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Mullikin, Smith, White join MHBA directors

Tom Mullikin, Hamilton (Hammy) Smith and Robert P. (Willie) White have been appointed to the Maryland Horse Breeders Association's board of directors.

Mullikin was named to fill the seat vacated by Carlos Garcia; Smith and White were appointees of MHBA president Tom Bowman.

Mullikin became an MHBA member in 2007, the year he signed on as general manager of historic Sagamore Farm. He has expressed interest in using his board appointment to create innovative incentives for Maryland breeders.

With farm owner Kevin Plank, Mullikin has helped restore the structural beauty of once-iconic Sagamore and revive its fortunes. The farm won last year's Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf-G1 with Shared Account, an earner of \$1.65 million, and also has produced stakes victories with Winning Drive, Dacey DJ and homebred Monzon.

Mullikin, 40, held positions at Machmer Hall Farm in Paris, Ky., and Spring Hill Farm in Casanova, Va., before arriving at Sagamore.

In replacing Garcia, Mullikin would be eligible for re-election in May 2012.

Smith, 66, a prominent Maryland trainer regarded for his work with 2-year-olds,

said he'll initially engage the MHBA board meetings as an interested observer.

"I'm gonna do a lot of listening and a lot of learning before I make any suggestions," he said, South Carolina roots there in his diction. "Those boys over there, those are big-time boys."

Smith has two broodmares, neither in foal, in the care of brother Franklin Smith at the Elloree Training Center in South Carolina. Hammy Smith said he plans to return them to Maryland early next year to breed and board them.

Smith's 40-horse stable at Laurel Park includes graded stakes winner and 2009 Maryland-bred champion 3-year-old filly Blind Date. The 5-year-old mare, winner of the 2009 Virginia Oaks-G3 and five other stakes, has earned more than \$365,000 for owner/breeder Bill Backer.

Through 2010, Smith's horses had won at least 60 races and \$1 million in purses 13 straight years. His other stakes winners include Gin Talking, whom he sent out for her 1999 Maryland-bred

New board members (from top): Sagamore Farm manager Tom Mullikin, trainer/breeder Hammy Smith and Skeedattle Associates principal Willie White.



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championship campaign at 2, Izzy Speaking, True Sensation and, early in their careers, Case of the Blues and Pour It On.

White, 57, joined the MHBA in 1995 and has served on its nominating committee. He is co-founder and managing partner of Skeedattle Associates, a productive venture that has reaped important victories with relatively modest numbers since 1992. Skeedattle won July's Grade 2 Futurity Stakes at Belmont Park with Jack's in the Deck (bred by Bowman and wife Chris) and also owned 2000 Maryland-bred Horse of the Year and champion 2 and 3-year-old filly Gin Talking, graded stakes winner Mr O'Brien (Ire) and \$500,000-earner Case of the Blues. It bred and raced graded stakes winner Dixie Talking.

"I have some concerns that Maryland racing is continuing to deteriorate," White said of his board appointment, "even

though I see tremendous opportunities ahead."

He said he'll seek ways to encourage participation in breeding and owning racing Thoroughbreds, and to maintain Maryland's year-round racing status.

"Unfortunately, Maryland racing is controlled by people outside of Maryland," White said. "I want to make sure we're properly represented. This is the time to make it happen."

White has two broodmares at Bowman's Dance Forth Farm in Chestertown. He called his Hedgerow Farm in Howard County "truly a gentleman's farm."

White presides over the Mid-Atlantic Door Group Inc., a residential and commercial door-installation company he established in 1981.

As presidential appointees, White and Smith will serve concurrent with Bowman's term, which expires in June 2012.

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First Touch of Class Award presented by MHIB



Maryland Horse Industry Board president Jim Steele (far right) presented the first Touch of Class award to Graham Motion, trainer of Kentucky Derby-G1 winner Animal Kingdom, at the Baltimore County Center for Maryland Agriculture in Cockeysville on September 6. The award honors those who demonstrate the highest standards of excellence within the state horse industry. At left is Jennifer Rowland Small, breeder of Touch of Class, 1984 Olympic show jumping gold medalist registered with The Jockey Club under the name Stillaspill.



MARYLAND-BRED STAKES WINNERS



Ben's Cat snares \$200,000 Pennsylvania Governor's Cup Handicap

The Jim Stable's Ben's Cat split rivals in midstretch and surged late to nail pacesetter Cardashi in the final strides to win the 39th running of the \$200,000 Pennsylvania Governor's Cup Handicap on July 30 at Penn National. The 7-5 betting favorite in the field of 10, Ben's Cat completed the five furlongs on the turf in :56.48.

It was the third stakes win of the year in seven starts for the King T. Leatherbury-owned, bred and trained Ben's Cat, the Maryland-bred champion sprinter and turf runner of 2010. The \$110,000 winner's share of the purse raised the 5-year-old's earnings to \$466,230 from 16 lifetime starts.

Ridden by Jeremy Rose, who recorded three stakes wins at the track over the weekend, Ben's Cat was settled back early off opening fractions of :22.14 and :44.81. Edged out in midstretch for his run, the dark bay son of former Maryland sire Parker's Storm Cat had to wait for running room. "You hope for a clean trip in any turf sprint and we got one," said Rose in the winner's circle. "This

horse has been good all year for Mr. Leatherbury. We got a pretty big opening at the eighth pole and he was full of run."

Earlier this season, Ben's Cat captured the Mister Diz Stakes for state-breds on April 9, and put in a furious rally to score decisively in the Jim McKay Turf Sprint Stakes on Black-Eyed Susan Stakes Day on May 20, both races coming at Pimlico. In his start prior to the Governor's Cup, his rally fell short as he missed by a head to El Churruca in Parx Racing's five-furlong \$200,000 Parx Dash Handicap.

Ben's Cat is the first stakes performer for the stakes-placed Thirty Eight Paces mare Twofox. Also bred by Leatherbury, Twofox is a full or half-sister to two Maryland-bred champions, multiple graded stakes winner Thirty Eight Go Go, an earner of \$871,229, and graded stakes winner Notches Trace. Another full sister, Endette, is the dam of Maryland-bred champion and \$914,024-earner Ah Day and Maryland Million Classic winner Due.

Nasty Rumor gets around at Calder

Farnsworth Stables LLC's 3-year-old filly Nasty Rumor overcame a stumble at the start of the one-mile Crystal Rail Stakes at Calder Casino and Race Course on August 20, quickly moved up to rate just off the early pace, went for the lead with a quarter-mile to go and won the \$55,000 stakes by a half length. Jockey Luis Saez was aboard the filly for her first stakes win.

Due to daily rains, the Crystal Rail, originally scheduled for seven and a half furlongs on the turf, was moved to the main track.

In five starts at a mile or longer, Nasty Rumor has finished in the top two four times for trainer Marty Wolfson—the only blemish came in her previous start, her stakes debut in the Sweettrickydancer Stakes on July 9. "Her last race was my fault," noted Wolfson. "I ran her back in three weeks and she just needs more time. She's had seven weeks since her last. That was the difference. I was fine with the race coming off the turf. If you throw out her last, she's fine on dirt." The fourth choice in the field of six, she returned \$12 for the win.

Bred in Maryland by the late Cary Jackson, the chestnut filly is by Johannesburg out of Carna, by Dehere. She was purchased by Farnsworth Stables for \$95,000 at the Keeneland September Yearling sale. Sent through the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May Two-Year-Olds in Training sale, Nasty Rumor was a \$62,000 buy back. From eight lifetime starts, she has three wins (all since June 5) and two seconds, for career earnings of \$77,348.

Nasty Rumor is the second stakes winner for Carna, who is also the dam of the Two Punch filly Now It Begins. A \$137,620 earner, Now It Begins won the 2008 Squan Song Stakes and placed in three additional black-type races. Carna is a half-sister to graded stakes winner and two-time Maryland Million Classic winner Algar, from the family of Grade 1 winner Henny Hughes.

Carna has a juvenile Malibu Moon filly named Moon Meeting Too who has yet to start, and a yearling colt by Dance With Ravens.

Poseidon's Warrior sharp in Penn National stakes

Swilcan Stable LLC's Poseidon's Warrior was



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razor-sharp in his six and a quarter-length win in the \$100,000 East Hanover Stakes on July 30 at Penn National. Always prominent in the six-furlong sprint, the 3-year-old Maryland-bred colt was a half length off the :22.36 opening quarter, took charge after a half mile in :45.26, and drew off under a hand ride by Frankie Pennington to stop the clock in a solid 1:09.36, less than a second off the track record.

Bred by David and JoAnn Hayden's Dark Hollow Farm and William Beatson, Poseidon's Warrior recorded his second stakes win in his ninth career start. His first came at age 2 when he romped home by seven lengths in Monmouth Park's \$167,000 NATC Futurity last September. With two stakes placings to his credit as well, he has amassed \$244,917.

Trained by Robert Reid Jr., Poseidon's Warrior was sent off as the favorite in the field of eight for the East Hanover. In his previous start, a six-furlong allowance at Parx Racing, he won in a rout, scoring by 10 lengths in a dazzling 1:08.18.

A son of champion sprinter Speightstown, Poseidon's Warrior was sold for \$90,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May 2-year-olds in training sale. He is a half-brother to stakes winners Play Bingo (2001, g., by Polish Numbers; \$455,240, Maryland Million Classic, etc.) and Quick'n Smart (1996, f., by Polish Numbers; \$156,820, Seton Hall S, etc.) and stakes-placed \$279,370-earner Rhythmn Master. He is the final foal out of Poised to Pounce (by Smarten), a winning half-sister to seven-time stakes winner Smart'n Quick.

Wild Jacob shoots to third straight stakes win

Wild Jacob, the only 3-year-old in the field of six, surged to the lead in deep stretch to capture Canterbury Park's \$50,000 John Bullit Stakes on August 14 by a length. In getting his third stakes win in a row, he defeated some of the best runners stabled at the Minnesota track, including favorite Stachys and the race's defending champion, Heza Wild Guy.

Biding his time in third in the early running of the mile and a sixteenth race on a firm turf course, Wild Jacob was guided by Ry Eikleberry to

make a three-wide bid heading into the stretch. The 1.90-1 second choice, Wild Jacob caught pacesetter El Poppie in the final strides to complete the distance in 1:43.05.

Owned and trained by Stanley Mankin, Wild Jacob got his fifth win from seven starts in 2011, and hasn't been off the board while earning \$145,725 for the year. In his two previous outings he captured the Prairie Mile at Prairie Meadows and the Dean Kutz Stakes at Canterbury in his first start on the turf. His career mark is 9-5-1-2 and \$146,814.

Bred in Maryland by Bohemia Stable, the bay Eurosilver gelding out of Let's Coast, by

Cozzene, was purchased by Mankin for \$11,000 from his breeder at the 2009 Keeneland September yearling sale. He is the second foal, and second stakes performer, for Let's Coast, whose first, the Domestic Dispute filly Star Anna, was second in the 2010 Maryland Filly Championship Stakes and has earned \$96,268 to date.

Let's Coast, bred by the late Allaire duPont, is a half-sister to multiple stakes winner and graded stakes-placed Kitty Knight, a daughter of Capote who earned \$195,656. Wild Jacob's third dam, Give a Toast, was purchased by duPont for \$235,000 at the Keeneland July Yearling sale. She went on to

win four stakes, including the Beaugay Handicap-G3, and earn \$222,766.

Now 10, Let's Coast produced a filly by Two Punch this year and has a Scat Daddy yearling filly, both bred in the name of duPont's daughter, Lana Wright. Her current 2-year-old, a filly by Harlan's Holiday named Harlan's Crown, was sold as part of the Bohemia Stable dispersal at the 2010 Keeneland January sale for \$37,000. ■

Stakes writeups for graded stakes winners Ask the Moon and Havelock can be found in Stakes Winners starting on page 61.

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Long Day at the Maryland State Fair



Anne Pennington (far right), new registrar of the MHBA, made the Maryland State Fair champion presentations for Thoroughbred and non-Thoroughbred classes. Both went to Leslie Long. Top photo: Long, wearing hat and flanked by friend Mary Anne Ridgely, has a line on Sunnyside's Dream, winner of the Thoroughbred Grand Championship and the Best Maryland-bred award. The mare, a daughter of Reethia, also received her third Reethia Award for best broodmare; she'd won as well in 2008 and 2009. Long and husband Rob Long (bottom photo) stand alongside Cherry Pop, winner of the Grand Championship for non-Thoroughbred hunter. Cherry Pop is a daughter of Popeye K out of Cherry Float, herself an MHBA Yearling Show class winner in 1984. Jerre Frankhouser served as judge.



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Maryland's top 20 earners in 2011

(through September 13)

1. Ben's Cat \$464,250	11. Not Abroad \$117,510
2. Ask the Moon 352,160	12. Poseidon's Warrior . . . 96,517
3. Havelock 228,326	13. Baltimore Bob 95,385
4. Sweet Goodbye 202,950	14. Cactus Charlie 91,320
5. Bold Affair 172,020	15. Jack On the Rocks. . . . 81,088
6. Wild Jacob 145,725	16. Lion in the Sun 80,045
7. Jack's in the Deck 143,760	17. Fascinatín' Rhythm . . . 79,900
8. Eighttofasttocatch . . . 128,200	18. Princess Malka 78,530
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10. Comet of Love 118,510	20. Centripetal Motion . . . 75,980

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Maryland's leading sires

Supplied by Bloodstock Research Information Services (BRIS), these statistics were compiled on September 13. Lifetime earnings for stallions with at least one starter in 2011. † denotes freshman sire.

Earnings in 2011

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love.	152	787	80	126	\$2,722,490
Lion Hearted.	137	774	72	114	2,396,700
Dance With Ravens . .	107	607	51	80	1,916,920
Louis Quatorze.	115	622	52	73	1,552,940
Rock Slide	76	406	33	49	1,258,850
Oratory	62	387	32	56	1,237,710
Great Notion.	41	195	30	45	1,141,540
Two Punch	68	318	29	41	957,842
Outflanker.	53	288	25	31	756,198
Gators N Bears	41	201	14	24	585,909
Go for Gin	45	242	20	28	427,855
Deputy Storm.	18	91	11	17	294,637
Seeking Daylight	27	129	14	16	250,145
Fantasticat	35	173	13	16	237,268
Cherokee's Boy.	17	69	3	3	175,999

2-year-old earnings in 2011

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Dance With Ravens . .	16	40	5	5	\$123,641
Two Punch	6	13	2	2	81,728
†Scipion.	9	17	3	3	71,348
Not For Love.	6	10	2	2	66,070
Outflanker.	4	9	2	2	50,072
Great Notion.	4	5	3	3	47,600
Rock Slide	4	8	1	1	35,030
Gators N Bears	4	11	0	0	33,184
Lion Hearted.	5	8	1	1	21,806
Fantasticat	5	9	1	1	20,198

Earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love.	635	13,158	511	2,039	\$55,915,100
Allen's Prospect	927	23,218	768	3,359	54,400,000
Two Punch	849	16,183	656	2,448	49,348,300
Polish Numbers	439	9,158	362	1,348	32,901,900
Carnivalay.	494	13,306	405	1,818	30,447,000
Louis Quatorze.	528	9,458	379	1,241	27,326,300
Waquoit	469	11,070	358	1,490	26,235,900
Citidancer	296	7,017	254	1,214	25,316,700
Eastern Echo	416	8,496	289	1,106	22,389,300
Norquestor	293	8,733	252	1,242	20,945,400
Outflanker.	310	6,707	246	993	20,560,400
Deputed Testamony . .	352	10,208	267	1,403	18,499,600
Lion Hearted.	346	5,545	265	794	18,004,300
Go for Gin	287	5,084	185	626	16,676,100
Hail Emperor	201	5,688	133	718	7,389,500
Wayne County (Ire) . .	152	2,980	99	343	5,979,080
Mojave Moon	148	2,760	102	300	5,269,250
Crowd Pleaser	101	1,656	72	222	5,068,020

2-year-old earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Allen's Prospect	458	1,558	175	240	\$5,629,410
Two Punch	415	1,321	159	197	5,192,010
Not For Love.	283	888	107	144	5,136,790
Polish Numbers	229	700	84	122	3,672,570
Citidancer	153	575	82	124	3,220,990
Louis Quatorze.	252	772	77	98	3,086,660
Eastern Echo	220	812	73	100	3,032,700
Outflanker.	173	708	73	99	2,494,470
Carnivalay.	249	1,010	88	122	2,480,130
Lion Hearted.	166	545	64	90	2,430,220
Waquoit	198	681	56	81	1,920,960
Norquestor	136	508	47	64	1,316,410