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Whether you are a race-horse trainer, jockey, a backstretch worker, a Horse-land visitor or have taken a Sunrise at Old Hilltop tour,



you have probably run into Bobby Lillis. From hotwalking to riding in races to advocating for those who work behind the scenes in the racing industry, Bobby has spent more than 50 years giving his time, energy and enthusiasm to the racing community. The Maryland Horsemen's Assistance Fund celebrates this legendary horsemen through this month's *Equiery* cover. To read more about Bobby's long career, see page 13 of this issue. Photo by Jerry Dzierwinski/JHA Photo.

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Happy Trails Through METS

By the Maryland Equine Transition Service staff



Understanding

Here at METS, we're all about placing horses in their forever homes and we love to celebrate successful placements. Of the 162 horses that we've assessed to date, many placement stories are close to our hearts and a tall bay mare named Understanding is one of them.

It all started when Brittney Carow traveled to a farm in Montgomery County to assess five Thoroughbreds

who needed to be re-homed after their owner passed away. One of those five was Understanding; a leggy 8-year-old OTTB standing at 17h.

Michelle Craig of West Wind Farms (Upperville, VA.) saw Understanding listed on the Retired Racehorse Project Facebook page and immediately jumped at the chance to give the mare a home. Just four days after Understanding's listing went live, she was on Michelle's trailer heading to her new home. As luck would have it, on her way home with Understanding in tow, Michelle got stuck in rush hour traffic and didn't have time to drop the mare off before picking up her daughter from school. Understanding didn't seem phased at all and said hello to an entire kindergarten class.

Since settling in at West Wind Farms, Understanding has been excelling in her training, trying everything from sidesaddle to fox hunting. In May of 2019, Craig took Understanding to her very first hunt trail ride and only had positive things to say about the sweet mare.

"Everyone thought she was gorgeous! I had to keep saying, 'Yes, she really is an OTTB,' and got to tell a lot of people about METS," Craig said. "Not a lot of people in Northern Virginia [had] heard of the program, but hopefully after seeing her out and knowing where she came from, more people around here will look it up!"

By the beginning of December, Understanding was ready to participate in her first real foxhunt. "It was fast, loud, sometimes chaotic out hunting," said Craig. "I'm happy to report Understanding was perfect for her first foxhunt! She handled first field galloping by her in the woods, hounds around her hind legs, and stood at checks very well!"

"She's rare – we start a lot of hunt horses (OTTBs and others) and she acted like she read a 'How to Be a Good Hunt Horse' manual and just did it so well. Most horses would have been rightfully overwhelmed by [the] hunt and she took it all in stride," she continued. "We came home,

she got a bath, she took a nap. She's just wonderful, and her ears and lower lips were happily flopping the whole time out."

We caught up with Craig this summer and she said, "Understanding is fabulous! She's still probably one of the most special and fancy OTTBs we've ever seen in our barn, and she is SO kind, everyone who's met her has fallen in love with her. She's addicted to carrots too and requires basically a small bag a day, which she of course gets, no one can say no to her sweetness and floppy ears!"

Understanding and her story are extremely special and METS is honored to play a role in helping her find her forever home.



Spud

Another one of our favorite stories is of a sweet pasture pony named Spud. Horses like Spud often face uncertainty in their living situations as they age, especially if they are retired from active riding and their owners face economic hardship.

Back in August of 2019, METS assessed a pair of geldings in Queen Anne's County. The owner's daughter had moved out and the geldings were enjoying being horses out in the field. It was becoming financially and physically more difficult for the owner to care for the two, so he called METS to help.

One of the geldings, Lad's Star, was registered with the Appaloosa Horse Club and had years of English pleasure, halter, hunter in-hand, Western, and 4H shows under his belt. Due to some chronic lameness in his later years, "Spud" was looking for a home mainly as a companion. Companion horses can be more difficult to place than fully rideable horses, but METS was determined to find this guy his forever home.

In October, METS supporters and volunteers Joni and Ray brought Spud home. Spud had spent most of his life living outside with his buddy, Bon Bon, so the transition to a new herd was a little difficult for him. Instead of sending him back to his previous owner when things didn't go smoothly, Joni and Ray didn't give up and recognized that Spud was having trouble adjusting and worked with their barn owner to find the best living situation for him. With time, Spud was able to settle into his routine and make new friends and is loving his new home with Joni and Ray!

Now, Joni says, "He is one happy, spoiled, pampered horse. He comes trotting up to see my husband, which makes Ray's day. I taught him to 'smile' with clicker training, which entertains both of us. He really is the cutest, sweetest horse!"

Turns out an old horse can learn new tricks!

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Cap Challenge Moves to Ohio

Last month we reported that this year's Capital Challenge Horse Show was set to run at the Prince George's Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro as scheduled. Sadly, we learned on August 17 that due to changes with the county's parks department regulations, the Capital Challenge management team is moving the show to the World Equestrian Center in Wilmington, OH on September 25 - October 4, pending US Equestrian approval.

A press release issued by Capital Challenge stated, "Due to the Prince George's County Parks Department's tightened regulations surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic and its decision to decrease the number of horses allowed at the facility, management made the difficult decision to move the horse show."

"We have been grateful for the Roberts family's continued support of Capital Challenge," said Capital Challenge show manager Oliver Kennedy of the owners and operators of the World Equestrian Center. "When things were looking difficult recently, they stepped right up to the plate. This was not an easy decision to make, but it will be a way to still have the Capital Challenge Horse Show that everyone knows and loves, in a format and venue that will provide the best experience possible."

The World Equestrian Center has been the presenting sponsor of Capital Challenge Horse Show since 2016, and now the well-regarded, state-of-the-art equestrian sports venue will also provide a safe, top-of-the-line facility for the popular year-end horse show.

Currently, Capital Challenge plans to host all slated classes including the North American League Jumper Finals and Medium Junior/Amateur-Owner Jumpers. A revised schedule and prize list is available online.

Dr. Sobota Named to MHIB

Dr. Justin Sobota, owner of South Mountain Equine (Middletown), has been appointed by Governor Larry Hogan to represent Licensed Veterinarians on the Maryland Horse Industry Board. Members from 11 different sectors of the State's equine industry serve four-year terms with MHIB. Dr. Sobota fills the vacancy created by the departure of Dr. Michael Odian, who resigned from MHIB earlier this year after taking the position of Maryland's State Veterinarian.



Dr. Justin Sobota, pictured here with his family, joins MHIB representing Licensed Veterinarians.

Dr. Sobota has operated South Mountain Equine for 11 years and services all types of horses in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania. He specializes in lameness, chiropractic and acupuncture.

"We are delighted to have someone of Dr. Sobota's energy and expertise on the board," said Jim Steele, MHIB Chair. "We have been blessed over the years to have a number of excellent veterinarians on the MHIB board and excited that Dr. Sobota joins that distinguished list."

Maryland Teens Compete at Rodeo Finals

The Maryland High School Rodeo Association sent a delegation of eight members to the National High School Finals Rodeo in Ohio. Approximately 1,500 contestants from the



Tanner Naylor of Hancock successfully catches his calf in the Tie-Down Roping Event at the National High School Rodeo Finals in Ohio last month.

U.S., Canada, Mexico and Australia typically compete at the Finals, competing for national titles, assorted prizes and college scholarships. Members competed in Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Breakaway Calf Roping, Goat Tying, Team Roping, Tie-Down Roping, Steer Wrestling and Shooting.

The MHSRA results are:

- Darby Conrad (Pen-Mar, PA) – 69th Pole Bending, 117th Barrel Racing
- Katie Howard (Salisbury, MD) – 149th Goat Tying
- Flecia McKnew (Prince Frederick, MD) – Shooting results pending
- Morgan Meekins (Townsend, DE) – 78th Breakaway Calf Roping, 136th Goat Tying
- Tanner Naylor (Hancock, MD) – 42nd Tie-Down Roping, 75th Team Roping, 108th Steer Wrestling
- Trevor Naylor (Hancock, MD) – 75th Team Roping
- Sierra Rowe (Williamsport, MD) – 51st Barrel Racing, 108th Pole Bending
- Charlize Stair (Catonsville, MD) – 96th Goat Tying, 137th Barrel Racing

Rescue at Fair Hill

On July 26, a horse slipped off a bridge at the Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area. The Equine Rescue Ambulance, Fair Hill Division, was on standby for Fair Hill when the Assistant Park Manager requested assistance for a trapped horse. DNR Park staff and a veterinarian from Unionville Equine assisted the Ambulance team volunteers of Heather Miller, Colton Miller, Valerie Marvel, John Bratton, William Cain and JoAnn Baysshore.

It took the team four hours to free the horse, which once home, received additional veterinary care.

The Equine Rescue Ambulance is an all volunteer 501(c)3 organization.

Nation Media Awards \$5,400 in Diversity Scholarships

This past July, Nation Media (*Eventing Nation*, *Jumper Nation* and *Horse Nation*) announced the winners of its 1st Annual \$5,000 Diversity Scholarship. The mission of the program is to "call for, en-

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courage, elevate and give a platform to minority voices in a space where they are underrepresented" according to Nation Media's July 31 post on eventingnation.com.

Eventing Nation's Editor-in-Chief, Leslie Wylie, recently stated, "The Diversity Scholarship was really a spontaneous, seat-of-the-pants endeavor. We were so excited to see the equestrian world engage with the Black Lives Matter movement, with some really progressive discourse emerging about how to make the horse world a more diverse and inclusive space."

Wylie explained that she was a panelist on the 2019 Tom Bass Seminar at Tryon International Equestrian Center, which was the first ever seminar dedicated to the subject of diversity in equestrian sports. She said that two things really jumped out to her at the seminar. "First, and this seems obvious but I think sometimes it gets lost in the shuffle, is the importance of just shutting up and listening to what minority voices have to say," she said. Wylie feels, "we need to stop talking over minority voices and give them the microphone instead."

Secondly, Wylie realized that although conversations were a great place to start, these words were "only as good as our ability to take them out into the world and make them actionable." Thus, Nation Media started the idea of a Diversity Scholarship and first announced the "1st Annual \$1,000 Diversity Scholarship" on June 26.

Support for the scholarship took off and more and more people began pledging funds to the scholarship. With the help of generous donations from Stable View, Katherine Coleman and Hannah Hawkins, Nation Media was able to offer \$5400 worth of scholarship funds for 2020.

This year's scholarship program received 27 submissions representing a broad spectrum of gender, racial, ethnic, sexual and class identities. The program's scholarship winners cross many equine disciplines as well, including eventing, hunters, jumpers, dressage, polo and western. "In lieu of declaring a winner we have expanded the fund to award each applicant \$200," Nation Media stated on July 31.

Since announcing this year's winners, *Eventing Nation* has begun publishing essays from each rider every day on their website. In addition, at the end of each essay, EN posts a "Get Involved" section with resources and ideas for readers to be able to take action. The online essays keep the conversation going and help people take action. "Our response from readers to the essays has been really encouraging," Wylie said, "Just comment after comment of positivity and encouragement for the essay writers."

Nation Media intends to continue the schol-

arship on an annual basis.

Below is a list of the 2020 Diversity Scholarship winners. You can read each winner's essay on eventingnation.com.

- Caden Barrera (Minneapolis)
- Dana Bivens (Oregon)
- Madison Buening (Wisconsin)
- Helen Casteel (Silver Spring, MD)
- Anastasia Curwood (Kentucky)
- Dawn Edgerton-Cameron (Annapolis, MD)
- Morgan Fenrick (North Carolina)
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- Christine Wilson (New York)

Lasix-free Study

A Lasix-free study on two-year-old racehorses in Maryland kicked off on August 7 at Laurel Park. The planned study was approved by the Maryland Equine Safety, Health and Welfare Advisory Committee, which falls under the Maryland Racing Commission. The study includes post race video endoscopies of all starters in 2-year-old races.

Through a press release, the Maryland Jockey Club stated that under an emergency regulation approved on August 2, all 2-year-old races through December 31 will be run Lasix-free with a 48-hour cut-off of the therapeutic medication. Private veterinarians who practice at Laurel will perform the endoscopies. Information forms for each horse will gather data to be transferred to an online database. MRC will maintain all records and only a horse's owner and trainer will be given the results to maintain anonymity.

The study is part of a broader agreement between the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association and The Stronach Group for a Lasix-free pilot program that will run through 2023 for 2-year-old races and grades stakes only. Graded stakes races for 2020 are not part of the pilot program.

WIHS Joins List of Canceled 2020 Shows

On August 14, the Board of Directors and show management team for the Washington International Horse Show, presented by Mars Equestrian, announced the cancellation of the 2020 WIHS. Earlier this summer, on July 23, WIHS's board had announced the show would move to Tampa, Florida, due to the continued closure of the Capital One Arena.

In its newest press release, WIHS stated that because "multiple issues have evolved resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, WIHS found it impossible to successfully host the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Washington for 2020."

WIHS has also moved its WIHS Equitation Finals and WIHS Pony Equitation Finals, as well as the WIHS Children's and Adult Hunter and Jumper Finals, to Tryon International Equestrian Center in North Carolina. These classes will be held October 20-25.

State Fair Canceled, Some Horse Shows Go On

On August 5, Maryland State Fair officials canceled this year's fair due to the COVID-19 pandemic. "There will be no rides, no racing, no public building, no commercial building, no indoor entries, no farm and garden entries," stated general manager Andy Cashman. "The only thing we're going to have at this year's fair will be the junior and open livestock shows... [and] no public will be invited." In addition, those livestock shows held will be open to in-state participants only.

The fair was originally set to run from August 27 to September 7.

Kudos...

Kudos to Alexis Kinney and Abigail Grove on being named to the Interscholastic Equestrian Association's Youth Board for the 2020-2021 season. Kinney is a junior from Hollywood and rides hunters out of A Moment in Time. Grove is a sophomore from Cumberland. She rides dressage out of Mystic Meadows Farm.

IHSA Adds Ranch Riding

The Intercollegiate Horse Shows Association (IHSA) leadership team announced on July 29 the addition of Ranch Riding classes to its Western divisions. The new class includes individual performance of an approved pattern that emulates maneuvers commonly used in ranch work such as gait extensions and turnarounds. The new class is being offered to IHSA Western Level II members.

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Bobby Lillis

From Hot Walker to Backstretch Hero



Jim McCue

by Katherine O. Rizzo

It was the late 1960s when a teenaged Bobby Lillis first stepped foot on a racetrack. “I remember watching those horses coming out of the paddock and seeing the beautiful colors of the jockeys’ silks and the majestic, shiny horses and my jaw dropped,” he reminisced. “I was just in awe.” That was at the then Hazel Park in Michigan, just a few years before Lillis started an impressively long career within the racing industry.

Race Riding

When Lillis was just 15 years old, he and his parents headed to Detroit Race Course to meet with some trainers and jockeys. “Someone said that Bob Holthus was looking for a hot walker so we met with him and next thing I know, I’m living in a tack room at the track,” Lillis said. At the time, Lillis already had dreams of riding but had never sat on a horse.

“I learned to be a groom and then when I was 18 I went to Sugar Hill Farm in Ocala [Florida] to work for Sherman Armstrong,” he said. Armstrong was the leading jockey of two-year-olds at the time and declared to Lillis that he would teach him to ride. “We were standing out there looking at a field of yearlings and he pointed at them and said, ‘I’m going to teach you to ride them,’” Lillis remembered with a chuckle. “I kept telling him I’ve never ridden before and he just said, ‘you’ll fall off so many times you’ll learn to stay on.’”

Under Armstrong’s guidance, Lillis learned to start yearlings and eventually became an exercise rider for trainer Henry Shadownes. “I

remember Sherman telling me not to rush into race riding and that I’d know when I was ready to ride in a race,” Lillis added.

By the fall of 1974, Lillis was sitting on a horse in the starting gate in his first race as a jockey. He was back at Hazel Park in a 6-furlong race and finished third. “What I remember most about that first race was how much my knees wanted to buckle when I was done. I was exhausted but loved it!”

The following year he broke his maiden on a horse named Kitty’s Special. That was March 9, 1975, at Suffolk Downs in Massachusetts. By this time, Lillis was living the life of the traveling jockey, wintering in Florida and traveling up the coast to Boston, stopping along the way at various tracks during various seasons. In 1976, he had a jockey’s license at 10 different tracks on the East Coast.

Maryland’s Appeal

In 1975, Lillis met his wife Ruthanne at Monmouth Park in New Jersey and in the spring of 1976 they decided to settle in Maryland. Why you might ask? Because between Pimlico, Timonium, Laurel Park and Bowie Race Course, Maryland offered year-round racing. “I knew here in Maryland I could just stay put,” he said.

Lillis describes his career as a jockey as “average” but said, “I was able to put two kids through college. I also exercised [racehorses] in the mornings and was a parking attendant.” Being multi-talented and willing to work is what has kept Lillis in the industry for so long. When he had a bad fall that forced him to retire from race riding, “I had a chip in my hand and just couldn’t hold a galloping horse,” he had other options to pursue within the industry.

At the same time as his injury, the idea of casinos in Maryland was just getting started.

“We thought this would destroy racing because at first, no slots revenue was going to racing,” he explained. So Lillis began writing weekly to local papers in opposition to the casinos. “I became a bit political by writing letters to the [Baltimore] Sun, BloodHorse and the Washington Post,” he said. “Then slots got tagged with racing incentives for purses and everything changed.”

It was Lillis’ passion for the sport he loved that impressed Richard Meyer, then President of the Maryland Horsemen’s Assistance Fund Board of Directors.



Lauren Amberman

Bobby Lillis and Jill Kaenel working babies at Benray Farm (Westminster) in 1981.

Backstretch Advocate

In August 1998, Meyer approached Lillis asking if he wanted to work for MHAF. “I thought I had hit the lottery!” Lillis said with a laugh. “It was a Monday through Friday job so I didn’t have to work weekends anymore!” However, it was working and advocating for backstretch workers that really drew Lillis to the job. “I lived and worked that lifestyle and have a soft spot for backstretch workers.”

Twenty-one years later, Lillis announced his retirement as MHAF’s Executive Director earlier this summer. However, he’s not ready for retirement! “I’m staying on ‘til the end of the year to help them transition to someone new,” he reported. “After 50 plus years of being in the industry, I couldn’t just walk away completely!”

During his time with MHAF, Lillis also took time out of his schedule to advocate for the sport as a whole, educating the general public through the Sunrise Tours during Preakness Week at Pimlico and in the Horseland tent at the Maryland State Fair.

“Fran Burns approached me one year to fill a spot when Donny Miller, Sr., had to pull out due to an injury,” Lillis said of his first Sunrise Tour experience. “She’s the one that suggested instead of being a tour guide, I have a station to talk about what it’s like to be a jockey.”

In true Lillis fashion, he went above and beyond with his tour stop. “I was able to get some extra silks, goggles and saddles and such to pass around to the kids and such,” he said. “The people who came [to Pimlico] got a chance to actually touch the equipment and see how light the saddles are and try on some goggles.” Burns loved it and Lillis has had a tour stop ever since. “After that first year, I started asking the jock-

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Bobby Lillis’ first win as a jockey came aboard Kitty’s Special at Suffolk Downs in 1975.

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eyes to save me the goggles they weren't using any longer and I would give those out to the kids who came on the tours."

"The general public has a different perspective of what the industry really is like," he added. "These tours are a good opportunity to change that perspective."

At Horseland, Lillis took the Sunrise Tour step idea to a whole new level by setting up a booth complete with an exerciser and silks and such kids could actually try on. "It's a big hit with the kids and a great photo op for the parents!"

Honoring a Hero

Over the past 50 years, Lillis has given his all to the racing industry, with the majority of this effort benefitting Maryland's backstretch workers and the overall image of the industry. Lillis has been recognized for his efforts over the years with a variety of awards.

Most recently, Lillis was awarded the Godolphin Thoroughbred Industry Community Award in 2019. That year he also earned a Touch of Class Award through the Maryland Horse Industry Board.

Lillis has also earned the Maryland Racing Media Association President's Award, the Maryland Jockey Club Circle of Excellence Award, the MTHA Outstanding Service to Maryland Horsemen Award and the Thoroughbred Charities of America Distinguished Service Award. In



Bobby Lillis introduces a whole new generation to possible careers in the racing industry through a booth at the State Fair's Horseland and stop on Pimlico's Sunrise Tours.

addition, Lillis was once the Honorary Postmaster during Preakness Week's Alibi Breakfast.

But it is not the awards that drive Lillis. It is sharing his own experiences and love of the sport. "I have to say, and people need to know, that horse racing here in Maryland has endless opportunities. So many countless opportunities to carve out a lifetime career."

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I've had the pleasure of working together with Bobby for close to 25 years now! We first met at the Maryland Jockey Club. Bobby always did such a wonderful job, and in particular, was great with the customers, who really liked him. His devotion and loyalty to Maryland racing was pretty clear to us all.

I recall Bobby was constantly brainstorming all sorts of terrific ideas to draw new customers and engage existing fans. When the drive to bring slot machines to the racetrack was first initiated in the '90s, Bobby never missed a rally in Annapolis, and always encouraged industry colleagues to support our efforts. He even dressed up as a slot machine/grim reaper (I think he won!) for our popular employee Halloween costume contest.

When Bobby transitioned to the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association and Maryland Horsemen's Assistance Fund, he brought the same vigor, passion and commitment we valued so highly at MJC to his work on behalf of horsemen and the backstretch. Bobby is tireless in his advocacy for the backstretch and has spearheaded many programs of support that offer diverse services and opportunities.

I know I speak on behalf of many in Maryland who feel as I do. And in 2019, that feeling was confirmed by his industry peers when Bobby received the prestigious 2019 Godolphin Thoroughbred Employee Industry Community Award (pictured). It remains a sincere honor to continue with him on the Fund's team.

- Karin De Francis, President of the Maryland Horsemen's Assistance Fund Board



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Test your Preakness knowledge with this fun “fact or fiction” quiz!

Listed below are a mix of true facts and made up facts about the Preakness Stakes’ 145-year history. Circle “fact” or “fiction” and check equiery.com later this month to see how many you guessed correctly!



1. The Preakness trophy, the Woodlawn Vase, was made in 1860 by Tiffany and Company.

Fact or Fiction

2. Traditionally, the Black-eyed Susan blanket worn by the Preakness winner is made of daisies painted with black centers since Black-eyed Susans do not bloom until June.

Fact or Fiction

3. The tradition of painting the weather vane with the Preakness winner’s silks was started in 1985.

Fact or Fiction



4. The most recent filly to win the Preakness Stakes was Nellie Morse in 1924.

Fact or Fiction

5. Pimlico Race Course is the second oldest track in the U.S. and first opened on October 25, 1870.

Fact or Fiction

6. “Maryland My Maryland” was adapted from the poem by James Ryder Randall written in 1861. It became the state song in 1999 and is sung each year right before the running of the Preakness Stakes.

Fact or Fiction



7. There have been five Maryland-bred winners of the Preakness Stakes.

Fact or Fiction

8. The first Maryland-bred horse to win the Preakness Stakes was Sagamore Farm’s Native Dancer in 1953.

Fact or Fiction

9. Belair Stud bred two Preakness Stakes (and Triple Crown!) winners.

Fact or Fiction

10. The Alibi Breakfast started in the late 1930s on the porch of the Pimlico Clubhouse as a group of reporters, trainers, owners and dignitaries gathered to chat about their horses and swap stories.

Fact or Fiction



11. The original clubhouse was destroyed by fire in June of 1971. A replica now sits at the finish line in the Pimlico infield and is the official winner’s circle for the Preakness Stakes.

Fact or Fiction

12. The Preakness Stakes has been held on every day of the week over its long history.

Fact or Fiction

13. The first Preakness Stakes was held on May 23, 1873.

Fact or Fiction

14. Survivor, the first Preakness Stakes winner, won by 10 lengths, setting a Preakness record that was not beaten until Smarty Jones won by 11.5 lengths in 2004.

Fact or Fiction



15. Considered the “Lost Preaknesses,” the Preakness was held in Kentucky for several years.

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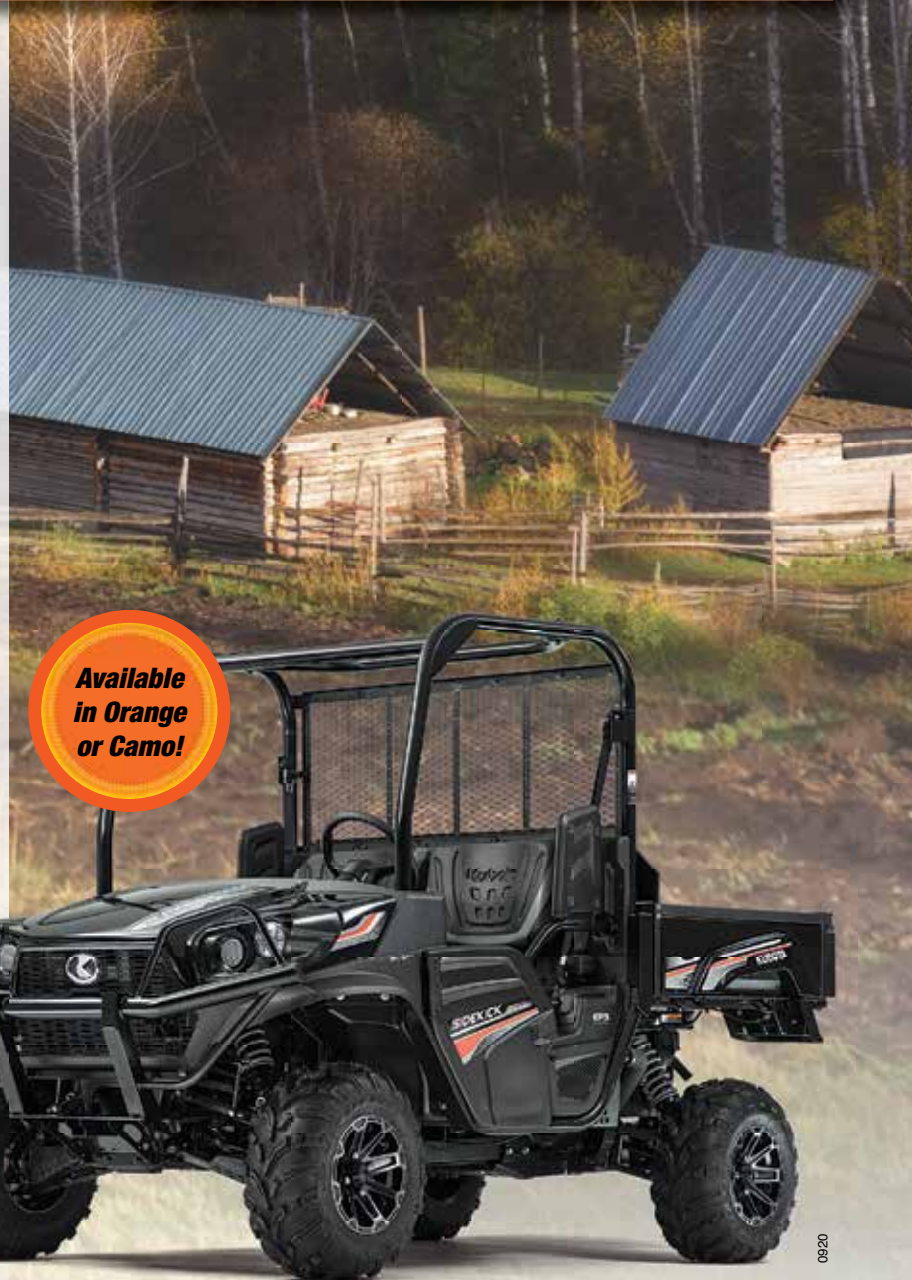
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The COVID Triple Crown

by Katherine O. Rizzo

The Preakness Stakes is by far the biggest racing day on the Maryland schedule each year. It is the day when the world descends on Maryland to see if that year's Kentucky Derby winner will make it one step closer to becoming part of Triple Crown history. The week leading up to the Preakness is always an exciting one with racing fans getting a chance to look behind the scenes of Pimlico through Sunrise Tours, industry leaders highlighting excellence through the Alibi Breakfast awards and of course, two days packed full of stakes races and fun on Black-Eyed Susan and Preakness Day.

But this year is different, as the COVID-19 pandemic has thrown one giant wrench into the Triple Crown.

The "Triple Crown"

As the world came to a halt this spring, the Maryland Jockey Club made the decision to move the Preakness Stakes to October 3 this year. Traditionally, the Preakness is the second race in the Triple Crown and is run mid-May. The Belmont Stakes, normally the last race in the series, decided to run on June 20, though the race distance was shortened, and the Kentucky Derby moved to September 5.

Thus, the 2020 Triple Crown will be run in a completely different order: Belmont, Derby and then Preakness. The change certainly breaks with tradition and brings up a whole host of questions, uncertainties and excitement related to what the 2020 Triple Crown will actually look like.

"The Triple Crown is completely upside down this year," trainer Graham Motion stated. "With two races in the fall, you are going to see a deeper field of more accomplished horses." Motion, who won the 2011 Kentucky Derby with Animal Kingdom, pointed out that most horses are barely three-years-old when the Derby typically runs. "When we won with Animal Kingdom, he had never run on dirt before. Now, you have more developed horses that have more experience running," he said.

Motion predicts that the fall races will create more competitive fields at both the Derby and Preakness. He also pointed out the longer time between each race gives horses more time



Ryan Lasak

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Katherine O. Rizzo

to recover and also more time to train between races. All these changes have Motion stating, "There will need to be an asterisk next to this year because of how different the schedule is. It will be interesting to watch it all play out."

Fall Stakes Schedule

One positive to the Preakness move is that the various Preakness Week stakes races are moving to the fall as well. Trainer Katy Voss stated, "There are loads of opportunities for the stakes horses starting in September." Voss is currently looking to run a few horses in the new Preakness Week stakes races. Motion agrees stating, "it's a bonus to have so many stakes races to point to this fall."

Trainer Phil Shoenthal stated that the Preakness move does not have a huge effect on most mid-Atlantic trainers adding, "for every person who was unhappy with the change you have someone who is happy [about it]." Shoenthal pointed out that some trainers had horses ready to run in May while others have horses that have benefited from having more time to develop for fall stakes.

Shoenthal's biggest concern about stakes races in general for 2020 is funding the purses. "We as horseman really need to have a conversation about the purses," he said pointing out that a large amount of purse money comes from slots. "The casinos were closed for so long and this has had a big impact on how much money is available. We need to figure out the best way to utilize what money there is."

Voss pointed out that the industry has lost around 20% of the year's purse funds due to the lack of revenue from slots.

Racing During COVID

As many in the horse industry have found, trying to run some sort of normal operations during this pandemic is basically impossible. But as others in Maryland's equine industry have also done, Maryland's racing industry has found ways to adapt and keep on running.

Throughout the pandemic, the Maryland Jockey Club has issued "COVID-19 Quarantine Updates" with various changes to procedures in order to continue with live racing. Currently, live Thoroughbred racing is at Laurel Park only, with the summer Timonium meet being moved to Laurel Park and a fall Preakness meeting to be run at Pimlico still in the works.

MJC has limited who can come onto the track and how long individuals can remain in various areas such as the paddock, stables and along the rail. Temperature check points are also being used and face masks are mandatory with jockeys pulling them down once in the starting gate. "We are being a lot more cautious than many other people in the state," Voss stated. But this cautiousness is what is keeping Maryland's racing industry open for business.

"We were so fortunate so far but [COVID-19] isn't over yet and the most important



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"We were so fortunate so far but [COVID-19] isn't over yet and the most important thing is for all of us to not get careless." - Katy Voss

thing is for all of us not to get careless," Voss added.

Shoenthal said COVID-19 has only slightly changed his schedule this year and he has been shipping horses to other tracks. "Some of these tracks you have to just drop the horse off with a trainer there so there are added costs," he said, adding, "If you have enough will, there is a way and you just do what you have to do to get it done."

Motion however stated that some of these restrictions have made him think twice about where he ships his horses. "Most tracks are not letting you bring your own team so you have to really trust who is there working your horses. That's hard for a trainer to do and

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is not a risk I want to take unless needed," he said. At the time of this interview, Motion was based at Saratoga in New York and added, "I also don't want to put my staff or myself at risk of [getting] COVID by traveling a lot right now."

The Jockey Shuffle

In order to prevent the spread of COVID-19, MJC, along with many tracks in the U.S., have put a ban on jockey travel. In essence, jockeys must choose which track they want to be based at and cannot switch tracks until they self-quarantine for 14 days or provide a negative COVID-19 test result.

These restrictions have greatly affected the dynamics of races in terms of who gets to ride who as many trainers have to pick jockeys from the tracks they are running out of instead of those they normally hire. "You are really seeing this change the smaller tracks and affects who you can use," Motion said.

Voss stated that she only has a few horses running at the time of this interview and was

"staying local" and that her main jockey had chosen to stay in Maryland as well. "It is giving our local guys more [ride] opportunities, which has been great," she added.

Shoenthal added that the jockeys he typically uses to exercise his horses in Maryland normally go to Charles Town and Delaware to race in the afternoons and evenings, but that has all changed this year. "I have a horse pointed at the Charlestown Oaks and we must use Charlestown jockeys. They have made the right decision and it's a huge opportunity for those guys," he stated.

He also wonders if the jockey rule will change for the Preakness. "If Tiz the Law wins the Derby, he's coming to Maryland so who then gets to ride him?" he asked. "My personal opinion is we need to keep to

Maryland jockeys and keep us all safe." Tiz the Law won the Belmont this year and is currently pointed at the Kentucky Derby. He has yet to be defeated in 2020.

Maryland native and jockey Forest Boyce de-

ecided to move to Colonial Downs once racing started back up. "At the time, Maryland was only racing two days a week and a lot of my business was shipping here," she said. During a normal summer, Boyce would be riding at Maryland, Delaware and Virginia tracks. She added that being confined to one track makes it hard to follow her good horses around which, "is quite frustrating but [I] know everyone is in the same boat."

Overall, Boyce reported that she is very impressed with everything the different tracks are doing to keep people safe from COVID-19. "They take our temps at various check points throughout the day and monitor everyone closely," she said. "In a lot of ways we are much better protected than a lot of other industries out there right now."

Unfortunately, even with the best procedures in place, COVID-19 struck again as shortly after this interview was done, Colonial Downs was shut down when a jockey tested positive for COVID-19.

An Uncertain Future

Like many other industries across the country, the future during COVID-19 is very uncertain. Until a working vaccine is developed and bet-

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Voss wonders what the fall Thoroughbred sales will look like. "Like a lot of other industries, many are just leaving the business."

Shoenthal is hoping that as time goes on, MJC will have found ways to allow greater access to owners and fans. "Without owners there is no sport," he said. "When you take the live experience out of it [for owners], I worry a lot will start pulling out." He also worries about how the industry will survive without the fans.

There is one thing however we can bet on... whether watching from our couches at home, at an off-track betting site, or even streaming on our phones, this year's Preakness Stakes on October 3 is certainly a historical moment in Triple Crown history to look forward to!



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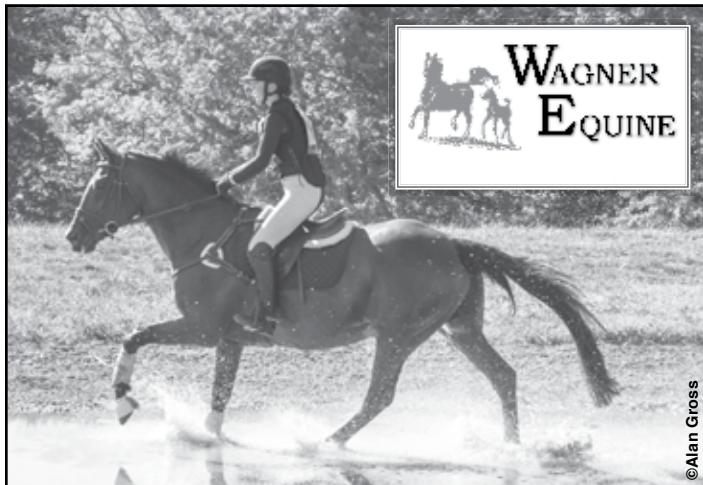
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The 145th Preakness Stakes will be run at the historic Pimlico Race Course on October 3, 2020. With the Triple Crown having been shaken up by COVID-19 this year, the Preakness will be the last race of the series instead of the middle jewel. All eyes will be on Belmont Stakes winner Tiz the Law as he runs in the Kentucky

Derby on September 5.

In the Belmont Stakes on June 20, jockey Manny Franco took the lead around the final turn and pushed Tiz the Law to win by nearly four lengths. Trained by Barclay Tagg for owners Sackatoga Stable LLC, the bay gelding by Constitution and out of the Tiznow mare Tizfiz is looking good heading into the Derby after a runaway win of the Travers Stakes in August. He's racked up \$2.02 million in just five stakes wins and has only lost once in six career starts.

Where will you be watching the Derby and Preakness this year? Send your Triple Crown selfies to editor@equiery.com!



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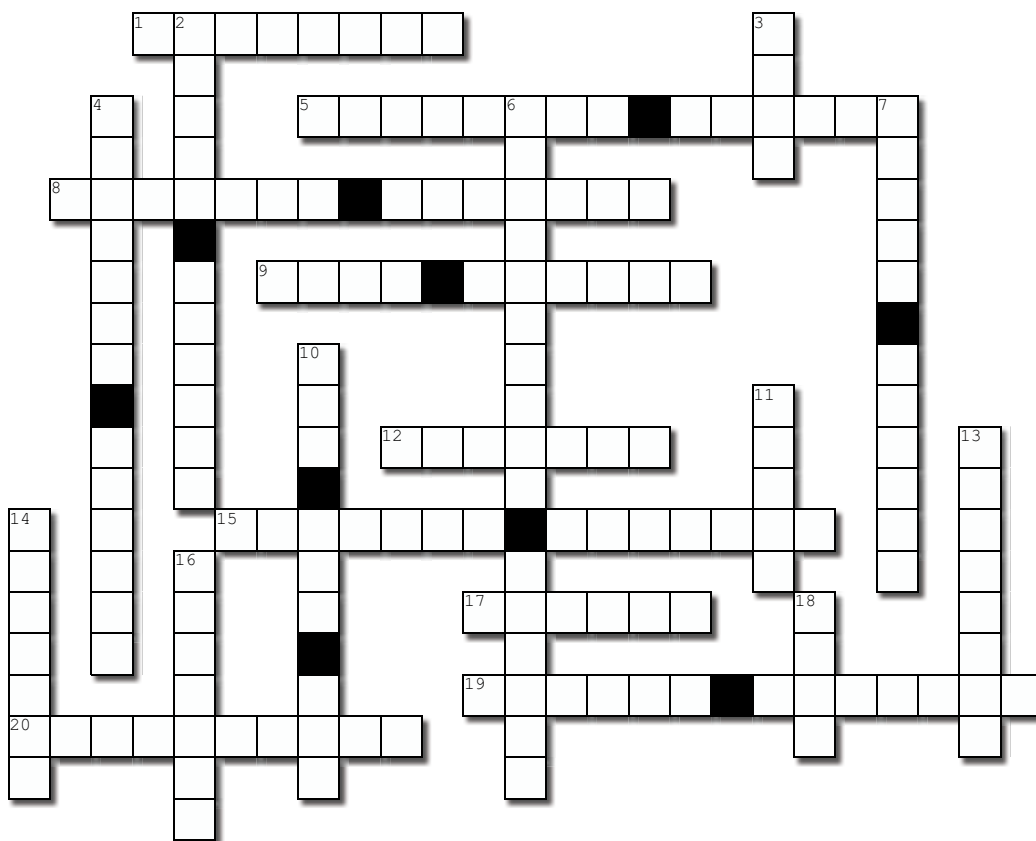
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1. Lori K. Brown and You Don't Know Jack compete in this equestrian discipline
5. Dr. Alex Yerkes recently joined this veterinary group
8. This jouster won the Professional Division at this year's Old St. Joseph's Jousting Tournament
9. Brothers Tanner and Trevor Naylor competed together in this National High School Finals Rodeo event
12. This year's Preakness Stakes will be held in which month?
15. Bobby Lillis earned his first victory aboard this horse.
17. Dr. Justin _____ has recently joined the Maryland Horse Industry Board
19. Graham Motion won the Kentucky Derby with this horse
20. IEA dressage rider Abigail Grove is from this town.

Down

2. The IHSA has added this discipline to its 2020-2021 season.
3. There are this many fencing ads in this month's Service Directory
4. This eventer won the Maryland 5* Test Event
6. This club hosts the last hunter pace in the Maryland Hunter Pace Series this year.
7. The Equiery's Marketing Coordinator
10. This horse won the 2020 Belmont Stakes
11. This year's Preakness will be the _____ race in the 2020 Triple Crown.
13. This horse won the very first Preakness Stakes
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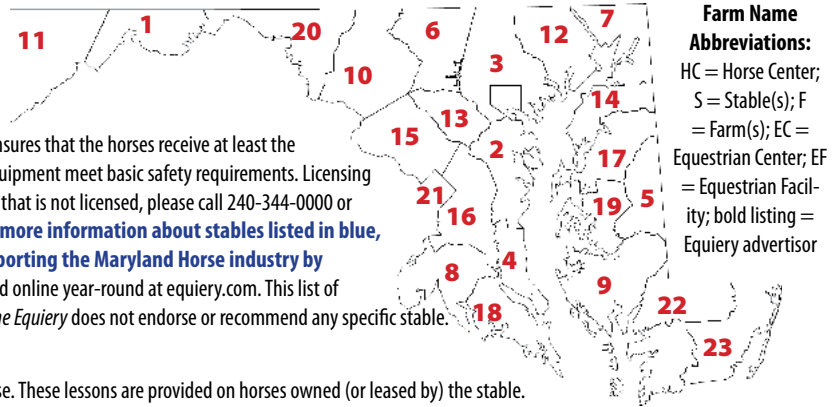
Dr. Alexandra Yerkes grew up in Virginia Beach, VA, and was bitten by the horse bug in middle school when she decided she had to become an equine veterinarian. She rode hunter/jumpers through high school and expanded to field and cross country at Sweet Briar College where she majored in Biology and English and minored in Chemistry. After graduation, she attended Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine with a focus on Equine Medicine. While in veterinary school, Alex was the community outreach chair for the student chapter of AAEP. Her special interests in veterinary medicine include reproductive medicine and neonatal health and sports rehabilitation. In her free time, Alex enjoys riding and training her two dogs, Gemma Belle and Kitt, and containing her ferret, Mushu. Alex is looking forward to living in Maryland and being a part of Erskine & Associates as well as Damascus Equine Associates!



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Angie Leithy

On August 8-9, Fair Hill International hosted a successful Test Event for the upcoming Maryland 5 Star run at the new Fair Hill Special Event Zone. Olympian Phillip Dutton won the division riding Fernhill Pick Pocket.

Arlene Atkins of Farmers Cooperative shared this photo of a rainbow over her farm with our *Equiery* followers on August 10.

Diane Zrimsek posted this photo to the *Equiery* Facebook page on July 27 with the caption "too hot to do anything else!"



Kimber McCreight, whipper-in for Marlborough Hunt Club, snapped this photo while riding Irish at staff hunt in August.



Jill Caple competing at the Waredaca Starter Horse Trials on July 25



Hope Gimson of Platinum Dressage showing her four year old for the first time.

More Out & About photos on Facebook!



Heather Fiero at an APHA show held July 25-26.



Jocelyn Ellis and Tortuga of Safe Haven Farm participated in the Working Equitation Clinic with Allison Reed at Oak Spring Equestrian.



Abigail Smith of Baltimore showing over the weekend of July 25-26

Reader Contributions - Please send your photos to editor@equiery.com by the 10th of the month. Photos must be at least 300 dpi. Please include the following information with each photo: names of people and horses, location and date where photo was taken, photographer name and contact information. The *Equiery* is not responsible for any copyright fees associated with the use of professional photographs.

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Safe Haven Farm's Zoe Skilling-ton rode Butterball in a Working Equitation clinic at Oak Spring Equestrian in July.



Lori K. Brown rode You Don't Know Jack, an 18 year old retired Thoroughbred racehorse, to win TIP awards at Training Level at the Dressage, By Chance? show on July 25. The pair qualified for this year's BLMs!



Marylander Antonio Rodriguez rode Kyanite to fourth place in the Novice Rider A division at the August Fair Hill International Horse Trials in Elkton.

Angie Leiby



Safe Haven Farm riders and ponies atop the "Cake Box" at Double C Farm.



Linda Provenza on Nate and Betsy Hochstein on Chasen had some fun riding the Trail Challenge course at Double C Farm.



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Barbara Kirchner Magrogan

Summer fun at Newtowne Neck State Park on August 19



Gabrielle Cottone

Maryland-bred stallion Saint Sandros Caspian, owned and ridden by Krista Child (PA) and bred by Gabrielle Cottone (Union Bridge) earned first place at Loch Moy's August 22 dressage show.



Charlize Stair and Macyn Van Dervoort were recently named Miss Maryland High School Rodeo Queen and Lil Miss High School Rodeo



Charles Toler shared this photo of an early August morning workout.



Karen Kandra

Forward Motion Training (Woodbine) horses and riders out roading with Goshen Hounds in August.

Out & About is back!

Send your photos to editor@equiery.com by the 10th of the month for the next issue.



Angie Leahy

Ema Klugman won the Intermediate division at the August Waredaca Horse Trials riding Bronte Beach Z



Jen Shank

Riley Shank's horse Dante after a lesson

Belle Christianson at a fun show on July 25.



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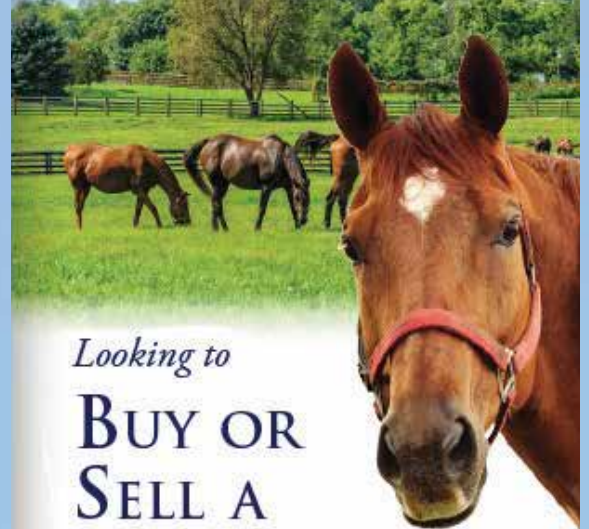
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Michael Patrick of the Eastern Shore won the Professional Class.



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MARYLAND WILL MISS...

Paul Hurston Cohen, owner of Associations Underwriters Insurance, died on May 20. He was 62. Cohen's agency provided equine insurance for many years. He was a dedicated supporter of the Maryland horse industry, participating in and contributing his expertise to many industry educational programs.

Douglas Steven Curtis of Sykesville died on May 24 of cancer. He was 65. Born in Schenectady, New York, Curtis was the devoted husband of Marjorie Davis. They were married for 33 years. Curtis was a lawyer and ran his own practice.

Tommy Lee Wilson

(provided by *Debbie Palmisano*)

Tommy Lee Wilson passed away on July 1 at the Gilcrest Hospice in Howard County. He was 81 years old. Tommy lived in Maryland his whole life. Tommy was the 1973 Maryland State Appaloosa Reining Champion and was a lifetime member of the Maryland State Quarter Horse Association.

In 1959, he began working for the U.S. Postal Service in Montgomery County and was a mail carrier for almost 40 years.

Tommy had a 50-year friendship with Mike Palmisano and trained horses for decades out of Mike's farm, Easy Does It, in New Windsor. He had a way with horses that the Palmisanos trusted.

Tommy found helping educate horses and their owners very rewarding. He was best known for being able to teach any horse to walk on a trailer.

Tommy was not above learning either, as he went to the



Tommy Lee Wilson

Maryland Horse World Expo the first year Clinton Anderson was there. Tommy talked to Clinton for hours, bought his training videos and returned to a young black QH colt that was having issues and completed his training using methods he learned from Anderson.

Tommy had the nickname the 7-11 Cowboy because he would start his mornings at 7-11 with a coffee and a paper. Sitting in his "famous" Black Dodge Truck, he would read the paper, drink his coffee and tell stories to anyone who stopped to listen. Tommy had the funniest stories and they were all true. He was one of a kind. He was a true friend.

Paul Joseph Goodness of Round Hill, Virginia died on July 21. He was 62 years old. Goodness was born in Babylon, New York and in 1973 began his career shoeing horses for his family's business, Gemini Farms in Pennsylvania. In 1976, he attended New York's Eastern States Farrier School and was accepted into the farrier internship program at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine at New Bolton in 1981.

After completing the internship program, he moved his family to Virginia where he began developing a very successful sport horse and corrective shoeing practice. In 1990, Goodness and a partner founded Forging Ahead, the area's first group-farrier practice and referral therapeutic farrier clinic. Goodness was a Certified Journeyman Farrier with the American Farrier's Association and served as the official farrier for the U.S. Equestrian Team between 1992 and 1996. He completed his tenure with the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, Georgia.

In 2016, Goodness became the in-house Chief of Farrier Services at the Virginia Polytechnic University's Equine Medical Center in Leesburg, Virginia.

Dale W. Massey of Berlin died on July 23

at the age of 91. He was the husband of Connie Gardner Massey, celebrating 68 years of marriage this year. In 1945, Dale Massey graduated Wicomico High School and enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving for two years.

As a young adult, Massey helped run his family's Massey Farm, where they raised beef cattle and Standardbred horses. Massey came from a horse-oriented family. His uncle Roger Whittington was the famed Thoroughbred War Admiral's

groom. Massey himself grew up attending Standardbred races regularly all over the East Coast.

He opened his own public stable in 1954 and became a successful driver, trainer and breeder. He spent several years as the leading U.D.R. Driver at Ocean Downs. He was proud of his homebreds, many of which earned Maryland State championship honors. Massey campaigned horses at tracks all over the U.S. and also internationally in England, France and Germany.

He was the director of the U.S. Trotting Association for 15 years, serving horsemen in Maryland, Delaware and Virginia and also

BRIDAL PATHS



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Congratulations to **Veronica Green-Gott** and **Noah Potvin** who were married at their home in Hancock, MD on May 17.

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Taylor Michelle Foley was born on July 27 to former *Equiery* staffer Lauren Maruskin Foley and Johnny Foley.

served on the association's Executive Committee. Massey was a member of the Cloverleaf Standardbred Owners Association and the Maryland Standardbred Breeders Association where he was instrumental in founding the Maryland Sires' Stakes.

Bonnie Sue Rosenberg of Pikesville died July 23 at the age of 68. She was a member of Green Spring Valley Hounds.

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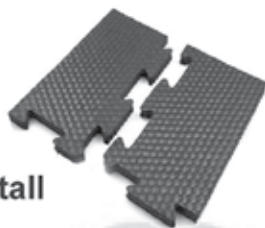
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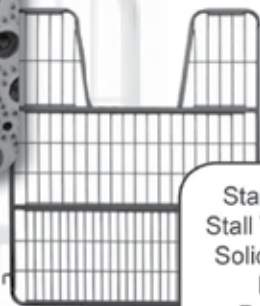
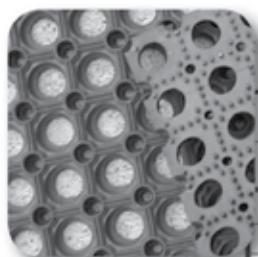
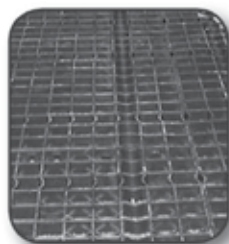
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