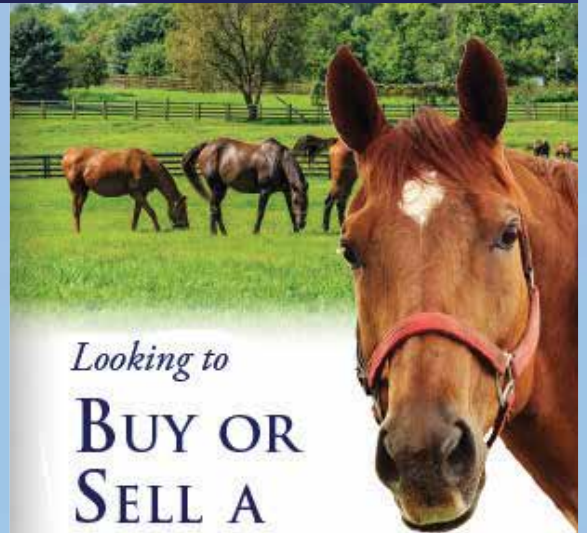
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Leased by Zack Petroski, the AQHA gelding Commando Dun It is owned by breeder Dana Grafft. He is by her stallion Commandalena and out of the mare Dun It Chexily.



Louisa Emerick bred Bitsy's Itsy, a New Forest/Connemara/Thoroughbred cross. The mare is by the New Forest stallion Wasabi and out of the Connemara/Thoroughbred mare Bit O'Erill. Bitsy's Itsy is now owned by a family in upstate New York whose youngest daughter rides her in pony club activities and trail rides.



Shiva, a 2007 Thoroughbred gelding, was bred in Maryland by former Marylander Julia Wendell before she moved to Aiken, SC. Shiva, by Lord of Thunder and out of Rhap Danz, was briefly raced as Bat Outta Heaven before switching to a career as an event horse.



Refam is a Thoroughbred by Tamayaz and out of Rebow. He is owned by Doris Hoppers and bred by Mrs. Richard DuPont.



Eladdinns Caliana is a 2011 Arabian mare owned and bred by Gabrielle Cottone of Cottone Sport Horses. She is by PL Eladdinns Jazz and out of PL Indian Queen.



Weekend Delight is a 2015 Thoroughbred mare by Giacomo and out of Split Tally. She was bred by Chanceland Farm and is now owned by Natalie Huso. Weekend and Natalie are part of this year's Real Rider Cup! Look for photos in a future *Equiery* Out & About.



Willie B Reddy is a 2016 APHA gelding by Hez Reddioactive and out of Dunit For Silver. He is bred and owned by Missy Giesler.



Joann Cangelosi owns Dear Heart, an Oldenburg bred by High Point Hanoverians. Dear Heart is by De Laurentis and out of Wiscaria.



Union Commander is an Arabian/Selle Francais bred by Ann McKay and currently owned by Gretel Frew. He is by Admiral Harnley and out of Touch of Eden and competes primarily as an event horse.



Royal Temptation in a German Oldenburg bred and owned by Marne Marfin-Tucker of Aspen Leaf Farm. This 2016 mare is by Tailormade Temptation and out of El Royal Coeur.

Stacy Lynde



Quinzy HTF is a Hanoverian bred and owned by Hilltop Farm, Inc. He is by Qredit and out of EM Comtesse.



Yvonneke Weitzel's Scarlet Sunrise is an American Warmblood bred by Tory Tolia of Windcrest Farm. She is by Secret Ambition and out of Calico Annie.



Infinity is a 2020 AQHA Perlino Colt owned by Jen Garrett. He was bred by Dana Grafft and is by the Maryland stallion Commandalena and out of Hollywood Chic Flick.



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Meanwhile, MHC member and sponsor **Paradise Energy** has hired **Kaleb Mulford** as a solar installer for Maryland. For more jobs at Paradise, visit <https://www.paradisenergy.com/careers>

MARYLANDER ELLIE TRUEMAN IS AT IT AGAIN!

MHC member and now Florida-resident **Ellie Trueman**, who owns **Kool Kurtains** (manufactured in Frederick) is at it again! But this is not surprising. For over 30 years, Ellie has been providing public relations and marketing guidance to some of the biggest names in the equine industry, including Cosequin and Ariat. Her consulting work for the American Horse Council and the then American Horse Shows Association (now the United States Equestrian Federation) helped to launch some of the most ambitious common-good programs ever seen in the industry (such as the Horse Industry Alliance, which brought together manufacturers, breeders, retailers and more to do broad marketing programs to the general public to increase interest in horses). One of Ellie's pet programs (originally launched in Maryland) is the Black Stallion Literacy Program. Ellie has spearheaded a revival of the program (now dubbed the Black Stallion Reading Project) in her new home state of Florida as a cooperative effort between the Ocala Horse Alliance (which Ellie also helped to found) and Marion County Public Schools in a five year partnership to encourage fourth-grade students to read, set goals, achieve, and become aware of job and career opportunities in the equestrian industry. The program links schools and horse farms and provides rewards and incentives for students to achieve their personal best. Each participating fourth grader will receive a copy of *The Black Stallion* and the opportunity to interact with a horse. For some, this will be their first encounter; for others, this could be their only encounter.

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Cedar Rowe Lusitanos Equestrian Fitness Center: Note the name: "equestrian" Fitness center, not "equine" fitness center. Founder **Linda Denniston** believes that before one can get a horse fit or accomplish anything else in the saddle, one must first be fit herself. As she once explained to *Horse Illustrated*, "We start with the groundwork because people don't understand the biomechanics of their own bodies. And that's critical to staying on the horse." Linda herself is a dressage rider and dressage-horse owner, with FEI trainer Felicitas von Neumann-Cosel riding Linda's well-respected Tonic do Top.



Chesapeake Therapeutic Riding, Inc. (CTR): Cathy Schmidt's lifelong love of horses led her to establish Chesapeake Therapeutic Riding—now simply known as CTR—in 2003. Under Cathy's leadership, CTR has grown from a single horse to a whole herd, and she has grown the therapeutic riding program while adding other horse-centered initiatives to meet the community's needs. Today, in addition to therapeutic riding, this list of programs and services includes hippotherapy (physical therapy on horseback), Equine Experiences, the Pony Express, Corporate Teambuilding, Leadership Workshops, Hoofprints bereavement programming, and Horse Powered Learning.



The EquiLearn Institute: Founded by Courtney Molino, the EquiLearn Institute is not only an Equinology® Independent Licensed Company (ILC), but the only school in the eastern United States with the rights to deliver the comprehensive Equinology and Caninology® programs. The EquiLearn Institute is an outgrowth of Courtney's original business, Hands on Horses, which she founded in Howard County in 2004 to promote the

overall wellness of companion and competitive animals. A registered veterinary nurse, Courtney studied equine science and anatomy at Virginia Tech, completed the equine rehabilitation program at the University of Tennessee, is certified by Equinology® in equine bodywork and is an FEI Permitted Equine Therapist. Recently, she founded the EquiLearn Institute and is excited to bring the excellent Equinology and Caninology curriculum to the eastern United States.

Heaven Sent Farm: New business owner **Gillian Lopez** is planning ahead! "Although I established the business this year," explained Gillian, "we are not yet open for business - and probably won't officially open until late fall this year or spring 2022. The barn is currently under construction, but our website and facebook page should hopefully be

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up shortly!" Once opened, the Sparks (Baltimore County) farm will offer full care boarding. Gillian has been in horses for 17 years and as spent most of her adult life working professionally in the industry, spending 6 years as a manager at Dover Saddlery and two years as their saddle-fitting consultant.



Legacy Spring Farm: Jennifer Bevan-Dangel has over 20 years of experience with horses, including working at several barns in Maryland and volunteering at a horse rescue. In 2019, her family acquired a 30-acre farm in Howard County, which they are slowly transitioning from a sheep farm to a boarding and training facility. Jennifer has worked as a full-time policy advocate and non-profit director since graduating from the University of Maryland School of Law in 2005. She currently serves as the Maryland State Director for the Humane Society of the United States.

Middle Ridge Animal Rescue, Inc.: Middle Ridge Animal Rescue, a 501(c)3 licensed non-profit, is a lifetime sanctuary and adoption organization dedicated to helping homeless and rescued cats and horses. Based in Middletown Valley, the rescue was founded by **Whitney Thompson**.

Misty Manor: Misty Manor, founded by Judi Reinke, is one of the oldest stables in Maryland, located in Marriottsville, offering guided trail rides, lessons and boarding. J After Judi's death earlier this year, daughter **Nichole Reinke** and her wife **Gina Piellusch** have taken over reins.

Too Late For Press: In the next issue, find out about new member **Travys Harvey**, an Annapolis-based attorney.

WELCOME BACK TO RENEWED MEMBERS



Welcome back to renewed members **Tim** and **Tracey Gay**, owners of **Molly Hill**, a boarding and lesson farm in Whiteford. The Gays were stationed in Maryland, arriving over 20 years ago and ending up falling in love with Harford County. After Tim retired from the Army, he and Tracey (a teacher) decided it was time to "return to their roots." Tracey grew up in New Jersey on a small farm with a few cows and a Paint mare. Tim grew up on a farm in South Carolina, and from this farm comes the name "Molly Hill." A full service facility,

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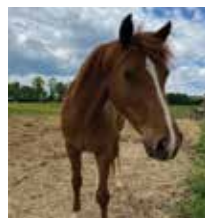
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MARYLAND WILL MISS...

Debbie Rollins-Frank died in December 2020. Rollins-Frank ran Walnut Hill Lane in Towson, which later moved to Miller Lane in Hereford. She was a founding member of the Maryland Combined Training Association and her family helped run and build the Jackson's Hole Event, which was the predecessor for MCTA at Shawan Downs.

Rollins-Frank was also a founding member of the Maryland Horse Council and helped form the Maryland Horse Industry Board. In addition, she was founder and president of Equine Rescue and Rehabilitation, Inc., which rescued and rehabbed over a hundred horses since the early 2000s.

Judy Reneke of Misty Manor Riding Stables in Marriottsville died this past January. Reneke ran a trail riding hack stable at Misty Manor and often bought horses from auctions to re-home through her stables. One such horse was Rocket, who was later purchased by Cheryl London. London stated, "Over the years, she probably saved thousands of horse lives. She was an unrecognized hero." London added, "I was told by a good friend of hers that her lifetime of horse sales did not personally enrich her, but she lived the life she wanted."

John E. Franzreb III of Staten Island, NY, died on May 21 at the age of 79. Franzreb was the ringmaster at horse shows across the United States, including the Washington International Horse Show. He owned and operated Clove Lake Stables in New York, which was founded by his family in the mid-1930s. The horses from his family's horse-drawn ice-delivery business were transitioned into lesson horses after home refrigeration forced the closing of the ice business.



Alden Corrigan

The horn Franzreb **John E. Franzreb III**

used as ringmaster was gifted to him by August A. Busch, Jr., who owned Anheuser-Busch, after Franzreb managed his horse show in St. Louis. The horn is being donated to the National Horse Show Museum in Kentucky by Judy, his wife of 56 years.

In addition to teaching at Clove Lake Stables, Franzreb also lent his skills to the movie industry and provided the carriages and horses needed for the film *Hello, Dolly!* He even taught actor Walter Matthau how to drive the horse for the movie. Franzreb himself appeared in commercials and as an extra in many films with a speaking role in *Man on a Swing*.

The Franzrebs were also an integral part of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, in which their horses, carriages and other equipment were incorporated into the annual extravaganza.

Hiram "Steve" Dance, a senior member of the Fasig-Tipton's auction team, died on May 25 at his home in Jarrettsville. He was 78. Dance was born in Towson in 1943 while Humphrey Finney was president of Fasig-Tipton. When Finney left in 1953, Dance's uncle, "Laddie" Dance, along with John Finney and Larry Ensor all mentored Dance at Fasig-Tipton, assigning him a variety of jobs. Dance became a full-time auctioneer and bid spotter for Fasig-Tipton in 1972 and did not miss a single auction during his 50-year career with the company.

In addition to Fasig-Tipton, Dance also owned and operated Milton J Dance Auction Company, which was founded by his grandfather. The company, based in Towson, sold everything from pots and pans to multi-

COMINGS & GOINGS



Megan Keating (pictured) has been hired as the new Program Coordinator for METS.

A fond farewell to **Sal Sinatra** who has left the Maryland Jockey Club to become the President of Equibase Company LLC in Kentucky.

Charlie Scheeler has been named Chairman of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority board.

million dollar mansions. Dance also had a passion for BMW motorcycles and owned up to 20 at a time. He rode all over North America taking friends along with him for long road trips.

Gilbert Lee Porter of Sandy Spring died on May 30 at the age of 82. Born in Washington, DC, Porter began his career in drywall and went on to become a builder and contractor in the Silver Spring area. Many of the housing developments around Cloverly, Sandy Spring, and Silver Spring/Spencerville boast his custom touches in the sections that he built.



Gilbert Lee Porter

After attending the 1963 Washington International Horse Show, Porter was impressed by the cutting of horseman Sonny Perry and took up the sport. In addition to several wins in the Novice and Non-Pro Cutting competitions, his horses were also bred to be champions. His beloved War China and Chopsticks were winning horses that are interred on his farm, in addition to Magic Molly who still resides there.

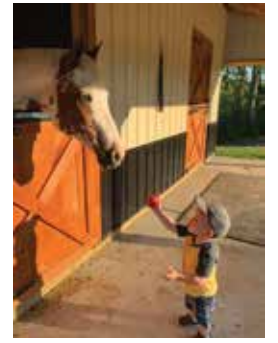
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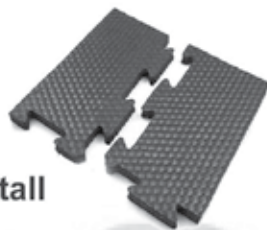
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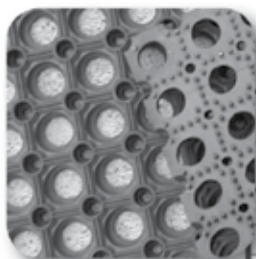
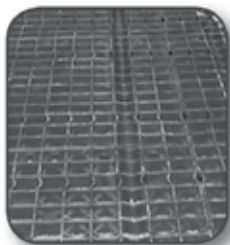
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