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## Meeting the board: William K. Boniface

One of an occasional series of profiles of Maryland Horse Breeders Association board members

The Boniface name is practically synonymous with Thoroughbred breeding and racing in Maryland. And for many years, the member of that family most closely involved with the Maryland Horse Breeders Association has been William K. (aka Little Billy) Boniface.

Former president (2004 to '06) and currently secretary-treasurer of the MHBA, the 43-year-old Boniface is the oldest member of the generation that has taken over most of the day-to-day operation of Bonita Farm in Darlington, Md., the 400-acre showplace established by his parents, J. William and Joan Boniface.

Since 1982, Billy has managed the breeding division of the family enterprise that rose to fame and fortune with homebred Deputed Testamony, the 1983 Preakness winner now retired from a long and successful stud career at Bonita.

While lobbying in Annapolis on behalf of the horse industry, Boniface "caught the political bug," which has led him to a second career. In 2006, he ran as the Republican candidate for president of the Harford County Council, and won resoundingly, with 66.1 percent of the votes.

Working approximately 20 hours a week in that part-time salaried position, and 60

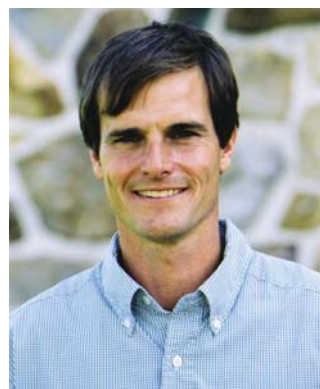
hours on the farm, Boniface maintains a rigorous schedule that could have him in the barn one night with a sick foal, and attending a firefighter's banquet the next.

Coping with the unexpected is routine for Billy, his wife, Barbara, who also works full-time at Bonita, and their three children, each of whom helps out on the farm: Billy, 19, is technically "taking time away" from the family business, attending classes at Harford Community College while employed by a tree trimming service; Ben, 15, is a sophomore at John Carroll High School in Bel Air; and Bethany, 11, is a sixth grader at St. Joan of Arc in Aberdeen.

Like other Maryland horse farms, Bonita has found its business shrinking.

This year, it is standing two stallions—Kentucky Derby winner Go for Gin, a proven sire who will be represented this year by his first Maryland-sired crop of 2-year-olds; and the superbly bred Mojave Moon, a son of Mr. Prospector. Broodmare numbers are also down, with only 32 mares expected to foal at Bonita this spring. Until three years ago, the farm handled 50 to 70 foalings each season.

"We're holding our own and getting the bills paid," said Boniface, whose brothers, Kevin and John, maintain



the training side of the Bonita operation, while sisters Kim and Bonita live away from the farm. Kim is employed by trainer Todd Pletcher, and Bonita, divorced from trainer Bobby Frankel, works as a teacher's aide for the Harford County Schools.

"But we're at a standstill until the slots referendum," Boniface continued, referring to next November's ballot initiative in which Maryland voters will decide yes or no on the slots program approved in the 2007 special session of the Maryland General Assembly. "If the referendum fails, which is certainly a possibility, standing stallions in this state will no longer be viable."

To bolster the bottom line, the Bonifaces are developing a vineyard on the property, and they have begun growing their own hay. Both of these new phases of the operation are expected to expand over the next several years.



## MARYLAND FUND STAKES RECAPS



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### Apple Special

 **Maryland Juvenile Championship Stakes**  
\$50,000-guaranteed, 1 mi., registered  
Maryland-bred 2-year-olds.  
Laurel Park, Dec. 29.

Dk.b./br.c., 2005, by Outflanker—Apple Juice, by Pleasant Tap. Bred by W.S. Farish and Gasparilla Stable LLC; owned by Morgan W. Wayson Jr.; trained by John J. Robb. Foaled at Shamrock Farms, Woodbine, Md.

Lifetime				
starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
8	3 (1)	2	0	\$80,500

(through Dec. 29)

**2007:** 1st \$50,000 **Maryland Juvenile Championship S**, 1 mi., registered Md.-bred 2-year-olds, Laurel, Dec. 29.

**H**ad Apple Special won the \$150,000 Maryland Million Nursery, the victory would have been extra-special for the connections of his sire, Outflanker, who stands at Maryland Stallion Station in Glyndon.

That's because Apple Special, purchased by his owner, Morgan (Sonny) Wayson, for \$15,000 at the 2006 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Fall Yearling sale, is from the first Maryland-sired crop of the stallion who launched his career in Florida before moving

to Maryland and becoming a linchpin of the new stallion operation founded by Don Litz.

However, in an exceptionally close and hard-fought Maryland Million finish, Apple Special just failed to earn Outflanker instant acclaim as a Maryland Million sire. He came up a length short of the winner, Regal Solo, and was headed by two others—Smooth It Over and Izzy Speaking.

Outflanker's daughter Kosmo's Buddy also held out strong hope on Maryland Million Day, setting the early pace before finishing third, beaten seven and three-quarters lengths by the Lassie winner, Love for Not.

Making amends—while proving that his gutsy Maryland Million performance was no fluke—Apple Special scored definitively, by two and three-quarters lengths, in the Maryland Juvenile Championship Stakes on December 29.

The top two Maryland Million finishers returned to battle, but did not threaten Apple

Special—Regal Solo finished third, and Smooth It Over, sent off as 3-1 favorite in the field of eight, was a far-back fifth.

Apple Special paid \$15.20 as co-fifth choice in the wagering, and traveled the mile in 1:39.20. Malibu Kid was second, and longshot Knight in Armour finished fourth. Completing the field were Blood Moon, Tide Dancer and Sheeler.

The Farish family, whose Lane's End farm in Lexington, Ky., is closely allied with Maryland Stallion Station, was credited with breeding its first Maryland Juvenile Championship winner when Apple Special crossed the wire. (Historic footnote: The first running of the race, in 1982, was won by Dixieland Band, who campaigned as a homebred for Will Farish's late father-in-law, Bayard Sharp, and has had a long and successful stud career at Lane's End.)

Apple Special was bred in the name of Will Farish and Gasparilla Stable LLC (a partnership of Farish's son Bill Farish and John Gaspar). The colt is the first foal from his dam, Apple Juice (by Pleasant Tap). A moderately successful race mare, Apple Juice won two of her six starts, earning \$46,360, and gained stakes-placed status with a third in Pimlico's Hilltop Stakes. Apple Special was sold as a weanling for \$10,000 from the Lane's End consignment at the 2005 Keeneland November sale, and sent back through the 2006 Eastern Fall Yearling sale with the Glencrest Farm consignment.

Wayson has purchased Apple Juice's first two foals, both at the Eastern Fall sale; he signed the ticket on her Rock Slide colt for \$24,000 last fall.

Apple Juice, meanwhile, was sold through Lane's End for \$12,000, in foal to Bowman's Band, at the 2006 Keeneland November sale.

Trained throughout his career by Jerry Robb, who won the Maryland Juvenile Championship Stakes with Ambitious John (1988) and Run Alden (1993), Apple Special was risked for a \$40,000 claiming

tag in his first career start, in August at Laurel. He finished fourth in that race, then came back to finish second twice in maiden special weight company (beaten a three-quarters of a length by Regal Solo in the second of those outings), before being switched to the turf for a five and a half-furlong special weight score on September 26 at Laurel.

The Juvenile Championship was his second win in a row, following an allowance victory, at six furlongs over a sloppy main track, on November 15.

Apple Special concluded his 2-year-old season with eight starts, five wins and placings, and earnings of \$80,500.

### Ask the Moon

 **Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship Stakes**  
\$50,000-guaranteed, 1 mi., registered  
Maryland-bred 2-year-old fillies.  
Laurel Park, Dec. 22.

B.f., 2005, by Malibu Moon—Always Asking, by Valid Appeal. Bred by Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGinnes and Country Life Farm; owned by Millicent Johnsen; trained by Edward T. Allard. Foaled at Thornmar, Chestertown, Md.

Lifetime				
starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
6	3 (1)	1	1	\$81,200

(through Dec. 22)

**2007:** 1st \$50,000 **Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship S**, 1 mi., registered Md.-bred 2-year-old fillies, Laurel, Dec. 22.

**O**ne good deed begets another. And together, two good deeds can pay off handsomely. Case in point is Ask the Moon, the Maryland-bred filly who scored emphatically in the Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship Stakes on December 22 at Laurel Park. With her first stakes win, and second victory in Maryland, the filly—begotten by generosity—is returning Maryland Fund dividends to her breeders, Cynthia and Charles McGinnes and Country Life Farm.

The McGinneses, Maryland's breeders of the year in 2004, have had a decades-long relationship with Country Life Farm in Bel Air, Md., regularly sending mares to the young stallions standing at the Pons family's breeding establishment.



Counted among those supported was Malibu Moon, the son of A.P. Indy who rose to national prominence and was relocated to Kentucky for the 2004 breeding season. This turned out to be an apparent reversal of fortune for the McGinneses, who bred a mare to Malibu Moon in 2003, only to have her fail to produce a foal the following year.

"We assumed we'd get a return to him because we didn't get a foal," related Charles McGinnes. However, the couple was told that Malibu Moon's move to Kentucky negated the previous contract.

"But because we were such longtime clients, the Porses honored the return," said McGinnes. "It was such a classy thing for them to do, so Cynthia and I decided we would add Country Life Farm as co-breeder of the resulting foal." That foal is Ask the Moon, whose dam, the Valid Appeal mare Always Asking, was chosen for the trip to Kentucky.

The McGinneses adhere to a policy of not shipping foals to Kentucky alongside their dams, so will only breed barren or maiden mares to Kentucky stallions. Although she had yet to produce anything of note, Always Asking had no foal at her side.

"We picked a mare we thought would be easy to get in foal," acknowledged Charles McGinnes. And much to their good fortune, the breeders didn't do a nicking pattern on the resulting foal's pedigree until after the breeding, for it turned up a "D" on a scale when an "A-plus" is the highest.

Described by McGinnes as a very square and powerful yearling, although not big, Ask the Moon was sold at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Fall yearling sale for \$45,000 to agent Nick de Meric.

De Meric consigned Ask the Moon to the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's March 2-year-olds in training sale, where trainer Ned Allard, who originally spotted the filly at the yearling sale, picked her up for \$125,000.

Campaigned by Millicent Johnsen, Ask the Moon made her career debut at her home track of Philadelphia Park, finishing second in a five-furlong maiden special weight on July 2. She broke her maiden by a rousing 10¼ lengths in her third start, going one mile over a track rated good at Laurel Park on August 22.

Off for more than two months, Ask the Moon was back in action at Philadelphia Park in November, finishing third in a "non-winners of one other than" allowance before succeeding on November 17 in a game effort going one mile.

Facing seven next out in the one-mile Juvenile Filly Championship, Ask the Moon was sent off as the 5.10-1 third choice. "She really should have been the favorite, for she had the seasoning, liked the distance and liked Laurel," noted McGinnes. But most of the money was on the Fitzhugh LLC entry, led by stakes winner Hartigan. Second choice was Hollywood Park winner African Treasure.

With regular rider Hiram Rivera up, Ask the Moon tracked early leader Kosmo's

Buddy before taking over at the three-sixteenths pole, then steadily drew away to win by four and a quarter lengths, stopping the timer in 1:40.16. Hartigan rallied from next to last to finish second, more than six lengths ahead of Kosmo's Buddy. Snow Park, Guardian Spirit (part of the favored entry), Brass Brae, African Treasure and Our Bonnie Brae rounded out the field.

With her third win in six starts, Ask the Moon has earned \$81,200.

The McGinneses, who own and operate Thornmar farm in Chestertown, Md., purchased Always Asking for \$21,000 in July 2002 from the Wimborne Farm dispersal. The foal she was carrying at the time died in 2003. Ask the Moon, the first named foal produced by the mare for the McGinneses, is her first stakes horse.

Always Asking's colt by Great Notion, named What's the Deal, was sold by the McGinneses at last fall's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Fall Yearling sale for \$22,000 to Silverton Hill, which campaigned Great Notion. Not bred for 2007, Always Asking is currently in foal to Lion Hearted and is booked to the first-year A.P. Indy stallion Scipion, who stands at Murmur Farm in Darlington, Md.

## For Kisses



### Squan Song Stakes

\$45,000-guaranteed, 7 fur., registered Maryland-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, non-winners of a sweepstakes. Laurel Park, Dec. 15.

B.m., 2003, by Not For Love—Palliser Bay, by Frosty the Snowman. Bred and owned by Buckingham Farm; trained by Richard W. Small. Foaled at Northview Stallion Station, Chesapeake City, Md.

#### Lifetime

starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
18	6 (1)	1 (1)	3 (2)	\$207,506 (through Dec. 15)

2006: 2nd Maryland Million Oaks; 3rd Ghost and Goblins S. 2007: 1st \$45,000 Squan Song S, 7 fur., registered Md.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, non-winners of a sweepstakes, Laurel, Dec. 15; 3rd Maryland Million Distaff H.

For Kisses became the latest of numerous stakes winners to campaign for her breeder, Eddie and Binnie Houghton's Buckingham Farm, and trainer Richard Small, when she triumphed by a neck in the Squan Song Stakes on December 15.

Dispatched as second favorite in the field of 10, For Kisses lagged behind the early pace, then swung wide in the upper stretch and, taking advantage of a powerful ride by Anna Napravnik, wore down the frontrunning 1.5-1 favorite Now It Begins.

It was two and three-quarters lengths back to third-place finisher Take a Check, a Robert Meyerhoff homebred also trained by Small. Next, in order of finish, were Ursula's Passion, Even Keel, Keep On Talking, Miss Lina, Dutch Girl, Hanalei Bay and All Smiles. Final time for the seven furlongs was 1:26.75.

For Kisses (by Not For Love) is the third foal and second stakes winner produced by the Houghtons' good mare Palliser Bay (by Frosty the Snowman).



Purchased by the Houghtons for \$32,000 at the 1994 Ocala Breeders' Sales Company March 2-year-olds in training sale, Palliser Bay won or placed in nine stakes, including a victory in the 1997 running of the Grade 3 Gallorette Handicap, and earned \$248,623.

Palliser Bay produced as her first foal the Not For Love filly He Loves Me, who won five stakes, including the Grade 3 Iowa Derby, and also finished third in the Grade 1 Gazelle Handicap, as a 3-year-old in 2004. Voted champion Maryland-bred 3-year-old filly, He Loves Me was sold by the Houghtons early in her 4-year-old season for the proverbial offer that can't be refused. She raced only three times for the new owners, and never again finished in the money in a stakes. He Loves Me concluded her career with earnings of \$355,698.

For Kisses, one of 11 stakes winners in 2007 for leading Maryland stallion Not For Love, was three times stakes-placed prior to the Squan Song. She finished third to Akronism and Silmaril in last year's Maryland Million Distaff. At 3, she was a close second to Smart and Fancy in the Maryland Million Oaks, and registered a third (to Peak Maria's Way and Royal Pleasure) in Delaware Park's Ghost and Goblins Stakes.

In 18 career starts (six wins), For Kisses has earned \$207,506. She is expected to continue her career this season at 5.

Palliser Bay remains in production at Buckingham Farm in Chestertown. Her 2006 colt by Not For Love died as a foal, but she has a yearling full brother to the two stakes winners, and this season is due to foal once again to the cover of Not For Love.

Palliser Bay's unraced daughter Running Creek (2004, Cape Town) is also a member of the Buckingham broodmare band. She is due to produce her first foal in 2008, by Honour and Glory.



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## Lexi Star



### Geisha Handicap

\$60,000-guaranteed, 1½ mi., registered Maryland-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up. Laurel Park, Dec. 8.

Dk.b./br.m., 2002, by Crypto Star—Frozen Lock, by Corridor Key. Bred and owned by Stephen E. Quick; trained by Christopher W. Grove. Foaled at St. Omer's Farm, Forest Hill, Md.

#### Lifetime

starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
22	9 (4)	3 (3)	2 (2)	\$452,624 (through Dec. 8)

**2005:** 2nd Maryland Million Oaks; 3rd Anne Arundel S. **2006:** 1st \$54,000 Justakiss S, 1½ mi., fillies and mares, 3 & up, Delaware, Nov. 19. **2007:** 1st \$100,000 Nellie Morse S (includes \$20,000 Md. Fund and \$20,000 Maryland Million), 1 mi., fillies and mares, 4 & up, Laurel, Jan. 27; \$100,000 Maryland Racing Media Association H (includes \$20,000 Md. Fund and \$20,000 Maryland Million), 1½ mi., fillies and mares, 3 & up, Laurel, Feb. 24; \$60,000 Geisha H, 1½ mi., registered Md.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Laurel, Dec. 8; 2nd Molly Pitcher Breeders' Cup S-G2, Red Cross S; 3rd Maryland Million Ladies S.

Steve and Sue Quick's homebred Lexi Star put the finishing touch on her splendid 5-year-old campaign while galloping to a seven and a quarter-length victory in the Geisha Handicap on December 8.

Undeterred by a muddy track, the Chris Grove trainee rushed to the lead and traveled the rest of the way at her leisure, while spotting each of her four rivals between six and eight pounds. The 1-5 favorite, Lexi Star completed the mile and an eighth in 1:53.90. Katie's Love, her closest pursuer, held a three and a quarter length advantage over third-placed Scheing E Jet, while Hero's Lady and Swet to It completed the field.

Lexi Star began the 2007 season with back-to-back stakes wins in the Nellie Morse Stakes and Maryland Racing Media Association Handicap and added three stakes placings, including a runner-up performance to Eclipse Award finalist Hystericalady in the Grade 2 Molly Pitcher Breeders' Cup Stakes, before getting her third stakes win of the season in the Geisha.

A stakes performer at 3, 4 and 5, she has a total of four stakes wins to her credit, and career earnings of \$452,624.

Lexi Star is expected to continue her career this season, with next summer's Delaware Handicap-G2 as her major goal.

Lexi Star, by Crypto Star, a son of Cryptoclearance standing at Allen and Audrey Murray's Murmur Farm in Darlington, Md., is part of a duo of mares who have brought remarkable success to the Quicks over the past several years. She and her stablemate, the closely related Silmaril, earned a combined \$679,024 in 2007.

Silmaril (by former Maryland stallion Diamond) boasts career earnings of \$984,973 and also had four stakes wins in 2007—the Endine Handicap-G3, What a Summer, Skiptat and Conniver.

Lexi Star and Silmaril descend from the first mare the Quicks owned: Pilgrim's Pride (1965, First Landing), whom they purchased at a 1978 Timonium auction, while barren, for \$5,400.

From a 1978 mating with North Sea, a son of Nearctic

standing at Alfred G. Vanderbilt's Sagamore Farm, Pilgrim's Pride produced Kattogat's Pride, one of the best Maryland-bred race mares of all time.

Kattogat's Pride, trained by Joe Devereux, captured state-bred titles at 3, 4 and 5 while winning or placing in 18 stakes and earning \$511,812, a figure comparable to at least \$1 million today.

Lexi Star is a granddaughter of Kattogat's Pride's half-sister Reykjavik's Pride (1984, Akureyri). Herself a modest winner, Reykjavik's Pride produced as her first foal stakes-placed Frozen Lock (1990, Corridor Key), who won 13 of 43 starts over five seasons of competition, placed second in the Gold Digger Stakes at 6, and earned \$102,620.

Lexi Star is Frozen Lock's first foal to race.

Reykjavik's Pride died several years ago, but Frozen Lock is continuing to build on the family legacy at the Quicks' St. Omer's Farm in Forest Hill, Md. Her 4-year-old daughter, Gentlemen's Locket (by Gentlemen-Arg), placed third in the 2007 Pearl Necklace Stakes for the Quicks and Grove and is a winner of \$39,370.

Frozen Lock has a 3-year-old colt, Locked in Love (by Not For Love), who has yet to make his first start, a 2-year-old colt by Crypto Star, and a yearling filly by Dance With Ravens. She is due to foal in mid-April to Crypto Star.

Kattogat's Pride produced only four foals—three modest winners, and the fourth unraced. Her only daughter and top earner, Kattebuck (1988, Spend a Buck), who won one of 16 starts to earn \$14,419, is the dam of Silmaril.

Kattebuck, still an active member of the broodmare band, has a 3-year-old full sister to Silmaril named Another Jewel and the 2-year-old Not For Love colt For Ivymount.

Meanwhile Kattogat's Pride—who turned 29 on January 1—is enjoying life as a pensioner at St. Omer's.

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# Maryland's 4-H horse teams excel at Nationals

Sixteen of Maryland's top 4-Hers participated in the 2007 Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup, earning exceptionally high marks in the annual competition held in Louisville, Ky.

Maryland's horse bowl team, coached by Dr. Al Starr (Howard County), claimed the national championship with a first-place finish overall. Elena Stojic (Montgomery County) earned fifth-place overall with her teammate

Emily Snyder (Frederick County) placing ninth overall. Horse bowl team members also included Kelly Hanson (Frederick County) and Megan Levin (Baltimore County).

The horse judging team captured the reserve national championship. Kim Drews (Queen Anne's County) coached team members Claire Bennett (Carroll County), Alysse Ginn (Cecil County), Caitlin Ginn (Cecil

County) and Colleen Slevin (Carroll County). Bennett placed first in conformation and sixth overall while Caitlin Ginn placed second in conformation, third in oral reasons and third overall.

Led by coach Darryll-Ann Buschling (Howard County), the hippology team placed fourth overall with a second place in the written phase, 10th in the team problem solving phase, and fifth in the station phase. Hippol-

ogy team members included Macey Comclair (Montgomery County), Ali Chisholm (Frederick County), Teri Koster (Howard County) and Mara Stojic (Montgomery County).

The horse communications team, coached by Janie Dell (Carroll County), made its mark with the team demonstration duo of Suzannah Macleod and Lindsey Scott, both from Carroll County, earning third place. 🐾

## IN MEMORIAM: J. Fife Symington

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J. Fife Symington Jr., a former Master of the Green Spring Valley Hounds, and a senior member of a family deeply involved in Maryland steeplechasing, died on December 9 at the age of 97.

A native of Baltimore, Mr. Symington graduated from Kent School in Kent, Conn., and Princeton University. In his youth, he rode in point-to-point races, including the My Lady's Manor and Grand National.

Mr. Symington launched his career in the aviation industry, inspired by his uncle John Hambleton, a World War I flying ace and founder of Pan American World Airways. After going to work for Pan Am, Mr. Symington was credited with helping to establish early commercial aviation routes

in the 1930s, and managing trans-Atlantic traffic for the Navy during World War II.

After leaving Pan Am's New York office in 1948, he was president of Baltimore County Supply Co., a lumber and hardware business in Owings Mills.

Mr. Symington was active in Republican politics, and in 1969 was appointed by President Richard M. Nixon to serve as ambassador to Trinidad and Tobago, a post he held until 1971.

His son, J. Fife Symington III, served as governor of Arizona from 1991 to '97.

Mr. Symington's sister, Leith Griswold, is the matriarch of a steeplechasing clan, and his daughter, Martha Sanger, is also a prominent local horsewoman. 🐾

## New hiring forms in effect

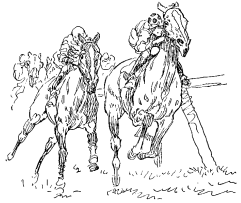
As of December 26, federal rules now require employers to use new employee I-9 verification forms, and disallow the use of several types of

documents to verify worker eligibility.

No longer accepted will be: certificates of U.S. citizenship or naturalization, alien-

registration receipt cards, unexpired re-entry permits, and refugee travel documents. Those documents were excluded because federal officials believed they were easier to counterfeit and falsify. However, one new verification document was added as a way to prove eligibility—the unexpired I-766 employment authorization form.

The new I-9 forms are required for all new hires and those workers who need to be verified again. The new form is available online at [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov). There are penalties for failure to use the new form. 🐾



## MARYLAND FUND REPORT

Bonuses paid for races at Maryland tracks from November 19 to December 16, 2007.

### Jennings Handicap

December 1. Purse \$60,000-guaranteed. For 3-year-olds and up, registered Maryland-breds. 1½ mi. 7 competed. (Closed with 13 nominations.) Winner: **DIGGER**, by Yonaguska. Breeder bonus: Skeedattle Associates (\$3,600). Stallion bonus: None. Second: **EVIL STORM**, by Storm Broker. Breeder bonus: Country Roads Ltd. (\$1,200). Stallion bonus: None. Third: **FORTY CROWNS**, by Not For Love. Breeder bonus: Estate of Mrs. Richard C. duPont (\$660). Stallion bonus: Not For Love Syndicate (\$330). Fourth: **EASY RED**, by Charismatic. Breeder bonus: Dumbarton Farm (\$360). Stallion bonus: None.

### Geisha Handicap

December 8. Purse \$60,000-guaranteed. For 3-year-olds and up, fillies and mares, registered Maryland-breds. 1½ mi. 5 competed. (Closed with 11 nominations.) Winner: **LEXI STAR**, by Crypto Star. Breeder bonus: Stephen E. Quick (\$3,600). Stallion bonus: Crypto Star Syndicate (\$1,800). Second: **KATIE'S LOVE**, by Not For Love. Breeder bonus: Brice Ridgely (\$1,200). Stallion bonus: Not For Love Syndicate (\$600). Third: **SCHEING E JET**, by Unbridled Jet. Breeder bonus: John W. and Aileen D. Ferguson and Kathryn A. Size (\$660). Stallion bonus: Unbridled Jet Partnership (\$330). Fourth: **HERO'S LADY**, by Partner's Hero. Breeder bonus: Bender and Bender LLC (\$360). Stallion bonus: Partner's Hero Syndicate (\$180).

### Squan Song Handicap

December 15. Purse \$45,000-guaranteed. For 3-year-olds and up, fillies and mares, registered Maryland-breds, non-winners of a sweepstakes. 7 fur. 10 competed. (Closed with 15 nominations.) Winner: **FOR KISSES**, by Not For Love. Breeder bonus: Buckingham Farm (\$2,700). Stallion bonus: Not For Love Syndicate (\$1,350). Second: **NOW IT BEGINS**, by Two Punch. Breeder bonus: Cary W. Jackson (\$900). Stallion bonus: Two Punch Syndicate (\$450). Third:

**TAKE A CHECK**, by Touch Gold. Breeder bonus: Robert E. Meyerhoff (\$495). Stallion bonus: None. Fourth: **URSULA'S PASSION**, by Purple Passion. Breeder bonus: William Niarakis Jr. (\$270). Stallion bonus: Stella Kavazis (\$135).

#### Breeder bonuses

Ayres Fountain Spring Farm—**SALSA GIRL**: Dec. 13, 5th race, \$1,596.  
Estate of Mrs. James A. Bayard—**FIRE HERO**: Nov. 24, 1st race, \$3,000.  
Beverly K. Beach—**MAHOE BAY**: Dec. 14, 6th race, \$1,596.  
Bender and Bender LLC—**CLEARANCE GIRL**: Nov. 22, 9th race, \$1,026. **HERO'S LADY**: Dec. 8, 8th race, \$360. (\$1,386)  
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Rebecca Davis—**DUDE AGAIN**: Dec. 7, 7th race, \$798. **TWO COLUMBUS**: Dec. 1, 9th race, \$1,710. (\$2,508)  
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sutton—**ORLOP**: Dec. 15, 5th race, \$570.  
Buckingham Farm—**FOR KISSES**: Dec. 15, 9th race, \$2,700.  
Deborah A. Butts—**TESORO MIO**: Nov. 22, 1st race, \$570.  
Country Roads Ltd.—**EVIL STORM**: Dec. 1, 8th race, \$1,200.  
Rosalee C. Davison—**SNOW PARK**: Dec. 13, 8th race, \$1,710.  
DLS Thoroughbreds Inc.—**ECHO QUEST**: Dec. 7, 5th race, \$1,026.  
Dumbarton Farm—**EASY RED**: Dec. 1, 8th race, \$360.  
Estate of Mrs. Richard C. duPont—**FORTY CROWNS**: Dec. 1, 8th race, \$660.  
Elberton Hill Farm—**ORAH**: Nov. 24, 1st race, \$1,000.  
Mary Eppler Racing Stable Inc. and Arnold Davidov—**SERENADIA**: Dec. 13, 4th race, \$912.  
Annette Eubanks—**DANIELE MA BELLE**: Dec. 6, 3rd race, \$456.  
R.S. Evans—**P. KERNEY**: Nov. 21, 8th race, \$2,280.  
John W. and Aileen D. Ferguson and Kathryn A. Size—**SCHEING E JET**: Dec. 8, 8th race, \$660.  
Fitzhugh LLC—**SHEELER**: Nov. 21, 1st race, \$1,140.  
Galway Dreams Stable—**CASEY DOON**: Nov. 28, 8th race, \$1,824. **OUR BONNIE BRAE**: Dec. 8, 7th race, \$1,596. (\$3,420)  
Cornelia S. Gibson—**BELLE'S BROKER**: Nov. 28, 6th race, \$570; Dec. 14, 5th race, \$570. (\$1,140)  
Mike Gill—**CLAY'S A HERO**: Dec. 5, 5th race, \$570. **GAMMY'S A WINNER**: Dec. 1, 6th race, \$1,026. (\$1,596)  
James Glenn—**BELLE'S REEF**: Dec. 14, 1st race, \$684.  
Harold and Sylvia Greenberg—**CASANOVA JACK**: Nov. 24, 9th race, \$2,000.  
Michael J. Harrison—**COHEED**: Dec. 8, 10th race, \$1,140.  
Hickory Ridge Farm—**BIG PATTI**: Dec. 15, 1st race, \$912. **FRENCHMAN'S COVE**: Nov. 22, 10th race, \$1,368. (\$2,280)  
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Holt and Theodore Montuori—**MILITARY COURAGE**: Nov. 28, 9th race, \$513.  
Cary W. Jackson—**NOW IT BEGINS**: Dec. 15, 9th race, \$900.  
Alvin M. Lapidus—**ELLIOTTS CHANCE**: Dec. 8, 9th race, \$1,710.  
Raymond Makarovich Jr.—**APPEAL TO THE CITY**: Nov. 21, 5th race, \$912.  
Donald McDonald—**LEGIT PASSION**: Nov. 29, 4th race, \$1,596.  
Robert E. Meyerhoff—**TAKE A CHECK**: Dec. 15, 9th race, \$495.

Gretchen B. Moberley—**SEEKING OPTIONS**: Dec. 1, 3rd race, \$1,140.  
Preston I. Maffett and Stephanie M. Litz—**BUGS DAY**: Dec. 6, 6th race, \$798.  
Wayne and Juanita Morris—**QUANTICO HERO**: Dec. 12, 2nd race, \$1,368. **WESTSIDE LADY**: Nov. 29, 2nd race, \$912. (\$2,280)  
Nancy Lee Farms—**PRETTY ONE**: Nov. 23, 5th race, \$912. **TIMELY VERSE**: Dec. 8, 3rd race, \$684. (\$1,596)  
William Niarakis Jr.—**URSULA'S PASSION**: Dec. 15, 9th race, \$270.  
The Nonsequitur Stable LLC—**TOP OF THE TREE**: Nov. 30, 3rd race, \$570.  
Northview Stallion Station Inc.—**I CAN DO IT**: Dec. 14, 3rd race, \$513.  
Mark O'Donnell—**MALIBU KID**: Dec. 13, 7th race, \$1,596.  
Stephen E. Quick—**BOOGYMAN**: Nov. 24, 1st race, \$300. **LEXI STAR**: Dec. 8, 8th race, \$3,600. (\$3,900)  
Brice Ridgely—**KATIE'S LOVE**: Dec. 8, 8th race, \$1,200.  
Daniel M. Ryan—**SHAMELESS RISK**: Nov. 28, 1st race, \$1,482.  
Ryehill Farm—**IRISH COLONY**: Nov. 24, 1st race, \$550.  
Skeedattle Associates—**DIGGER**: Dec. 1, 8th race, \$3,600. **LUVTOLUYVOUBABY**: Nov. 23, 8th race, \$1,824. **OUT OF MY DREAMS**: Dec. 5, 9th race, \$513. (\$5,937)  
Hamilton Smith—**GIT BACK JO JO**: Dec. 6, 5th race, \$513.  
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald J. Stauber—**MISTER TWINE**: Dec. 13, 6th race, \$1,710.  
Costas Triantafilos—**SKY IS BEAUTIFUL**: Dec. 12, 3rd race, \$684.  
Glen Whitehead—**SEEKING REVENGE**: Nov. 30, 6th race, \$912.  
Woodlawn Breeding Inc.—**BETTE TO WIN**: Dec. 14, 4th race, \$912.

#### Owner bonuses

Joseph W. Ayres Jr.—**SALSA GIRL**: Dec. 13, 5th race, \$1,596.  
Thomas M. Beach—**MAHOE BAY**: Dec. 14, 6th race, \$1,596.  
Sandra D. Bender—**CLEARANCE GIRL**: Nov. 22, 9th race, \$1,026.  
Bits N Blarney LLC—**TESORO MIO**: Nov. 22, 1st race, \$570.  
Rosalee C. Davison—**SNOW PARK**: Dec. 13, 8th race, \$1,710.  
Annette Eubanks—**DANIELE MA BELLE**: Dec. 6, 3rd race, \$456.  
Fitzhugh LLC—**SHEELER**: Nov. 21, 1st race, \$1,140.  
Robert E. Gamber—**I CAN DO IT**: Dec. 14, 3rd race, \$513.  
Michael J. Gill—**GAMMY'S A WINNER**: Dec. 1, 6th race, \$1,026.  
Robert Goldsmith—**BETTE TO WIN**: Dec. 14, 4th race, \$912.  
Priscilla Graham—**FRENCHMAN'S COVE**: Nov. 22, 10th race, \$1,368.  
Fred Heyman and Nancy Clark—**P. KERNEY**: Nov. 21, 8th race, \$2,280.  
Hickory Ridge Farm LLC—**BIG PATTI**: Dec. 15, 1st race, \$912.  
Hillwood Stable LLC—**MALIBU KID**: Dec. 13, 7th race, \$1,596.  
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Holt and Theodore Montuori—**MILITARY COURAGE**: Nov. 28, 9th race, \$513.  
Island Wind Racing and Aces Full Racing Stable—**SHAMELESS RISK**: Nov. 28, 1st race, \$1,482.  
Alvin M. Lapidus—**ELLIOTTS CHANCE**: Dec. 8, 9th race, \$1,710.  
Donald McDonald—**LEGIT PASSION**: Nov. 29, 4th race, \$1,596.  
Morris Stable LLC—**QUANTICO HERO**: Dec. 12, 2nd race, \$1,368.  
Nancy Lee Farms—**PRETTY ONE**: Nov. 23, 5th race, \$912. **TIMELY VERSE**: Dec. 8, 3rd race, \$684. (\$1,596)

Our Chelsea Stable—**TWO COLUMBUS**: Dec. 1, 9th race, \$1,710.  
Charles Reed and Joe and Danny Muldoon—**CASEY DOON**: Nov. 28, 8th race, \$1,824. **OUR BONNIE BRAE**: Dec. 8, 7th race, \$1,596. (\$3,420)  
Skeedattle Associates—**OUT OF MY DREAMS**: Dec. 5, 9th race, \$513.  
S.M.D., Ltd.—**LUVTOLUYVOUBABY**: Nov. 23, 8th race, \$1,824.  
Hamilton Smith—**GIT BACK JO JO**: Dec. 6, 5th race, \$513.  
Stanley Stables—**COHEED**: Dec. 8, 10th race, \$1,140.  
Costas Triantafilos—**SKY IS BEAUTIFUL**: Dec. 12, 3rd race, \$684.  
Tuxedo Racing Partnership—**SERENADIA**: Dec. 13, 4th race, \$912.  
Margan W. Wayson Jr.—**SEEKING OPTIONS**: Dec. 1, 3rd race, \$1,140.  
Gregory Scott Whitehead—**SEEKING REVENGE**: Nov. 30, 6th race, \$912.  
Willow Oak Stable—**MISTER TWINE**: Dec. 13, 6th race, \$1,710.

#### Stallion bonuses

**APPEALING SKIER** (Appeal to the City: Nov. 21, 5th race, \$456): Appealing Skier Syndicate.  
**CRYPTO STAR** (Lexi Star: Dec. 8, 8th race, \$1,800. Top of the Tree: Nov. 30, 3rd race, \$285): Crypto Star Syndicate—\$2,085.  
**DISCO RICO** (Bette to Win: Dec. 14, 4th race, \$456): Alfred and Joseph DiRico.  
**JAZZ CLUB** (Salsa Girl: Dec. 13, 5th race, \$798): Lane's End Farm and Maryland Stallion Station.  
**LION HEARTED** (Military Courage: Nov. 28, 9th race, \$256.50. Serenadia: Dec. 13, 4th race, \$456): Lion Hearted Syndicate—\$712.50.  
**MEADOW MONSTER** (Westside Lady: Nov. 29, 2nd race, \$456): Meadow Monster Syndicate.  
**MOJAVE MOON** (Clay's a Hero: Dec. 5, 5th race, \$285. Gummy's a Winner: Dec. 1, 6th race, \$513): Mojave Moon Syndicate—\$798.  
**NOT FOR LOVE** (Casanova Jack: Nov. 24, 9th race, \$1,000. For Kisses: Dec. 15, 9th race, \$1,350. Forty Crowns: Dec. 1, 8th race, \$330. Katie's Love: Dec. 8, 8th race, \$600. Luvtoluyvoubaby: Nov. 23, 8th race, \$912): Not For Love Syndicate—\$4,192.  
**PARTNER'S HERO** (Coheed: Dec. 8, 10th race, \$570. Fire Hero: Nov. 24, 1st race, \$1,500. Hero's Lady: Dec. 8, 8th race, \$180. Orlop: Dec. 15, 5th race, \$285): Partner's Hero Syndicate—\$2,535.  
**PERFECTING** (Oorah: Nov. 24, 1st race, \$500): Elberton Hill Farm.  
**POLISH MINER** (Git Back Jo Jo: Dec. 6, 5th race, \$256.50. I Can Do It: Dec. 14, 3rd race, \$256.50): Polish Miner Syndicate—\$513.  
**PURPLE PASSION** (Legit Passion: Nov. 29, 4th race, \$798. Ursula's Passion: Dec. 15, 9th race, \$135): Stella Kavazis—\$933.  
**SEEKING DAYLIGHT** (Seeking Options: Dec. 1, 3rd race, \$570. Seeking Revenge: Nov. 30, 6th race, \$456. Timely Verse: Dec. 8, 3rd race, \$342): Edward P. Evans and Maryland Stallion Station—\$1,368.  
**TWO PUNCH** (Now It Begins: Dec. 15, 9th race, \$450. Out of My Dreams: Dec. 5, 9th race, \$256.50. Two Columbus: Dec. 1, 9th race, \$855): Two Punch Syndicate—\$1,561.50.  
**UNBRIDLED JET** (Scheing E Jet: Dec. 8, 8th race, \$330): Unbridled Jet Partnership.  
**WAQUOIT** (Daniele Ma Belle: Dec. 6, 3rd race, \$228. Tesoro Mio: Nov. 22, 1st race, \$285): Waquoit Syndicate—\$513.  
**WAYNE COUNTY** (Ire) (Boogyman: Nov. 24, 1st race, \$150): Wayne County (Ire) Syndicate.  
**YARROW BRAE** (Our Bonnie Brae: Dec. 8, 7th race, \$798. Quantico Hero: Dec. 12, 2nd race, \$684): Yarrow Brae Syndicate—\$1,482.

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4. Silmaril . . . . . 405,820	14. Rollicking Caller . . 186,147
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6. Good Night Shirt . . 314,163	16. Raise the Bluff . . . . 169,190
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8. Grand Champion . . 279,239	18. Digger . . . . . 155,308
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## Maryland's leading sires

Supplied by Bloodstock Research Information Services (BRIS), these statistics were compiled on December 31. † denotes freshman sire.

### Earnings in 2007

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love . . . . .	177	1,151	100	172	\$5,783,620
Outflanker . . . . .	132	1,002	82	162	3,451,870
Louis Quatorze . . . . .	155	1,264	95	177	2,983,810
Two Punch . . . . .	125	755	64	108	2,744,760
Lion Hearted . . . . .	104	633	64	107	2,463,860
Allen's Prospect . . . . .	147	1,001	73	133	2,208,230
Yarrow Brae . . . . .	62	418	31	56	1,266,560
Crowd Pleaser . . . . .	60	298	28	50	1,176,090
Mojave Moon . . . . .	68	519	37	62	1,100,860
Citidancer . . . . .	44	299	24	43	1,054,700
Eastern Echo . . . . .	81	541	33	54	961,956
Polish Numbers . . . . .	48	295	23	46	945,397
Crypto Star . . . . .	61	414	31	50	939,362
Carnivalay . . . . .	33	266	17	31	785,171
Go for Gin . . . . .	59	359	23	42	776,862
Wayne County (Ire) . . . . .	36	254	17	31	551,825
Waquoit . . . . .	35	223	17	21	452,561
Purple Passion . . . . .	14	129	8	16	321,000

### 2-year-old earnings in 2007

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love . . . . .	29	100	8	12	\$626,779
Outflanker . . . . .	26	113	13	19	516,701
Lion Hearted . . . . .	33	113	12	17	413,773
Louis Quatorze . . . . .	12	48	5	6	269,697
†Seeking Daylight . . . . .	15	49	7	7	167,016
Two Punch . . . . .	17	48	4	4	144,014
†Rock Slide . . . . .	12	45	2	5	141,703
Citidancer . . . . .	2	7	2	2	104,570
Mojave Moon . . . . .	16	49	3	3	102,482
Yarrow Brae . . . . .	7	19	3	6	99,615
Waquoit . . . . .	4	10	1	2	80,721
†No Armistice . . . . .	17	46	3	3	70,371

### Earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Allen's Prospect . . . . .	921	22,048	756	3,212	\$51,527,000
Two Punch . . . . .	731	14,126	571	2,166	43,579,300
Not For Love . . . . .	436	8,225	329	1,289	35,722,700
Polish Numbers . . . . .	439	8,792	361	1,305	31,772,800
Carnivalay . . . . .	494	13,078	402	1,786	29,561,700
Smarten . . . . .	507	12,396	388	1,692	27,082,000
Horatius . . . . .	590	15,121	470	1,925	26,519,000
Waquoit . . . . .	439	10,565	346	1,446	25,404,600
Citidancer . . . . .	285	6,543	246	1,139	23,845,500
Norquestor . . . . .	293	8,709	252	1,240	20,926,800
Eastern Echo . . . . .	396	7,745	272	1,026	20,782,200
Deputed Testamony . . . . .	352	10,048	263	1,391	18,292,300
Louis Quatorze . . . . .	356	5,667	259	761	18,058,600
Oh Say . . . . .	418	10,039	353	1,472	17,574,500
Shelter Half . . . . .	303	8,424	248	1,157	14,269,800

### 2-year-old earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Allen's Prospect . . . . .	458	1,558	175	240	\$5,629,410
Two Punch . . . . .	364	1,169	144	181	4,650,690
Smarten . . . . .	278	1,195	112	157	3,769,760
Polish Numbers . . . . .	229	700	84	122	3,672,570
Not For Love . . . . .	200	646	77	102	3,527,900
Citidancer . . . . .	149	564	80	122	3,183,860
Eastern Echo . . . . .	220	812	73	100	3,032,700
Carnivalay . . . . .	249	1,010	88	122	2,480,130
Louis Quatorze . . . . .	194	594	58	72	2,340,440
Outflanker . . . . .	150	635	65	90	2,232,800
Waquoit . . . . .	191	663	56	81	1,887,030